

# Rubicon Appoints New Vice President, Exploration

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TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Jul 2, 2014) - **Rubicon Minerals Corporation** (TSX:RMX)(NYSE MKT:RBY) ("**Rubicon**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce the appointment of Howard M. Bird, P.Geo., as Vice President, Exploration, effective July 3, 2014.

"We would like to welcome Howard Bird to the management team," said Mr. Lalonde. "Howard brings a wealth of experience that will help us unlock the exploration potential of our extensive Red Lake and Nevada-Utah land package."

Mr. Bird brings over 25 years of diverse experience in the public mineral resource sector, including over 15 years at the executive management level. Mr. Bird was the Senior Vice President of Exploration and Geology at [Brigus Gold Corp.](#) ("**Brigus**"), where he led the exploration team in the recent discovery of three new gold deposits at the Grey Fox Project. He was also part of the corporate development team in adding over two million ounces with the acquisitions of the Black Fox mine, near Timmins, Ontario and the permitted Box mine deposit in northern Saskatchewan. Brigus was later acquired by [Primero Mining Corp.](#) in March 2014. Prior to Brigus, Howard was the Senior Vice President of Global Exploration for SouthernEra Resources Ltd., and the Senior Project Geologist for [Noranda Inc.](#) and International Corona Resources, working within the Abitibi, Hemlo, and Michipicoten gold camps. In addition, Howard has extensive international geological knowledge working in Brazil, Mexico, Australia, and many parts of Africa. Mr. Bird has an Honors Bachelor of Science in Geology from McMaster University. He is an active member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (P.Geo.), the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and the Prospectors and Developers Association.

## **About Rubicon Minerals Corporation**

[Rubicon Minerals Corp.](#) is an advanced stage gold development company. The Company is focused on responsible and environmentally sustainable development of its Phoenix Gold Project in Red Lake, Ontario. The start of potential gold production is projected in mid-2015, based on current forecasts. The Phoenix Gold Project is fully permitted for initial production at 1,250 tonnes per day. In addition, Rubicon controls over 100 square miles of prime exploration ground in the prolific Red Lake gold district which hosts Goldcorp's high-grade, world class Red Lake Mine. Rubicon's shares are listed on the NYSE MKT (RBY) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (RMX).

## **RUBICON MINERALS CORPORATION**

Mike Lalonde, President and Chief Executive Officer

## **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 provincial 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", "look forward" and "intend" and statements that an event or result "may", "will", "would", "should", "could", or "might" occur or be achieved and other similar expressions.*

*Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such*

*statements are made and represent management's best judgment based on facts and assumptions that management considers reasonable. The material assumptions upon which such forward-looking statements are based include, among others; that the demand for gold and base metal deposits will develop as anticipated; that the price of gold will remain at levels that will render the Phoenix Gold Project economic; that operating and capital plans will not be disrupted by issues such as mechanical failure, unavailability of parts and supplies, labour disturbances, interruption in transportation or utilities, or adverse weather conditions; that Rubicon will meet its estimated timeline for the development of the Phoenix Gold Project; that Rubicon will continue to have the ability to attract and retain skilled staff; that the mineral resource estimate as disclosed in the New Preliminary Economic Assessment with an effective date of June 25, 2013 and with an issue date of February 28, 2014 ("New PEA") will be realized; and that there are no material unanticipated variations in the cost of energy or supplies, or in the pre-production capital and operating cost estimate as disclosed in the New PEA. Rubicon makes no representation that reasonable business people in possession of the same information would reach the same conclusions.*

*Capital expenditures and time required to develop new mines are considerable and changes in cost or construction schedules can significantly increase both the time and capital required to build and complete a development project. Additional capital costs may be to be incurred in respect of the Phoenix Gold Project.*

*The New PEA is preliminary in nature as it includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves and there is no certainty that the New PEA will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing, or other relevant issues. The quantity and grade of reported inferred resources referred to in the New PEA are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these inferred resources as an indicated or measured mineral resource category.*

*Forward-looking statements in this news release include, but are not limited to statements regarding potential production being achieved in mid-2015.*

*Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Rubicon to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others: future prices of gold and other metals; possible variations in mineralization, grade or recovery rates; actual results of current exploration activities; actual results of reclamation activities; conclusions of future economic evaluations; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; failure of equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays and other risks related to joint venture operations; timing and receipt of regulatory approvals of operations; the ability of Rubicon and other relevant parties to satisfy regulatory requirements; the availability of financing for proposed transactions and programs on reasonable terms; the ability of third-party service providers to deliver services on reasonable terms and in a timely manner; and delays in the completion of development or construction activities. Other factors that could cause the actual results to differ include market prices, results of exploration, availability of capital and financing on acceptable terms, inability to obtain required regulatory approvals, unanticipated difficulties or costs in any rehabilitation which may be necessary, market conditions and general business, economic, competitive, political and social conditions.*

*It is important to note that the information provided in this news release is preliminary in nature. There is no certainty that a potential mine will be realized. A mine production decision that is made without a bankable feasibility study carries additional potential risks which include, but are not limited to, the inclusion of inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. Mine design and mining schedules, metallurgical flow sheets and process plant designs may require additional detailed work to ensure satisfactory operational conditions.*

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