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### **BAJA FILES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANIFEST FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AT EL BOLEO COPPER-COBALT-ZINC-MANGANESE PROJECT, MEXICO**

Baja Mining Corp. (the “Company”) is pleased to advise that it submitted the Environmental Impact Manifest (“EIM”) for approval of the development of the Boleo copper-cobalt-zinc-manganese project on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, to the Mexican Federal environmental agency, SEMARNAT (Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales).

Prior to the initiation of construction activities, all mining projects in Mexico are required to apply for and obtain an *environmental impact authorization* and a land use permit. This requires the presentation of an EIM which deals with the impacts of the operation, the environmental mitigation, control and compensation measures to the satisfaction of authorities having environmental jurisdiction. Similar to many countries, Mexico has environmental legislation at the Federal, State and Municipal levels of government. In addition, the Boleo Project is located within the buffer zone of the El Vizcaino Natural Protected Area. The management plan for the Vizcaino area specifically recognises the existence of three mining operations in the area, which includes El Boleo. The project will also be required to obtain a permit for mining activities within the limits of a natural protected area. This permit was also applied for through the submittal of the EIM on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Company is advised by its environmental consultants in Mexico that the process for resolving any issues surrounding the filed EIM and leading to the issuance of the *environmental impact authorization* and the permit to work in a natural protected area follows a timetable approximately as set out below:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Timing (working days)</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Integrate official EIM file	10	<b>May 8/06</b>	May 22/06
Government determines if additional information is required	40	May 23/06	June 19/06
Company integrates additional information	60	June 20/06	Sept. 11/06
Government evaluates final document and issues permit	20	Sept. 11/06	<b>Oct. 9/06</b>

Authorities have the right to request an expert opinion for complex projects, which could extend the evaluation period an additional 60 days.

Prior to the submission of the EIM, unofficial presentations were conducted in Mexico City by representatives of the Company to various Mexican authorities to assist in identifying any areas of concern and address such issues prior to submission. With the EIM now submitted, discussions will continue with State and local authorities.

The Boleo Project is located at the port town of Santa Rosalia, on the Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California), Baja California Sur, Mexico, approximately 500 miles south of San Diego, California. The Company is in the final stages of completion of the Definitive Feasibility Study (“DFS”) for the development of a combined open pit and underground mine for the production of 2.6 million tonnes of run-of mine ore and a hydrometallurgical plant to produce up to 50,000 tonnes per year of LME grade copper, up to 2000 tonnes of high purity cobalt metal, 23,000 tonnes of zinc sulphate and 50,000 tonnes of contained manganese (probably as manganese carbonate)\*. The DFS is expected to be delivered in final form in September 2006.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BAJA MINING CORP.**

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*\*Preliminary Economic Assessment by Bateman Engineering Pty. Ltd. et al, August 12, 2005 filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and [www.bajamining.com](http://www.bajamining.com).*

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