



Zenyatta Ventures Ltd. Announces Closing of a First Tranche C\$463,500 Non-Brokered Private Placement

THUNDER BAY, Ontario, Dec. 19, 2017 -- Zenyatta Ventures Ltd. ("**Zenyatta**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV:ZEN) is pleased to announce that it has completed a first tranche non-brokered private placement financing for 713,077 units ("**Unit**") at a price of C\$0.65 per Unit, for aggregate gross proceeds of C\$463,500 (the "**Offering**"). Each Unit consisted of one common share ("**Common Share**") in the capital stock of the Company and one-half (½) of one common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "**Warrant**"). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one Common Share at a price of C\$1.00 until the date which is twenty-four (24) months following the closing date of the Offering, whereupon the Warrants will expire.

The securities issued pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a four month and one day statutory hold period. Zenyatta intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering for business development and general working capital purposes.

A cash finder's fee in the aggregate amount of C\$7,553 representing 7% of the total proceeds raised by finders pursuant to the Offering was paid. A total of 11,620 finder's warrants ("**Finder Warrant**") were issued as part of finder fees in connection with the involvement of finders in the Offering. Each Finder Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one Common Share at a price of C\$1.00 until the date which is twenty-four (24) months following the closing date of the Offering, whereupon the Finder Warrants will expire.

Related Party Transaction

Mr. Brett Richards ("**Mr. Richards**") and Mr. Brian Davey ("**Mr. Davey**"), directors of the Company, participated in the Offering and are therefore related parties ("**Related Parties**"). Mr. Richards purchased 38,461 Units for proceeds to the Company of C\$25,000, and Mr. Davey purchased 16,000 Units for proceeds to the Company of C\$10,400.

The participation in the Offering by the Related Parties constitutes a "related party transaction" as such terms are defined by Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("MI 61-101"), requiring the Company, in the absence of exemptions, to obtain a formal valuation for, and minority shareholder approval of, the "related party transaction." The Company is relying on an exemption from the formal valuation requirements of MI 61-101 available because no securities of Zenyatta are listed on specified markets, including the TSX, the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ or any stock exchange outside of Canada and the United States other than the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange or the PLUS markets operated by PLUS Markets Group plc. Zenyatta is also relying on the exemption from minority shareholder approval requirements set out in MI 61-101 as the fair market value of the participation in the Offering by the Related Parties does not exceed 25% of the market capitalization of Zenyatta, as determined in accordance with MI 61-101.

About Zenyatta

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costs varying significantly from estimates and the other risks involved in the mineral exploration and development industry; and those risks set out in Zenyatta's public documents filed on SEDAR. This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of Zenyatta's forward-looking statements. These and other factors should be considered carefully and readers should not place undue reliance on Zenyatta's forward-looking statements. Although Zenyatta believes that the assumptions and factors used in preparing the forward-looking information in this news release are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on such information, which only applies as of the date of this news release, and no assurance can be given that such events will occur in the disclosed time frames or at all. Zenyatta disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, other than as required by law.