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Miramar Announces First Quarter 2002 Financial Results
-Earnings Reported -

VANCOUVER -- Miramar Mining Corporation today announced the financial results of the first three months of 2002. In the first quarter of 2002, the Company was successful in delivering production targets at lower than planned operating costs, resulting in improved cash flow and earnings.

"During the first quarter of 2002 our Yellowknife operations delivered solid results, producing 31,749 ounces of gold at cash costs of US$240 per ounce generating earnings and positive cash flow," said Mr. Walsh, President & CEO. "This solid performance and the small equity financing completed during the quarter, has resulted in a consolidated working capital position of $19.9 million at March 31, up by $3.8 million over year end. Although the roof collapse at the Oxygen Plant at the Con will negatively impact our results for the next quarter, we expect to meet our projected targets for production and costs for the year overall and expect to see continued improvements in performance over the coming months," Said Mr. Walsh

Financial Results

For the three months ending March 31, 2002, the net earnings were $0.6 million or $0.01 per share compared with a loss of $2.0 million or $0.03 per share for the same period in 2001. Operating cash flow for the first quarter 2002 was $2.5 million compared to $48,000 for the same period in 2001. Improved cash flow in 2002 is the result of higher average realized gold prices, higher gold production at lower operating and capital costs and reimbursement of environmental expenditures at the Giant Mine from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs ("DIAND"). Generation of positive operating cash flow in the first quarter provided the Company funds to invest in the Yellowknife mining operations for development and mine equipment totaling $1.2 million as well as fund exploration at Hope Bay for a total of $0.9 million.

In the first quarter, Miramar realized an average selling price of CAD $463 per ounce of gold, which compares favourably to the CAD $395 average price in the same period in 2001. The average spot market price of gold was CAD$463 for the first quarter of 2002.

Business Combination Completed

On May 23, 2002, subsequent to an overwhelming vote to merge by Hope Bay Gold shareholders, the business combination between a Miramar subsidiary and Hope Bay Gold was approved by a Quebec court and the transaction was completed. "This completes our strategic move to create a single larger, more liquid gold mining and exploration company focused on the Canadian north," said Mr. Walsh "Further, we expect the increased share liquidity and market capitalization of Miramar to result in a broader base of potential investors for the merged company." This combination should also realize reductions in overhead and administrative costs, allowing more overall dollars to be put into the ground.

Miramar will issue 39,464,430 common shares from treasury as part of this transaction, resulting in a total of 105,563,503 million shares issued and outstanding.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Company has been set for 10:00am June 28, 2002 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver at which, among other things, the new board of directors of Miramar will be voted upon. The nominees consist of four directors previously from Hope Bay Gold and five current directors of Miramar.

For further details on operations and financial results please see the news releases on the Miramar website at www.miramarmining.com.

Unless otherwise indicated, all financial information in this press release is presented in Canadian dollars and in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Forward Looking Statements

This News Release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 concerning the expected financial results of the Company, operating results, costs, cash flows and capital expenditures at the Con and Giant Mines, the business combination with Hope Bay Gold Corporation and the anticipated effects of the roof collapse at the Yellowknife oxygen plant. These forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statement including, without limitation, uncertainties involved in recovery rates; accidents, equipment breakdowns, labour disputes or other unanticipated difficulties with or interruptions in production, and variations in ore grade; risks and uncertainties relating to fluctuating precious and base metals prices, currency exchange rates and equity markets; the possibility of unexpected costs and expenses relating to the Con and Giant mines, the Hope Bay exploration activities, environmental issues or other matters; uncertainties relating to the need for government approvals and the cooperation of government agencies in regards to any environmental liabilities and other risks and uncertainties, including those described in this news release and in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2001 and Reports on Form 6-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This news release has been authorized by the undersigned on behalf of Miramar Mining Corporation

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

(expressed in thousands of dollars)

March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001

		2002 (unaudited)		2001
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	$	17,077	$	13,493
Accounts receivable		1,087		1,124
Inventory		9,768		9,310
Prepaid expenses		1,173		571
		29,105		24,498
Capital assets		54,892		54,584
Cash collateral deposits		3,711		3,827
Northern Orion Explorations Ltd.				
Equity investment		4,228		4,332
Net proceeds interest		15,000		15,000
Other Assets		508		25
	$	107,444	$	102,266
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$	9,215	$	8,429
Provision for site reclamation and closure costs		8,100		7,962
Deferred post-retirement benefits		1,696		1,696
Future income tax liability		3,448		3,448
		22,459		21,535
Shareholders' equity				
Share capital		234,152		230,463
Special warrants		2,700		2,700
Deficit		(151,867)		(152,432)
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		84,985		80,731
	$	107,444	$	102,266

