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**ASHBURTON ANNOUNCES CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP OF RESEARCH ON SOIL
AMENDMENT POTENTIAL USING Z-1 ZEOLITE**

APRIL 27, 2018, VANCOUVER, B.C. – ASHBURTON VENTURES INC. (ABR-TSX:V) (ARB-FRANKFURT) ("Ashburton" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the Operator of the Z-1 Zeolite Quarry, ZMM Canada Minerals Corp., has received notification of additional Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) funding of \$121,000 to its partner, the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) on "Salinity tolerance of regional native plant species and soil amendment potential for reclamation."

In early April 2018, additional Z-1 Zeolite from the Z1 Quarry at Cache Creek, BC, was shipped to Dr. Jean-Marie Sobze of NAIT to continue the research on Z-1 Zeolite's efficacy in reclamation of salt contaminated soils. This program's intention is to test novel approaches to enhance and improve existing technologies to meet the demands of reclaiming naturally saline soil in northern Alberta.

"This is the second year that Z-1 Zeolites have been used in this research project supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). We believe this speaks highly of the efficacy of Z-1 zeolites in soil remediation efforts." states Steve Harpur, CEO of Ashburton.

The work is being conducted by the Boreal Research Institute of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) with industry partners Paramount Resources (ACL) Ltd., ZMM Canada Minerals Corp. (ZMM) Alberta Economic Development and Trade and Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

"To be a part of developing these breakthrough technologies utilizing zeolites embodies our core values. This project exemplifies this, and we are very pleased with the progress to date" stated Verne Hogg, CEO of ZMM.

"Verne has over 30 years experience in zeolite research and having third parties test the efficacy of zeolite from the Z-1 Zeolite Deposit is vital to developing Canadian markets for this source of zeolite." stated Steve Harpur, CEO of Ashburton.



We acknowledge the support of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), which invests annually over \$1 billion in people, discovery and innovation.

Cette recherche a été financée par le Conseil de recherches en sciences naturelles et en génie du Canada (CRSNG), qui investit chaque année plus d'un milliard de dollars pour soutenir les gens, la découverte et l'innovation.



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Ashburton Ventures Inc. is a Canadian-based junior exploration company focused on zeolite, lithium and graphite projects in Canada.

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Signed "Stephen Harpur"

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