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HudBay's Balmat Operation Receives Certification to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001

Winnipeg, Manitoba – March 13, 2007 – HudBay Minerals Inc. (TSX: HBM) today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, St. Lawrence Zinc Company, LLC (the "Balmat operations") has been certified to ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:1999 -- internationally recognized standards and specifications relating to environmental and health & safety management systems.

The certification to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 follows completion of an external audit of the management system of the Balmat operations. This audit was performed by SGS Systems and Services Certification North America Inc.

"Today's announcement is an important step in our ongoing commitment to best practices," said Peter Jones, President & CEO. "The Balmat team has completed the internal requirements ahead of schedule and this certification is a credit to their efforts."

HudBay requires all of its operations to be certified to these important environmental and safety standards. The White Pine Copper Refinery, acquired by HudBay on January 1, 2006 is expected to be certified later in 2007, which will make HudBay certified at all of its operational facilities.

The ISO 14001 international standard specifies requirements for a management system to enable an organization to prevent and minimize harmful effects on the environment and achieve continual improvement in environmental performance. The International Organization for Standardization is a network of the national standards institutes of 157 countries.

OHSAS 18001 is an Occupation Health and Safety Assessment Series for health and safety management systems that is intended to assist organizations to control occupational health and safety risks. The international OHSAS 18001 specification was created through the combined efforts of a number of the world's leading national standards bodies, certification bodies and specialist consultancies.

About HudBay Minerals Inc.

HudBay Minerals Inc. is an integrated mining company that operates mines, concentrators and a metal production facility in northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The Company also owns a zinc oxide production facility in Ontario, the White Pine copper refinery in Michigan and the Balmat zinc mine operations in New York state. HudBay is a member of the S&P/TSX Composite Index.

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