

# District Comments on Recent Media Reports to Lift the Uranium Moratorium in Sweden

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January 25, 2023 – District Metals Corp. (TSX-V: DMX) (FRA: DFPP); ("District" or the "Company") is pleased to note that Swedish media has reported that a majority of the Swedish Parliament has resolved to allow for exploration and mining of uranium in Sweden. On January 19, 2023, The Liberals, a member of the current Swedish governing coalition, internally voted to support the lifting of the moratorium in place since 2018. A motion from the Moderate Party, to which Prime Minister Kristersson belongs, to remove the uranium mining moratorium in Sweden is expected to be voted on by the Swedish Parliament in March 2023.

Garrett Ainsworth, CEO of District, commented: "We are very pleased with the recent media reports out of Sweden that a majority by the newly formed government has reached a consensus to remove the moratorium on uranium mining. The implications related to this decision are potentially transformational for District Metals given our recent mineral license application of Viken nr 101, which covers most of the vanadium-uranium-molybdenum-nickel-copper-zinc Viken Deposit in Sweden. The polymetallic Viken Deposit is amongst the largest by total historic mineral resources of vanadium and uranium in the world (see <u>January 5, 2023 news release</u>)."

Sweden's new government has indicated strong support for nuclear power and energy security. The new center-right coalition government formed in October 2022 has indicated support for expanding nuclear power in Sweden. There are currently six operating nuclear reactors in Sweden that supply about 40% of the country's electricity, and the new government has called for the possible restart of Ringhals reactor units 1 and 2, as well as to prepare for the construction of new reactors.

The moratorium on exploration and mining of uranium in Sweden came into effect on August 1, 2018. The new center-right coalition government in Sweden put forth a motion on November 22, 2022 to revert the Minerals Act back to its original wording before August 1, 2018, such that uranium mining would be possible again in Sweden. The news from January 19, 2023 that the Swedish Government has obtained a majority to remove the moratorium on uranium is very positive for Sweden and a low-carbon Europe.

The Company has increased the size of the Viken nr 101 mineral license application to cover 76% of the polymetallic Viken Deposit (Figure 1), which will likely increase the timing from

late-February to May 2023 for approval of the application from the Swedish Mining Inspectorate.

Legend **DMX License Application** Inlier License Sweden Inlier License Application Proposed Open Pits Viken Mineralized Domains Historic Drillhole 07-082 -08007-081 500 km 07-085 08-086 08-087 08-095 08-096 Västeråsen 2,000 m

Figure 1: Plan View of Viken Mineral License and Outline of Viken Deposit

## **Technical Information**

All scientific and technical information in this news release has been prepared by, or approved by Garrett Ainsworth, PGeo, President and CEO of the Company. Mr. Ainsworth is a qualified person for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101 - *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*.

The data disclosed in this news release is related to mineral resource estimates that are considered to be "historical estimates" under National Instrument 43-101 — Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). A Qualified Person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimate as a current mineral resource, and the Company is not treating these historical estimates as current Mineral Resources. The Company would need to conduct an exploration program, including twinning of historical drill holes in order to verify the Viken Deposit historical estimate as a current mineral resource.

Mr. Ainsworth has not verified any of the information regarding any of the properties or projects referred to herein other than the Viken Mineral License application. Mineralization on any other properties referred to herein is not necessarily indicative of mineralization on the Viken Mineral License application.

## **About District Metals Corp.**

District Metals Corp. is led by industry professionals with a track record of success in the mining industry. The Company's mandate is to seek out, explore, and develop prospective mineral properties through a disciplined science-based approach to create shareholder value and benefit other stakeholders.

The advanced exploration stage Tomtebo Property is located in the Bergslagen Mining District of south-central Sweden is the Company's main focus. Tomtebo comprises 5,144 ha and is situated between the historic Falun Mine and Boliden's Garpenberg Mine that are located 25 km to the northwest and southeast, respectively. Two historic polymetallic mines and numerous polymetallic showings are located on the Tomtebo Property along an approximate 17 km trend that exhibits similar geology, structure, alteration and VMS/SedEx style mineralization as other significant mines within the district. Mineralization that is open at depth and along strike at the historic mines on the Tomtebo Property has not been followed up on, and modern systematic exploration has never been conducted on the Property.

For further information on the Tomtebo Property, please see the technical report entitled "NI 43-101 Update Technical Report on the Tomtebo Project, Bergslagen Region of Sweden" dated effective October 15, 2020 and amended and restated on February 26, 2021, which is available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

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