# Patriot Battery Metals Announces Additional 2023 Drill Results at CV13 and Provides Infrastructure Development Update, Corvette

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# **Highlights**

- Patriot continues to intersect spodumene at the CV13 Pegmatite, with highlights:
  - 22.5 m at 1.10% Li<sub>2</sub>O, including 15.2 m at 1.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O (CV23-300).
  - 19.4 m at 1.20% Li<sub>2</sub>O (CV23-312).
  - 16.1 m at 1.54% Li<sub>2</sub>O, including 7.2 m at 2.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O (CV23-319).
- The CV13 Pegmatite has been traced over a 2.3 km strike length, as defined by multiple outcrop exposures and drilling completed to date, and remains open along strike at both ends and to depth. The distance between CV5 and CV13 has now been traced to ~3 km with ongoing drilling focused, in part, on closing this gap.
- Assays are reported herein for 15 drill holes completed in 2023 at the CV13 Spodumene Pegmatite. For drill holes completed in 2023, results remain to be reported for an additional 20 holes at the CV13 Pegmatite, 42 holes at the CV5 Pegmatite, and 18 holes at the CV9 Pegmatite.
- At the Corvette Property in 2024, through February 22, approximately 23,000 m of drilling have been completed 21,200 m at CV5 and 1,800 m at CV13 with ten (10) drill rigs active at site.
  - Two (2) drill rigs are currently active at the CV13 Pegmatite as part of the ongoing 2024 winter drill program. The drilling is targeted to further delineate the principal pegmatite body at CV13 along strike and downdip.
  - The Company is mobilizing an additional drill rig as part of the winter drill program, which will focus
    on geomechanical holes at CV5.
- An updated mineral resource estimate ("MRE") for the Corvette Project, including both CV5 and a maiden MRE for the CV13 spodumene pegmatites, is planned for Q3 2024, with the focus of the MRE update to increase the confidence of the Inferred Resource.
- The Company's exploration camp at KM-270 of the Trans-Taiga Road, Shaakichiuwaanan, is operational at an initial 80-person capacity, with a planned increase to at least a 132-persons later in the year.
- The 2024 winter program is entirely ground supported (i.e., no helicopters), through a combination of winter and all-season access road constructed by the Company, extending from KM-270 of the Trans-Taiga Road to CV5 and through to CV13, resulting in dramatically reduced costs for the drill program.
- A geomechanical drill program at CV5 is anticipated to begin shortly, with geotechnical and hydrogeological drill programs planned for this summer.

Patriot Battery Metals Inc. (the "Company" or "Patriot") (TSX: PMET) (ASX: PMT) (OTCQX: PMETF) (FSE: R9GA) is pleased to announce additional drill results from the 2023 program completed at the CV13 Spodumene Pegmatite, as well as recent infrastructure development supporting the ongoing 2024 drill program at the Corvette Property. The Corvette Property (the "Property" or "Project"), wholly owned by the Company, is located in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region of Quebec. The CV13 Spodumene Pegmatite is located approximately 3 km west-southwest of the CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite, which hosts a maiden mineral resource estimate of 109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O inferred<sup>1</sup> and is situated approximately 13.5 km south of the regional and all-weather Trans-Taiga Road and powerline infrastructure.

CV13 Pegmatite, 2023 Drill Results

Drill results for 15 drill holes completed in 2023 at the CV13 Spodumene Pegmatite are reported herein (Figure 1). These holes primarily target the near-surface and downdip extension of the principal pegmatite body along its western limb, as well as the eastern limb. Results include:

- 22.5 m at 1.10% Li<sub>2</sub>O, including 15.2 m at 1.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O (CV23-300).
- 19.4 m at 1.20% Li<sub>2</sub>O (CV23-312).
- 16.1 m at 1.54% Li<sub>2</sub>O, including 7.2 m at 2.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O (CV23-319).
- 13.8 m at 1.16% Li<sub>2</sub>O (CV23-320).

