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WILDCAT APPOINTS JAIRO BERNAL AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Highlights

- **Wildcat appoints Jairo Bernal as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**
- **Mr Bernal brings nearly 25 years' experience as a finance executive in the mining and energy transition sectors, with focus on lithium and critical minerals companies with market capitalisation of up to A$3 billion**
- **He previously served as Head of Finance and Company Secretary of SQM Australia Ltd (NYSE: SQM) in the APAC region, and was also a Non-Executive Director of Azure Minerals Ltd following the joint takeover by SQM and Hancock**
- **He has experience in managing complex finance operations across multiple jurisdictions (Australia, China, Chile, Brazil, Indonesia and the Philippines)**
- **Mr Bernal brings expertise in equity and debt financing, M&A execution, financial governance, international tax structuring, and financial reporting across key global markets (ASX, NYSE, TSX and LSE).**

Wildcat Resources (Company) (ASX: WC8) is pleased to announce its appointment of Jairo Bernal (MBA, FCPA, GAICD) as its Chief Financial Officer.

Mr Bernal is the former Head of Finance at APAC and Company Secretary of SQM Australia Pty Ltd, the Asia-Pacific arm of SQM (NYSE: SQM), one of the world's top 50 mining companies by market capitalisation and 50% owner of the Mt Holland Lithium Project in WA. SQM is also part owner of Azure Minerals Ltd (Azure), which is developing the Andover Lithium Project in WA's West Pilbara. Mr Bernal was recently a Non-Executive Director of Azure (following its takeover by SQM and Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd). These roles have given Jairo a deep understanding of the lithium and critical minerals sectors.

Mr Bernal has nearly 25 years of global experience in the mining and energy transition sectors, specialised in lithium and critical minerals companies with market capitalisation ranging from A$400 million to A$3 billion. He has a proven track record leading finance, treasury, governance, and commercial functions across all stages of the mining lifecycle, from exploration and development through to construction and operations.

He has gained experience in managing complex finance operations across multiple jurisdictions around the world, with expertise in equity and debt financing, M&A execution, international tax structuring, and financial reporting across a range of global markets (ASX, NYSE, TSX, and LSE).

Wildcat Chairman Jeff Elliott said: *"We are pleased to welcome such a high calibre professional as Jairo to our executive leadership team. His vast experience and extensive contacts, gained from a diverse international career makes him a valuable addition to Wildcat as we advance our Tabba Tabba Lithium-Tantalum Project. Jairo's experience at SQM and time on the Mt Holland and Andover lithium projects will be very helpful as we guide Tabba Tabba through the next stages of feasibility and development."*

Wildcat CFO Jairo Bernal commented *"I'm excited to join Wildcat at this pivotal stage as Tabba Tabba advances through its PFS phase. The project's compelling scale, outstanding geology, and strategic location position Wildcat to emerge as a future leader in lithium supply and a cornerstone of the energy transition. Drawing on my experience with Tier-1 lithium assets such as Mt Holland and Andover, I see exceptional potential at Tabba Tabba. I'm committed to building a finance function that enables disciplined project execution, fosters strong strategic partnerships, and drives capital efficiency as we progress toward development decisions—all while delivering sustainable long-term value for shareholders."*

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Directors of the Company.

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