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News release

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HudBay schedules meeting of shareholders for March 31, 2009

Toronto, Ontario, December 30, 2008 - The Board of Directors of HudBay Minerals Inc. (TSX: HBM) ("HudBay" or the "Company") has called a Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company to be held on March 31, 2009 (the "Meeting"). The Meeting has been called in response to a requisition made pursuant to Section 143 of the Canada Business Corporations Act. The Meeting has been requisitioned for the purpose of removing the current Board of Directors of HudBay and electing a slate of directors to be proposed by the requisitionist. At this time, an alternative slate of directors has not been proposed by the requisitionist.

ABOUT HUDBAY MINERALS INC.

HudBay is a leading base metals mining company with assets in North and Central America. The Company is investing for the future in one of the most ambitious exploration programs in Canada, targeting its 400,000 hectare exploration territory in the Flin Flon Greenstone Belt. An integrated mining company, HudBay operates zinc and copper mines, concentrators and metal production facilities in northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan, a zinc oxide production facility in Ontario, the White Pine Copper Refinery in Michigan, and owns the Fenix nickel project in Guatemala. In addition to its primary products, the Company also produces gold, silver and zinc oxide. HudBay is a member of the S&P/TSX Composite Index and the S&P/TSX Global Mining Index.

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