

Ashram Project Fluorspar Development Update

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Significant tenor of contained Fluorspar within the anticipated open pit underpins ongoing Fluorspar metallurgical test work program at Ashram

Montréal, Quebec--(Newsfile Corp. - May 5, 2026) - [Mont Royal Resources Ltd.](#) (ASX: MRZ) (TSXV: MRZL) ("Mont Royal" or "the Company") is pleased to provide an update on the significant fluorspar potential contained within the principal area of the MRE targeted for the impending PEA for its Ashram Rare Earth and Fluorspar Project in Quebec, Canada. The Company sees a significant opportunity for fluorspar as a byproduct through continued development of the Ashram Deposit.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Globally significant Fluorspar endowment within the current Mineral Resource Estimate¹.
- One of the largest known reported resources on the ASX & TSX.V with 73.2 Mt contained CaF₂ at 6.6% in Indicated Mineral Resources, and an additional 131.1 Mt CaF₂ at 4.0% of Inferred Mineral Resources.
- Historical metallurgical test work (Hazen, 2020) delivered a 98% CaF₂ (acid-spar) concentrate.
- Fluorspar recently named as a critical mineral in Canada, the United-States, and Europe.
- Near-term focus on additional fluorspar test work to support the addition of a fluorspar circuit in the upcoming Pre-Feasibility Study.
- Rapidly evolving market dynamics for fluorspar, with China shifting to being a net importer of the critical mineral, driven by surging industrial and downstream demand.

Mont Royal's Managing Director, Nicholas Holthouse, said:

"Metallurgical test work completed in 2020 has already demonstrated the potential for the contained fluorspar from the Ashram Deposit to be successfully upgraded to a saleable fluorspar concentrate product.

"With 73.2 Mt contained CaF₂ at 6.6% in the Indicated category of the MRE, and additional potential from 131.1 Mt at 4.0% CaF₂ in the Inferred category at Ashram, along with reliable grade consistency within the resource domains we see a compelling opportunity to develop a valuable secondary revenue stream for the Project, alongside and complimenting rare earth production.

"In recent months, capital markets have woken-up to fluorspar, with market dynamics strengthening considerably, supported by its growing importance across high-technology, medical, and industrial applications. The Ashram Project has the potential to become a major fluorspar supplier to North America and European industries, with Quebec's aluminium industries alone consuming around 150-200kt of CaF₂ per annum.

"Despite being the world's largest producer, China has recently become a net importer of fluorspar, particularly for high-purity HF acid used in semiconductors. This has created a structural squeeze on ex-China inventories, which bodes well for future fluorite prices and for ex-China developers like Mont Royal."

Figure 1 Previously produced 98% Fluorspar concentrate from Ashram Deposit.

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Historical Fluorspar Grades and Mineral Resource Estimates

The Ashram Project hosts a consolidated NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate¹ (MRE) of:

- 73.2Mt @ 1.89% Total Rare Earth Oxide (TREO)² and 6.6% Fluorspar (CaF₂)³ Indicated, and
- 131.1Mt @ 1.91% TREO & 4.0% CaF₂; Inferred.

Fluorspar grades are relatively consistent throughout the Ashram Deposit with continuous fluorspar mineralization, hosted within the same REE-endowed monazite-mineralized A- and B-Zone geological domains.

Figure 2 Select cross-section of fluorspar drill intercepts within the Ashram Deposit block model. Insets show cross-section within the MRE geological domains.

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¹Ashram mineral resource estimate is reported at a cut-off of CAD 287 Net Metal Return (NMR) per tonne with an effective date of April 4, 2024. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves as they do not have demonstrated economic viability.

²TREO = sum of all lanthanide oxides + yttrium oxide

³CaF₂ calculated from fluorine assay using factor of 2.055 (F to CaF₂). Assumes all fluorine is contained within the mineral fluorite.

