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# GLOBAL LITHIUM BATTERIES SUPPLIER COMPLETES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN ASKARI



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Askari Metals confirms receipt of ~AU\$2.5 million pursuant to the Strategic Investment from Huayou International Resources (Hong Kong) Limited (Huayou)
- Funds to accelerate continued exploration at the Uis Lithium Project, Namibia
- Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd, the ultimate holding company of Huayou is a tier-1 global lithium battery materials and cobalt materials supplier headquartered in China with a market cap of approximately A\$18 billion listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange

Askari Metals Limited (ASX: AS2) (“Askari” or “Company”) is pleased to announce it has successfully secured the strategic investment of approximately AU\$2.5 million from Huayou International Resources (Hong Kong) Limited (“Huayou”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd.

The Company has confirmed the receipt of cleared funds pursuant to the binding Subscription Agreement (“Agreement”) executed with Huayou.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Askari has issued Huayou 4,500,000 fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company at an issue price of AU\$0.55 per share together with 1,500,000 free attaching AS20 listed options (“Strategic Investment”).

An Appendix 2A and Cleansing Statement have been lodged pursuant to the Strategic Investment. The ordinary shares are subject to a 12-month voluntary escrow period pursuant to a binding restriction agreement executed between the Company and Huayou, while the free attaching options will be freely tradeable by Huayou.

### Commenting on the receipt of cleared funds pursuant to the Huayou Strategic Investment, Executive Director Mr Gino D’Anna stated:

*“We are delighted the Strategic Investment with Huayou has completed. The name Huayou is synonymous with the cobalt and lithium sector not only in China, but globally, and we welcome Huayou to the register. We look forward to keeping our shareholders and investors updated as we continue to explore and develop the Uis Lithium Project.”*



**ABOUT ZHEJIANG HUAYOU COBALT CO., LTD**

Huayou is a leading manufacturer of new energy battery materials in China, listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange with a current market capitalisation of around A\$18 billion. Huayou operates four major business segments, including the development and refining of battery metal resources (nickel, cobalt, lithium), production of precursors and ternary cathode materials, and recycling of battery materials.

Huayou has rich experience in mine construction and operation with a well-established team of professionals, including two copper and cobalt projects in the DRC with an annual production of 100kt cathode copper and 10kt cobalt. Additionally, Huayou has invested in three nickel and cobalt projects in Indonesia, with an expected annual production of 225kt of nickel and 23kt of cobalt contained in products by 2024. In April 2022, Huayou acquired the Arcadia lithium project for US\$422 million. The designed annual processing capacity of the project is 4.5 million tons of ore, and the first batch of product was successfully produced on March 20, 2023.

**This announcement is authorised for release by the executive board**

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## ABOUT ASKARI METALS

Askari Metals was incorporated for the primary purpose of acquiring, exploring and developing a portfolio of high-grade battery (Li + Cu) and precious (Au + Ag) metal projects across Namibia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales. The Company has assembled an attractive portfolio of lithium, copper, gold and copper-gold exploration/mineral resource development projects in Western Australia, Northern Territory, New South Wales and Namibia.

For more information please visit: [www.askarimetals.com](http://www.askarimetals.com)

## CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This document contains forward-looking statements concerning Askari Metals Limited. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical fact and actual events and results may differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Many factors could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking information provided by the Company, or on behalf of, the Company. Such factors include, among other things, risks relating to additional funding requirements, metal prices, exploration, development and operating risks, competition, production risks, regulatory restrictions, including environmental regulation and liability and potential title disputes.

Forward looking statements in this document are based on the Company's beliefs, opinions and estimates of Askari Metals Limited as of the dates the forward-looking statements are made, and no obligation is assumed to update forward looking statements if these beliefs, opinions and estimates should change or to reflect other future developments.

## COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results or Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Johan Lambrechts, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Lambrechts is a full-time employee of Askari Metals Limited, who has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken 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. Lambrechts consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

