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BINDING HOA TO ACQUIRE RIGHTS FOR HIGH-GRADE IOCG PROJECT IN CHILE

HIGHLIGHTS

- **High grade Iron Oxide-Copper-Gold (IOCG) 'Darwin' project secured in Chile – rock chip assays up to 247 g/t Au, 8% Cu and 66% Fe**

- **Very high-grade Cu-Au mineralisation from rock chip samples including:**
  - **Gold : 247 g/t Au, 229 g/t Au, 195 g/t Au, 185 g/t Au, and 166 g/t Au**
  - **Copper: 8.09% Cu, 7.78% Cu, 4.75% Cu, 3.43% Cu, 3.34% Cu and 3.14% Cu**
  - **Extensive iron ore mineralisation grading above 66% Fe in outcrops**

- **Option Agreement over highly prospective 3,100-hectare project located 75 km southwest of the city of Copiapó, in Region III of northern Chile**

- **Vastly underexplored: Multiple historical workings across the project area have never been sampled or drilled**

- **Multiple large magnetic anomalies with the potential to define IOCG style mineralisation at depth**

- **Project is drill ready: opportunity to add immediate value in the near-term through more systematic exploration program with drilling planned early calendar 2025**

- **Favourable acquisition terms: non-cash contingent consideration based upon achieving performance milestones**

Lodestar Managing Director Ed Turner commented: *"We are excited to announce the entering into of a binding agreement to acquire an option over the high grade and prospective Darwin project in Chile, a very favourable mining jurisdiction. The extremely high gold grades with associated high-grade copper and iron are similar to other IOCG deposits within this belt and give us confidence that an economic and significant IOCG deposit may be present. Lodestar is confident that it can deliver considerable value in the near term given the project remains vastly underexplored – numerous historical workings there have never been drilled or sampled. We look forward to a second ground visit this week to help refine drill targets with a plan to be drilling early in the new year."*

Lodestar Minerals Limited (**LSR** or **the Company**)(**ASX:LSR**) is pleased to announce the acquisition of an option, subject to the completion of legal due diligence, over this highly prospective land package in Chile from Aeramentum Resources Ltd (**Aeramentum)**, a public unlisted Australian company, who negotiated the option agreement to acquire 100% of the Darwin project assets from Coastal Metals Chile SpA (**Coastal Metals**). Surface rock chip sampling and drone aeromagnetic surveys have already delineated numerous high-quality targets that can be drilled in the near term.

