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**SOUTHERN ARC ADDS SENIOR INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO BOARD OF ADVISORS**

**Vancouver, B.C.:** SOUTHERN ARC MINERALS (TSX Venture: SA) (“Southern Arc” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Alwi Shihab to its Board of Advisors.

Dr. Shihab is Special Envoy of the President of Indonesia to the Middle East. He was Foreign Minister for Indonesia from 1999-2001 and Indonesian Coordinating Minister for People’s Welfare from 2004-2005.

A leading scholar on the interaction of Christian and Muslim communities, Dr. Shihab holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Ain Shams in Cairo and a PhD in Religion from Temple University in Philadelphia. He has served as professor of religion at Hartford Seminary and as a visiting professor at Harvard University’s Divinity School. He is currently a Board Trustee for Hartford Seminary (Hartford, CT), member of the Advisory Board of Fetzer Institute (Kalamazoo, MI), and Board Trustee for the University of Indonesia.

Dr. Shihab brings significant experience in business to Southern Arc’s Board of Advisors. Since the mid 1970s he has served as Director, President, or CEO to a wide variety of private companies operating in Indonesia.

John Proust, Chairman and CEO of Southern Arc says: *“I am very pleased to announce Dr. Shihab’s appointment to our Board of Advisors. His experience at senior levels of business, academia, and government in Indonesia and around the world bring a unique depth and breadth to our team. Having introduced Southern Arc to Qatar Mining Company, Dr. Shihab has already added great value and strength to our efforts. I look forward to working closely with him as we advance Southern Arc’s interest in Indonesia. This appointment reflects our longstanding commitment to establishing, promoting, and supporting key relationships within Indonesia.”*

In conjunction with this appointment, the Company has granted 300,000 share purchase options, at an exercise price of \$1.70 per share.

**On behalf of the Board of  
Southern Arc Minerals Inc.**

*“John Proust”*

Chairman and CEO

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