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HudBay Minerals Announces That Unions Ratify Collective Agreements

TORONTO, ONTARIO, Feb 3, 2009 (Marketwire via COMTEX News Network) -- HudBay Minerals Inc. (TSX:HBM) ("HudBay Minerals") announces that all the unions at the Flin Flon and Snow Lake, Manitoba operations of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Limited, have voted to ratify new three year collective agreements effective January 1, 2009.

"We are pleased to have successfully completed collective agreements with our unions for the next three years," said Allen J. Palmiere, HudBay Minerals' chief executive officer. "We look forward to working with our unions to meet the challenges that we face in sustaining our operations in the current market while positioning ourselves for future growth as we capitalize on the exciting potential of our assets, like the Lalor deposit, in the Flin Flon Greenstone Belt."

ABOUT HUDBAY MINERALS INC.

HudBay Minerals is a leading base metals mining company with assets in North and Central America. The company is focused on growing its business through operational optimization, strategic investing, mine development and exploration. An integrated mining company, HudBay Minerals 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 Minerals is a member of the S&P/TSX Composite Index and the S&P/TSX Global Mining Index.

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