

29 December 2023

**Bens Creek Group plc**

("Bens Creek", the "Group" or the "Company")

**Exercise of share options by Director**

Bens Creek Group plc (AIM:BEN), the owner of a metallurgical coal mine in North America supplying the steel industry, announces that Robin Fryer, Non-Executive Chairman of the Company and a person discharging managerial responsibility (a "PDMR"), on 28 December 2023, exercised options to subscribe for 300,000 new ordinary shares of 0.1 pence each in the Company at an exercise price of 5 pence per share (the "New Ordinary Shares"). The exercise of these options has generated £15,000 for the Company.

Application will be made shortly for the New Ordinary Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM ("Admission") and it is expected that Admission will occur on or around 5 January 2024.

Following the exercise of the options, Robin Fryer holds 300,000 New Ordinary Shares in the Company equivalent to 0.08 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company.

The FCA notification, made in accordance with the requirements of the UK Market Abuse Regulation, is appended further below.

Upon Admission, the Company's issued share capital will consist of 399,873,728 Ordinary Shares with one voting right each. The Company does not hold any Ordinary Shares in treasury. Therefore, the total number of Ordinary Shares and voting rights in the Company will be 399,873,728. With effect from Admission, this figure may be used by shareholders in the Company as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, the share capital of the Company under the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

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**Notification and public disclosure of transactions by persons discharging managerial responsibilities and persons closely associated with them**

1	<b>Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities / person closely associated</b>	
a)	Name	Robin Fryer
2	<b>Reason for the notification</b>	

a)	Position/status	Non-Executive Chairman
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	Initial
3	<b>Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor</b>	
a)	Name	Bens Creek Group plc
b)	LEI	213800I3FGJ7KAZGEG14
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted	
a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument  Identification code	Ordinary Shares of 0.1 pence each  GB00BP814F22
b)	Nature of the transaction	Exercise of Options over the Ordinary Shares in the Company
c)	Price and volume	Price: 5 pence per option Volume: 300,000
d)	Aggregated information  Aggregated volume  Price  Principal amount	  300,000  5 pence per option  £15,000
e)	Date of the transaction	28 December 2023
f)	Place of the transaction	Outside of a trading venue