

Arena Minerals Obtains Final Order for Plan of Arrangement

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Toronto, April 12, 2023 - [Arena Minerals Inc.](#) (TSXV: AN) (OTCQX: AMRZF) ("Arena" or the "Company") today announced that the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) has granted the final order in connection with the statutory plan of arrangement respecting the previously announced acquisition of Arena by [Lithium Americas Corp.](#) ("LAC") (the "Transaction").

Pursuant to the Transaction, Arena's shareholders will receive 0.0226 of a LAC common share and \$0.0001 in cash for each Arena common share held. For further information on the Transaction, please refer to the Company's news releases of December 20, 2022, March 2 and 15, 2023, and the March 6, 2023 information circular prepared in respect of the Meeting filed under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com.

As announced in its news release of April 6, 2023, the special resolution approving the Transaction was approved by (i) 99.92% of the votes cast by Arena's shareholders present or represented by proxy at the Meeting; (ii) 99.93% of votes cast by the Company's shareholders, warrant holders and option holders voting as a single class; and (iii) 99.8% of votes cast by Arena's shareholders other than votes attached to shares required to be excluded pursuant to Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions.

The Transaction is expected to be completed prior to the end of April, 2023, subject to the delivery by the parties of customary closing deliverables. Following completion of the Transaction, Arena's shares are expected to be delisted from the TSX-V and OTCQX. An application is also expected to be made for the Company to cease to be a reporting issuer in the applicable jurisdictions upon closing of the Transaction.

ABOUT ARENA MINERALS

Arena owns 65% of the Sal de la Puna Project covering approximately 14,000 hectares of the Pastos Grandes basin located in Salta, Argentina. The claims are highly prospective and share the basin with two advanced lithium brine projects. In addition to Sal de la Puna, the Company owns the Antofalla lithium brine project in Argentina, consisting of four claims covering a total of 6,000 hectares of the central portion of Salar de Antofalla, located immediately south of Albemarle Corporation's Antofalla project. Arena has developed a proprietary brine processing technology using brine type reagents derived from the Antofalla project with the objective of producing more competitive battery grade lithium products.

Arena also owns 80 percent of the Atacama Copper property within the Antofagasta region of Chile, and 5.8 million shares of Astra Exploration. The projects are at low altitudes, within producing mining camps in infrastructure-rich areas, located in the heart of Chile's premier copper mining district.

For more information regarding the Company, its management, expertise, and projects, please visit www.arenaminerals.com. An email registration allowing subscribers to directly receive news and updates is also available on the website.

The technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by William Randall, P. Geo, who is a Qualified Person as defined under NI 43-101. Mr. Randall is a director and is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Arena.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of: [Arena Minerals Inc.](#)

William Randall, President and CEO

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The forward-looking statements provided in this news release are based on management's current belief, based on currently available information, as to the outcome and timing of future events. Arena cautions that its intention to proceed with the Arrangement and other forward-looking statements relating to Arena are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties normally incident to such endeavors. These risks relating to Arena include, but are not limited to, that the Arrangement is not completed on the announced terms or at all, and delays or failures in all condition precedents to the Arrangement being satisfied or waived, including without limitation the condition that no securities of LAC be issuable to Ganfeng (as defined in the Arrangement Agreement) as a result of the Arrangement.. Furthermore, the forward-looking statements contained herein are made as at the date hereof and Arena does not undertake any obligation to update publicly or to revise any of the included forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable securities laws. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other factors that could affect the completion of the Arrangement as well as Arena's operations and financial results are included in reports on file with Canadian securities regulatory authorities and may be accessed through the SEDAR website (www.sedar.com) or the Company's website (www.arenaminerals.com).

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