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Pontax Lithium Project, James Bay, Canada

Best result to date of 23.4m @ 1.4% Li₂O paves the way for Maiden Resource with the drill program now complete at Pontax

Resource on schedule for mid-2023, Intensive exploration schedule for next 12 months with multiple programs planned for Pontax, Auclair and Sakami

Highlights

- Latest assays include:
 - 23.4m @ 1.4% Li₂O from 367.8m, including 11.8m @ 1.9% Li₂O and 2.9m @ 2.3% Li₂O (DDH975-23-040)
 - 3.3m @ 1.5% Li₂O from 214.8m & 2.7m @ 1.1% Li₂O from 226.5m (DDH975-23-039)
- The assays also indicate exceptionally high-grade tantalum is present in the Pontax system, with up to 6,605ppm Ta₂O₅ intercepted in DDH975-22-030, as well as several other results showing >150ppm Ta₂O₅
- The latest results continue to demonstrate multiple wide zones of stacked pegmatite mineralisation which are consistent with previously announced¹ assays such as:
 - 16.5m @ 1.1% Li₂O from 239.8m
 - 15.6m @ 1.6% Li₂O from 83.9m
 - 13.3m @ 1.3% Li₂O from 300.2m
 - 13.0m @ 1.4% Li₂O from 36.0m
 - 12.0m @ 1.4% Li₂O from 83.0m
 - 12.0m @ 1.1% Li₂O from 99.5m
 - 11.2m @ 1.2% Li₂O from 146.3m
 - 9.0m @ 1.7% Li₂O from 46.9m
- Over the next 12 months, there is a comprehensive exploration program scheduled that encompasses high-priority projects such as Pontax, Auclair, and Sakami

Cygnus Managing Director David Southam said: "These latest assays continue to show that Pontax hosts wide, high-grade lithium mineralisation in stacked pegmatites.

"We will feed these results into the resource model ahead of publication in the middle of this year.

"At the same time, we are preparing new exploration programs at Pontax as well as at our Auclair and Sakami lithium projects in James Bay."

Cygnus Metals Limited (ASX:CY5) ("Cygnus" or the "Company") is pleased to announce more strong assay results from the recently concluded drilling campaign at its Pontax Lithium Project in the James Bay region of Québec, Canada.

Drilling is now complete, for a total of 11,328 metres. Logging and sampling are ongoing, with the final holes to be dispatched for analysis to SGS (Burnaby, BC) over the coming weeks.

Recent results have confirmed the down-dip continuity and grade of mineralisation with high grade intersections returned from step-out drilling over 100m down dip from known mineralisation. This has extended mineralisation from surface to 300m vertical depth. Highlight results from multiple stacked pegmatites include:

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- **3.3m @ 1.5% Li₂O from 214.8m & 2.7m @ 1.1% Li₂O from 226.5m (DDH975-23-039)**

These latest results support previously released¹ shallow high-grade intersections which include:

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- 15.6m @ 1.6% Li₂O from 83.9m
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Results from drilling have also highlighted significant tantalum grades, with multiple intervals grading >150ppm Ta₂O₅ and a peak grade of 6,605ppm Ta₂O₅ returned from DDH975-23-030. This result indicates the presence of exceptionally high-grade tantalum in the system, with high-grade tantalum typically considered to be over 1,000ppm Ta₂O₅. It should be noted that tantalum distribution is often heterogeneous, and its occurrence can vary greatly within deposits. However, tantalum can be an important by-product in lithium production.

2023 Exploration Programs

With drilling now concluded, the focus has turned to the maiden Resource, which is on track to be delivered by mid-2023. Alongside this work, extensive exploration programs are being planned for across high priority projects including Pontax, Auclair and Sakami. This work will include a combination of geophysics, mapping, sampling and drilling. A heli-borne drill rig, crew and helicopter have been confirmed for the summer and are scheduled to commence drilling in July.

