

NEWS RELEASE

SEARCH ANNOUNCES NON-BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Vancouver, B.C. September 13, 2016 – Search Minerals Inc. (TSXV: SMY) ("Search" or the "Company") announces a non-brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") offering 8,000,000 units (the "Units") at \$0.07 per Unit for gross proceeds of CDN \$560,000. Each Unit will consist of one (1) common share in the capital of the Company and one share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one (1) additional common share in the capital of the Company (a "Warrant Share") at a price of \$0.14 per Warrant Share for a period of twelve (12) months from the closing of the Private Placement.

The Company will use the proceeds from the Private Placement to complete environmental assessment applications; and for general working capital requirements.

Greg Andrews, President and CEO states: "These last few months have been extremely busy for Search as we updated our preliminary economic assessment, initiated the development and testing of our pilot plant, concluded another successful exploration season and continued to advance discussions with potential strategic partners for development of the FOXTROT Project. In the coming months, we look forward to receiving critical engineering data, a mixed rare earth concentrate and other valuable information from the \$1.9M pilot plant, which was made possible with the support of \$1.25M co-funding from Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the Research and Development Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador. This information will be instrumental with respect to negotiating terms with potential strategic partners and /or offtake agreements."

Closing of the Private Placement is subject to a number of conditions, including receipt of all necessary corporate and regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. No finder's fees or commissions are payable in connection with the financing.

About Search Minerals Inc.

Led by a proven management team and board of directors, Search is focused on finding and developing resources within the emerging Port Hope Simpson Critical Rare Earth Element (CREE) District of SE Labrador. The Company controls a belt 70 km long and 8 km wide including its 100% interest in the FOXTROT Project which is road accessible and at tidewater. Exploration efforts have advanced "Deepwater Fox" and "Fox Meadow" as significant new CREE prospects very similar and in close proximity to the FOXTROT discovery. While the Company has identified more than 20 other prospects in the District, its primary objective remains development of FOXTROT by confirming proprietary processing technology at the pilot plant level (in progress) and delineation of prospects that will ensure competitive-low cost production beyond the 14-year mine life contemplated in the preliminary economic assessment of FOXTROT completed in April 2016. The FOXTROT Project has a low capital cost to bring the initial project into production (\$152 M), a short payback period, and is scalable due to Search's proprietary processing technology.

All material information on the Company may be found on its website at www.searchminerals.ca and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com



About CREE's

Identified as Neodymium (Nd), Europium (Eu), Terbium (Tb), Dysprosium (Dy) and Yttrium (Y) this valuable subset of the complete series of seventeen rare earth elements is considered critical due to high demand and/or constrained domestic supply. Containing unique properties which enhance the performance of a range of innovative technologies, CREE's are essential components in the development of permanent magnets and a variety of other components used in renewable energy, green technology automobiles, medical devices, electronics and agricultural production.

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This news release includes certain "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" (collectively "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable Canadian and United States securities legislation including the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein, without limitation, statements relating the future operating or financial performance of the Company, are forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are frequently, but not always, identified by words such as "expects", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "potential", "possible", and similar expressions, or statements that events, conditions, or results "will", "may", "could", or "should" occur or be achieved. Forward-looking statements in this news release relate to, among other things completion of the Private Placement and the Consolidation. Actual future results may differ materially. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Forward-looking statements reflect the beliefs, opinions and projections on the date the statements are made and are based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that, while considered reasonable by the respective parties, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Many factors, both known and unknown, could cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the results, performance or achievements that are or may be expressed or implied by such forwardlooking statements and the parties have made assumptions and estimates based on or related to many of these factors. Such factors include, without limitation, the risk that the Company is not able to find suitable investors for the Private Placement or does not receive the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange or the shareholders of Edgewater. Readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements and information contained in this news release concerning these times. Except as required by law, Edgewater does not assume any obligation to update the forward-looking statements of beliefs, opinions, projections, or other factors, should they change, except as required by law.