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Xanadu Strengthens Executive Leadership with Appointment of Chief Financial Officer and Chief Legal Officer

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TORONTO, Jan. 12, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Xanadu Quantum Technologies Inc.** ("Xanadu"), a leading photonic quantum computing company, today announced the addition of two strategic leaders to their executive team: Michael Trzupek as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Natalie Wilmore as Chief Legal Officer (CLO). These executive appointments strengthen Xanadu's leadership as the company executes on its mission to build quantum computers that are useful and available to people everywhere.

"Michael and Natalie are outstanding additions to our leadership team," said Xanadu Founder and CEO Christian Weedbrook. "As we continue towards our vision of building a quantum data center, their experience will strengthen our financial strategy and help ensure we grow with discipline and integrity."

Michael Trzupek, Chief Financial Officer

Michael Trzupek is a seasoned financial and operating executive with a track record of scaling organizations, strengthening balance sheets, and leading complex capital markets functions across a variety of advanced manufacturing and semiconductor companies such as Intel, Microsoft, Imagination Technologies and Core Scientific. Over the course of his career, he has demonstrated the acumen and discipline needed to help fund and scale Xanadu's push towards fault tolerant quantum computing. Michael joins Xanadu from Imagination Technologies, a British semiconductor and software design company, where he led global finance and IT. Prior to that, Mr. Trzupek served as EVP and CFO at Core Scientific, a provider of blockchain infrastructure and digital asset mining services, where he assisted in taking the company public and raising significant capital. Prior to Core

Scientific, he spent seven¹ years at Microsoft and ten years at Intel in various finance leadership roles.

“Xanadu is building something special, and I’m excited to join at this pivotal moment,” said Michael Trzupek. “I look forward to partnering with the team to strengthen our financial foundation, support disciplined growth, and help accelerate the path to delivering quantum computers that are both useful and available.”

Natalie Wilmore, Chief Legal Officer

Natalie Wilmore is an experienced in-house attorney with expertise in scaling high-growth public companies. She joins Xanadu from Pagaya Technologies, an AI-powered fintech platform, where she served as VP, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, advising on a broad range of legal matters including corporate governance, securities laws, mergers and acquisitions, litigation matters, debt transactions, intellectual property and employment law. A seasoned department builder, she specializes in establishing the scalable legal infrastructures, internal controls, and corporate secretarial processes required to sustain long-term growth as a public entity. She brings a sophisticated transactional pedigree, having led multi-billion² dollar debt offerings and executed strategic M&A that drove significant enterprise value. Throughout her career, Natalie has been a key advisor on complex capital markets transactions and public market readiness for high-growth companies, including Skillz Inc., a mobile gaming platform, and Exela Technologies, a business process automation company, as well as established global enterprises like TelevisaUnivision, the leading Spanish-language media company and IBM, a multi-national technology company.

“I’m thrilled to join Xanadu at such an important point in its history,” said Natalie Wilmore. “I’m eager to work alongside the leadership team to support strong governance and thoughtful risk management, and to help the company scale responsibly as it advances its mission to deliver useful and available quantum computing.”

Business Combination

Xanadu recently announced a business combination agreement with Crane Harbor Acquisition Corp. (Nasdaq: CHAC), a publicly traded special purpose acquisition company (“Crane Harbor”). The combined company, Xanadu Quantum Technologies Limited (“NewCo”), is expected to be capitalized with approximately US\$500 million in gross proceeds, comprising approximately US\$225 million from Crane Harbor’s trust account, assuming no redemptions by Crane Harbor’s public stockholders, as well as US\$275 million from a group of strategic and institutional investors participating in the transaction via a common equity committed private placement investment. NewCo is expected to be listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market and on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

About Xanadu

Xanadu is a Canadian quantum computing company with the mission to build quantum computers that are useful and available to people everywhere. Founded in 2016, Xanadu has become one of the world's leading quantum hardware and software companies. Xanadu also leads the development of PennyLane, an open-source software library for quantum computing and application development. Visit xanadu.ai or follow us on X [@XanaduAI](https://twitter.com/XanaduAI).

About Crane Harbor

Crane Harbor is a blank check company formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses.

Additional Information About the Proposed Transaction and Where to Find It

The proposed business combination transaction will be submitted to shareholders of Crane Harbor and Xanadu for their consideration. NewCo and Crane Harbor have jointly confidentially submitted a draft registration statement on Form F-4 (the "Registration Statement") to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Registration Statement includes a proxy statement/prospectus to be distributed to Crane Harbor's shareholders in connection with Crane Harbor's solicitation of proxies for the vote by Crane Harbor's shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction and other matters to be described in the Registration Statement, as well as the prospectus relating to the offer of the securities to be issued to Xanadu's shareholders in connection with the completion of the proposed transaction. After the Registration Statement has been publicly filed and declared effective by the SEC, a definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents will be mailed to Crane Harbor shareholders as of the record date established for voting on the proposed transaction. Before making any voting or investment decision, Crane Harbor's shareholders and other interested persons are advised to read, once available, the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus and any amendments thereto and, once available, the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other documents filed with the SEC by NewCo and/or Crane Harbor in connection with the proposed transaction, as these documents will contain important information about NewCo, Crane Harbor, Xanadu and the proposed transaction. Shareholders may obtain a copy of the preliminary or definitive proxy statement/prospectus, once available, as well as other documents filed by NewCo and/or Crane Harbor with the SEC, without charge, at the SEC's website located at www.sec.gov, Crane Harbor's website at www.craneharboracquisition.com or by emailing investors@xanadu.ai.

