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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, August 5th, 2020 - California Nanotechnologies Corp. ("Cal Nano" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has granted 560,000 incentive stock options to the employees, directors and officers of the Company. The options were granted pursuant to the Company's Stock Option Plan, which received shareholder approval at a Board of Directors Meeting held on July 30, 2020. The options were granted at the exercise price of \$0.055 per share which was the closing price on August 4, 2020. The stock options will vest over three years, expire after a five year period and are subject to TSX Venture Exchange requirements.

The options granted include those in the table below:

Name	Position	Options Granted
Eric Eyerman	CEO	200,000
Roger Dent	Director	60,000
Sebastien Goulet	Director	60,000

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