

Largo Resources Completes Private Placement of US\$150 Million 9.25% Senior Secured Notes

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☒ May 22, 2018 ([Source](#)) – Largo Resources Ltd. (“Largo” or the “Company”) (TSX: LG0) (OTCQB: LGORF) announces the closing of its private placement offering of US\$150 million (the “Offering”) aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes due in 2021 (the “Notes”). The Notes are callable in years 2 and 3, and carry a coupon of 9.25%.

As previously announced on May 17, 2018, the net proceeds of the Offering, being approximately US\$143 million after deduction of the 2% original issue discount, fees and certain expenses of the offering, have been deposited into an escrow account in favour of the Note holders pending satisfaction of certain conditions precedent including, among other things, receipt of consent of the Brazilian National Economic and Social Development Bank (“BNDES”) for the early payment of our credit facilities with them. Upon release from escrow, the net proceeds of the Offering will be used, together with cash on hand, to repay in full Largo’s existing debts with both the BNDES and its syndicate of commercial lenders (Itaú Unibanco S.A., Banco Votorantim S.A. and Banco Bradesco S.A.), plus accrued and unpaid interest, and to pay fees and expenses in connection therewith. Under the terms of the Offering, Largo has 180 days in which to satisfy the escrow release conditions and provide a pledge over all of the shares it holds in its operating subsidiary, Vanadio de Maracás S.A.

*"We are very pleased to announce the closing of this private placement. Upon release of the proceeds from escrow, the Offering will greatly improve our capital structure and cost and will also simplify our reporting obligations,"*said Mark Smith, Largo's President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Smith continued, *"With this leg of our strategy in-hand, we can now focus our efforts on our previously announced expansion project as we continue to build value for our shareholders."*

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The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state securities laws, and are being offered only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act and to non-U.S. persons in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S. Unless so registered, the Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States or to U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

About Largo Resources

Largo is a Toronto-based strategic mineral company focused on the production of vanadium flake, high purity vanadium flake and high purity vanadium powder at the Maracás Menchen Mine located in Bahia State, Brazil. Largo remains one of the lowest cost producers of vanadium in the world and is directly exposed to and is benefiting from the record increases in vanadium seen today. Largo is the only pure-play producer of vanadium and also has interests in a portfolio of other projects, including: a 100% interest in the Currais Novos Tungsten Tailings

Project in Brazil; a 100% interest in the Campo Alegre de Lourdes Iron-Vanadium Project in Brazil; and a 100% interest in the Northern Dancer Tungsten-Molybdenum property in the Yukon Territory, Canada. The Company's common shares are principally listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "LGO".

Forward Looking Information

Disclaimer: This press release contains forward-looking information under Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, statements with respect to the anticipated satisfaction of the escrow release conditions, including receipt of consent from BNDES for the early payment of Largo's credit facilities with them; the expected use of the net proceeds from the Offering; the anticipated benefits to Largo's capital structure upon implementation of the net Offering proceeds; the timing for and completion of the Maracás Menchen Mine expansion project and the costs associated therewith; Largo's development potential and timetable of its operating, development and exploration assets; Largo's ability to raise additional funds as may be necessary; the future price of vanadium; the estimation of mineral reserves and mineral resources; conclusions of economic evaluations; the realization of mineral reserve estimates; the timing and amount of estimated future production, development and exploration; costs of future activities; capital and operating expenditures; success of exploration activities; mining or processing issues; currency exchange rates; government regulation of mining operations; and environmental risks. Generally, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may",

“could”, “would”, “might” or “will be taken”, “occur” or “be achieved”. All information contained in this news release, other than statements of current and historical fact, is forward looking information. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of Largo to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward looking statements, including but not limited to those risks described in the annual information form of Largo and in its public documents filed on SEDAR from time to time. Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made. Although management of Largo has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Largo does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, except in accordance with applicable securities laws. Readers should also review the risks and uncertainties sections of Largo’s annual and interim MD&As.

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