

# Bacanora Minerals Ltd. Provides Update Re Investor Financing

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Calgary - [Bacanora Minerals Ltd.](#) ("Bacanora" or the "Company") (TSX-V: BCN and AIM: BCN), the Canadian and London listed lithium company, provides an update regarding its proposed equity offering with NextView Capital ("NextView"). As announced on 14 December 2017, NextView previously entered into a binding placing letter (the "Placing Letter") with the Company pursuant to which it agreed to acquire 32,976,635 common shares in the Company (the "Placing") at a price of 94.53 pence (approximately C\$1.6223) per share for aggregate gross proceeds of £31,172,813 (approximately C\$53,498,000). The initial target date for completion of the Placing was end of January 2018. The Company has fulfilled all of its obligations in respect of the Placing, however, NextView has failed to forward the Placing proceeds to the Company, leaving it in default under the terms of the Placing Letter.

In spite of the Company's best efforts to ensure compliance, NextView has failed to complete the Placing as contemplated under the binding Placing Letter. In addition, discussions have not resulted in any alternative proposals that would, in the opinion of management, be in the best interests of Bacanora and its shareholders. Accordingly, the Company is currently taking advice and has reserved its rights in respect of this default.

Bacanora continues to focus on building an international lithium company and, as part of this strategy, developing the Sonora Lithium Project in Mexico ("Sonora") into a leading supplier of high value lithium products to fast-growing industries such as electric vehicles and energy storage. Management is evaluating different funding options with a view to entering the construction phase for Sonora within H1 2018. Sonora was assigned a Net Present Value of US\$1.25 billion and an Internal Rate of Return of 26% in a recently completed Feasibility Study which also confirmed that the project occupies a position on the industry cost curve similar to the low-cost brine producers in South America (see announcement of 13 December 2017).

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## ABOUT BACANORA:

Bacanora is a Canadian and London listed lithium exploration and development company (TSX-V: BCN and AIM: BCN). The Company is exploring for, and developing a pipeline of international lithium projects, with a primary focus on the Sonora Lithium Project. The Company's operations are based in Hermosillo in northern Mexico. The Company is led by a team with lithium expertise and proven mine development, construction and operations experience.

The Sonora Lithium Project<sup>1</sup>, which consists of ten mining concession areas covering approximately 100 thousand hectares in the northeast of Sonora State. The Company, through drilling and exploration work to

date, has established a Measured plus Indicated Mineral Resource estimate of over 5 Mt (comprising 1.9Mt of Measured Resources and 3.1Mt of Indicated Resources) of LCE2 and an additional Inferred Mineral Resource of 3.7 Mt of LCE. The Company's Feasibility Study (which was announced 12 December 2017) has established Proven Mineral Reserves (in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101")) of 1.67 MT and Probable Mineral Reserves of 2.85 Mt LCE and confirmed the economics associated with becoming a 35,000 tpa lithium carbonate and 30,000 tpa SOP producer in Mexico. In addition to the Sonora Lithium Project, the Company also has a 50% interest in the Zinnwald Lithium Project and the Falkenhain Licence in southern Saxony, Germany. Each of the Zinnwald Lithium Project and the Falkenhain Licence are located in a granite hosted Sn/W/Li belt that has been mined historically for tin, tungsten and lithium at different times over the past 300 years. The strategic location of the Zinnwald Lithium Project and the Falkenhain Licence provides close geographical proximity to the German automotive and downstream lithium chemical industries.

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*1 The Sonora Lithium Project is comprised of the following lithium properties: La Ventana lithium concession, which is 100 percent owned by Bacanora and El Sauz and Fleur concessions, which are held by Mexilit S.A. de C.V. ('Mexilit') which is owned 70 percent by Bacanora and 30 percent by Cadence Minerals Plc.*

*2 LCE = lithium carbonate (Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) equivalent; determined by multiplying Li value in percent by 5.324 to get an equivalent Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> value in per cent. Use of LCE is to provide data comparable with industry reports and assumes complete conversion of lithium in clays with no recovery or process losses.*

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