Neo Performance Materials Announces Appointment of Rahim Suleman as President

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- Constantine Karayannopoulos to continue as Chief Executive
 Officer
- Board to commence search for new Chief Financial Officer

November 22, 2022 (<u>Source</u>) — Neo Performance Materials Inc. ("Neo" or the "Company") (TSX: <u>NEO</u>) announced today that effective January 1, 2023, Rahim Suleman, the Company's current Chief Financial Officer, will assume the role of President. Mr. Suleman will continue in his role as Chief Financial Officer while the Company completes its recruitment process for a new Chief Financial Officer.

Constantine Karayannopoulos, the Company's current President and Chief Executive Officer, will continue in his role as Chief Executive Officer on Mr. Suleman's appointment as President.

"Having worked with Rahim over the past six years at Neo, I have full confidence in his ability to continue to lead the organization as President and drive operational excellence at the Company as Neo executes on its growth strategy," said Constantine Karayannopoulos, President and CEO of Neo.

"I am excited to be taking on the new role and look forward to working with Constantine and the Board to advance our strategy and growth initiatives," said Mr. Suleman, incoming President.

"This change is part of our ongoing succession planning process

and the appointment of Mr. Suleman as President ensures continuity of leadership as Neo continues to execute on its strategic objectives," said Claire M.C. Kennedy, Chair of the Board.

The Board, together with the Compensation Committee and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, are committed to an effective succession planning process and have worked closely with Neo's leadership team to ensure a seamless transition as Mr. Suleman assumes his new position.

About Neo Performance Materials

Neo manufactures the building blocks of many modern technologies that enhance efficiency and sustainability. Neo's advanced industrial materials — magnetic powders and magnets, specialty chemicals, metals, and alloys — are critical to the performance of many everyday products and emerging technologies. Neo's products help to deliver the technologies of tomorrow to consumers today. The business of Neo is organized along three segments: Magnequench, Chemicals & Oxides and Rare Metals. Neo is headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; with corporate offices in Greenwood Village, Colorado, US; Singapore; and Beijing, China. Neo operates globally with sales, research and development, and production across 10 countries, being Japan, China, Thailand, Estonia, Singapore, Germany, Unite d Kingdom, Canada, United States, and South Korea. For more information, please visit www.neomaterials.com.

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