

## **Askari Metals Completes Oversubscribed A\$2.6M Placement to Accelerate Exploration on Battery Metals and Gold Projects**

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### Highlights:

- Askari Metals has completed a heavily oversubscribed placement to raise A\$2.6 million
  - Placement was completed via the issue of fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of A\$0.35 per share with a 1-for-3 free attaching AS20 listed option
  - Peak Asset Management acted as Lead Manager to the Placement
  - Placement has been completed at a **premium of 15% to both the 10-day and 15-day VWAP and a premium of 6.5% to the 5-day VWAP**
  - Funds raised from the Placement will be applied to:
    - Initial exploration at the recently acquired Barrow Creek Lithium Project
    - Phase II and III drilling at the Burracoppin Gold Project
    - Maiden drilling at the Horry Copper Project
    - Initial exploration at the recently staked Yarrie Lithium Project
    - Continued exploration at the Red Peak Lithium Project
    - Magnetic surveys at the Callawa Copper Project
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Askari Metals Limited (**ASX: AS2**) (“Askari Metals” or “Company”), an Australia based exploration company with a portfolio of gold and battery metals projects across Western Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales, is pleased to announce that the Company has recently completed a heavily oversubscribed placement to raise A\$2.6 million (before costs).

Commenting on the completion of the Placement, Executive Director, Mr Gino D’Anna stated:

*“The Placement received overwhelming demand from both new and existing investors and was more than 10 times oversubscribed, which we see as a strong endorsement of the Company and its assets. We were able to complete the Placement at a 15% premium to both the 10-day and 15-day VWAP which is a significant achievement.*

*The funds raised will be applied to the acceleration of our exploration activities at our existing assets as we look to commence our Phase II and III drilling at the Burracoppin Gold Project, complete a maiden drilling program at the Horry Copper Project, continue exploration at the Callawa Copper Project and commence exploration at both the Mt Maguire Gold and Base Metal Project and the Springdale Copper-Gold Project in NSW. We will also accelerate our exploration activities at our recently acquired lithium portfolio, including the highly-prospective Barrow Creek Lithium Project located in the Northern Territory and the Yarrie Lithium Project located in the eastern Pilbara lithium hotspot.”*

The Placement was completed via the issue of fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of A\$0.35 per share with a 1-for-3 free attaching AS2O listed option. **This represents a premium of 15% to both the 10-day VWAP and 15-day VWAP and a 6.5% premium to the 5-day VWAP.**

The Company believes that this result is a significant achievement. The decision to issue free attaching AS2O listed options on a 1-for-3 basis to Placement participants, has enabled the Company to avoid additional dilution at the share equity level and has allowed the Company to complete the Placement at a premium, notwithstanding that the AS2O listed options are currently “in-the-money”.

The Company will continue to allocate funds raised pursuant to its Prospectus lodged with ASIC on 10 May 2021 in line with the exploration objectives that were set out in the Prospectus. The funds raised from the Placement will enable the Company to not only allocate funds towards exploration on the recently acquired lithium projects, including the highly prospective Barrow Creek Lithium Project in the NT and the Yarrie Lithium Project in the eastern Pilbara but will also enable the Company to allocate further funds and rapidly explore and develop its other key projects, including the Burracoppin Gold Project and the Horry Copper Project.

The Company will continue to drive exploration at its existing projects in line with its objectives as set out in the Prospectus and allocate sufficient funds towards those activities as well as allocate funds towards the newly acquired lithium portfolio.

A summary of the Company’s intentions to allocate funds towards exploration using its existing cash reserves and a portion of the funds raised from the Placement is set out below:

Exploration Activity	Amount
Phase II and III Drilling at Burracoppin Gold Project	\$450,000
Maiden Drilling at Horry Copper Project	\$250,000
Exploration at the Barrow Creek Lithium Project	\$200,000
Magnetic Survey at the Callawa Copper Project	\$45,000
Exploration at the Yarrie Lithium Project	\$150,000
Field Exploration at the Callawa Copper Project	\$200,000
Reconnaissance exploration and geophysics at the Mt Maguire Gold and Base Metal Project	\$100,000
Reconnaissance exploration and geophysics at the Springdale Copper-Gold Project	\$150,000
Continued Exploration at the Red Peak Lithium Project	\$100,000

\* The above table is indicative only and based on current intentions

The Placement will result in the issue of 7,428,571 shares and 2,476,190 AS2O listed options. The Company will be using its capacity pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and ASX Listing Rule 7.1A such that a total of 4,306,645 shares will be placed using ASX Listing Rule 7.1A and a further 3,121,926 shares will be placed using ASX Listing Rule 7.1. The AS2O listed options will be issued pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

An Appendix 3B has been lodged.

The Placement was conducted by Peak Asset Management (**Peak**) as the Lead Manager. Peak will receive a brokerage fee equal to 6% (plus GST) of the funds raised as well as 350,000 AS2O listed options (**Options Fee**). The Options Fee will be issued pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

Participants in the Placement are sophisticated and professional investors pursuant to section 708A(5) of the Corporations Act. None of the participants in the Placement are related parties of the Company and the Directors of the Company will not be participating in the Placement. Participants in the Placement were identified by Peak as the Lead Manager.

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## **About Askari Metals Limited**

Askari Metals was incorporated for the primary purpose of acquiring, exploring and developing high-grade gold, copper-gold projects and battery metals in **New South Wales, Western Australia and Northern Territory**. The Company has assembled an attractive portfolio of gold, battery metal and copper-gold exploration/mineral resource development projects in Western Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales.

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