

# Rambler Metals and Mining plc Files Lower Footwall Zone PEA with SEDAR

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LONDON, ENGLAND and BAIE VERTE, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR -- ([Marketwire](#) - April 30, 2012) - [Rambler Metals and Mining plc](#) (TSX VENTURE:RAB) (AIM:RMM) ('Rambler' or the 'Company') would like to announce that it has filed the complete technical report associated with the results of the preliminary economic assessment ('PEA') previously announced on 15 March 2012. The assessment has evaluated the potential for a mine expansion program to first optimize the existing infrastructure then transition the Ming Mine into a bulk tonnage operation.

The results show positive economics, good internal rate of return and significant cash flow as well as numerous additional opportunities for continued growth and improved economics.

## PEA HIGHLIGHTS

- The PEA is based on an optimization of the current high grade operation at the Ming Mine and Nugget Pond milling facility followed by a transition into a 20+ year bulk tonnage mine based on the anticipated ramp-up schedule of concentrate production:
- Current Production Forecast: 630 mtpd (year one)
- Years two and three: 1,000 mtpd (optimization of existing infrastructure)
- Years four to end of mine: up to 3,500 mtpd (bulk tonnage operation)
- Also in year four and five the Nugget Pond hydrometallurgical facility will process all remaining gold ore from the 1806 zone within the Ming Mine
- Project before tax net present value ('NPV') of \$251M with an internal rate of return ('IRR') of 18% based on trending copper and gold prices (see Note 1 below)
- Pre-tax cash flow from operations of \$861M undiscounted
- Initial CAPEX requirement of \$231M estimated for the entire ramp-up of the project. Includes a significant expansion to the mining fleet, a newly built 3,500 mtpd copper concentrator, new production hoist, a backfill plant and fresh air intake/ exhaust raises
- Ore from the Ming Mine produces a very clean concentrate, approximately 28.5% copper, with little deleterious materials. During the life of mine, after milling and recovery, approximately 980k tonnes of copper concentrate (616M lbs of copper) will be produced with 193k ounces of gold and 851k ounces of silver
- Average annual cash operating cost of \$1.94 per equivalent pound copper

**Table 1: Project sensitivities associated with head grade, commodity pricing, currency rate, project OPEX and CAPEX.**

Variable	-15%	Base NPV	15%	Range	
Grade to mill	\$	53.21	\$	251.49	\$ 449.78
Metal Price	\$	37.38	\$	251.49	\$ 465.61
Currency	\$	85.16	\$	251.49	\$ 417.85
OPEX	\$	133.93	\$	251.49	\$ 369.06
CAPEX	\$	209.56	\$	251.49	\$ 293.42

*Note: Discounted NPV before-tax (millions of dollars)*

As part of the economic assessment a new geological resource and reserve has been estimated for the



[Rambler Metals and Mining plc](#) is a Junior Mining Company that has 100% ownership of the Ming Copper-Gold Mine in Baie Verte, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. As a producing gold and copper miner, our objective is to become a mid-tier mining company by continuing the development of the Ming Mine, discovering new deposits and through mergers and acquisitions.

The initial six years of the Ming Mine project is based on the underground mining of massive sulphides with a mineable reserve estimate of 1.498 million ore tonnes grading 1.62% copper, 2.40 g/t gold and 10.90 g/t silver (24,252 tonnes of copper, 115,549 ounces of gold and 525,139 ounces of silver of contained metal). All massive sulphide zones remain open both up and down plunge with the current exploration program focused on extending the known mineralization for inclusion in the resource/ reserve estimate.

In addition to the outlined reserve estimate there is a sizeable footwall deposit, beneath the massive sulphide horizon, that has been outlined with an indicated resource grade of 18,306k tonnes grading 1.43% copper (261,258 tonnes of contained copper at a 1.00% copper cut-off grade). This zone forms the basis of the preliminary economic assessment, currently being compiled by the Company, which envisions the Ming Mine transitioning itself into a bulk tonnage mining operation. For further information on the Ming Mine project, please refer to the Company's NI 43-101 compliant technical reports, available under the Company's profile on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

Over the coming months and years, as the Company seeks to optimize the Ming Mine project into cash positive position, it is expected that future expansion into the footwall zone will be formalized with the goal of maximizing returns for shareholders and increasing the life of mine.

*Note 1: Unless otherwise noted all figures are quoted in \$US*

*Note 2: Commodity pricing for years 1 and 2 are reflective of Macquarie's published forecast report, November 2011. Long term pricing beyond year 5 trending to \$3.45 per pound copper, \$1,200 per ounce gold and \$21.96 per ounce silver. For the life of mine the average copper price is \$3.53 per pound, gold price is \$1,320 per ounce and silver price is \$24.16 per ounce*

Larry Pilgrim, P.Ge., is the Qualified Person responsible for the technical content of this release and has reviewed and approved it accordingly. Mr. Pilgrim is an independent consultant contracted by Rambler Metals and Mining plc.

All tonnes reported are dry metric tonnes unless otherwise indicated.

The NI43-101 technical report has been compiled by a number of independent, third party, consultants. Including:

George Darling, P.Eng., Stantec: Reserve estimate, mining methodology and project economics;  
James Weick, P.Ge. : Resource estimate and regional geology;  
Dean Thibault, P.Eng., Thibault and Associates Inc: Metallurgical processing;  
Peter Pheeney, P.Eng., Stantec: Environmental.

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