

NEWS RELEASE

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Leading Edge Materials Reports Year End 2017 Results

Vancouver, Canada – **Leading Edge Materials Corp.** (“Leading Edge Materials”) or (the Company”) (TSXV:LEM) (OTCQB: LEMIF) announces its year end results for the period ending Oct 31 2017. All amounts in this release are in Canadian dollars.

Highlights

During the last financial year the company has achieved a number of milestones.

- The Company completed a dual listing on the Nasdaq First North in Stockholm in December 2017 and commenced trading January 22, 2018;
- Twenty 18650 format lithium ion battery cells were manufactured using Woxna graphite in the anode material to be utilized for customer testing;
- The Company completed two financings for total proceeds of \$3,801,900, plus exercise of share options and warrants for \$427,491;
- Two drill programs were completed on the Bergby lithium project for a total of 33 holes. Bergby has now been tested by a total of 1525m to a maximum depth of 131.1m over an approximate 1500m strike length. All but four of the drill holes contained lithium mineralization.
- Process development research on the Norra Kärr rare earth element deposit 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.
- The Company announced four government funded R&D projects which are underway throughout 2018.

Blair Way, President and CEO, stated *“The Company had an active year and made excellent progress to achieve the company objectives and goals. We are looking forward to an even busier 2018.”*

Selected Financial Data

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

	Year Ended October 31,		
	October 31, 2017 \$	October 31, 2016 \$	October 31, 2015 \$
Operations			
Expenses	(2,772,709)	(3,567,926)	(2,854,109)
Other items	(147,319)	113,032	65,959
Net loss	(2,920,028)	(3,454,894)	(2,788,150)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.06)
Dividends per share	Nil	Nil	Nil
Balance Sheet			
Working capital	3,490,760	2,436,641	3,233,642
Total assets	37,915,728	36,037,751	19,005,386
Total non-current liabilities	(8,330,321)	(8,072,937)	(6,151,407)

Financial Condition / Capital Resources

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017 ("fiscal 2017"), the Company incurred a net loss of \$2,920,028 compared to a loss of \$3,454,894 during the year ended October 31, 2016 ("fiscal 2016"), a decrease in loss of \$534,866. The decreased loss is primarily attributed to the recognition of share-based compensation of \$1,505,250 in fiscal 2016, compared to \$nil in fiscal 2017, on the granting and vesting of share options. The decrease in share-based compensation was partially offset by an increase of \$710,033 in general and administrative expenses and the \$126,030 impairment of certain exploration and evaluation assets in fiscal 2017.

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. The Company has allocated the net proceeds from these placements and option and warrant exercises to conduct testwork toward the production of high-purity graphite at the Woxna graphite project, to further lithium and cobalt exploration activities and for general corporate requirements. Proceeds from the placements will allow an accelerated work program during fiscal 2017.

During fiscal 2016 the Company issued 145,000 common shares on the exercise of share options for \$14,500. No equity financings were completed during fiscal 2016.

Summary and Outlook

The company had a successful 2017 and anticipates an active 2018. The company progressed the value adding works on the Woxna graphite project which will continue in 2018. The drill program on the company's Bergby lithium project revealed promising results and the project will be further advanced in 2018. The research and development work on the Norra Kärr REE project presented new opportunities for optimization and it is anticipated this will be the subject of further research in 2018.

The Company maintains the Woxna plant in an operation ready status running it on an as needed basis to provide feedstock product for value added test work. The Company is working with potential customers to identify products from the Woxna graphite project. The Company continues to work to position as a supplier of choice in terms of price, supply security and quality to the European graphite market.

Process development research on Norra Kärr completed under the European Commission funded EURARE project achieved significant technical milestones. Research culminated with a new and optimized hydrometallurgical flowsheet which be further progressed in 2018 to better understand potential commercial byproduct streams.

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 the information becomes available.

Corporate Update

Effective December 15, 2017 Mr. Nick DeMare resigned as a director of the Company. Mr. DeMare remains as the Company's Chief Financial Officer.

The Company completed the listing application and received final approval to trade Leading Edge Materials (the "LEM Common Shares") on Nasdaq First North which began on January 22, 2018. The LEM Common Shares trade on Nasdaq First North under the symbol "LEMSE".

Qualified Person

The qualified person for the Company's projects, 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 consolidated financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2017 and related management's discussion and analysis are available on the Company's website at www.leadingedgematerials.com or under its profile on SEDAR at 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 January 29, 2018, at 1:15 PM Vancouver time.

On behalf of the Board,

"Blair Way"

Blair Way, President & CEO

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About Leading Edge Materials

Leading Edge Materials was formed with our sights firmly focused on the material demands of a once-in-a-generation revolution, as the world shifts to the efficient production, storage and preservation of low carbon energy. From the lithium batteries in our electric vehicles to our ability to generate energy from the sun, wind and waves LEM is focused on the green energy markets. With a focus on Europe and assets in innovation-rich Scandinavia, Leading Edge Materials is ideally placed to play a pivotal role in the sustainable supply of critical technology materials. Remium Nordic AB is the company's Certified Adviser ("CA") as part of the listing requirements for Nasdaq First North.

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