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The drilling continues to trace spodumene pegmatite at CV13 to the west-northwest along geological trend and remains open along strike and downdip in this area. Results remain to be reported for twelve (12) drill holes, covering approximately 300 m of strike, over the far portions of this western limb. The mineralized pegmatite in this area has a shallow northeasterly dip resulting in pegmatite being traced down dip for over 250 m with minimal drilling, while still only being approximately 100 m vertical depth below surface - see geological cross-section in Figure 2, which includes drill holes CV23-305 and 312 as reported herein.

Results are also reported herein for one (1) hole completed in 2023 (CV23-300, noted below) within the apex of the regional host structure at CV13. One (1) drill hole (CV23-302) completed in 2023 remains to be reported from this area (Figure 1).

● 22.5 m at 1.10% Li<sub>2</sub>O, including 15.2 m at 1.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O (CV23-300).

Results reported herein for drill holes completed over the eastern limb of the CV13 Pegmatite (CV23-293, 299, 301, and 306) returned only minor intervals of pegmatite ranging from <2 m to 5.8 m (core length). However, the pegmatite remains well mineralized in drill holes CV23-299 (4.7 m at 1.38% Li<sub>2</sub>O) and CV23-293 (2.7 m at 1.10% Li<sub>2</sub>O). The pegmatite dyke thins in this area of the eastern limb; however, is confirmed to thicken moving northeasterly along strike as evidence from drill holes completed in 2022. Results for six (6) drill holes completed in 2023 along the eastern limb of CV13 remain to be reported (Figure 1).

The CV13 Pegmatite is currently interpreted to be characterized by a principal "upper" dyke and a secondary "lower" dyke, as well as several subordinate sub-parallel dykes, and are collectively geologically modelled to be shallowly dipping northerly. The principal dyke (the "upper" dyke), dips typically between 20-25° and has been traced at depth to at least 300 m down-dip (vertical depth from surface of ~140 m). The principal dyke at CV13 has been traced over a 2.3 km strike length, as defined by multiple outcrop exposures and drilling completed to date, and remains open along strike at both ends and to depth.

In 2024, through February 22, approximately 23,000 m of drilling have been completed at Corvette - 21,200 m at CV5 and 1,800 m at CV13 - with ten (10) drill rigs active at site (see Figure 3 and Figure 4). Two (2) of the ten (10) drill rigs are currently active at the CV13 Pegmatite.

The drilling at CV13 is targeted to further delineate the principal pegmatite body along strike and downdip. An updated mineral resource estimate for the Corvette Project, including both the CV5 and CV13 spodumene pegmatites, is planned for Q3 2024.

Core sample assays for drill holes reported herein are presented in Table 1 for all pegmatite intersections >2 m. Drill hole locations and attributes are presented in Table 2. For drill holes completed in 2023, results remain to be reported for the CV13 Pegmatite (20 holes), the CV5 Pegmatite (42 holes), and the CV9 Pegmatite (18 holes).

### Infrastructure Development

The 2024 winter drill program is entirely ground supported, utilizing the all-season/winter road constructed by the Company, which extends south from KM-270 of the Trans-Taiga Road to the CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite (Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5). The winter portion of this road has been further extended westerly to support drilling at the CV13 Spodumene Pegmatite. No helicopters are currently active at site due this infrastructure now emplaced and in daily use.

The Company's exploration camp at KM-270 of the Trans-Taiga Road has been operational since early January at an initial 80-person capacity, with an anticipated increase to at least 132-person later in the year (Figure 6). After consultation with elders from the Cree Nation of Chisasibi by the tallyman and his family, the camp has recently been formally named the Shaakichiuwaanan Camp (pronounced Shaa-gi-chi-waa-nan), a Cree word meaning "to climb up a hill or mountain". The camp is located only 13 km directly north of the CV5 Pegmatite, thereby dramatically reducing the transport time of field staff to and from the drill area.

The combination of the Company's exploration camp on the Trans-Taiga and direct access roads to the CV5 and CV13 pegmatites have dramatically reduced the costs of the drill program through more cost-effective staff movement, reduced transport time, reduced accommodation costs, and reduced time for drill moves.

