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## **Maxim Power Corp. Announces Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board Grants Permit for the No. 14 Mine Project**

**CALGARY, ALBERTA (December 2, 2009)** - Maxim Power Corp. ("MAXIM") announced today that following authorization of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board ("ERCB") granted Permit No. C 2009-6 to MAXIM's wholly-owned subsidiary, Milner Power Inc., to develop an underground coal mine in the Grande Cache area. The mine shall be known as the Milner Mine Site and will be designated as Mine No. 1814.

The Milner Mine Site is an underground coal mine to be located north of Grande Cache, Alberta and is estimated to contain 26 million tonnes (13 million recoverable tonnes) of high quality metallurgical coal (refer to technical report filed on SEDAR on May 22, 2005). MAXIM considers this resource to be valuable both as a potential fuel source for its existing HR Milner generating facility and its planned 500 MW expansion of the HR Milner generating facility, and for potential sale to international metallurgical coal markets.

The ERCB decision is the culmination of a three year process that involved extensive public consultation, engineering and the preparation and review of regulatory applications. Development engineering, geotechnical studies and mine plans have been completed and MAXIM is well positioned to advance this project.

### **About MAXIM**

Based in Calgary, Alberta, MAXIM is an independent power producer, which acquires or develops, owns and operates innovative and environmentally responsible power projects. MAXIM currently owns and operates 39 power plants in western Canada, United States and France, having 788 MW of electric and 137 MW of thermal net generating capacity. Approximately 80% of MAXIM's current portfolio is comprised of clean burning natural gas, high efficiency cogeneration, waste heat and landfill gas fuelled generation. MAXIM trades on the TSX under the symbol "MXG". For more information about MAXIM, visit our website at [www.maximpowercorp.com](http://www.maximpowercorp.com).

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