



News Release

FORAN ANNOUNCES PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Saskatoon, SK (May 1, 2006) – Foran Mining Corporation (“Foran”) (TSX Venture FOM) announces that the Board of Directors have agreed to borrow up to \$3,700,000 from Turtle Creek Trust, a current shareholder of Foran, as a demand loan in order to meet the immediate working capital requirements. This demand loan will be immediately paid in full upon completion of a proposed financing. The proceeds of the loan will be used as follows:

- \$2,000,000 for an option payment to the Hanson Lake Joint Venture of Cameco Corporation and Billiton Metals Canada Inc. for the McIlvenna Bay Property, due May 31, 2006;
- \$1,000,000 for payables in connection with the arbitration proceedings with Copper Reef Mines (1973) Limited;
- \$700,000 for general and administrative operating costs, including legal fees.

Foran announces a private placement of up to \$3,700,000 by issuing up to 30,833,333 common shares at a price of \$0.12 per share. The proceeds will be used to pay back the bridge loan from Turtle Creek Trust. Upon closing of the private placement, Turtle Creek Trust will be considered a control person, as defined in the Securities Act. Therefore, the TSX Venture Exchange requires that the private placement and the creation of a new control person be approved by the minority shareholders of Foran. Foran will seek approval of the minority shareholders at a Special Meeting to be held June 7, 2006. The Exchange has requested that any members of the Summach Family and their associates who own shares in Foran refrain from voting on the resolution.

If the minority shareholders or the Exchange do not approve the private placement, the Turtle Creek bridge loan will not be paid as required by the loan documents and the future of Foran may be in doubt.

Foran currently has a liability to B.B.S. Aircraft due December 31, 2006 of \$5,000,000. The Board of Directors will ask the minority shareholders to approve an additional equity issuance of \$5,500,000 to pay the loan or to pay the loan by issuing common shares. The Board of Directors will decide which alternative would be in the best interest for Foran later this year.

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