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In addition to the camp and road infrastructure development, the Company anticipates completing a geomechanical drill program this winter at CV5. Data from this drilling and sampling will provide key datapoints to assess pit slope stability and design. This work will be followed in the summer by an infrastructure and condemnation geotechnical drill program, which will include potential tailings and waste rock storage sites, process plant, and camp accommodations for operation. A phase II hydrogeological drill program at CV5 is also planned for the summer, which will build upon the preliminary hydrogeological model completed in 2023.

¹ The CV5 mineral resource estimate (109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O and 160 ppm Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> inferred) is reported at a cut-off grade of 0.40% Li<sub>2</sub>O with effective date of June 25, 2023 (through drill hole CV23-190). Mineral resources are not mineral reserves as they do not have demonstrated economic viability. Largest in the Qanievi cas based or Quality in the CA anievi cas based or Quality in the CA anievi cas based or Quality in the CA anievi cash to the CA anie

A Quality Assurance / Quality Control protocol following industry best practices was incorporated into the program and included systematic insertion of quartz blanks and certified reference materials into sample batches at a rate of approximately 5%. Additionally, analysis of pulp-split and coarse-split sample duplicates were completed to assess analytical precision at different stages of the laboratory preparation process, and external (secondary) laboratory pulp-split duplicates were prepared at the primary lab for subsequent check analysis and validation.

All core samples collected were shipped to SGS Canada's laboratory in Val-d'Or, QC, for sample preparation (code PRP89 special) which includes drying at 105°C, crush to 90% passing 2 mm, riffle split 250 g, and pulverize 85% passing 75 microns. The pulps were shipped by air to SGS Canada's laboratory in Burnaby, BC, where the samples were homogenized and subsequently analyzed for multi-element (including Li and Ta) using sodium peroxide fusion with ICP-AES/MS finish (codes GE\_ICP91A50 and GE\_IMS91A50).

### About the CV Lithium Trend

The CV Lithium Trend is an emerging spodumene pegmatite district discovered by the Company in 2017 and is interpreted to span more than 50 kilometres across the Corvette Property. The core area includes the approximate 4.4 km long CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite, which hosts a maiden mineral resource estimate of 109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O inferred<sup>1</sup>.

To date, seven (7) distinct clusters of lithium pegmatite have been discovered across the Corvette Property - CV4, CV5, CV8, CV9, CV10, CV12, and CV13. Given the proximity of some pegmatite outcrops to each other, as well as the shallow till cover in the area, it is probable that some of the outcrops may reflect a discontinuous surface exposure of a single, larger pegmatite "outcrop" subsurface.

## Qualified/Competent Person

The information in this news release that relates to exploration results for the Corvette Property is based on, and fairly represents, information compiled by Mr. Darren L. Smith, M.Sc., P.Geo., who is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, and member in good standing with the Ordre des Géologues du Québec (Geologist Permit number 01968), and with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (member number 87868). Mr. Smith has reviewed and approved the technical information in this news release.

Mr. Smith is Vice President of Exploration for <u>Patriot Battery Metals Inc.</u> and holds common shares and options in the Company.

Mr. Smith has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralization, type of deposit under consideration, and to the activities being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as described by the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code). Mr. Smith consents to the inclusion in this news release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

About Patriot Battery Metals Inc.

Patriot Battery Metals Inc. is a hard-rock lithium exploration company focused on advancing its district-scale 100% owned Corvette Property located in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region of Quebec, Canada, and proximal to regional road and powerline infrastructure. The Corvette Property hosts the CV5 Spodumene Pegmatite with a maiden mineral resource estimate of 109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O inferred<sup>1</sup> and ranks as the

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largest lithium pegmatite resource in the Americas based on contained lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE), and one of the top 10 largest lithium pegmatite resources in the world. Additionally, the Corvette Property hosts multiple other spodumene pegmatite clusters that remain to be drill tested, as well as more than 20 km of prospective trend that remains to be assessed.

