

**TSX-V: GBR**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Great Bear Strengthens Management Team and Provides Update on Regional Projects**

**May 31, 2021 – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada** – Great Bear Resources Ltd. (the "Company" or "Great Bear", TSX-V: GBR; OTCQX: GTBAF) today announced key management appointments. The Company concurrently announces the departures of Mr. Robert Scott, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Jeff Dare, Corporate Secretary; and Mr. Tony Ricci, who, after serving for more than 10 years, will be retiring from the Board of Directors and is not standing for re-election at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Company announces the acceleration of option payments on three of its regional projects, completing the required earn-ins. All regional Red Lake area projects are now 100% owned by Great Bear.

"I would like to sincerely thank Mr. Scott, Mr. Dare, and Mr. Ricci for their significant contributions over the past number of years to Great Bear. Each of them was instrumental to the success of the Company and I look forward to following their ongoing contributions within our industry," said Chis Taylor, President and CEO of Great Bear. "The management appointments we are making today significantly enhance our team's skillset and will be key to Great Bear's future success as we continue to advance our flagship Dixie Project."

#### **Management Appointments**

**Calum Morrison**, Vice President, Business Development & *Chief Financial Officer*

Calum Morrison has been leading Corporate Development at Great Bear since 2019, a period in which the Company has experienced exceptional growth. In addition to his Corporate and Business Development responsibilities, Mr. Morrison has been appointed Chief Financial Officer with an effective date of May 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morrison has over 15 years of experience in the mining industry, having worked in corporate development, investment banking, and accounting roles. Mr. Morrison is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA), and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and holds a B.Sc. degree in Environmental Science from Dalhousie University.

**Andrea Diakow**, *Vice President, Projects*

Andrea Diakow has been a key contributor to Great Bear's exploration success at the Dixie Project since 2017. Ms. Diakow is a professional geologist with over 15 years of experience working in the mineral exploration industry on diverse precious and base metal projects ranging from grassroots to feasibility stage. Her experience includes over 6 years of gold exploration in the Red Lake district. Employing her

strong technical background and diverse experience, Mrs. Diakow manages Great Bear's exploration program, including QA/QC practices, and directs the various advanced exploration studies that are currently being undertaken at Dixie. Ms. Diakow holds a B.Sc. degree in Geology from the University of Calgary and is a P.Geo.

**Jenni Piette**, *Director, Sustainability and Stakeholder Relations*

Jenni Piette has over 10 years of experience in mining investor relations and corporate communications. Most recently, Ms. Piette served as Head of Investor Relations at GT Gold, where she managed the investor relations strategy in addition to community and stakeholder consultation. Prior to joining GT Gold, she served as Manager of Investor Relations at Teranga Gold Corporation through 2018 and at Richmond Mines, until the sale of the company to Alamos Gold in November 2017. Ms. Piette began her career in investor relations at Detour Gold Corporation in 2012, prior to which she served as a contracted mining and earth science outreach educator for PDAC Mining Matters. Ms. Piette holds a B.Sc. with Distinction in Geology/Ecology from Concordia University and is a Certified Professional in Investor Relations under CIRI/Ivey School of Business.

**Darryl Boyd**, *Director, Environment*

Darryl Boyd has been employed in the mining sector for 24 years, holding roles related to planning, permitting, and developing projects in Ontario from early exploration to commercial production. Mr. Boyd has managed baseline studies, engineering designs, permitting, community engagement, energy supply, land tenure and a variety of operational duties related to environmental management. Examples of his significant project experience includes: The McCreedy Mine (FNX Mining), Timmins West (Lakeshore Gold), Lac Des Iles Mine (North American Palladium), Lockerby Mine (First Nickel), and the Sugar Zone Mine (Harte Gold). Mr. Boyd holds a B.Sc. degree in Environmental Science from the University of Guelph and a Certificate in Environmental Assessment from Lakehead University.

**Cori Compton**, *Corporate Secretary*

Ms. Compton has over 20 years of corporate secretarial, corporate governance and securities regulatory experience, 10 of which are specifically with public companies in the mining industry. Ms. Compton has performed the Corporate Secretary function for a number of publicly listed companies, including Pan American Silver, Silver Standard Resources (now SSR Mining), Wildcat Silver (predecessor to Arizona Mining), and Ventana Gold Corp. Ms. Compton is a member of both the BC Paralegal Association and the Canadian Society of Corporate Secretaries.

**Update on Regional Properties**

The Company is also pleased to announce that it recently paid an aggregate of \$180,000 to accelerate its earn-ins for its regional Red Lake projects (Pakwash, Sobel, and Red Lake North), and also gave notice of its intention to terminate its option on the Dedee Property.

Great Bear now holds a 100% interest in its Red Lake Properties (Dixie, Pakwash, Sobel and Red Lake North), totalling 200 km<sup>2</sup> of prospective mineral claims. At this time, there are no changes to the previously announced 2021 exploration budget, which is majority focused on a multi-rig drill program at

its flagship Dixie Project, but also includes field investigations and target definition at all regional properties.

### **June 7<sup>th</sup> Webinar**

The Company reminds interested shareholders that a webinar will take place on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am PDT / 2:00 pm EDT. Management will be available to answer questions following the presentation. Online registration and participation details may be found at the following link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MJNWX5GERvKjZ63Jh89n\\_Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MJNWX5GERvKjZ63Jh89n_Q)

For those unable to participate, a recording of the webinar will be posted to the Company's web site following the live broadcast.

### **About Great Bear**

Great Bear Resources Ltd. is a well-financed gold exploration company managed by a team with a track record of success in mineral exploration. Great Bear is focused in the prolific Red Lake gold district in northwest Ontario, where the company controls over 200 km<sup>2</sup> of highly prospective tenure across four projects: the flagship Dixie Project (100% owned), the Pakwash Property (100% owned), the the Sobel Property (100% owned), and the Red Lake North Property (100% owned) all of which are accessible year-round through existing roads.

### **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

#### ***"Chris Taylor"***

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