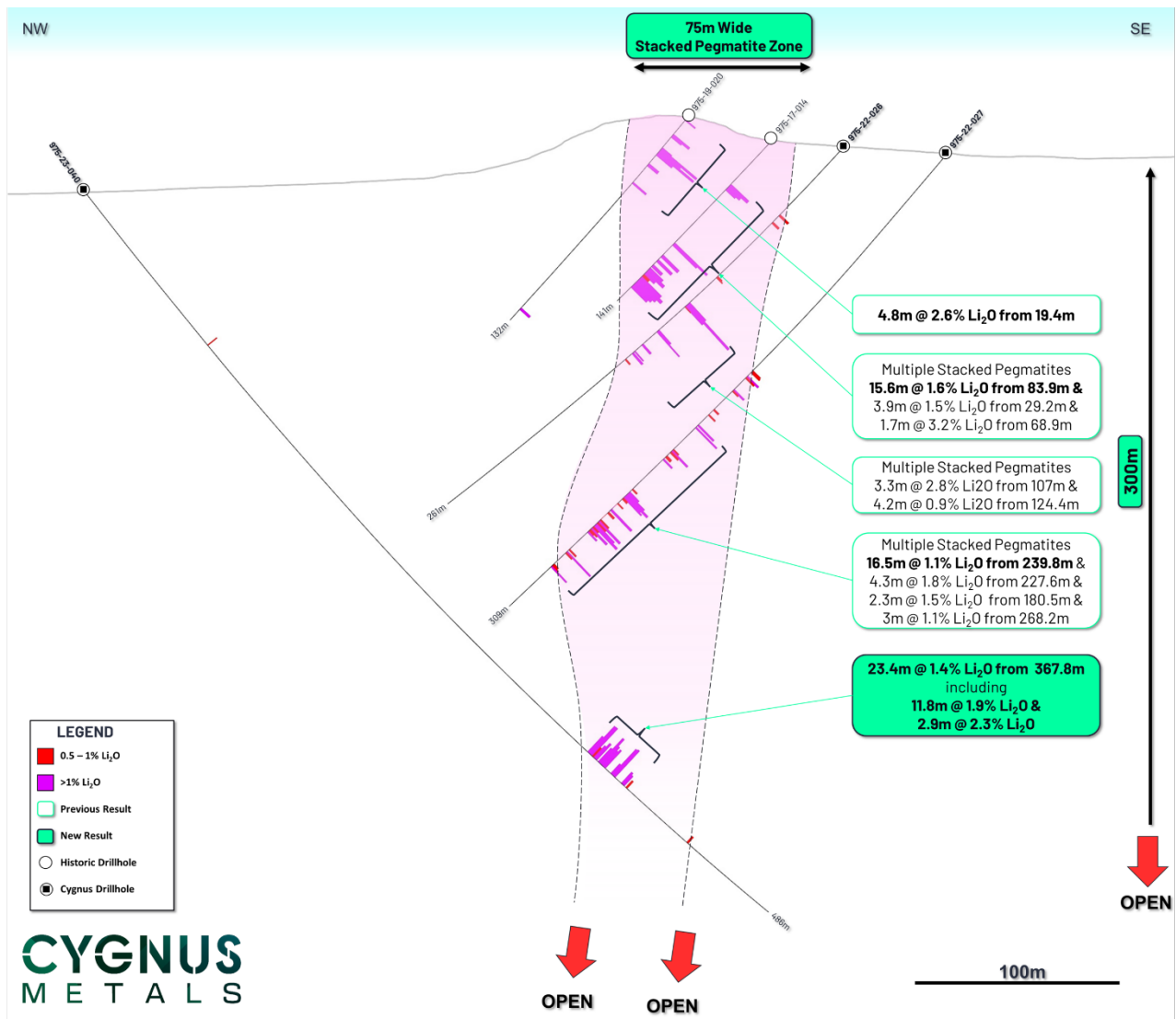


Figure 1: Cross section through Pontax Central looking towards the NE, showing continuous mineralisation from surface to 300m vertical depth, remaining open in all directions.¹

