

# NGEx Minerals' High-Grade Extension Drill Program at Los Helados is Underway

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VANCOUVER, Nov. 8, 2022 - [NGEx Minerals Ltd.](#) (TSXV: NGEX) ("NGEx Minerals" "NGEx" or the "Company") is pleased to report that drilling is underway at its Los Helados copper-gold project located in Region III, Chile. The drill program is expected to total up to 15,000 metres of diamond drilling and will focus on extending and further defining the Fenix and Alicanto high-grade zones, which were identified during the highly successful drill program completed in the first half of 2022. Drilling has started on two rigs, with another two expected to arrive in the coming weeks. Drilling with four rigs will continue into the first quarter of 2023. [View PDF](#)

Commenting on the start of the drill program, Wojtek Wodzicki, President and CEO, stated "Following the completion of our successful C\$30 million financing, NGEx is well positioned for what promises to be a very exciting drill season. Driven by our successful reinterpretation of our exploration models we drilled some of the best holes ever at Los Helados earlier this year. These results opened up the potential for additional high-grade centres at the edge of the current deposit. This drill program will build on the success we had in the first half of the year.

In addition, in early 2023 we anticipate receiving the permits required to begin drilling the Potro Cliffs target which is located on the Filo del Sol - Los Helados structural trend and is the largest undrilled alteration zone in the Vicuña District."

Drilling at Los Helados will focus on testing for extensions of the high-grade mineralization intercepted earlier this year in the Fenix and Alicanto zones. These new zones are coincidental with resistivity lows that were highlighted in geophysical surveys. The Fenix and Alicanto zones are hosted in distinct phreatic and hydrothermal breccias associated with copper-gold porphyry intrusion phases which carry higher grade mineralization.

The planned drill program will utilize directional drilling to optimize drilling efficiency and to reduce the number of metres used to test the targets. Directional drilling uses specialized down hole tools to direct the drill bit toward target areas. A pilot hole is drilled first, which allows multiple different holes to be drilled from a single drill collar. The technique avoids re-drilling the same area of each hole and maximizes the metres used to test the target.

Highlights from the Fenix zone which is located on the western edge of the current drill pattern include 142.0 metres of CuEq (1.14% Cu, 0.35 g/t Au, 3.8 g/t Ag) from LHDH076 which bottomed in mineralization grading 1.50% CuEq (1.02% Cu, 0.14 g/t Au, 49.0 g/t Ag) and includes the highest sliver grades intersected at Los Helados to date (see news release dated June 12, 2022 for details). The Fenix zone is open to the north, south, west, at depth and upward towards the surface.

Highlights from the Alicanto zone which is located at the northern edge of the current drill pattern include 340.8 metres of CuEq (0.67% Cu; 0.09 g/t Au, 2.0 g/t Ag) including 100.0 metres of 1.20% CuEq (1.10% Cu, 0.14 g/t Au, 2.1 g/t Ag) from LHDH078 (see news release dated June 12, 2022 for details). The Alicanto zone is located approximately 550 metres to the north of the Condor zone which lies at the current center of the Los Helados resource. Alicanto is interpreted to be a separate high-grade centre.

## ABOUT NGEX MINERALS

NGEx Minerals is a copper and gold exploration company based in Canada, focused on advancing its Los Helados copper-gold project located in Chile's Region III as well as the nearby Potro Cliffs exploration target located approximately 12 kilometres southwest in San Juan Province, Argentina. Both projects are located within the Vicuña District which includes the Josefa and Filo del Sol deposits. Los Helados and the Potro Cliffs target lie along the same major north-northeast trending structural trend that controls the Filo del Sol deposit.

NGEx Minerals is the majority partner and operator for the Los Helados Project, subject to a Joint Exploration Agreement with Nippon Caserones Resources Co., Ltd. who operate the Caserones open pit copper mine located approximately 15km southwest of Los Helados.

Los Helados.

NGEx Minerals' near-term objectives are to continue drilling for extensions of the high-grade zones identified at Los Helados earlier in early 2022, and to complete an initial drill campaign at the Potro Cliffs exploration target. Drilling at Potro Cliffs is contingent on receipt of an exploration permit.

The Company is listed on the TSXV under the trading symbol "NGEX". NGEx Minerals is part of the Lundin Group of Companies.

## QUALIFIED PERSONS AND TECHNICAL NOTES

The scientific and technical disclosure for the Los Helados Project included in this news release have been reviewed and approved by Bob Carmichael, B.A.Sc., P.Eng. who is the Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101. Mr. Carmichael is the President, Exploration for the Company.

Mineralized zones within the Los Helados deposit are bulk porphyry-style zones and drilled widths are interpreted to be true widths.

Copper Equivalent (CuEq) for drill intersections is calculated based on US\$ 3.50/lb Cu, US\$ 1,700/oz Au and US\$ 20/oz Ag metallurgical recoveries of 88% for copper, 76% for gold and 60% for silver based on a comprehensive program of metallurgical testwork. The formula is:  $CuEq \% = Cu \% + (0.6117 * Au \text{ g/t}) + (0.0057 * Ag \text{ g/t})$ .

On behalf of NGEx Minerals,

Wojtek Wodzicki,  
President and CEO

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