



Alligator secures option to acquire 100% of the Piedmont Nickel-Cobalt Project

Alligator Energy Limited **ASX: AGE (Alligator or the Company)** is pleased to advise that it has secured a twelve-month option to acquire a 100% interest in the Exploration Licences that form the Piedmont Farm-in and Joint Venture with Chris Reindler and Partners.

Highlights:

- Alligator has secured a binding twelve-month option to acquire 100% interest in the remaining Exploration Licences at the Piedmont Project in Northern Italy that it does not already own
- The twelve-month option is conditional on obtaining renewal of the Laghetto Exploration Licence, which is expected shortly, and translating the Binding Term Sheet into a full form agreement
- Alligator is to pay a \$75,000 option fee, and should the option be exercised, a purchase consideration of (i) \$350,000 (in a mix of cash and shares); and (ii) a 1% Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) on any future production from the Laghetto Exploration Licence
- Consolidation and full control of Alligator's interest in the Piedmont Project is expected to assist in progressing discussions with strategic investors
- Alligator intends to complete ground EM and drone magnetic geophysics surveys during the European summer, which falls within the option period

Alligator Energy CEO, Greg Hall, said *"We are pleased that Alligator has made significant progress in consolidating the company's interest in the Piedmont Project, Northern Italy, which we believe will be supportive in discussions with strategic investors, one of whom has recently visited Piedmont.*

We intend to run geophysics campaigns during the 12-month option period, to provide interested strategic investors with a broader data set, enhance the prospectivity of the licenses and better inform their investment decision. The Laghetto EL is also approved for a drilling program."

Europe has overtaken China as the largest market for electric vehicles, and the EU is highly focused on securing reliable, ethical, supply chains for the key inputs for EV batteries such as nickel and cobalt. To improve the resilience of supply chains, the EU is applying a policy mix that aims to increase domestic capacity and diversify suppliers. In this environment, our Piedmont Project offers strategic investors the dual benefits of prospectivity for two key inputs for these supply chains, as well as a location in a tier one jurisdiction that is in close proximity to key markets, and with the scope to produce ethically and sustainably".

Background

AGE EV Minerale Srl, a wholly owned subsidiary of Alligator, agreed a full Farm-in Agreement and Joint Venture (JV) Agreement on 28 November 2018 with Ivrea Minerals Pty Ltd (Ivrea) and KEC Exploration Pty Ltd (KEC) (collectively known as Chris Reindler and Partners (**CRP**)).

Ivrea is the registered Exploration Licence holder of P38V ("Laghetto"). KEC is the registered Exploration Licence holder of P39V ("Gavala") and P29V ("Galerno"). In addition, AGE EV Minerale has lodged an application for the Valmaggia Exploration Licence which is intended to form part of the Farm-in Agreement at the time of grant (see Figure 1).

On 27 November 2018, AGE EV Minerale advised CRP that it had completed the Phase 1 Earn-in under the Farm-in and JV and issued a Phase 2 Earn-in Election Notice. The work program under the Phase 2 Earn-in is currently in progress. The Farm-in and JV agreement was amended on 5 August 2020 and 22 April 2021 to alter the farm-in requirements and extend the earn-in period for Phase 2, primarily due to delayed ability to access from COVID issues.

On completion of the Phase 2 Earn-in, AGE EV Minerale is entitled to a 51% interest in the Exploration Licences and has a one-off right to elect to spend a further A\$1.25m to earn a further 29% interest in the Exploration Licences. At 31 December 2021 AGE EV Minerale had incurred \$223,086 of the \$400,000 earn-in expenditure required to complete Phase 2.

