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SEARCH MINERALS ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF SECOND TRANCHE OF NON-BROKERED FINANCINGS

VANCOUVER, March 1, 2011 – Search Minerals Inc. (“**Search**” or the “**Company**”) (TSXV: SMY) is pleased to announce that, further to its news releases issued on December 10, 2010 and January 7, 2011, it closed on February 25, 2011 the second tranche of its non-brokered private placement of 13,611,112 units (the “**Units**”) at a price of \$0.45 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$6,125,000.40 (the “**Second Tranche**”). Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company and one transferable common share purchase warrant of the Company (a “**Warrant**”). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire an additional common share of the Company until February 25, 2014 at a price of \$0.70 per share during the first year, \$0.80 during the second year and \$0.90 during the third year.

All securities issued pursuant to the Second Tranche are subject to a hold period expiring on June 26, 2011. No finders fees or commissions are payable in connection with the Second Tranche. The Second Tranche remains subject to final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

The proceeds from the Second Tranche will be used to finance the continued exploration of its properties located in the Port Hope Simpson district, Labrador, and for general working capital purposes.

The Company also announces that it has granted incentive stock options to two nominee consultants of Repalla Inc. and Sercor Ltd., both of which subscribed for Units in the Second Tranche, for an aggregate of 875,000 common shares of the Company for a period of five years at a price of \$0.60 per share. These options have been granted pursuant to the Company’s Stock Option Plan.

A third and final tranche of the private placement pursuant to which the Company anticipates issuing an additional 3,888,888 units for additional proceeds of \$1,749,999.60 is expected to close later this week.

About Search Minerals Inc.

Search Minerals Inc (TSX-V SMY) has a strong and dedicated management team with outstanding capabilities in separate but related mining activities, any of which has the potential to generate significant shareholder value. Search’s mineral exploration team is led by Vice President Exploration Dr. Randy Miller. Dr. Miller is responsible for directing the current exploration programs on Search’s large land position in Labrador. Search also has a technology arm headed up by Dr. David Dreisinger, Chair of Hydrometallurgy at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, and a consultant to several major international mining companies. Search’s business strategy is to fund new ideas or concepts in the mineral exploration or metallurgical fields that have low initial costs and high potential.

