Zenyatta Provides Graphene Research Funding Update

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November 22, 2018 (Source) – **Zenyatta Ventures Ltd. (TSXV: ZEN) ("Zenyatta" or "Company")** congratulates Prof. Aicheng Chen at the University of Guelph for being recently named as a new Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in electrochemistry and nanoscience, a title that included an award of $1.4 million over the next seven years. Zenyatta has been collaborating with Prof. Chen and his team since 2015 and the research has been funded by two Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada ("NSERC") Collaborative Research and Development (CRD) grants and an Ontario Centres of Excellence Voucher for Innovation and Productivity II (OCE VIP II) grant. Zenyatta is proud to be an industrial partner with Prof. Chen and his team and looks forward to continued collaborations.

Zenyatta continues to attract talented and creative research partners along with research funding through federal and provincial government programs. Under the NSERC Engage program, any Intellectual Property (IP) that is developed by the two projects will go to the Company. Zenyatta will continue to identify, recruit and sign on more research partners in order to increase the market potential of graphene. This will permit the company to develop its own market demand for Zenyatta graphene and also develop its vertical integration as well as adding more IP to its incubator program.

Zenyatta is also pleased to announce that the NSERC Engage committee has granted awards to Professors Eugenia Kumacheva and Michael Pope to study the use of Zenyatta graphene quantum dots and graphene in water filtration and next generation solid-state

batteries applications, respectively.

Prof. Kumacheva is a Full Professor of Chemistry at the University of Toronto and a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Advanced Polymer Materials. Her research interests span the fields of fundamental and applied polymers science, nanotechnology, microfluidics, and interface chemistry and has led to over 250 journal publications and over 20 patents. Prof. Kumacheva and her team propose to develop a nanocolloidal graphene-derived material which has a tunable pore size and can purify water of toxic heavy metal ions. These hydrogels have the potential of being scalable, robust and recyclable and provide a highly effective water purification and remediation solution.

Prof. Pope has more than 11 years of experience developing supercapacitors, Li-ion and Li-Sulphur batteries using graphene-based materials at Princeton University during his PhD studies, in industry at Vorbeck Materials Corp. and as an Assistant Professor at the University of Waterloo. His work has led to more than 23 journal publications and 7 patent applications describing such technologies. Prof. Pope and his team's goal is to produce solid-state battery anodes by wrapping silicon particles with a protective layer of graphene and interfacing this graphene-wrapped powder with emerging, high-conductivity, solid-state electrolytes.

Mr. Peter Wood, P.Eng, P.Geo., President and COO of Zenyatta, is the "Qualified Person" for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed, prepared and supervised the preparation of the technical information contained in this news release.

About Zenyatta

Zenyatta's Albany Graphite Project hosts a large and unique quality deposit of highly crystalline graphite. Independent labs in Japan, UK, Israel, USA and Canada have demonstrated that

Zenyatta's Albany Graphite/Naturally Pure™ easily converts (exfoliates) to graphene using a variety of simple mechanical and chemical methods. The deposit is located in northern Ontario just 30km north of the Trans-Canada Highway, near the communities of Constance Lake First Nation and Hearst. Important nearby infrastructure include hydro-power, natural gas pipeline, a rail line 50 km away and an all-weather road just 10 km from the deposit.

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