NEWS RELEASE

BIG RIDGE APPOINTS GARETT MACDONALD TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Toronto, Ontario, September 15, 2026, Big Ridge Gold Corp. (TSXV: BRAU, OTCQB: ALVLF) ("**Big Ridge**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce the appointment of Garett Macdonald to its Board of Directors.

"We are very pleased that Mr. Macdonald has agreed to join the Big Ridge Board", said Mike Bandrowski, President & CEO, Big Ridge. "Garett brings mine building, operations and executive leadership experience that will significantly add to the depth of the Team. This is a critical time for Big Ridge with the company now working on the Hope Brook Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and advancing the project toward production. Garett's operations and project development experience in Newfoundland and Labrador is a welcome addition to the Big Ridge board".

Mr. Macdonald has over 30 years of industry experience and is currently the Vice President of Operations and General Manager of Hemlo Mining Corporation. He previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Maritime Resources in Newfoundland and Labrador, bringing the Hammerdown gold project from concept to first gold production. Maritime was acquired in 2025 by New Found Gold for $292M. Throughout his career Mr. Macdonald held roles focused on project development and mine operations, working with companies such as Dalradian Resources as a consultant managing the feasibility study for the Curraghinalt gold project, New Gold and Rainy River Resources on the development of the Rainy River project in Northern Ontario and min operations supervision with senior Canadian Resource companies, Suncor Energy and Placer Dome Inc. Mr. Macdonald holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Western University's Ivey Business School and a Bachelor of Engineering (Mining) from Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario.

In connection with this addition to the Company's Board of Director's, Big Ridge awarded a total of 300,000 options to Mr. Macdonald under the terms of the Company's Amended and Restated Option Plan. These options are exercisable at a price of $0.51 per share, expire on September 15, 2031, and vest immediately upon grant.

About Big Ridge

Big Ridge Gold Corp. is an exploration and development company managed by a disciplined and experienced team of officers and directors. The Company is committed to the development of advanced stage mining projects using industry best practices combined with strong social licence from local communities. Big Ridge owns a 100% interest in its flagship Hope Brook Gold Project, located in Newfoundland and Labrador. Big Ridge also owns a 100% interest in the highly prospective Oxford Gold Project located in Manitoba and the Destiny Gold Project in Quebec.

Acknowledgement

Big Ridge acknowledges and appreciates the Newfoundland and Labrador Ministry of Natural Resources' financial support of the Company's 2023 exploration programs through the Junior Exploration Assistance (JEA) Program.

For more details regarding the Company's projects, please visit our website at www.bigridgegold.com

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,

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