

Champion Electric Announces Closing of Debt Settlement

Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - May 22, 2026) - [Champion Electric Metals Inc.](#) (CSE: LTHM) OTC Pink: CHELF) (FSE: 1QB0) ("**Champion Electric**" or the "**Company**") announces that, further to its press release dated May 14, 2026, it has settled an aggregate of \$182,826 in outstanding indebtedness owed to certain creditors of the Company, through the issuance of an aggregate of 17,587,584 common shares (each, a "**Share**") in the capital of the Company at a deemed issuance of \$0.01 per Share (the "**Debt Settlement**").

The Shares are subject to the following contractual vesting and resale restrictions:

- 25% of the total Shares vest and are released from restriction on September 22, 2026;
- 25% vest and are released from restriction on January 22, 2027;
- 25% vest and are released from restriction on May 22, 2027; and
- 25% vest and are released from restriction on November 22, 2027.

Any sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Shares prior to the applicable vesting date is prohibited.

The Debt Settlement constitutes a "related party transaction" pursuant to Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("**MI 61-101**") as an insider received an aggregate of 16,440,000 Shares. The Company is relying on the exemptions from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 contained in Section 5.5(b) and Section 5.7(1)(b) of MI 61-101, respectively, on the basis that (i) no securities of the Company are listed or quoted on any of the markets specified in Section 5.5(b) of MI 61-101 and (ii) the fair market value of the securities issued to related parties pursuant to the financing does not exceed \$2,500,000, along with the other applicable circumstances contained in section 5.7(1)(b) of MI 61-101.

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About Champion Electric Metals Inc.

Champion Electric is a discovery-focused exploration company with copper, gold, and cobalt properties in Idaho, United States. The assets include the 100%-owned Champagne polymetallic project in Butte

County near Arco, Idaho and the Baner gold project in Idaho County (optioned to Legacy Gold Mines Ltd, TSXV: LEGY). The Company also retains significant claims in the Idaho Cobalt Belt. The Company's shares trade on the CSE under the trading symbol "LTHM", on the OTC Markets under the trading symbol "CHELF", and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol "1QB0".

Champion Electric strives to be a responsible environmental steward, stakeholder, and contributing citizen to the local communities where it operates, taking its social license seriously, employing local community members and service providers at its operations whenever possible.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF CHAMPION ELECTRIC

"Nicholas Konkin"

Nicholas Konkin, Interim President and CEO

To learn more, please visit the Company's SEDAR+ profile at www.sedarplus.ca or the Company's corporate website at www.champem.com.

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The Projects are at an early stage of exploration, and the Company cautions that the qualified persons who have reviewed and approved this news release have not verified scientific or technical information produced by third parties.



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