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EMPIRE MOURNS RAY ROLAND

Empire Metals Corp. (“Empire”) (TSX.V-EP) – With heavy hearts Empire’s family announces that Empire’s former President, CEO and director Raymond (Ray) Roland has passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on July 14, 2025. Ray was a long-time cherished supporter of Empire, including as President, CEO, director, investor and manager. Prior to joining Empire Ray was Senior Manager, Financial Institution Banking, Western Canada, for Canada’s largest bank, the Royal Bank of Canada. Ray’s wisdom, enthusiasm, dedication, integrity and positive attitude made the world a better place.

In honour of Ray’s exceptional legacy and contributions, the Board of Directors of Empire has resolved to change Empire’s name to “Roland Mineral Enterprises Corp.”, on Exchange approval.

Empire is a Canadian mineral resource exploration and development company with gold exploration projects in the Yukon Territory and the historic Beardmore-Geraldton greenstone gold belt in Ontario, ownership of the Buck Lake platinum, palladium, nickel and gold project near the Lac Des Iles platinum, palladium mine in Ontario, and the controlling interest in the Fox Creek lithium brine project in Alberta.

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