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NEWS RELEASE

**GB MINERALS LTD. ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT FROM
GBM MINERALS ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS LIMITED AGAINST
GB MINERALS LTD.'S SUBSIDIARY**

July 8, 2016 – Vancouver, British Columbia: GB Minerals Ltd. (the “**Company**”) (TSX-V: **GBL**) is pleased to announce the settlement of the lawsuit originally disclosed on January 7, 2014, against the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary, GB Minerals Holdings Ltd. (“**GB Holdings**”), filed in the Queen’s Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in London (the “**Lawsuit**”), relating to consultancy services provided to GB Holdings by GBM Minerals Engineering Consultants Limited (“**GBMMEC**”). The Company, GB Holdings and GBMMEC have entered into a settlement agreement (the “**Settlement Agreement**”) providing, *inter alia*, for the settlement of the Lawsuit and any other current and contemplated litigation between the parties (the “**Settled Claims**”) in consideration for a settlement payment by the Company to GBMMEC in the amount of £4,100,000.

The parties to the Settlement Agreement further agreed that, with immediate effect, none of the Company and its associated companies and parties shall have any obligation to GBMMEC or any of its associated companies and parties to make any payment (including any payment for interest) arising out of, in connection with, in relation to, or on account of the services agreement between GB Holdings and GBMMEC dated January 18, 2010, the invoices, fees, costs, charges, disbursements or expenses of GBMMEC and its associated companies and parties, and the Settlement Deed, the Amending Deed and the Debt Settlement Agreement dated January 30, 2013, July 26, 2013 and July 26, 2013, respectively, between the Company, GB Holdings and GBMMEC.

Luis da Silva, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, comments:

“This settlement is the culmination of many months of increased activity and cost to both parties. The total settlement equates to circa C\$6.9 million dollars, versus the considerably larger liability of circa C\$13 million expunged from the balance sheet of the Company. For the existing supportive shareholders, this draws a line on a considerable legacy issue and allows the Board and its management to concentrate on the future development of the Farim project. Significantly, we are reducing the net outflow of new funds from the company to C\$5.4 million, with an amount of C\$1.5 million already held in escrow in relation to the claim.”

“We are now delighted to focus our efforts on the appointment of the EPCM contractor and the debt financing to propel Farim into the category of producer.”

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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ABOUT GB MINERALS LTD.

On September 14, 2015, the Company announced the results of, and filing on SEDAR, of a new feasibility study on its Farim phosphate project entitled “NI 43-101 Technical Report On the Farim Phosphate Project” (the “**2015 Feasibility Study**”).

The Farim phosphate project is located in the northern part of central Guinea-Bissau, West Africa, approximately 25 kilometres south of the Senegal border, approximately 5 kilometres west of the town of Farim and some 120 kilometres northeast of Bissau, the capital of Guinea-Bissau, on a 30.6 km² mining lease license granted by the Government of Guinea-Bissau to the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary, GB Minerals AG, in May 2009. The Company also holds a production license in relation to the Farim phosphate project.

The Farim phosphate project consists of a high grade sedimentary phosphate deposit of one continuous phosphate bed which extends over a known surface area of approximately 40 km². It is estimated to contain measured and indicated resources of 105.6 million dry tonnes at a grade of 28.4% P₂O₅ and additional inferred resources of 37.6 million dry tonnes at 27.7% P₂O₅. The measured and indicated resources include 44.0 million dry tonnes of reserves based on a 25 year mine plan at 1.75 million tonnes per annum (“**mtpa**”) of mine production at the following run of mine grades: 30.0% P₂O₅, 2.6% Al₂O₃, 41.0% CaO, 4.7% Fe₂O₃, and 10.6% SiO₂. The phosphate ore will be beneficiated for a final phosphate rock concentrate production of 1.32 mtpa at a 34.0% P₂O₅ grade at 3% moisture.

The 25 year mine plan also assumes a beneficiation process that involves scrubbing (both drum and attrition) followed by particle sizing to remove the fraction under 20 µm. This new beneficiation process will result in a 34.0% P₂O₅ product grade, mass recovery of 75.5% and 78.4% P₂O₅ recovery confirmed by a pilot scale test on a one tonne sample that took place in May 2015. After passing through the process plant, the final production of phosphate concentrate, based on 1.75 mtpa of run of mine feed, will be 1.32 mtpa. The life of mine operating costs are approximately US\$52.13 per tonne of final concentrate. The initial capital cost for the project is estimated at US\$193.8 million and does not include owner’s costs which amount to US\$11 million and include items such as project insurance, resettlement and owner’s team costs. Owner’s costs have been included in the financial analysis.

For additional information, please visit us at www.gbminerals.com.

QUALIFIED PERSON

The Company’s Qualified Person is Dan Markovic, P. Eng., Project/Study Manager at Lycopodium Minerals Canada Ltd., who has reviewed and approves this press release. Mr. Markovic is independent from the Company.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain information in this news release relating to the Company is forward-looking and related to anticipated events and strategies. When used in this context, words such as “will”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “plan”, “intend”, “target” and “expect” or similar words suggest future outcomes. Forward-looking information contained in this press release includes, but may not be limited to the Placement, the use of proceeds and the business plans, statements or information relating to the anticipated development activities of the Company, the Farim Project (including the quantity and quality of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates), the potential to upgrade inferred mineral resources, the ability of the Company to develop the Farim Project into a commercially viable mine and the proposed new plans relating thereto regarding operations and mine design, estimates relating to tonnage, grades, recovery rates, future phosphate production, future cash flows, life of mine estimates, expectations regarding production and estimates of capital and operating costs. By their nature, such statements are subject to significant risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information as actual results could differ materially from the plans, expectations,

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Disclosure herein of exploration information and of mineral resources and mineral reserves is derived from the 2015 Feasibility Study. Information relating to “mineral resources” and “mineral reserves” is deemed to be forward-looking information as it involves the implied assessment based on certain estimates and assumptions that the mineral resources and mineral reserves can be profitable in the future. Such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling results and industry practices. Valid estimates made at a given time may significantly change when new information becomes available. By their nature, mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates are imprecise and depend, to a certain extent, upon statistical inferences which may ultimately prove unreliable. If such estimates are inaccurate or are reduced in the future, this could have a material adverse impact on the Company. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Due to the uncertainty that may be attached to inferred mineral resources, it cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource will be upgraded to an indicated or measured mineral resource as a result of continued exploration.

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