

Panther Metals PLC – Fulcrum Metals: Update on Saskatchewan Uranium Projects

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January 15, 2024 ([Source](#)) – Panther Metals PLC (LSE:PALM) the company focused on mineral exploration in Canada, is pleased to note the Fulcrum Metals PLC (“Fulcrum”, LON: FMET) announcement updating the market on significant progress from its uranium projects, Charlot-Neely and Fontaine Lake, in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Panther currently holds a total of 9,971,839 ordinary shares in Fulcrum representing a 19.99% interest in the entire issued share capital of Fulcrum, plus 714,286 warrants exercisable at 17.5p with a two-year life from 14 February 2023 and a further 476,190 warrants exercisable at 26.25p with a three-year life. Panther also retains a 2% net smelter return (“NSR”) royalty over the Big Bear Project.

CEO, Darren Hazelwood, commented:

“Our exposure to uranium via our holding in Fulcrum Metals is largely lost by the market but its significance is growing as we witness a bullish uranium market combined with Fulcrum expanding its own footprint.

I’m looking forward to seeing how the team develop the portfolio via a spin-out or partnership deal that has the potential to benefit Panther at a time we are accelerating our own business model.”

Fulcrum News Highlights

- A total of 62 rock samples collected across Charlot-Neely and Fontaine Lake properties:

- Charlot-Neely Project

- o 48 rock samples assaying up to 5,680 ppm Uranium (U).

- o Identified vein-hosted uranium mineralisation characteristic of the Beaverlodge area, home to several historic uranium mines.

- o Potential for unconformity-style uranium mineralisation, deposits that are known to be larger and high grade uranium.

- The Fontaine Lake Property

- o 14 rock samples assaying up to 7,130ppm U

- o Uranium mineralisation indicates potential for lower grade, higher tonnage deposit, comparable to the geological setting of the Rossing deposit in Namibia.

Ryan Mee, Chief Executive Office of Fulcrum Metals plc, commented:

“The first phase exploration of both the Charlot-Neely and Fontaine Lake uranium properties has been very successful with extensive radioactivity and mineralisation confirming the positive potential for discovery. Since the completion of the fieldwork, we have over the last few months substantially and cost effectively increased the Athabasca uranium portfolio from 13,612 hectares to 59,310 hectares, inclusive of the properties under option, and doubled the size of the Charlot-Neely project from 7,625 hectares to 16,372 hectares and the addition of Snowbird and South Pendleton to our projects portfolio.

“We are excited by our Athabasca uranium portfolio which targets major structures, on trend with historic mines and on trend with

projects attracting significant investment. This strategic move has proved to be prudent, as the price of uranium continues to rise and M&A activity in the sector increases. Deals of note include the recently announced such as Fortune Bay option agreement for the Murmac and Strike uranium projects totalling CAD\$3.4m in cash and shares and funding CAD\$6m in exploration expenditures¹ just south of our Charlot-Neely property along the Black Bay fault and significant land staking along the major structures on which our projects sit.

“With an exciting and attractive uranium portfolio in what is considered one of the leading uranium districts worldwide, Fulcrum is well positioned to capitalise on any potential opportunities. As previously announced, Fulcrum continues to review spin-out and partnership opportunities with interested parties.”

The full Fulcrum announcement is available to view at: <https://fulcrummetals.com/news/>

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Notes to Editors

Panther Metals PLC is an exploration company listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. Panther is focussed on the discovery of commercially viable mineral deposits. The Company's operational focus is on established mining jurisdictions with the capacity for project scalability. Drill targets are assessed rapidly utilising a combination of advanced technologies and extensive geological data to decipher potential commercial viability and act accordingly. Panther's current geological portfolio comprises of three highly prospective properties in Ontario, Canada while the developing investment wing focuses on the targeting of nickel and gold in Australia.

