Royal Road Minerals Announces Board Changes

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Cancellation and Issue of Stock Options

Toronto, January 31, 2024 - <u>Royal Road Minerals Ltd.</u> (TSXV: RYR) ("Royal Road" or the "Company") announces that Ana Gabriela Juárez has resigned as a director of the Company and that Mr. Ghassane Benchekroun has been appointed as a director of the Company, effective immediately. The Company also announces the cancellation and issuance of employee incentive stock options.

The Board of directors extends its gratitude to Ana for her strategic insight, for her enthusiasm and for ensuring the Company maintains its ESG credentials regardless of complexity and context. Ana's assistance with the Company's recent transition from a Latin American to a Middle East and North African focus has been sympathetic and selfless.

The Company welcomes Ghassane Benchekroun to the Board. Ghassane is CFO of the Gas and Power Division of a leading Moroccan Energy Group and has been actively involved in developing natural gas, power, and green hydrogen businesses in North Africa and elsewhere. Ghassane previously led M&A and Strategy within the same group of companies. Ghassane has an impressive track record in corporate finance and fund-raising, including roles as a financial analyst in investment banking. Alongside his professional activities, Ghassane maintains strong community links through his involvement with several NGOs, including a think-tank focused on development issues in Morocco which he co-founded in 2018. Ghassane graduated from ISCAE Business School in Casablanca (Morocco) and holds a master's degree in financial engineering from Paris XII University (France).

"We would like to sincerely thank Ana for her important contributions and her gracious assistance in enabling a smooth transition from a South American to MENA focus, we wish her well in her future endeavors. We welcome Ghassane to Royal Road's board where his wealth of local and regional knowledge will surely strengthen our team's ability to deliver shareholder value" said Jon Hill, Chairman of the board of Royal Road.

In addition, the Company announces that it has cancelled an aggregate of 7.2 million employee incentive stock options exercisable into ordinary shares at a price of \$0.40 and has granted an aggregate of 3 million options to purchase ordinary shares of Royal Road exercisable at a price of \$0.15 per common share for a period of two (2) years to a director and two employees of the Company. The ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of the options are subject to a four-month hold period from the original date of grant.

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