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CARDERO RESOURCES CORP. ANNOUNCES PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Vancouver, B.C., September 15, 2017 –Cardero Resource Corp. (the Company) is pleased to announce a non-brokered private placement for up to 7,500,000 units of the Company (“Units”) at a price of \$0.10 per Unit for aggregate cash proceeds of \$750,000. Each Unit will be comprised of one common share and one common share purchase warrant. Each Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire an additional common share of the Company for a period of 36 months from the date of issue at a price of \$0.15, provided that, if over a period of 20 consecutive trading days after the expiry of the hold period on the warrants, the daily volume weighted average trading price of the common shares of the Company on the TSX Venture Exchange (or such other stock exchange on which such shares are listed) is greater than \$0.30, then at the Company’s discretion, it may, within 10 days of such 20 day period, accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to a date 30 days after the date of the notice.

Finders’ fees may be payable on all or a portion of the funds raised under this financing.

The proceeds will be used to advance the Company’s Zonia copper project in Arizona and for general working capital.

Near-term plans for the project include:

Exploration of the recently staked Silver Queen claim block, located southeast of and contiguous with the Zonia property. Exploration in the coming months will include geological mapping, soil sampling and potentially geophysics. The Silver Queen claim has a historical 400m x 2,700m anomalous magnetic low, parallel to the known Zonia deposit and interpreted to be magnetite-destructive alteration associated with mineralization at depth;

Advancing a preliminary economic assessment;

This private placement is subject to regulatory approval, and the common shares, together with the shares issued on the exercise of the Warrants, will be restricted from trading for a period of four months and a day from the date of issuance of the Units, in compliance with securities legislation and TSX Venture Exchange policies.

Qualified Person

John Drobe P.Geol., Cardero's Chief Geologist and a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed the scientific information that forms the basis for this news release, and has approved the disclosure herein. Mr. Drobe is not independent of the Company as he is a shareholder and holds stock options.

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction. The securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**U.S. Securities Act**”), or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, "U.S. persons," as such term is defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act, unless an exemption from such registration is available.

ABOUT CARDERO RESOURCE CORP.

The common shares of the Company are currently listed on the TSX Venture (symbol CDU) and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (symbol CR5). For further details on the Company readers are referred to the Company’s web site (www.cardero.com), Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and United States regulatory filings on EDGAR at www.sec.gov

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of
CARDERO RESOURCE CORP.

“*Stuart Ross*” (signed)

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