



## **RUBICON MINERALS ANNOUNCES CDN\$200 MILLION BOUGHT DEAL FINANCING**

**Rubicon Minerals Corporation** (RMX:TSX | RBY:NYSE-AMEX) (“**Rubicon**” or the “**Company**”) announces that it has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters (the “**Underwriters**”), which has agreed to purchase, on a bought deal basis, 49,000,000 common shares (the “**Shares**”) of the Company at a price of Cdn\$4.10 per Share, for aggregate gross proceeds of Cdn\$200,900,000. The Underwriters will also have the option, exercisable in whole or in part at any time up to 30 days after the closing of the offering, to purchase up to an additional 7,350,000 Shares. In the event that the option is exercised in its entirety, the aggregate gross proceeds of the offering will be Cdn\$231,035,000.

The Company plans to use the net proceeds from the offering to advance the development of the Phoenix Gold Project and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The Shares will be offered by way of a short form prospectus to be filed in all of the provinces of Canada (other than the Province of Québec) pursuant to National Instrument 44-101 *Short Form Prospectus Distributions* and in the United States on a private placement basis pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended.

The offering is scheduled to close on or about February 29, 2012 and is subject to certain conditions including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary approvals including the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange, NYSE Amex and the securities regulatory authorities.

**This press release is not an offer or a solicitation of an offer of common shares for sale in the United States. The common shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration.**

### **About Rubicon Minerals Corporation**

Rubicon Minerals Corporation is an exploration and development company, focused on exploring and developing its high-grade gold discovery at its Phoenix Gold Project in Red Lake, Ontario. Rubicon controls over 100 square miles of prime exploration ground in the prolific Red Lake gold district of Ontario which hosts Goldcorp’s high-grade, world class Red Lake Mine. Rubicon’s shares are listed on the NYSE Amex (RBY) and the TSX (RMX) Exchanges and have traded on average, 1.7 million shares per day in 2011. Rubicon’s shares are included in the S&P/TSX Composite Index and Van Eck’s Junior Gold Miners ETF.

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## Forward Looking Statements

*This news release contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). Forward-looking statements often, but not always, are identified by the use of words such as "seek", "anticipate", "believe", "plan", "estimate", "expect", "targeting" and "intend" and statements that an event or result "may", "will", "should", "could", or "might" occur or be achieved and other similar expressions.*

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