Lomiko announces the third round of analytical results from the infill and extension exploration drill program at La Loutre Graphite property, drilling wide high-grade intersections at 11.02% Cg over 120m at the northern end of EV Zone

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September 28, 2022 (Source) — Lomiko Metals Inc. (TSX.V:LMR) ("Lomiko Metals" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the third round of analytical results from the infill and extension exploration drill program at its wholly-owned La Loutre Graphite property, located approximately 180 kilometres northwest of Montréal in the Laurentian region of Québec. The La Loutre graphite project site is located within the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg (KZA) First Nations territory. The drilling was supervised by Québec-based, independent geological consultant Breakaway Exploration Management Inc. and was operated under ECOLOGO requirements and compliance protocols, as Lomiko is ECOLOGO certified. Please see the press release issued on March 23, 2022 for more details about Lomiko's ECOLOGO certification.

Belinda Labatte, CEO and Director stated: "Our team is very excited to see that the results from the 14 holes drilled at the

northern end of the EV Zone in 2022 demonstrate strong graphite mineralization over significant widths. Many holes intersected high grades over 110-to-120-metre intervals. The number of holes confirms the potential of this area for additional graphite resources. We look forward to more results in the next 21 holes in the EV zone which will be released as more assays are received. Our vision is to become a responsible operator and part of a climate success story in Southern Quebec."

Highlights

- First initial drill results from the northern part of EV Zone show very thick mineralization zones with high grades in 8 out of 10 mineralized holes (please see table below).
- Several wide intervals of near-surface, high-grade flake graphite mineralization including 11.02% Cg over 120.00m from 32.0 to 152.0m in hole LL-22-032 including 48.0m at 15.58% Cg from 50.0 to 98.0m.
- Second best result of 8.73% Cg over 110.5m from 81.5 to 192.0m in hole LL-22-019 Including 69.0m at 12.09% Cg from 102.5 to 171.5m
- Numerous intersections remain open; additional assay results pending including holes LL-22-022, -024, 025, -026, -029, -030, -032 and -033
- Northeastern limit of graphite mineralization defined with holes LL-22-27& LL-22-028
- EV Zone shows a robust trend and remains open to the northwest in holes LL-22-019 & LL-22-022

The drill program at La Loutre was initiated on May 15, 2022, with the goal to further define the deposit, provide the data needed to increase confidence in the mineral resource and build on the results of the positive Preliminary Economic Assessment for the La Loutre project <u>as announced in the Company's July 29, 2021, press release</u> (see link). Lomiko has retained InnovExplo

Inc, a Quebec-based independent consulting firm specializing in geology, resource estimation, mining engineering and sustainable development, to prepare an updated NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate for the La Loutre project following the completion of the 2022 drill program.

The assay results reported in this press release are for the 14 holes drilled at the north end of the EV Zone. These holes were drilled to determine the northern extent of the graphite mineralization, confirm the results of the previous drilling, and provide better detail of the EV Zone in this part of the deposit. Please refer to Table 1 for the weighted average graphitic carbon-bearing drill intersections (not true thickness) and Table 2 and Figure 1 for the collar locations referred to in this press release. These results are in addition to the assay results for eighteen holes announced in Lomiko's press releases dated September 6 and 20, 2022.

Table 1: Weight averaged graphitic carbon-bearing drill intersections (not true thickness)							
Hole	From m	To m	Int. m	% Cg	Notes		
LL-22-011					Not Sampled, abandoned hole, redrilled as LL-22-013		
LL-22-013	3.0	6.0	3.0	1.23			
LL-22-016	73.0	85.0	12.0	3.76			
	139.0	164.5	25.5	4.80			
Including	154.0	163.0	9.0	8.16			
LL-22-019	81.5	192.0	110.5	8.73			
Including	102.5	171.5	69.0	12.09			
LL-22-022	4.0	20.5	16.5	4.09	Open down-hole from 20.5m		
Including	5.5	16.0	10.5	5.68			

