

# Karmin Exploration Inc. Advances Financing Process and Reaches Construction Milestones at Aripuanã

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[Karmin Exploration Inc.](#) ("Karmin") (TSXV and the Lima Stock Exchange: KAR) is pleased to report that significant milestones have been reached concerning its 30% owned Aripuanã Zinc Lead Copper Silver Project ("Aripuanã") which is a main near-term growth project being run by its partner [Nexa Resources S.A.](#) ("Nexa").

Karmin has a 30% carried interest in Aripuanã and is not required to contribute to the project costs until the fourth quarter of 2019 which is one year after the completion of a feasibility study and the notification from Nexa that the development of Aripuanã will proceed. Nexa owns the remaining 70% in Aripuanã. Nexa has rights of first refusal on Karmin's 30% of the zinc production.

Karmin has entered into an exclusivity agreement with a leading financial group for US\$95 million in non-equity financing. During the exclusivity period which pertains specifically to the US\$95 million financing, the parties are to, among other things, negotiate definitive documentation and closing is subject to conditions.

Karmin has been informed by Nexa that two declines are well advanced towards the initial production areas of the mine. The Arex decline has progressed approximately 83 metres and is about 72% complete. The Link Zone decline has advanced approximately 101 metres and is estimated to be 50% complete. The development of Aripuanã is documented by numerous press releases and SEDAR filings made by Nexa during the past six months.

Aripuanã is being developed as described in the "Technical Report on the Feasibility Study on the Aripuanã Project, State of Mato Grosso, Brazil" ("Technical Report"), dated October 15, 2018, with an effective date of July 31, 2018, as prepared by Roscoe Postle Associates Inc ("RPA"). The Technical Report summarizes the results of a feasibility study, including first-time public disclosure of mineral reserves calculated in accordance with NI 43-101 by Nexa.

Karmin undertook a review of strategic alternatives in concert with CIBC Capital Markets, Karmin's exclusive financial advisor, with respect to its 30% carried interest in Aripuanã. Karmin considered a number of strategic alternatives culminating in the current non-equity financing with a leading financial group.

Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP provides counsel to the Company with regards to the transaction.

## About Karmin

The common shares of Karmin are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange and the Lima Stock Exchange and trade in both markets under the symbol "KAR". The principal business of Karmin is to acquire, explore and develop resource properties.

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