

HERCULES CLOSES FIRST TRANCHE OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT AND APPOINTS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Vancouver, BC – August 21, 2023 - Hercules Resources Corp. (CSE: HERC) (the "Company" or "Hercules") is pleased to announce it has closed the first tranche of its previously announced non-brokered private placement of 6,000,000 units (the "Units") at a price of \$0.07 per Unit, for gross proceeds of up to \$420,000 (the "Offering"). The first tranche consists of 4,150,000 units at \$0.07 per unit for gross proceeds of \$290,500.

Each Unit consists of one common share (a "Common Share") of the Company and one common share purchase warrant (a "Warrant") exercisable into one Common Share of the Company at a price of \$0.12 per Warrant for a period of 24 months from the closing date of the Offering.

All securities to be issued pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a statutory hold period of four months and a day from issuance under applicable Canadian securities law. The proceeds of the Offering are planned to be used for exploration and general working capital purposes.

The Company has appointed Brian G Thurston, HBSc, PGEO, to the Advisory Board. Brian G Thurston holds an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Western Ontario. Mr. Thurston has over 31 years' experience working as a geologist around the globe including North and South America, Africa and India. He has experience working on projects from grass roots to feasibility level. Mr. Thurston was instrumental in the initial exploration, land acquisition and development of Aurelian Resources Ecuador grass roots exploration and held the position of Country Manager. Kinross in 2008 acquired Aurelian Resources in a \$1.2B friendly deal. Mr. Thurston transitioned from geologist to corporate positions in 2004 and has founded several public companies and held positions of director and officer, as well as served on multiple committees including audit, disclosure, and corporate governance. Mr. Thurston was President and CEO of Lion Energy Corp. from 2007 to 2011 raising over \$30M before a friendly takeover was successfully completed by Lundin's Africa Oil Corp.

The Company has granted 700,000 stock options to directors, officers, advisor and consultant. Each option is exercisable at a price of \$0.10 per share for a period of five years.

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