

Benz Appoints Chief Development Officer

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Highlights

- Benz Mining secures highly-experienced metals and mining professional, Mr Mark Lynch-Staunton, as Chief Development Officer to drive development of the Eastmain Gold Project and Ruby Hill Lithium Projects in Canada
- Mr Lynch-Staunton brings a strong background in exploration, feasibility studies, and project development, including senior management positions within [Barrick Gold Corp.](#) where he led multidisciplinary teams to unlock value on some of world's largest mineral deposits

Toronto, December 7, 2023 - Benz Mining Corp. (TSXV: BZ) (ASX: BNZ) (the Company or Benz) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Lynch-Staunton as Chief Development Officer of Benz. Mr Lynch-Staunton is a highly experienced mining professional with extensive management and technical experience built up over a career spanning 15 years in Australia and internationally.

Prior to joining Benz, Mr Lynch-Staunton held senior management positions within [Barrick Gold Corp.](#), including as their Feasibility Manager for Africa Middle East, where he led multidisciplinary teams for the delivery of optimised project economics for some of the world's largest mineral deposits. Mr Lynch-Staunton has proven ability to advance early stage exploration and mining projects having led studies on multiple globally-significant projects, including one of the world's largest undeveloped copper deposits, Reko Diq and multi million ounce gold deposit, Bulyanhulu.

Mr Lynch-Staunton holds a Masters of Mining Geology from Camborne School of Mines and a Bachelor (Hons) in Exploration and Resource Geology from the University of Wales.

Benz Mining Chairman, Evan Cranston, commented:

"The Board welcomes Mark as Chief Development Officer; the expertise Mark will bring to Benz from his many years working on some of the world's largest metals and mining projects is exactly what is required to advance and extract value from the Eastmain Project."

Mr Lynch-Staunton, added:

"I am delighted to join Benz Mining at this exciting phase in the Company's life. The quality of the assets and the immense multi-commodity mineral potential of the Upper Eastmain Greenstone Belt in Northern Quebec are incredibly attractive."

"I believe the Eastmain Project represents potentially one of the highest-grade pre-development gold projects globally and look forward to unlocking value for shareholders."

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

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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. 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.

Benz tenure over Upper Eastmain Greenstone Belt on simplified geology.

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About Eastmain Gold Project

The Eastmain Gold Project, situated on the Upper Eastmain Greenstone Belt in Quebec, Canada, currently hosts a NI 43-101 and JORC (2012) compliant resource of 1Moz at 6.1g/t gold (Indicated: 384koz at 9.0g/t gold, Inferred: 621koz at 5.1g/t gold). The existing gold mineralisation is associated with 15-20% semi-massive to massive pyrrhotite, pyrite and chalcopyrite in highly deformed and altered rocks making it amenable to detection using electromagnetic techniques. Multiple gold occurrences have been identified by previous explorers over a 12km long zone along strike from the Eastmain Mine with very limited but highly encouraging testing outside the existing resource area.

About Ruby Hill West Lithium Project

The Ruby Hill West Lithium project is a surface occurrence of spodumene bearing pegmatite within the Ruby Hill West project, located 50km due west of the Eastmain exploration camp. The occurrence was first sampled in 2016 by Eastmain Resources and then by Quebec government geologists in 2018. Only limited sampling was conducted by both groups.

In March 2022 Benz conducted a drilling program at the Ruby Hill West lithium pegmatite prospect and reported a 31.2m at 0.9% Li₂O interval of visible spodumene rich pegmatite in the drilling (ASX & TSX-V releases dated 29 April 2022 "Multiple spodumene pegmatites intersected at Ruby Hill West").

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