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OPTIONS GRANTED; NAME CHANGE PROPOSED

Empire Rock Minerals Inc. announces the grant of a total of 1,500,000 stock options to an officer and to a consultant of the Company, exercisable at \$0.10 per share, for a two-year term. The options are granted pursuant to the Company's stock option plan and will be subject to applicable regulatory hold periods.

The Company also announces that it will be changing its name to Empire Metals Corp., subject to acceptance for filing by the TSX Venture Exchange.

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