

Idaho Strategic Enters into Lease Agreement for the Niagara Copper-Silver Project in the Murray Gold Belt District

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[Idaho Strategic Resources Inc.](#) (NYSE American: IDR) ("IDR", "Idaho Strategic" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has executed a long-term lease agreement for the Niagara copper-silver (Cu-Ag) project located in Shoshone County, Idaho, within the Company's district-scale Murray Gold Belt (MGB) landholdings.

The Niagara Project is a Revett-type sediment hosted Cu-Ag deposit with a historic resource estimate from 2008 reported to include over 150 million pounds of copper and 8 million ounces of silver within the upper Revett Formation.

Historic Resource - 2008

Classification	Tonnes	Copper Grade	Contained Copper (lbs)	Silver Grade (gpt)	Contained Silver (oz)
Inferred	17,759,604	0.39%	154,127,000	15.53	8,871,121

Prior exploration on the property, including limited exploration by New Jersey Mining Company (now Idaho Strategic Resources) in 2008, identified copper-silver mineralization in the upper Revett Formation. Revett-type ores are laterally extensive, stratabound deposits occurring in the upper and lower-middle Revett Formations. As identified by the USGS, the Niagara deposit is similar to Hecla's Rock Creek and Libby Exploration projects, located in northwestern Montana. To date, no drilling has targeted the lower-middle Revett Formation of the Niagara deposit, or along strike within the upper Revett. IDR has planned a 2026 drill campaign to upgrade the historic resource confidence and test mineral continuity along strike and down dip of known mineralization, and the deeper host stratigraphy in the untested lower-middle Revett Formation. The Company believes it has excellent exploration potential for resource growth.

"The Niagara deposit is a natural fit for our Company in many ways. In addition to broadening IDR's commodity asset base as our country enters a strong secular commodity market, it also serves as a prime example of the potential of the overall MGB District," commented John Swallow, President and CEO of Idaho Strategic. "Together, with our recent purchase of the Toboggan project from Hecla Mining and our nearby operating Golden Chest Mine, we are beginning to show the diverse commodity opportunity set in front of us here in the greater Coeur d'Alene Mining District."

The Niagara deposit is situated on nine unpatented mineral claims located approximately 7 kilometers (4.4 miles) from IDR's producing Golden Chest Mine. It is surrounded by Idaho Strategic's broader Murray Gold Belt land package, and its relative proximity to the Company's existing infrastructure and workforce is a major advantage to ensuring that this project is systematically advanced by a motivated local operator.

The terms of the lease begin with a modest \$18,000 annual payment that increases at a rate of 3% per year for an initial term of 10 years. Idaho Strategic has the ability to extend the lease for an additional 10 years with follow-on extensions available after that. The Company also agreed to grant the lessor a 2% net smelter royalty (NSR) on all minerals produced from the nine claims under lease with the right to buyback 1% of the NSR for \$1,000,000 at any time during the lease term. Idaho Strategic currently holds all adjacent unpatented mineral claims.

The resource estimate reported for the Niagara deposit is considered historic. Although the Company

believes it to be an accurate indication of the mineralization in the upper Revett Formation, a qualified person from Idaho Strategic has not done sufficient work to classify this as a current estimate of mineral resources under S-K 1300 guidelines. Idaho Strategic is not treating the estimate as current and is not relying on it for economic or development decisions. Results from Idaho Strategic's planned drilling may be combined with past exploration results to provide an updated mineral resource estimate in the future.

About [Idaho Strategic Resources, Inc.](#)

Idaho Strategic Resources (IDR) is an Idaho-based gold producer which also controls the largest rare earth elements land package in the United States. The Company's production-backed business plan was established in anticipation of today's volatile geopolitical and macroeconomic environment. In addition to gold and gold production, the Company has built a substantial land position in Idaho, providing significant exploration exposure to gold and rare earth elements - in addition to thorium, copper, and silver. IDR finds itself in a unique position as the only publicly traded company with growing gold production and significant blue-sky potential for discovery and development in one Company.

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