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## RUGBY OPTIONS GOLD PROJECT IN PILBARA REGION, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Vancouver, B.C., March 24, 2014 – Rugby Mining Limited (“Rugby” or the “Company”) (TSX-V: RUG) is pleased to announce that it has, subject to regulatory approval, entered into an option agreement (the “Agreement”) with Australian listed company, De Grey Mining Limited (“De Grey”), to acquire an 80% interest in the **Great Northern Gold Project**.

The Agreement grants Rugby an option to earn an 80% interest in a 714 square kilometre (“km”) tenement package (the “**Tenements**”) and an additional option to purchase an 80% interest in a near surface historical resource at **Wingina Well** (together with the Tenements, the “**Great Northern Gold Project**”).

Rugby’s CEO, Paul Joyce stated “For two years the Company has been conducting a comprehensive search to acquire a drill ready project, while it awaits permitting for its prospective Cobrasco and Comita projects in Colombia and the Mabuhay project in the Philippines. The Great Northern Gold Project satisfies all parameters required by management including:

- potential for discovering a high grade gold deposit;
- favourable permitting regime within a highly rated investment jurisdiction;
- excellent infrastructure with many of Australia’s largest iron mines in the region;
- year round exploration and mining access; and
- reasonable drilling costs and drill rig availability.

“Previous drilling at Wingina Well encountered intervals of high grade gold mineralization within a larger lower grade system. Our aim will be to test for further high grade zones in the untested areas both down dip and along strike. We also see excellent potential for additional discoveries in extensive areas of surficial cover that are underlain by greenstones intersected by regional shears. Previous exploration identified specific targets within 30 km along strike.”