Previously completed test work

In 2020, Commerce Resources focused on upgrading the Ashram Deposit's fluorspar component to acid-spar grade (refer to the announcement dated February 28, 2020 - [Commerce Resources Corp.](#) (TSXV: CCE) (FSE: D7H).

The test work, which was carried out by Hazen Research, CO, USA, resulted in the successful upgrade of the fluorspar content of the Ashram Deposit to a purity of 97.8% CaF₂, which exceeds the 97% base criteria that is typical of acid-spar grade.

This high-grade test result demonstrated the applicability of standard physical separation techniques to upgrade the Ashram Deposit's fluorspar component from a head grade of ~7.5% CaF₂ to grades exceeding 97% CaF₂, which would be required to achieve an acid-spar grade product.

The processing approach utilizes a relatively coarse grind followed by a fluorspar pre-float as an initial upgrade step to isolate a sizeable portion of the fluorspar prior to material entering the primary rare earth element ("REE") recovery flowsheet. The fluorspar flotation concentrate was then processed by magnetic separation, resulting in the desired CaF₂ grade, while the reject fractions are sent back to the primary flowsheet circuit where the REE component is then recovered along with the bulk of the REEs.

Figure 3 Flotation cell and recovered CaF₂; froth

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Figure 4 Final Flotation Concentrate and residual tails

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In addition to being one of the largest, rare-earth deposits globally, the Ashram Deposit is also one of the world's largest fluorspar deposits. The production of REEs and fluorspar are currently dominated by China, putting Ashram in a unique position to potentially address the supply concerns for these two critical commodities.

Fluorspar Markets and Pricing

Fluorspar prices remain robust moving into 2026, supported by strong end-market demand from the chemical, metallurgical and energy-transition sectors, together with tightening global supply.

Fluorspar pricing is considered on a Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) basis into Atlantic Basin consuming markets, consistent with delivery into Eastern North America and Western Europe, which are relevant to Québec-based export routes via Sept-Îles and the Port of Saguenay.

Current benchmark fluorspar pricing remains typically in the range of US\$500 to US\$650 per tonne, dependent on product grade, specification, delivery point and contract terms. This pricing reflects prevailing bulk shipping rates, marine insurance and port handling costs associated with trans-Atlantic and coastal North American freight.

Acid-spar fluorspar (>97% CaF₂), which accounts for approximately two-thirds of global fluorspar consumption, is the highest-value product category. CIF pricing is currently reported in the range of US\$540 to US\$680 per tonne, reflecting the ongoing sustained demand for hydrofluoric acid (HF) and downstream fluorochemicals used in pharmaceuticals, aluminum production, semi-conductors and lithium-ion battery materials. Acid-spar is a consumable and non-recyclable raw material, requiring continuous primary mine supply to satisfy global demand growth.

Met-spar fluorspar (>60% CaF₂) accounts for roughly one-third of global fluorspar demand and is mainly used as a flux in steelmaking and cement production. Current met-spar prices are typically US\$420-US\$520 per tonne, supported by steel and aluminium output and limited substitution in metallurgical and cement applications.

Quebec's aluminium industry alone consumes about 150-200 kt of CaF₂ equivalent each year.

Japan is also a major consumer, importing about 450-500 kt of CaF₂ per year. Demand is driven by end uses such as semiconductors, batteries, refrigerants, fluoropolymers, and other advanced materials.

China was historically the dominant fluorspar exporter but has recently shifted to being a net importer, driven by domestic mine closures, tighter environmental regulation, and rising downstream demand. This change has tightened global supply-demand balances and supported prices, increasing consumer interest in securing long-term supply from geopolitically stable Atlantic Basin jurisdictions, including Canada.

About Mont Royal

Mont Royal Resources Limited (ASX: MRZ) (TSXV: MRZL) is a critical minerals development and exploration company with projects located in Quebec, Canada. The Company is dedicated to advancing its 100%-owned Ashram Rare Earth and Fluorspar Deposit in Nunavik, Québec, Canada - one of the largest monazite-dominant carbonatite-hosted Rare Earth Elements deposits in North America. In addition, the Company owns 75% of Northern Lights Minerals 536km² tenement package located in the Upper Eastmain Greenstone belt. The projects are located in the emerging James Bay area, a Tier-1 mining jurisdiction of Quebec, and are prospective for lithium, precious (Gold, Silver) and base metals mineralisation (Copper, Nickel).