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "estimate," "plan," "project," "forecast," "intend," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "seek," "target," "continue," "could," "may,"

“might,” “possible,” “potential,” “predict” or similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. We have based these forward-looking statements on current expectations and projections about future events. These statements include: the stock exchanges on which the shares of the combined company are expected to trade; proceeds from the business combination and related PIPE; funds received by the combined company from Crane Harbor’s trust account and redemptions by Crane Harbor’s public shareholders; scaling of Xanadu’s push towards fault tolerant quantum computing; Xanadu’s ability to build a quantum data center; and Xanadu’s ability to deliver quantum computers that are both useful and available to people everywhere.

These forward-looking statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to serve as, and must not be relied on as, a guarantee, an assurance, a prediction or a definitive statement of fact or probability. Actual events and circumstances are difficult or impossible to predict and will differ from assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of Xanadu and Crane Harbor. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions that may cause the actual results of the combined company following the proposed transaction, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such statements. Such risks and uncertainties include: that Xanadu is pursuing an emerging technology, faces significant technical challenges and may not achieve commercialization or market acceptance; Xanadu’s historical net losses and limited operating history; that there is substantial doubt about Xanadu’s ability to continue as a going concern; Xanadu’s expectations regarding future financial performance, capital requirements and unit economics; Xanadu’s use and reporting of business and operational metrics; Xanadu’s competitive landscape; Xanadu’s dependence on members of its senior management and its ability to attract and retain qualified personnel; the potential need for additional future financing; Xanadu’s ability to manage growth and expand its operations; potential future acquisitions or investments in companies, products, services or technologies; Xanadu’s reliance on strategic partners and other third parties; Xanadu’s concentration of revenue in contracts with government or state-funded entities; Xanadu’s ability to maintain, protect and defend its intellectual property rights; risks associated with privacy, data protection or cybersecurity incidents and related regulations; the use, rate of adoption, and regulation of artificial intelligence and machine learning; uncertainty or changes with respect to laws and regulations; uncertainty or changes with respect to taxes, trade conditions and the macroeconomic environment; material weaknesses in Xanadu’s internal control over financial reporting and the combined company’s ability to maintain internal control over financial reporting and operate as a public company; the possibility that required shareholder and regulatory approvals for the proposed transaction are delayed or are not obtained, which could adversely affect the combined company or the expected benefits of the proposed transaction; the risk that shareholders of Crane Harbor could elect to have their shares redeemed, leaving the combined company with insufficient cash to execute its business plans; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the business combination agreement; the outcome of any legal proceedings or government investigations that may be

commenced against Xanadu or Crane Harbor; failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction; the ability of Crane Harbor or the combined company to issue equity or equity-linked securities in connection with the proposed transaction or in the future; and other factors described in Crane Harbor's filings with the SEC. These forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions, including that none of the risks identified above materialize; that there are no unforeseen changes to economic and market conditions, and that no significant events occur outside the ordinary course of business. Additional information concerning these and other factors that may impact such forward-looking statements can be found in filings and potential filings by Xanadu, Crane Harbor or the combined company resulting from the proposed transaction with the SEC, including under the heading "Risk Factors." If any of these risks materialize or assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from the results implied by these forward-looking statements. In addition, these statements reflect the expectations, plans and forecasts of Xanadu's and Crane Harbor's management as of the date of this communication; subsequent events and developments may cause their assessments to change. While Xanadu and Crane Harbor may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, they specifically disclaim any obligation to do so, unless required by applicable securities laws. Accordingly, undue reliance should not be placed upon these statements.

In addition, statements that "we believe" and similar statements reflect our beliefs and opinions on the relevant subject. These statements are based upon information available to us as of the date of this presentation, and while we believe such information forms a reasonable basis for such statements, such information may be limited or incomplete, and our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all potentially available relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely upon these statements.

An investment in Crane Harbor is not an investment in any of Crane Harbor's founders' or sponsors' past investments, companies or affiliated funds. The historical results of those investments are not indicative of future performance of Crane Harbor, which may differ materially from the performance of Crane Harbor's founders' or sponsors' past investments.

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NewCo, Crane Harbor, Xanadu and certain of their respective directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may, under SEC rules, be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Crane Harbor's shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the persons who may, under SEC rules, be deemed participants in the solicitation of Crane Harbor's shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction will be set forth in proxy statement/prospectus when it is filed by NewCo with the SEC. You can find more information about Crane Harbor's directors and executive officers in Crane Harbor's final prospectus related to its initial public offering filed with the SEC on April 25, 2025 and in the subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed by Crane Harbor with the SEC. Additional information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available. Shareholders, potential investors and other interested persons should read the proxy statement/prospectus carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. You may obtain free copies of these documents from the sources described above.

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