**ASX:ETM** 



## **CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC UPDATE FOR 2024**

## Focus on Portfolio Diversification, Growth and Cost Management

## **Key Points:**

- Strategic review initiated in the September 2023 Quarter resulting in a focus on new growth opportunities in parallel with the ongoing Kvanefjeld arbitration process.
- Core objective is to create shareholder value while preserving ETM's strong balance sheet (cash: ~\$16m at 31 December 2023), in light of the challenging market conditions for the junior resource sector.
- Significant corporate and administrative cost savings implemented, reducing the cost base of the business. Additional cost savings under review.
- Cost-effective exploration programs planned for 2024 to rapidly evaluate the Company's existing lithium assets in Spain and Quebec, Canada.
- Business development strategy focused on battery and energy-related minerals assets in Tier-1 mining jurisdictions. Several advanced opportunities currently under review.
- The Kvanefjeld arbitration process remains a significant longer-term opportunity for the Company to crystallise value from its 14-year investment in this substantial rare earth element asset in Greenland.

Energy Transition Minerals Ltd (the **Company** or **ETM**) (ASX: **ETM**) is pleased to provide an update on corporate developments in late 2023 and its strategic outlook for 2024.

While 2023 was a year of significant global change, challenge and headwinds, the year was marked by a number of important changes within ETM in response to these challenges and a strategic realignment to build a strong foundation for the future.

The Company's ongoing commitment to the world-class Kvanefjeld Rare Earth Element Project in Greenland remained steadfast despite the significant regulatory hurdles posed by the introduction of Act 20 by the incoming Greenlandic Government.

ETM believes that Kvanefjeld has the potential to change the balance and strengthen the global rare earth element market significantly, and for this reason, every avenue to achieve production must be explored.

In light of this, ETM took decisive action to protect the Company's interests by filing a statement of claim in July with the International Arbitration Court in Copenhagen against the governments of Greenland and Denmark. The arbitration process remains ongoing, and shareholders will be updated on any material



progress or change during 2024. Importantly, the cost of arbitration is borne by the Company's litigation funding partner, Burford Capital.

After taking into consideration the dynamics and timeline of the arbitration process and general market conditions, the Board initiated a strategic review in the September 2023 Quarter.

This review is now well advanced and has seen significant corporate and administrative cost savings already achieved. The strategic review will ensure that Company personnel and financial resources are focused on key priorities including:

- Implementation of corporate and administrative cost savings to preserve ETM's strong balance sheet and ensure the Company is positioned to realise both the value of its existing assets and target new opportunities;
- Creation of shareholder value by acquiring new growth opportunities in the battery and energy materials sector with the potential for major discoveries and delivery of news-flow;
- Progression of exploration and discovery opportunities within ETM's current lithium-focused portfolio in Spain and Quebec, Canada; and
- Further navigation of the arbitration process for the Kvanefjeld Project with balance and focus.

ETM Managing Director, Daniel Mamadou, commented: "The market price for critical metals experienced a synchronized descent in 2023, across rare earth elements, lithium and cobalt. This correction has dramatically impacted the share prices of junior companies involved in the exploration of critical metals, including ours.

"Against this backdrop, Energy Transition Metals is in a unique position in the junior resource sector on the ASX, with a balance sheet underpinned by \$16 million in cash, a major rare earth element asset and an emerging portfolio of battery metal assets globally.

"The 2023 market correction presents us with attractive opportunities for acquisitions and our strategic review is strengthening the Company as we identify and assess well-priced assets.

"We thank shareholders for their continued support and look forward to providing further updates over the course of this year."

Authorized for release by the Board of Energy Transition Minerals Ltd.

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ABOUT ENERGY TRANSITION MINERALS LTD.

Energy Transition Minerals Ltd (ASX: ETM) is an exploration and development company focused on developing and financing supply chains for the metals and materials that are critical to the decarbonization of the world, with a special focus on high-quality mineral projects globally. The Company is managing exploration projects in Western Europe, North America, and Greenland. The Company is involved in the



Villasrubias Lithium-Tantalum exploration project which is in the province of Salamanca, in the region of Castille and Leon in Spain; it is expecting the grant of several additional exploration licenses in Castilla y Leon, Extremadura and Madrid. The Company has also recently completed the acquisition of the Solo and Good Setting lithium projects in James Bay, Quebec. The Kvanefjeld rare earths project remains subject to arbitration procedures in the Arbitration Tribunal in Copenhagen.

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