

8 May 2023 **ASX Announcement** 

# Strategic Joint Venture on the Hydra Lithium Project in Quebec, Canada

# **Highlights:**

- Forrestania Resources is expanding its lithium exploration focus into the world-class James Bay Region of Quebec, Canada.
- Agreement with ALX Resources Corp. (TSXV: AL; FSE: 6LLN; OTC: ALXEF) to earn a 50% interest in their 100% owned Hydra Lithium Project (HLP), and to form a Joint Venture.
- The HLP currently comprises 8 sub-projects, totalling 29,262 hectares (293km²), with the potential to grow through additional staking and/or acquisition.
- All of the HLP sub-projects either overlie or are positioned on the margins of highly
  prospective greenstone belts. Outcropping pegmatites have been identified at
  various sites across the HLP and given the proximity to recent major discoveries,
  there is obvious potential to find additional lithium-caesium-tantalum ("LCT") type
  pegmatites, and lithium resources.
- Partnership with the high quality and experienced ALX team provides Forrestania Resources with a cost-effective and immediate entry to an extremely prospective district. Field work is planned to commence on May 31, 2023.

Forrestania Resources Limited (ASX:FRS) (**Forrestania**, **FRS** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce its partnership on the compelling **Hydra Lithium Project** in northern Quebec, Canada. The Company is excited to be collaborating with **ALX Resources Corp**, a seasoned operator in the region, led by a team with a proven track record of exploration success and invaluable local expertise.

#### Forrestania MD Michael Anderson commented:

"We are very pleased to announce that Forrestania has successfully secured a strategic foothold in the dynamic Quebec lithium space. Through this partnership with ALX on the Hydra Lithium Project in James Bay, we are positioning ourselves to capitalise on the enormous exploration potential of this highly prospective region. This is a major milestone for our company and a testament to our commitment to **Explore**, **Collaborate** and **Acquire**."

# **Discussion:**

The HLP consists of eight sub-projects totalling 29,263 hectares that are known as Volta (4,752 ha.), Echo (5,566 ha.), Nike (2,462 ha.), Sprite (3,437 ha.), Cobra (4,249 ha.), Viper (1,280 ha.), Python West (4,298 ha.) and Python East (3,218 ha.) (Figure 1). The sub-projects are located within a world-class lithium exploration district that hosts the following projects:

- James Bay Lithium (Indicated Mineral Resource: 40.33 million tonnes grading 1.4% Li<sub>2</sub>O), owned by Allkem Limited;<sup>1</sup>
- Rose (Indicated Mineral Resource: 31.5 million tonnes grading 0.91% Li<sub>2</sub>O and 148 ppm Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), owned by Critical Elements Lithium Corporation;<sup>2</sup>
- Whabouchi (Measured + Indicated "in Pit" Mineral Resource: 37.356 million tonnes grading 1.48% Li2O), owned by Livent Corporation and Investissment Québec.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary Economic Assessment, NI 43-101 Technical Report, James Bay Lithium Project Ontario Canada, by G Mining Services, March 8, 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Critical Elements Lithium Corporation – NI 43-101 Technical Report on Rose Lithium-Tantalum project feasibility study dated July 26, 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Whabouchi Lithium Mine and Shawnigan Electrochemical Plant, by Met-Chem et al, November 7, 2018



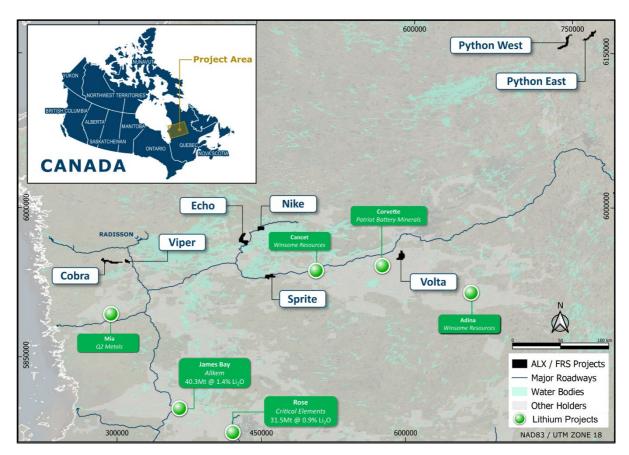


Figure 1: The Hydra Lithium Project in Quebec, Canada

Staking of the projects was conducted by ALX after a review of public-domain geological mapping. ALX also utilized artificial intelligence technology to conduct a search of Quebec government assessment files. All of the sub-projects either overlie or are positioned on the margins of highly prospective greenstone belts (Figures 2 and 4).

