Astra Exploration Announces Closing of \$1 Million Private Placement Participation by Michael Gentile and Key Shareholders

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Vancouver, May 15, 2025 - <u>Astra Exploration Inc.</u> (TSXV: ASTR) (OTCQB: ATEPF) (FSE: S3I) ("Astra" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the closing of the previously announced non-brokered private placement (the "Offering") for aggregate gross proceeds of \$1,000,000. Under the Offering, the Company sold an aggregate of 5,000,000 common shares of the Company (the "Shares") at a price of C\$0.20 per Share.

4,491,666 Shares were offered pursuant to the listed issuer financing exemption under Part 5A of National Instrument 45-106 - Prospectus Exemptions and will not be subject to a statutory hold period pursuant to applicable Canadian securities laws. 508,334 Shares were offered to purchasers pursuant to the accredited investor exemption under Section 2.3 of NI 45-106 and will be subject to a statutory hold period of four months and one day which will expire on September 15, 2025.

Astra's CEO, Brian Miller commented: "In addition to the approximately \$1,200,000 from early exercise of warrants, the proceeds from this financing brings the treasury balance to over \$3,000,000, which funds the Company well into 2026 and allows us to unlock value in our portfolio of projects. There has never been a more exciting time to be a shareholder of Astra, as we await assays from our initial drill campaign at La Manchuria."

The Company intends to use the net proceeds to further explore its projects and for general corporate and working capital purposes.

Closing of the Offering is subject to final approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

The Company also paid finder's fees in connection with a portion of the Offering to an eligible finder, consisting of a cash fee of \$2,400.

Insiders of the Company subscribed for an aggregate of 482,504 Shares for gross proceeds of \$96,500.80 under the Offering. Participation by insiders of the Company in the Offering constitutes a related-party transaction as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"). The issuance of securities is exempt from the formal valuation requirements of Section 5.4 of MI 61-101 pursuant to Subsection 5.5(b) of MI 61-101 as the common shares of the Company are listed on the TSX-V. The issuance of securities is also exempt from the minority approval requirements of Section 5.6 of MI 61-101 pursuant to Subsection 5.7(1)(b) of MI 61-101 as the fair market value was less than \$2,500,000.

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About the Company

Astra Exploration Inc. is a precious metals exploration company based out of Vancouver, BC that is actively

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building a portfolio of high-quality projects in some of the most important mining jurisdictions in Latin America.

The La Manchuria gold-silver project in Santa Cruz, Argentina, over which Astra has an option to acquire 90% interest, is a high-grade gold and silver low sulphidation epithermal (LSE) deposit located in the prolific Deseado Massif of Santa Cruz, Argentina, which hosts multiple world-class LSE precious metals deposits including Cerro Vanguardia and Cerro Negro.

The 100% owned Pampa Paciencia gold and silver project in northern Chile is located in the Paleocene mineral province in proximity to such major operating mines as Spence and Sierra Gorda. The project shares several important geological similarities to other Paleocene LSE gold-silver deposits including Faride and El Peñón.

The 100% owned Cerro Bayo project in northern Chile is located in the Maricunga belt approximately 20 km from the Refugio Mine. The project hosts a high sulphidation epithermal (HSE) +/- porphyry gold system with similarities to the Salares Norte deposit to the north in the same belt. The Maricunga belt is one of the most endowed regions in the world for gold and copper deposits.

Qualified Person

The technical data and information as disclosed in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Darcy Marud, who is an Independent Director of Astra. Mr. Marud is a Practicing Member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario and is a qualified person as defined under the terms of National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

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