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AZURE DRILLING UPDATE

Mexican focused **Azure Minerals Limited** ("Azure" or the "Company") is pleased to report that it has completed a 7 hole, 785m diamond drilling program on its 100%-owned Tecolote Project, located in the state of Sonora, Mexico. Assay results are expected within two weeks.

Azure has now moved the drill rig to its adjoining, 100%-owned La Tortuga Project where joint venture partner Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (**JOGMEC**) have requested a single, 500m deep, hole to be drilled to test a porphyry copper target defined by coincident geochemical and geophysical anomalies.

Drilling on the La Tortuga Project is being funded by JOGMEC which can earn a 51% interest by spending US\$3 million of exploration expenditure. To date JOGMEC has funded approximately US\$1.65 million of expenditure.

Background

JOGMEC is a wholly-owned Japanese Government corporation established to assist in the stable supply of oil, gas and mineral resources to the Japanese economy. JOGMEC seeks to gain entry into high-potential mineral exploration projects through providing funding and technical assistance, with a view to the later introduction of commercial Japanese interests. To assist with those objectives it has entered into the La Tortuga joint venture with an objective to discover large copper deposits.

The La Tortuga Project comprises the La Tortuga and Los Nidos properties, covering 213km². It is situated only three kilometres east of the now closed El Tecolote Mine (now owned 100% by Azure) which produced 1.4Mt @ 1.9% copper, 7.0% zinc and 47g/t silver in 1978-1984, and is located 90 kilometres northwest of Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora State, where Azure has its exploration and administration base.

To date, Azure has completed 12 diamond core hole at La Tortuga for a total of 4,060m. Anomalous grades of porphyry copper and skarn copper-zinc mineralisation have been intersected, with a best intercept of 156.9m @ 0.2% copper and 0.2% zinc from surface.

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Figure 1: La Tortuga Project Location

