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NGEx Minerals Increases Private Placement to C\$175 Million

October 16, 2024, Vancouver, British Columbia – NGEx Minerals Ltd. (“NGEx Minerals” “NGEx” or the “Company”) (TSX: NGEX) (OTCQX: NGXXF) is pleased to announce that due to strong demand it has elected to increase the previously announced non-brokered private placement to an aggregate of 15,909,091 common shares of the Company (the "Common Shares") at a price of C\$11.00 per Common Share for gross proceeds of C\$175 million (the "Private Placement").

Net proceeds of the Private Placement will be predominantly used towards furthering exploration programs at the Lunahuasi project in San Juan Province, Argentina, continued exploration and maintenance of the Company’s Los Helados project located in Region III, Chile, as well as for general corporate and working capital purposes.

The closing of the Private Placement remains subject to the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) and other customary regulatory approvals and closing conditions for a transaction of this nature including, but not limited to, execution of subscription agreements between the Company and the subscribers. The Common Shares will be issued on a private placement basis pursuant to exemptions from prospectus requirements under applicable securities laws and will be subject to a statutory hold period of four months and one day from the date of issuance. The Company may pay a finder's fee of 5% in connection with a portion of the Private Placement. The Company anticipates closing of the Private Placement as soon as practicable subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals.

Certain insiders of the Company, including trusts settled by the late Adolf H. Lundin (the “Lundin Family Trusts”) that control a private entity which is currently the Company’s largest shareholder, have indicated their intention to participate in the Private Placement. Any such participation would be considered to be a "related party transaction" as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("MI 61-101"). The transaction will be exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 as neither the fair market value of any Common Shares issued to or the consideration paid by such persons will exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the securities described herein in the United States (the “U.S.”) nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful. The securities described herein have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”), or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the U.S., or to the account or benefit of a U.S. person or a person in the U.S., absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

About NGEx Minerals

NGEx Minerals is a copper and gold exploration company based in Canada, focused on exploration of the Lunahuasi copper-gold-silver project in San Juan Province, Argentina, and the nearby Los Helados copper-gold project located approximately nine kilometres northeast in Chile's Region III. Both projects are located within the Vicuña District, which includes the Caserones mine, and the Josemaria and Filo del Sol deposits.

NGEx owns 100% of Lunahuasi and is the majority partner and operator for the Los Helados project, subject to a Joint Exploration Agreement with Nippon Caserones Resources LLC, which is the indirect 30% owner of the operating Caserones open pit copper mine located approximately 17 kilometres north of Los Helados. Lundin Mining Corporation holds the remaining 70% stake in Caserones.

The Company's common shares are listed on the TSX under the symbol "NGEX" and also trade on the OTCQX under the symbol "NGXXF". NGEx is part of the Lundin Group of Companies.

Additional information relating to NGEx may be obtained or viewed on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

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Additional Information

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Certain statements made and information contained herein in the news release constitutes "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities legislation (collectively, "forward-looking information"). All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this document constitute forward-looking information, including but not limited to, statements regarding the ultimate size of the Private Placement, the closing of the Private Placement (including receipt of all required regulatory approvals), the participation and support of existing shareholders in the Private Placement, and the anticipated use of net proceeds resulting from the Private Placement. Words such as "plans", "expects" or "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "targets", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events, conditions or results "will", "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved" or the negative connotations thereof and similar expressions identify forward-looking information.

Forward-looking information is necessarily based upon various estimates and assumptions including, without limitation, the expectations and beliefs of management with regards to the closing of the Private Placement (including receipt of all

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