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## **Guardian Exploration Strengthens Advisory Board with Appointment of Eric Fier, Proven Builder of High-Grade Precious Metal Assets**

**Calgary, Alberta – May 1, 2026 – Guardian Exploration Inc. (TSXV: GX) (OTCQB: GXUSF) (Frankfurt: R6B) (“Guardian” or the “Company”)** is pleased to announce the strengthening of its Advisory Board with the appointment of Mr. Eric Fier, CPG, P.Eng as an Advisor.

*Graydon Kowal, President & Chief Executive Officer of Guardian, commented: “We are very pleased to welcome Eric to our Advisory Board. His exceptional track record of discovering, advancing, and monetizing high-quality precious metals assets, combined with his deep technical expertise and capital markets experience, will be invaluable as we advance our exploration and development strategy. Eric’s insight strengthens our ability to evaluate opportunities and execute on our goal of creating long-term shareholder value.”*

### **About Eric Fier**

Mr. Fier is a Certified Professional Geologist (USA) and Engineer (Canada) with over 35 years of international experience in the mining sector. He has a proven track record across the full mining lifecycle, with extensive expertise in exploration, project evaluation, resource and reserve estimation, economic analysis, project development, mine finance, and the successful delivery of projects on time and on budget through to production.

Mr. Fier currently serves as Chairman of Mako Mining Corp. and as Chief Executive Officer and Director of SilverCrest Resources Inc., and most recently served as a Director of Coeur Mining Inc. He founded SilverCrest Metals Inc. in 2015 and served as its Chief Executive Officer and Director until its acquisition by Coeur Mining Inc. in February 2025 for approximately US\$1.7 billion, which included the high-grade Las Chispas silver and gold mine in Mexico. Prior to that, Mr. Fier co-founded SilverCrest Mines Inc. in 2002, serving as CEO and Director until its acquisition by First Majestic Silver Corp. in 2015 for approximately C\$154 million, resulting in approximately 25% ownership in First Majestic.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Fier held senior technical and management roles, including Chief Geologist with Pegasus Gold Corp., Senior Engineer and Manager with Newmont Mining Corp., and Project Manager with Eldorado Gold Corp. He also worked as a senior engineer

with EBA Engineering, a division of Tetra Tech, across the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, including assisting the Nunavut government with expert technical reviews related to permitting the Meadowbank Mine.

Mr. Fier holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Geological Engineering and Mine Engineering from Montana Technological University.

**About Guardian Exploration Inc.**

Guardian Exploration Inc. is a TSXV-listed company (TSXV: GX) (OTCQB: GXUSF) (Frankfurt: R6B) engaged in mineral exploration and development. Guardian's portfolios include the Sundog Gold Project and Esker Gold Projects in Nunavut's Kivalliq Region, the Mount Cameron Ag-Zn-Pb Project in Yukon's Mayo Mining District, and the Kaigani Gold Project in Southeast Alaska.

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**On Behalf of the Board of Guardian Exploration Inc.**

"Graydon Kowal"

Graydon Kowal  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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