

NORTH VANCOUVER, British Columbia, April 12, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Lion One Metals Ltd.](#) (TSX-V:LIO) (ASX:LLO) (OTCQX:LOMLF) (the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Ian I Chang, M.A.Sc, P.Eng., as Chief Development Officer. Mr. Chang has over 30 years of experience in executive roles, project and engineering management ranging from smaller high-grade underground gold mines to large-scale projects, and will lead the advance of Lion One's fully permitted high-grade underground Tuvatu Gold Project located near Nadi on the island of Viti Levu in the Republic of Fiji.

From 2011 until 2016 Mr. Chang was Vice-President, Project Development for [Pretium Resources Inc.](#), where he managed the feasibility study and subsequent development of Brucejack, Pretium's \$1 billion, 2,700 tonne per day (tpd), high grade underground gold project. Mr. Chang's corporate responsibility encompassed all capital project development at Pretium including engineering, procurement, and construction of all roads, powerlines, site infrastructure, work camps, processing facilities, and related permitting.

Mr. Chang was previously Project Director and Head of Project Management for Fluor Canada Limited, with responsibility for the management of EPCM for mining and metal projects, including the EPCM contract for Vale's \$3 billion Long Harbour nickel-copper-cobalt refinery in Newfoundland. Over the course of his career he has held management, engineering and commissioning roles on a number of projects that have progressed through feasibility to successful operation. His roles have included: project manager for the engineering and procurement portion of the US\$650 million mine expansion of Minera El Abra in Chile; pre-feasibility study manager for a 2,000 tpd mine at Meadowbank in Nunavut; project manager for the design of the 3,300 tpd Musselwhite gold mill; project engineer on the engineering, construction and commissioning of the copper and zinc autoclave system of Hudson Bay's Flin Flon operations; mechanical engineer involved in the design for the column flotation cells at the Campbell Red Lake mine and for the design of the 450 tpd gold-silver concentrator at the Mineral Hill mine in Montana. Mr. Chang holds Bachelor and Master of Applied Science degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of British Columbia and is a registered professional engineer.

Lion One CEO Walter Berukoff commented "On behalf of the Lion One Metals team, we would like to welcome Mr. Ian Chang to the company's senior management and Fiji operations team. Ian's EPCM and project development skillset will be invaluable to Lion One, and will be a cornerstone of our technical team as we transition through development at Tuvatu."

The Company also announces it has granted incentive stock options to various directors officers, and employees of the Company, for the purchase of 1,200,000 common shares of the Company. The Options each have an exercise price of \$1.00, are exercisable for a period five years, and vest over a three year period from the date of grant. The grant of Options is subject to acceptance by the TSX Venture Exchange.

#### About Lion One

[Lion One Metals Ltd.](#) is focused on the development of its fully permitted high grade underground Tuvatu Gold Project located near Nadi on the island of Viti Levu in the Republic of Fiji. For more information on Lion One including diagrams, maps, photos, and technical reports please visit the Company's website at [www.liononemetals.com](http://www.liononemetals.com) or the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

On behalf of [Lion One Metals Ltd.](#)  
"Walter H. Berukoff"  
Chief Executive Officer

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