<sup>1</sup> The CV5 mineral resource estimate (109.2 Mt at 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O and 160 ppm Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> inferred) is reported at a cut-off grade of 0.40% Li<sub>2</sub>O with effective date of June 25, 2023 (through drill hole CV23-190). Mineral resources are not mineral reserves as they do not have demonstrated economic viability.

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This news release has been approved by the Board of Directors.

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This news release contains "forward-looking information" or "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities laws and other statements that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements are included to provide information about management's current expectations and plans that allows investors and others to have a better understanding of the Company's business plans and financial performance and condition.

All statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this news release, regarding the Company's strategy, future operations, technical assessments, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as "plan", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "anticipate", "believe", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. In particular and without limitation, this news release contains forward-looking statements pertaining to the 2024 winter program currently underway at the Corvette Property and, predictions of a single, larger pegmatite "outcrop" subsurface.

Forward-looking information is based upon certain assumptions and other important factors that, if untrue, could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such information or statements. There can be no assurance that such information or statements will prove to be accurate. Key assumptions upon which the Company's forward-looking information is based include the total funding required to complete the development of the Company's lithium mineral project at the Corvette Property.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used. Forward-looking statements are also subject to risks and uncertainties facing the Company's business, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and growth prospects. Some of the risks the Company faces and the

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uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements include, among others, the ability to execute on plans relating to the Company's Corvette Project, including the timing thereof. In addition, readers are directed to carefully review the detailed risk discussion in the Company's most recent Annual Information Form filed on SEDAR+, which discussion is incorporated by reference in this news release, for a fuller understanding of the risks and uncertainties that affect the Company's business and operations.

Although the Company believes its expectations are based upon reasonable assumptions and has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. As such, these risks are not exhaustive; however, they should be considered carefully. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements found herein. Due to the risks, uncertainties and assumptions inherent in forward-looking statements, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements contained herein are presented for the purpose of assisting investors in understanding the Company's business plans, financial performance and condition and may not be appropriate for other purposes.

The forward-looking statements contained herein are made only as of the date hereof. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent required by applicable law. The Company qualifies all of its forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

Competent Person Statement (ASX Listing Rule 5.22)

The mineral resource estimate in this release was reported by the Company in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.8 on July 31, 2023. The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the competent person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

Appendix 1 - JORC Code 2012 Table 1 information required by ASX Listing Rule 5.7.1 Section 1 - Sampling Techniques and Data

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Criteria	JORC Code explanation
Sampling techniques	<ul> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chant be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample represented as a sample of the determination of mineralization that are Materian In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherented.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	<ul> <li>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, r</li> </ul>
Drill sample recovery	<ul> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample re</li> <li>Measures taken to maximize sample recovery and ensure re</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections</li> </ul>
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc at</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriatenes</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling statements</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the</li> </ul>
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying an</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruit</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards)</li> </ul>
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>
Location of data points	<ul> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (c</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>
Data spacing and distribution	<ul> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to es</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>

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Orientation of data in relation to geological structure

- Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sample
  If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation

Sample security

• The measures taken to ensure sample security.

Audits or reviews

• The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques a

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# Section 2 - Reporting of Exploration Results Criteria JORC Code explanation Mineral tenement and land tenure status Type, reference name/number, location and ow • The security of the tenure held at the time of rep Exploration done by other parties Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration b Geology • Deposit type, geological setting and style of mir **Drill hole Information** A summary of all information material to the uncertainty · easting and northing of the drill hole collar • elevation or RL (Reduced Level - elevatio • dip and azimuth of the hole • down hole length and interception depth hole length. If the exclusion of this information is justified on Data aggregation methods In reporting Exploration Results, weighting aver Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short le The assumptions used for any reporting of meta Relationship between mineralization widths and intercept lengths • These relationships are particularly important in • If the geometry of the mineralization with respec • If it is not known and only the down hole lengths Diagrams Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) an

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Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration

Balanced reporting

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Other substantive exploration data

Other exploration data, if meaningful and mater geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential

Further work

The nature and scale of planned further work (eDiagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possi

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