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	38.5	70.0	31.5	4.09	
Including	43.0	47.5	4.5	16.07	
	93.0	132.0	39.0	4.39	
Including	120.0	127.5	7.5	13.19	
LL-22-024	42.0	67.5	25.5	2.31	Open up-hole from 42.0m & down-hole from 67.5m
	90.0	109.5	19.5	2.99	Open up hole from 90.0m
LL-22-025	80.0	101.0	21.0	6.17	
Including	87.5	95.0	7.5	13.50	Open up-hole from 87.5m & down-hole from 95.0m
	140.0	185.0	45.0	15.07	Open down-hole from 185.0m
LL-22-026	121.0	125.5	4.5	3.59	Open up-hole from 121.0m
LL-22-027					No sampling, entirely quartzite
LL-22-028					No sampling, entirely quartzite
LL-22-029	83.7	89.7	6.0	5.74	Open up-hole from 83.7m & down-hole from 89.7m
LL-22-030	47.5	56.5	9.0	4.05	Open up-hole from 47.5m
LL-22-032	32.0	152.0	120.0	11.02	Open down-hole from 152.0m
Including	50.0	98.0	48.0	15.58	
	176.0	186.5	10.5	5.59	Open-up hole from 176.0m
LL-22-033	33.4	45.4	12.0	4.83	Open up-hole from 33.4m,
	168.5	191	22.5	8.69	Stopped in graphite mineralization
Including	170.0	180.5	10.5	15.20	

On the northeast side of the EV Zone, holes LL-22-011, -013,

-026, -027 and -28 were drilled entirely or mostly in quartzite and encountered no or very narrow graphite mineralization within narrow paragneiss bands within the quartzite. The lack of significant graphite in these holes effectively defines the northeastern limit of the EV Zone.

Wide intervals of high- to moderate-grade graphite were encountered in holes LL-22-016, -019, -022, -024, -025, -030, -032 and -033 and narrow, moderate-grade intervals in LL-22-029 and -30 within paragneiss. Exceptional intervals of near-surface, high-grade flake graphite mineralization include 11.02% graphitic carbon ("% Cg") over 120.0 metres ("m) from 32.0 to 152.0m in hole LL-22-032 and 8.73% Cg over 110.5m from 81.5 to 192.0m in hole LL-22-019. These impressive intersections define a strong graphite trend and indicate that the EV Zone has excellent potential to continue to the northwest. Additional sampling has been done and assays are pending to fully close these intervals.

Table 2: Drill Hole Collar Locations (UTM NAD 83, Zone 18)							
Hole	UTM_mE	UTM_mE	Elevm	Azimuth_°	Dip_°	Length_m	
LL-22-011	499286	5098374	337	60	- 50	24.2	
LL-22-013	499286	5098374	337	60	- 50	150.0	
LL-22-016	499251	5098354	337	60	- 49	174.0	
LL-22-019	499239	5098319	340	60	-51	192.0	
LL-22-022	499170	5098268	340	60	- 55	141.5	
LL-22-024	499206	5098245	334	65	- 50	199.0	
LL-22-025	499259	5098279	347	60	-51	200.0	
LL-22-026	499338	5098419	344	60	-56	153.0	
LL-22-027	499359	5098380	338	60	- 55	96.0	
LL-22-028	499327	5098340	339	60	-52	151.7	

LL-22-029	499257	5098221	352	60	-53	174.0
LL-22-030	499261	5098189	351	60	-57	174.3
LL-22-032	499321	5098219	352	60	-52	189.3
LL-22-033	499316	5098195	353	60	-52	195.0

