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ASX Announcement

CLASSIC MINERALS LIMITED ADOPTS GLOBAL STANDARD FOR ESG REPORTING

Highlights:

- Classic Minerals Limited has commenced disclosing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) metrics;
- Disclosures are made using the internationally accepted **World Economic Forum Stakeholder Capitalism ESG framework**;
- Engagement of Socialsuite¹ technology platform ESG Go for disclosing and monitoring progress;
- Classic Minerals Limited has set quarterly ESG actions and to release baseline ESG disclosure reports.

CLASSIC MINERALS LIMITED (ASX:CLZ) is pleased to announce that the Company has adopted an **Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) framework** with 21 core metrics and disclosures created by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**.

CEO, Dean Goodwin, commented:

*Classic Minerals (“CLZ” or the “Company”) is committed to the principles of ESG and building ESG credentials. In mid-2023, we made a **commitment to commence reporting on the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) disclosures of the Stakeholder Capitalism Metrics (SCM) of the World Economic Forum (WEF).***

We are in the process of making ESG disclosures in the form of a set of universal, comparable ESG metrics focused on people, planet, prosperity and principles of governance that organizations can report on regardless of industry or region.

*We will use the universal ESG framework to align our mainstream reporting on performance against ESG indicators. By integrating ESG metrics into our governance, business strategy, and performance management process, we **diligently consider all pertinent risks and opportunities in running our business.** We continue to look for opportunities for further transparency on the topics which are material to our business.*

*We will adopt SocialSuite’s **ESG Go** to assist in this process as it provides small to mid-cap companies with a platform from which to complete their ESG reporting in a structured, standardised, and globally recognized manner. We find ESG Go excels in making the WEF framework accessible and operational. We use it to track our disclosure progress, demonstrate our ESG performance against the WEF ESG framework, and share **our journey of building robust ESG credentials.***

¹ <https://www.socialsuitehq.com/>

We are particularly keen to ensure we are ESG compliant as we move from exploration to processing and production at the Kat Gap Mine”.

STARTING ESG REPORTING

The context in which the Company operates has been transformed by climate impact, nature loss, and social unrest around inclusion and working conditions. This new global environment is challenging the traditional expectations of corporations and redirecting investment capital. Global sustainable investment now tops \$30 trillion, up 68% since 2014 and tenfold since 2004. Classic is charting a course **to build resilience and enhance our social licence** through a greater commitment to long-term, sustainable value creation that embraces the wider demands of people, planet and shared prosperity.

UNIVERSAL ESG METRICS

Classic has commenced ESG reporting by making disclosures against the World Economic Forum (WEF) Stakeholder Capitalism framework. The WEF framework is a set of common metrics for sustainable value creation captured in 21 core ESG disclosures. The Board of Classic has resolved to use this universal ESG framework to align mainstream reporting on performance against ESG indicators.

Classic sees the WEF Stakeholder Capitalism Metrics as the most appropriate ESG disclosure framework to start its ESG journey. The Stakeholder Capitalism framework leverages a variety of existing frameworks and is intentionally built to be a stepping-stone to begin building capacity and capability in ESG reporting. It enables Classic to report on core ESG matters of governance, anti-corruption practices, ethical behaviour, human rights, carbon emissions, land use, ecological sensitivity, water consumption, diversity and inclusion, pay equality and tax payments.

By including ESG metrics in mainstream reporting and integrating them into governance, business strategy, and performance management process, Classic sets out to demonstrate that it **diligently considers all pertinent risks and opportunities in running its business**. Classic will demonstrate ongoing commitment to ESG by sharing its progress toward ESG disclosures in quarterly updates in combination with making disclosures transparently available in the public domain.

STANDARDISED DISCLOSURE TECHNOLOGY

To ensure that Classic can measure, monitor, and report on its ESG disclosure progress, the Company has engaged impact monitoring technology platform Socialsuite to streamline the disclosure and ongoing ESG reporting process. The Company’s goal is to demonstrate commitment and progress on making ESG disclosures, but more broadly, aims to progress on a range of core and expanded ESG metrics.

