



## **Patriot Achieves Key Permitting Milestone for Corvette with Receipt of Guidelines from the Ministry**

*April 16, 2024 – Vancouver, BC, Canada*

*April 17, 2024 – Sydney, Australia*

### **Highlights**

- **Patriot has received the Guidelines from the MELCCFP, advancing the approvals process for the Project, as expected the guidelines from COMEV were clear and consistent with other proposed mining projects of this scale and nature in Eeyou Istchee.**
- **Patriot will be in a position to provide a more fulsome update to the market with next steps for anticipated submission of the ESIA in the coming weeks.**
- **The Company anticipates submission of the complete ESIA to MELCCFP in late CY25.**

**Patriot Battery Metals Inc. (the “Company” or “Patriot”) (TSX: PMET) (ASX: PMT) (OTCQX: PMETF) (FSE: R9GA)** is pleased to announce that it has received its guidelines from the Québec Government (Ministère de l’Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs or “MELCCFP”) for its wholly owned Corvette Project (the “Project”) located in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region of Quebec. As per the process, the MELCCFP sought input from the Evaluating Committee known as “COMEV”, a committee composed of members appointed by the Cree Nation Government, the Government of Québec, and the Canadian Government. The guidelines received outline the scope and nature of the impact study that must be undertaken for the Project.

Ken Brinsden, President and CEO of Patriot commented: *“The guidelines for the Corvette project outline MELCCFP’s requirements for the Project’s Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and provide the Company with the roadmap to completing the ESIA. We are eager to continue our baseline data collection which started in 2022 as we advance the permitting and study phases of Corvette.”*

Alix Drapack, Vice President of ESG, Patriot, commented: *“The guidelines from COMEV were clear and consistent with other proposed mining projects of this scale and nature in Eeyou Istchee and were as expected. We are looking forward to continuing our discussions on the Project with the tallyman and his family and the Cree community of Chisasibi.”*

The Company is currently evaluating the Corvette Project as a potential hard rock spodumene mining operation. The Company is well-funded and is carrying out an intensive in-fill drilling on CV-5 this winter and a regional exploration campaign on the Corvette area during the summer and fall season. An updated NI 43-101 resource estimate on the Corvette project is planned for release in CYQ3 2024. The Company commenced collection of environmental baseline data at the Project in 2022 and will continue to collect data in accordance with the newly received guidelines. The Company will provide regular updates on the

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progress of the work programs associated with the completion of the ESIA and submission of the ESIA is anticipated in late 2025.

The Corvette Project is highlighted by the CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite which hosts a maiden mineral resource estimate of 109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O inferred<sup>1</sup> and ranks as the largest lithium pegmatite resource in the Americas based on contained lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE), and one of the top 10 largest lithium pegmatite resources in the world. The CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite is located approximately 13.5 km south of the regional and all-weather Trans-Taiga Road and powerline infrastructure, and approximately 50 km from the La-Grande 4 hydroelectric power station in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region of Quebec (Figure ).

<sup>1</sup> The CV5 mineral resource estimate (109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O and 160 ppm Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> inferred) is reported at a cut-off grade of 0.40% Li<sub>2</sub>O with effective date of June 25, 2023 (through drill hole CV23-190). Mineral resources are not mineral reserves as they do not have demonstrated economic viability.

