



Rio Grande Resources Announces Equity Grants

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – July 9, 2026 – Rio Grande Resources Ltd. (CSE: RGR, OTCQB: RGRLF) ("Rio Grande" or "RIO" the "Company"), is pleased to announce that it has granted a total of 775,750 stock options (the "Options") and 776,795 restricted share units (the "RSUs"), collectively, (the "Awards"), to certain directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company pursuant to the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The grants were approved by the Board of Directors on July 8, 2026. The Awards are intended to align the interests of management, directors, employees and consultants with those of shareholders while supporting the Company's long-term growth strategy.

The Options are exercisable at \$0.235 subject to applicable the Canadian Securities Exchange and a have a term of five years. A portion of the Options and RSUs are subject to vesting provisions. All Awards are subject to a statutory hold period of four months and one day. All Awards are subject to the terms of the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan and applicable securities law hold periods.

About Rio Grande Resources

Rio Grande Resources (CSE:RGR) (OTCQB: RGRLF) is a burgeoning mineral exploration company focused on unlocking the high-grade gold and silver potential within its 3,000-acre drill-ready property in the Black Range of Sierra County, New Mexico. The company holds 100% interest in the Winston project group, which includes the 2 patented historic Ivanhoe & Emporia Claims, and Little Granite mines, all known for their past production of high-grade precious metals. Rio Grande Resources is led by a team of experienced professionals with expertise in mineral exploration and development, who are targeting large-scale precious metal discoveries within the property's well-documented low-sulfidation epithermal setting.

To view the company fact sheet and corporate presentation, please visit our website at www.riogranderesources.ca

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Forward-Looking Statements

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looking statements contained in this news release and in any document referred to in this news release. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities. Please refer to the Company's most recent filings under its profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca for further information respecting the risks affecting the Company and its business.

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