

MBMI Announces Revocation of Cease Trade Orders

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MARKHAM, Ontario, Jan. 09, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [MBMI Resources Inc.](#) (the "Company" or "MBMI") (NEX:MBR.H) is pleased to announce that the cease trade orders (the "CTOs") issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission (the "BCSC") and the Alberta Securities Commission (the "ASC", together with the BCSC, the "Commissions") have been revoked.

The CTOs were issued by the BCSC and the ASC on June 7, 2013 and September 6, 2013 respectively, as a result of the failure of the Company, under its previous management, to file audited financial statements and related management discussion and analysis for the year ended January 31, 2013.

The Company has addressed all of the outstanding filing deficiencies and brought its continuous disclosure records on SEDAR up to date. The Company has also applied to each of the BCSC and the ASC for revocation of the CTOs. The BCSC and the ASC revoked the CTOs issued against the Company on January 8, 2018. As a condition for receiving the revocation orders, the Company has provided the Commissions with an undertaking to hold its annual shareholders' meeting within three months after the CTOs are revoked.

On June 10, 2013, the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange") suspended the Company's common shares from trading on the Exchange as a result of the CTOs. The Company intends to apply to the Exchange for re-instatement of trading in the Company's shares in due course.

About MBMI Resources Inc.

[MBMI Resources Inc.](#) (the "Company") is a Canadian-based mining company which operates 7 nickel mineral projects in the Philippines, which include the Alpha Project, Bethlehem Project and Northern Rio Tuba Project located in Palawan Philippines (collectively, the "Palawan Properties"), and the Borongan-Maydolong Project, Gen. McArthur-Llorente Project, Balangiga-Giporlos Project and Homohon Island Project in Samar, Philippines (collectively, the "Samar Properties").

The Company's Palawan Properties have been subject to a dispute (the "FTAA Dispute") which led to a decision by the Office of the President of the Philippines on April 19, 2011 (the "OP Decision") that cancelled a Financial and Technical Assistance Agreement (the "FTAA") granted in April 2010 for the Palawan Properties. The FTAA, if reinstated, would allow large-scale exploration, development and utilization of minerals on the Palawan Properties.

Through a series of transactions from September 2012 to March 2014 involving the sale of the Company's ownership in the operating companies (the "Operating Company") that own and control the Palawan Properties and their respective holding companies, the Company's ownership in the Palawan Properties have been sold to DMCI Mining Corporation, a Philippines based mining company (the "Purchaser") for an aggregate purchase price of US\$25.2 million (the "Sale Transactions"). The closing of Sale Transactions is subject to a number of closing conditions which include, among other things, the reinstatement of the cancelled FTAA.

As a result of the Sale Transactions and the FTAA Dispute, the Company has suspended its exploration and development operations in all of its properties to focus its efforts and resources on the reinstatement of the cancelled FTAA in order to conclude the Sale Transactions.

On December 9, 2015, the First Division of the Philippine Supreme Court issued a favourable decision (the

“SC Decision”) declaring null and void the decision of the Philippine Court of Appeals which affirmed the OP Decision without prejudice to any other appropriate remedy the parties may take against each other. It is important to note, however, that while the SC Decision is the final court decision with respect to the FTAA Dispute, it is not a direct ruling with respect to the re-instatement of FTAA that would allow the Company to meet the closing conditions of the Sale Transactions. Therefore, following the SC Decision, the Operating Companies have commenced work on the documentation required to re-engage the Office of the President regarding the reversal of the OP Decision and reinstatement of the FTAA pursuant to the SC Decision. Since there is no assurance that the Office of the President of Philippines will reinstate the FTAA, the Company, the Operating Companies and the Purchaser are concurrently evaluating other recourses including, but not limited to, binding arbitration proceedings in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism set out in the FTAA as sanctioned by the SC Decision.

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