

# Operating Subsidiary of True North Gems Initiates Voluntary Bankruptcy Proceedings

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VANCOUVER, Sep 7, 2016 - [True North Gems Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE:TXG) ("True North" or the "Company") announces that True North Gems Greenland A/S ("TNGG"), the Company's operating subsidiary in Greenland, has initiated voluntary bankruptcy proceedings under the Bankruptcy Act in Greenland. TNGG's main asset is the Aappaluttoq Ruby and Pink Sapphire deposit and mine in S.W Greenland. The Company owns 76% of the outstanding shares of TNGG, LNS Denmark APS (together with its affiliates, the "LNS Group") owns 17% of the outstanding shares of TNGG, and Greenland Venture A/S ("Greenland Venture") owns 7% of the outstanding shares of TNGG.

True North management have worked relentlessly over the last year with various financing groups in an attempt to secure the necessary funding. The Company has also been in negotiation with the other major creditors and interested parties of TNGG to enable TNGG to continue operations. These initiatives have proved unsuccessful and TNGG was unable to re-capitalise in sufficient time to meet its September 2016 expenses. Therefore the board of TNGG instructed TNGG management to initiate proceedings for voluntary bankruptcy.

The Greenlandic Court has appointed Trustees who will administrate on behalf of TNGG regarding the Aappaluttoq Mine and the associated mine license and assets. The Trustees will inform TNGG's creditors about any proposed material actions respecting TNGG or its assets. True North is TNGG's largest creditor, the LNS Group is TNGG's second largest creditor and Greenland Venture is the third largest creditor.

True North continues to hold a 100% interest in its Baffin Island Property located on southeastern Baffin Island, Nunavut, which has a carrying value of \$903,625 in the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2016. The Company may also seek to acquire an interest in a new mineral property or properties. True North's board of directors remains intact, and the Company will hold its annual general meeting of shareholders on September 23, 2016, as described in the Company's management information circular for the AGM, which is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

True North will provide further updates respecting the Company and respecting the TNGG bankruptcy as information becomes available.

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