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QUÉBEC, CANADA, FEBRUARY 16, 2018 - SOCIÉTÉ D'EXPLORATION MINIÈRE VIOR INC. (TSX VENTURE (VIO), FRANKFURT (VL51) (the "Company" or "Vior")

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Vior today announces with great sadness, the sudden passing of its recently appointed director Mr. Gary Freeman.

Gary was a prolific venture capital financier and company builder, and contributed to the success of many Canadian listed issuers. He was a promoter in the very best sense of the word, and was known for his unique brand of charm and sense of humour. Notably, he was the founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ethos Gold Corp, co-founder and a director of Sonoro Metals Corp and a director of K2 Gold Corp. He was formerly President and CEO of Pediment Gold Corp from 2005 to 2011, raising funding and executing on various exploration campaigns, leading to the discovery of the San Antonio deposit, the purchase of the La Colorada mine, and the sale of Pediment to Argonaut Gold Inc. for approximately \$140 million.

Mark Fedosiewich, President and CEO of Vior commented: "I am deeply saddened by Gary's passing. I have had the privilege of a trusting friendship with Gary for many years as well as learning a great deal through his wisdom and vast experience. He leaves behind many grateful friends, colleagues and family. Vior's Board of directors thoughts and condolences are with Gary's wife Bonnie and his family at this difficult time".

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