



Core Critical Metals Announces Completion of Shares for Debt Transaction

Vancouver, British Columbia / January 15, 2026— Core Critical Metals Corp. (“CCMC” or the “Company”) (TSXV: XND), a North American mineral acquisition and exploration company, announces that, further to its news release of October 10, 2025, it has issued 1,240,310 common shares in the capital of the Company (the “Shares”) to the vendors of a property option agreement (the “Property Agreement”) at a deemed price of \$0.3225 per Share to settle \$400,000 in exploration expenditure debt owing pursuant to the Property Agreement for the CNC West Property (the “Debt Settlement”).

The Debt Settlement is subject to the final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. The Shares are subject to a four-month hold period pursuant to securities laws in Canada.

About Core Critical Metals Corp.

Core Critical Metals Corp. is a North American mineral acquisition and exploration company focused on the development of quality critical metal properties with high-upside and expansion potential.

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The Company is presently an exploration stage company. Exploration is highly speculative in nature, involves many risks, requires substantial expenditures, and may not result in the discovery of mineral deposits that can be mined profitably. Furthermore, the Company currently has no reserves on any of its properties. As a result, there can be no assurance that such forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.