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Kodiak Copper Strengthens Board of Directors to Support Next Phase of Growth

February 19, 2026 – Vancouver, British Columbia – Kodiak Copper Corp. (the “**Company**” or “**Kodiak**”) (TSX-V: KDK, OTCQX: KDKCF, Frankfurt: 5DD1) announces the appointment of Mr. Tom Bruington to its Board of Directors, effective February 25, 2026. Mr Bruington is a mining engineer with broad experience in the evaluation, development and economic assessment of projects. Current director Mr. Chad Ulansky will step down from Kodiak’s Board after serving since 2016.

Claudia Tornquist, President and CEO of Kodiak said, “We are delighted to welcome Tom to Kodiak’s Board of Directors. His deep technical expertise and global copper porphyry experience will be invaluable as we advance our MPD copper-gold project through the next stages of development. Tom’s background aligns directly with Kodiak’s strategic priorities, and we look forward to benefiting from his insight and guidance.

On behalf of the Board and management team, I would like to sincerely thank Chad for his dedication, professionalism and contributions to Kodiak. Over many years Chad was instrumental in helping guide the Company to important milestones, including the recent maiden resource estimate for MPD. It has been a genuine pleasure working with Chad and I wish him continued success in his future endeavours.”

Mr. Bruington brings more than 45 years of diverse international minerals industry experience, having worked on projects in 67 countries. He most recently served as Executive Vice President – Project Evaluation at Sandstorm Gold Royalties until its recent acquisition by Royal Gold. Prior to that, he spent 12 years with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, where he held the position of Chief Engineer.

Mr. Bruington has extensive operational and development experience in large-scale copper systems. He has worked in the operations of major porphyry copper mines with Southern Peru Copper and was involved in the development and operation of the Ernest Henry copper mine in Queensland, Australia. His expertise spans geology, mining, mineral resource estimation, mineral processing, and economic evaluation.

He holds three degrees from the Colorado School of Mines: an M.Sc. in Mineral Economics, a B.Sc. in Mining Engineering, and a B.Sc. in Petroleum Engineering. Mr. Bruington is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Nevada, a Registered Member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME), and a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM).

On behalf of the Board of Directors
Kodiak Copper Corp.

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About Kodiak Copper Corp.

Kodiak is focused on advancing its copper porphyry projects in Canada and the USA, which host known mineral discoveries with the potential to hold large-scale deposits. Kodiak Copper's most advanced asset is the 100% owned MPD copper-gold porphyry project in the prolific Quesnel Terrane in south-central British Columbia, Canada, an established mining region with producing mines and excellent infrastructure. MPD exhibits all the hallmarks of a large, multi-centered porphyry district with the potential for future economic development. The initial Mineral Resource Estimate published in 2025 outlines seven substantial deposits and underscores the scale and potential of the project. All known deposits remain open to expansion, and numerous targets across the property have yet to be tested. Kodiak continues to systematically explore MPD's district-scale potential with the goal of delivering new discoveries and building further critical mass toward being the region's next mine.

Kodiak's founder and Chairman is Chris Taylor who is well-known for his gold discovery success with Great Bear Resources. Kodiak is also part of Discovery Group led by John Robins, one of the most successful mining entrepreneurs in Canada.

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