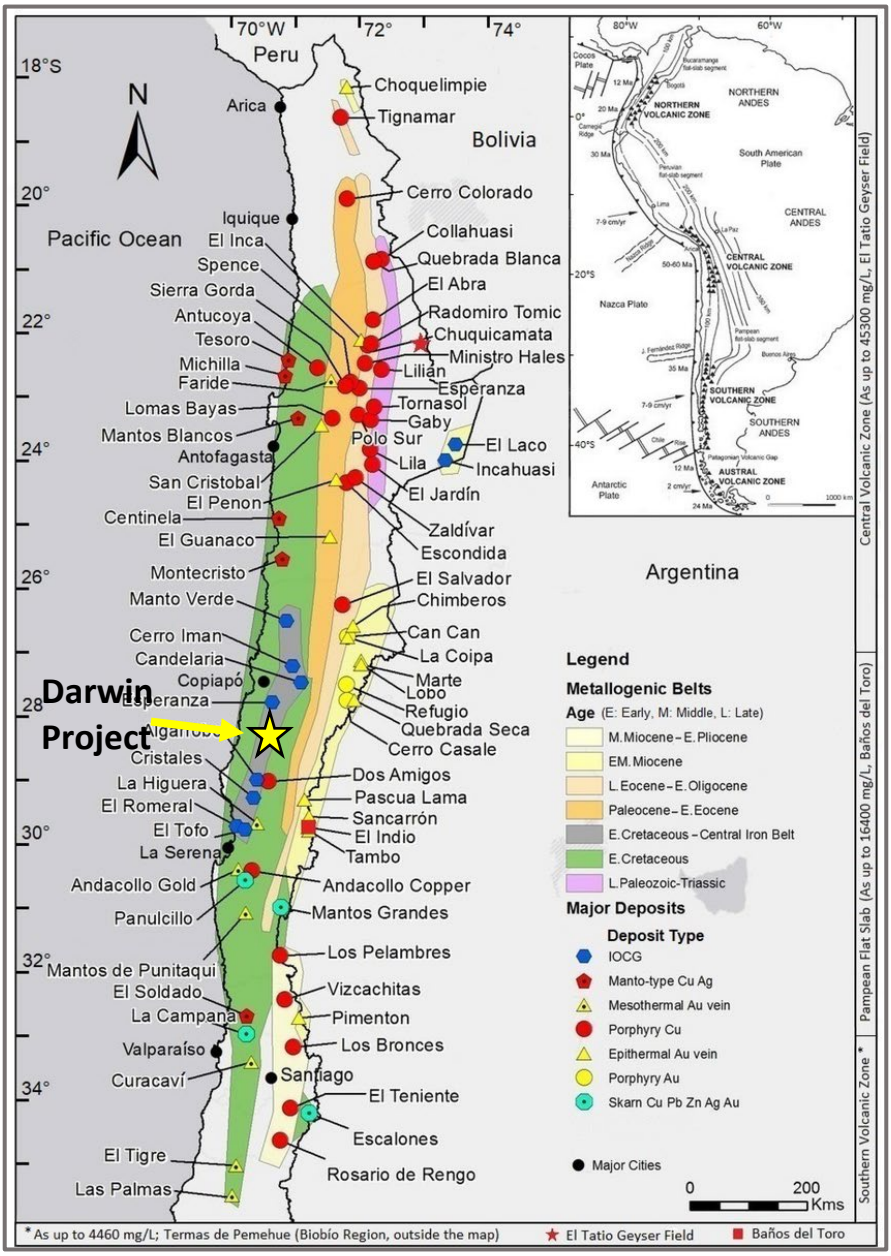

Figure 1: Darwin Project location in relation to other IOCG and Porphyry deposits

Figure background extracted from Alam, Mohammad Ayaz & Mukherjee, Abhijit & Bhattacharya, Prosun & Bundschuh, Jochen. (2023). An appraisal of the principal concerns and controlling factors for Arsenic contamination in Chile. Scientific Reports. 13. 10.1038/s41598-023-38437-7.

The Darwin Project in Chile lies within one of the World's largest IOCG (iron oxide, copper, gold) Belts which includes the **1.2 Bt @ 0.60% Cu, 0.13 g/t Au, 2.0 g/t Ag** Candelaria Deposit[1].

The region is host to numerous world class copper deposits and gold rich IOCG deposits such as Carola (**10Mt @ 1.8% Cu, 0.5g/t Au**)[2] and Atacama Kozan (**50Mt @ 1.6% Cu, 0.35g/t Au**)[2].

The association between high-grade Cu, Au and Fe at surface in the Darwin Project is very encouraging and a good indication of the project's potential.

Very high-grade historical samples

Several rock chip sampling programmes have been completed by Coastal Metals. Lodestar has also confirmed the high Au and Cu grades with a site visit and a limited rock chip sampling programme and assaying (Table 1, Figures 2-5).

