

# Partner at Los Helados to Fully Fund their Pro-rata Share of Work Program

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 16, 2023 - [NGEx Minerals Ltd.](#) (TSXV: NGEX) ("NGEx Minerals" "NGEx" or the "Company") is pleased to report that Nippon Caserones Resources Co. Ltd ("NCR") has elected to fully fund its pro-rata share of the 2022-2023 program at Los Helados. NCR is the minority partner at Los Helados and currently holds an approximate 30.9% of the project. NCR is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tokyo based JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation and is the owner and operator of the Caserones Mine located approximately 15 kilometers north of Los Helados. View PDF version.

The previously announced drill program (see News Release dated November 8, 2022) is expected to total up to 15,000 meters 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 with four rigs is ongoing and will continue through the first quarter of 2023.

Commenting on NCR's participation in the current program, Wojtek Wodzicki, President and CEO, stated "We are very pleased that NCR is participating in this year's program at Los Helados which is shaping up to be very exciting as we target extensions of the higher-grade Fenix and Alicanto zones drilled in 2022. This program is an important step forward as we work with our partners to realize the opportunities presented by the broader district. We believe that NCR's decision to fund their share of the program is a strong endorsement of our project, team, and strategy as we build on a strong resource base in an operating mining district."

## 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 and well as other exploration projects in Argentina.

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 north of Los Helados.

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

On behalf of NGEx Minerals,

Wojtek Wodzicki,  
President and CEO

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