

ExGen: Phoenix Raises US\$80 Million for Construction of the Empire Mine, Idaho

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VANCOUVER, May 17, 2024 - [ExGen Resources Inc.](#) (TSX.V: EXG; OTC: BXXRF) ("ExGen", the "Company") is pleased to provide an update in respect of Phoenix Copper Ltd.'s ("Phoenix") exploration and development activities at the Empire Mine Project in Custer County, Idaho, USA, further to Phoenix's news release of May 15, 2024. ExGen owns 20% and Phoenix owns 80% of Konnex Resources, Inc. ("Konnex"), which holds the leases and claims to the Empire Mine Project, which includes all of the Navarre Creek claim block. ExGen further owns 1,330,000 common shares of Phoenix.

Jason Riley, CEO of ExGen commented: "This is a transformational milestone for the Empire Project and we congratulate the entire Phoenix team for their diligence and perseverance in this monumental effort. We look forward to the coming PFS and progressing towards construction and potential cash flow visibility."

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On May 15, 2024 Phoenix announced that its corporate copper bond issue (the "Bonds") has been fully subscribed for a principal value of US\$80 million (before Bonds issue expenses). Phoenix has entered into a subscription agreement with NIU Invest SE, a European private equity investment company (the "Bonds Investor"), pursuant to which the Bonds Investor has subscribed for US\$80 million of Bonds, subject to certain conditions being met. The Bonds will be drawn down in tranches in accordance with a drawdown schedule in order to fully fund the construction of the Company's Empire Open-Pit Mine in Idaho, USA (the "Empire Mine") for the production of copper, gold and silver, and for general working capital.

Subject to the Directors being granted the authority to allot relevant securities at Phoenix's forthcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), scheduled to be held on 29 May 2024, unless and until agreed otherwise, the Bonds will be drawn down as to US\$5,000,000 on or around 31 May 2024 (the "Initial Drawdown"), US\$5,000,000 on or around 30 June 2024, US\$20,000,000 on or around 31 August 2024, and the balance of US\$50,000,000 in two tranches during the first half of 2025.

The Bonds are not convertible. However, subject to the Initial Drawdown being received, the Company has agreed to pay the Bonds Investor an arrangement fee by way of an issue of 33.88 million new ordinary shares of no par value in the Company ("New Ordinary Shares"), and a drawdown fee by way of warrants to subscribe at no cost for a further 22.59 million New Ordinary Shares (the "Warrants"). The Warrants will vest pro-rata over drawdown of the first US\$30 million of Bonds, and remain valid for a period of five years from Initial Drawdown. On a fully diluted basis, the Bonds Investor will have the right to accumulate up to a 25% strategic investment in the Company over a five-year period, based on the current issued share capital of the Company.

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ExGen, formerly Boxxer Gold Corp, is a project accelerator that seeks to fund exploration and development of our projects through joint ventures and partnership agreements. This approach significantly reduces the technical and financial risks for ExGen, while maintaining the upside exposure to new discoveries and potential cash flow. The company intends to build a diverse portfolio of projects across exploration stages and various commodity groups. ExGen currently has 5 projects in Canada and the US.

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