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CORCEL EXPLORATION APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

Vancouver, British Columbia – February 17, 2026 – Corcel Exploration Inc. (CSE: CRCL) (OTCQB: CRLEF) (the “Company” or “Corcel”) today announced the appointment of Thy Truong to the Board of Directors, replacing Oliver Friesen effective immediately.

Corcel would like to thank Mr. Friesen for his guidance and meaningful contributions during his tenure on the Board and wishes him every success in his future endeavors.

Thy Truong is a Chartered Professional Accountant with more than ten years of experience in public accounting and the mining industry. Ms. Truong. currently serves as Director of FP&A, Tax, and Internal Controls at Vizsla Silver Corp. and CFO of Tarachi Gold Corp., where she supports financial planning, governance, and day-to-day decision-making across the organizations. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Vancouver and was a part of the Global Scholar Program (Academic Honours).

“On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to welcome Thy to Corcel,” commented Jon Ward, CEO and Director of Corcel Exploration Inc. *“Thy brings a technical accounting background with a proven track record in financial planning, governance, and internal controls. Her experience in public accounting and supporting resource companies will be invaluable as we continue to advance the Yuma King copper-gold asset in Arizona.”*

The Company also announces that it has granted 200,000 incentive stock options exercisable at \$0.22 for a period of 5 years, in accordance with its stock option plan.

About Corcel Exploration Inc.

Corcel is a mineral resource company engaged in the acquisition and exploration of precious and base metals properties throughout North America. The Company has entered a long-term lease agreement to acquire the Yuma King Copper-Gold project in Arizona, which spans a district-scale land position of 3,200 hectares comprising 515 unpatented federal mining claims in the Ellsworth Mining District, including the past-producing Yuma Mine which saw underground production of copper, lead, gold and silver between 1940 and 1963. The Company also holds an option to acquire a 100% undivided right, title, and interest in and to the Peak gold exploration project and holds a 100% interest in the Willow copper project. For more information, please visit our website at <https://corcelexploration.com/>.

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