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NEWS RELEASE

Sandfire Resources America Inc. Provides Update on Rights Offering

Vancouver, British Columbia – October 23, 2018 - Sandfire Resources America Inc. (TSX.V: "SFR"; OTCQB: "SRAFF") ("Sandfire" or the "Company") advises that the Canadian Union of Postal Workers commenced rotating strikes on Monday, October 22, 2018 and the rotating strikes are ongoing.

Registered shareholders who wish to exercise the rights issued pursuant to the Company's rights offering announced on September 19, 2018 must ensure that the completed rights certificate, together with the applicable funds, are received by Computershare Investor Services Inc., on or before 2:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on October 30, 2018.

Given the mail disruption, registered shareholders are encouraged to return their completed rights certificate and applicable funds by courier to Computershare Investor Services Inc., located at 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1. Non-registered shareholders are advised to contact their broker at the earliest opportunity.

Further details of the rights offering are contained in the Company's rights offering Circular, which was filed on SEDAR on September 19, 2018 under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com.

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Business Update

Following receipt of the relevant approvals from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Sandfire's wholly owned US subsidiary, Tintina Montana Inc., has mobilized Ruen Drilling Inc. crews to conduct an Autumn/Winter drill program to support the Black Butte underground copper project feasibility study. Feasibility study work, led by GR Engineering Services Limited, will continue through October with the bulk of the work commencing in November and a target completion date of the June Quarter 2019.

The Company is aware that a complaint has been filed with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") regarding donations made by Tintina Montana Inc. to the Montana Mining Association to oppose, jointly with other Montana mining companies, Citizen's Initiative I-186 in Montana. The Company understands that the FEC is reviewing the complaint for completeness prior to making a decision on a procedural investigation. The Company believes that there is no merit to the complaint and intends to vigorously defend itself should the FEC proceed to an investigation.

About Sandfire Resources America Inc.

Sandfire Resources America Inc. is a growth company focused on the exploration, development, and mining of its 100% owned flagship property, the Black Butte Copper project in central Montana, USA. The Company is led by a highly experienced executive management team that has a successful track record of building shareholder value through exploration, corporate finance, and mine development.

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