



Search Minerals Announces \$1,750,000 Non-Brokered Private Placement

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Feb. 16, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Search Minerals Inc. ("Search" or the "Company") (TSXV: "SMY")** is pleased to announce that the Company is conducting a non-brokered private placement of up to 25,000,000 units of the Company (the "**Units**") at a price of \$0.07 per Unit for maximum gross proceeds of up to \$1,750,000 (the "**Offering**"). All funds raised in connection with the Offering will be used for general working capital.

Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company (each, a "**Share**") and one-half of one transferable common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "**Warrant**"). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one additional Share at an exercise price of \$0.10 per Share for a period of 12 months from the date of issue, provided that if the closing price of the Shares on the TSX Venture Exchange is at a price greater than \$0.14 for a period of twenty consecutive trading days, the Company will have the right to accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants by giving written notice to the holders of the Warrants that the Warrants will expire on the date that is not less than 30 days from the date of such notice.

The Offering is expected to close on or before March 15, 2021 and is subject to a number of conditions, including receipt of all necessary corporate and regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. All securities issued in connection with the Offering will be subject to a four-month hold period under applicable securities legislation. The Company may pay finder's fees in connection with the Offering.

Certain insiders of the Company may participate in the Offering. The participation of Insiders in the Offering will constitute a "related party transaction" within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("**MI 61-101**"). The Company anticipates relying on the exemptions from the formal valuation and minority approval requirements in Sections 5.5.(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101, on the basis that the fair market value of the transactions does not exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization.

About Search Minerals Inc.

Led by a proven management team and board of directors, Search is focused on finding and developing Critical Rare Earths Elements (CREE), Zirconium (Zr) and Hafnium (Hf) resources within the emerging Port Hope Simpson – St. Lewis CREE District of South East Labrador. The Company controls a belt 63 km long and 2 km wide and is road accessible, on tidewater, and located within 3 local communities. Search has completed a preliminary economic assessment report for **FOXTROT**, and a resource estimate for **DEEP FOX**. Search is also working on three exploration prospects along the belt which include: **FOX MEADOW**, **SILVER FOX** and **AWESOME FOX**.

Search has continued to optimize our patented Direct Extraction Process technology with the generous support from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, ("**InnovateNL**") and from the Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency ("**ACOA**"). We have completed two pilot plant operations and produced highly purified mixed rare earth carbonate concentrate and mixed REO concentrate for separation and refining.

All material information on the Company may be found on its website at www.searchminerals.ca and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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Company will be able to use the proceeds from the Offering as anticipated, required fundraising will be completed, as well as the other assumptions disclosed in this news release and that the risks described above will not materialize. The Company expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by applicable securities legislation.