FRS shares ALX's conviction that the HLP holds significant potential for LCT pegmatites, supported by the encouraging exploration reports from, amongst others, the nearby Corvette Lithium Project owned by Patriot Battery Metals Inc., (TSXV: PMET; ASX: PMT; OTCQX: PMETF; FWB: R9GA) which has reported highly significant lithium drilling intersections during the past 12 months, including: 159.7m @ 1.65% Li<sub>2</sub>O and 86.2m @ 2.13% Li<sub>2</sub>O <sup>4</sup>. The **Volta** sub-project lies 20km to the east of the Corvette deposit and is only 1km north of the Corvette property boundary (Figure 2).

Similarly, the sub-projects **Viper** and **Cobra** are located 50km north of Q2 Metals Corp.'s (TSXV:QTWO; OTCQB:QUEXF; FSE:458) Mia Lithium Property (Figure 4), where numerous spodumene-bearing pegmatite outcrop samples have returned significant lithium grades of up to 4.37% Li<sub>2</sub>O <sup>5</sup>. Both **Viper** and **Cobra** are hosted by a similar greenstone belt setting.

Pegmatite outcrops have already been mapped on the **Volta** (Figure 3), **Sprite**, **Nike** and **Echo** sub-projects during field work completed by ALX in mid-October, 2022<sup>6</sup>. Initial field work on the remaining sub-projects will be undertaken in the upcoming field season, which will commence on 31 May 2023.



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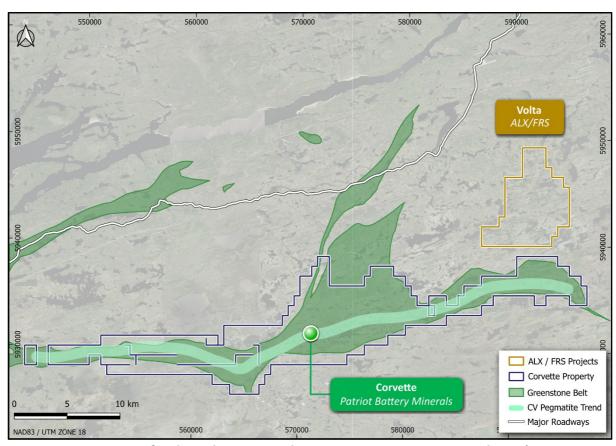


Figure 2: Location of Volta sub-project relative to Patriot Battery Metals Inc.'s Corvette property



Figure 3: Outcropping pegmatite at the Volta sub-project



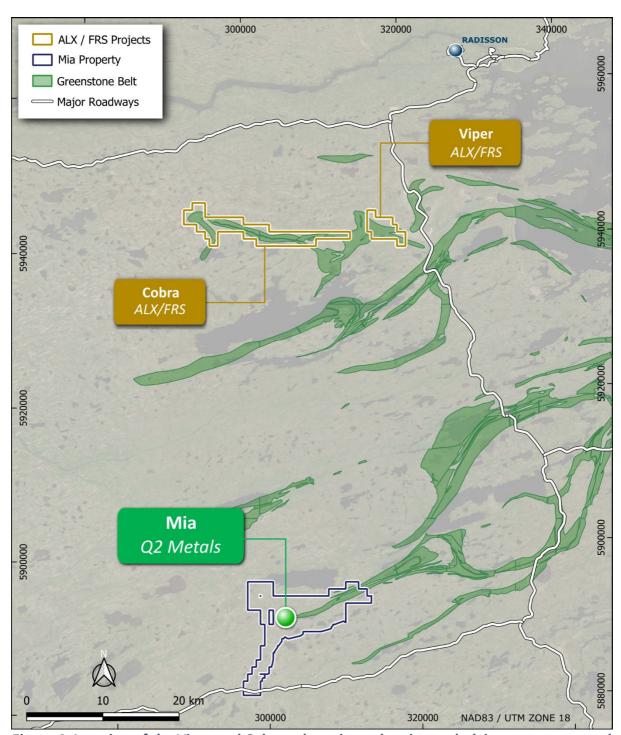


Figure 4: Location of the Viper and Cobra sub-projects showing underlying greenstone and proximity to Q2 Metals Corp., Mia Lithium Property

