



Happy Creek Minerals Ltd. Appoints Strategic Advisors

January 9, 2023, Vancouver, British Columbia – Happy Creek Minerals Ltd. (TSX-V: HPY) (“Happy Creek” or the “Company”) is very pleased to announce that Mr. Finley Bakker, P.Geo and Mr. Kent Pearson, P.Geo have been appointed as Strategic Advisors and consultants to the Company effective immediately.

Mr. Peter Hughes, President and Chief Executive Officer said “On behalf of Happy Creek, I would like to welcome Mr. Bakker and Mr. Pearson to the team to assist with the development of the Company’s world class Fox tungsten project and the Highland Valley copper-molybdenum-gold-silver project.

Mr. Bakker is a seasoned Professional Geoscientist with over 40 years of experience leading geological and engineering teams in the mining industry with expertise in both underground and open pit operations. Mr. Bakker has a proven record of resource and reserve estimation and expansion and has worked for Hawthorne Gold Corp., Adanac Molybdenum Corporation, North American Tungsten, Westmin Resources and Noranda Mines Geco. Mr. Bakker also worked as Superintendent of Technical Services he was responsible for mining geology, exploration geology, engineering and resources and reserves estimation at the Cantung tungsten mine. This is of particular value to Happy Creek’s shareholders through the planned development of the Company’s Fox tungsten project.

Mr. Pearson is a Professional Geoscientist and senior executive with more than 30 years’ experience in the mining and capital markets sector with global experience throughout the Americas, Australia and Africa. Mr. Pearson’s mining experience spans from grassroots exploration through to mine production (open pit and underground) with Noranda Exploration Ltd., Bethlehem Resources Corp, Hemlo Gold Mines Inc, Murchison Minerals Ltd. Mr. Pearson has held executive roles in mining and energy investment banking and as President and CEO in the junior mining sector. He has been involved in over \$2.0 billion in transactions during this time. Mr. Pearson holds a bachelor’s degree in Geology from the University of Alberta and an MBA from Queen’s University.

Mr. Walter Segsworth, Chairman stated “The Board of Directors of the Company welcome Messrs. Bakker and Pearson and believe that their backgrounds will augment the existing strengths of the Board and will be of great benefit to the Company and the shareholders going forward.”

In addition, the Company has issued 500,000 options to certain officers, directors and other eligible persons of the Company. The options are exercisable over a period of five years at a price of \$0.05 per share.

About Happy Creek Minerals Ltd.

Happy Creek is focused on making new discoveries and building resources in proximity to infrastructure on the Company's 100%-owned portfolio of diversified metals projects in British Columbia. The Company's Management, Board of Directors and Technical Advisors have solid expertise and depth in the mineral resource sector and capital markets.

More information on the Company's projects can be found on the website at www.happycreekminerals.com.

Indigenous Communities

Happy Creek Minerals is committed to responsible mineral resource development. The Company's priority is to build and sustain mutually beneficial relationships with Indigenous Communities in the territories in which we explore.

The Company operates with the principles and guidelines set out for COVID-19 that are established by provincial health and safety authorities to protect workers and the communities in which the Company operates.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

"Peter Hughes"

President and Chief Executive Officer

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