

Drilling Permit Application Denied for Cobrasco Copper Project, Colombia Rugby to Drill the Motherlode Gold-Copper Project

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VANCOUVER, April 29, 2019 - [Rugby Mining Ltd.](#) ("Rugby" or the "Company") (TSX-V: RUG) announces that it has received notification from the Forestry Department, a division within the Colombian Ministry of the Environment, that the Company's drilling permit application for the Cobrasco Copper Project ("Cobrasco") has been denied. The Company is reviewing the basis for the rejection with a view to appeal the decision.

Motherlode Project Location

Separately the Company will now accelerate selection of a drilling contractor for a scheduled June drilling program on the Motherlode gold-copper project, Philippines ("Motherlode"). On the basis of past drilling, Motherlode has excellent potential for both epithermal vein-style gold and deeper copper-gold porphyry mineralization.

The negative Cobrasco decision was completely unexpected as the Company worked closely with Ministry officials over the last two years to address any environmental concerns as they arose. We are only now aware that the Colombian government has taken a stance that the environment in the Choco region of western Colombia is viewed as delicate. Hence, the protection of the ecosystem is now their sole concern.

Motherlode Project, Philippines

Historical mining of the high grade, epithermal style, veins at the Motherlode is estimated to have produced around 500,000 ounces of gold from 1937 through to 1953*. It was known as one of the country's highest grade gold producers*.

The Motherlode is situated within a 15 km radius of multi-million ounce gold and gold/copper porphyry deposits and mines, which include [Philex Mining Corp.](#)'s Boyongan and Bayugo gold/copper porphyry deposits, and Manila Mining Corporation's former gold/copper mines (Figure 1).

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at:

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Past drilling conducted on the Motherlode targeted the epithermal vein system, returning significant results including 15.5m at 5.92g/t gold and 3.9m at 18.11g/t gold. Rugby plans to focus on testing both extensions to the epithermal vein system and a deeper porphyry target indicated by an Induced Polarization survey. The drilling program is scheduled to commence in approximately 6 weeks, dependent on weather conditions.

Rugby's President and CEO Mr. Paul Joyce stated: "We interpret the Motherlode deposit to overly a much larger porphyry copper-gold system. We have developed a drilling program aimed at passing through the epithermal veins into a copper-gold system similar to other high grade porphyry systems in the district. An outstanding feature of the bulk tonnage deposits in the district is that the high grades support large scale underground development."

**This historical estimate is presented is for reference purposes only. A majority of the records on actual ore*

produced at Mother Lode was mostly destroyed during WW2 and by fires. However, management has examined physical evidence at site and existing geological data to confirm that the estimation is suitable for presentation.

Paul Joyce, Rugby's Chief Executive Officer, Director and a "qualified person" ("QP") within the definition of that term in National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, has verified the technical information that forms the basis for this news release.

About Rugby

Rugby is an exploration company that benefits from the experience of its directors and management, a team that has either been directly responsible for world-class mineral discoveries or have been part of the management teams responsible for such discoveries. Prior companies under their management included [Exeter Resource Corp.](#) and [Extorre Gold Mines Ltd.](#), which held significant projects in South America. These companies were taken over by Goldcorp and by Yamana respectively.

For additional information you are invited to visit the [Rugby Mining Ltd.](#) website at www.rugbymining.com.

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