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# Large, fractionated pegmatite discovered at the Aero Property – James Bay, Canada

Outstanding start to JBY's maiden exploration program at the La Grande Project, Quebec

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## Highlights:

- Extensive pegmatite outcrop named 'Avro' discovered at the Aero Property, part of JBY's La Grande Project portfolio in James Bay, Quebec, Canada.
  - Outcrop has been observed over an area of ~400m in length and up to ~20m wide in sections, running east-west across the south-eastern segment of the property.
  - The Avro pegmatite displays fractionation indicators and accessory minerals often associated with rare metal pegmatites.
  - The pegmatite is interpreted to be open in all directions, where the outcrop extends under cover.
  - Systematic grab sampling, rock sawing and channel sampling underway.
  - The Avro pegmatite discovery is near a 4-season gravel road & power lines, facilitating efficient access and potential future operations.
  - The Aero Property is a prospective lithium property located along trend from Winsome Resources' (ASX: WR1) Cancet Lithium Project and Patriot Battery Metals' (ASX: PMT) world-class CV5 deposit.
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James Bay Minerals (ASX: **JBY**) ("**James Bay Minerals**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to advise that it has made a significant breakthrough in its maiden field exploration program at the highly prospective Aero Property, which forms part of the Company's La Grande Project, located in the prolific Eeyou Istchee-James Bay district in Quebec, Canada.

JBY, along with its exploration partner Breakaway Exploration (BXM), recently commenced its inaugural field exploration campaign, with a large continuous pegmatite outcrop identified in the first week of exploration activity. The pegmatite, which the field crew have named 'Avro', was discovered outcropping over an area of ~400m in length and up to ~20m wide in sections. Field crews are systematically working through the area mapping the pegmatite and collecting samples for testing.

The field program commenced near the south-eastern portion of the property, where a 4-season gravel road runs through the property. The Avro pegmatite was made more visible by recent wildfires that have burnt much of the property and cleared away shrub and brush, leading to almost an immediate discovery.

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The Avro pegmatite dyke is generally white in colour and clearly stands out as a ridge several metres above the surrounding brown coloured biotite schist that it is injected into (Figures 1 and 2). It dips steeply to the north, sub-parallel to the foliation planes of the biotite schist. The pegmatite dyke consists of coarse-grained, well-developed crystals of plagioclase (albite), quartz, tourmaline and muscovite. BXM personnel are currently selecting grab samples systematically and rock saw channel sampling is underway, but no rock samples have been submitted for assay at this stage.

Interpretation of the pegmatite extent and mineralisation is in its early stages, and initial observations of tourmaline – a common accessory mineral in rare-metal pegmatites – is being used as an indicator for fractionation and vectoring, with the current interpretation being that it is a fractionated pegmatite derived from a nearby fertile granite. Portable XRF analysis will begin on site immediately to facilitate this and evolve the geological theory.

Further desktop studies and interpretations of satellite images and historic geophysical maps are currently being conducted by Breakaway Exploration Management (BXM) to assess additional interpreted pegmatites in the area.



*Figure 1 – Avro pegmatite looking east to west.*



*Figure 2 – Avro looking west near centre.*



An important field observation of the Avro pegmatite outcrop at Aero is that the pegmatite appears to plunge under low-lying cover along strike to the west and east. The Avro pegmatite outcrop is interpreted to remain open in both directions and is concealed beneath cover. Field work is continuing to focus throughout this part of the property in light of the discovery of the Avro pegmatite, road access and general ease of accessibility due to recent fires clearing ground cover and making outcrops easily visible.

**James Bay Executive Director, Andrew Dornan, commented:**

*“What a fantastic result for the Company to have identified a large pegmatite dyke at our Aero Property so early in our first field exploration program. This result is well ahead of expectation but not surprising considering that our properties were carefully selected due to their geological features being ideal for the formation of LCT pegmatites.*

*“We are very much looking forward to making further discoveries across the Aero Property as our inaugural field program continues.”*

**About the Aero Property**

The Aero Prospect consists of 89 continuous claims covering an area of 4,365 hectares. The Aero Property has approximately 12km of deformation zones which are considered highly prospective for Lithium-Caesium-Tantalum (LCT) Pegmatites. The nearby Cancet (Winsome) and Corvette (Patriot) properties both have deformation zones running through their properties and both Winsome and Patriot have had significant exploration success along these zones.

