

# Benz Successfully Completes C\$12 Million Brokered Private Placement

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- C\$11.9 million raised to accelerate critical mineral and gold exploration on emerging greenstone belt
- Offer conducted at an average price of ~C\$0.73 representing a 65% premium to Benz's last traded share price as of Thursday, 1 September (C\$0.44)
- Exploration to commence immediately initially targeting critical metal mineralization
- New Mineral Resource for Eastmain Gold Project to be delivered in Q4 2022 following successful 2021 drill campaign

Toronto, September 6, 2022 - [Benz Mining Corp.](#) (TSXV: BZ) (ASX: BNZ) (the Company or Benz) is pleased to advise that it has received firm commitments to raise approximately C\$11.9 million (before costs) via a strongly supported offer of fully paid ordinary Chess Depositary Interest (CDIs) to institutional, professional and sophisticated investors (the Offer) via a:

1. placement of 11,875,130 CDIs at an average price of approximately C\$0.84<sup>[1]</sup> per CDI (the Flow-Through CDIs), which will qualify as "flow-through shares" as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the Act) (Flow Through Share Placement), representing an approximately 90% premium to the last closing price of Benz shares on the TSXV on Thursday, 1 September 2022 of C\$0.44; and
2. hard dollar placement of 4,558,870 CDIs at an issue price of ~C\$0.42 per CDI (A\$0.48 per CDI) (Hard Placement), representing a 4.0% discount to the last closing price of Benz shares on TSX-V on Thursday, 1 September 2022.

The total 16,434,000 CDIs issued under the Offer were issued at an average price of ~C\$0.73 representing a 65% premium to Benz's last traded share price as of Thursday, 1 September (C\$0.44).

The Company was able to issue the Offer CDIs at an average premium as those CDIs issued under the Flow Through Share Placement portion of the Offer provide certain tax incentives to eligible investors under the Act for expenditures of the Company that qualify as flow-through mining expenditures under the Act.

Commenting on the Offer, Benz Chairman, Evan Cranston, said:

"The strong support shown for this capital raising on such compelling terms is very pleasing. The next 6 months have the potential to be transformational for Benz as we release our new mineral resource for the Eastmain Project in Q4 2022 and embark on one of the largest drilling campaigns we have undertaken since acquiring the Project.

"We believe the Upper Eastmain Greenstone Belt has the potential to host significant gold, lithium and base metal deposits and this funding goes a long way to proving this. C\$7m of this funding will be spent on critical mineral exploration targeting the battery metal thematic, with the remaining C\$3m to be spent on gold only exploration, expanding on the extensive gold mineralisation defined in 2021.

"I would like to thank our existing shareholders who supported the raising as well as welcome a number of new shareholders to our register.

"Finally, I would like to thank the Quebec Government and Federal Government of Canada. The charitable flow through structure is one of the main reasons I love investing and working with explorers with projects in Canada. Not only are there fantastic opportunities such as the Eastmain Greenstone Project, but the financial incentives to explore there makes it very beneficial for investors. The incentives allow us to limit

dilution for shareholders as well as ensures that all of the flow through investment is spent in the ground rather than on corporate overheads. It will make for very active news flow for Benz given that all of the proceeds from this capital raising will be put to work by 31 December 2023."

#### Use of Proceeds

The gross proceeds received by the Company pursuant to the Offer will be used to fund exploration on the Company's Upper Eastmain Projects in Quebec by 31 December 2023 and renounce such expenditures to the investors effective 31 December 2022. Specifically, funds will be applied towards:

- a new Mineral Resource Estimate for the Eastmain Project expected to be delivered in Q4 2022;
- conducting 20,000m of core drilling in the upper Eastmain Greenstone Belt, including 18,000m of winter drilling with a land rig (combination of extensional and regional exploration) and 2,000m of helicopter supported lithium exploration at Ruby Hill West
- re-assaying historical samples at the Eastmain Gold Project using PhotonAssay;
- payment of C\$200,000 to the project vendors pursuant to the Eastmain project option agreement; and
- general working capital purposes.

