

\$4.25 Million in Funding to Drive Gold and Lithium Drilling

Torque Metals Limited (**Torque**) (ASX:TOR) is pleased to announce that is its gearing up at its Penzance Project situated 30km east of Widgiemooltha, WA, with drill programmes set to commence imminently at both its New Dawn Lithium Project and the Paris Gold Project.

Torque's \$4.25 million in new funding comes in the form of a heavily oversubscribed share placement capturing \$3.75 million (before costs) as detailed below, and a drill for equity commitment for up to \$500,000 from Topdrill Pty Ltd (**Topdrill**).

Torque's Managing Director, Cristian Moreno comments:

"We have made great strides on our New Dawn Lithium Project over the short time since we acquired the project, and Torque's confidence builds that New Dawn will ultimately present a great development opportunity. Our core objectives right now are to test more widely across the Mining Licences where a number of pegmatites present new drill targets. Infill drilling around the known mineralisation will assist in the conversion of our Exploration Target to a JORC Mineral Resource Estimate.

*"In parallel, I am delighted that the Company has sufficient funding to get back to our high-grade Paris Gold Project. Our first ever round of diamond drilling at Paris last year returned a bonanza intersection of **1.2m @ 185g/t gold**, within a broader intercept of **35m @ 14.12g/t gold** from **157.85 metres**¹. Moreover, Torque reported spectacular drilling success in 2023 with high grade gold intercepts along the 2.5km strike spanning from the historic Paris pit to the Observation prospect. We look forward to realising the great upside along this vast gold-rich corridor.*

"I am delighted to announce our agreement with Topdrill, who shares our optimism for the great upside that could be unlocked through drilling at both Paris and New Dawn. We welcome Topdrill to our register of shareholders and thank them for their support in what is a challenging market for junior explorers. I would like to thank the strong support provided by our joint lead managers and their investor clients, and welcome new investors to the register."

Use of Funds

Funds raised via the Placement will be primarily applied to drive exploration at the New Dawn Lithium and the Paris Gold projects, plus working capital.

Key activities in the months ahead include:

- Expand the exploration footprint at the 100% owned New Dawn Lithium Project;
- Diamond drilling at the 100% owned Paris Gold Project to follow-up high grade results from 2023 activities;
- A maiden Mineral Resource Estimate in respect of the New Dawn Lithium Project; and
- Mineral Resource Estimate and Exploration Target for the Paris Gold Project.

Drill for Equity Agreement with Topdrill

Torque has entered into a drill for equity agreement with Topdrill Pty Ltd (**Topdrill**). The agreement allows Torque, at Torque's election, to satisfy up to 100% of drilling costs invoiced by Topdrill by the issue of ordinary Torque shares from its LR7.1 capacity, up to a maximum value of \$500,000.

¹ Refer to ASX announcement dated 5 July 2023, Paris Delivers 185g/t Bonanza Gold Interval

Torque intends to split drilling across its Paris Gold Project and New Dawn Lithium Project.

The issue price will be referenced to the volume weighted average price for the 5 days prior to the date of invoice and will be subject to a voluntary 6-month escrow period.

Placement Details

Torque has received firm commitments for a share placement to raise a total of \$3.75 million (before costs) through the issue of approximately 28.85 million shares at an issue price of \$0.13 per fully paid ordinary share (**Placement Shares**). Investors will receive one (1) attaching unlisted option for every two (2) new Placement Shares issued pursuant to the Placement (**Placement Options**) (together the **Placement**). The Placement Options will be exercisable at \$0.25, each with an expiry date of 7 May 2026.

The oversubscribed Placement was strongly supported by a number of existing shareholders and high net worth investors, demonstrating ongoing support for Torque Metals and a high degree of confidence in the potential of the projects.

In addition to the \$3.75 million raised under the Placement, Directors of Torque have collectively committed to subscribe to \$65,000 to the Placement, subject to shareholder approval under ASX Listing Rule 10.11 at the General Meeting that is yet to be scheduled but will held indicatively in early May 2024.

Excluding the proposed issue to Directors, the Placement will be completed in a single tranche pursuant to the Company's placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.1A, with 13,544,648 Placement Shares issued under Listing Rule 7.1 and 15,305,352 Placement Shares issued under Listing Rule 7.1A. The Placement Options will be issued subject to shareholder approval at the General Meeting.

The issue price of 13 cents per Placement Share represents a 13.3% discount to the last ASX closing share price of 15 cents prior to the Company's trading halt announced on 19 March 2024.

Euroz Hartleys Limited (**Euroz Hartleys**) and Evolution Capital Pty Ltd (**Evolution**) acted as Joint Lead Managers to the Placement.

About Torque Metals

Torque is a smart exploration company with a proven discovery methodology, combining drilling results with machine learning algorithms and geological interpretation. Torque's Board and management have successful records and extensive experience in the exploration, development and financing of mining projects in Australia.

