

# Collective Mining Reviews 2022 Achievements & Provides Preliminary Plans for 2023

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TORONTO, Dec. 28, 2022 - [Collective Mining Ltd.](#) (TSXV: CNL) (OTCQX: CNLMF) ("Collective" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an overview of its achievements in 2022 and a preliminary outline of its plans for 2023.

The Company enjoyed an outstanding year exploring in the field as well as building relationships and related sustainability off the field with its employees and stakeholders. Importantly, buy-in by employees of the Company's health and safety has resulted in a record low Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate ("TRIFR") of 1.44 (Dec. 2021 - Nov. 2022) and as of December 19, 2022, the Company's employees have gone 333 days without recording a safety incident.

Exploration efforts in 2022 were directed at the Company's flagship Guayabales project ("Guayabales") where a major discovery was drilled at the Apollo target along with two additional earlier stage drilling discoveries at the Olympus and targets. Guayabales is located in an established mining camp with 10 fully permitted and operating mines located within a three-kilometre radius and enjoys excellent infrastructure with abundant labor in close proximity. Additionally, Guayabales is contiguous to the Aris Mining's multi-million-ounce Marmato project, which was awarded its PTO by the national government of Colombia in November 2022.

## 2022 Highlights

### Guayabales Project

- **Drilling:** In 2022, the Company drilled a total of 22,907 metres on schedule and on budget, of which 14,975 metres were drilled at the Apollo target.
- **Discovery 1: Apollo Target Main Breccia Discovery:** The Company announced a significant grassroots discovery of a large tonnage and high-grade, copper-silver-gold porphyry-related breccia system named the Main Breccia. The discovery of the Main Breccia system was announced on June 22, 2022, and since that time a total of 21 holes have been announced, with an additional 9 holes awaiting assay results in the near term. From only a limited number of holes, the maximum dimensions of the volume of rock, within which the Main Breccia system is hosted, measures 385 metres along strike, 100 metres across by 825 metres vertical. The system remains open for expansion in all directions. Apollo owes its exceptional endowment to multiple phases of mineralization which include earlier gold-silver-copper breccia matrix mineralization from a porphyry source and younger, overprinting, sheeted carbonate base metal vein systems. Highlight assay results from holes into the Main Breccia system include:

Table 1: Select Assay Results of Holes Drilled into the Main Breccia Discovery at Apollo

Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Intercept (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu%	Zn %	Pb%	Mo %	AuEq (g/t)*	CuEq (%)*
APC-2	154.75	361.90	207.15	1.46	45	0.31	0.075	0.05	0.002	2.68	1.37
Incl	192.50	209.90	17.40	6.57	44	0.08	0.285	0.23	0.003	7.33	
	270.65	291.60	20.95	3.67	68	0.41	0.034	0.03	0.002	5.21	
APC-8	202.00	467.75	265.75	1.26	55	0.22	0.07	0.05	0.045	2.44	1.24
Incl	202.00	215.20	13.20	3.68	27	0.03	0.32	0.24	0.238	4.29	
	239.05	257.50	18.45	3.48	53	0.12	0.24	0.22	0.216	4.55	
	279.40	307.85	28.45	3.70	24	0.16	0.03	0.02	0.016	4.18	
	342.60	358.10	15.50	2.15	158	0.47	0.13	0.10	0.104	5.21	
APC-12	191.35	429.05	237.7	1.15	72	0.38	0.08	0.07	0.001	2.88	1.47
Incl	209.70	224.00	14.30	4.01	77	0.21	0.27	0.26	0.001	5.58	
	339.55	361.30	21.75	3.84	210	0.68	0.37	0.45	0.001	8.27	
	416.90	429.05	12.15	3.64	84	0.22	0.04	0.06	0.001	5.09	
APC-14	84.25	131.70	47.45	0.81	13	0.20	0.01	0.00	0.003	1.36	0.7
	197.00	391.30	194.30	0.39	56	0.44	0.03	0.01	0.002	2.00	1.02
APC-18	136.05	304.65	168.60	0.98	69	0.50	0.04	0.03	0.002	2.91	1.48
Incl	149.20	157.00	7.80	5.08	35	0.52	0.02	-	0.002	6.34	3.23
	193.20	205.10	11.90	2.18	154	0.77	0.18	0.20	0.001	5.81	2.97
	233.90	251.50	17.60	1.49	56	0.74	0.05	0.02	0.002	3.63	1.85
	291.65	297.00	5.35	3.26	10	0.11	0.01	-	0.001	3.47	1.77
APC-19	199.20	497.80	298.6	0.48	34	0.31	0.04	0.02	0.002	1.54	0.79
Incl	199.20	323.50	124.30	0.62	64	0.63	0.05	0.02	0.002	2.72	1.39
	491.30	497.80	6.50	2.33	26	0.04	0.08	0.06	0.001	2.69	
APC-20	298.20	400.40	102.20	2.72	28	0.08	0.21	0.15	0.001	3.38	
Incl	324.25	357.85	33.60	6.30	45	0.08	0.42	0.33	0.001	7.30	

- Apollo Target: New Undrilled Porphyry Target: On December 14, 2022, the Company announced the discovery of high-grade copper and molybdenum soil anomaly located only 150 metres south of the southernmost edge of the Breccia discovery. Drilling is planned for early 2023 to test the target, which could be the source of the porphyry mineralization found in the Main Breccia system.
- Apollo Target: Metallurgy: The Company successfully completed cyanide leach, bottle-roll test on three representative composite sulphide samples from the Main Breccia discovery. Importantly, the samples covered all major styles of mineralization hosted within the Main Breccia discovery and yielded excellent recovery rates for gold up to 97%.

