

# Empress Grants Stock Options and Equity Incentives

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VANCOUVER, May 5, 2026 - [Empress Royalty Corp.](#) (TSXV:EMPR)(OTCQX:EMPYF) ("Empress Royalty" or the "Company") announces that the Board of Directors approved the grant of 1,575,000 incentive stock options (the "Options") to purchase an aggregate of 1,575,000 common shares (the "Common Shares") of the Company to certain directors, officers, employees, and consultants of the Company. Each Option is exercisable into one Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.87, being the closing market price of Empress' common shares on May 5, 2026. The Options will vest as to one-third on the date of grant, one-third one year from the date of grant, and one-third two years from the date of grant and will expire on May 5, 2031. All stock option grants are governed by the Company's Stock Option Plan which was approved by the shareholders of the Company at its last annual meeting of shareholders held on June 10, 2025.

In addition, the Board of Directors approved the grant of 625,000 restricted share units ("RSUs") and 500,000 deferred share units ("DSUs") to certain directors, officers and consultants of the Company. The RSUs will vest equally over a two-year period, with the first vesting date occurring May 5, 2027. Upon vesting, each RSU represents the right to receive one Common Share in accordance with the Company's Equity Incentive Plan (the "EIP"). The DSUs will vest and settle in accordance with the Company's EIP. The EIP was last approved by the shareholders of the Company at its annual meeting of shareholders held on September 28, 2022.

## ABOUT EMPRESS ROYALTY CORP.

Empress is a global royalty and streaming creation company providing investors with a diversified portfolio of gold and silver investments. Empress has built a portfolio of precious metal investments and is actively investing in mining companies with development and production stage projects who require additional non-dilutive capital. The Company has a strategic partnership with Endeavour Financial which allows Empress to not only access global investment opportunities but also bring unique mining finance expertise and deal structuring. Empress is looking forward to continuously creating value for its shareholders through the proven royalty and streaming models.

## ON BEHALF OF EMPRESS ROYALTY CORP.

Per: Alexandra Woodyer Sherron, CEO and President

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