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EMPIRE METALS ADDS TO BUCK LAKE MINERAL PROPERTY

Empire Metals Corp. ("Empire") is pleased to announce it has agreed to acquire a 100% interest in 50 mineral claims (the "North Buck Property") in the Tib Lake area in the Thunder Bay Mining Division, Ontario, Canada.

The North Buck Property is situated near Empire's Buck Lake Platinum, Palladium and Nickel project where Empire is exploring for platinum, palladium and nickel mineralization in a mafic/ultramafic intrusive body, and also near the NAP and Jordain Claims on which Empire has an option to acquire a 100% interest. Empire's Buck Lake Project is located 25km west of North American Palladium Ltd.'s "Lac Des Iles Mine" in northwestern Ontario, Canada.

The North Buck Property is being acquired from Ontario prospector William Richmond for \$7,500 and 35,000 common shares of Empire, subject to a 1.5% net smelter returns royalty. The purchase is subject to acceptance for filing by the TSX Venture Exchange.

The technical content of this news release was reviewed and approved by Dr. Bohumil (Boris) Molak, PhD, P.Geo, the Qualified Person for this project as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

Empire is a Canadian exploration and development company focused on the emerging green energy sector. Empire also has interests in the Fox Creek Lithium project in Alberta, as well the Graphite West Project, a prospective hydrothermal graphite exploration target located immediately west of Zenyatta Ventures Ltd.'s Albany hydrothermal graphite deposit, and the Gwyn Lake gold property in Ontario.

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