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MACARTHUR MINERALS CLOSES TRANCHE 1 OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT FOR \$1.8 MILLION

Macarthur Minerals Limited (TSX-V: MMS) (the "Company" or "Macarthur Minerals") is pleased to announce receipt of subscriptions for \$1.8 million for closing of the Tranche 1 of the non-brokered private placement for a total of \$2.5 million (the "Offering") as announced on July 7, 2017.

Macarthur Australia Limited ("Macarthur Australia") seed shareholders and some applicants for the withdrawn Initial Public Offering of Macarthur Australia subscribed for 34,907,783 units (each, a "Unit") at a price of \$0.05 per Unit under Tranche 1, for total subscriptions of \$1,745,389. The Company intends to close Tranche 2 of the Offering as soon as practicable.

Each Unit is comprised of one common share in the capital of the Company and one whole warrant to acquire a common share at an exercise price of \$0.06 per common share exercisable until February 16, 2018.

Upon closing of Tranche 1, the Company will hold 99.7% interest in Macarthur Australia, which holds the iron ore and lithium Projects in Western Australia. The Company intends to buy-back the remaining shares in Macarthur Australia representing 0.3% as part of Tranche 2 to return it to a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

The net proceeds from the Offering will be used for working capital purposes. All securities issued pursuant to Tranche 1, including the common shares underlying the warrants, are subject to a statutory 4 month hold period which will expire on November 26, 2017.

Following closing of Tranche 1 of the Offering, Macarthur Minerals will have 183,208,756 common shares and 34,907,783 warrants issued and outstanding.

The closing of the Offering is subject to final approval from the TSX Venture Exchange.

In connection with the Offering, the Company may pay finder's fees up to 8% of the gross proceeds of the Offering.

ABOUT MACARTHUR MINERALS LIMITED (TSX-V: MMS)

Macarthur Minerals Limited is an exploration and development company that is focused on developing its lithium exploration interests in Australia and Nevada. Macarthur Minerals is the majority shareholder of Macarthur Australia Limited, which owns significant iron ore and lithium projects in Western Australia.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, MACARTHUR MINERALS LIMITED

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