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URSA Major Minerals Incorporated announces positive preliminary economic assessment on the Shining Tree nickel deposit, Sudbury area, Ontario

URSA Major Minerals Incorporated (URSA Major) announces the completion of a positive preliminary economic assessment at the Company's Shining Tree nickel-copper deposit, located 110 km north of Sudbury Ontario. The study was conducted by Micon International Limited (Micon) at the preliminary assessment level of accuracy and evaluated a 1,000 tonne/day open pit operation at Shining Tree with truck haulage to the proposed Shakespeare mill.

Based on operating the Shining Tree project as a satellite to the Shakespeare project, and using metal price assumptions from the Shakespeare feasibility study, Micon identified an in-pit diluted resource of approximately 398,000 tonnes at a grade of 0.68% nickel and 0.33% copper. Preliminary metallurgical testwork on the Shining Tree mineralization by SGS Lakefield Research Limited has demonstrated that the mineralization is amenable to processing using the proposed Shakespeare mill floatation circuit. Using the Shakespeare feasibility study parameters, including a nickel price declining over time with a weighted average of US\$6.05/lb, the Shining Tree mineralization is indicated to have a net smelter return (NSR) value of CDN\$70.54/tonne and estimated operating costs (inclusive of trucking costs to Shakespeare) are CDN\$48.44/tonne. Net smelter return is the net proceeds that would be paid by a smelter for processing metal concentrates after typical deductions. Capital requirements for the contemplated Shining Tree operation, including permitting and closure, are initially estimated at CDN\$1,026,000. The results of Micon's feasibility study on the Shakespeare project were reported in the Company's January 20, 2006 press release.

Recent trenching by URSA Major in June 2006, has exposed the Shining Tree mineralization at surface enabling a bulk sample to be extracted from the deposit. URSA Major has engaged NAR Environmental Consultants Inc. of Sudbury to conduct environmental baseline studies and develop a closure plan to permit the extraction of a bulk sample from the deposit.

URSA Major plans to resume drilling at Shining Tree in September 2006. This drilling program has the objective of defining higher grade mineralization beneath the proposed open pit that could potentially be mined from underground. Previous drilling by the Company has intersected several higher-grade (over 1.5% nickel) intervals including drill hole U12-06 which returned **2.19% nickel and 0.88% copper over 2.45 meters** beneath the proposed pit (see December 6, 2005 press release).

As reported in the February 2nd 2006 press release, Shining Tree has an Indicated Resource of 1.02 million tonnes grading 0.71 % nickel, 0.36 % copper plus an Inferred Resource of 1.49 million tonnes grading 0.67 % nickel and 0.36 % copper at a cut off value of 0.30% nickel equivalent. The in-pit resources are contained within the Indicated Resource. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

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