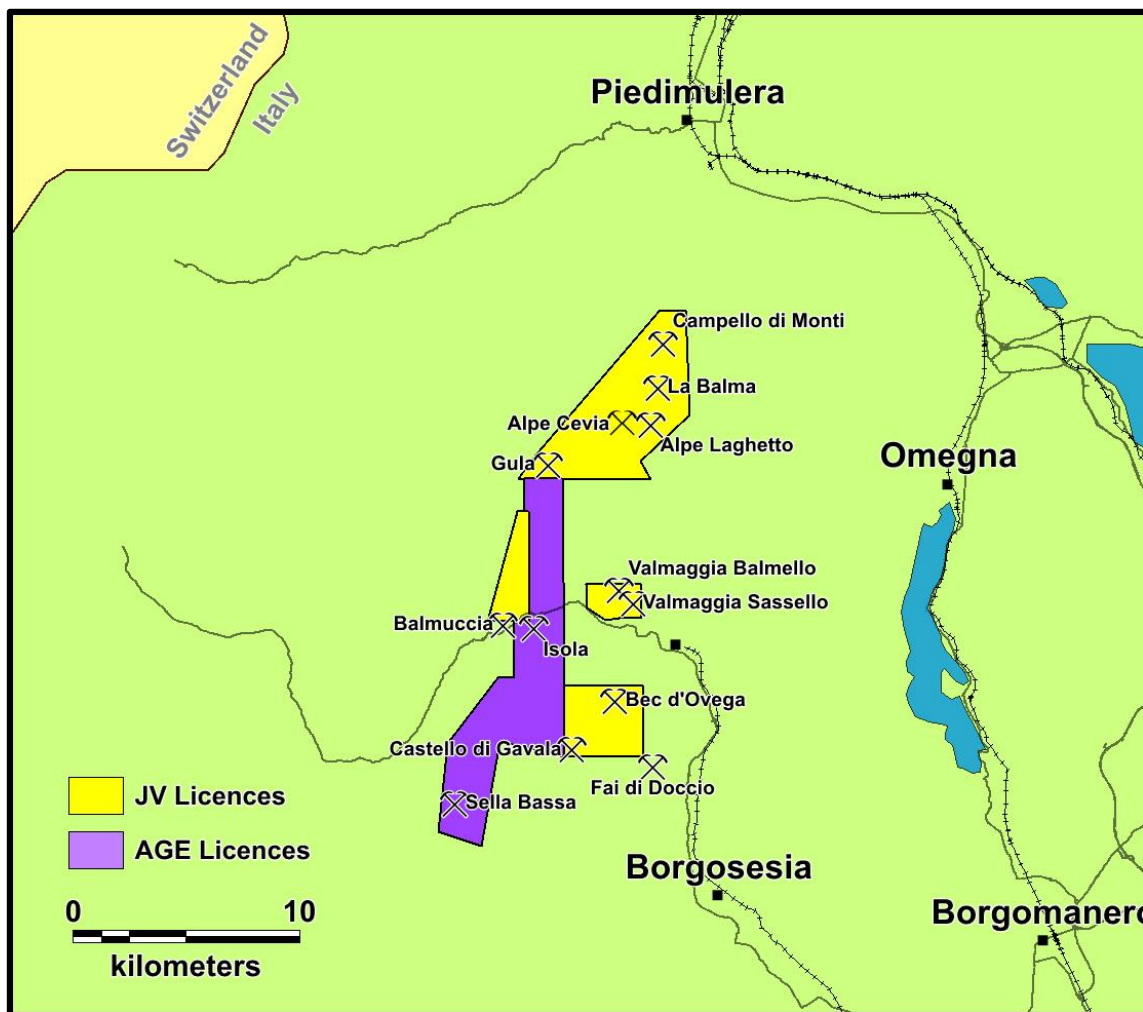


Figure 1. Location of Licences forming the CRP Farm-in and JV

Initial sampling conducted during 2018 confirmed significant metal grades across the CRP Farm-in and JV Licences (see Figure 2) including up to **2.48% Ni, 0.19% Co, 6.38% Cu and 60.8g/t Au** with a summary of these results shown below:

Alpe Laghetto Sample P18-S053 - **1.56% Ni, 0.13% Co, 0.10% Cu**
 Sample P18-S059 - **1.36% Ni, 0.13% Co, 0.09% Cu**
 Sample P18-S015 - **0.19% Ni, 0.02% Co, 0.98% Cu**

Alpe Cevia Sample P18-S003 - **2.48% Ni, 0.17% Co, 0.13% Cu**
 Sample P18-S080 - **1.57% Ni, 0.11% Co, 0.07% Cu**

La Balma Sample P18-S027 - **1.03% Ni, 0.10% Co, 0.08% Cu**
 Sample P18-S026 - **0.29% Ni, 0.03% Co, 0.72% Cu**
 Sample P18-S025 - **0.97% Ni, 0.08% Co, 0.12% Cu**

(Refer ASX Announcement: 26 July 2018)

Laghetto North Sample P18-S102 - **1.73% Ni, 0.09% Co, 0.43% Cu**
Castilo di Gavala Sample P18-S176 - **1.31% Ni, 0.04% Co, 0.87% Cu**
 Sample P18-S177 - **6.38% Cu, 0.75% Ni, 1.39g/t Au**

La Balma Sample P18-S131 - **2.24% Ni, 0.19% Co, 0.09% Cu**
La Balma SE Sample P18-S121 - **1.12% Ni, 0.09% Co, 0.11% Cu**
 Sample P18-S122 - **0.86% Ni, 0.06% Co, 0.18% Cu**

Gula Sample P18-S160 - **0.93% Cu**
 Sample P18-S170 - **60.8g/t Au, 0.38% Cu**
 Sample P18-S159 - **41.5g/t Au**

(Refer ASX Announcement: 14 Sept 2018)