A field program being undertaken by five personnel has been designed to map targeted areas of the Aero Property along with the collection of rock chips and completion of channel samples for analysis. The field program has commenced and will continue until first snow fall arrives (expected mid-October 2023).

Established infrastructure, in particular the sealed roads which run through the Property, allows for easy access.

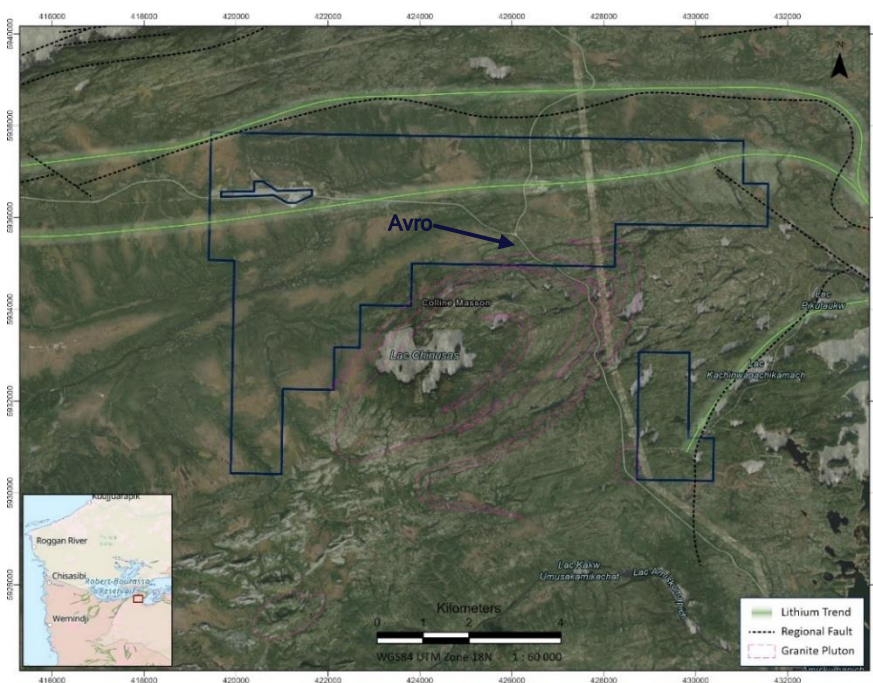


Figure 3 - Aero Property Satellite Imagery.

## Background on James Bay Minerals

James Bay has acquired a 100% interest in one of the largest lithium exploration portfolios in the James Bay region, covering an area of 22,438Ha or 224km<sup>2</sup>. The Joule, Aero and Aqua properties are located in the La Grande sub province along trend from the Corvette deposit, where Patriot Battery Metals (ASX: PMT) recently reported a maiden Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate of 109.2Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O and 160ppm Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (0.40% Li<sub>2</sub>O cut-off grade).<sup>1</sup>

The Troilus Project is located further to the south sitting only 5km to the north of Sayona's Moblan Lithium Project and proximity to Winsome Resources' Sirmac-Clappier Project.

