# **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# MEGADO RAISES A\$2.4M TO FUND INITIAL EXPLORATION PROGRAM AT NORTH FORK RARE EARTH PROJECT IN IDAHO, USA

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- \* A\$2.4M share placement to institutional and sophisticated investors now completed following the issue of 30 million shares at \$0.08 per share
- \* Funds to be used to complete an initial exploration program at North Fork Rare Earth Project
- \* North Fork consists of 499 claims (granted and in application), covering approximately 10,309 acres (42km²) with outcropping, high-grade, rare earth element (REE) mineralised rock
- \* North Fork contains multiple carbonatite-hosted, high-grade, REE mineralised veins that have been observed at surface across numerous prospects over 10km along strike
- \* Located in Idaho, USA: ranked best mining policy jurisdiction in the world in 2020 by Fraser Institute

Megado Gold Limited (ASX: MEG) (the **Company** or **Megado**) is pleased to announce it has successfully completed a A\$2.4M (before costs) placement to institutional and sophisticated investors.

The Placement, which comprised 30 million shares at an issue price of \$0.08 per share, was approved by shareholders at the company's AGM held on 31 May 2022. The Placement was conducted by CPS Securities Limited (CPS) as Lead Manager and was strongly supported by exisiting and new institutional and high net worth investors.

The funds raised will enable Megado to complete an initial exploration program at the North Fork Rare Earth Project (**North Fork**), located in the mining-friendly Idaho Cobalt Belt region of Idaho, USA. The North Fork claims are located approximately 40km (25 miles) northwest of Salmon, Idaho and consist of 499 unpatented/patented BLM mining lode claims (See Figure 1). The North Fork Project has seven (7) historical prospect areas warranting further exploration in the intial exploration phase.

#### Megado Gold Chairman, Brad Drabsch, commented:

"The North Fork Rare Earth Project is an exciting development for Megado and we are looking forward to starting the initial exploration program shortly. Megado remains committed to its Ethiopian portfolio and we will actively investigate REE potential in Ethiopia as we progress with our gold exploration."



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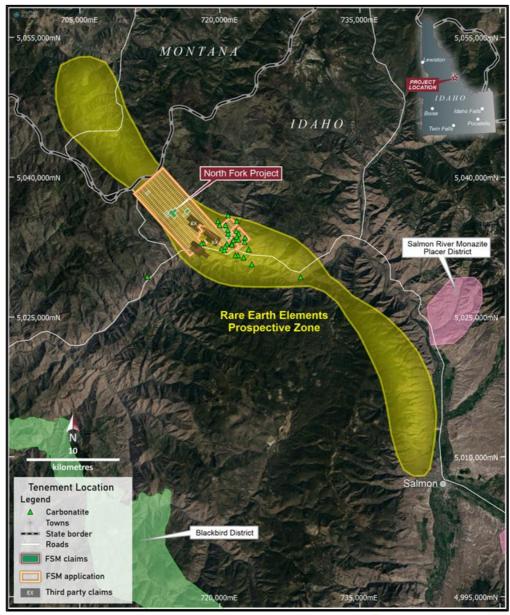


Figure 1: The North Fork Project area within Idaho, USA

#### **BOARD CHANGES**

Megado Co-Founder, Managing Director and CEO, Mr Michael Gumbley, who was instrumental in establishing the Ethiopian Project and leading the Company since its inception, has stepped aside from his current role. Michael will continue with the Company as a Non-Executive Director and remains committed to ensuring that the Ethiopian portfolio value is maximised into the future. Mr. Gumbley commented:

"Megado has reached an exciting inflection point. The pivot to the exceptional rare earth opportunity at North Fork will be transformational for Megado and is the right moment to bring new leadership in to advance this project's next phase. I am proud of having led the Company from an idea to where it is today, and look forward to supporting Megado's future success as a member of the Board while honouring the commitments made in Ethiopia."



In addition, Dr Chris Bowden will also be stepping back from his role as Executive Technical Director but will remain engaged with Megado as both a Non-Executive Director and consultant to the Company on an as needed basis. The Board thanks Chris for his contribution to date and looks forward to continuing to work with him.

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Authorised for release by: Brad Drabsch, Chairman.

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