

ILC Critical Minerals Ltd. Announces Extension of Private Placement

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Vancouver, June 3, 2026 - [ILC Critical Minerals Ltd.](#) (TSXV: ILC) (OTCQB: ILHMF) (FSE: IAH0) ("ILC" or the "Company") is extending the closing of its non-brokered private placement financing (the "Offering") to June 26, 2026. The Offering was originally announced on April 8, 2026. The Offering is comprised of up to 50,000,000 common shares of the Company at a price of CAD\$0.02 per share for gross proceeds of up to CAD\$1,000,000.

The Company anticipates that \$500,000 or 50% of the Offering proceeds will be used for exploration program on the Raleigh Lake and Wolf Ridge Projects, \$275,000 or 27.5% for general working capital purposes, and \$225,000 or 22.5% for management and director fees. Payments, if any, to persons conducting Investor Relations activities are expected to be appreciably less than 10% of the gross proceeds of the Offering. Any such Investor Relations engagements will be filed with the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV"), in accordance with their policies.

Closing of the Offering is subject to acceptance by the TSXV. All securities issued in connection with the Offering will be subject to a four-month hold period from the date of issuance under applicable Canadian securities laws. The Company may pay finders fees on a portion of the placement, as permitted by TSXV policies and applicable securities laws.

It is anticipated that some directors and insiders will participate in this Offering. The issue of shares (to the extent subscribed for by insiders) constitute "related party transactions" pursuant to Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"), as the subscribers include directors of the Company. The Company is exempt from the requirements to obtain a formal valuation or minority shareholder approval in connection with the shares in reliance on the exemptions contained in sections 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101, respectively, as the fair market value of the shares to be issued to directors and insiders does not exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization.

At the same time, although unrelated to the Offering, ILC announces that it is extending for a further year its advertising and investor awareness campaign with Dig Media Inc., doing business as Investing News Network ("INN"). INN, a private company headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, is a leading information platform used by many TSX and TSXV listed companies for advertising, investor awareness campaigns, profile generation, press release syndication and lead generation. While the board has historically taken the view, after interaction with TSXV on the services provided to ILC, that INN does not provide Investor Relations or Market Making services, we are announcing this extension this year after consulting with TSXV on the current interpretation of their policies. For the 12-month term of the agreement, INN will provide advertising to increase awareness of the Company. The cost of the campaign is \$25,000 payable in quarterly installments of \$6,250 due at the start of the quarter. INN currently holds no securities in the Company.

About ILC Critical Minerals Ltd.

ILC Critical Minerals Ltd., formerly International Lithium Corp., has exploration activities in Ontario, Canada, with intentions to expand into Southern Africa. It has projects at various stages, ranging from Preliminary Economic Assessment at Raleigh Lake to Pre-Drilling at Wolf Ridge. The primary target metals in Canada are lithium, rubidium and copper. There are three projects (two in Ontario and one in Ireland) in which ILC has sold its share, but where the Company stands to receive future payments from either a resource milestone being achieved or from a Net Smelter Royalty.

While the world's politicians remain divided on the future of the energy market's historic dependence on oil and gas and on "Net Zero", there is in any scenario an ever-increasing and significant demand for electricity driven by AI and data centres, and by a likely unstoppable momentum towards electric vehicles and

grid-scale electricity storage. All of these contribute to rising demand for lithium, copper, and other metals. Rubidium is also a critical metal, strategic for high-precision clocks, space technology, and improving the performance of certain types of solar panels. ILC has seen the politically driven, increasingly urgent push by the USA, Canada, the EU, and other major economies to safeguard their supplies of critical minerals and to become more self-sufficient. The Company's Canadian and Southern African projects, which contain lithium, rubidium and copper, are strategic in this regard.

The Company's key mission for the next decade is to generate revenue for its shareholders from lithium, rubidium and other critical minerals while also contributing to the creation of a greener, cleaner planet and less polluted cities.

This includes optimizing the value of ILC's existing projects in Canada as well as finding, exploring and developing projects that have the potential to become world-class deposits. The Company has announced that it regards Southern Africa as a key strategic target market and it has applied for and hopes to receive EPOs in Zimbabwe. The board hopes to make further announcements on the portfolio developments over the next few weeks and months.

The Company's interests in various projects now consist of the following, and in addition, the Company continues to seek other opportunities:

Name	Metal	Location	Stage
Raleigh Lake	Lithium Rubidium	Ontario	Dec 2023 : PEA for Li completed Apr 2023 Maiden Resource Estimates for Li and Rb
Firesteel	Copper, Cobalt	Ontario	Initial Drilling
Wolf Ridge	Lithium	Ontario	Pre-Drilling May 2023
Mavis Lake	Lithium	Ontario	Maiden Resource Estimate
Avalonia	Lithium	Ireland	Drilling
Forgan/ Lucky Lakes	Lithium	Ontario	Drilling

The Raleigh Lake Project now encompasses 32,900 hectares (329 square kilometres) of mineral claims in Ontario and represents ILC's most significant project in Canada. To date, drilling has occurred on less than 1,000 hectares of the Company's claims. A Preliminary Economic Assessment was published for ILC's lithium at Raleigh Lake in December 2023, with a detailed economic analysis of ILC's separate rubidium resource still pending. This showed, for the lithium only and not yet taking into account the rubidium, a Post-tax NPV of CAD\$342.9 million and a Post-tax IRR of 44.3% p.a. This was based on a spodumene price of US\$2,325 per tonne and a US\$-CAD\$ exchange rate of 1.35. As at the end of May 2026 the spot spodumene price in CAD\$ was around 10% higher than that used in the PEA. Raleigh Lake is 100% owned by ILC, free from any encumbrances and royalties. The Raleigh Lake Project boasts excellent access to roads, rail, and utilities.

A continuing goal has been to remain a well-funded, strategically run company that turns ILC's aspirations into reality. Following the disposal of the Mariana project in Argentina in 2021, the Mavis Lake project in Canada in 2022, and the Avalonia project in 2025, ILC has continued to generate sufficient cash inflows to advance its exploration projects.

With the significant upturn in the lithium price since mid 2025, ILC is focused on realising value from the Raleigh Lake project which now has better economics on the revenue side than at the time of the PEA even excluding the likely upside from the separate rubidium resource. A key priority is also to increase investor awareness of the growing disconnect between the NPV in the Raleigh Lake PEA and the Company's market capitalisation - which is presently less than 2% of the Raleigh Lake NPV.

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