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Firm Commitments Received for A\$2.1 Million Placement Drilling Commences at Mt Edon Rubidium–Lithium Project

Morella Corporation Limited (ASX: 1MC) ("**Morella**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that it has received firm commitments from institutional, sophisticated and professional investors for a A\$2.1 million placement ("**Placement**").

Morella Managing Director James Brown said:

"The significant support received from new and existing investors provides a strong platform to advance our key critical minerals projects. With drilling now underway at Mt Edon, this funding directly supports our strategy to progress toward a maiden Mineral Resource Estimate and to unlock the value of the rubidium–lithium system."

Mt Edon represents a differentiated critical minerals opportunity with exposure to both rubidium and lithium, and we look forward to updating shareholders as results are received."

Placement Details

Approximately 52.5 million new fully paid ordinary shares ("**New Shares**") will be issued at an issue price of A\$0.04 per New Share ("**Offer Price**") to raise gross proceeds of A\$2.1 million. The Offer Price represents an 11.4% discount to the 15-day volume weighted average price ("**VWAP**") calculated prior to the announcement of the Placement and a 9.4% discount to the close price of 18 February 2026.

Participants in the Placement will receive one (1) free-attaching unlisted option ("**Option**") for every one (1) New Share subscribed for, exercisable at A\$0.06 and expiring three years from the date of issue.

The Placement received strong support from new and existing shareholders, including major shareholder Interra Resources Limited (Interra) and the Company's Directors, demonstrating continued confidence in the Company's strategy and project portfolio.

The Placement will take place in two tranches, with Tranche 1 utilising the Company's available placement capacity under ASX Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A, with settlement of Tranche 1 scheduled to occur on Thursday, 26 February 2026. Tranche 1 will comprise the issue of 36,842,899 New Shares pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1A and 2,532,101 New Shares pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

Approximately A\$525,000, including Director participation of A\$209,000 and Interra's participation of A\$316,000, form Tranche 2 with approximately 13,125,000 New Shares to be issued subject to shareholder approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be convened in late April 2026. The issue of Options for both Tranches 1 and 2 will also be subject to Shareholder approval at the EGM.

Funds raised will be applied toward:

- Advancement of drilling and resource definition at the Mt Edon Project.
- Ongoing exploration at Mallina and Tappa Tappa Projects.
- Corporate costs and costs of the Offer.
- General working capital.

Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited acted as Lead Manager and Bookrunner to the Placement.

Indicative Placement and Timetable*

Event	Date
Release of ASX Announcement and Appendix 3B	23 February 2026
Trading Halt Lifted	
Settlement of Tranche 1	26 February 2026
Allotment of Tranche 1 New Shares and Options	27 February 2026
General Meeting of Shareholders to approve the issue of the Tranche 2 Shares to the Directors of Morella	April 2026

**The above timetable is indicative only and remains subject to change at Morella's discretion, subject to compliance with the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules and any other applicable laws.*

Drilling commences at Mt Edon

Drilling has now commenced at the Mt Edon Rubidium–Lithium Project, held under a Joint Venture arrangement with Elevra Lithium, with Morella holding a majority interest.

The current program comprises approximately 3,000 metres of Reverse Circulation ("RC") drilling targeting the principal pegmatite domain. The program has been designed to:

- Increase drill density within the core mineralised zone to support geological modelling and resource estimation.
- Test extensions of the rubidium-bearing pegmatite system along strike.
- Assess vertical continuity of mineralisation at depth.
- Collect representative samples for geological logging and multi-element geochemical analysis.

Hole spacing has been designed to support preparation of a maiden ("MRE") in accordance with JORC reporting requirements, focusing on areas where previous work has demonstrated broad intervals of rubidium-enriched microcline-hosted pegmatite with associated lithium mineralisation.

The program is expected to take approximately three weeks to complete, subject to operational conditions. Samples will be submitted to an accredited laboratory, with assay results released progressively as received and interpreted.

About Mt Edon

The Mt Edon Project is located in Western Australia and hosts rubidium-bearing pegmatite mineralisation with associated lithium potential. The Project has demonstrated extensive pegmatite development and mineralised continuity, providing a solid foundation for resource definition.



