

# Wallbridge Announces Board and Senior Management Changes

**Toronto, Ontario – October 10, 2023 – Wallbridge Mining Company Limited (TSX: WM, OTCQX: WLBMF) ("Wallbridge"** or the "**Company**") today announced that Marz Kord is retiring from his role as President and Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**") and director, effective immediately. Mr. Kord will remain employed until December 31, 2023 to support the management team through the management transition. In addition, Parviz Farsangi, has decided to retire from the Board of Directors (the "**Board**"). Both Mr. Kord and Mr. Farsangi will continue as Advisors to the Company and the Board.

Brian Penny, the Company's Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**"), will assume the role of interim CEO and joins the Board as a director. Mary Montgomery will assume the role of interim CFO. Both appointments are effective immediately.

Mr. Penny has over 30 years of mining industry experience in financial management, strategic planning, and financial reporting. Prior to joining the Company as CFO in 2018, Mr. Penny held senior positions such as Executive Vice President and CFO of New Gold Inc. and Vice President of Finance and CFO of Kinross Gold Corporation. Most recently, Mr. Penny served as a director of Maverix Metals Inc. (2019 to 2023). In addition, he has also served as a member of the Board of Equinox Minerals Limited (2004 to 2011), Alamos Gold Inc. (2005 to 2008); and Baffinland Iron Mines Limited (2004 to 2008). Mr. Penny obtained his Diploma in Business-Accounting and Finance from Cambrian College and is a CPA, CMA.

Anthony Makuch, Chair of the Board stated, "On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank both Marz and Parviz for their hard work and long-standing service to Wallbridge. Both individuals have been involved in the advancement of the Company's flagship Fenelon Gold ("**Fenelon**") project, and their industry experience was instrumental in the completion of the Fenelon Preliminary Economic Assessment ("**PEA**") in June 2023. Marz spearheaded the development and mining of the Sudbury Ni/Cu/PGE Broken Hammer project. His business acumen led the Company to the Fenelon gold project and subsequent acquisition of Balmoral Resources which significantly expanded Wallbridge's land holdings from 10.5 km<sup>2</sup> to 830 km<sup>2</sup> along the Detour Gold Trend within the prolific Abitibi Greenstone Belt. We wish them both well in their future endeavours."

"With over 30 years of varied experience in the mining industry, we believe that Brian will provide a seamless transition and is the ideal candidate to assume the interim CEO role. We have been working with Brian as the CFO since 2018, and the Board and I are very confident that Brian will successfully lead the Company as we continue to explore our very large and highly-prospective land position in northwestern Quebec and advance Fenelon," added Mr. Makuch.

Brian Penny stated, "I am excited to take on the role as interim CEO at Wallbridge. I am proud of the Wallbridge team, the relationships that have been established with our local First Nations communities and the work that has been accomplished to date. In addition to our two gold deposits at Fenelon and Martiniere, we control over 90 kilometers of strike length along the Detour-Fenelon gold trend in Quebec and look forward to advancing our projects in this world class mining jurisdiction."

## About Wallbridge Mining

Wallbridge is focused on creating value through the exploration and sustainable development of gold projects along the Detour-Fenelon Gold Trend while respecting the environment and communities where it operates.

Wallbridge's flagship project, Fenelon Gold ("**Fenelon**"), is located on the highly prospective Detour-Fenelon Gold Trend Property in Québec's Northern Abitibi region. An updated mineral resource estimate completed in January 2023 yielded significantly improved grades and additional ounces at the 100%-owned Fenelon and Martiniere projects, incorporating a combined 3.05 million ounces of indicated gold resources and 2.35 million ounces of inferred gold resources. Fenelon and Martiniere are located within an 830 km<sup>2</sup> exploration land package controlled by Wallbridge. In addition, Wallbridge believes that the extensive land package is extremely prospective for the discovery of additional gold deposits.

Wallbridge has reported a positive Preliminary Economic Assessment ("**PEA**") on its 100%-owned Fenelon gold Project with an estimated average annual gold production of 212,000 ounces over 12.3 years (see Wallbridge press release of June 26, 2023).

Wallbridge also holds a 19.9% interest in the common shares of Archer Exploration Corp. ("**Archer**") as a result of the sale of the Company's portfolio of nickel assets in Ontario and Québec in November of 2022.

Wallbridge will continue to focus on its core Detour-Fenelon Gold Trend Property while enabling shareholders to participate in the potential economic upside in Archer.

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