Torque's Penzance Exploration Camp, extending over ~800km², includes 12 wholly owned, development-ready, pre-native title mining, 4 prospecting and 26 exploration licences (7 under application) ~30km east of Widgiemooltha in WA.

Torque is focused on mineral exploration in this well-established mineral province. Torque continues to evaluate and pursue other prospective opportunities in the resources sector in line with a strategy to develop high quality assets.

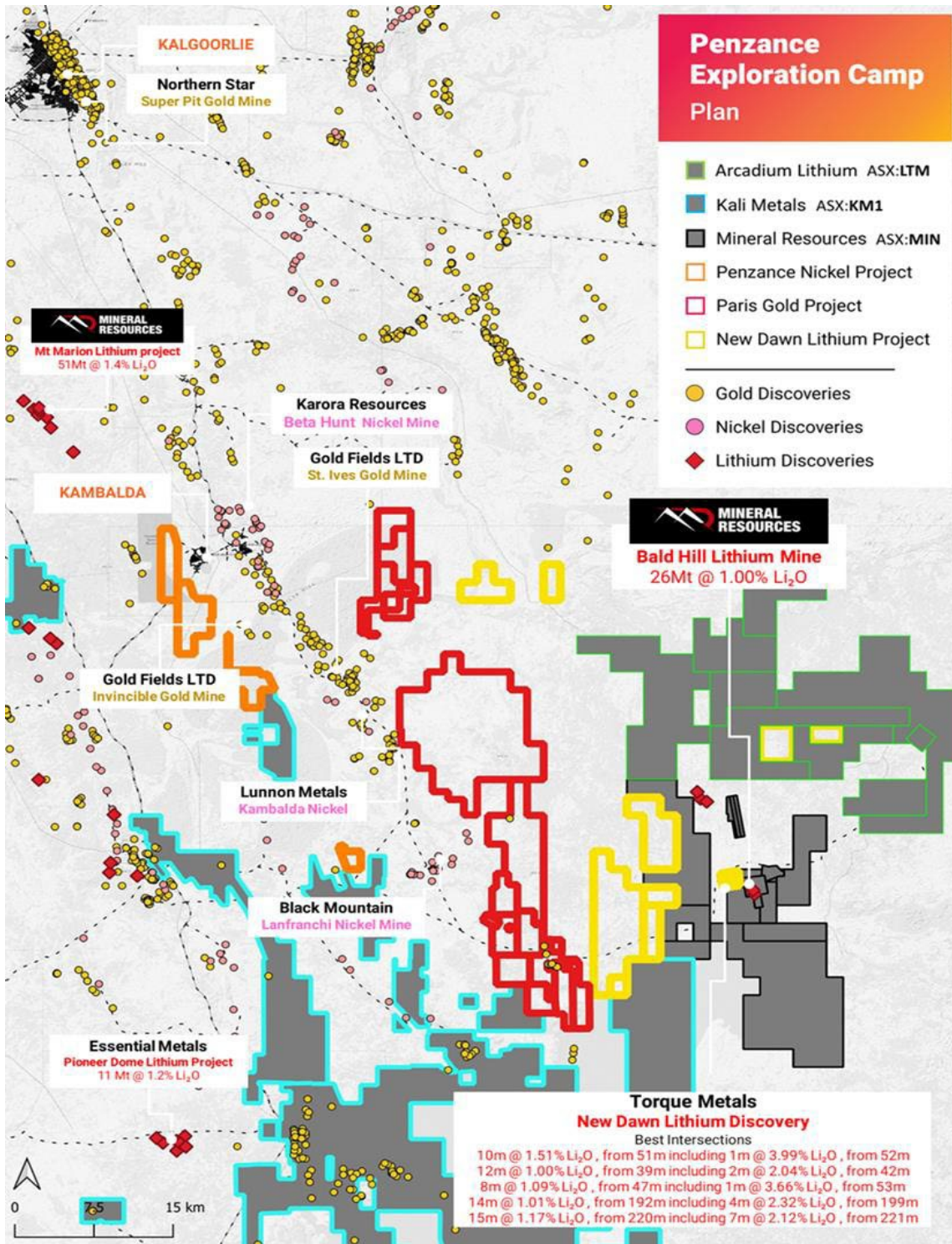


Figure 1 Penzance Exploration Camp

Competent Person Statement – Exploration Results

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Cristian Moreno, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy as well a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr Moreno is an employee of Torque Metals Limited (“the Company”), is eligible to participate in short and long-term incentive plans in the Company and holds performance rights in the Company as has been previously disclosed to ASX. Mr Moreno has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the ‘Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves’. Mr Moreno consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Forward Looking Statements

This report may contain certain “forward-looking statements” which may not have been based solely on historical facts, but rather may be based on the Company’s current expectations about future events and results. Where the Company expresses or implies an expectation or belief as to future events or results, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis.

However, forward looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed, projected, or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward looking information. The Company does not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to any “forward-looking statement” to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Directors of Torque.

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