

NGEx Minerals Reports 2020 Results

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VANCOUVER, April 15, 2021 - [NGEx Minerals Ltd.](#) (TSXV: NGEX) ("NGEx Minerals" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its 2020 results for the year ended December 31, 2020, and provide its outlook for 2021. [View PDF Version.](#)

2020 HIGHLIGHTS AND 2021 OUTLOOK

Continuation of Business Development Initiatives

The Company's main operating focus for the year ended December 31, 2020 was its project generation and business development activities, which seek to identify potential investment and acquisition targets globally and across various commodities. The objective of these business development initiatives is to grow and diversify the Company's current asset portfolio, and establish NGEx Minerals as a premier exploration-development investment opportunity in the junior resource sector.

NGEx Minerals' President and CEO, Wojtek Wodzicki, commented, "Our focus remains on our business development initiatives. We are encouraged by the number and quality of potential investment targets that our team has identified over recent months and we are confident that in time our efforts will result in the acquisition of additional, high quality assets to our portfolio. We are fortunate to have the luxury of being stringent in our criteria as the Company already holds a world-class copper-gold deposit asset in Los Helados.

We continue to benefit from the strong support of our key shareholders, the Lundin family trusts, which recently extended a \$100 million credit facility to provide financial flexibility to the Company as we continue our business development initiatives.

Valle Ancho - Potential Confirmed by First Field Campaign

The Company successfully completed its first exploration campaign at the Valle Ancho Project, which was undertaken from October 2019 and March 2020. The project is located in the Province of Catamarca, on the Argentine side of Chile's regional Maricunga Gold Belt. During the field program, the Company achieved its operating objectives, which included review and compilation of historical data, analysis of satellite imagery, field examination, surface sampling and mapping of existing mineralization and the undertaking of an airborne geophysical survey over the project area to identify, develop and prioritize targets for evaluation and potential drill testing.

The results from the surface sampling and airborne geophysical surveys undertaken at the Valle Ancho Project have generated several interesting copper and gold targets for future follow-up, including: two large targets with outcropping porphyry copper mineralization, two targets with outcropping epithermal gold mineralization; and a copper skarn target.

The Valle Ancho Project is subject to an option agreement, for which an extension was granted in August 2020, pursuant to which the Company may earn a 100% interest in the project by making US\$8.2 million in expenditures on the project by December 31, 2021.

The Company has received expressions of interest in Valle Ancho from potential joint venture partners and continues to evaluate these options in conjunction with considering self-funding further work.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

(In thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended		Year ended	
	December 31,		December 31	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Exploration and project investigation	563	1,092	3,304	3,850
Write down of mineral property interest	-	-	827	-
General and administration ("G&A")	739	441	1,957	1,451
Net loss	1,302	1,549	5,893	5,307
Basic and diluted loss per share	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.04

The financial information in this table was selected from the Company's consolidated financial statements for year ended December 31, 2020 (the "Financial Statements"), which are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and the Company's website www.ngexminerals.com.

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	(In thousands of Canadian dollars)	
	December 31 20,	December 31,
	2020	2019
Cash	899	5,559
Working capital	550	5,321
Mineral properties	4,106	4,765
Total assets	5,378	10,840

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The Company incurred a net loss of \$5.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2020, comprised primarily of \$3.3 million in exploration and project investigation costs, a \$0.8 million write down of its Nacimientos properties, and \$2.0 million in G&A costs. For the comparative year ended December 31, 2019, the Company reported a net loss of \$5.3 million, consisting mainly of \$3.9 million in exploration and project investigation costs and \$1.5 million in G&A costs.

The increase in net loss in the current period is mainly due to the impairment charge recognized on the Nacimientos properties, which is due to the Company having withdrawn from its option to earn into Nacimientos in August 2020. The impact of the impairment loss was partially offset by a gain of approximately \$0.3 million resulting from the use of marketable securities for the purposes of facilitating intragroup funding transfers.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at December 31, 2020, the Company had cash of \$0.9 million and net working capital of \$0.5 million,

compared to cash of \$5.6 million and net working capital of \$5.3 million as at December 31, 2019. The decrease in the Company's cash and net working capital is due primarily to funds used in operations.

The Company plans to use the majority of its cash towards maintenance of its key exploration projects in South America, progressing its business development efforts, and general corporate activities.

As mentioned above, on February 19, 2021, the Company obtained an unsecured US\$3.0 million credit facility (the "2021 Facility") from Zebra Holdings and Investments S.à.r.l. ("Zebra") and Lorito Holdings S.à.r.l. ("Lorito") to provide financial flexibility to fund ongoing exploration and for general corporate purposes. Zebra and Lorito are companies controlled by a trust settled by the late Adolf H. Lundin and report their security holdings in the Company as a joint actor, as the term is defined by Canadian securities regulations.

ABOUT NGEX MINERALS

NGEx Minerals is a Lundin Group copper and gold exploration company based in Canada with projects in Chile and Argentina. NGEx Minerals holds the large-scale Los Helados copper-gold deposit, located in Chile's Region III, as well as other early-stage projects located in Argentina. NGEx Minerals is the majority partner and operator for the Los Helados Project, subject to a Joint Exploration Agreement with its joint exploration partner in Chile, Nippon Caserones Resources Co., Ltd (formerly, Pan Pacific Copper Co., Ltd.). NGEx Minerals is actively seeking to add to its portfolio of projects as part of its overall growth strategy. The Company is listed on the TSXV under the trading symbol "NGEX".

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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QP AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Technical information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Bob Carmichael, B.Sc., P.Eng., who is the Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101. Mr. Carmichael is Vice President, Exploration for the Company.

On behalf of NGEX Minerals,

Wojtek Wodzicki,
President and CEO

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