

## **Rambler Reports Financial Results Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**London, England & Baie Verte, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada** - Rambler Metals and Mining plc (TSXV: RAB, AIM: RMM) ('Rambler' or the 'Company'), a copper and gold producer operating in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, today reports its audited financial results and operational highlights for the year ended December 31, 2017.

### **YEAREND HIGHLIGHTS**

- Revenue for the year was US\$28.3 million (2016: US\$28.0 million) and for the Q4/17, US\$8.4 million (Q3/17: US\$7.3 million, Q4/16 US\$5.4 million);
- Production of 97,997 dmt (Q3/17: 79,300 dmt, Q4/16: 72,036 dmt) for the quarter with copper concentrate grade of 28% (Q3/17: 29%, Q4/16: 27%). Increased total production to 339,631 dmt for the year (2016: 267,347 dmt) , a 27% increase representing the highest annual throughput on record;
- Net direct cash costs net of by-product credits ('C1 costs') for the year were US\$2.86 per pound of saleable copper (2016: US\$1.96) and for the quarter US\$2.84 (Q3/17: US\$2.87, Q4/16: US\$2.99);
- Operating loss for the year was US\$9.4 million (2016: US\$15.6 million) and for Q4/17 US\$1.0 million (Q3/17: US\$2.5 million, Q4/16: US\$3.4 million). Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortisation ('EBITDA') for the year were US\$2.2 million (2016: US\$4.6 million) and for Q4/17 of US\$1.3 million (Q3/17: US\$1.1 million, Q4/16 US\$(1.0 million));
- Rambler delivered on all of its safety targets during 2017. For the fiscal year there were no lost time incidents or medical aids, with the twelve-month rolling average lost time frequency rate remaining at 0%.

### **SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On March 5, 2018 the Company announced the completion of a new mineral and reserves estimate for the Ming mine. Contained copper in the mineral reserves is estimated at 329 million pounds with gold of 114 thousand ounces, fully replacing reserves after two years of mining. The life of mine, production, cost and financial highlights are as follows:

- Over a planned 20 year life-of-mine, ending 2037, the project will produce 514 thousand tonnes of high-grade copper concentrate containing saleable metal of 312 million pounds of copper and 57 thousand ounces of gold. Average annual sales is 26 thousand tonnes of copper concentrate;
- Average annual cash operating cost of US\$1.98 per pound of copper net of by-product credits ('C1'), with an all-in pre-tax costs of US\$2.37 per pound of copper and after-tax cost of US\$2.49 per pound;

- Net undiscounted cash flow from operations of US\$277 million. Net pre-tax cash flow of US\$195 million (after-tax US\$157 million);
- Project pre-tax net present value ('NPV7%') of US\$100 million. After-tax NPV7% of US\$83 million.

#### KEY ANNUAL FINANCIALS METRICS (\$US)

	2017	2016
Revenue	\$28.3 M	\$28.0 M
Cash Production Expenses	\$26.4 M	\$22.3 M
G&A	\$3.4 M	\$3.2 M
EBITDA	\$2.2 M	\$4.6 M
Operating (loss) profit before impairment	\$(9.4) M	\$(4.8) M
Loss before tax	\$(5.4) M	\$(19.4) M
Loss after tax	\$(4.1)M	\$(12.7) M
Loss per share (US\$)	\$(0.008)	\$(0.032)
Cash Flows from Operations	\$1.3 M	\$4.8 M
Cash cost per lbs of copper, net of credits (C1) (US\$)	\$2.86	\$1.96

#### KEY ANNUAL OPERATING METRICS

	2017	2016
Concentrate Production (dry metric tonnes)	15,214	15,863
Copper (saleable dry metric tonnes)	3,968	4,174
Gold (saleable ounces)	3,357	6,132
Concentrate Grade Copper (%)	27.7	27.2
Gold Concentrate Grade (g/t)	8.0	12.6
Copper Grades (%)	1.27	1.79
Gold Grades (g/t)	0.58	1.14
Avg. Copper Price (US\$ per pound)	2.79	2.17
Avg. Gold Price (US\$ per ounce)	1,257	1,248

#### Norman Williams, President and CEO, Rambler Metals & Mining commented:

"During the year the mine showed significant performance improvements with increases in daily development meters, mine ore production along with waste movement and backfilling. Also during the year a number of high capacity tests were completed on the mill proving that the 1,250 mtpd target throughput rate was indeed achievable."

"At year end work continued on the ventilation project at the mine site and was successfully completed during March 2018. Upon completion, the mine's ventilation system was reversed allowing for increases in mine production and improved cycle times. The operation can now focus its attention on mine productivity improvements, increasing the overall mill feed grade, reducing unit costs, and returning the Company to positive cash flows. Our project expansion is being completed during a time that has

seen significant run up in short term copper and gold price forecasts with a positive long-term outlook. The Company has now completed the capital improvements for its Phase II expansion with sustained production of 1,250 mtpd mining and milling to follow shortly."

