

Idaho Strategic Resources Provides First Quarter Operating and Financial Results

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COEUR D'ALENE, May 16, 2022 - [Idaho Strategic Resources Inc.](#) (NYSE American:IDR) ("IDR", "Idaho Strategic" or the "Company") today announced its consolidated operating and financial results for the first quarter of 2022. Including an increase in revenue, the Company's up listing onto the NYSE, its partnership in the IGEM Program, the extinguishment of nearly \$2,000,000 of convertible debt, and a new underground tonnage production record set in March.

Idaho Strategic's President and CEO, John Swallow stated, "First and foremost, I want to thank our miners, our millwrights, our drillers, and our geologists - with a special thanks to the families that provide these folks their support. In years past, the first quarter months of January and February have proven to be the most challenging operationally, and once again everybody stepped up to the challenge. As the company has transitioned to largely underground production, we are all excited about the opportunities that are ahead. And as we say so fondly at the mine and mill, 'everything is done but the work'.

Our beliefs are well-known, and as I alluded to in our last press release, the market, investors, and most people are in the midst of a reset. Once again, we are glad we began this journey when we did, the way did, and for making the long-ago decisions to position our company and stakeholders for what comes next. We have the philosophy that 'good companies are built in bad times', and we will continue recognizing uncertainty as an opportunity."

Operational Highlights include the following:

- IDR up listed its common stock onto the NYSE American and 'rang' the Opening Bell for the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on Monday, March 21st, 2022. IDR became the first company to ring the Opening Bell of the New York Stock Exchange virtually, via video stream, from underground at the Golden Chest Mine.
- At the Golden Chest, ore mined from underground stopes totaled approximately 4,900 tonnes from the 815 and 830 stopes. Development waste tonnage totaled 3,200 tonnes as the Main Access Ramp (MAR) was extended at depth. Additionally, 2,800 cubic meters of backfill was placed during the quarter which was a record thanks to our hard-working miners.
- For the quarter ended March 31, 2022, a total of 11,014 dry metric tonnes (dmt) were processed at the Company's New Jersey mill with a flotation feed head grade of 3.55 gpt with gold recovery of 89.5%.
- The Company drilled 1,437 meters during the quarter and released core drilling results from the Klondike area of the Golden Chest mine which is on the northern end of the property. The intercepts are summarized below:
 - GC 21-210
 - 0.74 gpt gold over 51.6 meters (m) from 185.1 to 236.7 m including the following higher-grade intervals:
 - 2.11 gpt gold over 6.1 m from 196.2 to 202.3 m
 - 14 gpt gold over 0.7 m from 249.3 to 250.0 m
 - 31.7 gpt gold over 0.8 m from 272.2 to 273.0 m
 - GC 22-212
 - 8.77 gpt gold over 9.2 m from 137.6 m to 146.8 m including the following higher-grade interval:
 - 37.35 gpt gold over 1.3 m from 143.3 to 144.6 m
 - 3.14 gpt gold over 1.3 m from 149.6 to 150.9 m
 - 13.87 gpt gold over 0.7 m from 157.6 to 158.3 m
 - 3.17 gpt gold over 1 m from 192.2 to 193.2 m
 - 7.00 gpt gold over 1.4 m from 218.3 to 219.7 m
- Regarding the Company's Rare Earth Element projects, the Company announced its partnership and participation in the Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission (IGEM) Project focused on the "Development of Idaho-Sourced Rare Earth Elements Drilling and Extraction". In addition to IDR, the complete list of participants includes the University of Idaho (UI), Idaho Geological Survey (IGS), Idaho National Labs (INL), Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES), and the Idaho Department of Commerce.

- The overall goal of the IGEM Project is to advance Idaho-sourced rare earth elements (REEs), with a possible result being the demonstration of the potential for environmentally minded Idaho-based commercialization of REEs and REE end products. Idaho Strategic was chosen as the industry partner for the project due to its ownership of two nationally recognized REE project(s) in Idaho (Roberts and Diamond Creek). The Company plans to conduct roughly \$1 million worth of rare earth element drilling on its Diamond Creek property near Salmon, Idaho, and will supply REE core samples to its program partners for study and analysis.

