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Arctic Star Announces Closing of First Tranche of Private Placement

December 15, 2023 – Vancouver, British Columbia – Arctic Star Exploration Corp. (“**Arctic Star**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that, further to its news release dated October 12, 2023, the Company closed the first tranche of the previously announced non-brokered private placement (the “**Private Placement**”) of units of the Company (the “**Units**”) at a price of \$0.01 per Unit. Each Unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company (a “**Share**”) and one common share purchase warrant (a “**Warrant**”). Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one additional Share at a price of \$0.05 per Share for a period of 24 months from the date of issuance.

The first tranche closing of the Private Placement consisted of 19,300,000 Units for aggregate gross proceeds of \$193,000. All securities issued in connection with the first tranche of the Private Placement are subject to a statutory hold period of four months plus a day in accordance with applicable securities legislation ending on April 16, 2024.

The Warrants issued under the Private Placement contain an accelerated option clause (the “**Acceleration Clause**”). Pursuant to the Acceleration Clause, if the Shares of the Company close at or above \$0.10 for ten (10) consecutive trading days on the TSX Venture Exchange (the “**TSXV**”), then the Company may accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants by issuing a news release announcing the reduced Warrant term, pursuant to which the Warrants will expire on the 60th calendar day after the date of such news release.

The Company is further announcing that the TSXV have provided the Company with an extension to the filing deadline for the second tranche of the Private Placement, until January 15, 2024.

Among other costs, the Company will use the proceeds from the Private Placement as follows: (i) 18% will be used to pay legal expenses; (ii) 14% will be used to pay accounting expenses; (iii) 10.6% will be used to pay for geological services; (iv) 13.3% will be used to pay for consulting work; and (v) 33.3% will be used for general working capital.

No finder’s fees were paid in connection with the closing of the first tranche of the Private Placement.

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About Arctic Star

Arctic Star is predominantly a diamond explorer, recently discovering 5 new kimberlites in the prolific Lac De Gras kimberlite field that supports 2 multi-billion dollar kimberlite mining complexes. The Company also has a 958 Ha Exploration permit containing several diamond-bearing kimberlites on its Timantti project, Kuusamo Finland. The Company continues to look for appropriate diamond opportunities elsewhere.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
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