Azimut Exploration and Mont Royal Start Ground Geophysics to Prepare for Core Drilling on Strong Nickel Target at Wapatik

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LONGUEUIL, Jan. 31, 2022 - <u>Azimut Exploration Inc.</u> ("Azimut" or the "Company") (TSXV: AZM) is pleased to announce the start of a ground geophysics survey on the Wapatik Property ("the Property") to detect the presence of highly-conductive zones potentially related to intrusion-hosted nickel-copper mineralization. Core drilling will follow up on the results.

The Property is located in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region of Quebec and is under option to Mont Royal Resources Ltd. ("Mont Royal") (ASX: MRZ). The 2022 partner-funded exploration budget amounts to \$800,000 and Azimut is the operator.

HIGHLIGHTS (see Figures 1 to 3)

- A very responsive electromagnetic technology (SQUID sensor) has been selected to detect conductors from surface down to a depth of at least 400 metres. The planned 15-kilometre survey consists of 1-kilometre-long lines spaced 100 metres apart within a large fixed loop. TMC Geophysics from Val d'Or, Québec, is carrying out the survey.
- Recently reported results from the initial prospecting program on the Property are very encouraging (see press release of December 7, 2021), revealing a previously unrecognized ultramafic intrusion 1.0 kilometre by 400 metres carrying nickel and copper sulphide mineralization. Best results are 1.03% Cu, 0.384% Ni, 316 ppm Co and 5.42 g/t Ag in a pyroxenite (grab sample from outcrop). Note that grab samples are selective by nature and unlikely to represent average grades.
- The highly favourable geological context comprises the ultramafic intrusive lithologies and the surrounding sulphide-rich volcano-sedimentary rocks. Mineralized facies contain chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite and possibly pentlandite as veinlets and disseminations or interstitial sulphides in coarse-grained pyroxenite and gabbro.
- A 3D magnetic inversion of the data for the intrusion suggests a basin-shaped geometry for part of it, potentially representing a very favourable setting for sulphide accumulation (see Figure 3).

Wapatik Property

Wapatik is a 25-kilometre-long project covering a largely underexplored part of the Lower Eastmain greenstone belt in the Archean La Grande Subprovince. It is located on strike from the Patwon Gold Zone approximately 35 kilometres to the east, and 10 kilometres north of the boundary with the Opinaca Subprovince.

The Property covers 220 claims (115 km²) in a single contiguous block. The area has excellent infrastructure, including road access and power lines. Mont Royal can acquire a 50% interest from Azimut by spending \$4 million in exploration expenditures over four (4) years, and a further 20% interest in exchange for an additional investment of \$3 million and the delivery of a preliminary economic assessment.

Dr. Jean-Marc Lulin, P.Geo., prepared this press release as Azimut's Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. Michel Chapdelaine, P.Geo., Project Manager, and Mathieu Landry, P.Geo., Senior Consultant, have also reviewed the content of this press release.

About Mont Royal

Mont Royal Resources Ltd. is an Australian company incorporated for the purpose of pursuing various mining opportunities in the resource sector, with the aim of building shareholder value by acquiring,

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exploring, evaluating and exploiting mineral resource project opportunities. For more information on Mont Royal, please visit the ASX platform (ASX: MRZ) or the company's website at www.montroyalres.com.

About Azimut

Azimut is a leading mineral exploration company with a solid reputation for target generation and partnership development. The Company is actively advancing its wholly-owned flagship Elmer Gold Project in the James Bay region to the initial resource stage.

The Company uses a pioneering approach to big data analytics (the proprietary AZtechMineTM expert system), enhanced by extensive exploration know-how. Azimut's competitive edge is based on systematic regional-scale data analysis and concurrently active projects. Azimut maintains rigorous financial discipline and a strong balance sheet, with 81.8 million shares issued and outstanding.

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