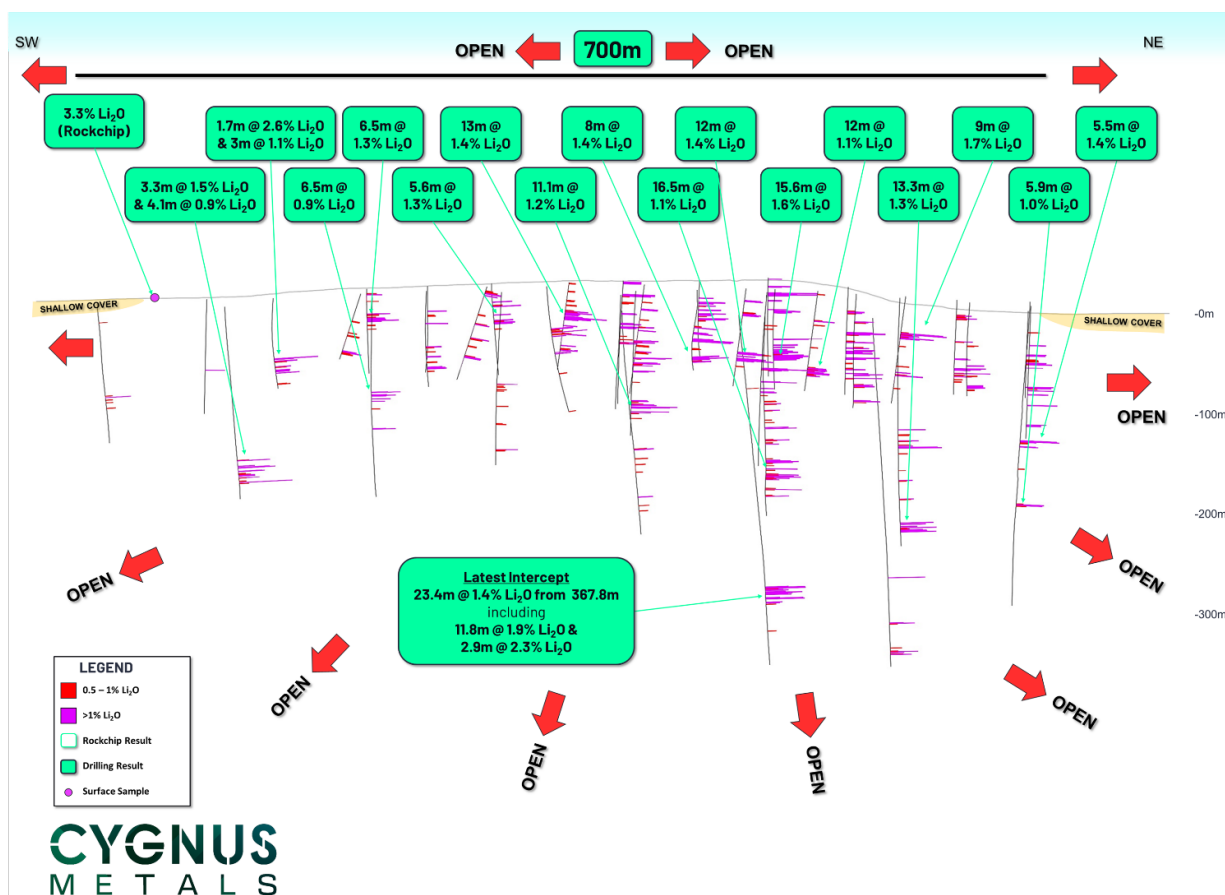


Figure 2: Longsection view through Pontax Central showing mineralisation is open in all directions with recent significant intersections up to 23.4m @ 1.4% Li₂O.¹

