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Maritime Options El Strato Project adjacent to Whisker Hill
With Gold Assays as high as 239.6 g/t

VANCOUVER, BC - Maritime Resources Corp. (MAE-TSX Venture, "Maritime" or "the Company") is very pleased to announce that it has entered into an option agreement to earn a 100% interest in the **El Strato property** which connects to the west side of the recently acquired Whisker Hill Project. The El Strato Property is located only 10 km from Maritime's Hammerdown project, near King's Point, Newfoundland. Maritime now holds close to 60 square kilometers of highly prospective ground which is being referred to as the **Whisker Valley Project**.

The 5-square kilometre El Strato property ("El Strato") consists of 19 claim units owned by United Gold. Maritime continues to look at these high grade, early discovery stage gold prospects that are strategically located close to the Hammerdown project. The property is located immediately to the west of the Whisker Hill project only 10 km from the re-developing Hammerdown Greenbay Gold Project. These two new acquisitions (Whisker Hill and El Strato), contain high grade gold veins which could significantly add high grade material to expand the Hammerdown resource with a common operating base. At present, Hammerdown development plans include trucking high-grade gold ore approximately 140 km to the Nugget Pond gold mill.

The El Strato Option agreement is subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval and all securities issued will be subject to a four month hold period.

Gold Zone High Lights

To date, there have been a number of gold occurrences outlined within the El Strato property, including the El Strato and Voodoo showings, which were discovered by Noranda Exploration in the late 1980's during a regional exploration program. Numerous additional gold showings were identified to the NE of these occurrences over an approximate 3 km strike length, related to the Northeast Extension, Crooked Creek and Arrowhead fault zones.

El Strato grab samples assayed up to **155.7 g/t Au** and chip samples up to **239.6 g/t Au** over 0.5 metres. Significant base metal-silver values of **1.0% Cu, 7.7% Pb, 5.5% Zn and 1.0 oz/t Ag** were also reported. Diamond drill hole ML 99-07 drilled on the El Strato intersected a new vein that assayed **9.96 g/t Au, 15.6% Pb, 1.88% Zn and 41.48 g/t Ag**, over 30 cm. Assays from 26 grab samples from quartz-carbonate veins sampled by Cornerstone Resources in 2004, averaged **10.3 g/t Au with values up to 54.3 g/t Au**.

The **Mic Mac Lake** showing returned assay values including **5.2 g/t, 6.6 g/t, 9.8 g/t, 12.9 g/t and 15.0 g/t Au**.

The **Crooked Creek** showing consist of multiple veins with grab sample assays including **18.0 g/t, 35.5 g/t, 44.8 g/t and 62.0 g/t Au**. The southwest extension of this mineralized zone was identified by an IP survey completed by Rex Resources; a significant chargeability anomaly was drilled and intersected **2.9 g/t Au over 0.9 m**. The total known strike length of the Crooked Creek showings is 400 m. The Northeast Extension and Crooked Creek showings occur in multiple fault-hosted veins over a 200 metres wide x 600 metres long area.

The **Arrowhead** showings had grab samples with assays of **13.8 g/t Au, 12.7 g/t Au and 54.3 g/t Au**. Drilling along the Arrowhead linear in 2011 intersected up to **7.39 g/t over 0.8 metres**.

The **Rocky Bottom** trend, has a 1.75 km long chargeability high that returned grabs samples assaying **20.3 g/t Au and 61.7 g/t Au**. Drilling by Cornerstone along this trend during 2011 intersected gold grades up to **14.23**

g/t Au over 1.2 metres, 3.15 g/t Au over 3.2 metres, 3.01 g/t Au over 0.8 metres and 2.16 g/t Au over 1.6 metres.

Local Geology

The western portion of the property is located 1 km east of the deep seated Baie Verte Fault zone. Much of the property is underlain by the Micmac Lake Volcanics comprising ash-flow tuffs, flow-banded rhyolite, massive mafic flows, conglomerate and sandstone, cut by felsic sills and late gabbroic dykes. The Flatwater Pond and Micmac Lake groups arc in fault contact along the Micmac-Flatwater Fault, which trends sub-parallel to the Baie Verte Linc. Additional sub-parallel fault zones within the property have been identified. Along the eastern margin of the property, the Micmac Lake Group rocks arc intruded by the Siluro-Devonian Burlington Granodiorite. Small gabbroic bodies occur at the mafic volcanic - granodiorite contact. Four late fault zones are identified proximal to the western margin of the granodiorite body, transecting the granodiorite, gabbro and mafic volcanic units. This complex geological and structural fabric at El Strato is an excellent host setting for emplacement of substantial gold deposits.

Terms of the Agreement

Under the terms of the agreement Maritime will earn 100% interest in the El Strato property over a 2-year period by make cash payments totaling \$40,000 and issue 750,000 shares of Maritime in accordance with the following schedule:

- Upon signing pay \$5,000 and 250,000 shares;
- Year one anniversary -- \$10,000 and 250,000 shares;
- Year two anniversary -- \$25,000 and 250,000 shares;
- 2.0 % NSR of which 1% can be purchased up until the end of the second anniversary of commercial production for \$1,000,000

Further information on the Green Bay Gold Property can be found on our website at www.maritimeresourcescorp.com along with the NI43-101 compliant Technical Report and Prefeasibility Report filed on SEDAR.

Bernard H. Kahlert, P.Eng. is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical disclosure contained in this release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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