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Lion One Metals Ltd. (TSX VENTURE:LIO)(ASX:LLO)(OTCQX:LOMLF)(FRANKFURT:LY1) (the "Company") is pleased to announce it has received TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") approval for the completion of its non-brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") announced August 30, 2016. The Company has sold 41,536,436 units at a price of $0.92 for gross proceeds of $38,213,521 and has increased the number of issued shares of the Company to 101,712,044. Proceeds of the Private Placement will be used to fund the exploration and development of the Company's 100% owned and fully permitted high grade Tuvatu Gold Project in Fiji and for working capital purposes.

Each unit in the Private Placement consists of one common share (the "Common Shares") and one transferable common share purchase warrant (the "Warrants"). The Warrants are exercisable at a price of $1.35 per share until March 16, 2018, subject to an accelerated expiry option whereby the Company can trigger an accelerated 30-day expiry of the Warrants if the closing price of the Company's Common Shares listed on the TSX-V remain higher than $1.75 for 20 consecutive trading days. On the 20th consecutive trading day above $1.75 (the "Acceleration Trigger Date"), the Warrant expiry date may be accelerated to 30 trading days after the Acceleration Trigger Date by the issuance of a news release announcing such acceleration, within two trading days of the Acceleration Trigger Date. The Warrants, if fully exercised, represent $56,074,189 of additional gross proceed potential. All securities issuable pursuant to this Private Placement are subject to a four month hold period expiring on January 17, 2017.

Significant institutional investors in the Private Placement include New York-based investment firm Donald Smith Value Fund, L.P. ("Donald Smith") which acquired 14,250,000 units in the Private Placement for gross proceeds of $13,110,000 and has become the Company's largest institutional shareholder and a new insider of the Company, holding 14.01% of the Company on an undiluted basis, or 19.90% on a fully diluted basis. This is Donald Smith's first acquisition of Common Shares of the Company. In connection with the Private Placement the Company has paid an aggregate of $1,898,402 in finders' fees in accordance with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange.

As a result of the Private Placement, Donald Smith will be required to file an early warning report. Donald Smith has acquired Common Shares for investment purposes.

For more information on Lion One including technical reports please visit the Company's website at www.liononemetals.com or the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com. For more information or to obtain a copy of the early warning report filed under applicable Canadian securities laws in connection with the Private Placement, please see the Company's profile on SEDAR or contact Donald Smith at (212) 284-0990 or at the following address: 152 W. 57th Street, 22nd Floor, New York, New York 10019.

On behalf of Lion One Metals Ltd.

"Walter H. Berukoff"
Chief Executive Officer

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Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Lion One Metals Ltd. does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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