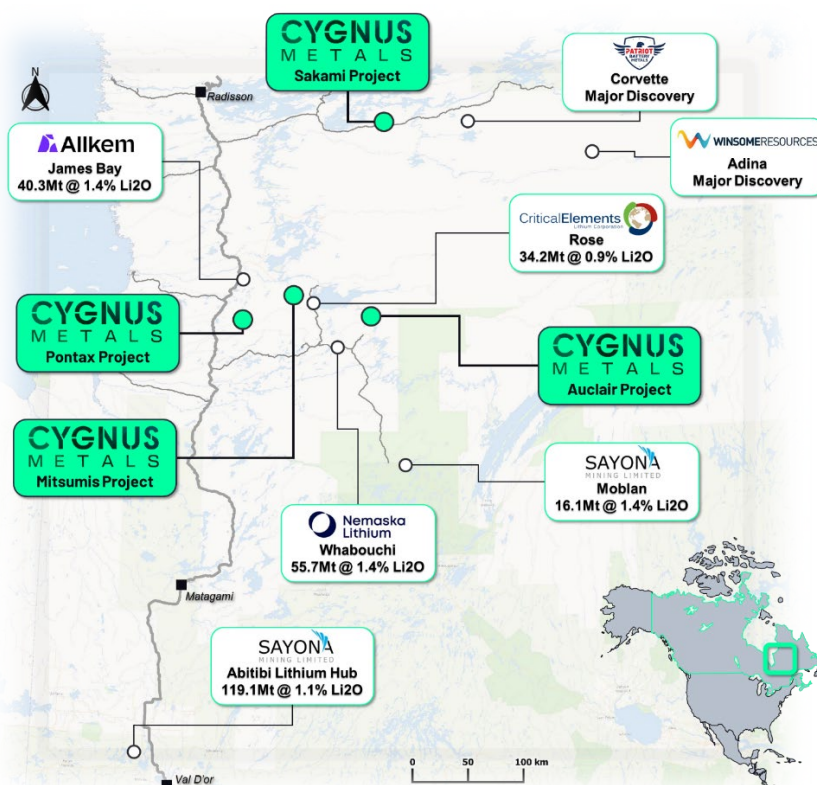


Figure 3: Location of Cygnus projects relative to other major lithium resources and discoveries.²

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About Cygnus Metals

Cygnus Metals Limited (ASX: CY5) is an emerging exploration company focussed on advancing the Pontax Lithium Project (earning up to 70%) and the Auclair Lithium Project in the world class James Bay lithium district in Canada, as well as the Bencubbin Lithium Project and Snake Rock Project in Western Australia. The Cygnus Board of Directors and Technical Management team has a proven track record of substantial exploration success and creating wealth for shareholders and all stakeholders in recent years.

Cygnus Metals' tenements range from early-stage exploration areas through to advanced drill-ready targets.

Competent Persons Statements

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Duncan Grieve, a Competent Person who is a member of The Australasian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Grieve is the Chief Geologist and a full-time employee of Cygnus Metals and holds shares in the Company. Mr Grieve has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation under consideration and to the activity which 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 Grieve consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

End Notes

1. The information in this announcement that relates to previously reported Exploration Results at the Pontax Lithium Project has been previously released by Cygnus Metals in ASX Announcements dated 29 July 2022, 18 January 2023, 14 February 2023 and 21 March 2023.
2. For: James Bay (40Mt @ 1.4% Li₂O), refer to Allkem Ltd's ASX Announcement dated 21 December 2021; Whabouchi (55.7Mt @ 1.4% Li₂O), refer to Nemaska Lithium Inc's NI 43-101 dated 31 May 2019; Rose (34.2Mt @ 0.9% Li₂O), refer for Critical Elements Lithium Corp's TSX-V Announcement dated 13 June 2022; Abitibi Lithium Hub (119.1Mt @ 1.1% Li₂O) operated by Sayona Mining Limited/Piedmont Lithium Inc, refer to Sayona Mining Limited's Annual Report ASX release dated 13 October 2022; and Moblan (16.1Mt @ 1.4% Li₂O) operated by Sayona Mining Limited/SOQUEM Inc, refer to Sayona Mining Limited's ASX Presentation dated 27 May 2022.

Cygnus Metals is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information in the said announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

APPENDIX A – Drillholes with Results

Coordinates given in UTM NAD83 (Zone 18)

Hole ID	East	North	RL	Azimuth	Dip	EOH
975-22-030	362740.2	5754609	249.8	325	-50	240
975-23-035	362726.63	5754795.88	246.97	324.5	-50	159
975-23-036	362742.76	5755121.51	223.72	145	-50	510
975-23-037	362681.99	5754865.98	231.28	145	-52	300
975-23-038	362359.65	5754631.735	238.27	145	-50	210
975-23-039	362422.98	5754711.68	235.18	145	-50	261
975-23-040	362690.69	5755015.49	227.26	145	-52	486

APPENDIX B – Significant Intercepts

Significant intersections include intercepts greater than 0.8% Li₂O. Intercept lengths may not add up due to rounding to the appropriate reporting precision.

