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Blockchain Venture Capital Inc. Announces Resignation of Tom Griffin and re-appointment of Richard Zhou as CEO and Chairman

Toronto, Ontario – (January 13, 2025) – Blockchain Venture Capital Inc. (the “**Company**” or “**BVCI**”) announces that Tom Griffin has resigned as Chief Executive Officer, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”), effective January 1, 2025, and the Board has accepted his resignation. The Company thanks Mr. Griffin for his contributions to the Company.

The Company has re-appointed Richard Zhou as President and Chief Executive Officer and to the role of Chairman of the Board. Mr. Zhou is the founder of BVCI and served as its previous CEO and Chairman of the Board.

The Board has also announced that Independent Board member Marc Kealey has stepped down as Chairman and will continue to sit as a member of the Board. Mr. Kealey was appointed as a Director of the Board in 2023.

BVCI is pleased to announce that it intends to complete a non-brokered private placement of up to 1,666,666 units (the “Units”) at a price of CA\$0.30 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of up to CA\$500,000 (the “Offering”). Each Unit is comprised of one (1) common share in the capital of the Company (“Common Share”) and one (1) common share purchase warrant (“Warrant”), with one Warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one (1) Common Share at a price of CA\$0.35 per Common Share for a period of 24 months from the date of closing of the Offering. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the Offering to fund corporate expenditures and general working capital purposes. All securities issued under the Offering will be subject to a hold period expiring four months and one day from the date of issuance in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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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.

Unless and until BVCI obtains the necessary regulatory approvals or unless it can rely on an exemption from the prospectus and registration requirements in furtherance of the issuance and trading of CADT, there is no assurance BVCI will be able to pursue its proposed CADT business or any related BvcPay business that relies on CADT.

Although the term "stablecoin" is commonly used, there is no guarantee that the asset will maintain a stable value in relation to the value of the reference asset if and when traded on secondary markets or that the reserve of assets will be adequate to satisfy all redemptions.

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