The broader area remains thoroughly underexplored for lithium due to the fact that previous exploration activities in the James Bay region have predominantly focused on gold and base metals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>TSXV:PMET news release 31st August 2022 <sup>5</sup>TSXV:QTWO news release 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 <sup>6</sup>TSXV:AL news release 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## **Agreement**

ALX undertook staking of the 8 sub-projects, which comprise the Hydra Lithium Project and is currently the 100% owner of the HLP. Exploration costs to the end of the 2023 field season are projected to total CAD\$900,000. The following terms provide for Forrestania to essentially match ALX's staking and exploration commitment. To earn a 50% interest in the HLP Forrestania Resources will pay ALX Resources Corp:

- CAD \$50,000 non-refundable deposit for a 60-day exclusivity period ahead of closing,
- CAD \$350,000 in cash on closing, and
- CAD \$600,000 in shares within 5 days of the closing

At the completion of the earn-in, a joint venture will be formed between the parties to explore and administer the properties, with ALX acting as operator in exchange for an industry-standard administration fee.

## **Next steps**

Compilation of historical data related to the HLP, and other areas in the region that are prospective for LCT pegmatites, is ongoing. ALX is planning airborne and photogrammetric surveys to provide additional geophysical, topographic, and aerial visual information to aid in the location and mapping of pegmatite bodies.

Additionally, ALX has access to a proprietary high-resolution airborne geophysical database acquired from historical diamond exploration in the James Bay region that could provide important information for the identification of regional trends with potential for hosting pegmatitic rocks. ALX will also utilise a high-resolution drone during the evaluation of the HLP sub-projects to optimize the process of locating and assessing prospective pegmatite outcrops.

Fieldwork at various of the sub-projects is planned to recommence on 31 May 2023, and will focus on systematic prospecting, geological mapping and geochemical sampling. A proprietary artificial intelligence ("A.I.") process for pegmatite detection by KorrAl of Halifax, NS is underway to prioritize target definition for the Program.

ALX has contracted a Quebec-based geological consulting company and a helicopter for the initial phase of the programme. Accommodation in the James Bay region for exploration workers is sparse due to the immense amount of lithium exploration pending for the 2023 spring/summer season, but the Company has secured lodgings and will base its initial work from the town of Radisson, Quebec.

As mentioned, ALX will have responsibility to undertake the exploration work; however, Forrestania team members will also spend time in the field during the programmes.

In due course Forrestania will provide a Notice of meeting ahead of an EGM to seek shareholder approval to issue the shares required to close the transaction.

This announcement is authorised for release by the Board.

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#### **About ALX Resources Corp.**

ALX is based in Vancouver, BC, Canada and its common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchangeunder the symbol "AL", on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol "6LLN" and in the United States OTC market under the symbol "ALXEF". ALX's mandate is to provide shareholders with multiple opportunities for discovery by exploring a portfolio of prospective mineral properties, which include uranium, lithium, nickel-copper-cobalt and gold projects. The Company uses the latest exploration technologies and holds interests in over 220,000 hectares of prospective lands in Saskatchewan, a stable Canadian jurisdiction that hosts the highest-grade uranium mines in the world, a producing gold mine, and production from base metals mines, both current and historical.

ALX's uranium holdings in northern Saskatchewan include 100% interests in the Gibbons Creek Uranium Project, the Sabre Uranium Project and the Javelin and McKenzie Lake Uranium Projects, a 40% interest in the Black Lake Uranium Project (a joint venture with Uranium Energy Corporation and Orano Canada Inc.), and a 20% interest in the Hook-Carter Uranium Project, located within the uranium-rich Patterson Lake Corridor, with Denison Mines Corp. (80% interest) as operator of exploration since 2016.

ALX owns 100% interests in lithium exploration properties staked in 2022-2023 known as the Hydra Lithium Project, located in the James Bay region of northern Quebec, Canada, a 100% interest in the Anchor Lithium Project, located in Nova Scotia, Canada, and 100% interests in the Crystal Lithium Project and the Reindeer Lithium Project, both located in Saskatchewan, Canada.

ALX also owns 100% interests in the Firebird Nickel Project (now under option to Rio Tinto Exploration Canada Inc., who can earn up to an 80% interest), the Flying Vee Nickel/Gold and Sceptre Gold projects, and can earn up to an 80% interest in the Alligator Lake Gold Project, all located in northern Saskatchewan, Canada. ALX owns, or can earn, up to 100% interests in the Electra Nickel Project and the Cannon Copper Project located in historic mining districts of Ontario, Canada, the Vixen Gold Project (now under option to First Mining Gold Corp., who can earn up to a 100% interest in two stages), and in the Draco VMS Project in Norway.

