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CARDERO ANNOUNCES FIRST TRANCHE CLOSING OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Vancouver, British Columbia - Cardero Resource Corp. (“Cardero” or the “Company”) (TSXV: CDU, Frankfurt: CR5) reports that it has closed a first tranche of a non-brokered private placement as previously announced on June 7, 2018 and June 12, 2018 (the “Placement”). A total of 2,692,714 units (the “Units”) were issued on June 13, 2018, under the Placement at a price of \$0.14 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$376,980. Each Unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company (each, a “Share”) and one-half of one common share purchase warrant, with each whole warrant (each, a “Warrant”) entitling the holder to acquire one additional Share at a price of \$0.21 per Share for a period of up to two years, expiring on June 13, 2020. In the event that the closing price of the Shares on the TSX Venture Exchange (the “TSXV”) is at least \$0.30 per Share for a period of ten consecutive trading days commencing four months and one day after the closing of the Placement, the Company may accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants by providing notice to the shareholders thereof and, in such case, the Warrants will expire on the 30th day after the date on which such notice is given by the Company.

Insider participation included KF Business Ventures, LP (1,785,714 Units), Deepak Malhotra (100,000 Units) and Robert van Doorn (357,000 Units), which constitute “related party transactions” as such term is defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“MI 61-101”). The Company is relying on the exemptions from the formal valuation and minority approval requirements under MI 61-101. The Company is exempt from the formal valuation and minority approval requirements of MI 61-101 in reliance on sections 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101 as the fair market value of the transaction, insofar as it involves interested parties, is not more than the 25% of the Company’s market capitalization.

All securities issued by the Company pursuant to the Placement will have a four month and one day hold period in Canada ending on September 19, 2018. In connection with the Placement the Company paid cash finder’s fees of \$2,940.00, 7% of proceeds raised, to PI Financial Corp.

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

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persons," as such term is defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act, unless an exemption from such registration is available.

Grant of Stock Options

The Company also announces that, pursuant to its Stock Option Plan, it has granted incentive stock options to a consultant allowing them to purchase up to an aggregate of 180,000 common shares in the capital stock of the Company. The options are exercisable on or before June 15, 2020 at a price of CAD 0.14.

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.

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