## Benton Files for Exchange Approval for Non-Brokered Private Placement Financing

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Thunder Bay, April 12, 2024 - <u>Benton Resources Inc.</u> (TSXV: BEX) ('Benton' or 'the Company') announces that it has filed documents with the TSX Venture Exchange seeking final approval for its recently announced non-brokered private placement of flow-through and non-flow through units (the "Private Placement") (see Benton PR dated April 3, 2024).

On receipt of all regulatory approvals, the Company will issue 15,755,334 units at a price of \$0.15 per unit, each unit consisting of 1 common share of the Company and  $\frac{1}{2}$  (one half) of a common share purchase warrant, with each full warrant entitling the holder to acquire an additional common share of the Company at \$0.22 for a period of 24 months from the date of issue for aggregate gross proceeds of \$2,363,300.

Upon receipt of regulatory approval and in connection with the private placement, the Company will pay \$132,213 in cash finders' fees and will issue 881,420 finders' warrants exercisable at \$0.22 for 24 months from the date of issue, as permitted by the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange. All securities issued pursuant to the private placement will be subject to a four-month hold period.

The proceeds of the financing will be used to advance Benton's Great Burnt Copper-Gold project in Newfoundland and for working capital purposes.

About Benton Resources Inc.

Benton Resources is a well-financed mineral exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol BEX. Following a project generation business model, Benton has a diversified, highly prospective property portfolio of gold, silver, nickel, copper, platinum group elements and, most recently, lithium and cesium assets. In addition, it currently holds large equity positions in other mining companies that are advancing high-quality assets. Whenever possible, BEX retains net smelter return (NSR) royalties with potential long-term cash flow.

Benton is currently focused on advancing its high-grade Copper-Gold Great Burnt Project in central Newfoundland, which has a Mineral Resource estimate of 667,000 tonnes @ 3.21% Cu Indicated and 482,000 @ 2.35% Cu Inferred. The Project has an excellent geological setting covering 25km of strike and boasts six known Cu-Au-Ag zones over 15km that are all open for expansion. Further potential for discovery is excellent given the extensive number of untested geophysical targets and Cu-Au soil anomalies. The Phase 1 drill program consisting of over 5,650m, completed in November, returned impressive results including 25.42m of 5.51% Cu, including 9.78 m of 8.31% Cu, and 1.00 m of 12.70% Cu from hole GB-23-12.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of <u>Benton Resources Inc.</u>, "Stephen Stares"
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