#### **About Forrestania Resources Limited**

Forrestania Resources Limited is an exploration Company searching for lithium, gold and nickel in the Forrestania, Southern Cross and the Menzies/Leonora regions of Western Australia.

The Company's flagship is the Forrestania Project which is situated in the well-endowed southern Forrestania Greenstone Belt, with a tenement footprint spanning approximately 100km, north to south of variously metamorphosed mafic, ultramafic / volcano-sedimentary rocks, host to the historic 1Moz Bounty gold deposit, the operating Flying Fox, and Spotted Quoll nickel mines, and the more recently discovered Earl Grey lithium deposit (189Mt @ 1.5% Li<sub>2</sub>O).

The Company has an experienced Board and management team which is focused on discovery to increase value for Shareholders.

Forrestania Resources is also actively pursuing strategic partnerships and evaluating acquisition opportunities to add value to the Company and expand its current portfolio.

#### **Competent Person's Statement**

The information in this report that related to Lithium Exploration Results is based on and fairly represents information compiled by Ms Melissa McClelland. Ms McClelland is the Lithium Exploration Manager of Forrestania Resources Limited and is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Ms McClelland has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Ms McClelland consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which they appear.



#### **Disclosure**

The information in this announcement is based on the following publicly available ASX announcements and Forrestania Resources IPO, which is available from <a href="https://www2.asx.com.au/">https://www2.asx.com.au/</a>

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original ASX announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the relevant ASX announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are represented have not been materially modified from the original ASX announcements.

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Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down-hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.  Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.  Aspects of the determination of	Not applicable, no results reported
	mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.  In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.	
Drilling techniques	Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open- hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc.) and details (e.g. core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc.).	Not applicable, no drilling results reported
Drill sample recovery	<ul> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential</li> <li>loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	Not applicable, no drilling results reported
Logging	<ul> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	Not applicable, no drilling results reported
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc. and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in-situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	No drilling results being reported



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Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.	No drilling results being reported	
	For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc., the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.		
	Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.		
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not applicable, no drilling results reported.</li> <li>No sampling data collected by the company</li> </ul>	
Location of data points	<ul> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down- hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	Not applicable, no drilling being reported.	
Data spacing and distribution	<ul> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	Data is not sufficient for use in Mineral Resource estimation	
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	Not applicable, no sampling has been completed by the company	
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	Not applicable	
Audits or reviews	The sampling methods being used are industry standard practice.	No audits or reviews have taken place	

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results (Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections)

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Mineral tenement and land tenure status	Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.	<ul> <li>The below Quebec exploration claims are owned 100% by ALX Resources. The registered holders are Rob McEwan and Linden Charlton:</li> <li>2691579, 2691580, 2691581, 2691582, 2691583, 2691584, 2691585, 2691586, 2691587, 2691588, 2691589, 2691590, 2691591, 2691592, 2691593, 2691594, 2691595, 2691596, 2691597, 2691598, 2691599, 2691600, 2691601, 2691602, 2691603, 2691604, 2691605, 2691606, 2691607, 2691608, 2691609, 2691610, 2691611, 2691612, 2691613, 2691614, 2691615, 2691616, 2691617, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691614, 2691615, 2691616, 2691617, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691620, 2691610, 2691618, 2691619, 2691619, 2691610, 2</li></ul>
	The security of the tenure held	2691621, 2691622, 2691623, 2691624, 2691625, 2691626, 2691627,



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		impediments to operate in the area
Exploration by other parties	<ul> <li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Publicly available data over the project sourced from Quebec government surveys and exploration works can be found on the Sigeom website:         https://sigeom.mines.gouv.qc.ca/signet/classes/l1108_afchCarteIn     </li> <li>Limited exploration work has been completed in relation to lithium and none of the results have been independently verified.</li> </ul>
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	The Hydra lithium project is targeting fractionated pegmatites (LCT type) hosted in or proximal to archaean age, greenstone belts.
Diagrams	Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	Refer to Figures and Tables in body of text of this ASX release
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	Not applicable, no drilling results being reported
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	Everything meaningful and material is disclosed in the body of the report.
Further work	The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale stepout drilling).  Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this	<ul> <li>Fieldwork planning is underway with a planned start date of May 31st. Fieldwork will focus on outcrop mapping, sampling and reconnaissance of the projects.</li> <li>Compilation of historical data relating to the Hydra project is ongoing.</li> </ul>



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