

# Highland Critical Minerals Corp. Announces Summer Exploration Program

Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - May 5, 2026) - Highland Critical Minerals Corp. (CSE: HLND ) (FSE: U8X0) ("**Highland Critical**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce its plans for its summer exploration program for its Church Property located in Northern Ontario.

Following the completion of its non-brokered flow-through private placement for gross proceeds of \$400,000, the Company expects to begin its summer exploration program at the end of May 2026. The intended program is expected to include completion of a radiometric and LIDAR geophysical survey and a sampling program. The program will be subject to weather conditions, and it is expected that the exploration expenditures will qualify as eligible expenditures for the use of the flow-through funds.

Ted Yew, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, commented, "*We are excited to have support from the market, which resulted in the successful closing of our flowthrough financing and are looking forward to providing an update on exploration program at the Church Property in the coming months.*"

The Canadian Securities Exchange has not in any way passed upon the merits of the matters referenced herein and has neither approved nor disapproved the contents of this news release.

## **ABOUT HIGHLAND CRITICAL MINERALS CORP.**

Highland is a mineral exploration and development company primarily engaged in the acquisition and exploration of mining properties. The Company currently focuses its activities on mineral exploration in Ontario, Canada. Its activities consist of acquiring and exploring mining properties to enhance shareholder value as it proceeds with exploration work on the Church Property and Sy Property, along with other mining properties it may acquire and develop. For more information, please visit [www.highlandcritical.com](http://www.highlandcritical.com).

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

*This news release includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. All statements in this news release, other than statements of historical facts, that address events or developments that the Company expects to occur, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expects", "plans", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "projects", "potential" and similar expressions, or that events or conditions "will", "would", "may", "could" or "should" occur. Forward-looking statements in this news release include, without limitation, statements related to: the anticipated timing, scope and nature of the Company's summer exploration program on the Church Property, including the completion of a radiometric and LIDAR geophysical survey and a sampling program; the expected timing of commencement of the exploration program; the expectation that exploration expenditures will qualify as eligible flow-through expenditures; and the Company's plans to identify and potentially acquire additional property interests.*

*Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. The Company has applied several material assumptions in making such forward-looking statements, including without limitation: the availability of sufficient funds to carry out the planned exploration program; the receipt of all necessary permits and approvals; the availability of qualified contractors and personnel; favourable weather conditions; the qualification of exploration expenditures as eligible flow-through*

expenditures under the Tax Act; and assumptions about general economic and market conditions.

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