# Azimut and Mont Royal Advance a Lithium-Focused Field Program at Wapatik, James Bay Region, Quebec

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LONGUEUIL, Sept. 19, 2023 - <u>Azimut Exploration Inc.</u> ("Azimut" or the "Company") (TSXV: AZM) (OTCQX: AZMTF) is pleased to report that a comprehensive lithium-focused prospecting program is underway on the Wapatik Property (the "Property") in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region of Quebec. Eight (8) extensive target areas have been identified on the Property. Wapatik is about 20 kilometres north of Allkem's lithium deposit (mineral resource of 110.2 Mt at 1.30% Li<sub>2</sub>O, published in August 2023).

The Property is under option to Mont Royal Resources Ltd. ("Mont Royal") (ASX: MRZ). Mont Royal can acquire an initial 50% interest in the Property by spending \$4 million in exploration expenditures over four (4) years and a further 20% interest with an additional investment of \$3 million and the delivery of a preliminary economic assessment over three (3) years. Azimut operates this partner-funded program.

#### HIGHLIGHTS (see Figures 1 to 5)

- The lithium targets on the Property have been identified and ranked by processing the following property-scale data:
  - Multi-element geochemistry of the lake sediments (from the provincial government's regional database)
  - Lithogeochemical results of previous (but not-lithium focused) programs (197 grab rock samples)
  - Till sampling results (154 samples)
  - High-resolution heliborne magnetic survey (5,116-line-km on 25-m spaced lines)
  - Multispectral remote sensing analysis to identify possible outcropping pegmatite bodies
  - Lithostructural interpretation
- Eight multi-kilometre target areas have thus been defined, including at least 30 distinct outcropping targets likely corresponding to pegmatites. Several of these outcrops are anomalous in lithium, cesium and tantalum ("LCT"), as well as other associated pathfinder elements for LCT pegmatites (rubidium, gallium, tin).

The Wapatik Property also displays demonstrated potential for intrusion-related nickel-copper mineralization and shear-related gold mineralization, based on the results of exploration programs conducted by Azimut and Mont-Royal since 2021 (see press releases of December 7, 2021, June 29, October 3 and October 27, 2022, April 24, 2023). Follow-up drilling on the nickel targets has already been planned but remains contingent on the outcome of the current lithium assessment phase.

### **Qualified Person**

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

#### About the Wapatik Property

Wapatik is a 25-kilometre-long project comprising one block of 220 claims (115 km²) in an area with excellent infrastructure, including road access and power lines. It covers a largely underexplored part of the Lower Eastmain greenstone belt of Archean age, on strike from Azimut's wholly owned Elmer Property (Patwon Gold Zone), approximately 35 kilometres to the west.

#### **About Mont Royal**

Mont Royal Resources Ltd. (ASX: MRZ) is an Australian company that pursues various mining opportunities in the resources sector with the aim of building shareholder value by acquiring, exploring, evaluating and exploiting mineral resource project opportunities. Mont Royal has a binding JV option agreement with Azimut

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to earn up to 70% interest in the Wapatik gold-copper-nickel project. Mont Royal has also acquired 75% of Northern Lights Minerals' 536-km² package in the Upper Eastmain greenstone belt. The projects are prospective for precious (gold, silver) and base metals (copper, nickel) in the James Bay area, a tier-1 mining jurisdiction in Quebec, Canada. For further information regarding Mont Royal, please visit the ASX platform (ASX: MRZ) or the Company's website www.montroyalres.com

## **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. Its wholly owned flagship, the Elmer Gold Project, is advancing to the initial resource stage in the James Bay region. Azimut also controls a strategic land position for copper-gold, nickel and lithium.

Azimut uses a pioneering approach to big data analytics (the proprietary AZtechMine™ 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. The Company maintains rigorous financial discipline and a strong balance sheet, with 79.9 million shares issued and outstanding.

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#### Cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, which reflect the Company's current expectations regarding future events related to the drilling results from the Wapatik Property. To the extent that any statements in this press release contain information that is not historical, the statements are essentially forward-looking and are often identified by words such as "consider", "anticipate", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "project", "plan", "potential", "suggest" and "believe". The forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Many factors could cause such differences, particularly volatility

and sensitivity to market metal prices, the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates, imprecision in reserve estimates, recoveries of gold and other metals, environmental risks including increased regulatory burdens, unexpected geological conditions, adverse mining conditions, community and non-governmental organization actions, changes in government regulations and policies, including laws and policies, global outbreaks of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, and failure to obtain necessary permits

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