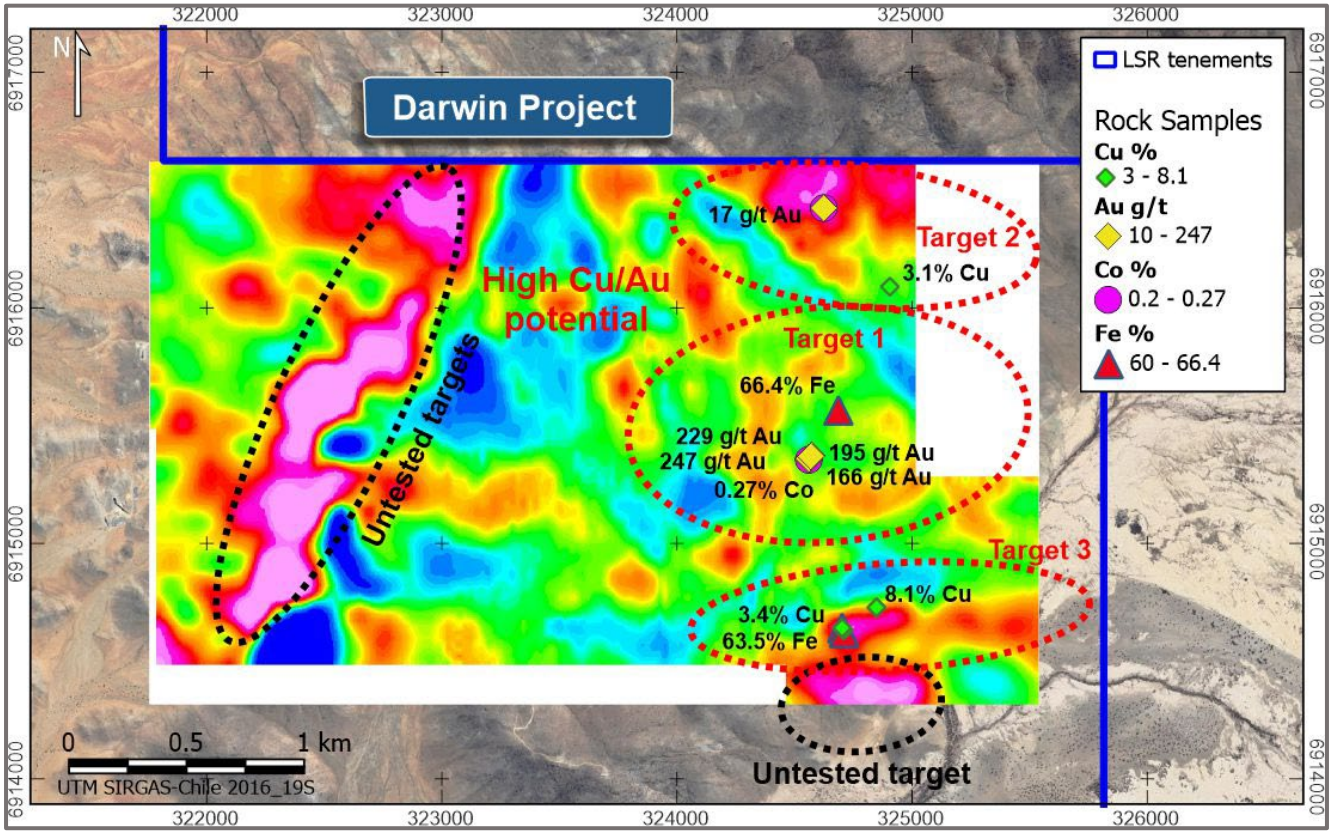

Figure 2: Rock chip assays on top of magnetic surveys (tmirtp hvd).

1. **Lundin 2022 Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Estimates Statement News Release dated 8 February 2023**
2. **Andean Geology 48 (1): 1-23. January, 2021 (Gold Deposits in Chile; Jose Cabello)**

TABLE 1: Rock chip assay results

Sample No	Northing	Easting	Au	Cu	Fe	Co
			ppm	%	%	%
1	6,914,641	324,703	0.31	**2.51**	**60.73**	0.01
2	6,914,631	324,710	0.34	0.98	**54.76**	0.01
3	6,914,641	324,703	0.79	1.69	**48.46**	0.01
4	6,914,620	324,711	**5.43**	1.18	**56.17**	0.00
5	6,914,728	324,849	**1.58**	**8.09**	13.37	0.00
6	6,914,631	324,710	**1.31**	**3.43**	12.27	0.00
7	6,914,641	324,703	**1.75**	**2.66**	6.60	0.00
8	6,914,728	324,849	0.38	**2.61**	9.29	0.00
9	6,914,620	324,711	**1.69**	1.90	24.19	0.00
10	6,914,620	324,711	0.51	0.44	**63.46**	0.00
11	6,915,355	324,561	**247.00**	0.01	23.41	**0.27**
12	6,916,424	324,625	**17.10**	0.11	19.10	**0.18**
13	6,916,479	324,827	**3.66**	0.07	14.65	**0.14**
14	6,915,374	324,574	**166.00**	0.01	**33.86**	**0.12**
15	6,915,554	324,894	**2.94**	0.03	21.43	**0.11**
16	6,916,424	324,625	**1.89**	0.00	16.29	0.08
17	6,916,168	324,877	0.59	0.00	10.32	0.08
18	6,916,479	324,827	0.33	0.00	11.21	0.06
19	6,915,360	324,561	**185.00**	0.00	22.45	0.06
20	6,915,565	324,687	0.02	0.02	**66.40**	0.05
21	6,915,360	324,561	**80.80**	0.01	20.68	0.04
22	6,915,565	324,884	0.14	0.01	**34.32**	0.04
23	6,915,565	324,884	**2.46**	0.00	**33.24**	0.03
24	6,916,090	324,906	0.65	**3.05**	9.51	0.00
25	6,916,090	324,906	0.13	0.84	9.46	0.00
26	6,915,355	324,561	0.28	0.12	7.17	0.00
27	6,915,410	324,534	0.21	0.02	3.00	0.00
28	6,915,410	324,534	1.71	0.00	4.22	0.00
29	6,915,663	324,889	0.31	0.00	**45.09**	0.00
30	6,915,374	324,574	**229.00**	0.01	19.06	0.01
31	6,915,567	324,889	0.17	0.00	18.17	0.00
32	6,915,367	324,563	**2.22**	0.00	2.98	0.01
33	6,915,370	324,570	**194.67**	0.01	28.90	0.01
34	6,916,500	325,077	0.47	**2.78**	14.53	0.00
35	6,916,501	325,079	**4.25**	**2.50**	22.69	0.00