Obonga Project

Panther Metals acquired the Obonga Greenstone Belt in July 2021 and have already identified five prospective primary targets: Wishbone, Awkward, Survey, Ottertooth and Silver Rim. A successful Phase 1 drilling campaign at Wishbone in Autumn 2021 revealed the presence of significant VMS-style mineralised systems on the property – the first such discovery across the entire greenstone belt. Intercepts include 27.3m of massive sulphide in hole one, and 51m of sulphide-dominated mineralisation in hole two. Both drill holes contained multiple lenses. Anomalous high-grade copper in lake sediment close to

the target area has also been identified, increasing confidence in the prospectivity of the location.

Awkward is a highly anomalous magnetic target, interpreted to be a layered mafic intrusion and magmatic conduit based on mapped geology and airborne geophysics. Historic sampling in the area returned anomalous platinum and palladium (Pt, Pd) values, while historic drilling on the periphery of the target intersected non-assayed massive sulphide and copper (assumed to be chalcopyrite), non-assayed disseminated pyrite and chalcopyrite in coarse gabbro, and non-assayed 'marble cake' gabbro (matching the description of the Lac des Iles Mine varitexture gabbro ore zone).

Two additional named targets, Survey and Ottertooth, both displays further coincident magnetic and electromagnetic anomalies and are adjacent to the contact between intrusive and extrusive mafic rocks. Historic drilling at Survey intersected several meters of massive sulphides in multiple intersections (main parts of the anomaly remain untested) while Ottertooth remains untested in its entirety.

Dotted Lake Project

Panther Metals acquired the Dotted Lake Project in July 2020, it is situated approximately 16km from Barrick Gold's renowned Hemlo Gold Mine. An extensive soil programme conducted in 2021 identified numerous gold and base metal targets, all within the same geological footprint. Following the installation of a new trail providing direct access to the target location, an initial drilling programme in Autumn 2021 confirmed the presence of gold mineralisation within this system with anomalous gold continuing along strike and present within the surrounding area.

Manitou Lakes Project

The Manitou Lakes gold project is located approximately 300km's east of Thunder Bay, Ontario and covers a total area of around 98sq km's.

There are over 200 known gold occurrences on the Manitou Lakes project area with the wider Eagle/Manitou Lakes greenstone belt hosting numerous historic gold producers and is prospective for Archean age orogenic gold and associated base metal deposits.

Exploration work conducted by Shear Gold on the Project to date has identified numerous gold bearing structures and favourable geological host rocks through early-stage mapping and surface sampling. The work has focussed on two target areas, being the West Limb Gold Property and the Glass Reef Gold Property, both of which host historic gold mines which have never been systematically explored using modern techniques or drill tested

Fulcrum Metals Plc

Fulcrum Metals PLC (LON: FMET) is an AIM listed exploration company which finances and manages exploration projects focused on Canada, widely recognised as a top mining jurisdiction.

FMET currently holds a beneficial 100% interest in highly prospective gold and base metals projects in Ontario and Uranium projects in Saskatchewan.

Fulcrum's strategy is to focus on discovery and commercialisation of its Projects through targeted exploration programmes. The primary focus is to make an economic discovery on the flagship Schreiber-Hemlo Properties and establishing the prospectivity of its wider Ontario and Saskatchewan portfolio with a view to securing potential joint venture and/or acquisition interest.

Panther Metals Plc own 20% of the issued share capital

of Fulcrum Metals Plc and a 2% NSR on the Big Bear project.

Panther Metals Australia

Following the listing of Panther Metals' Australian assets on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") in December 2021. The ASX listing has provided the Australian projects with the necessary capital to advance drill-ready targets focused on nickel and gold (within the Tier 1 Mining Districts of Laverton WA and in the NT). Through this spin-out Panther holds an attractive investment prospect, without any disruption to the Company's capital structure and without any financial obligations.

Conclusion

Panther Metals understand that the commercial realities of building an exploration company requires expertise in geology, finance, and the markets within which they operate. The Company's extensive network of industry leaders allows it to meet these objectives. Ultimately however, drilling success is the only route to discovery: the fundamental objective of any exploration company. Once Panther's world-class geological team identify the anomalies, they work hard to get drilling. The drill hole is the only place where substantial and sustained capital growth originates and it's with that operational focus Panther Metals will continue to advance.

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