For further information regarding Mont Royal Resources Limited, please visit the ASX platform (ASX: MRZ) or Mont Royal's website www.montroyalres.com.

Figure 5 Location of the Ashram REE & Fluorspar Project, the Northern Lights Project and the Port of Saguenay

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Competent/Qualified Persons Statements

The information in this announcement that relates to metallurgical testwork, process development and the potential recovery of fluorspar is based on information compiled and fairly represents information reviewed by Mr Gavin Beer, a Competent Person who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (FAusIMM(CP)).

Mr Beer has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code).

Mr Beer is the principal of Met-Chem Consulting Pty Ltd and acts as an independent consultant to Mont Royal Resources Ltd. Mr Beer has reviewed the technical information relating to historical metallurgical testwork and considers that it fairly represents the available data and reflects the current level of metallurgical understanding of the Ashram Project.

Mr Beer consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The technical and scientific information in this announcement has been reviewed by Marie-Pier Boivin, M.Sc, P.Geo, a consultant of the Company, and a registered permit holder with the Order des Géologues du Québec, and Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Ms. Boivin has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralization, type of deposit under consideration, and to the activities undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as described by the JORC Code, 2012. Ms. Boivin consents to the inclusion in this news release of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

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No new information

The Mineral Resource Estimate for the Ashram Rare Earth Elements and Fluorspar Deposit, Nunavik,

Quebec, Canada (Ashram Project) was first reported in in the Company's replacement prospectus dated 30 September 2025 and released to ASX on 1 October 2025 (Prospectus). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information relating to the estimate included in the Prospectus and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimate in the Prospectus continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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Criteria	Commentary
Sampling techniques	The metallurgical testwork referenced in this announcement derived from prior drilling and bulk material collected from the Ashram Deposit.
Drilling techniques	Not applicable - no new drilling results are reported in this announcement.
Drill sample recovery	Not applicable - no new drilling results are reported.
Logging	Not applicable - no new geological logging results are reported.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	Composite samples were prepared for metallurgical testwork. The protocols used for sample preparation and analysis are not fully detailed in the public domain reports.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	Metallurgical testwork and analytical work were conducted by independent laboratories as reported in the public domain reports. Results are based on historical testwork previously reported in the public domain reports.
Verification of sampling and assaying	Results are based on historical testwork previously reported in the public domain reports. Work has been undertaken as part of this announcement to verify the accuracy of the historical testwork.
Location of data points	Not applicable - metallurgical testwork was conducted at the Ashram Deposit.
Data spacing and distribution	Not applicable - no new exploration data is reported.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Not applicable.
Sample security	Not specifically documented in the referenced historical reports.
Audits or reviews	The metallurgical testwork has been reviewed as part of the historical reports and disclosures.

Section 2: Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	Refer to previously released announcements and the Project tenure.
Exploration done by other parties	The Ashram Deposit has been the subject of historical exploration conducted by Commerce Resources Corp.

Geology	The Ashram Deposit is a carbonatite-hosted rare earth mineralisation. Refer to prior disclosures for full geology.
Drill hole Information	Not applicable - no new drill results are reported.
Data aggregation methods	Not applicable - no new exploration results are reported.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	Not applicable.
Diagrams	Refer to figures included in this announcement and prior disclosures.
Balanced reporting	This announcement summarises historical metallurgical data and provides a comprehensive summary of all exploration or metallurgical data.
Other substantive exploration data	Refer to prior ASX and TSX disclosures by Commercial Metals Company.
Further work	The Company plans to undertake additional metallurgical testing and integrate the results into the overall project flowsheet.

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