

# Leading Edge Materials Reports Quarterly Results To July 31, 2023

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## LEADING EDGE MATERIALS REPORTS QUARTERLY RESULTS TO JULY 31, 2023

Vancouver, September 20, 2023 - [Leading Edge Materials Corp.](#) ("Leading Edge Materials" or the "Company") (TSXV: LEM) (Nasdaq First North: LEMSE) (OTCQB: LEMIF) (FRA: 7FL) third quarter results for the period ending July 31, 2023. All references to dollar amounts in this release are in Canadian dollars.

### Highlights During and After the Quarter

During the three months ended July 31, 2023:

- On June 1, 2023, the Company announced in-situ assay results at over 30% Nickel and 4.7% Cobalt at Bihor Sud. Additionally, surface trench assay results indicate a zone of Pb-Zn-Ag mineralisation.

Subsequent to July 31, 2023:

- On August 23, 2023, company announced the closing of the non-brokered private placement financing. Pursuant to the Private Placement, the Company has issued 21,739,130 units at a price of C\$0.115 per unit for aggregate gross proceeds of C\$2,500,000.

### Results of Operations

#### *Three Months Ended July 31, 2023, Compared to Three Months Ended April 30, 2023*

During the three months ended July 31, 2023 ("Q3 2023") the Company reported a net loss of \$322,392 compared to a reported net loss of \$1,235,603 for the three months ended April 30, 2023 ("Q2 2023"), an decrease in loss by \$913,211 the decrease in loss mainly due to share-based compensation related to granting of stock options under the Company's stock option plan of \$710,563 in Q2 2023 compared to share-based compensation of \$Nil in Q3 2023.

#### *Three Months Ended July 31, 2023, Compared to Three Months Ended July 31, 2022*

During the three months ended July 31, 2023 ("2023 period"), the Company reported a net loss of \$322,392 compared to a net loss of \$609,709 for the three months ended July 31, 2022 ("2022 period"), an decrease in loss of \$287,317, the decrease in loss mainly due to mark to market gain of \$34,065 (2022 period loss-\$126,036) and Directors and officer's compensation of \$46,270 (2022 period - \$97,482).

Specific expenses of note during three months ended July 31, 2023 are as follows:

- (i) incurred \$46,270 (2022 - \$97,482) for directors and officer's compensation.
- (ii) incurred \$48,829 (2022 - \$67,500) for listing and regulatory fees with respect to ongoing fees for the Company's listing of its common shares on the TSXV, Nasdaq First North and OTC exchanges.
- (iii) incurred a total of \$37,998 (2022 - \$29,915) for accounting and audit out of which the Company incurred \$14,390 (2022 - \$11,827) for accounting services of SKS Business Services along with \$7,677 (2022 - \$7,373) for bookkeeping and accounting services for subsidiary companies provided by other independent

accountants;

(iv) incurred research, development and general exploration expense of \$10,200 (2022 - \$26,240);

(v) incurred \$34,716 (2022 - \$67,191) in costs for operations.

### Selected Financial Data

The following selected financial information is derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Three Months Ended	Fiscal 2023			Fiscal 2022			
	July 31, 2023 \$	April 30, 2023 \$	January 31, 2023 \$	October 31, 2022 \$	July 31, 2022 \$	April 30, 2022 \$	January 31, 2022 \$
Operations							
Expenses	(313,950)	(1,048,182)	(570,549)	(425,075)	(419,050)	(433,894)	(1,874,407)
Other items	(8,442)	(187,421)	(66,586)	308,721	(190,659)	(356,226)	(219,942)
Comprehensive profit/(loss)	(322,392)	(1,235,603)	(637,135)	(116,354)	(609,709)	(790,120)	(2,094,349)
Basic Profit/(loss) per share	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Diluted profit/(loss) per share	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Financial Position							
Working capital	848,952	1,344,044	2,124,643	1,365,657	1,686,095	2,396,484	3,236,870
Total assets	23,584,544	24,181,654	24,845,430	23,832,418	24,827,062	25,000,847	30,597,341
Total non-current liabilities	(5,109,575)	(5,404,808)	(5,556,603)	(5,292,618)	(6,159,922)	(6,045,964)	(10,812,012)

### Financial Condition / Capital Resources

During the three months ended July 31, 2023, the Company recorded a net loss of \$322,392 as of July 31, 2023, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$46,909,932 and working capital of \$848,952. The Company is maintaining its Woxna Graphite Mine on a "production-ready" basis to minimize costs and is conducting ongoing research and development to produce higher value specialty products. The Company is also evaluating a potential restart of production at the Woxna Graphite Mine. The Company anticipates that it has sufficient funding to meet anticipated levels of corporate administration and overheads for the ensuing twelve months however, it will need additional capital to provide working capital and recommence operations at the Woxna Graphite Mine, establish a production facility for the Anode Project, to fund future development of the Norra Karr Property or to complete exploration activities in Romania. There is no assurance such additional capital will be available to the Company on acceptable terms or at all. In the longer term the recoverability of the carrying value of the Company's long-lived assets is dependent upon the Company's ability to preserve its interest in the underlying mineral property interests, the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the achievement of profitable operations and the ability of the Company to obtain financing to support its ongoing exploration programs and mining operations.

### Outlook

As mentioned in our last quarterly update<sup>1</sup>, there are numerous new political and legislative initiatives to support mining and processing of critical raw materials in the EU. We are pleased to see the increasing political support focused on these key themes given their importance, tying together the issues of climate change, resilient supply chains for products needed to sustain our way of life, decreased dependence on regions which may not share our western values and future jobs. We feel that our Company has an important role to play in this reality and have projects particularly well positioned to benefit from these trends.

