

Zenyatta Announces Closing of Flow-Through Financing and Shares for Debt

Thunder Bay, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - December 21, 2018) - Zenyatta Ventures Ltd. (TSXV: ZEN) ("Zenyatta", "ZEN" or the "Company") is pleased to announce closing of its previously announced private placement of flow-through common shares of the Company (the "Offering"). The Company raised \$3,000,000 in respect of the Offering, which will be used to fund bulk sampling, environmental assessment and community engagement work on the Company's Albany Graphite Project.

The Offering consisted of the issuance of 7,500,000 flow-through common shares at a price of \$0.40 per flow-through common share, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$3,000,000. Finders fees in an aggregate amount of \$141,300 were paid by the Company in connection to the Offering.

Certain insiders of the Issuer participated in the Offering. Such participation represents a related-party transaction under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"), but the transaction is exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 as neither the fair market value of the subject matter of the transaction, nor the consideration paid, exceed 25% of the Issuer's market capitalization. The Offering was approved by all of the independent directors of the Company.

The flow-through common shares issued in connection with the Offering will be subject to a hold period until April 22, 2019 in accordance with applicable securities laws.

Shares for Debt Agreements

ZEN is also pleased to announce the closing of its previously announced shares for debt transactions with various individual and trade creditors of the Company. The Company issued 151,209 common shares to certain individual creditors at a deemed price of \$0.55 per common share in settlement of the aforementioned amount. The Company also issued 477,753 common shares to certain trade creditors at a deemed price of \$0.45 per common share in settlement of the aforementioned amount.

The common shares issued in connection with the shares for debt transactions will be subject to a hold period until April 22, 2019 in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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To find out more on Zenyatta Ventures Ltd., please visit our website at www.ZENGraphene.com. A copy of this press release and all material documents in respect of the Company may be obtained on Zenyatta's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.ca.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT: ZEN has completed a Preliminary Economic Assessment regarding the Albany Project (the "PEA") in support of its development work (see Zenyatta press release of 1 June 2015). The PEA is preliminary in nature, it includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the PEA will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Without a formal independent feasibility study, there is no assurance that operations will be economically viable.

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