Corporate Highlights include the following:

- The Company achieved a gross profit of \$306,143 compared to a gross loss of \$71,403 for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2022, and 2021 respectively. Gross profit increased primarily because of higher realized gold prices.
- Overall cash costs per ounce decreased for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, to \$978.70 per ounce compared to \$1,476.24 per ounce in 2021 because of increased production and improved inventory valuation. AISC per ounce decreased to \$1,557.32 per ounce for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$2,097.34 for the comparable period in 2021 as a result of utilizing the Company's in house core drilling versus using in-house drilling in addition to using a contract driller for drilling in the Paymaster/Joe Dandy.
- Revenue was \$2,044,417 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$1,586,627 for the comparable period of 2021. The increase was mostly the result of higher realized gold prices and increased gold inventories.
- The Company recorded a net loss of \$473,069 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, compared to net loss of \$1,662,404 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021. The reasons for these changes are a result of contract core drilling in the Paymaster/Joe Dandy and expense for stock options granted in the first quarter of 2021.
- The consolidated net loss for the three-months ended March 31, 2022, and 2021 included non-cash charges as follows: depreciation and amortization of \$230,208 (\$182,795 in 2021), accretion of asset retirement obligation of \$2,516 (\$2,498 in 2021), stock-based compensation of none in 2022 (\$614,431 in 2021), the issuance of common stock for services \$32,326 (\$2,300 in 2021), and equity income on investment in Buckskin \$331 in 2022 (None in 2021).
- Exploration costs decreased in 2022 compared to 2021 because of the elimination of contract core drilling in the Paymaster/Joe Dandy and an increase in core drilling completed by the Company's in-house drill.
- Management, professional services, and general and administrative expenses decreased in the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, compared to 2021 as a result of options being granted to management, directors, and employees for a total cost of \$604,571 that was not repeated in the first quarter of 2022.

Quality assurance/quality control

All of the samples were analyzed by American Analytical of Osburn, Idaho, an ISO certified laboratory. Samples were analyzed using lead collection fire assay with a gravimetric finish. A series of known assay standards are submitted with each drill hole as part of a quality assurance-quality compliance program.

Qualified person

IDR's Vice President, Grant A. Brackebusch, P.E. is a qualified person as such term is defined in National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical information and data included in this press release.

About Idaho [Strategic Resources Inc.](#)

Domiciled in Idaho and headquartered in the Panhandle of northern Idaho, Idaho Strategic Resources (IDR) is one of the few resource-based companies (public or private) possessing the combination of officially recognized U.S. domestic rare earth element properties (in Idaho) and Idaho-based gold production located in an established mining community.

Idaho Strategic Resources produces gold at the Golden Chest Mine located in the Murray Gold Belt (MGB)

area of the world-class Coeur d'Alene Mining District, north of the prolific Silver Valley. With over 7,000 acres of patented and unpatented land, the Company has the largest private land position in the area following its consolidation of the Murray Gold Belt for the first time in over 100-years.

In addition to gold and gold production, the Company maintains an important strategic presence in the U.S. Critical Minerals sector, specifically focused on the more "at-risk" Rare Earth Elements (REE's). The Company's Diamond Creek and Roberts REE properties are included the U.S. national REE inventory as listed in USGS, IGS and DOE publications. Both projects are located in central Idaho and participating in the USGS Earth MRI program.

With an impressive mix of experience and dedication, the folks at IDR maintain a long-standing "We Live Here" approach to corporate culture, land management, and historic preservation. Furthermore, it is our belief that successful operations begin with the heightened responsibility that only local oversight and a community mindset can provide. Its "everyone goes home at night" policy would not be possible without the multi-generational base of local exploration, drilling, mining, milling, and business professionals that reside in and near the communities of the Silver Valley and North Idaho.

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