

VANCOUVER, March 24, 2016 /CNW/ - [Wealth Minerals Ltd.](#) (the "Company" or "Wealth") - (TSXV: WML; Frankfurt: EJZ), announces that it has arranged a non-brokered private placement of common shares to raise up to \$1,600,000. The Company has also negotiated debt settlements to settle \$687,000 of debt through the issuance of common shares.

Non-brokered Private Placement

The Company has arranged a non-brokered private placement of common shares ("Placement") consisting of up to 8,000,000 common shares at a price of \$0.20 per share to raise gross proceeds of up to \$1,600,000. All shares issued in the Placement will have a hold period in Canada of four months from the closing of the Placement.

The net proceeds from the Placement are intended to be used to fund the costs related to the ongoing discussions with [Li3 Energy Inc.](#) ("Li3") pursuant to the letter of intent with Li3 announced on February 1, 2016 (NR16-01), including to carry out and complete the required due diligence on Li3 and the Maricunga Lithium Project, for the review and assessment of additional potential lithium mineral property acquisitions and the negotiation of related formal documentation for any such acquisition(s), for property payments and for general and administrative expenses and working capital.

Debt Settlements

The Company has negotiated the settlement ("Debt Settlement") of an aggregate of \$687,000 in debt related to certain accounts payable to [Cardero Resource Corp.](#) (\$477,000) and a portion (\$210,000) of the principal sum of certain outstanding loans originally made to the Company in 2011 by a number of individuals, some of whom are non-arm's length to the Company. The debt will be settled by the issuance of an aggregate of 2,000,000 common shares at a deemed price of \$0.21 per share. The common shares issued in the Debt Settlement will have a hold period in Canada of four months from the date of issuance. The Company is undertaking the Debt Settlement to preserve its working capital and the completion of the Debt Settlement will not create any new control persons.

Completion of the Placement and the Debt Settlement are both subject to the acceptance for filing thereof by the TSX Venture Exchange.

The Company is continuing discussions with Li3 under the LOI, and the parties have agreed to extend the due diligence period for an additional 60 days to 120 days total. However, no formal agreements have been entered into and the completion of any transaction with Li3 remains subject to a number of conditions precedent, including the completion of satisfactory due diligence by each company on the other and the Maricunga Lithium Project, the negotiation and settlement of final definitive terms for a transaction satisfactory to both parties and the execution of formal agreements in that regard, receipt of any required shareholder and court approvals, receipt of any required consent from Li3's Chilean partner, the completion of the required financing and the acceptance for filing of any such transaction by the TSX Venture Exchange on behalf of Wealth. Accordingly, it is not possible to complete any transaction with Li3 until all conditions have been satisfied and that there can be no certainty that any such transaction will be completed, either as presently proposed, or at all.

In addition to the ongoing discussions with Li3 under the LOI, the Company is currently also involved in the review and evaluation of a number of prospective lithium mineral projects in South America for possible acquisition. However, no agreements with respect to the acquisition of any such mineral projects has yet been entered into, and there can be no assurance that the Company will, in fact, be successful in entering into any such agreements or acquiring interests in any additional mineral properties.

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About Wealth Minerals Ltd.

Wealth's strategy is to acquire undervalued projects with low exploration risk, attractive grades and potentially low capital requirements. Management insist that projects be located in stable and development-friendly geopolitical jurisdictions and that capital required for development is not excessive within the context of each commodity. The focus over the past few years has been on the acquisition of precious metals projects. The proposed acquisition of Li3 offers a new kind of opportunity where helping to meet emerging lithium demand is expected to create additional value for shareholders. The Company will also continue to move forward with its existing precious metals projects, such as Yanamina (Peru) and Valsequillo (Mexico).

For further details on the Company readers are referred to the Company's web site (www.wealthminerals.com) and its Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of
WEALTH MINERALS LTD.

"Hendrik van Alphen"
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This press release contains forward-looking statements and forward-looking information (collectively, "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable Canadian and US securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein including, without limitation, statements regarding the anticipated content, commencement, timing and cost of exploration programs, anticipated exploration program results, the discovery and delineation of mineral deposits/resources/reserves, the anticipated completion of the private placement and the proposed use of the proceeds thereof; the Company's expectation that it will be able to enter into agreements to acquire interests in additional mineral projects, the anticipated securing of the acceptance for filing by the TSXV on behalf of the Company of the Placement and the Debt Settlement, the proposed acquisition by the Company of Li3 and the shares of Li3, and thereby an interest in the Maricunga Lithium Project; the proposed execution and delivery of the required formal documentation in connection with the acquisition of Li3; the completion of the acquisition of Li3, either as presently proposed or at all, by the Company; the planned completion of a test work program at the Maricunga Lithium Project; the completion of the proposed financing which is a condition precedent to a transaction with Li3, and the anticipated business plans and timing of future activities of the Company, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes that such statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as: believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, postulate and similar expressions, or are those, which, by their nature, refer to future events. The Company cautions investors that any forward-looking statements by the Company are not guarantees of future results or performance, and that actual results may differ materially from those in forward looking statements as a result of various factors, including, but not limited to, the state of the financial markets for the Company's equity securities, the state of the commodity markets generally, variations in the nature, quality and quantity of any mineral deposits that may be located, variations in the market price of any mineral products the Company may produce or plan to produce, the inability of the Company to obtain any necessary permits, consents or authorizations required, including TSXV acceptance, for its planned activities, the inability of the Company to produce minerals from its properties successfully or profitably, to continue its projected growth, to raise the necessary capital or to be fully able to implement its business strategies, and other risks and uncertainties disclosed in the Company's latest interim Management Discussion and Analysis and filed with certain securities commissions in Canada. All of the Company's Canadian public disclosure filings may be accessed via www.sedar.com and readers are urged to review these materials, including the technical reports filed with respect to the Company's mineral properties.

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