



NEWS RELEASE

Search Acknowledges JEA Grant from Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Provides 2017 Exploration Update

Vancouver, B.C. May 9, 2017 – Search Minerals Inc. (TSXV: SMY) (“Search” or the “Company”) is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a grant of \$47,245.78 from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador towards exploration work completed in 2016 on the Company’s Critical Rare Earth Element claims located near the communities of Port Hope Simpson and St. Lewis in Southeastern Labrador.

“Search is very appreciative of the non-repayable Junior Exploration Assistance Program offered by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador which enabled us to hire local personnel and continue to explore and advance the Port Hope Simpson Critical Rare Earth Element District (“the District”) in 2016. The Company controls a belt 70 km long and 8 km wide and there are still 20 showings within this belt to be further assessed. During the 2016 field season, our geologists were able to define ‘Fox Meadow’ as the third significant discovery in the District, (*Search Minerals news release dated August 30, 2016 - Search Minerals completes 2016 exploration program and Search Minerals news release dated November 3, 2016 - Search Minerals Announces Fox Meadow Channel Assays*) The JEA Program and the support of the Department of Natural Resources has played an important role for Search and has enabled us to continue to explore our District in Newfoundland and Labrador and we truly appreciate that support,” stated Greg Andrews, President and CEO of Search Minerals.

Search Minerals is planning to continue its systematic assessment of the District with a view to drill the Deep Fox prospect (formerly Deepwater Fox) during the 2017 field season. The Company has submitted a letter of intent to the JEA Program for 2017 regarding the Deep Fox Drilling Program. The proposed drill program could allow Search to receive the maximum allowable assistance amount of \$225,000 under the program.

About Search Minerals Inc.

Led by a proven management team and board of directors, Search is focused on finding and developing resources within the emerging Port Hope Simpson Critical Rare Earth Element (CREE) District of SE Labrador. The Company controls a belt 70 km long and 8 km wide including its 100% interest in the FOXTROT Project which is road accessible and at tidewater. Exploration efforts have advanced “Deepwater Fox” and “Fox Meadow” as significant new CREE prospects very similar and in close proximity to the original FOXTROT discovery. While the Company has identified more than 20 other prospects in the District, its primary objective remains development of FOXTROT by confirming proprietary processing technology at the pilot plant level (in progress) and delineation of prospects that will ensure competitive-low cost production beyond the 14-year mine life contemplated in the Preliminary Economic Assessment of FOXTROT completed in April 2016. The FOXTROT Project has a low capital cost to bring the initial project into production (\$152 M), a short payback period and is scalable due to Search’s proprietary processing technology.

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About neo-CREOs (Adamas Intelligence – December 2016)

We consider neodymium, praseodymium, and dysprosium to be neo-CREOs because there is a high probability they will be in short supply by 2025, and they are vital to NdFeB magnets used widely in renewable power generation, electric mobility, and energy-efficient technologies. We consider terbium to be a neo-CREO because upon experiencing shortages of dysprosium, consumers in the magnet industry will rapidly consume available terbium supplies in its place for applications involving renewable power generation, electric mobility and energy efficient technologies. Lanthanum is considered a neo-CREO because there is a high probability it will be in short supply by 2025 and because it is widely used in catalytic converters and rechargeable batteries, and will be increasingly used as a thermal stabilizer by producers of poly-vinyl chloride (PVC) to minimize lead consumption and improve the energy efficiency of PVC and other processing equipment.

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