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# Blockchain Venture Capital Inc. Announces Update to its Private Placement and Closing of Additional Tranche

Toronto, Ontario – (April 21, 2023) – Blockchain Venture Capital Inc. (the "**Company**" or "**BVCI**") announces that the terms of its non-brokered private placement offering previously announced on October 21, 2022 and December 16, 2022 (the "**Private Placement**") have been revised by increasing the aggregate number of common shares in the Company ( the "**Shares**") issuable under the Private Placement to up to 2,438,134 Shares and increasing the aggregate gross proceeds to up to \$3,047,668.

The Company intends to close a final tranche of its Private Placement on or about April 27, 2023. In the final tranche the Company expects to issue a total of 492,000 Shares and 1,120,000 units, each at a price of \$1.25, with each unit comprised of one Share and one-half of a warrant, for total gross proceeds of \$2,015,000. Each warrant issued as part of a unit will be exercisable for one Share at an exercise price of \$1.50 for a period of 24 months from the date of issue. To date, the Company has issued 826,134 Shares under the Private Placement for gross proceeds of \$1,032,667.50.

The Company intends to use the proceeds from the Private Placement to fund corporate expenditures and general working capital purposes in respect of the development of the Company's BvcPay platform and CADT, including expenditures related to seeking applicable regulatory approvals in respect of dealer registrations to permit BVCI to carry out its CADT related business.

All securities issued under the Private Placement will be subject to a hold period expiring four months and one day from the date of issuance.

The Private Placement may be completed in multiple tranches and is subject to receipt of executed subscription agreements and funds as well as certain conditions including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary approvals, including the approval of the Canadian Securities Exchange.

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## About the Company

BVCI is an Ontario incorporated company and is registered as a money service business with the Financial Transaction and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC). It is a provider of an innovative technology infrastructure to participants in the emerging blockchain and distributed ledger technology industry. Instrumental to BVCI's business and growth strategy is BVC Chain, a proprietary blockchain platform and

distributed ledger technology, which can operate as a centralized or decentralized ledger. BVC Chain was designed to be a turnkey solution, which can be customized and implemented by organizations wishing to deploy blockchain platform based solutions, products or services. BVC Chain will also serve as the platform and infrastructure for BvcPay and CADT. BvcPay is a cloud based mobile application that is intended to have the capability to function as a Digital Currency wallet and which can facilitate point of sale and online transactions using Bitcoin, Ethereum and CADT. CADT is the native Digital Currency of the BVC Chain, and it is intended to be a stablecoin. BVCI's CADT business division is expected to issue CADT, a cryptographic stablecoin supported on a 1:1 basis with an equivalent amount of Canadian dollar held in a custodial account. CADT is expected to support real time pricing, payment, settlement, digital asset issuance and ledger capabilities.

To allow BVCI to carry out its CADT related business, BVCI filed an application on June 17, 2021 to obtain registration as an exempt market dealer in accordance with applicable securities laws in Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia. Such application is pending, and there is no assurance that BVCI will obtain such registration. Unless and until the Company is registered under applicable securities laws for purposes of carrying out its CADT related business, or the Company is otherwise satisfied that it can conduct such business in compliance with all applicable securities laws, it intends to have all its CADT trading occur through a dealer (via the BVC Chain) that is registered in a category of registration under applicable securities laws which permits CADT to be traded through it, which dealer arrangement is subject to finalization. Accordingly, there is no assurance BVCI will be able to pursue its proposed CADT business or any related BvcPay business that relies on CADT.

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The forward-looking information contained in this press release is current only as of the date hereof. The Company does not undertake or assume any obligation, except as required by law, to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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