

Nevada Energy Metals Inc.: Soil Survey Results Prompts Claim Block Expansion at Black Rock Desert

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Vancouver, December 15, 2016 - [Nevada Energy Metals Inc.](#) "the Company", TSX-V: BFF (OTCQB: SSMLF) (Frankfurt: A2AFBV) and [LiCo Energy Metals Inc.](#) TSX-V: LIC (OTCQB: WCTXF) are pleased to announce that following positive results from an expanded soil sampling program, 71 new placer claims have been added to the Company's Black Rock Desert Project, Nevada.

Results from the program continued to show strongly anomalous results with 88 samples collected; 73 of them (83%) containing more than 100 ppm Li. Together the combined grids contain 258 samples of which 239 samples (93%) had values of greater than 100 ppm Li. Maximum values ranged up to 520 ppm Li.

These results show that dissolved lithium has been transported into this portion of the Black Rock Desert and is available for potential concentration by evaporative brines. The exploration model for the Black Rock Project is a Clayton Valley evaporative brine deposit as described in USGS Open File Report 2013-1006.

Geochemical sample points were arranged to expand on the original 170-sample grid. Samples were collected on 200 meter intervals along lines spaced 350 meters apart. Samples were collected by a contract crew and transported to the ALS sample preparation lab in Elko, Nevada. Samples were screened to -80 mesh at the ALS prep lab in Reno, Nevada and analyzed by Aqua Regia leach mass spectrometry at the ALS laboratory in North Vancouver, B.C. Canada. QA/QC standards were inserted into the sample stream with one in twenty samples being a standard. All 6 standards in this batch were within 3% of their accepted value of 750 ppm.

About the Blackrock Desert Lithium Project:

The Black Rock Desert Lithium Project now consists of 199 placer claims, (3,980 acres/ 1,610 hectares) located in southwest Black Rock Desert, Washoe County, Nevada. The nearest population center is the town of Gerlach, which lies 177 kilometers north of Reno.

The western arm of the Black Rock Desert covers an area of about 2,000 square kilometers and contains 5 of the 30 currently listed Known Geothermal Resource Areas in Nevada. The property covers an area of playa underlain by a moderately deep basin interpreted from gravity and seismic surveys, indicating a maximum thickness of valley-fill deposits of about 1,200 m/3,600 ft. A high salt content prevents any significant vegetation from growing on the playa surface.

Locally, the basin is being fed in part by boiling springs and siliceous sinter containing strongly anomalous lithium values (up to 3.5 ppm) that flank the property on the west side (U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY Open-File Report 81-918). While these lithium values are well below those of producing lithium brines, they do represent a significant source of metal available for evaporative concentration within the playa basin.

The company plans to carry out additional exploration programs this fall to determine the potential for an economic lithium brine deposit. Future exploration will consist of shallow auger sampling followed by a high resolution geophysical program to define potential drill targets.

Nevada Energy Metals has entered into an agreement where LiCo Energy Metals is able to acquire a 70% interest subject to a 3% NSR royalty in the Black Rock Desert Property. Nevada Energy Metals holds a 100% interest in the property, free of royalty payments.

Qualified Person: The technical content of this news release has been reviewed and approved by Alan Morris CPG, Elko, Nevada.

About Nevada Energy Metals: <http://nevadaenergymetals.com/>

[Nevada Energy Metals Inc.](#) is a well funded Canadian based exploration company who's primary listing is on

the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company's main exploration focus is directed at lithium brine targets located in the mining friendly state of Nevada. The Company has 100% ownership in 78 claims in Clayton Valley, only 250m from Rockwood Lithium, the only brine based lithium producer in North America (under option to Lithium America who can earn a 70% interest); 100% interest in the 100 claim Teels Marsh West Project covering 2000 acres (809 hectares) in Mineral County, Nevada; 100% interest in the San Emidio Desert Project consisting of 155 claims (approximately 3,100 acres/1255 hectares) in Washoe County, Nevada; 100% interest in the 710 claim Dixie Valley Project covering about 5746 hectares (22 square miles) of playa and alluvial fan; 100% interest in the BSV Lithium Project - 160 claims, with an area of 3,200 acres/1,295 hectares, located in northern Big Smokey Valley, Nye County, Nevada; 100% interest in the Black Rock Desert Property - 199 claims (3,980 acres/ 1,610 hectares) located in southwest Black Rock Desert, Washoe County, Nevada (now optioned 70% interest to [LiCo Energy Metals Inc.](#)).

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

Rick Wilson
President & CEO

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