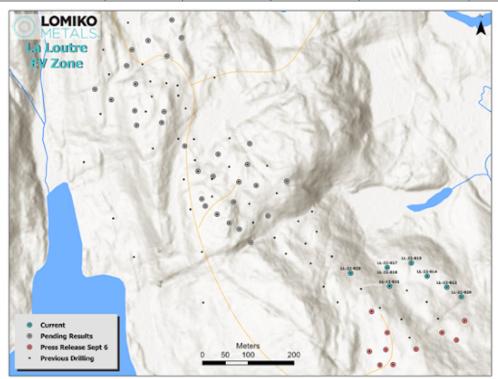


Figure 1: EV Zone Drill Hole Locations

Qualified Person

The technical content presented in this press release was reviewed by Mark Fekete, P.Geo. who actively participated in the La Loutre drill program as an independent consultant to the Company as the "Qualified Person" as that term is defined under National Instrument 43-101 — Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

QAQC and Analytical Procedures

The drill core was logged and marked for sampling by a professional geologist. All the core was photographed as part of the logging procedure. Core samples were collected by splitting

each sample interval in half lengthwise with a hydraulic core splitter. One half of the interval was returned to the core box, and the other half was placed in a plastic bag with a tag. The tag number was marked in indelible ink on the outside of the bag, and the bag was sealed with a plastic tie-wrap. One certified reference material standard and one blank were included in each batch of 21 samples. For shipping, samples were placed in rice bags that were individually sealed with numbered, tamper-proof security tags. The rice bags were then placed on wooden pallets, secured with plastic wrapping, and delivered by truck to Manitoulin Transport Inc. for shipping to Activation Laboratories Ltd. ("Actlabs") in Ancaster, Ontario.

At Actlabs the samples were crushed to 80% passing 2mm and then riffle split to a 250g sub-sample that was pulverized to pulp 95% passing $105\mu m$ (Actlabs Code RX1). The sample pulps were then analyzed for graphitic carbon "Cg") by mild hydrochloric acid digestion followed by combustion in an infrared induction furnace (Actlabs Code 8Cg). Actlabs is accredited under ISO 9001:2015 registration and is independent of the Company.

About Lomiko Metals Inc.

Lomiko Metals has a new vision and a new strategy in new energy. Lomiko represents a company with purpose: a people-first company where we can manifest a world of abundant renewable energy with Canadian and Quebec critical minerals for a solution in North America. Our goal is to create a new energy future in Canada where we will grow the critical minerals workforce, become a valued partner and neighbour with the communities in which we operate, and provide a secure and responsibly sourced supply of critical minerals.

In addition to La Loutre, Lomiko is working with Critical Elements Lithium Corporation towards earning its 70% stake in

April 27th, 2021. The Bourier project site is located near Nemaska Lithium and Critical Elements south-east of the Eeyou Istchee James Bay territory in Quebec which consists of 203 claims, for a total ground position of 10,252.20 hectares (102.52 km2), in Canada's lithium triangle near the James Bay region of Quebec that has historically housed lithium deposits and mineralization trends.

About the La Loutre Graphite Project

The Company holds a 100% interest in its La Loutre graphite development project in southern Quebec. The La Loutre project site is located within the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg (KZA) First Nations territory. The KZA First Nations are part of the Algonquin Nation and the KZA territory is situated within the Outaouais and Laurentides regions. ☐ Located 180 kilometres northwest of Montreal, the property consists of one large, continuous block with 76 mineral claims totalling 4,528 hectares (45.3 km2).

The Property is underlain by rocks belonging to the Grenville Province of the Precambrian Canadian Shield. The Grenville was formed under conditions that were very favourable for the development of coarse-grained, flake-type graphite mineralization from organic-rich material during high-temperature metamorphism.

Lomiko Metals published a <u>July 29</u>, <u>2021 Preliminary Economic Estimate (PEA)</u> which indicated the project had a 15-year mine life producing per year 100,000 tonnes of graphite concentrate at 95% Cg or a total of 1.5Mt of graphite concentrate. This report was prepared as National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report for Lomiko Metals Inc. by Ausenco Engineering Canada Inc., Hemmera Envirochem Inc., Moose Mountain Technical

Services, and Metpro Management Inc., collectively the Report Authors.

On behalf of the Board,
Belinda Labatte
CEO and Director, Lomiko Metals Inc.

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