

# Clean Air Metals Announces Closing Of \$12.5 Million Private Placement On Strong Institutional Support And Including Michael Gentile, Cfa

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THUNDER BAY, Feb. 23, 2022 - [Clean Air Metals Inc.](#) ("Clean Air Metals" or the "Company") (TSXV: AIR) (OTCQB: CLRMF) (FRA: CKU) is pleased to announce that it has closed the previously announced best efforts private placement for total proceeds of approximately \$12.5 million (the "Offering"), consisting of (i) 23,150,400 flow-through units ("FT Units"), of which 10,869,600 were issued at a price of \$0.23 per FT Unit (the "FT Issue Price") and 12,280,800 at a price of \$0.285 (the "Premium FT Issue Price"), and (ii) 32,250,000 non-flow-through units ("Units") at a price of \$0.20 per Unit (the "Unit Issue Price"). In connection with the Offering, Paradigm Capital Inc. acted as sole bookrunner and lead Agent (the "Lead Agent"), on behalf of a syndicate including Beacon Securities Inc., Echelon Wealth Partners Inc., and Hannam & Partners (collectively, the "Agents").

Each FT Unit consists of one common share of the Company and one common share purchase warrant (each, a "Warrant") that each qualify as a flow-through share (within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the Income Tax Act (Canada)). Each Unit consists of one non-flow-through common share of the company and one non-flow-through Warrant. Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.25 for a period of 2 years following the closing of the Offering.

Michael Gentile, a leading strategic investor in the junior mining sector, purchased \$1.65 million of the Units as part of the Offering.

The Company will use an amount equal to the gross proceeds received by the Company from the sale of the FT Units to incur eligible "Canadian exploration expenses" that will qualify as "flow-through mining expenditures" as such terms are defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Qualifying Expenditures") related to the Company's projects in Ontario. All Qualifying Expenditures will be renounced in favour of the subscribers of the FT Units effective December 31, 2022.

As consideration for their services in connection with the Offering, the Agents received: (a) a cash commission equal to \$738,242.16; and (b) 2,733,520 compensation options (the "Compensation Options"). Each Compensation Option is exercisable to acquire one common share of the Company, issued on a non-flow through basis (each, a "Compensation Option Share") at a price of \$0.20 per Compensation Option Share for a period of 2 years following the closing of the Offering.

The securities offered have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any State in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

## Management Comments

Abraham Drost, CEO of Clean Air Metals stated that, "We are very pleased to confirm the successful closing of the financing announced January 31, 2022. We very much appreciate the support of existing shareholders and are pleased to add new investors as well, including Mr. Michael Gentile, a noted strategic investor in the space.

Drilling with two drills has recommenced at the Escape Lake deposit and on massive sulphide target "E" at

the base of the Escape intrusion. The program in 2022 will be focused on systematic infill drilling to upgrade the less than 15% Inferred mineralization within the PEA mine plan. Drilling since the last mineral resource update on January 20, 2021 and continuing into 2022 is targeted to add additional tonnage and grade to the Escape deposit.

Followup work to the PEA mine plan will be based on Phase 3 metallurgical test work on drill-derived mini bulk samples by Blue Coast Research in Victoria, BC. Systematic metallurgical test work is through each year of the PEA mine plan, determining the potential to improve Nickel grades in concentrate and add Rhodium and Cobalt as payables.

The Company is also testing a number of promising geophysical targets in the search for the source of massive sulphide mineralization that has been documented in both Current and Escape deposits."

#### About Clean Air Metals

Clean Air Metals' flagship asset is the 100% owned, high grade Thunder Bay North Project, a platinum, palladium, copper, nickel project located near the City of Thunder Bay, Ontario and the Lac des Iles Mine owned by Impala Platinum. The Thunder Bay North Project hosts twin magma conduit bodies which host Current and Escape deposits forming the basis for a positive preliminary economic assessment on a 10-year ramp access underground mine plan with NI 43-101 compliant technical report filed on SEDAR January 12, 2022 and available on the Clean Air Metals website.

Executive Chair Jim Gallagher and CEO Abraham Drost lead an experienced team of geologists and engineers who are using the Norilsk magma conduit stratigraphic and mineral deposit model to guide ongoing exploration and development studies at Thunder Bay North. As the former CEO of [North American Palladium Ltd.](#) which owned the Lac des Iles Mine prior to the sale to Impala Platinum in December 2019, Jim Gallagher and team are credited with the mine turnaround and creation of significant value for shareholders.

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