

NEWS RELEASE

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## Leading Edge Materials Reports Quarterly Results to January 31, 2018

Vancouver, Canada – **Leading Edge Materials Corp.** (“**Leading Edge Materials**”) or (the “**Company**”) (**TSXV: LEM**) (**OTCQB: LEMIF**) (**Nasdaq First North: LEMSE**) announces first quarter results for the period ending Jan 31, 2018. All amounts in this release are in Canadian dollars.

Leading Edge Materials achieved two milestones during the first quarter of 2018. In December 2017 the Company completed an application to dual list on the Nasdaq First North in Stockholm, where trading commenced January 22, 2018.

Furthermore, the Company was a raw material industry representative within the EU Battery Alliance, a forum comprised of more than 50 of Europe’s strongest corporate voices within the emerging lithium ion battery sector, plus numerous support and government agencies. This culminated in February 2018 with the delivery of an action plan to the European Commission to support then creation of a competitive and sustainable battery cell manufacturing in Europe and a full EU-based value chain.

### Selected Financial Data

The following selected financial information is derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with IFRS.

	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2017				Fiscal 2016		
	January 31, 2018 \$	October 31, 2017 \$	July 31, 2017 \$	April 30, 2017 \$	January 31, 2017 \$	October 31, 2016 \$	July 31, 2016 \$	April 30, 2016 \$
<b>Operations</b>								
Expenses	(1,979,241)	(843,952)	(598,339)	(661,022)	(669,396)	(2,060,555)	(454,144)	(460,150)
Other items	42,816	75,938	(85,392)	(59,749)	(78,116)	63,761	19,661	10,467
Net loss	(1,936,425)	(768,014)	(683,731)	(720,771)	(747,512)	(1,996,794)	(434,483)	(449,683)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Dividends per share	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Financial Position</b>								
Working capital	2,698,150	3,490,760	4,430,469	3,980,145	3,582,767	2,436,641	1,947,010	2,314,419
Total assets	36,902,593	37,915,728	39,267,743	38,320,958	36,893,309	36,037,751	19,632,405	18,808,738
Total non-current liabilities	(8,204,190)	(8,330,321)	(9,557,984)	(8,967,308)	(7,942,687)	(8,072,937)	(8,272,979)	(7,057,850)

### Results of Operations

*Three Months Ended January 31, 2018 Compared to Three Months Ended October 31, 2017*

During the three months ended January 31, 2018 (“Q1/2018”) the Company reported a net loss of \$1,936,425 compared to a net loss of \$768,014 for the prior three months ended October 31, 2017 (“Q4/2017”), for an increase in loss of \$1,168,411. The increase in loss was primarily attributed to the recognition of share-based compensation of \$1,168,525 on the granting of stock options in Q1/2018. No stock options were granted or vested in Q4/2017.

### Financial Condition / Capital Resources

During the Q1/2018 period the Company recorded a net loss of \$1,936,425 and, as at January 31, 2018, had an accumulated deficit of \$24,604,464 and working capital of \$2,698,150. The Company is maintaining its Woxna Graphite Mine on a “production-ready” basis to minimize costs. The Company currently has no significant budget allocated for the Norra Kärr rare earth element (“REE”) project. Although the Company has sufficient funding to meet anticipated levels of corporate administration and overheads for the ensuing twelve months it anticipates that it may need additional capital to recommence operations at the Woxna Graphite Mine and/or upgrade the plant to produce value added production.

There is no assurance such additional capital will be available to the Company on acceptable terms or at all. In the longer term the recoverability of the carrying value of the Company's long-lived assets is dependent upon the Company's ability to preserve its interest in the underlying mineral property interests, the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the achievement of profitable operations and the ability of the Company to obtain financing to support its ongoing exploration programs and mining operations. Whether the Company can generate positive cash flow and, ultimately, achieve profitability is uncertain. These uncertainties may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Financings**

During fiscal 2017 the Company completed private placement financings of 4,004,222 units at \$0.45 per unit and 3,636,364 units at \$0.55 per unit for total gross proceeds of \$3,801,900. In addition, the Company issued 1,026,916 common shares on the exercise of share options and warrants for \$427,491.

### **Summary and Outlook**

Leading Edge Materials had a successful 2017 and anticipates progress on many fronts during the coming year. The Company progressed value adding research on the Woxna graphite project which will be further advanced in 2018. The drill program on the Company's Bergby lithium project revealed encouraging results which will be followed up. Research and development work on the Nora Kärr REE project achieved significant milestones and it is anticipated further optimization work shall be undertaken during 2018.

The Company maintains the Woxna plant in an operation ready status, running it on an as needs basis to provide feedstock product for value added test work. Leading Edge Materials is working with potential customers to identify products that can be supplied from Woxna. The Company continues to work towards establishing a position as a supplier of choice in terms of price, supply security and quality to the European graphite market. The production model being researched aims to displace synthetic graphite with high purity natural graphite products.

Process development research on Norra Kärr completed under the European Commission funded EURARE project achieved significant technical milestones. Research culminated with the production of approximately 25 kg of mixed REE carbonate produced from a eudialyte concentrate, using a new and optimized hydrometallurgical flowsheet. This process flow sheet development work will be progressed in 2018 to better understand potential commercial byproduct streams.

With regard to tenure at Norra Kärr the Company's Mining Lease is under review by the Swedish Mining Inspectorate ("Bergsstaten"). In mid-January 2018 the Company submitted to Bergsstaten all requested information arising from this review. The Company continues to hold exclusive rights to the Norra Kärr project through the Mining Lease application process. The Norra Kärr Mining Lease is surrounded by an Exploration License ("EL") which was first granted to Tasman on August 31, 2009 until August 31 2015. Since that date the company has filed for extensions to the EL, and on March 19 2018 the Company was advised by the Bergsstaten that the EL had been extended until August 31 2019. This decision is open to appeal until April 9 2018. The Company believes that it will continue to be successful in defending its tenure over the Norra Kärr Property.

The Bergby lithium project remains a new lithium discovery at a very shallow depth, and it is anticipated that the project will be advanced with metallurgical testwork utilizing core material retained during the drill program.

The Company continues to seek out prospective battery material projects in Europe and will provide updates as information becomes available.

### **Qualified Person**

The qualified person for the Company's project, Mr. Blair Way B.S. (Geology) M.B.A., a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, the Company's President and CEO, has reviewed and verified the contents of this document.

**Additional information**

The Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the period January 31, 2018 and related management's discussion and analysis are available on the Company's website at [www.leadingedgematerials.com](http://www.leadingedgematerials.com) or under its profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)

This is information that Leading Edge Materials Corp. is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact person set out above, on April 4, 2018 at 2:45 am Vancouver time.

On behalf of the Board,

"Blair Way"

Blair Way, President & CEO

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