Hole ID	From	To	Interval	Li ₂ O (%)	Ta ₂ O ₅
975-22-030	123.0	124.1	1.1	1.1	102.5
	216.6	218.0	1.3	1.2	54.5
	238.0	238.3	0.3	0.0	6604.9
975-23-035	No Significant Intercept				
975-23-036	367.6	369.6	2.0	1.1	49.6
	435.7	439.3	3.9	0.8	83.5
	484.3	486.9	2.6	1.1	75.6
	488.4	490.9	2.5	0.9	270.0
975-23-037	179.2	182.2	3.0	0.9	29.2
975-23-038	No Significant Intercept				
975-23-039	206.6	208.0	1.3	1.7	242.9
	214.8	218.1	3.3	1.5	40.3
	221.8	222.9	1.1	1.9	73.6
	226.5	229.1	2.7	1.1	82.0
	231.0	232.0	1.1	1.0	39.1
	235.6	239.7	4.1	0.9	44.2
975-23-040	367.8	394.1	23.4	1.4	42.5
	Including		11.8	1.9	37.2
			2.9	2.3	85.1

APPENDIX C

Pontax Project Drilling - 2012 JORC Table 1

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<i>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diamond holes were completed by NQ diamond core drilling.
	<i>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QAQC samples were inserted in the sample runs, comprising lithium standards (CRM's or Certified Reference Materials) and sourced blank material
	<i>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</i> <i>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sampling was nominally at 1 m intervals however over narrow zones of mineralisation it was as short as 0.3m. Sampling practice is appropriate to the geology and mineralisation of the deposit and complies with industry best practice.
Drilling techniques	<i>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diamond core was drilled using surface diamond rigs with industry recognised contractors RJLL Drilling was conducted using NQ core size Directional surveys have been taken at 50m intervals
Drill sample recovery	<i>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</i> <i>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</i> <i>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diamond core recovery was measured for each run and calculated as a percentage of the drilled interval. Overall, the core recoveries are excellent with fresh rock from near surface

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Logging	<i>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All core was geologically and geotechnically logged. Lithology, veining, alteration and mineralisation are recorded in multiple tables of the drillhole database.
	<i>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geological logging of core is qualitative and descriptive in nature. All core has been catalogued and photographed
	<i>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,166 metres (100%) has been logged
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<i>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core was cut in half, one half retained as a reference and the other sent for assay.
	<i>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samples were submitted to SGS preparation lab in Lakefield, Ontario.
	<i>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Lakefield the samples are dried at 105°C, crushed to 75% passing 2 mm, riffle split 250 g, and pulverize 85% passing 75 microns. Laboratory QC procedures involve the use of internal certified reference material as assay standards, along with blanks, duplicates and replicates. The pulps were shipped by air to SGS Canada's laboratory in Burnaby, BC.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<i>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</i>	
	<i>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in-situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</i>	
	<i>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</i>	
	<i>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The samples were analysed at SGS Canada laboratory in Burnaby, BC. Industry standard assay quality control techniques were used for lithium related elements. The samples were homogenized and subsequently analysed for multi-element (including Li and Ta) using sodium peroxide fusion with ICP-AES/MS finish (codes GE_ICP91A50 and GE_IMS91A50).
	<i>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None used
	<i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laboratory QC procedures involve the use of internal certified reference material as assay standards, along with blanks, duplicates and replicates.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The company also submitted certified reference material and blanks with one in every 10 samples. Results for both met QAQC tolerances.
Verification of sampling and assaying	<i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verification was made by Cygnus Metals and other professional consultant geologists.
	<i>The use of twinned holes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No drillholes were twinned
	<i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All data was received in electronic format and has been reviewed and documented by IOS Services Geoscientifiques Inc, a professional exploration services company based out of Saguenay, Québec. The data has then been validated by Cygnus Metals and stored by the company
	<i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no adjustments to the assay data
Location of data points	<i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The location of the drillholes and the aiming points for the orientation of the drillholes were indicated on the ground using identified stakes. The stakes marking the location of the drillholes were set up and located with a Garmin GPS model "GPSmap 62s" (4m accuracy)
	<i>Specification of the grid system used.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grid system used is UTM NAD83 (Zone 18)
	<i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located with a Garmin GPS model "GPSmap 62s"
Data spacing and distribution	<i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported drill holes are on 100m spaced sections and approximately 50m centres The spacing is considered appropriate for this type of exploration
	<i>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No resource estimation is made.
	<i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No sample compositing has been applied
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<i>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drill lines are orientated approximately at right angles to the currently interpreted strike of the known outcropping mineralisation.
	<i>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bias is considered to have been introduced by the existing sampling orientation. The drill holes are angled as close as possible to perpendicular to the mineralised structures. Mineralised intervals are reported as downhole lengths not true widths, with more drilling required to fully understand the structural complexity of the orebody