Figure 3: Rock chip sample 33, which assayed 194.67 g/t Au and 28.9% Fe.

Figure 4: Rock chip sample 35, which assayed 4.25 g/t Au, 2.50% Cu and 22.7% Fe.

Figure 5: Workings that provided sample by Lodestar which assayed 194.67 g/t Au and 28.9% Fe.

Aeromagnetic surveys

Two drone aeromagnetic surveys have been flown over the Darwin Project. The surveys were carried out between the months of March and May 2023 and consisted in recording earth magnetic field anomalies using unmanned drones, initially flying E-W lines spaced at 100m and control lines N-S direction every 1000 m, followed by one detailed area with E-W lines spaced at 25m and control lines N-S direction every 240m (Figure 6).

The surveys delineated numerous magnetic anomalies, some of which are coincidental with significant Au, Cu and Fe rock chip assays (Figure 2). Most of the magnetic anomalies however are yet to be investigated on the ground for potential mineralisation.

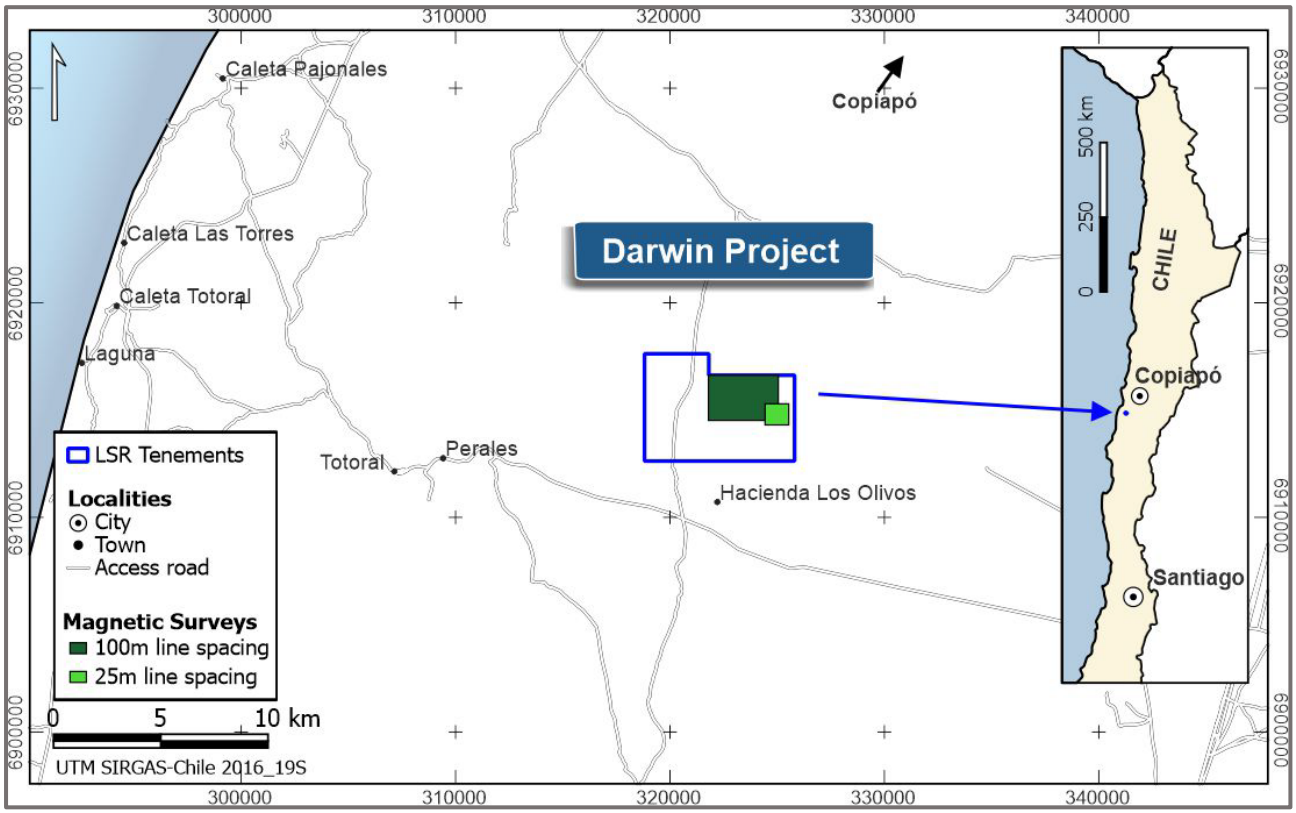

Figure 6: Location of Darwin Project and location of the magnetic surveys.

Terms of agreement between Lodestar and Aeramentum

The terms of the agreement pursuant to which the Company will take on the option are as follows:

a) Lodestar will assume the position of Aeramentum under the Option Agreement by issuing to Aeramentum 25,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares (post-consolidation basis) in the Company, at a deemed issue price of $0.02 (post-consolidation basis), equivalent to 14.8% of the current issued capital in the Company. The issuance of these shares is subject to shareholder approval.

b) Lodestar will have the original option agreement amended (refer page 8) to remove capability for acquisition payment of US$2m to be made in shares, thereby meaning the acquisition will only be via cash payment.

Non-cash Contingent consideration – based upon achieving performance milestones

Milestone 1 – issuance of 30,000,000 shares (post-consolidation basis) to Aeramentum upon achievement of drilling the Darwin prospect within 6 months of acquisition, in combination with any of the following milestones:

- Reporting high gold or gold equivalent drilling results of at least 15-gram metres (ie 10m @ 1.5g/t Au or 1m @ 15g/t Au) being defined in two locations at least 100m apart; or