Exploration activities will be split 30% towards growing further gold inventory of the Eastmain Project and 70% exploring for minerals deemed Critical Minerals by the Canadian Government, including lithium, copper, nickel and cobalt.

The Offer was facilitated by Canadian flow-through share dealer, Peartree Securities Inc., Euroz Hartleys Limited and Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Ltd.

#### Offer Details

The Flow-Through CDIs will be initially issued under the Flow Through Share Placement to Peartree Securities Inc. (PearTree) as agent for certain qualifying investors in Canada, to raise approximately CAD\$10 million through the issue of ~7.93 million shares at an issue price of ~CAD\$0.883 and ~3.95 million shares at an issue price of ~CAD\$0.760, pursuant to a subscription agreement between the Company and PearTree. The Flow-Through CDIs to be placed in Canada under the Flow Through Share Placement will qualify as "flow-through shares", as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the Act). Pursuant to a block trade agreement between PearTree and Euroz Hartleys, Euroz Hartleys will facilitate the secondary sale of the Flow-Through CDIs acquired by PearTree under the Flow Through Share Placement to sophisticated and professional investors in Australia and certain other countries (End-Buyers) by way of a block trade (Block Trade). The CDIs will cease to be flow-through shares on completion of the Flow Through Share Placement and End-Buyers taking CDIs in the Block Trade will not take the CDIs as flow-through shares.

As mentioned, the Company was able to issue the Flow-Through CDIs at a premium as the shares underlying such CDIs were issued as Canadian charity flow-through shares, which provides tax incentives to those investors for expenditures that qualify as flow-through mining expenditures under the Act. The Canadian Government recently increased the tax incentive threshold to promote exploration for Minerals deemed Critical to the Canadian Economy.

The term "flow-through share" is a defined term in the Act and is not a special type of share under corporate law. In this case, flow-through share refers to an ordinary share that will be issued by the Company to the investor under a written agreement with the investor whereby the Company agrees to incur flow-through mining expenditure, and to renounce tax losses associated with that expenditure to the investor. If the Company and the investor comply with the rules of the Act, the investor will be entitled to deduct the amount renounced in computing the investor's income for Canadian income tax purposes and, as a result, the flow-through shares are issued at a higher price.

CDIs under the Offer are expected to be issued on 21 September 2022.

The allotment of the 11,875,130 CDIs under the Flow Through Placement and the 4,558,870 CDIs under the Hard Placement will fall within the Company's 15% placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

A cleansing prospectus under section 713 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) will be issued in connection with the Canadian Placement and Hard Placement to facilitate secondary trading of the CDIs subject of the Offer.

No fees are payable by the Company to PearTree.

About Benz Mining Corp.

[Benz Mining Corp.](#) (TSXV: BZ) (ASX: BNZ) brings together an experienced team of geoscientists and finance professionals with a focused strategy to unlock the immense mineral potential of the Upper Eastmain Greenstone Belt in Northern Quebec, which is prospective for gold, lithium, nickel, copper and other high-value minerals critical to the challenges of global decarbonisation. Benz is earning a 100% interest in the former producing high grade Eastmain gold mine, Ruby Hill West and Ruby Hill East Projects in Quebec and owns 100% of the Windy Mountain Project.

At the Eastmain Gold Project, Benz has identified a combination of over 380 modelled in-hole and off-hole DHEM conductors over a strike length of 6km which is open in all directions (final interpretation of some of the conductors still pending).

In 2021, Benz confirmed the presence of visible spodumene in a pegmatite at the Ruby Hill West Project, indicating lithium mineralisation which Benz intends to further explore in 2022.

This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Directors of [Benz Mining Corp.](#)

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[1] The numbers in this announcement have been presented using an exchange rate of A\$1.00 = CAD\$0.88.

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