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Manhattan Minerals Announces Appointment of Chief Financial Officer

Manhattan Minerals Corp. (TSX-MAN) is pleased to announce the appointment of L. James Porter as its Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Porter, a Chartered Financial Analyst, Canadian Chartered Accountant and US Certified Public Accountant has extensive experience in corporate affairs and fund-raising, with over 9 years experience with the management, financing and administration of US and Canadian publicly listed companies. Previously to that Mr. Porter served for over 7 years with a major international accounting firm where he was a Senior Manager.

Mr. Porter will have primary responsibility over the financial and continuous disclosure functions of the Company and mineral project evaluations.

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