- Mineralised Magnetite or potential IOCG, defined as grades of >0.5% Cu equivalent over interval >10m, repeated in more than one drill hole at least 100m apart; or

- Commencement of small-scale mining up to 5kt/mth, with mining, crushing and potential concentration of ore via gravity methods, and sale of either a concentrated product, gold dore, or whole-rock to local or international buyers, within 2 years of the signing of the acquisition transaction.

Settlement via shares would be based upon achievement of this milestone. Issuance of shares would be subject to receiving shareholder approval at the time of the milestone achievement.

Milestone 2 – issuance of 30,000,000 shares (post-consolidation basis) to Aeramentum upon the following milestones being achieved:

- Prior achievement of Milestone 1; and either
- Lodestar shares trading at or above $0.60 (post-consolidation basis) based on a 20-day VWAP. Should this occur prior to achievement of the first milestone, the issue of shares is withheld until such time as the requirements of Milestone 1 is met; or
- MRE (JORC Compliant) declared in Chile >1Mt @ 10g/t Au equivalent.

Settlement via shares would be based upon achievement of this milestone. Issuance of shares would be subject to receiving shareholder approval at the time of the milestone achievement.

Terms of Option Arrangement between Aeramentum and Coastal Metals

The terms of the Option Agreement between Aeramentum and Coastal Metals are as follows:

a) Aeramentum can elect to acquire the Darwin Project for the payment of US$2 million, payable either in cash or shares. The option is exercisable at any time prior to 14 August 2027 (Option Period).

b) During the Option Period, Aeramentum can undertake exploration activities on the Darwin Project, in addition to an allowance for small-scale mining operations to be undertaken.

c) During the Option Period, Aeramentum must make quarterly payments of US$25,000, which amounts will be deducted from the US$2 million needed to pay to exercise the option.

Aeramentum has already paid the first quarterly instalment to Coastal Metals under these required payments.

d) The Option Period can be extended to 14 August 2028 at the election of Aeramentum by paying a monthly US$20,000 fee during the period between 14 August 2027 and 14 August 2028.

