



## **Bitfarms Establishes Several Computing Centres in Sherbrooke, Outlining a \$250M Investment and 250 New Jobs**

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TEL AVIV, Israel and MONTREAL, March 08, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Blockchain Mining Ltd. ("BLCM" or the "Company") (TASE:BLCM) (OTC:BITFY) is pleased to announce that Backbone Hosting Solutions Inc., operating under the commercial brand "Bitfarms", is establishing several new computing centres utilizing blockchain technology in Sherbrooke, with a staged investment plan totalling \$250 million.

Bitfarms' Sherbrooke facilities will ultimately make it possible for the company to quadruple the computing power of current operations, and to increase its workforce in Quebec from 80 to 330 employees by the end of 2018.

"This facility cements Bitfarms' role as a leader amongst North American computing centres using blockchain technology," stated company president Pierre-Luc Quimper.

Bitfarms, a Quebec-based company, has generated substantial profits in only a few months of operations, without the help of government grants. In the coming months, nearly 200 permanent, full-time, well-paying jobs will be created, including positions such as engineers, technicians, electricians, systems administrators, security managers and security staff. Approximately 50 of these employees will be hired immediately to upgrade and develop the different sites where Bitfarms plans to do business. These new facilities are in addition to other centres operated by Bitfarms in Saint-Hyacinthe, Farnham, Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge, Cowansville and Magog.

"Our outstanding operational expertise and state of the art blockchain technology computing centres have positioned us as a leader, despite global competition. Our facilities and processes comply with sustainable development principles. Our employees are some of the most highly qualified in the international market," explained Quimper.

To guarantee the success of this investment, Bitfarms has entered into six hydropower purchasing agreements with Hydro-Sherbrooke, totaling 98 megawatts.

"We're lucky to be operating in Quebec where we are able to rely on a clean, renewable source of energy to support the development of the infrastructure needed for blockchain, a technology that is revolutionizing the way we trade. It's the industry of the future – one that will transform relationships between businesses and consumers," added Quimper.

Bitfarms plans to engage in load-shedding during peak winter heating periods when requested to do so by Hydro-Sherbrooke, using surplus power when electricity consumption falls.

The choice of Sherbrooke is strategic, in that it gives Bitfarms access to a qualified labour force with degrees from technical schools and the Université de Sherbrooke.

Sherbrooke Mayor Steve Lussier highlighted the significant economic impact Bitfarms' facilities would have on his city.

"We're very pleased that Bitfarms is coming to Sherbrooke. The entire population of Sherbrooke will benefit from this innovative, growing tech company because of its positive economic impact on Sherbrooke. I would like to thank the company's management team for their confidence, and to assure them of our collaboration in their success," declared Mayor Lussier.

Josée Fortin, the General Director of Sherbrooke Innopole, pointed to the quality of work and spirit of cooperation demonstrated by the managers of the public authorities and Bitfarms. "We have succeeded in developing an effective agreement that will create jobs and benefit the region."

### **About Blockchain Mining Ltd.**

Blockchain Mining Ltd. (TASE:BLCM) (OTC:BITFY) through its pending transaction with Backbone Hosting Solutions Inc. (Bitfarms) will own and operate blockchain farms that power the global decentralized financial economy. Bitfarms provides computing power to cryptocurrency networks such as bitcoin, bitcoin cash, ethereum, litecoin, and dash earning fees from each network for securing and processing transactions 24/7. Since 2013, predecessors to Bitfarms have constructed 4 farms in Quebec, Canada which have 27.5 MW of installed capacity and over 200 Ph/s of installed hash-power. Bitfarms construction pipeline includes an additional 3 farms with over 100 MW of power capacity. For more information on Bitfarms, visit: [www.bitfarms.io](http://www.bitfarms.io).

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Investors are cautioned that, except as disclosed in the Company's regulatory disclosures to be prepared in connection with the transaction, any information released or received with respect to the transactions described herein may not be accurate or complete and should not be relied upon. Trading in the securities of Blockchain Mining should be considered highly speculative.

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