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Sample security	<i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core samples are logged at the 381 Roadhouse in James Bay before being trucked to the IOS Services Geoscientifiques laboratory in Saguenay, Québec Samples are then secured in poly weave sacks for delivery to the SGS in Lakefield, Ontario
Audits or reviews	<i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No sampling has been undertaken, therefore information on audits or reviews is not yet available

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<i>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The drillhole data reported within this announcement is from the Pontax Property with Cygnus Metals entering into a binding term sheet to acquire up to 70% of the Pontax Lithium Project from Stria Lithium Inc. Cygnus is currently earning into 51% of the property. The Pontax Property consists of 68 mining titles or cells designated on maps (CDC) for a total area of 3612.65 ha (36.13km²). Cells or mining titles are duly registered in the name of Stria Lithium inc. (96388) to 100%.
	<i>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no known issues affecting the security of title or impediments to operating in the area
Exploration done by other parties	<i>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited exploration outside of the results reported by Cygnus Metals in this announcement and previous announcements has been conducted. What exploration that has been conducted includes mapping dating back to the 1970s.
Geology	<i>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pontax Project is hosted within the La Grande Subprovince of the world class Archean Superior Province of the Canadian Shield. The Project is located in the Chambois Greenstone Belt which sits on the southern margin of a large granitic basement block with the Eastmain Greenstone Belt to the north. Like the other major greenstone belt hosted deposits in the region, the Chambois Greenstone Belt has been metamorphosed to upper greenschist to amphibolite facies with pegmatite hosted in a combination of metamorphosed basalts and metasediments bound to the north and south by the granitic basement. Lithium within the area is hosted in spodumene bearing LCT pegmatite dykes hosted in amphibolite often forming multiple parallel dykes which individually are up to 15m thick. These dykes are vertically and laterally extensive.

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Drill hole Information	<p>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o easting and northing of the drill hole collar o elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar o dip and azimuth of the hole o down hole length and interception depth o hole length. <p>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All requisite drillhole information is tabulated elsewhere in this release. Refer Appendix A and B of the body text.
Data aggregation methods	<p>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</p> <p>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high-grade results and longer lengths of low-grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</p> <p>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drillhole intersections are reported using a weighted average technique. No lower or upper cut offs have been applied. • A minimum intercept length of 0.7m applies to the sampling in the tabulated results presented in the main body of this release. Up to 3m continuous internal dilution have been included. • No metal equivalent reporting has been applied.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<p>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</p> <p>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</p> <p>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The geometry of the pegmatite dykes appears to be vertical with intersections around 70% of true width when drilled from surface
Diagrams	<p>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included elsewhere in this release. Refer figures in the body text.

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Balanced reporting	<i>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All results greater than 0.8% Li₂O have been reported
Other substantive exploration data	<i>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mineralised intervals reported above can include up to 3m continuous internal waste. This waste rock included within reported intervals sits between closely spaced pegmatite dykes. Two series of preliminary metallurgical test work have been conducted on the property. These tests aimed at demonstrating the amenability of the Pontax pegmatite ore to standard beneficiation techniques. The tests were carried out in 2015/2016 at SGS laboratories in Lakefield, Ontario. Samples for variability and bulk testing were largely obtained from channel sampling of near surface and outcropping pegmatites from within the identified spodumene-bearing zones.
Further work	<i>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</i> <i>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cygnus Metals intends to drill test the depth and lateral extensions of the Pontax pegmatite swarm. Diagrams in the main body of this document show the areas of possible extensions of the pegmatites. All requisite diagrams are contained elsewhere in this release.