"With the return to positive cash flow the Company will continue its evaluation on a potential Phase III expansion to demonstrate the full value of the copper-gold asset. Given its successes during the year the Company will also look to continue its surface exploration drill program. In 2017 the surface exploration program demonstrated that the Lower Footwall Zone ('LFZ') mineralization continues well beyond the currently defined mineral reserves with increases in grade and thickness at depth. The final drill hole in the 2017 returned the thickest LFZ mineralization discovered on the property with 1.65% copper over 102 meters, including 36 meters of 2.59% copper. These initiatives could potentially add significant longer term value to the project."

## **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

- Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortisation ("EBITDA") for the year were US\$2.2 million (2016: US\$4.6 million). The net loss before tax for the year was US\$5.4 million (2016: US\$19.4 million (US\$8.1 million before impairment)). The net profit after tax for Q4/17 was US\$0.7 million or US\$0.001 per share which compares to a loss of US\$1.4 million for Q3/17 and a loss of US\$1.1 million for Q4/16;
- Revenue for the year of US\$28.3 million (2016 - US\$28.0 million);
- A total of 15,214 dmt (2016 - 15,239 dmt) of concentrate was provisionally invoiced during the year containing 4,026 (FY2016 - 3,992) tonnes of saleable copper metal, 3,410 (2016 - 6,057) ounces of saleable gold at an average price of US\$2.79 (FY2016 - US\$2.17) per pound copper and US\$1,257 (FY2016 - US\$1,248) per ounce gold;
- Cash flows generated from operating activities for the year were US\$1.3 million (2016: US\$4.8 million) and for the quarter were US\$0.7 million (Q3/17: US\$2.2 million, Q4/16: US\$0.1 million). The decrease in the cash generated relates to the operating loss and changes in working capital.



## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Ore and Concentrate Production Summary for Fiscal 2017

PRODUCTION	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	FY2017	Revised F2017 Guidance
Dry Tonnes Milled	75,438	86,895	79,300	97,997	<b>339,631</b>	330,000 - 360,000
Copper Recovery (%)	96.6	94.2	95.4	96.1	<b>95.6</b>	94 - 96
Gold Recovery (%)	64.0	56.5	61.7	61.0	<b>60.7</b>	60 - 65
Copper Head Grade (%)	1.13	1.41	1.38	1.17	<b>1.27</b>	1.3 - 1.6
Gold Head Grade (g/t)	0.30	0.67	0.66	0.65	<b>0.58</b>	0.5 - 1.0

CONCENTRATE (Delivered to Warehouse)	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	FY2017	F2017 Guidance
Copper (%)	28.2	26.6	28.9	27.5	<b>27.7</b>	26 - 28
Gold (g/t)	5.2	7.7	9.0	9.6	<b>8.0</b>	4.0 - 8.0
Dry Tonnes Produced	2,930	4,359	3,614	4,014	<b>14,907</b>	14,000 - 16,000
Saleable Copper Metal (tonnes)	794	1,112	1,004	1,061	<b>3,968</b>	3,800 - 4,200
Saleable Gold (ounces)	391	939	930	1,112	<b>3,357</b>	3,400 - 3,900

## OUTLOOK

With the Phase II expansion nearing completion, management continues to pursue the following objectives:

- ✓ Finalize Phase II mine expansion with production sustained at 1,250 mtpd delivering improved grades from fiscal 2018 onward. Targeting grades between 1.3% to 1.5% Cu and 0.6 to 0.9 g/t Au in 2018 with copper grade continuing to improve as production moves further into the LFZ. As we continue to develop deeper into the LFZ, over the projected 20 year mine life, diamond drill results show that grades and mineralized thickness continue to strengthen at depth.
- ✓ Further evaluate the potential of a Phase III operation with increase in mine production and mill throughput to about 2,000 mtpd.
- ✓ Continuing with the underground exploration program to allow for further exploration of the mineralized trends both up-dip and down-dip with the goal to increase near-mine mine resource and reserves.
- ✓ Continue with the surface exploration diamond drilling program aimed to double the current plunge length of the known massive sulphide and LFZ mineralization.

For further information see Appendix 1 of this release. The audited financial statements and MD&A will be available on the Company's website at <http://www.ramblermines.com> and on SEDAR.

Tim Sanford, P.Eng., is the Qualified Person responsible for the technical content of this release and has reviewed and approved it accordingly. Mr. Sanford is an employee of Rambler Metals and Mining Canada Limited. Tonnes referenced are dry metric tonnes unless otherwise indicated.

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Rambler is dual listed in London under AIM:RMM and in Canada under TSX-V:RAB.

