

# Stria Lithium reports highly anomalous Tantalum oxide grain counts in till samples suggestive of the proximity of lithium bearing pegmatite on its recently acquired Pontax II property

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Ottawa, ON June 29, 2023 - [Stria Lithium Inc.](#), an emerging resource exploration company developing Canadian lithium reserves to meet legislated demand for electric vehicles and their rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, is pleased to announce the results of tantalum oxide grain counts survey over part of its recently acquired Pontax-II project. Heavy mineral concentrates from 38 glacial till samples collected in 2019 for the purpose of gold grain counting were reprocessed to evaluate the abundance of tantalum oxide grains with the use of an automated scanning microscope based on a proprietary technology by IOS Services Géoscientifiques Inc.

Tantalum oxides (tantalite, columbotantalite, wodginite and micronite) are a class of mineral that almost exclusively form in lithium bearing pegmatite (or LCT pegmatite), such as those currently being evaluated at the nearby Pontax-Central occurrence (Stria Lithium under option by Cygnus (Avenir) Metals), as well as the James Bay Lithium project (formerly Cyr Lithium by Allken Mining), the Rose project (Critical Element Lithium Corporation) or the Wabouchi mine (Némaska Lithium). Of these samples, a total of 5950 tantalum oxide grains were observed, for an average of 156 grains per samples. As a comparative basis, a regional survey in the same area conducted by the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources Naturelles du Québec, processed using the same technology, yielded an average count of 36 grains per samples, meaning the average sample from Pontax-II stands at the 97.6 centile of the regional population. Samples from Pontax includes tantalum oxide counts up to 797 grains, the highest count ever recorded by the laboratory. The high counts samples are clustered into two distinct kilometer-scale groups (figure 1), suggestive of two distinct sources. As these counts are not down-ice from the Pontax-Lithium occurrence, originating from this occurrence is ruled-out. As per comparison, somewhat smaller isolated counts from the MERNQ survey were at the origin of Li-FT Power' Pontax and Rupert project, where the relation between tantalum dispersion and lithium sources was confirmed (figure 2). Similarly, an orientation till survey conducted at Stria's Pontax-Lithium occurrence by Cygnus Metal highlighted a dispersion of similar size and intensity directly adjacent to the deposit of what is reported here.

Dean Hanisch, CEO of Stria Lithium, said today: "These results caught us by surprise, since we basically demonstrated the potential of the property to host fertile pegmatite occurrence within months of its acquisition! If you look at the map of the overall till samples of the region in relation to our numbers and then you match that with the similar footprint at Pontax Central that was drill tested, it's really exciting. We are anxious to send a team of geologists to conduct a prospect as soon as the forest fire situation allows us. We feel very fortunate to lean on the proprietary technology developed by IOS and their years of experience in this region. This scanning electron machine is the only one of its kind in the world and is invaluable in making calculated decisions that save time and money."

Figure 1: Tantalite Grain counts Pontax II

Figure 2: Tantalite Grain counts immediate region

Figure 3: Tantalite Grain counts in the region

About Stria Lithium

Stria Lithium (TSX-V: SRA) is an emerging resource exploration company developing Canadian lithium

reserves in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory of Québec, Canada, to meet legislated demand for electric vehicles and their rechargeable lithium-ion batteries.

Lithium is a rare metal and an indispensable component of rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, one of the safest and most efficient energy storage technologies available today, used in everything from cell phones and power tools to electric cars and industrial-scale energy storage for renewable power sources such as wind and solar generation.

Stria's Pontax-II Project covers 55 square kilometres, approximately 25 kilometres to the west-south-west of Pontax-Lithium and is located adjacent to the Billy-Diamond paved highway. The Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory of Québec, where the project is located, is one of only a few known sources of lithium available for hard rock mining in North America.

As momentum builds for the green energy revolution and the shift to electric vehicles, governments in Canada and the U.S. are aggressively supporting the North American lithium industry, presenting the industry and its investors with a rare, if not unprecedented, opportunity for growth and prosperity well into the next decade and beyond.

Stria is committed to exceeding the industry's environmental, social and governance standards. A critical part of that commitment is forging meaningful, enduring and mutually beneficial relationships with the James Bay Cree Nation (Eeyouch), and engaging openly and respectfully as neighbours and collaborators in this exciting project that has the potential to create lasting jobs and prosperity for Eeyou Istchee and its people.

The technical content disclosed in the current press release was reviewed and approved by Réjean Girard, P.Geol and president of IOS Services Geoscientifiques Inc, a qualified person as defined under National Instrument NI-43-101.

For more information about Stria Lithium and the Pontax Lithium project, please visit <https://strialithium.com>

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