Drill rig on site – Mt Edon

About rubidium

Rubidium (Rb) is a rare alkali metal that typically occurs within highly fractionated lithium–caesium–tantalum (LCT) pegmatites, often associated with minerals such as microcline, lepidolite and pollucite. It is primarily used in specialty glass formulations, advanced electronics, atomic clocks, fibre-optic systems and medical imaging technologies.

Global rubidium supply remains extremely limited, with most material produced as a by-product from small lepidolite or pollucite operations. Production is concentrated in only a handful of jurisdictions, and the market remains thin, opaque and highly constrained. Due to its scarcity and strategic importance, rubidium is listed as a critical mineral in multiple jurisdictions, including the United States and the European Union.

Mt Edon’s microcline-hosted rubidium mineralisation positions Morella — through the Morella–Elevra JV — to participate in this emerging critical minerals sector and to evaluate potential downstream opportunities aligned with its broader lithium and battery materials portfolio.

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This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Morella Corporation Limited.

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About Morella Corporation Limited Morella (ASX:1MC) is an exploration and resource development company focused on advancing a portfolio of critical minerals across Tier 1 jurisdictions in Australia and the United States of America. With active exploration underway in lithium, rubidium, and now titanium, Morella is committed to securing raw materials essential for clean energy transition and high-value industrial applications.

Forward Looking Statements and Important Notice This announcement may contain some references to forecasts, estimates, assumptions and other forward-looking statements. Although Morella believes that its expectations, estimates and forecast outcomes are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that they will be achieved where matter lay beyond the control of Morella and its Officers. Forward looking statements may be affected by a variety of variables and changes in underlying assumptions that are subject to risk factors associated with the nature of the business, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed herein.

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ANNEXURE 1 - RIGHTS AND LIABILITY ATTACHING TO OPTIONS

The terms and conditions of the Options are as follows:

- Each Option entitles the holder to subscribe for one fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.06 (**Exercise Price**).
- The Options are exercisable at any time on or before 5.00pm Western Standard Time 28 April 2029 (Expiry Date). Any New Options not exercised by the Expiry Date shall lapse.
- Options may not be exercised if the effect of such exercise and subsequent allotment of the Shares would be to create a holding of less than a marketable parcel of Shares unless the allottee is already a shareholder of the Company at the time of exercise.
- Exercise of the Option is effected by completing a notice of exercise of option and delivering it to the registered office of the Company together with payment of \$0.06 per Option exercised.
- A notice of exercise is only effective when the Company has received the full amount of the Exercise Price in cash or cleared funds.
- The Options are freely transferable, subject to any offer for sale of the Options complying with section 707 of the Corporations Act (if applicable).
- The Company will not apply for Official Quotation of the Options.
- All Shares issued upon exercise of the Options and payment of the Exercise Price will rank equally in all respects with the Company's then existing Shares. The Company will apply for Official Quotation by ASX of all Shares issued upon exercise of the Options within three days of the issue of the Shares.
- There are no participating rights or entitlements inherent in the Options and the holder will not be entitled to participate in new entitlement issues of capital offered to shareholders during the currency of the Options. However, the Company will ensure that for the purposes of determining entitlements to any such issue, Optionholders are given such period required by the Listing Rules of ASX to give Optionholders the opportunity to exercise their Options prior to the date for determining entitlements to participate in any such issue.
- In the event of any reconstruction, including a consolidation, subdivision, reduction or return of the issued capital of the Company prior to the Expiry Date, the number of Options which each holder is entitled or the Exercise Price of the Options or both will be reconstructed as appropriate in a manner which is in accordance with the Listing Rules and will not result in any benefits being conferred on Optionholders which are not conferred on shareholders, subject to such provision with respect to the rounding of entitlements as may be sanctioned by the meeting of shareholders approving the reconstruction of capital, but in all other respects the terms of exercise of the Options will remain unchanged. The rights of an Optionholder may be changed to comply with the Listing rules applying to a reorganisation of capital at the time of the reconstruction.
- Shares allotted and issued pursuant to the exercise of an Option will be allotted and issued not more than 14 days after the receipt of a proper notice and payment of the exercise price in respect of the Options exercised.
- Other than as referred to above, a Option does not confer the right to a change in Exercise Price, or a change to the number of underlying securities over which it can be exercised.