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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(expressed in thousands of dollars except share amounts)

Three month period ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Three months ended March 31 2002 (unaudited)	2001 (unaudited)
Revenue		
Sales	14,706	11,634
Other income	129	207
	14,835	11,841
Expenses		
Cost of sales	11,103	10,460
Depreciation and depletion	1,943	2,364
General and administration	744	623
Administrative costs in Northern Orion	-	180
Exploration	-	12
Foreign exchange	(27)	(35)
Reclamation expense	372	328
Severance and terminations	-	40
	14,135	13,972
Earnings(loss) from operations before items noted below	700	(2,131)
Equity in loss of Northern Orion	(105)	-
Non-controlling interest	-	109
Earnings(loss) before income taxes	595	(2,022)
Income taxes: current	(30)	(5)
Earnings(loss) for the year	565	(2,027)
Deficit, beginning of year	(152,432)	(146,533)
Deficit, end of period	$ (151,867)	$ (148,560)
Earnings(loss) per share	$ 0.01	$ (0.03)
Weighted average number of common shares and special warrants outstanding	63,898,218	60,176,505

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(expressed in thousands of dollars)

For periods ended March 31, 2002 and 2001

	Three months ended March 31 2002 (unaudited)	2001 (unaudited)
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations		
Earnings (loss) for the period	$ 565	$ (2,027)
Items not involving cash:		
Depreciation and depletion	1,943	2,364
Reclamation	138	(93)
Equity in loss of Northern Orion	105	-
Non-controlling interest	-	(109)
Other	-	225
Net change in non-cash working capital:		
Decrease in accounts receivable	38	277
Increase in inventory	(459)	(1,010)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(602)	(113)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	787	534
	2,515	48
Investments:		
Expenditures on plant, equipment and deferred exploration	(2,251)	(5,467)
Collateral deposits	(369)	(13)
	(2,620)	(5,480)
Financing:		
Issue of special warrants and common shares for cash, net	3,689	-
	3,689	-
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,584	(5,432)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	13,493	17,670
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	$ 17,077	$ 12,238

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

1. **Interim Financial Statements:**

   These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2001.

   The quarterly results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for an entire year.

2. **Stock-Based Compensation:**

Effective January 1, 2002, the Company adopted the new Recommendations of Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants with respect to the accounting for stock-based compensation and other stock-based payments. The new Recommendations are applied prospectively to all stock-based payments to non-employees, and to employee awards that are direct awards of stock, call for settlement in cash or other assets, or are stock appreciation rights that call for settlement by the issuance of equity instruments, granted on or after January 1, 2002, except grants outstanding at January 1, 2002 that call for settlement in cash or other assets or stock appreciation rights that call for settlement in equity instruments. For such grants, the new Recommendations are applied retroactively, without restatement.

The Company's stock option plan is described in note 9 (c) of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2001. The Company intends to retroactively to January 1, 2002 remove the stock appreciation rights of all outstanding employee stock options, effective June 30, 2002. The Company has elected not to use the fair value method of accounting for stock options. As a result, it does not recognize compensation expense nor the fair value of the options issued to its employees.

3. **Loss per share:**

Diluted loss per share is not calculated as the issue of shares under the terms of Special Warrants and the potential issue of common shares under the Company's stock appreciation rights plan would be anti-dilutive to the common shareholders.

Options and warrants to purchase up to a total of 2,808,403 common shares at various prices, from $0.70 to $5.35 per share were outstanding during the first quarter of 2002 but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings (loss) per share as the options' exercise would be anti-dilutive to loss available to common shareholders.

