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NEWS RELEASE

SMOOTH ROCK VENTURES ANNOUNCES PROPOSED NAME CHANGE TO CATALYST ONE EXPLORATION CORP. AND GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS

Vancouver, B.C. September 10, 2026 – Smooth Rock Ventures Corp. (the "**Company**") (TSXV: SMRV; US-OTC: SMRVF) announces that, subject to the acceptance of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "**TSXV**"), the Company will be changing its name from "Smooth Rock Ventures Corp." to "Catalyst One Exploration Corp." (the "**Name Change**").

The Company will provide further details with respect to the Name Change, including a new trading symbol and the effective date of the Name Change, by subsequent news release.

The Name Change will not affect the Company's share structure, or the rights of the Company's shareholders, and no action will be required to be taken by shareholders with respect to the Name Change. All currently outstanding share and warrant certificates will continue to be valid under the new name.

The Name Change was approved by the Company's Board of Directors in accordance with the Company's Articles and the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

Additionally, the Company announces that it is granting 1,475,000 incentive stock options to certain officers, directors and consultants of the Company to purchase up to a total of 1,475,000 common shares of the Company at a price of $0.175 per common share for a period of five years.

The stock options are subject to the terms of the Company's stock option plan and regulatory approval.

About Smooth Rock Ventures Corp.

Smooth Rock Ventures Corp. is a Canadian-based exploration-stage company engaged in the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties in the United States, primarily in the prolific Walker Lane mineral belt located in Nevada. The Company owns a 100% undivided interest in the Palmetto Gold Project, which consists of 116 unpatented mining claims totalling 2,217 acres located in Esmeralda County, Nevada. The Project hosts a National Instrument 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate (WSP Canada Inc. McCraken 10-15-2020). Palmetto has seen significant exploration work completed to date by numerous companies including Newmont Gold, Phelps Dodge Corp., Romarco Minerals, and most recently by ML Gold Corp. The initial "Discovery Hole" in 1988 was drilled by Phelps Dodge and bonanza gold-silver veins were subsequently drilled by Romarco Minerals in 1997-2002. For more information, visit www.smoothrockventures.com.

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Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward Looking Information

This news release contains certain "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" (collectively "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are frequently, but not always, identified by words such as "expects", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "potential", "possible", and similar expressions, or statements that events, conditions, or results "will", "may", "could", or "should" occur or be achieved.

Forward-looking statements in this news release relate to, among other things, the completion, timing and effective date of the Name Change, the receipt of TSXV acceptance, a new trading symbol to be assigned to the Company's common shares, the continued validity of outstanding share and warrant certificates and the absence of any action required of shareholders, and the Company's intention to provide further details by subsequent news release. These statements assume that the TSXV will accept the Name Change on the terms applied for and without material conditions, that the alteration to the Company's Notice of Articles will be accepted by the Registrar of Companies (British Columbia), and that the Name Change will become effective within the timeframe anticipated.

Actual results may differ materially. The TSXV may decline acceptance or impose conditions, the alteration may not be accepted, the symbol ultimately assigned may differ, the effective date may be delayed or the Name Change may not be completed, and shareholders may be required to take steps not currently anticipated. Further risks are described in the Company's continuous disclosure documents filed under its profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which are made as of the date of this news release. The Company does not undertake to update them except as required by applicable securities laws.