



# Experienced corporate advisor Zane Lewis joins Vital Metals Board

# Highlights

- Zane Lewis has more than 25 years' experience in corporate advisory, finance and M&A.
- Mr Lewis is a previous Executive Director of Vital Metals, and has extensive knowledge of VML's Nechalacho Rare Earths Project in Canada.
- He is Non Executive Chairman of ASX-listed companies Kairos Minerals (ASX: KAI) and Odessa Minerals (ASX: ODE) and a non executive director of Lion Energy (ASX: LIO).

**Vital Metals Limited** (ASX: **VML**) ("**Vital**", "**Vital Metals**" or "the **Company**") is pleased to announce the appointment of experienced corporate advisor and executive Zane Lewis as a Non-Executive Director. To maintain the Board at its current size, Paul Quirk has concurrently agreed to retire as a director, effective immediately.

Mr Lewis, the founder of SmallCap Corporate, has more than 25 of years corporate advisory experience with various ASX and AIM listed companies. He is also the Chairman of Kairos Minerals (ASX: KAI) and Odessa Minerals (ASX: ODE), and a non executive director of ASX-listed companies Lion Energy (ASX: LIO)

Mr Lewis was previously an Executive Director and Company Secretary at Vital Metals in 2019-2020, the period during which it acquired the Nechalacho Rare Earths Project in Canada.

**Vital Chairman Richard Crookes said**: "We are pleased to welcome Zane back to the Board of Vital Metals, bringing a depth of experience in corporate governance and finance roles, and helping to reshape our team following the recent appointment of Lisa Riley as our Managing Director and CEO.

"Zane has previous experience with our project and was part of the Vital team during a formative stage in our company's growth and strategy and we look forward to his contribution during another important stage in our development at Nechalacho.

"I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank Paul for his contribution to the Board, during what has been a challenging time for the Company. It's pleasing for all of us, that with Paul's support and guidance, we have emerged as a stronger entity with an exciting future ahead."



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This announcement has been approved by the Board of Vital Metals Limited.

### **About Vital Metals**

Vital Metals Limited (ASX: VML) is developing the large Nechalacho Rare Earth Project in Canada's Northwest Territories. Nechalacho has the potential to underpin a significant rare earths supply chain for North America with responsibly sourced critical minerals for the green economy transformation.

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