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COPPER QUEST ANNOUNCES FULLY SUBSCRIBED PRIVATE PLACEMENT WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT BY STRATEGIC INTERNATIONAL INVESTOR

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Vancouver, British Columbia – **Copper Quest Exploration Inc. (CSE: CQX; OTCQB: IMIMF; FRA: 3MX)** ("**Copper Quest**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that it plans to complete a non-brokered, fully subscribed, strategic private placement (the "**Private Placement**") by issuing up to an aggregate of 10,625,000 units (the "**Units**") at a price of C\$0.08 per Unit for gross proceeds of up to C\$850,000. Copper Quest is pleased that its largest strategic investor, Concept Capital Management Ltd. ("**Concept Capital Management**"), is leading this offering. Concept Capital Management shares the Company's long-term view of investment and provides foundational financing for Mining and exploration companies to complete exploration and feasibility studies.

Brian Thurston, CEO of Copper Quest, stated, *"We're grateful to have Concept Capital as a cornerstone investor into Copper Quest and thankful for their shared vision to grow shareholder value through the acquisition and advancement of multiple properties. This second strategic investment into Copper Quest adds another level of comfort for our shareholders through a strong treasury and working capital that allows the Company to expand its planned exploration and drilling operations for the 2026/27 seasons."*

Private Placement

Each Unit consists of one (1) common share in the capital of the Company (a "**Share**") and one Share purchase warrant, whereby each Share purchase warrant (a "**Warrant**") shall be convertible into an additional Share (a "**Warrant Share**") at an exercise price of C\$0.13 per Warrant Share. Each Warrant shall expire on the date that is two (2) years following the date of issuance (the "**Expiry Date**"). The Expiry Date of the Warrants may be accelerated if the closing price of the Shares on any Canadian stock exchange equals or exceeds \$0.30 for ten (10) consecutive trading days at any time following the date that is four months and one day after the date of issue of the Warrants, such that the Warrants shall expire on the date which is 30 calendar days following the date a news release is issued by the Company announcing the accelerated expiry date of the Warrants.

Proceeds from the Private Placement are intended for exploration activities and general working capital purposes. Closing of the Private Placement is subject to the receipt of all necessary regulatory and other approvals and is expected to take place on or before September 18, 2026. Copper Quest may pay finder's fees in connection with the Private Placement.

All securities issued in connection with the Private Placement will be subject to a statutory hold period expiring four months and one day after the date of issuance, as set out in National Instrument 45-102 – Resale of Securities.

The securities described herein have not been 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 absent registration or compliance with an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any State in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

About Copper Quest Exploration Inc.

The Company's land holdings comprise 8 projects that span almost 50,000 hectares in great mining jurisdictions of Canada and the USA. Copper Quest is committed to building shareholder value through acquisitions, discovery-driven exploration, and responsible development of its North American portfolio of assets. The Company's common shares are principally listed on the Canadian Stock Exchange under the symbol "CQX". For more information on Copper Quest, please visit the Company's website at www.copper.quest.

Copper Quest has a **100% interest** in the past-producing [Alpine Gold Mine](#) located approximately 20 kilometers northeast of the City of Nelson British Columbia, spanning 4,611.49 hectares with a 2018 National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects historical inferred resource of 268,000 tonnes, estimated using a cut-off grade of 5.0 g/t Au and an average grade of 16.52 g/t Au, that represents an **inferred resource of 142,000 oz of gold*** (**McCuaig & Giroux, March 6, 2018, NI43-101 Technical Report for the Alpine Property, BC, Canada. Further drilling is necessary by the Company to upgrade/verify the estimate. The QP has not done sufficient work to make the resource current and the Company is not treating the estimate as current.*). Apart from the Alpine Mine itself the property hosts 4 other less explored significant vein systems including the past-producing King Solomon vein workings, the Black Prince and the Cold Blow veins system, and the Gold Crown vein system. *The Company has not yet completed sufficient work to verify the 2018 historic inferred resource results.

Copper Quest has a **100% interest** in the road accessible [Stars Porphyry Copper-Molybdenum Property](#), spanning 9,693 hectares in central British Columbia's Bulkley Porphyry Belt with Tana Zone discovery drill intersection highlights of **0.466% Cu over 195.07m** in drill hole DD18SS004 from 23.47m, **0.200% Cu over 396.67m** in drill hole DD18SS010 from 29.37m, and **0.205% Cu over 207.27m** in drill hole DD18SS015 from 163.98m. This highly prospective, approximately 5X2.5-kilometer annular magnetic anomaly is interpreted to represent an altered monzonite intrusion and surrounding hornfels.

Copper Quest has a **100% interest** in the road accessible [Kitimat Copper-Gold Property](#), spanning 6,801.41 hectares within the Skeena Mining Division of northwestern British Columbia located northwest of the deep-water port community of Kitimat, British Columbia. The property benefits from exceptional infrastructure, being within 10 km of tidewater, 1.5 km of rail, and 6 km of high-voltage hydroelectric transmission lines. Exploration on the Kitimat property dates to the late 1960s, with the most significant historical work conducted by Decade Resources Ltd. (2010), which completed 16 diamond drill holes totaling 4,437.5 meters in the Jeannette Cu-Au Zone, and drill intersection highlights of **0.54% Cu and 1.03 g/t Au over 117.07 m** in Hole J-7 from 1.52 m, **0.55% Cu and 1.00 g/t Au over 103.65m** in Hole J-1 from 9.15 m, **0.45% Cu and 0.80 g/t Au over 107.01m** in Hole J-2 from 6.10 m, and **0.33% Cu and 0.41 g/t Au over 112.20m** in Hole J-8 from 11.89 m.

Copper Quest has a **100% interest** in the past-producing, road accessible [Auxer Gold Mine](#), spanning 1,087 hectares located in Bonner County, Idaho, USA. This orogenic gold opportunity is positioned along one of the region's most significant structural corridors located within the prolific Hope Fault system. Historical exploration has demonstrated exceptional gold grades, with the 1936 Platts report documenting up to 21.0 g/t Au in surface samples and underground workings showing consistent mineralization over 4.3-meter widths averaging 9.42 g/t Au at an 18-meter depth.

Copper Quest has a **100% interest** in the [Nekash Copper-Gold Project](#), a porphyry exploration opportunity located in Lemhi County, Idaho, USA, along the prolific Idaho-Montana porphyry copper belt that hosts world-class systems such as Butte and CUMO. The project is fully road-accessible via maintained U.S. highways and forest service roads and consists of 70 unpatented federal lode claims covering 585 hectares.

Copper Quest has a **100% interest** in the road accessible [Stellar Property](#), spanning 5,389-hectares in British Columbia's Bulkley Porphyry Belt contiguous to the Stars Property.

Copper Quest has a **100% interest** in the [Thane Project](#) located in the Quesnel Terrane of Northern British Columbia spanning over 20,658 hectares with **10 priority targets identified** demonstrating significant copper and precious metal mineralization potential.

Copper Quest has an earn-in **option of up to 80%** and joint-venture agreement on the road accessible [Rip Porphyry Copper-Molybdenum Project](#), spanning 4,700-hectares located in the Bulkley Porphyry Belt in central British Columbia.

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plans, and the risk of political uncertainties and regulatory or legal changes that might interfere with the Company's business and prospects. Readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements and information contained in this news release concerning these items. The Company does not assume any obligation to update the forward-looking statements of beliefs, opinions, projections, or other factors, should they change, except as required by applicable securities laws.

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