Funding:

Lodestar intends raising a minimum of $1,600,000 following the above acquisition. With a combination of the current funds on hand and the minimum targeted capital raise, Lodestar anticipates its cash expenditure for the next 12-month period to be as follows:

Australian assets:	$764k
Chilean asset:	$558k
Admin/compliance/OH:	$800k

The Company is in discussions with brokers regarding the requirement to raise capital to fund ongoing operations and progress its strategic initiatives and expects to update shareholders regarding a capital raising within the coming month.

About Lodestar

Lodestar Minerals is an active base metal and gold explorer. Lodestar's projects, aside from the Darwin Project in Chile, comprise the 100% owned Earaheedy, Ned's Creek and Coolgardie West projects in Western Australia (Figure 7).

Lodestar also has exposure to lithium via its strategic 9.3M shares and 27.5M performance rights in Future Battery Minerals (**ASX:FBM**) who own the Kangaroo Hills and Miriam lithium Projects in Western Australia.

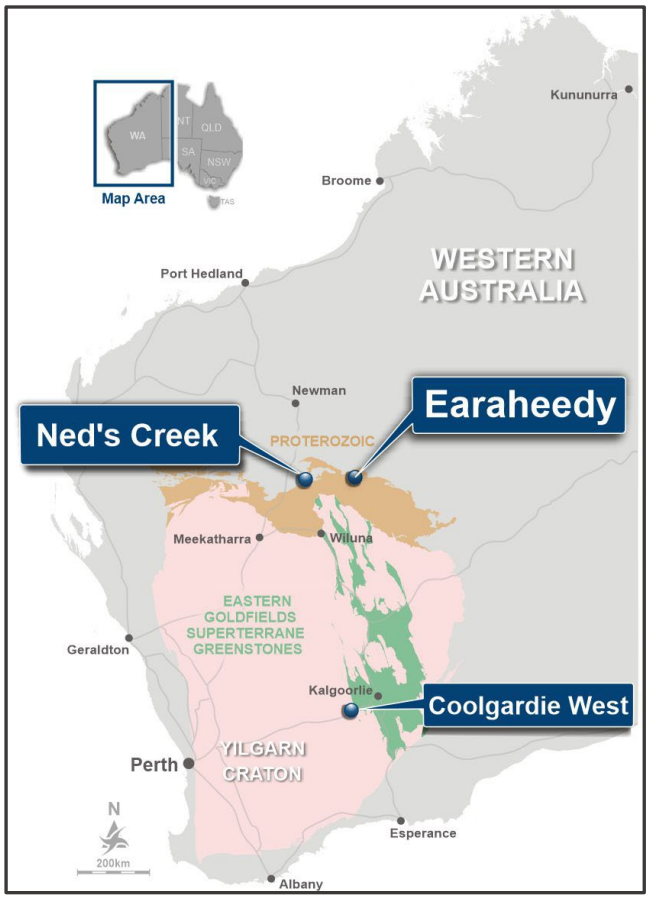

Figure 7: Lodestar's WA Project locations

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

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Competent Person Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Ed Turner, Managing Director, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists and has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and the types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Turner consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

This announcement is available to view on the Lodestar website. The company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement. The company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

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Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	• *Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.* • *Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.* • *Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.*	• Rock chip samples were taken from historic workings and outcrops where the Geologists believed there was a chance of mineralisation. • Systematic sampling at regular intervals was not possible. The purpose was to check for any possible economic grades when there was sufficient gossanous material available at surface or within the workings. • Each sample was approximately 1kg in weight which is sufficient to get a meaningful assay after crushing and pulverizing to produce a 50g charge. For samples 1-30 in Table 1 analysis was carried out by Spectrolab Laboratory in Geraldton, Australia for all analytes (excluding Au) via XRF fused bead technique Method PR0034. Loss on Ignition is via gravimetric technique Method Number PR0007. Gold Analysis (Au) was carried out by Ultratrace and Aurum Laboratories on samples prepared by Spectrolab and analysed via Fire Assay (50g) and ICP-OES or AAS finish. Copper and cobalt were originally assayed as CuO% and CoO% then converted to Cu% and Co% with the conversion formula CuO% = Cu% x 1.2518 and CoO% = Co% x 1.2715. Samples 31-35 were assayed at Intertek in Perth, Australia using fire assay for gold. Cu, Co and Fe underwent multi-acid digest and analysed by Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical (Atomic) Emission Spectrometry.
Drilling techniques	• *Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).*	• No drilling results being reported.
Drill sample recovery	• *Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.* • *Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.* • *Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade*	• N/A • N/A • N/A

