

Rubicon Minerals Corp. announces closing of \$200 million bought deal financing

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 29, 2012 /CNW/ - [Rubicon Minerals Corporation](#) (TSX: RMX) (NYSE: RBY) (AMEX: RBY) (the "Company" or "Rubicon") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced bought deal equity financing of 49,000,000 common shares of the Company at a price of Cdn\$4.10 per share for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of Cdn\$200,900,000.

GMP Securities L.P. and TD Securities Inc. were co-lead underwriters in a syndicate that included UBS Securities Canada Inc., Mackie Research Capital Corporation, Scotia Capital Inc. and NCP Northland Capital Partners Inc.

The Company plans to use the net proceeds from the offering to advance the development of the Phoenix Gold Project and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The common shares were offered by way of a short form prospectus filed in all of the provinces of Canada, other than Québec, pursuant to National Instrument 44-101 - Short Form Prospectus Distributions and in the United States on a private placement basis pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act").

This press release is not an offer or a solicitation of an offer of common shares for sale in the United States. The common shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration.

About Rubicon Minerals Corporation

Rubicon Minerals Corporation is an exploration and development company, focused on exploring and developing its high-grade gold discovery at its Phoenix Gold Project in Red Lake, Ontario. Rubicon controls over 100 square miles of prime exploration ground in the prolific Red Lake gold district of Ontario which hosts [Goldcorp's](#) high-grade, world class Red Lake Mine. Rubicon's shares are listed on the NYSE Amex (RBY) and the TSX (RMX) Exchanges and have traded on average, 1.7 million shares per day in 2011. Rubicon's shares are included in the S&P/TSX Composite Index and Van Eck's Junior Gold Miners ETF.

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Forward Looking Statements

This news release contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). Forward-looking statements often, but not always, are identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "believe", "plan", "estimate", "expect", "targeting" and "intend" and statements that an event or result "may", "will", "should", "could", or "might" occur or be achieved and other similar expressions.

The forward-looking statements that are contained in this news release are based on various assumptions and estimates by Rubicon and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. As a consequence, actual results might differ materially from results forecast or suggested in these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors

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