

Morien Announces Renewal of Normal Course Issuer Bid

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Jan. 26, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Morien Resources Corp.** ("**Morien**" or the "**Company**") (TSX-V:MOX), is pleased to announce that the TSX Venture Exchange ("**TSX-V**") accepted the Company's notice of intention to renew its normal course issuer bid ("**NCIB**") to purchase outstanding common shares of Morien on the open market in accordance with the policies of the TSX-V.

Pursuant to the NCIB, Morien may acquire up to 3,820,700 common shares, representing approximately 10% of the public float of Morien as of January 25, 2021. In the opinion of the Board of Directors of Morien, its common shares have been trading at prices that do not reflect the underlying value of the Company including its royalty portfolio and its strong financial position. Accordingly, Morien believes that purchasing and returning its common shares to treasury at present pricing represents an opportunity to enhance value for its ongoing shareholders. Morien's cash position allows for the implementation of the bid without adversely affecting Morien's business.

From February 1, 2020 to January 25, 2021, Morien purchased 1,750,500 of its common shares at an average price per share of \$0.24 under its current NCIB, which expires January 31, 2021. As of January 25, 2021, the Company had 51,111,614 common shares outstanding. Under TSX-V policies, Morien is entitled to purchase up to 1,022,200 common shares, approximately 2% of its issued and outstanding common shares, in any 30-day period, up to the maximum of 3,820,700 shares.

Morien is authorized to make purchases between February 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022, or on such earlier date as the NCIB is complete or is terminated at the option of Morien. The actual number of common shares which will be purchased and the timing of any such purchases will be determined by the Company. All shares purchased by the Company will be on the open market through the facilities of TSX-V by National Bank Financial Inc. acting on behalf of Morien in accordance with the policies of the TSX-V and will be surrendered by the Company to its transfer agent for cancellation. The prices that Morien will pay for any of the common shares purchased will be the market price of the shares at the time of acquisition.

About Morien

Morien is a Canada based, mining development company that holds royalty interests in two tidewater accessed projects. Before going on care and maintenance, the Donkin Coal Mine commenced production in 2017, and the Black Point Aggregate Project, permitted in 2016, is awaiting a development decision and is paying advanced minimum royalties to Morien. Morien's management team exercises ruthless discipline in managing both the assets and liabilities of the Company. The Company's management and its Board of Directors consider shareholder returns to be paramount over corporate size, number or scale of assets and industry recognition. The Company has 51,111,614 issued and outstanding common shares and a fully diluted position of 55,641,614. Further information is available at www.MorienRes.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements in this news release may constitute "forward-looking information" as defined under applicable securities laws. These statements reflect Morien's current expectations of future revenues and business prospects and opportunities and are based on information currently available to Morien. Morien cautions that actual performance will be affected by a number of factors, many of which are beyond its control, and that future events and results may vary substantially from what Morien currently foresees. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include risks and uncertainties described in Morien's annual information form filed with the Canadian Securities regulators on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) on April 26, 2016. Morien cautions that its royalty revenue will be based on production by third party property owners and operators who will be responsible for determining the manner and timing for the properties forming part of Morien's royalty portfolio. These third party owners and operators are also subject to risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted herein including: volatility in financial markets or general economic conditions; capital requirements and the need for additional financing; fluctuations in the rates of exchange for the currencies of Canada and the United States; prices for commodities including coal and aggregate; unanticipated changes in production, mineral reserves and mineral resources, metallurgical recoveries and/or exploration results; changes in regulations and unpredictable political or economic developments; loss of key personnel; labour disputes; and ineffective title to mineral claims or property. There are other business risks and hazards associated with mineral exploration, development and mining. Although Morien believes that the forward-looking information contained herein is based on reasonable assumptions (including assumptions relating to economic, market and political conditions, the Company's working capital requirements and the accuracy of information supplied by the operators of the properties in which the Company has a royalty interest), readers cannot be assured that actual results will be consistent with such statements. Morien expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information in this news release, whether as a result of new information, events or otherwise, except in accordance with applicable securities laws. All dollar values discussed herein are in Canadian dollars. Any financial outlook or future-oriented financial information in this news release, as defined by applicable securities laws, has been approved by management of Morien as of the date of this news release. Such financial outlook or future-oriented financial information is provided for the purpose of providing information about management's current expectations and plans relating to the future. Readers are cautioned that such outlook or information should not be used for purposes other than for which it is disclosed in this news release.

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