



NEWS RELEASE

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PORTAGE MINERALS INC. ANNOUNCES PROPOSED PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF UP TO \$3 MILLION

St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada, August 19th 2011; Portage Minerals Inc. (“**Portage**” or the “**Company**”) (CNSX: RKX) announced today that it will proceed with a non-brokered private placement of units (“**Units**”) and flow-through units (“**FT Units**”) for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$3 million. Each Unit shall be issued at \$0.105 per Unit and shall consist of one common share (a “**Common Share**”) in the capital of the Company and one-half of one Common Share purchase warrant (each whole Common Share purchase warrant, a “**Warrant**”). Each Warrant is exercisable to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.23 for a period of three years, subject to a right of acceleration of the Company under certain circumstances. Each FT Unit shall be issued at \$0.115 per FT Unit and shall consist of one flow-through Common Share (an “**FT Share**”) and one-half of one FT Share purchase warrant (each whole FT Share purchase warrant, an “**FT Warrant**”). Each FT Warrant is exercisable to acquire one FT Share at a price of \$0.24 for a period of three years, subject to the Company’s right of acceleration under certain circumstances. The non-brokered private placement is expected to close in tranches within the next 21 days.

Completion of the private placement is subject to regulatory approval, including satisfaction of the requirements of the Canadian National Stock Exchange (“CNSX”).

The Company also announced today that the private placement announced on May 12th, 2011 and amended on June 30th, 2011 has been cancelled.

About Portage

Portage Minerals Inc. is a mineral exploration corporation exploring for gold in Eastern Canada. Further information about Portage can be accessed on the Company’s website at www.portagemineralsinc.com and on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com. The common shares of Portage are listed on the CNSX as a mining issuer under the trading symbol "RKX".

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