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NEWS RELEASE

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MANITOBA QUARRY (COAL) EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Bitterroot Resources Ltd. (BTT, TSX-V) has submitted Quarry (Coal) Exploration Permit applications to the Mines Branch of the Province of Manitoba's Department of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines. These applications cover 14,700 hectares (approximately 55 square miles) of road or railroad-accessible lands hosting Lower Cretaceous coalbearing strata of the Mannville Group, or the Swan River Group, as it is named in Manitoba (see attached map).

Goldsource Mines Inc.'s recent Border coal discovery in eastern Saskatchewan occurs in Mannville Group sedimentary rocks, which also host coal and coal bed methane deposits throughout western Canada. The Mannville Group is equivalent to the Lower Cretaceous Luscar Group, which hosts large deposits of thermal and metallurgical coal in the Rocky Mountain foothills. Goldsource's Border coal discovery is extremely significant, as it contains the thickest (+22 metres) coal seams yet reported in the Mannville Group, at shallow (surface mine) depths.

The locations of Bitterroot's Manitoba Quarry (Coal) Exploration Permit applications were selected to coincide with:

- mapped subcrop of Mannville or Swan River Group sediments
- structurally-controlled sub-basin development
- road or railroad access

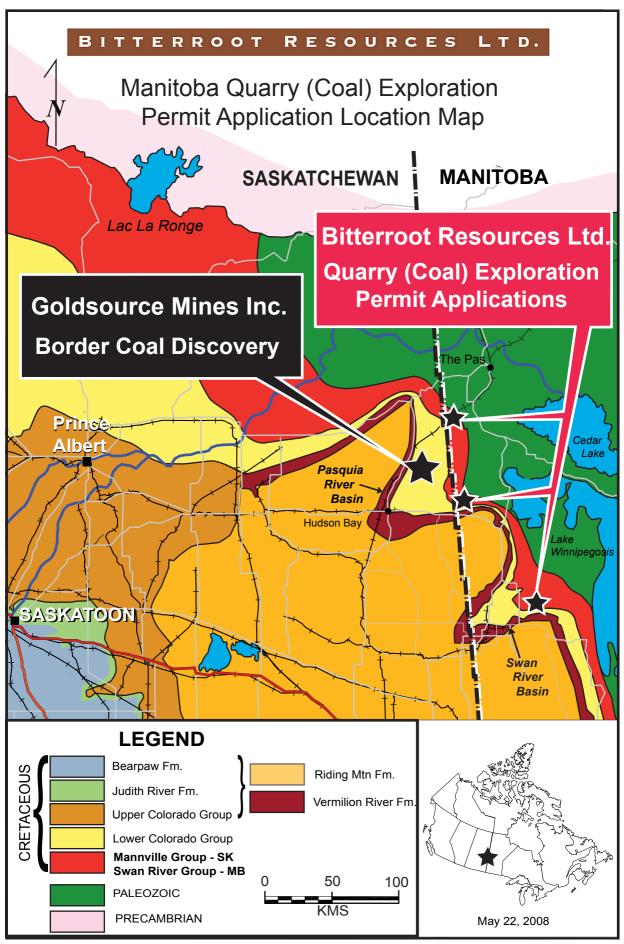
The Mines Branch of the Province of Manitoba's Department of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines has posted the location of Bitterroot's Quarry Exploration Permit applications on its website. The applications are currently being processed, with completion expected in approximately 12 weeks. There are no assurances that all of the applications will be granted. Bitterroot's management believes that the majority of the lands it has applied for will be available for coal exploration.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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