AFR NuVenture Resources Inc. Name Change and Trading Symbol Change to ABC

Vancouver, Canada – TheNewswire - May 4, 2026: AFR NuVenture Resources Inc. (the "Company") **[TSXV: AFR]** announces its name change to ***Absolutely Critical Resources Corp.*** The new name reflects the company's evolution, strategic direction, and commitment to exploration in reliable jurisdictions for the critical mineral resources which are absolutely essential to support the foundation of economic strength and national security. They power the technologies that drive modern life — from advanced manufacturing and electric vehicles to hospitals, data centres, artificial intelligence, and defence systems. Furthermore, precious metals (gold and silver) are increasingly seen as critical resources for the economic stability of sovereign currencies, driven by a "perfect storm" of geopolitical risk, high sovereign debt, and central bank diversification away from traditional fiat currency reserves.

The Company expects the common shares to commence trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange") under the new name and the new trading symbol at the opening of market on May **7, 2026**. The Company has a new ISIN number: CA00401X1024, and new CUSIP number: 00401X102. The trading symbol will change to ***ABC***. The Name Change was approved by the directors of the Company on April 7, 2026.

Letter of Transmittal and Certificate Exchange
Registered shareholders will receive a Letter of Transmittal to return their present share certificates in exchange for new share certificates bearing the new name. Shareholders must submit their Letter of Transmittal to Endeavor Trust Company to receive new certificates at no cost to Shareholders. Detailed instructions are set out in the Letter of Transmittal. Common share certificates bearing the old Company name continue to be valid in settlement of trades in common shares.

The Company is a mineral exploration company which is currently focused on its plans to renew the Company's proposed exploration on its Mary Ann's Lake Copper/Silver Project in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and its Massey Nickel/Copper Project in the Timmins Mining Camp, Ontario. The Company is planning diamond drilling programs on both properties for Summer 2026.

The capitalization of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares with no par value of which 33,710,111 shares are issued and outstanding. There are also issued and outstanding incentive stock options to acquire up to a further 1,800,000 shares of the Company exercisable at $0.09 until August 31, 2026. The Company will be modifying its website to reflect the new changes.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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For more information on the Company, investors should review the Company's filings on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca or the Company's current website at www.afrnuventure.com .

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Such statements include, among others, those concerning the Company's exploration plans for Summer 2026 on its existing projects, and its plans to commence trading under its new name on May 7, 2026. Such forward-looking information or statements are based on a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions which may cause actual results or other expectations to differ materially from those anticipated and which may prove to be incorrect. Assumptions have been made regarding, among other things, management's expectations regarding its ability to initiate and complete future exploration work as expected and acquire and finance other projects. Actual results could differ materially due to a number of factors, including, without limitation, operational risks in the completion of the Company's future exploration work, technical, safety or regulatory issues, changes in general economic conditions; the imposition of government restrictions on business.

Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking information or statements are reasonable, prospective investors in the Company's securities should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because the Company can provide no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking information and statements contained in this news release are as of the date of this news release and the Company assumes no obligation to update or revise this forward-looking information and statements except as required by law.