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	and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	
Logging	• *Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.* • *Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.* • *The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.*	• N/A • N/A • N/A
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	• *If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.* • *If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.* • *For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.* • *Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.* • *Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.* • *Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.*	• N/A • N/A • Rock chip sampling using a geological hammer to collect approximately 1kg samples is considered industry standard although it is qualitative rather than quantitative sampling. • The lack of outcrop and vein material in the workings means this sampling stage cannot cover the entire mineralized structures in the same way as drilling can. • Repeat samples (duplicates) were taken at several sites to confirm the high-grade nature of the mineralisation • 1kg rock chip samples are sufficient size for the style of mineralization.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	• *The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.* • *For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.* • *Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.*	• The assaying techniques used are appropriate for the metals being assayed. These are considered partial techniques. • N/A. • Numerous duplicate samples were taken from high-grade Au and Cu locations and submitted to an independent credited laboratory to verify the high grades.
Verification of sampling and assaying	• *The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.* • *The use of twinned holes.* • *Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.* • *Discuss any adjustment to assay data.*	• N/A. • No drilling is reported. • Field and laboratory data are collected electronically and entered into an excel spreadsheet which is then stored into a database. • Historical assays for Cu and Co were reported as CuO% and CoO%. Using the formulas CuO% = Cu% x 1.2518 and CoO%

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		= Co% x 1.2715 they were normalized to Cu% and Co%.
Location of data points	• *Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down- hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.* • *Specification of the grid system used.* • *Quality and adequacy of topographic control.*	• A hand-held GPS has been used to locate the rock chip samples with estimated 3-5m accuracy. • Sample hole coordinates were recorded in WGS84 UTM 19South. • The topography within prospect areas has been derived from GPS RL (2-10 m accuracy).
Data spacing and distribution	• *Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.* • *Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.* • *Whether sample compositing has been applied.*	• Rock chip samples were taken at irregular distances. • Rock chip samples are not sufficient for resource estimation. • No compositing was done.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	• *Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.* • *If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.*	• There are insufficient rock chip samples at this stage to achieve unbiased sampling across the mineralized structures. • N/A.
Sample security	• *The measures taken to ensure sample security.*	• All samples taken by Lodestar were transported in sealed bags under supervision prior and delivered directly by Lodestar personel to the laboratory.
Audits or reviews	• *The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.*	• No audit or reviews carried out.

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	• *Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.* • *The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.*	• All four Exploitation Licences and eight Exploration Licences are owned by Coastal Metal Chile or subsidiary companies. Lodestar has an agreement to take on Aeramentum Resources option agreement with Coastal Metals Chile over these Darwin Project tenements.
Exploration done by other parties	• *Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.*	• There is no record of previous exploration within the project area.
Geology	• *Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.*	• The Darwin Project is located in the Iron Belt of Northern Chile, specifically in the Coastal Range of the Atacama Region located in the Atacama Fault System. It is located in an old mining district with numerous Fe, Fe-Cu-Au, Au and Mn deposits, within the Cretaceous iron belt characterized by a large presence of iron oxide-copper-gold (Fe-Cu-Au) or iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) and iron oxide-apatite (IOA) deposits.

Drill hole information	• *A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:*
	  ○ *easting and northing of the drill hole collar*
	  ○ *elevation or RL (Reduced Level - elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar*
	  ○ *dip and azimuth of the hole*
	  ○ *down hole length and interception depth*
	  ○ *hole length.*
	• *If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.*
		• N/A.

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Data aggregation methods	• *In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.* • *Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high-grade results and longer lengths of low-grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.*	• There were no weighting or upper/lower cuts applied.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	• *These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.* ○ *If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.* • *If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').*	• Samples were taken within the mineralised structures in the workings and at surface. True widths and orientations are not know at this time.
Diagrams	• *Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.*	• Plans of sample locations are included in the body of the text.
Balanced reporting	• *Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.*	• All assays are included in a table within the text.
Other substantive exploration data	• *Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater,*	• All information has been reported within the text of the announcement, no other information to report.

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	geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	
Further Work	• *The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).* • *Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.*	• Further rock chip sampling is planned over magnetic anomalies not yet sampled. Geological mapping is also planned prior to the planning of first pass RC and diamond core drilling.