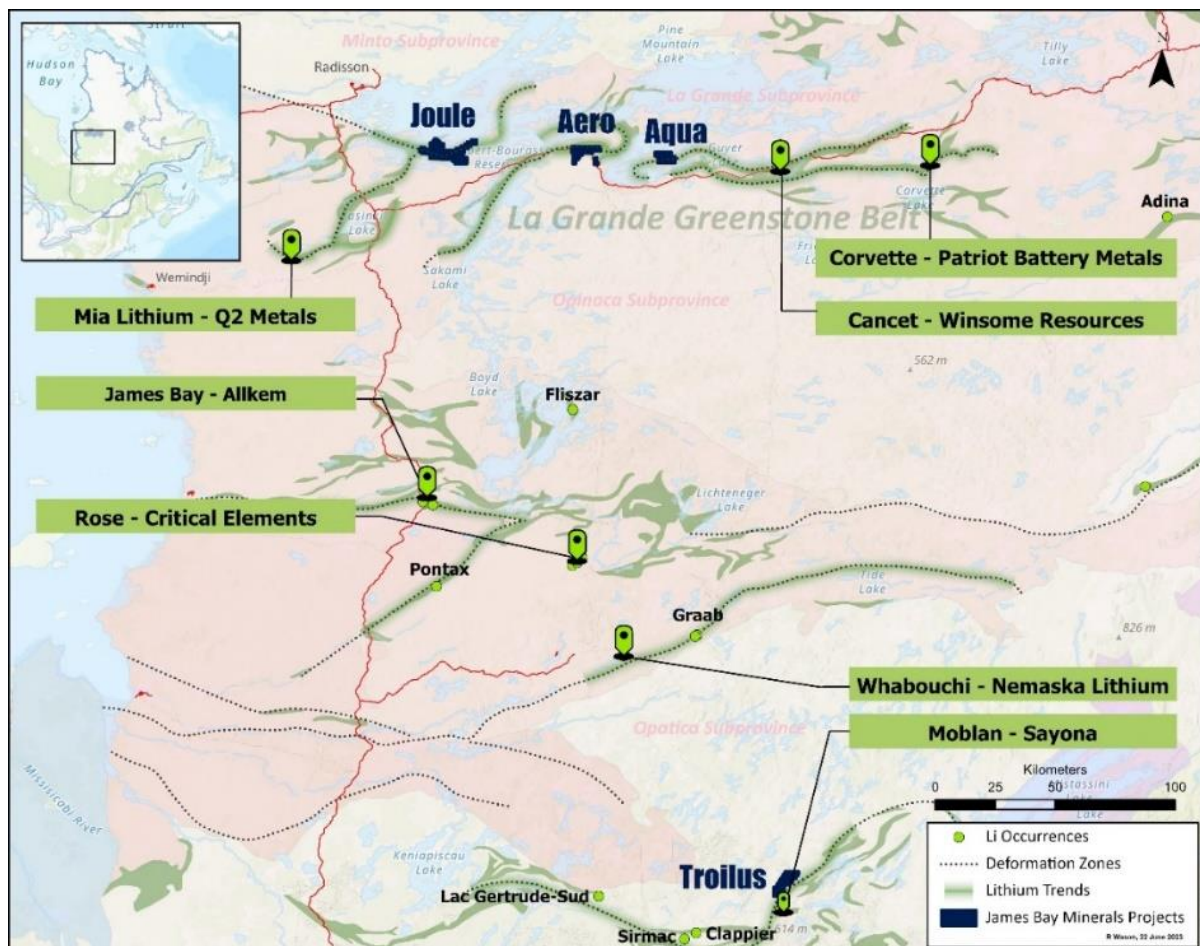


Figure 4 - James Bay Minerals' key lithium project locations in Quebec, Canada.

The flagship Joule Property encompasses a ~24km long prospective deformation zone along a regional fault which has been subject to minimal historical exploration. The eastern segment of the deformation zone extends for 14km and fan tails to reach a width up to 1.5km.

The Aero Prospect contains approximately 12km of deformation zones which are considered highly prospective for LCT pegmatites. Of note, the nearby Cancet (Winsome Resources Ltd) and Corvette (Patriot Battery Metals) properties both exhibit deformation zones upon which significant exploration success has occurred<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> See Patriot Battery Metals Announcement dated 31 July 2023: "Patriot Announces the Largest Lithium Pegmatite Resource in the Americas at CV5, Corvette Property, Quebec, Canada"

All the properties have the three key ingredients required to host massive lithium-caesium-tantalum (LCT) pegmatites:

- Neo Archaean rocks;
- Placement along major regional faults; and
- Lying on greenstone belts in proximity to granites.

This announcement is authorised for ASX lodgement by the Board of Directors of James Bay Minerals Ltd.