While the Kat Gap Mine is creating inherent positive impact, the adoption of the WEF framework has already paid ESG dividends. Classic will update the market regularly on its ESG disclosure progress and seek to ensure that Kat Gap Mine remains an impact investment for shareholders and local communities.

Classic has subscribed to Socialsuite's ESG Go reporting platform to create a baseline ESG disclosure report in the next month. Subsequently, the Company will focus on utilising Socialsuite to deliver and report ongoing progress toward disclosing and improving ESG metrics and indicators. ESG Go provides an easy way for investors and other stakeholders to assess the commitment and progress of the Company on its journey to create "best in class" ESG credentials and outcomes.

ABOUT SOCIALSUITE

Socialsuite² is a global leader in impact technology. Founded in 2014 in Melbourne, today it has offices in Australia, the United States, and Canada. Socialsuite's purpose is to help organizations show the change they are making. To do that, it develops and provides technology solutions to measure and manage social impact and ESG reporting. A progressive and influential customer base around the globe is using Socialsuite's impact technology to simplify the complexity of measuring social impact and disclosing ESG metrics. At present Socialsuite has over 100 organisations under their umbrella of which the majority are listed on the ASX.

COMPLETION OF LDA CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTION

Classic Minerals Limited (**CLZ** or **Company**) advises that the pricing period for the LDA Capital Limited (**LDA**) subscription has expired, by mutual consent, and LDA has now completed the subscription for shares pursuant to the Call Notice given to LDA as announced on 06 July 2023 (*see ASX Announcement: Classic Submits Call Notice to LDA Capital*).

LDA has subscribed for 500,000,000 shares (**Subscription Shares**) of the 550,000,000 shares (**Collateral Shares**) put to LDA pursuant to the Call Notice for a total of \$400,000.00 at a price per Subscription Share of \$0.00080. The price per Subscription Share represents mutually agreed price during this pricing period exclusive of adjusting events being \$0.00080. The remaining 50,000,000 Collateral Shares for which LDA has not subscribed will remain in the account of LDA to be applied for any further Call Notice to be put to LDA Capital Limited.

CLZ submitted the capital Call Notice under the terms of its strategic \$15 million Put Option Agreement (**Agreement or facility**) with the US-based financier announced in December 2022. (*See ASX Announcement dated 15 December 2022: Classic secures A\$20.0m institutional funding package*).

Under the terms of the Facility, LDA can subscribe for a minimum of 50% and a maximum of 200% of the Shares put to LDA Capital.

About Classic Minerals Ltd

Expanding its focus from exploration to mining, West Australian-based, minerals house Classic Minerals Ltd holds a pipeline of projects and continues to examine new opportunities both cyclic and counter-cyclic. Currently, ASX-listed Classic holds approximately 578 km² of tenements across two major regional exploration areas in minerals-rich West Australia. Classic's ground is in areas with identified high grade gold and base metal targets. Classic's flagship Kat Gap Gold Project has been the recent focus of its exploration, mining and processing efforts and is strategically located some 170 km south of Southern Cross and some 50 km south of the Company's Forrestania Gold Project. With strong grades and near-surface mineralisation Kat Gap is soon to attain full scale production.

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This announcement has been approved by the Board.

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ABOUT THE FORRESTANIA GOLD PROJECT

The FGP Tenements (excluding Kat Gap) are registered in the name of Reed Exploration Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of ASX listed Hannans Ltd (ASX: HNR). Classic has acquired 80% of the gold rights on the FGP Tenements from a third party, whilst Hannans has maintained its 20% interest in the gold rights. For the avoidance of doubt Classic Ltd owns a 100% interest in the gold rights on the Kat Gap Tenements and also non-gold rights including but not limited to nickel and lithium.