- **Discovery #2: Olympus:** The Company made its second grassroots discovery on March 25, 2022, at the Olympus discovery is characterized by broad drilling intercepts of medium grade gold and silver with minor associated base credits. The Olympus discovery covers an area measuring 1.0 km by 0.9 km and remains open in most directions. The three-hole, phase II program was recently completed with assay results expected in Q1, 2023. Highlight Phase I and II for drill holes at Olympus include:

Table 2: Select Assay Results from Drilling at the Olympus Target

Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Intercept (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu%	Zn %	Pb%	Mo %	AuEq (g/t)*
OLCC-361.70	363.60	301.90	0.89	11.82	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.002	1.11	
OLCC-473.00	289.70	216.70	0.79	13.84	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.004	1.08	

- **Discovery #3: Trap:** The Company announced its third grassroots discovery at the Trap target on September 27, 2022. The Trap target is a north to northwest trending, structurally controlled corridor with evidence of overprinting porphyry B veins and late carbonate base metals veins. Highlights from the reconnaissance drill program at Trap include:

Table 3: Select Assay Results from Drilling at the Trap Target

Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Intercept (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu%	Zn %	Pb%	Mo %	AuEq (g/t)*	CuEq (%)
TRC-1	233.8	336.0	102.20	1.26	12	0.09	0.08	0.01	0.003	1.53	0.90
VICE-2	214.6	233.50	18.90	1.06	36	0.18	0.18	0.12	0.005	1.83	1.13

#### Corporate & Sustainability, Strategic Alliances

- **Financing:** In October, the Company closed a \$10.7 million bought deal financing comprised of 4,783,400 units at \$2.25 per unit. The units consist of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant at \$3.25, excisable until April 25, 2024.

- **Exploration:** The Company updated its 2023 grassroots discovery program to continue to aggressively drill the Apollo target. The program is designed to test high-grade subzones within the Main Breccia system while simultaneously expanding the size of the system. Additionally, the Company will remain aggressive in testing new targets including the newly generated copper and silver targets.
- **Strategic Alliances:** The Company has a strategic alliance with Zijin Mining for approximately \$2 billion in enterprise value. The alliance has focused on developing water utilities in the region, improving the lives of the people of Marmato and Supia, and finally investing in coffee growing know how. Importantly the alliance covers approximately 65% of the construction for an aqueduct in the village of Hojas Anchas, a milestone that was completed in late 2022. The Company expects to further the reach of activities in the region through the Coffee Growers Committee during 2023.

- **Assays:** The Company's 2022 drill holes at Apollo remain outstanding and will be announced in early 2023. The Company further advanced its ongoing partnership with the Coffee Growers Committee of Caldas and the Marmato Mining Association. During 2022, this alliance has focused on developing water utilities in the region, improving the lives of the people of Marmato and Supia, and finally investing in coffee growing know how. Importantly the alliance covers approximately 65% of the construction for an aqueduct in the village of Hojas Anchas, a milestone that was completed in late 2022. The Company expects to further the reach of activities in the region through the Coffee Growers Committee during 2023.
- **Founding:** The team that developed and sold Continental Gold Inc. to Zijin Mining for approximately \$2 billion in enterprise value. Collective Mining is a copper, silver and gold exploration company based in Canada, with projects in Caldas, Colombia. The Company has options to acquire 100% interests in two projects located directly within an established mining camp with fully permitted and operating mines and the University of Caldas is surely one of the most important allies for this purpose.

The Company's flagship project, Guayabales, is anchored by the Apollo target, which hosts the large-scale, bulk-tonnage and high-grade copper, silver and gold Main Breccia discovery. The Company's near-term objective is to continue with expansion drilling of the Main Breccia discovery while increasing confidence in the highest-grade portions of the system.

Management, insiders and close family and friends own nearly 35% of the outstanding shares of the Company and as a result, are fully aligned with shareholders. The Company is listed on the TSXV under the trading symbol "CNL" and on the OTCQX under the trading symbol "CNLMF".

#### Qualified Person (QP) and NI43-101 Disclosure

David J Reading is the designated Qualified Person for this news release within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") and has reviewed and verified that the technical information contained herein is accurate and approves of the written disclosure of same. Mr. Reading has an MSc in Economic Geology and is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining and of the Society of Economic Geology (SEG).

#### Technical Information

Rock and core samples have been prepared and analyzed at SGS laboratory facilities in Medellin, Colombia and Lima, Peru. Blanks, duplicates, and certified reference standards are inserted into the sample stream to monitor laboratory performance. Crush rejects and pulps are kept and stored in a secured storage facility for future assay verification. No capping has been applied to sample composites. The Company utilizes a rigorous, industry-standard QA/QC program.

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