

# Azimut and SOQUEM Deliver More Wide High-Grade Lithium Drill Intercepts on Galinée, James Bay Region, Quebec

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2.13% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 44.1 m including 3.35% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 13.0 m  
1.71% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 37.0 m including 2.95% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 15.0 m  
1.56% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 36.6 m including 2.41% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 21.2 m

LONGUEUIL, Quebec, Feb. 23, 2024 -- [Azimut Exploration Inc.](#) ("Azimut" or the "Company") (TSXV: AZM) (OTCQX: AZMTF) is pleased to report additional assay results from the maiden 5,000-metre core drilling program on the Galinée Property (the "Property") in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region of Quebec, Canada. The previously reported results from the first hole (GAL23-001) include 2.48% Li<sub>2</sub>O over 72.7 m (see *press release of January 9, 2024*). Drilling will resume in March to accelerate the definition of the mineralized zone.

Azimut and its partner SOQUEM Inc. ("SOQUEM") have ranked the Galinée Property as one of their top priorities for 2024. In addition to drilling, a property-scale comprehensive prospecting phase will also be conducted over the summer. Azimut is the operator of the work program.

Azimut holds the largest multicommodity mineral exploration portfolio in Quebec (gold, copper, nickel, lithium) and is one of the province's most active explorers.

HIGHLIGHTS (see Figures 1 to 7, Tables 1 and 2)

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- Hole GAL23-014:

- The main objective of this maiden drilling program was to test the downdip extension of the deposit on the adjacent properties.
- The mineralized intercepts disclosed in this press release strongly suggest they represent the downdip extension of the deposit.
- As currently defined, the lithium-bearing zone on the Property has a strike length of 700 metres and trends roughly north-south.
- Seventeen (17) holes have been drilled to date for a total of 4,914.9 metres. Eleven (11) holes (including GAL23-01) have been drilled to date.
- Spodumene crystals generally range from a few to 50 centimetres long, with greyish-beige to greenish-beige coloration.

### Property-Scale Exploration Potential

Galinée displays strong exploration potential supported by Azimut's project database and the results recently acquired by other companies on surrounding properties. The region is considered a significant emerging lithium district.

- At Galinée, a cumulative 60 kilometres of highly prospective strike length has been delineated:
  - The currently drilled area, in the northernmost part of the Property, is part of a more extensive prospective zone that continues for 12 kilometres east and more than 21 kilometres along the northwest part of the project.
  - In the southern half of the Property, several sectors with a cumulative strike of 27 kilometres also display a favourable geological context coupled with attractive lake sediment anomalies in lithium.
  - Target definition and ranking are also supported by lithogeochemical data, till sampling results and remote sensing analysis.
- At the regional scale, known lithium pegmatite occurrences appear spatially correlated with the Trieste Formation, a sheared mafic greenstone belt with iron formations, partly bounded by paragneisses. Trieste has a relatively distinct low magnetic footprint, comprising thin, strongly magnetic interlayered horizons. At the current exploration stage, spodumene pegmatite mineralization roughly delineates a regional corridor 18 kilometres long by 1 kilometre wide.
- As previously disclosed (*see press releases of June 13 and October 23, 2023*), Galinée and other neighbouring projects are marked by well-defined lake sediment anomalies in elements that are widely recognized as pathfinders for LCT pegmatites (lithium-cesium-rubidium-gallium-tin).
- Recent exploration results from the area indicate a good spatial correlation between bedrock lithium mineralization and proximal lake sediment anomalies of pathfinder elements for LCT pegmatites. These anomalies can then be used as a key criterion to define exploration targets in underexplored sectors. Most of these lake sediment anomalies spatially superimpose the Trieste Formation, which appears thus far to be the main host for LCT pegmatites in the area.
- Certain aspects of Galinée's context are comparable with the apparent regional context for the CV5 lithium deposit (Patriot Battery Metals):
  - Spodumene pegmatite bodies hosted in sheared mafic greenstone belts belonging to the La Grande Subprovince, close to the tectono-metamorphic boundary with the Opinaca Subprovince.
  - Presence of peraluminous post-tectonic intrusions (Vieux Comptoir and/or Tilly suites).
  - Well-defined lake sediment geochemical anomalies (lithium-cesium-rubidium-gallium-tin) spatially related to lithium mineralization.

### Drilling Contract and Analytical Protocols

Chibougamau Diamond Drilling Ltd of Chibougamau (Quebec) is drilling with a core diameter of BTW.

Core samples are sent to ALS Laboratories in Val-d'Or (Quebec) for ICP multi-element analysis (laboratory codes: ME-MS61, ME-MS89L, ME-ICP82b). Azimut applies industry-standard QA/QC procedures to its drilling programs. All batches sent for analysis include certified reference materials, blanks and field duplicates.

### About the Galinée Property

The Galinée Property (649 claims, 335 km<sup>2</sup>) is a 50/50 joint venture between Azimut and SOQUEM, operated by Azimut. The 36-kilometre-long project is about 50 kilometres north-northwest of the Renard diamond mine (Stornoway) and 60 kilometres south of the Trans-Taiga Road, a regional highway.

#### Qualified Person

Dr. Jean-Marc Lulin (P.Geol.) prepared this press release as Azimut's qualified person within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101. Rock Lefrançois (P.Geol.), Vice President of Exploration, and François Bissonnette (P.Geol.), Operations Manager, also reviewed the contents of this press release.

#### About SOQUEM

SOQUEM, a subsidiary of Investissement Québec, is dedicated to promoting the exploration, discovery and development of mining properties in Quebec. SOQUEM also contributes to maintaining strong local economies. A proud partner and ambassador for the development of Quebec's mineral wealth, SOQUEM relies on innovation, research, and strategic minerals to be well-positioned for the future.

#### About Azimut

Azimut is a leading mineral exploration company with a solid reputation for target generation and partnership development. The Company holds the largest mineral exploration portfolio in Quebec (Canada). Its wholly owned flagship project, the Elmer Gold Project, has advanced to the resource stage with a strong exploration upside. The Company also controls a strategic land position for copper-gold, nickel and lithium.

Azimut uses a pioneering approach to big data analytics (the proprietary AZtechMine&TRADE; expert system) enhanced by extensive exploration know-how. The Company's competitive edge is based on systematic regional-scale data analysis and concurrently active projects. Azimut maintains rigorous financial discipline and a strong balance sheet, with 85.4 million shares issued and outstanding.

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