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\$500,000 FINANCING CLOSED

Empire Rock Minerals Inc. ("Empire") is pleased to announce that it has closed its non-brokered private placement financing of \$500,000 comprised of 10,000,000 units at \$0.05 per unit. Each unit consists of one common share and one five-year transferable warrant entitling the holder to purchase one additional share at a price of \$0.08 per share during the first two years and at a price of \$0.30 per share thereafter. 5,100,000 units were issued on a flow-through basis. The flow-through shares comprising the flow-through units and flow-through shares issuable upon exercise of the warrants comprising the flow-through units will entitle holders to receive tax benefits applicable to flow-through shares in accordance with provisions of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Proceeds of the financing will be used for exploration and development of Empire's Alberta lithium properties, the Buck Lake platinum palladium nickel project and the Graphite West project, and for general working capital. The terms of the financing have been accepted for filing by the TSX Venture Exchange. The units are restricted from trading until May 1, 2017.

The subscription by an insider of Empire, for 200,000 units or \$10,000, comprising 2% of the total amount raised, constitutes a related party transaction within the meaning of TSX Venture Exchange Policy 5.9 and Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("MI 61-101"). Empire is relying on the exemptions contained in sections 5.5(a) and section 5.7(1)(a) as the fair market value of the participation in the private placement by the insider does not exceed 25 per cent of the market capitalization of Empire, as determined in accordance with MI 61-101. Empire's board of directors and specifically the other independent member of the board carefully reviewed and approved the private placement subscription by the insider. Empire did not file a material change report in respect of the related party transaction at least 21 days before closing of the private placement as the date of closing was not previously known.

Empire is a Canadian exploration and development company focused on the emerging green energy sector. Empire also owns a 100% interest in the Buck Lake platinum, palladium, nickel discovery located 25 km west of the Lac des Iles mine at Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada; an interest in the Graphite West Project - a prospective hydrothermal graphite exploration target located immediately west of Zenyatta Ventures Ltd.'s Albany hydrothermal graphite deposit; and an interest in the Gwyn Lake gold property in Ontario. Empire's common shares are listed and called for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange with the trading symbol "EPR".

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The TSX Venture Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or the accuracy of this release. Cautionary Note to US Investors: This news release may contain information about adjacent properties on which we have no right to explore or mine. We advise U.S. investors that the SEC's mining guidelines strictly prohibit information of this type in documents filed with the SEC. U.S. investors are cautioned that mineral deposits on adjacent properties are not indicative of mineral deposits on our properties. This news release may contain forward-looking statements including but not limited to comments regarding the timing and content of upcoming work programs, geological interpretations, receipt of property titles, potential mineral recovery processes, etc. Forward-looking statements address future events and conditions and therefore involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements.