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Cardero Announces Appointment of Stuart Ross as President & CEO

Resignation of Henk van Alphen

Vancouver, British Columbia...Cardero Resource Corp. (“Cardero” or the “Company”) (TSX: CDU, Frankfurt: CR5) reports the resignation of Henk van Alphen as President and CEO and the appointment of Stuart R. Ross as President and CEO with immediate effect. Mr. van Alphen will remain as a director of the Company.

Mr. Ross has had a distinguished career as a senior officer and director of several public companies, including companies listed on the NASDAQ and TSX Venture exchanges. His sector experience includes mining, beverage production and distribution, medical services, gaming and merchant banking, including 17 years as a senior officer and director of Clearly Canadian Beverage Corp (1886 to 2003). Most recently, Stuart was President and CEO of El Tigre Silver Corporation, a TSX Venture listed silver exploration company (2007 to 2015).

“I am very excited to be leading the revitalization of Cardero Resource Corp. As the copper market begins to enjoy a sustained upswing, it is ideal timing for the Zonia copper project where I believe there are excellent exploration and development opportunities.” stated Stuart Ross, Cardero’s newly appointed President and CEO. “Near-term plans include engineering work related to producing a Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Zonia property.”

“It is a great pleasure to welcome Stuart as President and CEO of Cardero Resource Corp.,” stated Henk van Alphen, outgoing President and CEO of the Company. “The Company has maintained its option for the Zonia project throughout the recent copper markets as well as acquiring additional property in preparation for a copper resurgence. It is an exciting time in the copper sector and a perfect time to inject new blood and new leadership into the Company.”

The Company will continue to advance it’s Zonia copper project in Arizona. Near-term plans include:

- Exploration of the recently staked Silver Queen claim block, located southeast of and contiguous with the Zonia property. Exploration in the coming months will include geological mapping, soil sampling and potentially geophysics. The Silver Queen claim has a historical 400m x 2,700m anomalous magnetic low, parallel to the known Zonia deposit and interpreted to be magnetite-destructive alteration associated with mineralization at depth.
- Drilling beneath the known Zonia mineralization to determine the depth extent of copper-gold sulphide mineralization.
- The company plans to initiate a preliminary economic assessment in early 2018.

ABOUT CARDERO RESOURCE CORP.

The common shares of the Company are currently listed on the TSX Venture (symbol CDU) and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (symbol CR5). For further details on the Company readers are referred to the Company's web site (www.cardero.com), Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and United States regulatory filings on EDGAR at www.sec.gov.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of
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“Stuart Ross” (signed)

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