

ESSEX MINERALS INC.

Vancouver, British Columbia

ESSEX ANNOUNCES SHARE CONSOLIDATION AND NAME CHANGE

August 22, 2023 – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. – Essex Minerals Inc. (the “Company” or “Essex”, TSX-V: ESX) announces its plan to consolidate its issued and outstanding common shares (each, a “Share”) on the basis of one (1) post-consolidation share for every ten (10) pre-consolidation Shares (the “Consolidation”) and change its name to Optegra Ventures Inc. The Consolidation is set to be effective August 25, 2023.

There are currently 88,178,783 issued and outstanding Shares. Following the Consolidation, it is expected that there will be approximately 8,817,878 Shares outstanding. No fractional Shares will be issued. Any fractional Shares resulting from the Consolidation will be rounded down to the nearest whole Share if the fraction is less than one-half of a Share and will be rounded up to the nearest whole share if the fraction is at least one-half of a Share. A new CUSIP and ISIN number have been issued for the post-Consolidation Shares, being 68387G104 and CA68387G1046. The new Shares will trade under the symbol “OPTG” and Essex’s name will change to Optegra Ventures Inc. following the Consolidation.

The exercise or conversion price, and the number of Shares issuable under any of the Company's outstanding convertible securities, will be proportionately adjusted upon the effectiveness of the Consolidation. Registered shareholders as of the effective date who hold Shares represented by a physical certificate or direct registration advice (“DRS Advice”) will receive a letter of transmittal from the transfer agent for the Company, Computershare Investor Services Inc., with instructions on how to exchange their existing certificates or DRS Advices for certificates or DRS Advices representing post-Consolidation Shares. Beneficial shareholders holding their Shares through an intermediary, such as a brokerage firm, bank, dealer or similar organization, should note that such intermediary might have different procedures for processing the Consolidation than the procedures for registered shareholders. Beneficial shareholders who have any questions in this regard are encouraged to contact their intermediary.

The Consolidation is subject to final approval from the TSX Venture Exchange.

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF ESSEX MINERALS INC.

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