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# First Stage Exploration Complete at James Bay

Kuniko Successfully Completes Planned First Stage Exploration at Fraser and Mia North Projects.

**Statement of Support to Canadian Wildfire Relief Efforts.** 

Kuniko's is pleased to announce the completion of the first stage of field exploration activities at its Fraser and Mia North projects in James Bay, Quebec, Canada. This update is provided in the context of the recent wildfires in the region. Kuniko expresses its support for the ongoing Canadian efforts to combat these wildfires and extends its gratitude to the firefighting personnel and first responders.

The field exploration activities, including geological mapping and sampling, were conducted as part of Kuniko's comprehensive assessment of the lithium potential at the Fraser and Mia North projects. We are pleased to confirm that the first stage of field exploration was successfully completed on schedule in early June, prior to the outbreak of the recent wildfires. Kuniko remains committed to delivering transparent and timely information to our stakeholders and will provide further updates on the exploration results as they become available, ensuring that the market is informed of the progress and potential of these projects.

The first phase of exploration on the Nemaska South project is currently scheduled to commence in August, while second stage exploration at the Fraser and Mia North projects is pending subject to assay results. Currently there has been no impact on Kuniko's exploration schedule, however we will continue to monitor the situation closely.

We acknowledge the devastating impact of the unprecedented early season wildfires in Canada, and our thoughts are with all those affected, particularly the local communities in which we operate. We extend our sincere gratitude to the first responders and firefighting personnel who have been working tirelessly to combat the wildfires and protect the affected communities.

## **Highlights**

Developing Copper, Nickel, Cobalt, Lithium and other battery metals projects

**Ethical Sourcing** ensured

100% commitment to target a net **ZERO CARBON** footprint

Operations in Norway, where 98% of electricity comes from **RENEWABLE** sources

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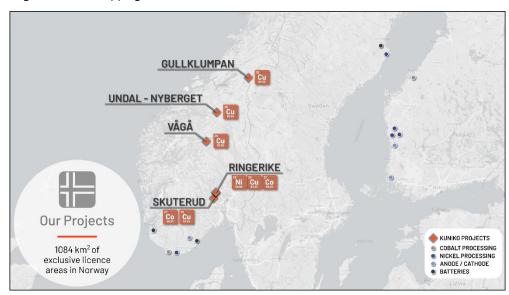


#### **About Kuniko**

Kuniko is focused on the development of copper, nickel, and cobalt projects in Scandinavia and has expanded its interests to include prospects for lithium in Canada. Kuniko has a strict mandate to maintain net zero carbon footprint throughout exploration, development, and production of its projects. Kuniko's key assets, located in Norway and Canada include:

#### **Norway**

- **Skuterud Cobalt Project:** has had over 1 million tonnes of cobalt ore mined historically and was the world's largest cobalt producer in its time. A maiden drill campaign completed in Jul. '22 intersected cobalt mineralisation in 8 of 8 drill holes at the priority "Middagshvile" target.
- Ringerike Battery Metals Project: 15km from Skuterud, the Ringerike licenses comprise 360 km<sup>2</sup> of exploration area, prospective for nickel, copper, and cobalt. A Ni-Cu trend of historical mines and workings crosses property and includes the brownfield Ertelien Ni-Cu mine.
- Undal-Nyberget Copper Project: is in the prolific Røros Copper region, a copper belt which
  has historical hosted Tier 1-2 mines. Historical production from Undal had grades of 1.15 %
  Cu, 1.86 % Zn, while adjacent, Nyberget has had surface grades up to 2% Cu.
- Vågå Copper Project: Project includes anomalies representing immediate targets, including
  a prospective horizon with a known strike extent of ~9km, A further shallow conductor can
  also be traced for several kilometres.
- Gullklumpan Copper Project: has geological continuity to significant mining districts in the region with outcropping Ni-Cu-Co mineralisation.



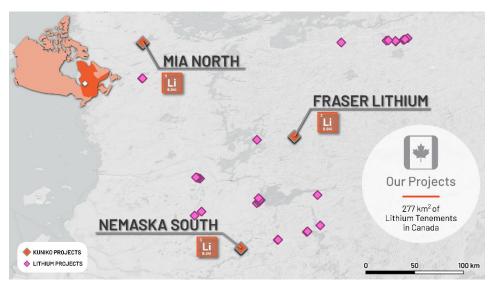
#### Canada

- Fraser: 150 km<sup>2</sup> of exploration area with mapped pegmatites containing spodumene. The
  Fraser Lithium Project is southwest of Winsome Resources\ Cancet Lithium Project, west of
  Patriot Battery Metal Corvette Lithium Project and northeast of Allkem's James Bay Lithium
  Project.
- Mia North: 82 km² of exploration area located on a greenstone belt known to host pegmatites with the potential for spodumene containing lithium mineralisation. Mia North is located 30km north of Q2 Metals Corp. Mia Lithium Project.

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Nemaska South Lithium Project: 45 km<sup>2</sup> of exploration area which contains pegmatite
outcrops and is located adjacent to the Li-FT Power Lithium Project and 35km southwest of
Nemaska Lithium (Whabouchi Project).



Location of Kuniko's projects in Canada

"Human rights protection is driving consumers to demand ethically extracted and sustainable sources of battery metals" – Kuniko Chairman Gavin Rezos.

The European battery market is the fastest growing in the world, however it has very limited domestic production of battery-quality metals. Kuniko's projects will reduce this almost total reliance on external sources of battery metals by offering local and sustainable sources of nickel, cobalt, and copper.

In the event a mineable resource is discovered, and relevant permits granted, Kuniko is committed to sustainable, low carbon and ethical mining practices which embrace United Nations sustainable development goals. Kuniko activities now and in future will target sustainable practices extending to both life on land and life below water, which includes responsible disposal of waste rock away from fjords. Kuniko understands its activities will need to align with the interests of conservation, protected areas, cultural heritage, and indigenous peoples, amongst others.

## Forward Looking Statements

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No new information

Except where explicitly stated, this announcement contains references to prior exploration results, all of which have been cross-referenced to previous market announcements made by the Company. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcements.

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**Authorisation** 

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Directors of Kuniko Limited.