



Search Closes First Tranche of Private Placement and Announces Shares for Debt Transaction

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan. 10, 2019 -- **Search Minerals Inc. (TSXV: SMY)** ("**Search**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce the closing of the first tranche of its previously announced private placement. Further to its news release dated December 11, 2018 the Company has completed the first tranche of its non-brokered private placement (the "**Offering**") raising gross proceeds of \$100,000 by the issuance of 2,000,000 flow-through units (the "**Units**") at \$0.05 per Unit. Each flow-through unit comprised of a flow-through Common Share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant, with each whole common share purchase warrant entitling the holder to purchase an additional common share at a price of \$0.06 for a period of 24 months from the closing of the Offering.

All Shares issued pursuant to the Offering are subject to a statutory hold period of four months plus one day from the date of issuance, in accordance with applicable securities legislation.

The Company will use the proceeds of the Offering to incur Canadian exploration expenses as defined in the Income Tax Act on the Deep Fox and other company's properties.

Closing of the Offering is subject to a number of conditions, including receipt of all necessary corporate and regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Shares for debt transaction

The Company has negotiated certain amendments to the Exploration Activity Agreement between the Company and NunatuKavut Community Council Inc. ("**NCC**") dated August 22, 2012 (the "**Agreement**"). Under the terms of the amending agreement, NCC has agreed to accept 500,000 units of the Company (the "**Units**") at a deemed issue price of \$0.05 per Unit in settlement of payments owing to NCC under the Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 (the "**Debt**"). Each Unit will consist of one common share of the Company (a "**Share**") and one common share purchase warrant of the Company (a "**Warrant**"). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one additional Share (a "**Warrant Share**") at a price of \$0.06 per Warrant Share for a period of 24 months.

The Units will be issued concurrently with an additional 50,000 Shares due for issue under the original terms of the Agreement (the "**Agreement Shares**").

The Company decided to settle the Debt with Units in order to preserve its remaining cash for operations and the settlement of other obligations.

The issuance of the Units and the Agreement Shares to NCC is subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. All securities issued will be subject to a four month hold period which will expire on the date that is four months and one day from the date of issue.

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 South East Labrador (the "**District**"). 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 "Deep Fox" and "Fox Meadow" as significant new CREE prospects very similar to 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. The delineation of additional resources will ensure competitive-low cost production beyond the 14-year mine life outlined in the FOXTROT PEA (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.

The preliminary economic assessment is preliminary in nature and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized. The preliminary economic assessment includes the results of an economic analysis of mineral resources. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.

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

About neo-CREOs (Adamas Intelligence – November 2017)

We consider neodymium, praseodymium, and dysprosium to be neo-CREOs 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 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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