4. **Share capital and convertible debentures:**

(a) Issued:

	Common shares		Special warrants	
	Number of shares	Amount	Number of shares	Amount
Balance December 31, 2001	61,009,783	$ 230,463	2,290,215	$ 2,700
Issued:				
Special warrants, net of costs	2,666,666	3,667		
On exercise of stock appreciation rights	24,000	22		
On exercise of stock appreciation rights	1,655	-		
Balance March 31, 2002	63,702,104	$ 234,152	2,290,215	$ 2,700

On March 8, 2002, the Company completed a private placement of 2,666,666 flow through common shares at a price of $1.50 per Special Warrant. The gross proceeds of the financing of $3,999,999 must be used by the Company to incur Canadian Exploration Expenditures as defined by the Canadian Income Tax Act on the Hope Bay Project by December 31, 2003. The agent for the flow though share offering received commissions of $260,000 on closing and an option to purchase 186,666 common shares at $1.50 per share that expires on March 11, 2004. The fair value of these options at the grant date was $30,000 and has been shown on a net basis in share capital.

(b) Stock options:

At March 31, the Company had stock options outstanding as follows:

	Shares under option	Average exercise price
Outstanding, December 31, 2001	1,722,121	$ 1.33
Granted	831,500	1.22
Exercised	(30,000)	(0.94)
Expired	(108,000)	(4.83)
Issued, March 31, 2002	2,415,621	$ 1.14

(c) Warrants:

In May 2001, as part of the Special Warrants private placement completed by the Company, the agent received an option to purchase 206,116 common shares at $1.30 per share exercisable until May 2003. In March 2002, as part of the flow through share private placement completed by the Company, the agent received an option to purchase 186,666 common shares at $1.50 per share exercisable until March 11, 2004.

5. Business segments:

The Company's capital assets, capital expenditures, revenues and loss before non-controlling-interest ("NCI"), equity loss and income taxes by operating and geographic segment are as follows:

3 months ended March 31, 2002	Capital assets	Capital expenditures	Revenues	Earnings (loss) before equity loss and income taxes
Gold operations	$ 18,590	$ 1,197	$ 14,706	$ 1,290
Gold exploration	34,984	933	-	-
Northern Orion	-	-	-	-
Other	1,318	121	129	(590)
	$ 54,892	$ 2,251	$ 14,835	$ 700

3 months ended March 31, 2001	Capital assets	Capital expenditures	Revenues	Earnings (loss) before NCI and income taxes
Gold operations	$ 21,766	$ 2,378	$ 11,634	$ (1,410)
Gold exploration	29,230	3,023	-	-
Northern Orion	68,694	66	20	(242)
Other	1,271	-	187	(484)
	$ 120,961	$ 5,467	$ 11,841	$ (2,136)

6. Financial risk management:

As at March 31, 2002, the Company had entered into the following gold contracts:

	Ounces	Average price per ounce	Anticipated delivery/expiry
Gold spot deferred forward contracts	9,000	US $285	Q2 2002
	5,000	CAD $441	Q2 2002
	20,000	CAD $459	Q3 2002
	20,000	CAD $448	Q4 2002
	46,000	CAD $467	2003
	100,000		
Gold call options sold	5,000	US $300	Q2 2002
	9,000	CAD $450	Q3 2002
	9,000	CAD $450	Q4 2002
	18,000	CAD $450	2003
	41,000		

The fair value excess (deficit) of derivative instruments at March 31, 2002, based on a spot gold market price of CAD$482 per ounce, are as follows:

	Carrying value	Fair value
Gold spot deferred forward contracts	$ (290)	$ (2,377)
Gold calls sold	$ (85)	$ (1,835)

During 2001, the Company entered into an agreement with a financial institution for the purchase and sale of swaps and derivatives that contains certain financial covenants that the Company must maintain with respect to net tangible assets, current ratio, total liabilities, trade creditors and liquid assets. If the Company fails to meet any of these covenants, the financial institution has the right to demand payment of the net value of any contracts that are outstanding at the time of default. At March 31, 2002, the Company was not offside with any of these financial covenants.

7. Subsequent events:

a) In April 2002, the Company commenced bargaining with the United Steel Workers' Association ("USWA") at the Con mine. The USWA union represents approximately 240 hourly employees at the Con mine. The contract expired on April 30, 2002. On April 26, 2002 the Company and USWA jointly agreed to participate in a conciliatory process. The conciliation process is expected to begin on May 28, 2002.

b) In May 21 2002, the shareholders of Hope Bay Gold Corporation voted in favor of the proposed amalgamation with the Company. The Company received court approval and the transaction closed May 23, 2002.