

NRG Makes Lithium Discovery at the Salar Escondido Project in Catamarca, Argentina

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VANCOUVER, Dec. 7, 2017 /CNW/ - NRG Metals Inc. ("NRG" or the "Company") (TSX-V: NGZ) (OTCQB: NRGMF) (FSE: OGPN), is pleased to announce the discovery of lithium at the Salar Escondido Lithium Project, Catamarca Province, Argentina. Consistent with the Company's geophysical data and geological model, the target zone of sediments saturated with brine could contain lithium was intersected, and the first lithium values from near the top of the brine are very encouraging as shown in the following table.

		Li	Mg	B	K
Sample number	From / To	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
	172-198 m (26				
SE - 003	m)	189	868	217	3,170
	183-198 m (15				
SE - 004	m)	229	1,033	265	3,990

The samples, which were collected with a single packer, were analyzed by the Alex Stewart laboratory in Jujuy, Argentina. Stewart employed Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry ("ICP-OES") as the analytical technique for the primary constituents of interest, including those shown in the table.

Adrian Hobkirk, CEO of NRG commented, "We are very excited with the initial results from near the top of the brine zone at Salar Escondido. These results prove the concept that there is a buried salar that contains lithium at Salar Escondido. Further, the Mg/Li ratio is relatively low at 4.6, which is very encouraging. We are hopeful that lithium grades will increase at deeper depths, which is the case in many salars in Argentina. We look forward to continuing the exploration at Salar Escondido to fully delineate this discovery."

The drill hole has intersected weakly consolidated sandstone and unconsolidated sand horizons with occasional conglomerate and clay layers from a depth of 113 meters to 176 meters, and predominately poorly consolidated conglomerate with occasional clay layers below 176 meters. Saline brine is present below a depth of 140 meters. As of December 5, 2017, the hole had reached a depth of 221 meters, and the Company is planning to extend the hole to a depth of 350 meters.

The Salar Escondido is a large basin, roughly 20 by 40 kilometers in size, which is mostly covered by a series of overlapping alluvial fans. NRG's technical team believes that a large salar with an area of at least 700 km² had developed in the basin approximately two million years ago. After the salar was formed, it was buried by coalescing alluvial fans, and it is thus considered to be a "paleo-salar," hence the name Salar Escondido, which means "hidden salar" in Spanish.

About the Company

[NRG Metals Inc.](#) is an exploration stage company focused on the advancement of lithium brine projects in Argentina. In connection with the Salar Escondido lithium project, the Company is evaluating the 3,287 hectare Hombre Muerto North lithium project in the province of Salta. HMN is located at the northern end of the prolific Hombre Muerto Salar, adjacent to FMC's production mine and Galaxy Resources' Sal de Vida development stage project. The Company has filed an Environmental Impact Statement and applied for permits to drill HMN, and approval is pending. A National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") technical report on the project was filed on SEDAR on October 16, 2017.

The Company currently has approximately 105 million shares issued and outstanding, and trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol NGZ, on the OTCQB Market under the symbol, NRGMF, and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol NGZ.

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Onsite quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) was supervised by Mr. William Feyerabend, a Certified Professional Geologist and a Qualified Person under NI 43-101. All samples were collected in 500 ml plastic bottles with samples clearly identified, and NRG personnel transported the samples to the Alex Stewart laboratory. Measurements in the field for pH, conductivity, temperature and density, and the field measurements were consistent with the same measurements made in the laboratory by Alex Stewart. Duplicate and blank samples were inserted into the sample batch, and the results were satisfactory. Mr. Feyerabend supervised and approves the scientific and technical disclosure contained in this press release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of [NRG Metals Inc.](#):

Adrian F.C. Hobkirk
President and C.E.O.

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