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**FIRST DRILL RESULTS FROM THE DAR N'HAL SUD DEPOSIT AT FEJ LAHDOUN
CONFIRM EARLIER HIGH GRADE INTERSECTIONS**

Maghreb Minerals Plc, ("Maghreb Minerals") (MMS.L) is pleased to report that assay results, just received, from diamond drilling carried out at its Fej Lahdoum project in January 2005, show high grade intercepts of lead and zinc mineralisation over a 23 metre interval, including: 8 metres grading 9.9% combined Pb+Zn from 145.5m, 3 metres grading 13.8% combined Pb+Zn from 135.5m and 2m grading 9.65% combined Pb+Zn from 129.5m.

The results for drill hole MFL 1 hole show grades of between 0.69% and 23.94 % combined Pb + Zn over 23 metres, starting at 129.5 metres. Additional samples from the hanging wall of the mineralisation have been sent for assay and results are pending.

Hans Madeisky, Maghreb Minerals' Exploration Manager, commented that, "The current drilling programme is targeted at verification of previous drilling on Dar N'Hal Sud by the Tunisian Office National des Mines "ONM". The Dar N'Hal Sud measured resource was estimated by the ONM at 400,000 tonnes at a grade of 5.6% Pb and 7.7% Zn (13.3% combined Pb+Zn).

The intersection in MFL 1 was expected and has confirmed the economic grade mineralisation previously identified by the ONM. In addition, the results have provided us with a better understanding of the structural control to, and confirmed our model for, the mineralisation at Dar N'Hal Sud."

The Dal N'Hal Sud deposit is a fault offset extension, situated some 100 metres south-east, of the main D'Hal Nord orebody where work in 1991 estimated a reserve of 1.4 million tonnes grading 5.6 % Pb and 6.0 % Zn.

Managing Director, Robyn Storer, said: "The thick zone of mineralisation encountered in MFL 1 at Dar N'Hal Sud, whilst not unexpected, confirms the Company's strong hopes for establishing a large lead-zinc resource at Fej Lahdoum. The recent rise in metal prices points to the need for additional zinc and lead mine production to meet the rising demand for metal coming from China, other parts of Asia and India."

Hans Madeisky added that: "Despite the difficulties presented by the unusual heavy snowfalls which curtailed drilling at Fej Lahdoum in January and February, the Company is confident that, as the weather improves, drilling rates will be back on track. Further drilling is under way to test the vertical and lateral extent of the mineralisation at Dar N'Hal Sud."

AIM listed Maghreb Minerals PLC (MMS.L) is exploring for lead and zinc (Pb-Zn) deposits in North Africa. The Company owns nine exploration permits covering over 241 sq km in areas of active Mines and past production in northern Tunisia and has conditional options in relation to two Mine Concessions owned by the Tunisian government: Fej Lahdoum and Bou Jabeur.

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The full results of the first two drill holes into the Dar N'Hal Sud deposit are as follows:

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Pb wt%	Zn wt%	Pb+Zn wt%
MFL 1	129.5	130.5	6.94	7.83	14.77
	130.5	131.5	0.84	3.69	4.53
	131.5	132.5	0.03	0.12	0.15
	132.5	133.5	0.03	0.07	0.10
	133.5	134.5	0.07	0.23	0.30
	134.5	135.5	0.02	0.14	0.16
	135.5	136.5	1.62	9.78	11.40
	136.5	137.5	6.70	17.24	23.94
	137.5	138.5	1.06	5.13	6.19
	138.5	139.5	0.17	0.16	0.33
	139.5	140.5	0.57	1.49	0.57
	140.5	141.5	1.25	2.00	3.25
	141.5	142.5	0.68	0.59	1.27
	142.5	143.5	1.96	2.09	4.05
	143.5	144.5	2.10	0.48	2.58
	144.5	145.5	1.66	1.51	3.17
	145.5	146.5	2.31	15.03	17.34
	146.5	147.5	4.05	5.76	9.81
	147.5	148.5	0.34	1.51	1.85
	148.5	149.5	1.11	2.31	3.42
	149.5	150.5	8.95	7.25	16.20
	150.5	151.5	8.97	6.42	15.39
	151.5	152.5	6.57	2.79	9.36
	152.5	153.5	0.92	5.40	6.32
	153.5	154.5	0.54	0.88	1.42
	154.5	155.5	0.27	0.42	0.69
	155.5	156.5	2.66	0.71	3.37
	156.5	157.5	2.38	0.47	2.85
	157.5	158.5	0.67	0.33	1.00

MFL 0 MFL 0 was abandoned at 318 ft (96 m) due to drilling problems encountered in a breccia zone – interpreted to be the hanging wall to the zone of mineralisation. The Company has ordered HQ drill rods and is expecting to be able to re-drill this hole from the breccia zone, and expects to reach the mineralization encountered in hole MFL 1.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Maghreb Minerals has a planned exploration programme in Tunisia and Algeria using modern exploration techniques and a broad conceptual model based on Mississippi Valley Type deposits. Maghreb Minerals believes that its conceptual model for the control of mineralisation in the region represents a significant departure from the exploration model applied historically to this metallogenic rich province. The Company believes that exploration to date has failed to test the full mineralisation potential of the region.

Drilling is under way on the Fej Lahdoum mine concession with the aim of verifying the resources established by the ONM and of expanding the known resource. A successful program will see Maghreb Minerals exercise its option to negotiate to acquire the Fej Lahdoum mine concession, mine, and infrastructure.

A drill programme is planned for later in 2005 on the nearby Djebba exploration licence and on the Bou Jabeur mine concession (on the Algerian border).