



Giyani Announces Grant of Stock Options and Corporate Update

TORONTO, Jan. 7, 2026 /CNW/ - Giyani Metals Corp. (TSXV: EMM) (GR: A2DUU8) ("**Giyani**" or the "**Company**"), developer of the K.Hill Battery-Grade Manganese Project in Botswana ("**K.Hill**" or "**the Project**"), announces that 10,650,000 stock options (each an "**Option**") have been granted on January 6, 2026 to certain directors, officers, consultants and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries in accordance with the Company's Stock Option Plan.

Each Option is exercisable into one common share of the Company (each, a "**Share**") at a price of \$0.08 per Share for a period of five years from the Grant Date, subject to approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. The Options granted to directors of the Company and its subsidiaries vest immediately and the remainder will vest one-third immediately and a further one-third on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of the grant. Of the total Option grant, 5,050,000 Options have been granted to officers, 3,700,000 Options have been granted to consultants and employees, and 1,900,000 Options have been granted to directors of the Company.

A portion of the options granted were issued to directors and officers of the Company and therefore constitute "related party transactions" within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions*. The Company is relying on the exemptions from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 on the basis that the fair market value of the options granted to related parties does not exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization.

In addition, Sean Thijsse was promoted to Chief Development Officer from Vice President - Corporate Development.

About Giyani

Giyani is focused on becoming the preferred western-world producer of sustainable, low-carbon high-purity battery-grade manganese for the EV and ESS industry. The Company has developed a bespoke hydrometallurgical process to produce battery-grade manganese products, for cathode precursor materials, critical for EVs and ESS.

Additional information and corporate documents may be found on www.sedarplus.ca and on Giyani Metals Corp. website at <https://giyanimetals.com/>.

On behalf of Giyani Metals Corp.
Nigel Robinson, Interim Executive Chair

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Forward-Looking Information

This news release contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian

securities legislation. All statements in this news release, other than statements of historical fact, that address events or developments that Giyani expects to occur, are "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expects", "does not expect", "plans", "anticipates", "does not anticipate", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "projects", "potential", "scheduled", "forecast", "budget" and similar expressions, or that events or conditions "will", "would", "may", "could", "should" or "might" occur.

All such forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of the relevant management as of the date such statements are made and are subject to certain assumptions, important risk factors and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Giyani's ability to control or predict including the approvals by the TSXV. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In the case of Giyani, these facts include anticipated operations in future periods, planned construction and development of its properties and facilities, and plans related to its business and other matters that may occur in the future. This information relates to analyses and other information that is based on expectations of future performance and planned work programs.

Forward-looking information is subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual events or results to differ from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking information, including, without limitation: inherent exploration hazards and risks; risks related to exploration and development of natural resource properties; uncertainty in Giyani's ability to obtain funding; commodity price fluctuations; recent market events and conditions; risks related to governmental regulations; risks related to obtaining necessary licences and permits; risks related to Giyani's business being subject to environmental laws and regulations; risks related to the Company's mineral properties being subject to prior unregistered agreements, transfers, or claims and other defects in title; risks relating to competition from larger companies with greater financial and technical resources; risks relating to the inability to meet financial obligations under agreements to which they are a party; ability to recruit and retain qualified personnel; and risks related to the Company's directors and officers becoming associated with other natural resource companies which may give rise to conflicts of interests. This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect Giyani's forward-looking information. Should one or more of these risks and uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in the forward-looking information or statements.

Giyani's forward-looking information is based on the reasonable beliefs, expectations and opinions of the Company's respective management on the date the statements are made, and Giyani does not assume any obligation to update forward looking information if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions change, except as required by law. For the reasons set forth above, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. For a complete discussion with respect to Giyani and risks associated with forward-looking information and forward-looking statements, please refer to Giyani's continuous disclosure documents which are filed on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

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