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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Surge Copper Announces Berg Project Acceptance into BC Critical Minerals Office**

**February 20, 2026 – Vancouver, British Columbia – Surge Copper Corp. (TSXV: [SURG](#)) (OTCQB: [SRGXF](#)) (Frankfurt: [G6D2](#)) (“Surge” or the “Company”)** is pleased to announce the British Columbia government’s acceptance of the Berg Project into the Critical Minerals Office (“CMO”).

The Berg Project aligns with both national critical minerals objectives and the recently announced Western Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy, positioning the project within provincial and federal priorities to strengthen secure, responsibly produced mineral supply chains. If developed as envisioned, Berg’s projected output of critical minerals, including copper and molybdenum, would rank among the largest in Canada, reinforcing its strategic importance to British Columbia’s long-term economic and industrial objectives.

Through the Critical Minerals Office, the Province provides coordinated support across ministries and agencies to help advance priority projects through the regulatory process in a clear, predictable, and efficient manner. Inclusion in the CMO portfolio reflects the Province’s recognition of Berg’s potential contribution to British Columbia’s critical minerals strategy.

#### **Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals of British Columbia, Jagrup Brar:**

*“We are pleased to welcome Surge Copper into the BC Critical Minerals Office. Partnerships like this are central to our government’s commitment to responsibly advancing critical mineral development in British Columbia. The Berg Project represents a significant opportunity to strengthen our province’s role in supplying the minerals that are essential to clean energy, economic resilience, and global supply chain security. We look forward to*

*working closely with Surge Copper as the project advances through the regulatory process and contributes to sustainable economic growth for communities across the province."*

**Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth of British Columbia, Ravi Kahlon:**

*"Critical minerals are a key priority under the Province's Look West industrial and economic plan. We welcome Surge Copper to the Critical Minerals Office portfolio as they work to advance the Berg Project and bring one of Canada's largest undeveloped copper deposits into production. Projects like this are engines for investment and job creation across B.C."*

Jennifer Anthony, Surge's Vice President Environment and Regulatory Affairs, commented *"Inclusion in the Critical Minerals Office is an important milestone for the Berg Project. Coordinated engagement across provincial agencies, together with our ongoing collaboration with First Nations partners, is foundational to advancing large-scale projects responsibly and efficiently. We appreciate the Province's support and look forward to working closely with the CMO as we continue to move Berg forward through the regulatory process."*

**About Surge Copper Corp.**

Surge Copper Corp. is a Canadian resource company advancing one of British Columbia's emerging copper districts. The Company's 100%-owned Berg Project hosts a large-scale copper-molybdenum-silver deposit in central British Columbia with a projected mine life exceeding 30 years. A 2023 Preliminary Economic Assessment outlined a long-life project producing copper as a primary metal, with molybdenum, silver, and gold by-products. Surge is currently advancing a Pre-Feasibility Study to further define the project's technical and economic parameters.

Surge works closely with local First Nations in advancing its projects through early engagement, transparent communication, and prior and informed consent.

In addition to Berg, Surge controls a large, contiguous mineral claim package that includes multiple advanced porphyry deposits, including the Ootsa Property adjacent to the past-producing Huckleberry Mine. Collectively, the Company's assets position Surge as a potential long-term contributor to Canada's critical minerals strategy through the responsible development of copper, molybdenum, and associated metals.

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