In addition to the EU Critical Raw Materials Act, which is well in process towards becoming legislation, there are increasing suggestions<sup>2</sup> for various ways the EU could stimulate direct funding of underlying projects in the short to midterm. Again, reading between the lines, we conclude that there is a definite sense of urgency in Europe (as in the US) to catch up with the enviable position of players in Asia.

As reported, the Company did a recent private placement raising gross proceeds of CAD 2.5m. More than

half of this was subscribed by insiders, demonstrating continued commitment and conviction in our prospects. The remainder was taken up by a small number of professional long term sector investors.

### *Woxna Graphite Mine*

In terms of our assets and the underlying materials needed for the green transition, natural graphite remains a particularly interesting commodity according to many analysts<sup>3</sup>. This because graphite is a core component in almost all lithium-ion chemistries, with extreme dependence on Asian supply chains and importance to help decarbonize battery anodes. Many analysts predict a six- to sevenfold increase in graphite demand by 2030<sup>4</sup>, amongst the most severe of any commodity.

We maintain our built and permitted Woxna graphite mine and plant on care and maintenance, while monitoring market signals to consider a restart of graphite concentrate production, as the first step to developing a downstream anode business. Despite the looming demand-supply deficit graphite prices have remained weak to date this year.<sup>5</sup>

The attractiveness of owning a built mine once the underlying commodity increases in value can't be overstated. This is why we are confident that Woxna will offer us a tremendous opportunity to benefit from the demand-supply imbalance.

Additionally, there are signs that bifurcated markets are developing for battery materials, those from China and those of Western origins. This stems from both ESG and other concerns<sup>6</sup> and may be seen in differentiated pricing<sup>7</sup>. Of course, Sweden has a great opportunity as a producer, and Woxna a first mover advantage.

### *Norra Kärr Heavy Rare Earth Project*

At our Norra Kärr development project, we are progressing work with a Natura 2000 permit application. As this is done based on the new 2021 design of this project, we are benefitting from authorities and other stakeholders evaluating the merits of the project based on recent plans that substantially reduce the potential for environmental risk. In parallel, we have started working towards a new mining lease application as well as evaluating the most appropriate next stages of feasibility development.

Quite a bit has been happening recently in the rare earth and permanent magnet space. Prices for the magnet metals have increased<sup>8</sup> because of supply concerns in Asia. We are told that China, being the dominant processor of concentrate and magnet producer, is actively trying to tie up supply around the world. In particular, it is the heavy rare earths which are a challenge to secure, with prices squeezing higher<sup>9</sup>.

Across the Baltic Sea, the Canadian company Neo Performance Materials have broken ground on building a rare earth permanent magnet factory in Estonia<sup>10</sup>. This is important as it demonstrates, as we have said, the emergence of new Western producers of these critical products. Norra Kärr, as one of the largest HREE deposits globally, and the only one in the EU, has the potential to be a cornerstone supplier to Western magnet producers.

### *Bihor Sud Nickel-Cobalt Exploration Project*

Since having obtained permission to enter our underground galleries in January, this project has been advancing rapidly. Results are encouraging: in the first target gallery G7 we have encountered visual Co-Ni mineralization over 135 m until a collapsed zone in mineralized rocks which is currently being cleaned out to open another 900 m of gallery. This is important since it appears that mineralized zone continues beyond the collapsed rocks. Further extensive Co-Ni mineralization has been identified 50 m above G7 in a cross cut coming from the higher level gallery G4.

As communicated, in situ samples from G7 gallery walls have assayed up to 30% Ni and 4.7% Co while surface trench assay results indicate a zone of Pb-Zn-Ag mineralization. These results confirm our belief that this is a high prospective exploration project with potential for both scale and high-grade mineralization.

Line sampling of the Co-Ni-mineralization in G7 and the Pb-Zn-Cu-Ag mineralization in G4 was completed and samples sent for assaying. Results are expected shortly, and follow-up channel sampling is currently underway.

We are working towards doing a surface drill program on 50-100 m deep geophysical anomalies and to explore the depth extent of G7 Co-Ni-mineralization, as well as an underground drill program from inside G4 and G7.

#### Financial Information

The annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ending October 31, 2023, is expected to be published on or about January 24, 2024.

The Company also announces that in connection with the recently private placement closed on August 23, 2023, the Company issued 7,000 finder's warrants (the "Warrants") to an arm's length third party as a finder fee on a portion of the private placement. Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one Common Share (a "Warrant Share") at a price of C\$0.225 per Warrant Share until the date which is two (2) years from the closing date of the Private Placement (the "Closing Date").

On behalf of the Board of Directors,  
[Leading Edge Materials Corp.](#)

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#### About Leading Edge Materials

Leading Edge Materials is a Canadian public company focused on developing a portfolio of critical raw material projects located in the European Union. Critical raw materials are determined as such by the European Union based on their economic importance and supply risk. They are directly linked to high growth technologies such as batteries for electromobility and energy storage and permanent magnets for electric motors and wind power that underpin the clean energy transition towards climate neutrality. The portfolio of projects includes the 100% owned Woxna Graphite mine (Sweden), Norra Karr HREE project (Sweden) and the 51% owned Bihor Sud Nickel Cobalt exploration alliance (Romania).

#### Additional Information

The Company's unaudited consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended July 31, 2023 and related management's discussion and analysis are available on the Company's website at [www.leadingedgematerials.com](http://www.leadingedgematerials.com) or under its profile on SEDAR at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://leadingedgematerials.com/leading-edge-materials-reports-quarterly-results-to-april-30-2023/>

<sup>2</sup>

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#### Attachments

- 2023-09-20 LEM 2023Q3 press release
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