URUMQI, XINJIANG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA--(Marketwired - Dec 30, 2016) - New Era Minerals Inc. (the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:NEM) announces that it has closed a non-brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") announced in the Company's news release dated June 24, 2016, issuing 1,479,814 common shares of the Company (the "Shares") at a price of Cdn\$0.20 per Share and raising proceeds of Cdn\$295,962.80.

The proceeds raised from the Private Placement will be used for general corporate and working capital requirements, including the investigation of potential opportunities to acquire additional mining projects.

The Shares are subject to a four month hold period expiring on May 1, 2017.

About New Era Minerals Inc.

New Era Minerals Inc., through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Haijin International Group Limited, owns 95% of Xinjiang Yongkun Mining Co. Ltd. ("Yongkun"). Yongkun's principal activities are the exploration, evaluation and development of mineral property interests in the PRC, including Yongkun's 100%-owned Suyeke North nickel property located in Tuoli County, Tacheng Area, Xinjiang-Uyghur Autonomous Region, PRC.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of NEW ERA MINERALS INC.

Sun Tian Xiang Chief Executive Officer

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