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NEWS RELEASE

Empire Rock Minerals Inc. (“Empire Rock”)(**TSX.V-EPR**) is pleased to announce that, pursuant to the terms of the option agreement between Empire Rock and Bluenose Gold Corp. with respect to the Graphite West Project located in the Porcupine Mining Division, Ontario, Canada, Empire Rock has issued a further 300,000 common shares in its capital to Bluenose Gold Corp. The shares are restricted from trading until June 13, 2016.

Empire Rock is a Canadian exploration and development company whose principal assets are the Buck Lake platinum, palladium, nickel project situated 25 kilometers west of North American Palladium Corp.’s Lac des Iles mine near Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. Empire Rock also holds an interest in the Graphite West Project which is considered to be highly prospective for hydrothermal graphite and is located immediately west of Zenyatta Ventures Ltd.’s Albany hydrothermal graphite project and has an interest in the Gwyn Lake gold prospect in Northwestern 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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