

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, June 30, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Avrupa Minerals Ltd.](#) (AVU:TSXV) is pleased to announce that it has increased its private placement to \$1 million, and it is fully subscribed. The private placement will close in approximately 10 days, and is subject to regulatory approvals.

Paul Kuhn, President and CEO, noted that "We have been pleasantly surprised by the support from both new and existing shareholders. While we could have raised quite a bit more on this placement, we have been mindful of the amount of share dilution."

The placement will be closed shortly upon receipt of the required documents and regulatory approvals.

Avrupa Minerals Ltd. is a growth-oriented exploration and development company focused on discovery, using a prospect generator model, of valuable mineral deposits in politically stable and prospective regions of Europe, including Portugal, Kosovo, and Germany.

The Company currently holds nine exploration licenses in three European countries, including six in Portugal covering 3,271 km², two in Kosovo covering 47 km², and one in Germany covering 307 km². Avrupa now has three active option and joint venture agreements, two in Portugal and one in Kosovo, including:

- The Alvito Option Agreement with [OZ Minerals Ltd.](#) covering one license in the Ossa Morena Zone in southern Portugal, for IOCG deposits;
- The Covas JV, with Blackheath Resources, covering one license in northern Portugal, for intrusion-related W deposits; and
- Avrupa's partner at the Slivovo Gold Project in Kosovo is fully funding the program, allowing Avrupa to dilute its ownership in the JV operating company Peshter Mining JSC. If AVU ownership goes below 10%, the interest in the project converts to a 2% NSR.
- In addition, in the Iberian Pyrite Belt of south Portugal, the Company has 100% ownership of the Alvalade VMS Project where previous partners have spent over US\$ 7.6 million on exploration for VMS copper, zinc, and lead, mineralization, resulting in discoveries at Sesmarias and Monte da Bela Vista.

Avrupa is currently upgrading precious and base metal targets to JV-ready status in a variety of districts on their other licenses, with the idea of attracting potential partners to project-specific and/or regional exploration programs.

For additional information, contact [Avrupa Minerals Ltd.](#) at 1-604-687-3520 or visit our website at www.avrupaminerals.com.

On behalf of the Board,

"Paul W. Kuhn"

Paul W. Kuhn, President & Director

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