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ECO ORO MINERALS ANNOUNCES BOARD APPOINTMENT

Vancouver, BC, Canada – July 26, 2016 – Eco Oro Minerals Corp. ("Eco Oro" or the "Company") (TSX: EOM) is pleased to announce that David Kay has been appointed to the board of directors of the Company (the "Board"), effective as of July 27, 2016. Mr. Kay has been appointed to the Board pursuant to the Company's investment agreement with Trexs Investments, LLC, an entity managed by Tenor Capital Management Company, L.P. ("Tenor"), which was announced on July 22, 2016.

Mr. Kay is a partner at Tenor and the portfolio manager of the Tenor International & Commercial Arbitration Fund. Mr. Kay joined Tenor in 2009 to focus on arbitration and litigation based investments. Previously, Mr. Kay was an investment banker at Jefferies & Company and an attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Mr. Kay currently serves on multiple boards for companies in the mineral, mining and energy industries. He received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and he graduated with honors from Fordham University School of Law.

"We are very pleased to welcome David Kay on the Board of Directors" said Anna Stylianides, Executive Chairman of the Company. "David's extensive experience in dispute management and arbitration as well as his strong financial expertise will be instrumental in enhancing and strengthening our entire team as we continue to move our Company forward."

Company Profile

Eco Oro Minerals Corp. is a publicly-traded precious metals exploration and development company with a portfolio of projects in Colombia. Eco Oro has been focused on its wholly-owned, multi-million ounce Angostura gold-silver deposit, located in northeastern Colombia. Eco Oro is committed to further advancing the Angostura Project in a socially and environmentally responsible manner that will be beneficial for all stakeholders.

For more information please visit the Company's website at <u>www.eco-oro.com</u> or contact:

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Forward-Looking Statements

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