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# Kvanefjeld Rare Earths Project, Greenland – Update on Legal Proceedings

Energy Transition Minerals Ltd (**Company**) (ASX: **ETM**) provides the following update on its ongoing legal proceedings in relation to the Kvanefjeld Rare Earths Project (**the Project**) in Greenland.

The Company's subsidiary, Greenland Minerals A/S (**GMAS**), has filed Writs in the Court of Greenland and in the District Court of Copenhagen against the Government of Greenland (Naalakkersuisut) and the Greenland Legislature (Inatsisartut), including various ministries and agencies of the Government of Greenland, as well as the Government of Denmark, as represented by the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities, (the **Defendants**).

The purpose of these proceedings is to further secure and protect GMAS' rights in respect of the Kvanefjeld Project.

By commencing litigation proceedings in parallel to the ongoing arbitration, GMAS ensures that it will be able to continue to pursue its claims against the Defendants in the event of an unfavourable finding in the arbitration (such as the arbitral tribunal deciding it does not have jurisdiction over (a part of) GMAS' arbitration claims).

Additionally, these new proceedings also include the appeal of the Government of Greenland's decisions to reject GMAS' requests for an exploitation licence, which provides an additional avenue for GMAS to pursue its claims against the Defendants.

#### **Detail of Proceedings**

GMAS is seeking relief against the Defendants (jointly and severally, or alternatively individually) on the following claims:

- 1. That GMAS had a right to be granted an exploitation permit in relation to Exploration Permit No. 2010/02 (**Exploration Licence**) for an area in Kuannersuit in south-west Greenland:
  - a) principally for the exploitation of rare earths, zinc, fluorspar, and uranium; or
  - b) in the alternative, for rare earths, zinc and fluorspar, with uranium and other radioactive minerals extracted to be treated as residues for disposal;
- 2. That Act No 20 of 2021 on the prohibition of preliminary exploration, exploration and exploitation of uranium (the **Uranium Act**) is invalid in relation to GMAS and/or its Exploration Licence, or alternatively that Act No. 20 does not apply to GMAS or its Exploration Licence;
- 3. That the Government of Greenland's decisions of 1 June 2023 and 8 September 2023 rejecting GMAS' requests for the granting of an exploitation licence are invalid, and that the Government of Greenland be ordered to:
  - a) issue an exploitation licence for the exploitation of rare earths, zinc, fluorspar and uranium; or



- alternatively, issue an exploitation licence for rare earths, zinc and fluorspar, with uranium and other radioactive minerals extracted being treated as residues for disposal; or
- c) in the further alternative, resume processing GMAS' requests for an exploitation licence and issue a new decision on the requests, in accordance with the findings of the courts on GMAS' rights; and
- 4. That the Defendants acknowledge liability to GMAS for financial loss caused by:
  - a) the failure of the Government of Greenland to grant an exploitation licence by no later than 1 December 2021 (day before the enactment of the Uranium Act);
  - b) the adoption of the Uranium Act without objective basis and/or targeted at GMAS' request for an exploitation licence;
  - the Government of Greenland's refusal to grant GMAS' requests for an exploitation licence by its decisions of 1 June 2023 and 8 September 2023;
  - d) the delay in GMAS' commencement of mining described in its requests for the granting of an exploitation licence; and
  - e) total or partial loss of the value of the mining project (including lost profits), including by expropriation of GMAS' rights under the Mineral Resources Act and/or its Exploration Licence.

In these proceedings, GMAS is seeking to determine and establish the:

- 1. existence and scope of its rights to an exploitation license for the Project (Claim 1);
- 2. invalidity/inapplicability of the Uranium Act in relation to GMAS and the Project (Claim 2);
- 3. annulment of the Government of Greenland's decisions of 1 June 2023 and 8 September 2023 rejecting the exploitation licence applications and the courts' correction thereof, or, in the alternative, referral of the requests for an exploitation licence back to the Government of Greenland for reconsideration (Claim 3); and
- 4. authorities' liability to GMAS for the financial loss suffered (Claim 4).

## Commitment to responsible development and legal rights

The Company is dedicated to contributing to Greenland's economy by developing the Kvanefjeld Project responsibly. Our Project promises significant benefits, including job creation, local infrastructure development, and long-term economic growth.

In acknowledgement of the concerns expressed by the Government of Greenland regarding the additional legal proceedings, the Company wishes to clarify our position and reaffirm our commitment to the people and Government of Greenland. We respect the legislative process of Greenland and believe in constructive engagement as the best path forward. We remain dedicated to collaboratively working with Greenlandic authorities to achieve a resolution that respects both environmental stewardship and legal rights.



#### Next steps

As part of the Writ filings, GMAS has requested a suspension of the litigation proceedings. The purpose of this stay is to minimise costs and procedural inefficiencies by avoiding a situation in which GMAS is pursuing claims in both the Danish and Greenlandic courts in parallel to the arbitration.

Along with the request for a stay application, GMAS has requested that both the cases in the Court of Greenland and in the City Court of Copenhagen are referred to the Danish High Court or, alternatively, to the High Court of Greenland in the first instance.

The purpose of this referral is again to reduce the time and costs of the proceedings.

GMAS expects that the preliminary aspects of staying the proceedings and the referral of the case will be resolved within a period of 6-12 months.

Authorised for release by the Board of Energy Transition Minerals Ltd.

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#### ABOUT ENERGY TRANSTION MINERALS LTD.

Energy Transition Minerals Ltd (ASX: ETM) is an exploration and development company focused on developing and financing supply chains for the metals and materials that are critical to the decarbonization of the world, with a special focus on high-quality mineral projects globally. The Company is managing exploration projects in Western Europe, North America, and Greenland. The Company is involved in the Villasrubias Lithium-Tantalum exploration project which is in the province of Salamanca, in the region of Castille and Leon in Spain; it is expecting the grant of several additional exploration licenses in Castilla y Leon, Extremadura and Madrid. The Company has also recently completed the acquisition of the Solo and Good Setting lithium projects in James Bay, Quebec. The Kvanefjeld rare earths project remains subject to arbitration procedures in the Arbitration Tribunal in Copenhagen.