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January 14, 2021- International Battery Metals Ltd. (the "Company") (CSE: "IBAT") announces it has received a notice of exercise of preemptive rights from Ensorcia Minerals Corporation ("Ensorcia"). Under the terms of the notice of exercise the Company will issue 2,332,153 common shares to Ensorcia at a price of \$0.305 per share. The preemptive right was granted to Ensorcia under a private placement originally announced August 21, 2019. The price is based on the 30-day average market closing price (the "Fair Market Value") for the 30 days prior to the Company sending a notice to Ensorica of its right to exercise the preemptive right. The preemptive right is being exercised with respect to the issuance of 50,600,000 common shares of the Company under 3 private placements during 2020. Under the terms of the preemptive right Ensoricia had the right to purchase at the Fair Market Value such number of shares as were required to maintain its percentage holding in the Company following closing of the private placement on August 21, 2019. The Company also provided notice to Beaty Metals Ltd. The other placee under the August 21, 2019 private placement. Beaty has 30 days from the January 6, 2020 date of the notice to exercise its preemptive right. The Company has not had a response from Beaty to date.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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