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Azimut Announces Closing of \$8.18 Million Bought Deal Private Placement Financing

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Longueuil, Québec – **Azimut Exploration Inc.** (“**Azimut**” or the “**Company**”) (TSXV: **AZM**) (OTCQX: **AZMTF**) is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced bought deal private placement financing (the “**Offering**”) for total gross proceeds of approximately \$8.18 million, consisting of 2,442,100 common shares of the Company that qualify as “flow-through shares” (within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and section 359.1 of the *Taxation Act* (Québec)) (the “**Premium FT Shares**”) at a price of \$2.0475 per Premium FT Share, 550,600 common shares of the Company that qualify as “flow-through shares” (within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and section 359.1 of the *Taxation Act* (Québec)) (the “**FT Shares**”) at a price of \$1.8165 per FT Share, and 2,082,100 common shares of the Company (the “**Hard Dollar Shares**”) at a price of \$1.05 per Hard Dollar Share, which includes the exercise of the underwriters’ option to purchase 177,300 additional Hard Dollar Shares.

Pursuant to an investor rights agreement between the Company and Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (TSX: AEM) (“**Agnico**”) dated February 26, 2020, as amended, Agnico has increased its interest in the Company from 10.06% ownership to 12%.

Paradigm Capital Inc. acted as lead underwriter (the “**Lead Underwriter**”) in connection with the Offering with a syndicate including Red Cloud Securities Inc. (together with the Lead Underwriter, the “**Underwriters**”). As consideration for the services provided by the Underwriters in connection with the Offering, the Underwriters received: (a) a cash commission representing 6.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds from the Offering (reduced to 0% for certain subscribers on the president's list of the Company); and (b) non-transferable compensation options, representing 3% of the total number of shares sold under the Offering, each exercisable for one common share of the Company at a price of \$1.05 per share until March 28, 2025.

The Company will use an amount equal to the gross proceeds received by the Company from the sale of the FT Shares, pursuant to the provisions in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the *Taxation Act* (Québec), to incur eligible “Canadian exploration expenses” that qualify as “flow-through mining expenditures” as both terms are defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the “**Qualifying Expenditures**”). The Company will use an amount equal to the gross proceeds received by the Company from the sale of the Premium FT Shares, pursuant to the provisions in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), to incur eligible “Canadian exploration expenses” that qualify as “flow-through critical mineral mining expenditures” as such terms are defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the “**Critical Minerals Qualifying Expenditures**”). The Company will incur the Qualifying Expenditures and the Critical Minerals Qualifying Expenditures on or before December 31, 2024, and will renounce all such expenditures in favour of the subscribers of the Premium FT Shares and FT Shares, as applicable, effective December 31, 2023. In addition, with respect to Québec resident subscribers of the Premium FT Shares and FT Shares who are eligible individuals under the *Taxation Act* (Québec), the Canadian exploration expenses will also qualify for inclusion in the “exploration base relating to certain Québec exploration expenses” within the meaning of section 726.4.10 of the *Taxation Act* (Québec) and for inclusion in the “exploration base relating to certain Québec surface mining expenses or oil and gas exploration expenses” within the meaning of section 726.4.17.2 of the *Taxation Act* (Québec). The proceeds from the sale of the Hard Dollar Shares will be used for exploration and for general corporate purposes.

All securities issued in connection with the Offering are subject to a statutory hold period in Canada expiring on January 29, 2024. The Offering remains subject to final acceptance of the TSX Venture Exchange.

The securities have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**U.S. Securities Act**”), or any U.S. state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States without registration under the U.S. Securities Act and all applicable state securities laws or compliance with requirements of an applicable exemption therefrom. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in the United States, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

About Azimut Exploration

Azimut is a leading mineral exploration company with a solid reputation for target generation and partnership development. The Company holds the largest mineral exploration portfolio in Quebec. Its wholly owned flagship, the **Elmer Gold Project**, is advancing to the initial resource stage in the James Bay region. Azimut also controls a strategic land position for copper-gold, nickel and lithium.

Azimut uses a pioneering approach to big data analytics (the proprietary **AZtechMine™** expert system) enhanced by extensive exploration know-how. The Company’s competitive edge is based on systematic regional-scale data analysis and concurrently active projects. The Company maintains rigorous financial discipline and a strong balance sheet, with 85 million shares issued and outstanding.

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