

Sudbury, Ontario (FSCwire) - [Houston Lake Mining Inc.](http://www.houstonlakemining.com) (TSX.V: HLM) ("HLM" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Bruce C. Barker, LLB to the board of directors of the Company.

Mr. Barker is a partner of Bennett Jones LLP, a leading Canadian law firm. Mr. Barker practices corporate law, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, banking and corporate finance, and recently co-chaired the firm's Corporate Department. Mr. Barker has represented institutional lenders and investors of all types, including the major Canadian banks, many of the United States and European money center banks, bond holders, hedge funds and a global American financial services company. *Lexpert* included him among the Top 100 Creative Lawyers in Canada.

Mr. Barker is chairman of Bay-Front Associates, an inter-disciplinary partnership that develops efficient solutions for domestic and cross-border financing, inter- company funding and repatriation of profits. Mr. Barker is a member of the advisory council of the Morissette Institute for Entrepreneurship, Richard Ivey School of Business. He is a past member of the editorial board of the *Banking and Finance Law Journal* and was an instructor in the Master of Laws program at Osgoode Hall Law School where he taught international banking and finance law.

Commenting on Mr. Barker's appointment, Rick Walker, HLM's Chairman, said: "I am delighted to welcome Bruce to HLM. His perspective, experience and reputation will be a valuable addition to our board."

The Company also announces that it has granted 850,000 stock options. The options are set for a period of five years, expiring on December 3, 2020. The options are priced at \$.145 and are subject to regulatory approval.

About Houston Lake Mining Inc.

HLM's goal is to become a fully integrated lithium and tantalum producer through the development of the PAK Lithium Project in Ontario, Canada. The Company's strategy is to take advantage of the global shift towards electric/hybrid vehicles and high quality consumer electronics by becoming a raw material supplier of the elements required for the pursuit of sustainable energy and other applications in high-tech electronics and metal alloys.

HLM has a total of 108,757,748 common shares issued and outstanding. For additional information, please visit www.houstonlakemining.com.

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