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***Competent Person Statement***

*The Exploration Results reported in this announcement are based on, and fairly represent, information and supporting documentation reviewed, and approved by Mr Brodie Box, MAIG. Mr Box is a geologist and has adequate professional experience with the exploration and geology of the style of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Box consents to the form and context in which the Exploration Results are presented in this announcement.*

## JORC Code, 2012 – Table 1

### Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data – La Grande Project, Aero Property

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. 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.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. '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 (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigative style rock chip sampling taken opportunistically from pegmatite outcrop is currently being undertaken.</li> <li>Pegmatite was identified in the outcrop.</li> <li>Further rock chip samples and channel samples are being undertaken with no results at this point.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In connection to this announcement no drilling has been conducted yet and no drill assays are being reported.</li> </ul>
Drill sample recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In connection to this announcement no drilling has been conducted yet and no drill assays are being reported.</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In connection to this announcement no drilling has been conducted yet and logging completed.</li> </ul>



Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Subsampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>• If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>• For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>• Quality control procedures adopted for all subsampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sample types and locations have not yet been reported.</li> <li>• Sample collection is ongoing and has not yet been finalised at time of writing.</li> </ul>
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g., standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e., lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rock chip and channel samples are proposed to be dispatched to the selected laboratory in Quebec for analysis.</li> <li>• The laboratory will utilise standards and blanks as part of the analyses for QA/QC.</li> </ul>
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>• The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>• Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>• Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All data generated from the mapping of the pegmatite has been uploaded into the company's data storage and been checked by two personnel.</li> </ul>
Location of data points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>• Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All field data being taken at this stage will utilise a handheld GPS, which is a standard tool for reconnaissance style sampling.</li> </ul>

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Data spacing and distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Applicable for investigative nature of sampling.</li> <li>• At this stage no effort was made to illustrate geological or grade continuity between sample points.</li> </ul>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>• If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralized structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Applicable</li> </ul>
Sample security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The measures taken to ensure sample security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All samples collected are being held on site at the company's and Breakaway Explorations sample storage facility. All samples are stored within number coded sealed bags and labelled by the company's field personnel.</li> <li>• Once finalised samples will be transported to the appropriated laboratory within Quebec for testing.</li> </ul>
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No audits or review have been undertaken.</li> </ul>



## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results – La Grande Project, Aero Property

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

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Aero Property which forms part of La Grande Project is 100% owned by James Bay Minerals Ltd.</li> <li>The Aero Property consists of 89 continuous claims covering an area of 4,366 hectares. The Project is located in the La Grande, Greenstone belt.</li> <li>All claims are in good standing and have been legally validated by a Quebec lawyer specialising in the field</li> </ul>
Exploration done by other parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Aero Property which forms part of James Bay Minerals La Grande Project is a greenfield project with limited historical exploration.</li> <li>All data obtained on the properties has been generated by Quebec Government Stratigraphic surveys.</li> </ul>
Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The geology of the Property is relatively unexplored. The primary type of mineralization suggested by the data and mineralization on the adjacent properties is lithium-bearing spodumene which occurs in granite pegmatite and aplite dykes.</li> <li>The property sits within three key geological ingredients which make it prospective to large LCT pegmatites. These are:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right Archean Rock Age</li> <li>Large deformation zones</li> <li>Proximity to Greenstone Belts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Drill hole Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> <li>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li> <li>dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>hole length.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No drilling activities have been undertaken or reported to date.</li> </ul>

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Data aggregation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g., cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No drilling activities have been undertaken or reported to date.</li> </ul>
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g., 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No drilling activities have been undertaken or reported to date.</li> </ul>
Diagrams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate maps and figures have been included in this announcement.</li> </ul>
Balanced reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant and material exploration data for the target areas discussed, have been reported or referenced.</li> </ul>
Other substantive exploration data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant and material exploration data for the target areas discussed, have been reported or referenced.</li> </ul>

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Further work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g., tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further work will include but not limited to systematic geological mapping, rock chip sampling, soil sampling, pXRF measurements, geophysics, structural interpretation and drilling to identify suitable host rock geology and structural architecture for late state evolved and fertile LCT Pegmatites</li> </ul>