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# IRIS METALS COMPLETES \$8 MILLION CAPITAL RAISE

## HIGHLIGHTS

- IRIS Metals successfully raised \$8.01 million in its recent capital program, including participation by Stardust Power Inc
- Exclusivity Agreement with Stardust Power will commence on December 9, 2024

**IRIS Metals Limited (ASX: IR1) ("IRIS Metals" or "the Company")** is pleased to announce the settlement of its recent capital raising program ("**Placement**"). The Board wishes to advise that all funds from the Placement have now been received, completing a successful raise of \$8.01 million, including the funds from **Stardust Power Inc. (NASDAQ: SDST) ("Stardust Power")**.

As previously advised to the market, delays in the transfer of funds from Stardust Power prompted the Board to enter into a trading halt, followed by a suspension, in order to provide Stardust Power with the necessary time to complete the funds transfer as per their Subscription Agreement.

In addition, the Company advises that it has agreed to set Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 as the commencement date for the previously signed Exclusivity Agreement, with the initial terms of 3 months remaining unchanged, and including a right to extend for an additional month.

The Cleansing Prospectus is in the process of being finalised and its lodgement expected to occur on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 as per the timetable below. The lodgement of the Cleaning Prospectus will facilitate the allotment of Placement shares, and other incidental share allotments, which will enable secondary market trading to proceed.

### *Chairman Peter Marks said,*

"The successful completion of our \$8 million capital raising program positions us to accelerate the advancement of our South Dakota exploration and developments projects, including initial resource estimates, and deliver on the growing US demand for domestically produced hard rock lithium.

Importantly, the opportunity in securing the supply of locally produced hard rock lithium to the US domestic market, remains a key priority for IRIS. The outcome of the recent US election has further emphasised the value of our US-based, tariff-free assets.



We are pleased to welcome Stardust Power as a new shareholder. Our partnership with Stardust Power holds substantial strategic potential as they work towards building a state-of-the-art lithium refinery and production facility in Oklahoma”.

*CEO, Stardust Power Inc. Roshan Pujari commented:*

We are excited to work with IRIS Metals under the leadership of Peter Marks and the broader IRIS team, to help build resilient North American supply chains. IRIS has a unique characteristic of being a permitted hard rock lithium asset inside the U.S. We are eager to utilise the exclusivity period to determine how we can best work together.

#### Indicative timetable

Summary of key dates	Key date
ASX announcement of Settlement of Share Placement	Monday, 9 December 2024
Expected Reinstatement to Official Quotation	Monday, 9 December 2024
Lodgement of Cleansing Prospectus	Monday, 9 December 2024
Allotment of Tranche 1 Placement Shares	Tuesday, 10 December 2024
Quotation of Tranche 1 Placement Shares	Wednesday, 11 December 2024
EGM	TBA, estimated in Jan/Feb 2025
Settlement of Tranche 2 Placement Shares (Note 1)	TBA, estimated in Jan/Feb 2025
Allotment and trading of Tranche 2 Placement Shares	TBA, estimated in Jan/Feb 2025

Note 1: Relates to shareholder approval of the 1.5m related party subscription from Mr Kevin Smith (or nominee) and any other resolutions that the Company may propose to shareholders.

The above timetable is indicative only and may change without notice.

#### ENDS

This announcement was approved for release by the Board of IRIS Metals Ltd.

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### About IRIS Metals (ASX: IR1)

IRIS Metals Ltd (ASX: IR1) is an exploration company with an extensive suite of assets considered to be highly prospective for hard rock lithium located in South Dakota, United States (US). The company's large and expanding South Dakota Project is in a mining friendly jurisdiction and provides the company with strong exposure to the battery metals space, and the incentives offered by the US government for locally sourced critical minerals.

The Black Hills have a long and proud history of mining dating back to the late 1800s. The Black Hills pegmatites are famous for having the largest recorded lithium spodumene crystals ever mined. Extensive fields of fertile LCT-pegmatites outcrop throughout the Black Hills with significant volumes of lithium spodumene mined in numerous locations.

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