

Ridgeline Minerals Welcomes Independent Director Ryan Walchuck to the Board

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Vancouver, January 27, 2026 - [Ridgeline Minerals Corp.](#) (TSXV: RDG) (OTCQB: RDGMF) (FSE: 0GC0) ("Ridgeline" or the "Company") is pleased to welcome Mr. Ryan Walchuck to the Board of Directors of the Company. Mr. Duane Lo will resign as a director of the Company and remain in his position as Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Walchuck is a senior mining finance executive with global experience across complex mining projects, joint ventures, and multi-stakeholder partnerships. He is currently Senior Manager, Business Analysis at Rio Tinto, where he supports strategic investment decisions, capital allocation, and value optimization for projects. Ryan has held senior roles at Rio Tinto and BHP, contributing to major developments including Simandou and Oyu Tolgoi, with a strong focus on joint venture governance, partner alignment, and disciplined capital deployment. His experience spans Africa, Australia, Mongolia, and the Americas. Ryan is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Business Valuator, bringing strong financial oversight, governance, and shareholder-focused decision-making experience to the Ridgeline Board.

Chad Peters, Ridgeline's President & CEO, commented, "Ryan joins the team at a pivotal time in Ridgeline's growth. With two highly prospective discoveries coming together at Swift and Selena, Ryan's unique skillset will help guide our strategic decision making as we focus on optimizing the value of our joint venture portfolio for our shareholders."

The Company further advises it has granted 150,000 stock options (the "Options") and 100,000 deferred share units ("DSU's") to Mr. Walchuck in accordance with the Company's incentive stock option plan. The Options are exercisable at \$0.24 per share for a period of five years and the DSUs are governed by the Company's DSU Plan and will be subject to applicable securities law hold periods.

About Ridgeline Minerals Corp.

Ridgeline Minerals is a discovery focused precious and base metal explorer with a proven management team and a 200 km² exploration portfolio across seven projects in Nevada, USA. The Company is a hybrid explorer with a mix of 100%-owned exploration assets (Big Blue, Atlas, Bell Creek & Coyote) as well as two earn-in exploration agreements with Nevada Gold Mines at its Swift and Black Ridge projects and a third earn-in with South32 at its Selena project totaling up to US \$60 million in partner-funded exploration expenditures. More information about Ridgeline can be found at www.ridgelineminerals.com.

On behalf of the Board
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