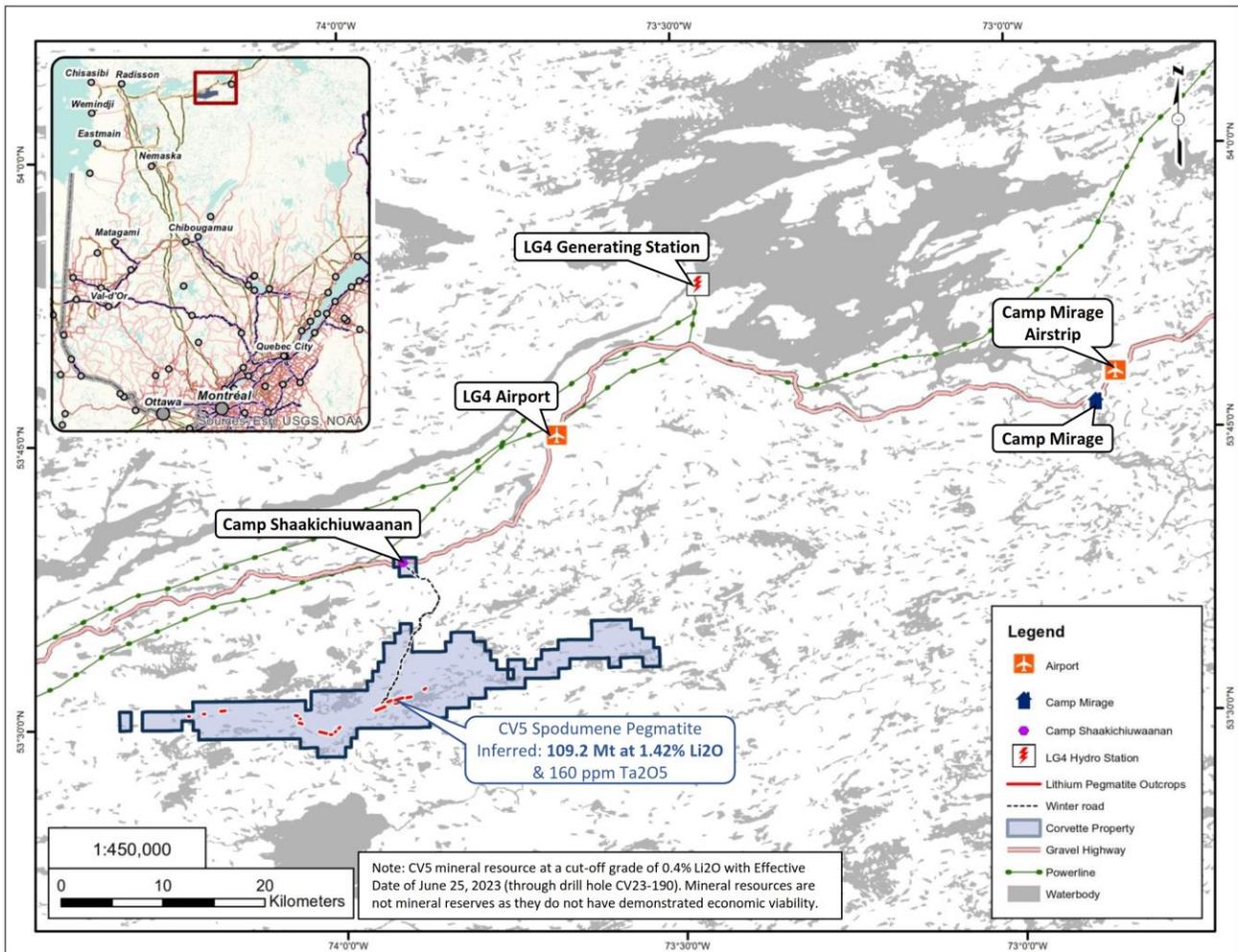


Figure 1: Corvette Project, CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite, and regional infrastructure.

## **About the CV Lithium Trend**

The CV Lithium Trend is an emerging spodumene pegmatite district discovered by the Company in 2017 and is interpreted to span more than 50 kilometres across the Corvette Property. The core area includes the approximate 4.4 km long CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite, which hosts a maiden mineral resource estimate of 109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O inferred<sup>1</sup>.

To date, eight (8) distinct clusters of lithium pegmatite have been discovered across the Corvette Property – CV4, CV5, CV8, CV9, CV10, CV12, CV13, and the recently discovered CV14. Given the proximity of some pegmatite outcrops to each other, as well as the shallow till cover in the area, it is probable that some of the outcrops may reflect a discontinuous surface exposure of a single, larger pegmatite “outcrop” subsurface.

## **Qualified/Competent Person**

The information in this news release that relates to exploration results for the Corvette Property is based on, and fairly represents, information compiled by Mr. Darren L. Smith, M.Sc., P.Ge., who is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 - *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*, and member in good standing with the Ordre des Géologues du Québec (Geologist Permit number 01968), and with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (member number 87868). Mr. Smith has reviewed and approved the technical information in this news release.

Mr. Smith is Vice President of Exploration for Patriot Battery Metals Inc. and holds common shares and options in the Company.

Mr. Smith has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralization, type of deposit under consideration, and to the activities being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as described by the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code). Mr. Smith consents to the inclusion in this news release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

## **About Patriot Battery Metals Inc.**

Patriot Battery Metals Inc. is a hard-rock lithium exploration company focused on advancing its district-scale 100% owned Corvette Property located in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region of Quebec, Canada, and proximal to regional road and powerline infrastructure. The Corvette Property hosts the CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite with a maiden mineral resource estimate of 109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O inferred<sup>1</sup> and ranks as the largest lithium pegmatite resource in the Americas based on contained lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE), and one of the top 10 largest lithium pegmatite resources in the world. Additionally, the Corvette Property hosts multiple other spodumene pegmatite clusters that remain to be drill tested, as well as more than 20 km of prospective trend that remain to be assessed.

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This news release has been approved by the Board of Directors.

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*Forward-looking information is based upon certain assumptions and other important factors that, if untrue, could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such information or statements. There can be no assurance that such information or statements will prove to be accurate. Key assumptions upon which the Company’s forward-looking information is based include the total funding required to complete the development of the Company’s Corvette Project.*

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*Although the Company believes its expectations are based upon reasonable assumptions and has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described*

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***Competent Person Statement (ASX Listing Rule 5.22)***

*The mineral resource estimate in this release was reported by the Company in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.8 on July 31, 2023. The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the previous announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.*