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# EXPLORATION TEAM STRENGTHENED WITH CRITICAL MINERALS EXPERTS



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Askari's exploration team strengthened in Namibia by the appointment of three highly experienced geoscientists
- Strong lithium expertise added with Mr Bonifacius Katanga and Mr Shane Doggart joining as Senior Exploration Geologist and Project Geologist respectively
- Mr Berti Roesener brings 37 years of Namibian exploration and operational experience to the team through his appointment as Consulting Geologist
- In-country expansion comes as new trenching campaign begins covering 3,750m

Askari Metals Limited (ASX: AS2) ("Askari Metals" or "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of three experienced geoscientists to its local exploration team, as the Company prepares to commence a highly-targeted trenching campaign at its Uis Lithium Project in Namibia, Africa.

### Commenting on the appointments, Chief Exploration and Project Manager (Africa), Mr Cliff Fitzhenry, stated:

*"I would like to welcome Bonifacius Katanga, Berti Roesener and Shane Doggart to our Namibian exploration team, bringing a combined wealth of critical mineral knowledge to Askari.*

*"These three geoscientists have seasoned track records in critical minerals exploration, particularly in the lithium space, and their experience and skill sets will bolster our in-country team.*

*"These experienced geologists join Askari at an exciting time as we embark on our new, targeted trenching campaign at our flagship Uis Lithium Project, covering 3,750 metres across 111 individual trenches.*

*"A stream of assays will return over the next few months from our trenching, stream sediment and soil geochemical sampling campaigns, focusing on four priority targets at our highly prospective 'corridor of interest'.*

*"I look forward to updating our shareholders as our exploration activities continue, with a strengthened Namibian exploration team at the helm."*



## Bonifacius Katanga - Senior Exploration Geologist



Bonifacius Katanga is a Namibian citizen, based in Windhoek, and has a BSc in Geology and Chemistry from the University of Namibia. Bonifacius started his career with Namibia Critical Metals, working on the Tier One Lofdal HREE deposit. While there, he progressed to Senior Geologist and oversaw the advancement of the project from discovery and resource definition, to scoping and pre-feasibility studies. He oversaw the resource drilling at the Opuwo cobalt project for Gecko Resources and also consulted to Noronex (ASX:NRX), Wia Gold (ASX:WIA) and QKR at the Navachab gold operation.

Most recently, Bonifacius was employed as an Exploration Geologist by Andrada Mining (LON:ATM) at their Uis operation, where he explored for LCT pegmatites.

Bonifacius joined the Askari exploration team on 20 September and brings extensive critical minerals experience, including direct experience exploring for LCT pegmatites on the Cape Cross – Uis belt.

## Berti Roesener - Consulting Geologist



Berti Roesener is a Namibian citizen and Consulting Geologist based in Swakopmund. He has amassed 37 years of mineral exploration and production experience in Namibia. Berti started his career with De Beers Prospecting before moving onto Goldfields of Namibia as an Exploration Geologist. Berti later served as Chief Geologist to the Geological Survey of Namibia for 10 years before being appointed as Geology Manager for AngloGold Ashanti Namibia at the Navachab Mine.

Berti was then primarily involved in uranium exploration through his roles as Chief Geologist at AREVA Resources at the Trekkopje Project and then as Mineral Resources Manager with Swakop Uranium and then later as a consultant for various exploration companies.

Berti joined the Askari exploration team on 27 September and brings with him a vast amount of operational and exploration experience.

## Shane Doggart - Project Geologist



Shane Doggart is a South African citizen with BSc, BSc honours and MSc degrees from the University of Stellenbosch and is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Cape Town. Shane has worked for the Council for Geoscience of South Africa for the past nine years, carrying out regional mapping projects. These projects focused on pegmatites within the Namaqua-Natal Metamorphic complex of the Northern Cape of South Africa and the Orange River Pegmatite Belt of Southern Namibia.

Shane was involved in the “Southern Namibia Mapping Programme” which was carried out in association with the Geological Survey of Namibia and produced a 1:400,000 scale geological map of the Orange River



Pegmatite Belt. Shane has published multiple journal articles on the origin, evolution and distribution of Southern African pegmatites and is widely regarded as an expert in this field.

Shane begins on 1 November and will bring a wealth of academic and technical knowledge of lithium pegmatites to the Askari Namibian exploration team.

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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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