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**PERDA ENDORSED BY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS**

Vancouver, B.C.: Southern Arc Minerals Inc. ("Southern Arc" or the "Company") (TSX Venture: SA) is pleased to report that the Minister of Home Affairs in Jakarta has endorsed the new provincial land utilization regulation ("the Perda") for West Nusa Tenggara (NTB). The final step in the regulatory process will be for the Perda to be enacted by the Provincial Governor.

On behalf of the Board of Southern Arc Minerals Inc.

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