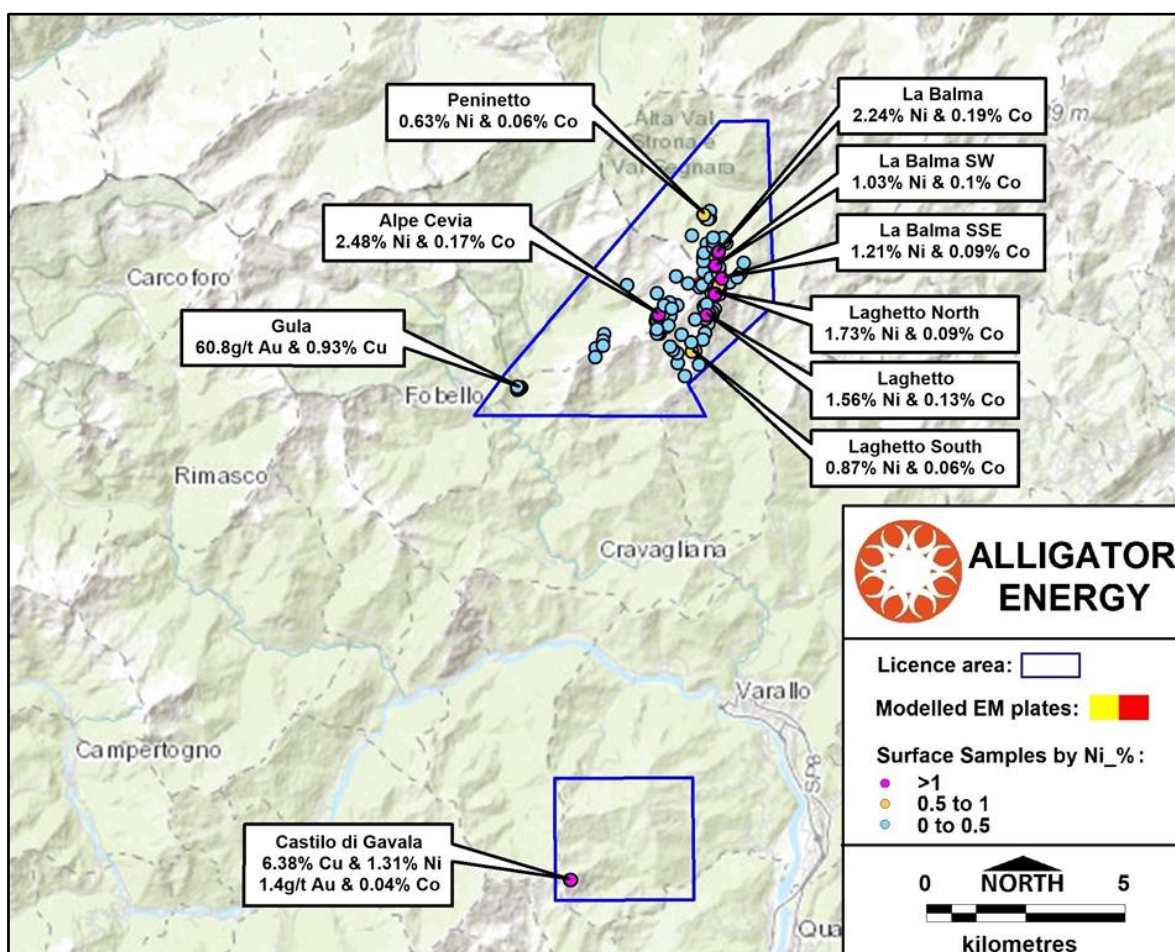


Figure 2. CRP Farm-in and JV Sampling Summary

Binding Term Sheet

The key terms and conditions associated with the Binding Term Sheet with CRP are as follows:

- Completion of the option agreement is conditional on finalising within a two-month period (unless mutually extended in writing):
 - A full form agreement compliant with any Italian regulatory requirements and based on the Binding Term Sheet, and;
 - Obtaining written confirmation of the extension of the Laghetto Exploration Licence for a further two-year period.
- Once the full form agreement is executed and the Laghetto Licence renewed an option fee of \$75,000 is paid to Ivrea and KEC, split 75:25
- Alligator has a 12-month option period from the time of signing the Binding Term Sheet (expires 7 February 2023) to exercise its right to acquire the Exploration Licences for a consideration of \$350,000 split cash and shares (maximum of 50% in shares at the VWAP at the time of the sale completing) and agreeing to a 1% NSR for the Laghetto Licence with CRP
- The \$350k consideration becomes payable at the time that written evidence of the regulatory approval for the transfer of the Exploration Licences is obtained by AGE EV Minerale.

Next Steps

Alligator continues to plan ground EM, and drone magnetic geophysics surveys over a number of the Piedmont Project Licences. With internal Board approvals in place to undertake these operations during 2022, contractor negotiations and program designs are underway, and an initial site visit has been conducted by potential contractors during late 2021.

The planned surveys are expected to provide further evidence of the prospectivity of the Piedmont Project, to assist in further discussions with interested strategic investors. The ability of Alligator to continue the strategic investor discussions, on the basis of being able to secure 100% interest in all Piedmont Licences, is also expected to assist negotiations.

In addition to securing an option over the CRP Exploration Licences, a field trip in Q1 2022 will be undertaken using Alligator's in-country team to map and sample recently accessible lower altitude sites at the Isola prospect where a new forestry road has revealed fresh exposures with evidence of disseminated sulphides. The Isola prospect is on Alligator's 100% held Sella Basa Exploration Licence (currently in application).

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Alligator Energy CEO.

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Information in this report is based on current and historic Exploration Results compiled by Mr Andrew Vigar who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Vigar is a non-executive director of Alligator Energy Limited and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Vigar consents to the inclusion in this release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.



About Alligator Energy

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