

NGEX Minerals Reports Q3 2021 Results

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VANCOUVER, Nov. 26, 2021 - [NGEx Minerals Ltd.](#) (TSXV: NGEX) ("NGEx Minerals" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its Q3 2021 results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021. PDF Version

Q3 2021 HIGHLIGHTS AND OUTLOOK

Wojtek Wodzicki, President & CEO, commented, "Our review of projects in recent months has confirmed the strength of our portfolio on a global scale. Los Helados, our Chilean asset, ranks as the fourth largest copper discovery in the past decade, and our latest assay results from the previously drilled, unsampled holes have revalidated the robust potential of this remarkable deposit."

While Los Helados is a very significant current resource, Valle Ancho represents the potential of new discovery. This highly prospective and underexplored land package is situated on the Argentine side of Chile's prolific Maricunga Gold Belt, and our ongoing exploration and earlier reconnaissance work have returned intriguing copper and gold targets which warrant follow up. Drilling is now well underway for our first drill program at Valle Ancho, and we will have drills turning once requisite environmental permits are received.

To have both early stage and advanced copper-gold exploration projects in our portfolio, in premier mining jurisdictions with a strong copper and gold environment, sets the stage for NGEx Minerals to continue the Lundin Group's legacy of success in North America."

High-grade Assays Reconfirm Global Significance of Los Helados

During the three months ended September 30, 2021 the Company reported high-grade intersections returned from previously drilled, unsampled geotechnical core collected from Los Helados in 2015. The Company elected to assay the core in order to generate infill data for an upcoming update to its Mineral Resource estimate. The assay results are highlighted by the following (see the Release dated September 8, 2021 for details):

- LHDHG02A, intersected 1,101m @ 0.70% CuEq (0.52% Cu, 0.28 g/t Au, 1.7 g/t Ag), including a high-grade interval of 440m @ 1.04% CuEq (0.79% Cu, 0.37 g/t Au, 2.7 g/t Ag); and
- LHDHG03, which returned 1,134m @ 0.79% CuEq (0.59% Cu, 0.30 g/t Au, 1.9 g/t Ag), including a high-grade interval of 440m @ 1.03% CuEq (0.82% Cu, 0.31 g/t Au, 2.9 g/t Ag).

The assay results showcase the scale and grades of the Los Helados deposit and remind the market of the significance of this Company's flagship asset amid an environment with strong commodity and precious metal prices.

The objective of the future Mineral Resource update will be to convert a portion of Los Helados' high-grade core from the Inferred category to Measured. In turn, the updated Mineral Resource estimate will enable an evaluation of alternate development scenarios for Los Helados, exploring optionality in scale of operations and mine plan strategies, which may illustrate alternate strategies for realization of value on this robust asset. The Company is currently seeking to renew its environmental permits and is commencing a new drill program to further define and to try to extend the high-grade core of the deposit.

Field and Drill Program Kickstarted at Prospective Valle Ancho Project

During the third quarter of 2021, the Company finalized its plans and launched its 2021/2022 field campaign at the Valle Ancho project, which will include airborne geophysical surveying and approximately 3,000m to 4,000m of diamond drilling. The first drill program at Valle Ancho will seek to follow up on unverified, historical drill intersections from the 1990's, including intersections at 108 metres at 1.0 g/t gold and 108 metres at 1.0 g/t gold, and test several other compelling gold and copper-gold targets identified during the reconnaissance work completed during the 2019/2020 reconnaissance campaign.

The Company is party to an option agreement with the Province of Catamarca, whereby it may earn a 100% interest in Valle Ancho by making US\$8.2 million in total project expenditures by the end of 2022. As of the date of this news release, approximately US\$6.0 million remains on the earn-in, which the Company intends to meet with its 2021/2022 exploration campaign.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

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

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Exploration and project investigation	1,390	390	2,147	2,741
General and administration ("G&A")	473	466	1,358	1,217
Net loss	1,491	1,678	3,067	4,591
Basic and diluted loss per share	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04

The financial information in this table was selected from the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 (the "Financial Statements"), which are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and the Company's website www.NGExminerals.com.

(In thousands of Canadian dollars)

	September 30,	December 31,
	2021	2020
Cash	1,387	899
Working capital (deficit)	(2,387)	550
Mineral properties	3,726	4,106
Total assets	5,811	5,378

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The Company incurred a net loss of \$1.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2021, comprised primarily of \$1.0 million in exploration and project investigation costs and \$0.5 million in G&A costs, which have been partially offset by approximately \$0.5 million resulting from the use of marketable securities for the purposes of facilitating intragroup fund transfers (the "Funding Gain"). For the comparative 2020 quarter, the Company reported a net loss of \$1.7 million, comprised primarily of a \$0.8 million write down of the Nacimientos properties, \$0.4 million in exploration and project investigation costs and \$0.5 million in G&A costs.

The decrease in net loss of the three months ended September 30, 2021, is mainly due to the Funding Gains realized in the quarter of 2021 and the write down of the Nacimientos properties during the 2020 comparative period following the Company's decision to withdraw from its option to earn into the properties in August 2020. These were partially offset by higher exploration and project investigation costs in the current period, which reflects the Company's preparation and ramp up for its 2021/2022 exploration campaign at Valle Ancho, whereas no exploration work was undertaken during the 2020 comparative period following the suspension of field activity in April 2020 in response to COVID-19 and related travel restrictions and safety concerns.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at September 30, 2021, the Company had cash of \$1.4 million and a working capital deficit of \$2.4 million, compared to cash of \$0.9 million and net working capital of \$0.5 million as at December 31, 2020. The decrease in the Company's net working capital is due primarily to funds used in operations, including mineral property and surface access rights payments, and for general corporate purposes. The increase in cash is the result of amounts drawn against a US\$3.0 million credit facility (see below).

Repayment of Credit Facility

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, and are related parties by virtue of their combined shareholding in the Company in excess of 20%.

Following the closing of a non-brokered private placement of common shares of the Company on November 1, 2021 for gross proceeds of \$25.0 million (see below), all amounts drawn and outstanding against the 2021 Facility were repaid in full by the Company.

\$25 Million Non-brokered Private Placement

On November 1, 2021, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement, pursuant to which the Company sold an aggregate of 31,250,000 common shares at a price of \$0.80 per common share, generating aggregate gross proceeds of \$25.0 million (the "Financing"). Approximately \$13.3 million of the gross proceeds were subject to a 5.0% finders' fee, payable in cash. The common shares issued under the Financing will be subject to a hold period expiring on March 2, 2022.

A portion of the net proceeds have been used to repay the amounts drawn under the 2021 Facility, and the remaining net proceeds from the Financing will be used to fund the aforementioned work programs at Los Helados in Chile and Valle Ancho in Argentina, progress the Company's business development efforts, and also for general corporate and working capital purposes.

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".

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.

Valle Ancho drill results are historical in nature and, although NGEx Minerals has no reason to believe that the analytical data reported here is inaccurate, the Company has not completed its own sampling to independently verify the assay results. Please refer to the Company's News Release dated September 8, 2019 for additional information on the veracity of this data.

Copper Equivalent ("CuEq") for drill intersections is calculated based on US\$3.00/lb Cu, US\$1,500/oz Au and US\$18/oz Ag, with metallurgical recoveries of 88% for Cu, 76% for Au and 60% for Ag, based on

extensive metallurgical testwork. The formula is: $\text{CuEq \%} = \text{Cu \%} + (0.6297 * \text{Au g/t}) + (0.006 * \text{Ag g/t})$.

On behalf of NGEx Minerals,

Wojtek Wodzicki,
President and CEO

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