



NEWS RELEASE

Rift Valley Announces Stock Option Grants

Vancouver, British Columbia / January 17, 2018 – Rift Valley Resources Corp. (the "**Company**") (CSE: RVR) announces that it has granted incentive stock options to purchase a total of 425,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.10 per share for a period of five years to its directors, officers and consultants in accordance with the provisions of its stock option plan.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Craig Robson CEO

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Although the Company believes that the expectations and assumptions on which such forward looking statements and information are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements and information because the Company can give no assurance that they will prove to be correct.

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