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Feronia Inc. Announces US\$2.5 Million Private Placement of Common Shares

TORONTO, ONTARIO – December 12, 2016: Feronia Inc. ("Feronia" or the "Company") (TSXV: FRN) is pleased to announce that it has entered into subscription agreements for the private placement (the "Offering") of an aggregate of US\$2.5 million of common shares ("Common Shares") of the Company at a price of Cdn.\$0.22 per Common Share with CDC Group plc ("CDC"), the UK Government's Development Finance Institution, and the African Agriculture Fund, through its subsidiary Golden Oil Holdings Limited ("GOHL"). Today, CDC closed its subscription for US\$1,800,000 by purchasing an aggregate of 10,770,545 Common Shares and the Company anticipates closing the GOHL subscription this week for US\$700,000 through the issuance of 4,180,909 Common Shares.

Closing of the Offering is a condition to the second disbursement under the secured term facility agreement with a syndicate of European lenders consisting of four Development Finance Institutions ("DFIs") which the Company entered into in December 2015. Proceeds from the Offering shall be used for working capital purposes and, in particular, to provide expansion capital for the Company's subsidiaries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mr. Xavier de Carniere, Chief Executive Officer of Feronia, commented:

"By delivering operationally we reinforce our shareholders' confidence in our ability deliver on our business plan and get to a position where our destiny is in our own hands."

"Whilst the DRC is facing tough times from a political perspective, Feronia and its shareholders have the courage and determination to remain faithful to their mission of rebuilding this business. By doing so we are securing thousands of jobs, social services, local infrastructure, and a staple food for our communities and the entire country."

"We believe that our collective determination will lead to success and that success will be a beacon that other like-minded individuals and organizations can follow to bring additional investments of energy, determination, and capital into the DRC, which will benefit both the country and its people."

Pursuant to Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("MI 61-101"), the Offering constitutes a "related party transaction" as CDC and GOHL are insiders of the Company. The Company is relying on an exemption from the formal valuation and minority approval requirements. The Offering is subject to the approval of the TSXV and the Common Shares issued pursuant to the Offering are subject to a statutory hold period of four-months and one day.

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About Feronia Inc.

- *Feronia is an agribusiness operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).*
- *At the heart of Feronia lies a long established palm oil business, Plantations et Huileries du Congo (PHC), which has three remotely located plantations; Lokutu, Yaligimba and Boteka. We also have an arable farming operation which grows and processes rice.*
- *When Feronia acquired its palm oil business from Unilever in 2009, it had suffered from years of underinvestment and considerable disruption caused by conflict in the DRC. Our initial focus has been on rebuilding the business and resuming production to secure its future and the livelihoods of the thousands of people we directly employ.*
- *Feronia's plantations produce crude palm oil (CPO) and palm kernel oil (PKO). CPO is part of the staple and traditional diet of the Congolese and, with our products sold locally in the DRC, we are well placed to help decrease reliance on imports and increase food security and quality.*
- *Feronia prides itself on being the guardian of our 105 year-old palm oil business and its employees, communities, and environment. We have a long term commitment to improve the living and working environment of our employees and their communities and are committed to sustainable agriculture, environmental protection and community inclusion. Feronia has in place an Environmental and Social Action Plan which is focused on implementing environmental and social best practice and improving social infrastructure.*
- *Feronia is working towards certification by the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and is implementing IFC/World Bank*

standards for environmental and social sustainability. Our oil palm replanting programme is brownfield in nature – replacing old palms with new – and it has no reliance on deforestation.

- *Feronia's management team is comprised of senior agriculturalists with extensive experience in managing both plantations and farming operations in emerging markets.*
- *For more information please see www.feronia.com*

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