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PRESS RELEASE

BAJA WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Baja Mining Corp. (the “Company”) is pleased to welcome Mr. Eric W. Norton, P.Eng, as Director of Project Development to the Company’s comprehensive Boleo Project team.

Mr. Norton graduated from the University of Toronto (1974), with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) in Metallurgy and Materials Science. He worked for Teck Cominco (previously Cominco) for 31 years as a Manager in the various operating plants at the Trail, B.C. zinc smelter and Riddle, Oregon nickel smelter and recently as a Manager in the Exploration Business Development Group in Vancouver, B.C. During his time in Trail he directed both pyrometallurgical and hydrometallurgical plants.

From 1990 to 1998 he held the position of Operations Manager of the Glenbrook Nickel smelter in Oregon, USA. Mr. Norton directed the re-build and re-start of the ferronickel smelter and then held responsibility for the operation and commercial duties. He returned to Canada in 1998 and has since held the positions of: Manager of Materials and Metallurgy; Manager of Production Support, which included responsibility for the central maintenance and capital projects groups; Manager of Commercial Services at Trail, B.C.; and Manager in the Exploration Business Development Group in Vancouver since 2004. While in the Commercial Services position in Trail he lead the entry of Teck Cominco into the zinc sulphate fertilizer business.

Mr. Norton is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia.

The Company is proceeding with the completion of a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) on its 100% owned Boleo Property, Baja California Sur, Mexico. The DFS is on track for completion Q3 2006. An infill drilling program commenced at Boleo in March 2006 in order to bring the first five years of production up to Measured and Indicated Resource status. Results of such drilling will follow in future news releases.

A second, fully integrated, pilot plant campaign is scheduled to start in late May 2006 with completion in June 2006. This testwork campaign has been initiated and design work and construction of the pilot plant facility is currently underway. Once again this second phase plant will be conducted at SGS Lakefield Research in Ontario, Canada.

There are numerous objectives for this pilot campaign including:

- Demonstrating the suitability of the use of Boleo Carbonate material in various of the planned neutralization duties throughout the plant. Boleo Carbonate is readily available on the Boleo property and its use in the plant has been shown to be both economically attractive and technically viable;
- Demonstrating refinements to the raffinate iron removal circuit prior to Direct Solvent Extraction of zinc sulphate and cobalt;
- Demonstrating and testing of the Direct Solvent Extraction circuit under operating parameters recently optimized during extensive bench scale testwork in Australia;
- Production of design data to provide additional confidence in the current design basis and
- Production of operational data that will facilitate the provision by Bateman Engineering of suitably framed Process Guarantees.

In addition there will be numerous testwork initiatives conducted in parallel with the pilot campaign that relate to the environmental characterization of waste products and streams from the pilot campaign. Potential suppliers of equipment to the project will be present, conducting their own testwork on suitable samples from the pilot campaign.

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

“John W. Greenslade”

JOHN W. GREENSLADE, PRESIDENT

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