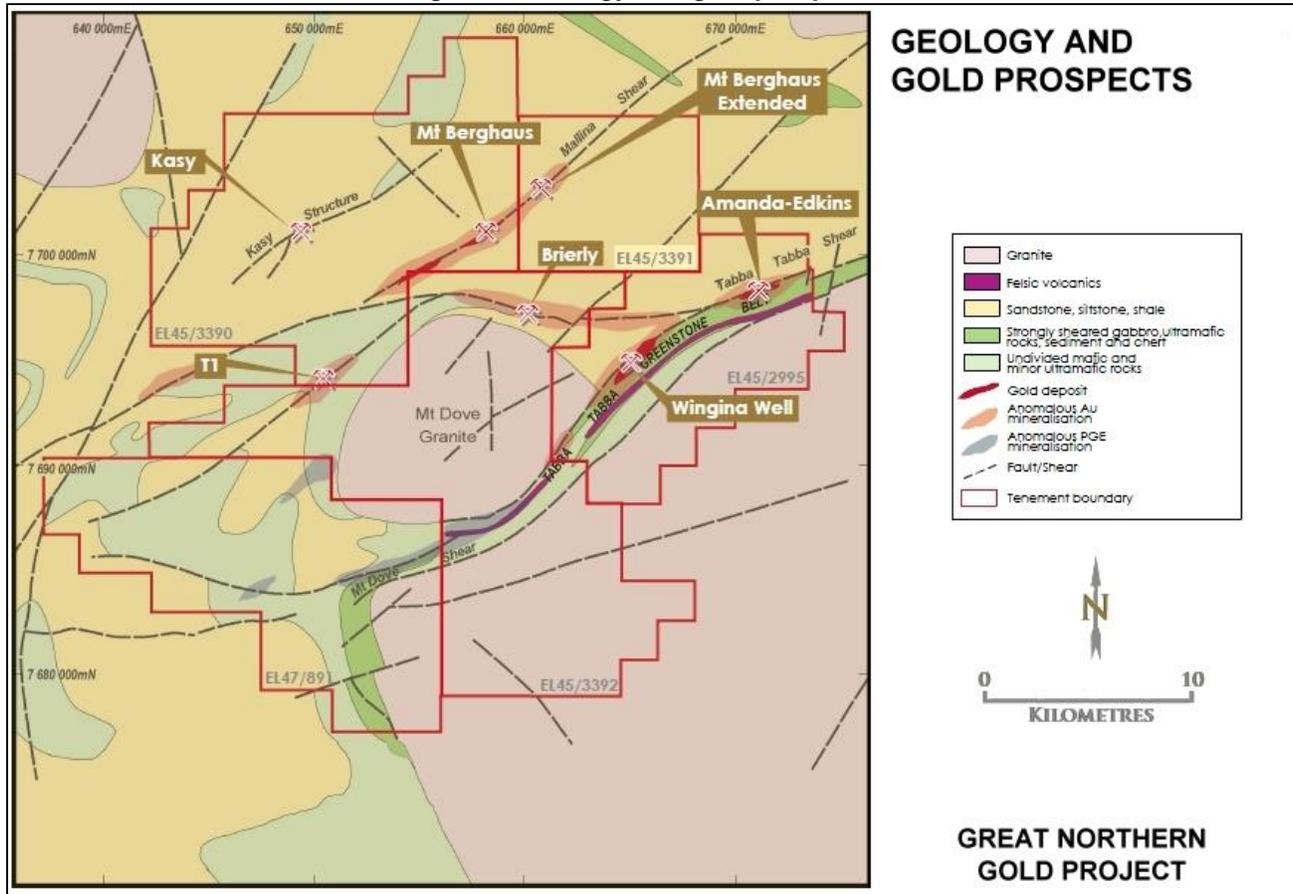
**Figure 1: Project location**



The Great Northern Gold Project (previously Turner River Gold) is located in the Pilbara district of Western Australia, 60 km south of Port Hedland (Figure 1 above). The region is home to a massive industrial base associated with oil, natural gas, iron ore extraction and the Telfer gold mine operation (+10M oz of gold produced since 1975 as reported on Newcrest Mining Limited’s website\*). Infrastructure includes an international airport, seaport, railways, highways and gas pipelines.

Previous exploration (Figure 2 below) within the project area includes geophysical and geochemical surveys, geological mapping and drill programs comprising 4,171 drill holes for 224,442 metres (“m”). Most of the holes were shallow and were used for geochemical sampling below extensive areas of thin cover. This exploration has provided a large technical data base that will assist in the development of new drill targets.

