

# MAGHREB MINERALS PLC

## Drilling on new gravity target commences at Djebba

Maghreb Minerals Plc (“Maghreb” or “the Company”), the AIM-listed exploration company developing both base and precious metal deposits in North Africa, announces that a drilling programme has commenced which will test the gravity anomaly defined at the Djebba Zinc and Lead (Zn-Pb) project in Tunisia.

A gravity and magnetic survey and subsequent data interpretation was completed at Djebba and Djebel Goraa in early August 2006. This survey delineated the known extent of Zn and Pb mineralisation at Djebba and outlined an additional area of anomalous high gravity extending across a zone measuring some 700 metres to the north and 800 metres to the east of the known mineralisation.

The Company is in discussion with contractors to obtain the services of a second drilling rig in Tunisia with the aim of accelerating the exploration programme at Djebba and resuming work at Fej Lahdoum.

The Company had anticipated commencing pre-feasibility studies on the known mineralisation at Djebba but has delayed the start of this work until results of the exploration work on the newly identified nearby targets are known.

*Gordon Riddler, Executive Chairman of Maghreb Minerals plc, said:*

*“This latest phase of exploration drilling will test the potential for significant expansion of the area of known mineralisation at Djebba. This further phase of exploration is necessary prior to moving into a pre-feasibility study stage work programme. The Company anticipates commencing a pre-feasibility study on the known mineralisation at Djebba when results of the programme on the nearby geophysical targets have been received.*

*“In light of the encouraging results from the earlier drilling at Djebba and further evaluation of the mineralisation at Fej Lahdoum we are in discussions with a contractor to bring a drilling rig into Tunisia to enable us to accelerate our work programme. Drilling was suspended during the August vacation period and the downtime was utilised for maintenance work on Maghreb’s own drilling rig. Drilling operations have now resumed.”*

The technical content of this press release has been reviewed by the Executive Chairman of Maghreb Minerals plc, Gordon Riddler, BSc, MBA, FIMMM, CEng, CSci, CMkt, MCIM, MCMI who has 40 years of experience in the mining sector and is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, a recognised professional association.

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**About Maghreb Minerals Plc**

Maghreb Minerals Plc is an AIM listed exploration company developing both base and precious metal deposits in Tunisia and Algeria where it holds the rights to several licence areas. The Company is targeting base metals, mainly lead and zinc, but has also identified areas containing barite and fluorite in Tunisia and gold and copper in Algeria.