

ASTRAL COMPLETES STRONGLY SUPPORTED \$3M PLACEMENT TO ADVANCE KALGOORLIE GOLD PROJECTS

Proceeds will allow Astral to build on recent exploration momentum at strategically located WA gold assets

Astral Resources NL (ASX: AAR) (Astral or the Company) is pleased to advise that it has secured firm commitments to raise \$3 million via a single-tranche share placement (Placement) comprising the issue of approximately 46.2 million shares at an issue price of A\$0.065 per share to sophisticated and professional investors.

The Placement, which was well supported by both existing shareholders and new investors, is being undertaken within the Company's placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

In addition to the Placement, the Company is undertaking a non-underwritten Share Purchase Plan (SPP) to raise \$2 million¹. The SPP will be open to all eligible shareholders at the same issue price as the Placement.

Melbourne-based Cumulus Wealth Pty Ltd (Cumulus) was appointed as Lead Manager to both the Placement and SPP.

Together with the Company's cash reserves, the proceeds of the Placement will variously be used to advance resource definition drilling and technical and feasibility studies at the Company's 100%-owned Mandilla and Feysville Gold Projects, located near Kalgoorlie in WA. Specific activities include:

- A ~3,000 metre reverse circulation (RC) exploration drilling program at the Feysville Gold Project, following up on previous high-grade assay results at the relatively undrilled Kamperman, Hyperno and Ethereal prospects.
- A ~4,000 metre RC drilling program at the Mandilla Gold Project, continuing the in-fill program within the south-east area of the cornerstone Theia deposit.
- Completion of the structural review currently taking place at Theia.
- Following completion of the structural review, a diamond drilling program will be undertaken, testing current high-priority targets as well as any potentially faulted mineralised offsets and high-grade trends identified through the structural review.
- Advancement of the Mandilla scoping study, which remains on track to be released later in the 2023 calendar year.

Placement Details

Astral has undertaken the Placement of new fully-paid ordinary shares in the Company to eligible sophisticated, institutional and professional investors to raise \$3 million. Shares are to be issued under the Placement at \$0.065 per share, representing a 15.7% discount to the 5-day volume weighted average price (VWAP) of \$0.077 and a 9.5% discount to the 30-day VWAP of \$0.072 as at Wednesday 26 July 2023.

A total of 46,153,846 new Shares will be issued under the Placement in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

¹ - Astral reserves the right to accept oversubscriptions at its discretion.

Following completion of the Placement, the Company's capital structure is expected to be as follows:

	Number of Shares	Number of Options
Currently on Issue	719,803,055	46,615,317
Placement	46,153,846	-
Lead Manager Options	-	5,000,000
TOTAL	765,956,901	51,615,317

Share Purchase Plan Details

Following completion of the Placement, the Company will offer all eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand the opportunity to participate in the non-underwritten SPP.

Under the SPP, shares will be offered at \$0.065 per share, the same issue price as for the Placement.

Further information regarding the SPP (including terms and conditions) will be provided to eligible shareholders in the SPP Offer Booklet, to be issued following completion of the Placement. Participation in the SPP is optional.

New shares issued under the Placement and SPP will rank equally with existing fully-paid shares on issue.

Timetable

Event	Date
Trading halt	27 July 2023
Record date for eligibility to participate in SPP	5:00pm (WST), 28 July 2023
Trading halt lifted and announcement of completion of Placement	31 July 2023
Settlement of Placement Shares	4 August 2023
Allotment of Placement Shares	7 August 2023
Despatch SPP Offer Documents and SPP offer open date	11 August 2023
SPP closing date	5:00pm (WST), 1 September 2023
Announcement of SPP participation results	6 September 2023
Issue of new shares under the SPP	8 September 2023

The timetable is indicative only and remains subject to change at the Company's discretion, subject to compliance with applicable laws and the ASX Listing Rules. The Company reserves the right to change the timetable or cancel the SPP at any time before new shares are issued, subject to regulatory requirements.

The Company encourages eligible shareholders who wish to participate in the SPP to act promptly in submitting their application forms. The Company reserves the right to close the SPP early, in its sole and absolute discretion, should it be considered appropriate to do so, by making an announcement to the ASX.

Astral Resources' Managing Director Marc Ducler said:

"We are delighted with the strong support received from new and existing investors, particularly in the current challenging market environment. Following the recently announced upgrade of the Mineral Resource Estimate at Mandilla to 37Mt at 1.1g/t Au for 1.27Moz of contained gold, the strong support received from investors continues to validate the Company's quality asset base and strategy.

"The second half of 2023 will be an exciting period for Astral, with RC drilling commencing in early August at Feysville, followed by RC and diamond drill programs at Mandilla.

"The Mandilla scoping study is also on track for completion later this year, which will mark a key milestone for the Project."

This announcement has been approved for release by the Managing Director.

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