**Figure 2: Geology and gold prospects**

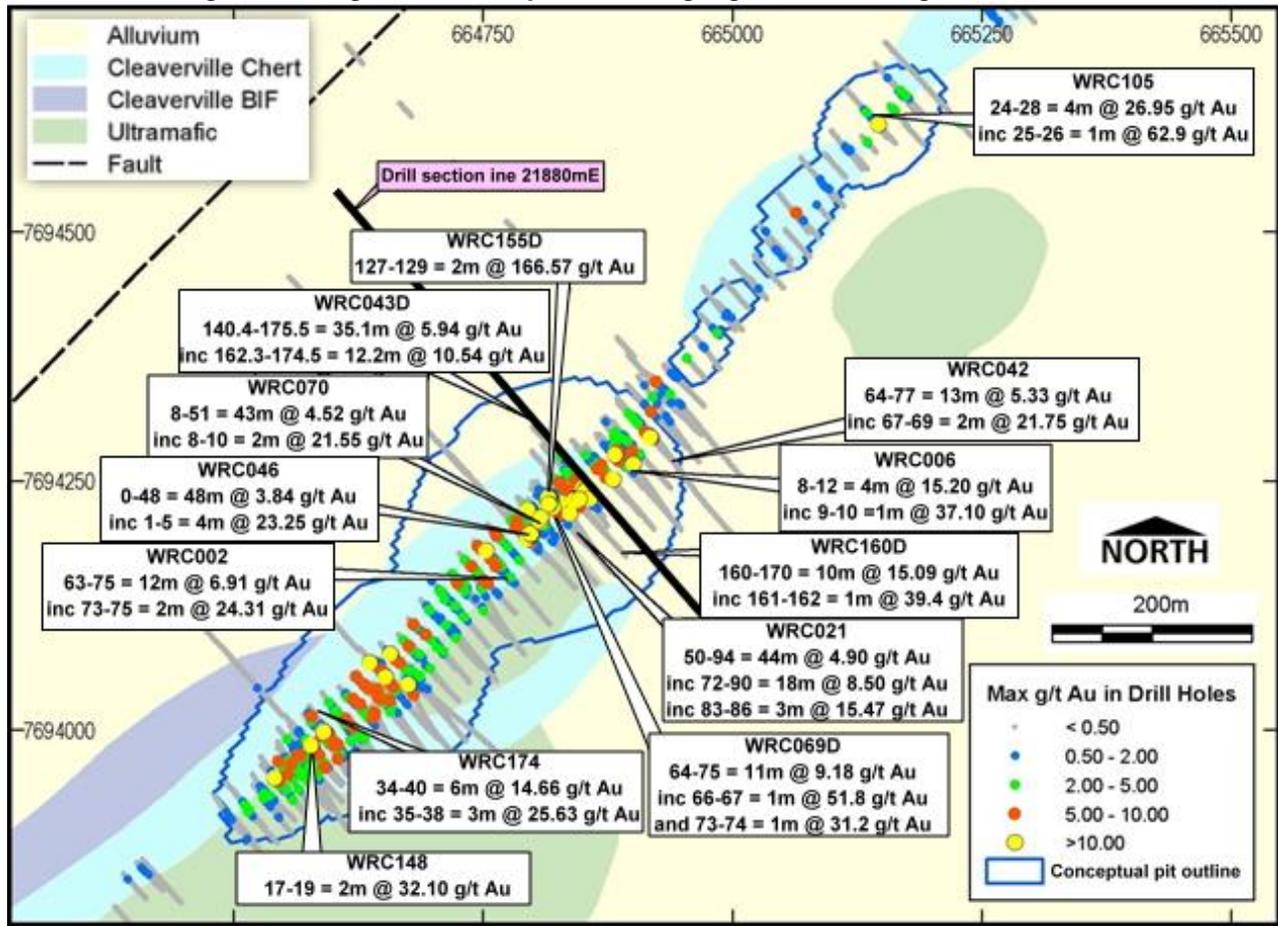


\*Source: <http://www.newcrest.com.au/our-business/operations/telfer-wa>

To date, most exploration was conducted at Wingina Well where 514 drill holes and channel samples for a total of 40,967 m were completed. Drilling indicated three higher-grade, parallel gold zones contained within lower grade envelopes (Figures 3 and 4 below). Wingina Well has been subject to several historical resource estimates however, they were not completed in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101) consequently the Company is not reporting any resource estimates prior to further evaluation.

Metallurgical testwork indicates the gold is fine-grained and free-milling. Carbon in leach test work achieved gold recoveries up to 93% with low reagent consumption and easy grinding of weathered material that forms the bulk of the currently estimated mineral resource. Column leach tests (heap leaching) of -12mm material achieved a 70% gold recovery in preliminary test work.

