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# EXPLORATION TEAM STRENGTHENED TO FAST-TRACK UIS LITHIUM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT



## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Cliff Fitzhenry appointed to the new role of Chief Exploration and Project Manager (Africa)**
- **Technically strong, seasoned exploration geologist with a proven record in critical minerals**
- **Extensive exploration experience working in-country throughout Africa and internationally**
- **Most recently led in-country exploration on the tier one Kasiya rutile-graphite project in Malawi**

Askari Metals Limited (**ASX: AS2**) (“**Askari**” or “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Cliff Fitzhenry to the new role of Chief Exploration and Project Manager (Africa).

The appointment is part of the Company’s aggressive exploration strategy to accelerate the drilling and development program at our flagship asset, the Uis Lithium Project in Namibia, Africa.

Mr Fitzhenry will lead the in-country exploration team, overseeing the planned diamond drilling program due to commence in approximately four weeks. Recent RC drilling encountered 100-metre plus lithium-bearing mineralised pegmatites across the project area and initial diamond drilling will focus on the ~112m lithium-bearing mineralised pegmatite intersected in the south-east of EPL 7345 (refer to ASX Announcement dated 17 May 2023).

### **Commenting on the appointment, Executive Director, Mr Gino D’Anna stated:**

*“Cliff joins Askari at a very exciting time as we plan to mobilise a diamond drill rig to the Uis Lithium Project and commence the first ever diamond drilling campaign. Cliff will be responsible for fast-tracking exploration and development at Uis and we are very pleased to have someone with Cliff’s wealth of experience join our team.”*

Mr. Fitzhenry is a seasoned Geologist with 19 years’ experience, beginning his career with Anglo Platinum on the Bushveld Complex and has subsequently worked on mining and exploration projects throughout Africa including Central African Republic, Liberia, Madagascar, South Africa, Mozambique, Nigeria, Mauritania, Tanzania and Malawi.



He has held senior management positions, successfully leading teams across all aspects of exploration, development and feasibility studies.

Most recently he was the senior geologist for Sovereign Metals Limited (ASX. SVM) delivering the maiden mineral resource estimate, and subsequent resource upgrades, of the Kasiya rutile-graphite project in Malawi.

This culminated in Kasiya being regarded as the world's largest natural rutile deposit and second largest flake graphite deposit at 1.8 billion tonnes at 1.0% rutile and 1.4% graphite respectively.

Mr. Fitzhenry holds MSc and BSc Honours (cum laude) degrees from the University of KwaZulu Natal (South Africa) and is a Registered Professional Natural Scientist in South Africa.

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

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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.

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