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**APPENDIX 1 - SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

(See Company website [www.ramblermines.com](http://www.ramblermines.com) or SEDAR for full Stub year 2017 Results)

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**  
**(EXPRESSED IN US DOLLARS)**

	Note	Year to 31 December 2017 US\$'000	Five months to 31 December 2016 US\$'000	Year to 31 December 2016 US\$'000
Revenue	4	28,324	9,680	28,021
Production costs		(26,444)	(9,845)	(22,344)
Depreciation and amortisation		(7,798)	(2,937)	(7,322)
<b>Gross loss</b>		(5,918)	(3,102)	(1,645)
Administrative expenses		(3,441)	(1,299)	(3,107)
Exploration expenses		(6)	(14)	(32)
<b>Operating loss before impairment</b>		(9,365)	(4,415)	(4,784)
Impairment charge		-	-	(11,284)
<b>Operating loss after impairment</b>	5	(9,365)	(4,415)	(16,068)
Exchange gain/(loss)		940	(452)	288
Bank interest receivable		43	17	30
Profit on disposal of available for sale investments		779	451	463
Gain on derivative financial instruments	7	2,015	1,504	1,327
Net finance costs	8	144	(3,176)	(5,464)
Net expense		3,921	(1,656)	(3,356)
<b>Loss before tax</b>		(5,444)	(6,071)	(19,424)
Income tax credit	9	1,296	3,326	6,752
<b>Loss for the period</b>		(4,148)	(2,745)	(12,672)

### Loss per share

	Note	Year to 31 December 2017 US\$	Five months to 31 December 2016 US\$	Year to 31 December 2016 US\$
Basic loss per share	20	(0.008)	(0.007)	(0.032)
Diluted loss per share	20	(0.008)	(0.007)	(0.032)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**As at December 31, 2017**  
**(EXPRESSED IN US DOLLARS)**

	Note	31 December 2017 US\$'000	31 December 2016 US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Intangible assets	10	3,397	2,169
Mineral property	11	38,834	34,453

Property, plant and equipment	12	28,443	23,056
Available for sale investments	13	610	1,333
Deferred tax	9	13,851	11,545
Restricted cash	18	3,530	3,243
Total non-current assets		88,665	75,799
Inventory	14	2,467	2,496
Trade and other receivables	15	829	1,284
Derivative financial asset	16	1,830	756
Cash and cash equivalents	17	3,351	2,156
Total current assets		8,477	6,692
Total assets		97,142	82,491
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	19	8,061	6,374
Share premium	19	89,309	81,442
Share warrants reserve	19	859	2,089
Merger reserve	19	180	180
Translation reserve	19	(14,584)	(18,749)
Fair value reserve	19	86	476
Retained profits		(19,479)	(15,443)
Total equity		64,432	56,369
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	22	16,696	14,412
Provision	23	1,961	1,804
Total non-current liabilities		18,657	16,216
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	22	6,739	4,814
Trade and other payables	21	7,314	5,092
Total current liabilities		14,053	9,906
Total liabilities		32,710	26,122
Total equity and liabilities		97,142	82,491





## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**  
**(EXPRESSED IN US DOLLARS)**

	31 December 2017 \$'000	5 months to 31 December 2016 \$'000	Year to 31 December 2016 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Operating loss	(9,365)	(4,415)	(16,068)
Depreciation and amortisation	7,824	2,927	7,308
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(12)	(12)
Provision for impairment	-	-	11,268
Share based payments	112	33	45
Foreign exchange difference	(259)	(126)	(1,996)
Decrease/(increase) in inventory	29	(114)	(842)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	455	(685)	(81)
Decrease in derivative financial instruments	941	1,335	1,530
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,961	232	(200)
Cash generated from operations	1,698	(825)	952
Interest paid	(376)	(122)	(275)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	1,322	(947)	677
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received	43	17	30
Acquisition of bearer deposit note	-	-	(844)
Acquisition of subsidiary net of cash	-	-	(49)
Acquisition of evaluation and exploration assets	(1,020)	-	(197)
Acquisition of Mineral property - net	(5,277)	(1,673)	(3,766)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(4,103)	(1,676)	(2,974)
Disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	30	30
<b>Net cash utilised in investing activities</b>	(10,357)	(3,302)	(7,770)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Issue of share capital (note 19)	8,436	-	15,106
Share issue expenses	(112)	(13)	(909)
Disposal of available for sale investments	1,103	783	783
Loans received (note 22)	5,598	-	-
Repayment of Gold Loan (note 22)	(1,105)	(1,255)	(2,411)
Repayment of Loans	(1,137)	(913)	(2,093)
Capital element of finance lease payments	(2,593)	(866)	(2,365)
<b>Net cash utilised in financing activities</b>	10,190	(2,264)	8,111
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,155	(6,513)	1,018
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,156	8,929	1,166
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	40	(260)	(28)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	3,351	2,156	2,156

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