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Salta Lithium Project

Santa Ines Copper-Gold Project

#### Australia

Eyre Peninsula Kaolin-Halloysite Project

Musgrave Nickel-Copper-Cobalt-PGE Project

# \$2.6M Strategic Investment Received to Drive Lithium Strategy

- Lithium sector investor, Fuyang Mingjin New Energy Development Co., Ltd (Mingjin) has completed its \$2.6m strategic investment into Power Minerals, with funds received
- The funds will be used to accelerate development of Power's lithium assets in the lithium triangle of Argentina
- Mingjin has subscribed for 6.5m Power shares at \$0.40 per share via a Placement to raise \$2.6m before costs
- Mingjin has existing cornerstone equity investments in ASXlisted lithium companies, Octava Minerals Ltd (ASX: OCT) and Patagonia Lithium Ltd (ASX: PL3)
- Convertible note will now be repaid in full

Diversified minerals company Power Minerals Limited (ASX: **PNN**) (**Power** or **the Company**) is pleased to announce that it has received a strategic investment of \$2.6 million from lithium sector investor, Mingjin New Energy Development Co., Ltd (**Mingjin**).

This strategic investment from Mingjin was initially announced in May (ASX announcement, 2 May 2023), and Power is now pleased to advise that the transaction has been completed and the funds have been received by Power.

Mingjin is an active institutional investor in the lithium sector, and has cornerstone equity investments in fellow ASX-listed companies, Octava Minerals Limited (ASX: OCT) and Patagonia Lithium Limited (ASX: PL3). Based in Anhui Province, East China, Mingjin focuses its investment on the renewable energy and EV sector. Its shareholders have strategically positioned themselves in the EV value chain in China, involving in lithium carbonate production, battery manufacturing technologies and EV making. The motivation of its investment in upstream lithium exploration and extraction businesses such as Power is to help them secure future raw materials supplies. Mingjin is keen to enter into offtake discussions with Power when Power is ready.

Power is delighted to welcome Mingjin to Company's share register, who now hold an 8.45% holding in the issued equity capital of Power. The



strategic investment will allow Power to accelerate development of its lithium projects at the Salta Lithium Project in the lithium triangle of north-west Argentina.

Power and Mingjin entered into a binding Subscription Agreement under which Mingjin have invested \$2.6 million (before costs) in Power via a Placement of 6.5 million Power Ordinary Shares at an issue price of \$0.40 per share (**Placement**).

"We are excited to confirm the completion of this strategic Placement from Fuyang Mingjin New Energy Development Co., Ltd and are delighted to welcome them as a cornerstone investor in Power Minerals. Mingjin is an active institutional investor in the lithium sector, and we are aligned with them on our view of the upside potential of, and development plans for, our Argentinian lithium assets. The funds will be utilised to continue Power's aggressive exploration and development of our Salt Lithium Project."

**Power Minerals Managing Director Mena Habib.** 

The receipt of the Placement funds from Mingjin's strategic investment comes after Power recently entered into a Binding Term Sheet with leading Canadian direct lithium extraction (DLE) technology provider Summit Nanotech Corporation (BN 753314913) for the funding (up to US\$3 million) and development of the Incahuasi salar (ASX announcement, 22 August 2023).

#### **Placement Details**

The Placement consisted of the issue of 6,500,00 ordinary fully paid shares (Shares) at an issue price of \$0.40 per Share, raising \$2.6 million (before costs). The Placement has been completed in one tranche under the Company's Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.1A capacity. The Placement was subject to Foreign Investment Review Board (**FIRB**) approval, which has been secured. The Placement has now been completed, and the Placement funds have been received by Power. Mingjin is a successful ASX investor and currently holds ~15% of ASX-listed Octava Minerals Limited (ASX-OCT) and ~17% of ASX-listed Patagonia Lithium Ltd (ASX-PL3)

Richlink Capital Group and Lynx Advisors Pty Ltd acted as advisors to the Placement, and will be paid a total 6% commission on completion of funds raised, and will receive a total of 3,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at an exercise price of \$0.75 per option on or before three years of their date of issue. The issue of options will be subject to Power shareholder approval.

#### **About the Salta Lithium Project**

The Salta Project is strategically located in the Salta province in north-west Argentina and is part of the Lithium Triangle, the world's leading lithium-brine region. The Project consists of five salares (salt lakes) that sit within seven mining leases, over a total project area of 147.07km². The Project's Incahuasi salar is located immediately adjacent to Ganfeng Lithium Co. Ltd's project and the Rincon salar is adjacent to



Rincon Mining Ltd, recently acquired by Rio Tinto Ltd for US\$825 million. Power is focused on the accelerated exploration and development of the Project, to drive shareholder value.

Authorised for release by the Board of Power Minerals Limited.

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#### **About Power Minerals Limited**

Power Minerals Limited is an ASX-listed lithium-focused exploration and development company, committed to the systematic exploration and development of its core asset, the Salta Lithium Brine Project in the prolific lithium triangle in the Salta Province in Argentina. It is currently undertaking a major JORC Mineral Resource expansion drilling campaign at Salta, and is focused on expediting development of the Project in to a potential, future lithium producing operation. Power also has a portfolio of other assets in key, demand-driven commodities including; kaolin-halloysite, nickel-coppercobalt and PGEs plus copper-gold.

#### **Forward looking Statements**

This announcement contains 'forward-looking information' that is based on the Company's expectations, estimates and projections as of the date on which the statements were made. This forward-looking information includes, among other things, statements with respect to the Company's business strategy, plans, development, objectives, performance, outlook, growth, cash flow, projections, targets and expectations, mineral reserves and resources, results of exploration and related expenses. Generally, this forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as 'outlook', 'anticipate', 'project', 'target', 'potential', 'likely', 'believe', 'estimate', 'expect', 'intend', 'may', 'would', 'could', 'scheduled', 'will', 'plan', 'forecast', 'evolve' and similar expressions. Persons reading this announcement are cautioned that such statements are only predictions, and that the Company's actual future results or performance may be materially different. Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information.