

UraVan Closes On Financing

UraVan Minerals Inc. (“UraVan”) (TSXV: UVN) is pleased to report that it closed on its non-brokered private placement (the “Private Placement”) previously announced in a news release date March 23, 2005, consisting of 1,000,000 units at a price of \$0.65 per unit each unit comprised of one (1) Common Share of UraVan (the “Common Shares”) and one (1) Common Share purchase warrant (the “Warrant”), each Warrant entitling the holder to acquire an additional Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.90 per share for a period of 18 months from the date of issuance. Following this issuance, the UraVan will have 16,765,613 Common Shares issued and outstanding.

Further to the closing of the Private Placement and do to strong investor demand UraVan has agreed to open up the Private Placement up to an additional 350,000 Units based on the same terms and conditions as described above.

Completion of the extended Private Placement is subject to requisite stock exchange approval. The Common Shares and Warrants issued under the extended Private Placement will be subject to a four-month hold period.

The proceeds from the financing described above will be used to further fund the 2005 exploration program on UraVan’s 100% owned advanced Boomerang uranium property (U+Au+PGE+Ni+As) and its adjacent ‘newly acquired lands’ totaling 400,429 acres (162,052 hectares) located in the southwest Thelon Basin, Northwest Territories (NT). UraVan’s unique land position straddles the western margin of the Thelon Basin and extends eastward covering Paleoproterozoic basement domains that are highly prospective for unconformity-related uranium deposits. The Thelon Basin is coeval with the Paleoproterozoic Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan and the Komolgie Basin in northern Australia. All three basins host world-class unconformity-related uranium deposits. Unconformity-related uranium deposits, given their high intrinsic value, are the most attractive uranium exploration targets on the planet.

The planned 2005 exploration program consists of an airborne deep penetrating EM+Magnetic geophysical survey utilizing Fugro MAGATEM system followed by diamond drilling. Subject to the availability of drilling equipment and government permitting, the planned 2005 diamond drill program will focus on offset drilling where previous operators on the Boomerang property identified significant uranium intersections and widely spaced reconnaissance drilling on adjacent lands where strong EM targets have been identified. More details regarding UraVan’s planned 2005 exploration program on its Thelon Basin properties will follow in future news releases and be posted on UraVan’s website. For more information on UraVan’s SW Thelon Basin properties please visit UraVan’s website, www.uravanminerals.com, and attached Power Point titled “Uranium Exploration in the Thelon Basin”

This press release has been prepared under the supervision of Dr. Allan Miller, P. Geo.; a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

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