First Global Announces Closing of $10M Private Placement and Seeks Full Money Service Licensing in the US

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TORONTO, March 24, 2017 /CNW/ - First Global Data ("First Global" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed its non-brokered private placement as previously announced in its press releases dated March 7, 2017 and March 16, 2017. The Company issued an aggregate of 14,290,359 units at a price of $0.70 per unit for aggregate gross proceeds of $10,003,251.

Each Unit is comprised of one (1) common share in the capital of the Company (a "Common Share") and one (1) Common Share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one (1) Common Share at an exercise price of $0.90 per share until March 22, 2020 (the "Warrant Expiry Date").

In the event that, during the period following 12 months from the closing date, the volume-weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX Venture Exchange exceeds $1.80 per Common Share for any period of 20 consecutive trading days, the Company may, at its option, within five business days following such 20-day period, accelerate the Warrant Expiry Date by delivery of notice to the registered holders (an "Acceleration Notice") thereof and issuing a press release (a "Warrant Acceleration Press Release", and, in such case, the Warrant Expiry Date shall be deemed to be 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the 30th day following the later of (i) the date on which the Acceleration Notice is sent to Warrant holders, and (ii) the date of issuance of the Warrant Acceleration Press Release.

The Units and the underlying securities issuable in connection with the Offering are subject to a statutory expiring on July 23, 2017.

The Company is pleased to advise that a portion of the capital raised will be used to accelerate its efforts to obtain the balance of its money service licenses in the USA. First Global currently has money service licenses in 21 States and has taken the requisite actions to obtaining licensing in the other 29 States.

The licensing process is arduous and lengthy and due to the fiscal sensitivity, there are significant barriers to entry. The Company has allocated significant resources toward securing the additional licenses.

Leaders in the money remittance sector include companies such as Western Union, MoneyGram and Ria.

Andre Itwaru, First Global's Chairman and CEO comments, "Obtaining money service licenses in the US is no easy task. Having the ability to transact in 50 States gives First Global a distinct advantage over many of our competitors. Accelerating obtaining the additional licenses has now become a top priority as we have recently been presented with a number of near term revenue rich opportunities."

Douglas Smith, a Director of First Global adds, "First Global's compliance and risk management is second to none and this has attracted a number of significant high profile global Fintech companies."

About First Global

First Global is an international financial services technology ("FINTECH") company. The Company's two main lines of business are mobile payments and cross border payments. First Global's proprietary leading edge technology enables the convergence of compliant domestic and cross border payments, shopping, Peer to Peer ("P2P"), Business to Consumer ("B2C"), and Business to Business ("B2B") payments. First Global enables its strategic partners and clients around the world with our leading edge financial services technology platform.

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