**Figure 3: Wingina Well drill plan showing significant drilling intersections.**

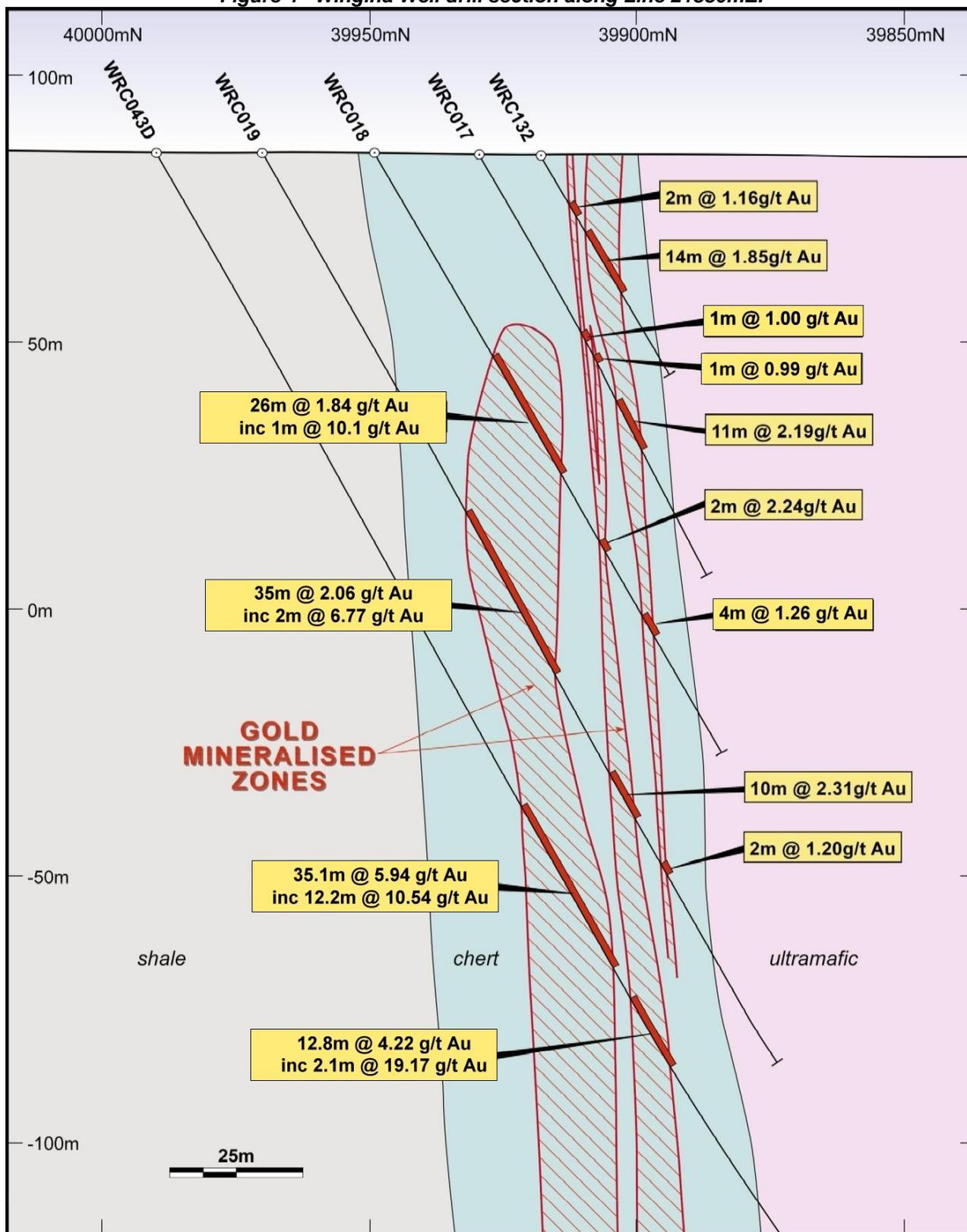


**Great Northern Project Agreement Terms**

Pursuant to the Agreement, Rugby will pay De Grey AUD\$100,000 within 5 days of regulatory approval and will have two options as follows:

- 1) a three year option to acquire an 80% interest in the Tenements by incurring a total of AUD\$2 million in expenditures with a minimum expenditure commitment of AUD\$500,000; and
- 2) an option to purchase an 80% interest in the historic near surface resource at Wingina Well for AUD\$3 million, by paying AUD\$2 million at any time within 54 months of date of the Agreement and a further AUD\$1 million within 30 days of a decision to mine any part of the historic resource at Wingina Well.

Figure 4– Wingina Well drill section along Line 21880mE.



Cisco Montes, the Company's Chief Geologist and a "qualified person" within the definition of that term in NI 43-101, has supervised the preparation of the technical information contained in this news release.

**About Rugby**

Rugby, with a treasury of \$2.9 million, is an emerging mineral resource company focussed on its exciting portfolio of projects having considerable potential for significant mineral discoveries. Rugby benefits from the

experience of its directors and management who have either been directly responsible for world-class mineral discoveries or have been on the management team of companies having made such discoveries.

**Cobrasco and Comita Projects, Colombia:** Rugby owns 100% of the Cobrasco project, subject to a 1% NSR and has an option to earn up to 60% of the adjacent Comita project in western Colombia. Both projects host undrilled large scale porphyry copper-gold targets which were recognised during a joint German-Colombian government sponsored exploration program over 20 years ago. No systematic exploration has been conducted since that time. The Rugby team is now in talks with local drilling companies with a view to initiating a drilling campaign at Cobrasco in the second half of the year, subject to obtaining the necessary permits.

**Mabuhay Project, Philippines:** The Company holds an option to acquire up to 80% of the Mabuhay project in Surigao Province. The Company considers the project to have excellent potential for the discovery of both epithermal gold deposits and gold-copper porphyry systems. An application for an Exploration Permit ("EP") is currently being processed, however to minimise expenditures, the project will remain under care and maintenance until the EP is granted.

**Hawkwood Project, Australia:** The Hawkwood Project is located in Queensland Australia and covers 427 km<sup>2</sup> of prospective gold, copper-gold and iron targets. In January 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with Eastern Iron Limited wherein Eastern Iron Limited can earn an 80% interest in iron ore targets in the project area. To date Eastern Iron has conducted several programs, including geophysical surveys and drilling.

For additional information you are invited to visit the Rugby Mining Limited website at [www.rugbymining.com](http://www.rugbymining.com)

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