Classic has inferred and indicated mineral resources of **8.41Mt at 1.45 g/t for 391,417 ounces of gold**, classified and reported in accordance with the JORC Code (2012), with a recent Scoping Study (see ASX Announcement released 2nd May 2017) suggesting both the technical and financial viability of the project. The current post- mining Mineral Resource for Lady Ada, Lady Magdalene and Kat Gap is tabulated below. Additional technical detail on the Mineral Resource estimation is provided, further in the text below and in the JORC Table 1 as attached to ASX announcements dated 18 December 2019, 21 January 2020, and 20 April 2020.

Prospect	Indicated			Inferred			Total		
	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Oz Au	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Oz Au	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Oz Au
Lady Ada	257,300	2.01	16,600	1,090,800	1.23	43,100	1,348,100	1.38	59,700
Lady Magdalene				5,922,700	1.32	251,350	5,922,700	1.32	251,350
Kat Gap	254,900	2.5	20,488	886,512	2.11	60,139	1,141,412	2.19	80,367
Total	512,200	2.25	37,088	7,900,012	1.40	354,589	8,412,212	1.45	391,417

Notes:

- The Mineral Resource is classified in accordance with JORC, 2012 edition
- The effective date of the mineral resource estimate is 14 June 2023.
- The mineral resource is contained within FGP tenements.
- Estimates are rounded to reflect the level of confidence in these resources at the present time.
- Mineral resources for Lady Ada and Lady Magdalene (Ladies) are reported at 0.5 g/t Au cut-off grade, Kat Gap at 0g/t Au.
- Depletion of the resource from historic open pit mining has been considered for the Ladies deposits. Trial pit mining depletion at Kat Gap has not been accounted for in the block model due to the ore remaining unprocessed.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this market announcement and, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Forward Looking Statements - Disclaimer

This ASX announcement (Announcement) has been prepared by Classic Minerals Limited ("Classic" or "the Company"). It should not be considered as an offer or invitation to subscribe for or purchase any securities in the Company or as an inducement to make an offer or invitation with respect to those securities. No agreement to subscribe for securities in the Company will be entered into on the basis of this Announcement.

This Announcement contains summary information about Classic, its subsidiaries and their activities which is current as at the date of this Announcement. The information in this Announcement is of a general nature and does not purport to be complete nor does it contain all the information which a prospective investor may require in evaluating a possible investment in Classic.

By its very nature exploration for minerals is a high-risk business and is not suitable for certain investors. Classic's securities are speculative. Potential investors should consult their stockbroker or financial advisor. There are a number of risks, both specific to Classic and of a general nature which may affect the future operating and financial performance of Classic and the value of an investment in Classic including but not limited to economic conditions, stock market fluctuations, gold price movements, regional infrastructure constraints, timing of approvals from relevant authorities, regulatory risks, operational risks and reliance on key personnel.

Certain statements contained in this announcement, including information as to the future financial or operating performance of Classic and its projects, are forward-looking statements that:

- may include, among other things, statements regarding targets, estimates and assumptions in respect of mineral reserves and mineral resources and anticipated grades and recovery rates, production and prices, recovery costs and results, capital expenditures, and are or may be based on assumptions and estimates related to future technical, economic, market, political, social and other conditions;*
- are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by Classic, are inherently subject to significant technical, business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies; and,*
- involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from estimated or anticipated events or results reflected in such forward-looking statements.*

Classic disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise. The words 'believe', 'expect', 'anticipate', 'indicate', 'contemplate', 'target', 'plan', 'intends', 'continue', 'budget', 'estimate', 'may', 'will', 'schedule' and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements made in this announcement are qualified by the foregoing cautionary statements. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and accordingly investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty therein. No verification: Although all reasonable care has been undertaken to ensure that the facts and opinions given in this Announcement are accurate, the information provided in this Announcement has not been independently verified.