

Critical Metals Corp. Completes Initial Investment for Tanbreez Acquisition, One of the Largest Rare Earth Deposits

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Advances plan to acquire critical asset for technology and defense industries in the western world, further de-risking transaction

NEW YORK, June 18, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Critical Metals Corp. (Nasdaq: CRML) ("Critical Metals Corp"), a leading mining development company focused on critical metals and minerals and producing strategic products essential to electrification and next generation technologies for Europe and its western world partners, today announced that it has completed the initial investment as part of its <u>recently announced plans</u> to acquire Tanbreez, one of the world's largest known rare earth assets. In exchange for 5.55% of Tanbreez, Critical Metals Corp has provided an initial investment of \$5.0 million to Rimbal Pty Ltd., a company controlled by geologist Gregory Barnes ("Rimbal"), the current owner of the Tanbreez project.

"The completion of this investment is a key step for our plans to acquire Tanbreez, a foundational rare earth asset for the West," said Tony Sage, CEO and Chairman of Critical Metals Corp. "By acquiring Tanbreez, Critical Metals Corp expects to be strategically positioned to become a reliable and sustainable supplier of both light and heavy rare earth elements to meet the growing demand of these materials from the technology and defense industries in western countries. With this development, the transaction is further de-risked."

About Critical Metals Corp.

Critical Metals Corp (Nasdaq: CRML) is a leading mining development company focused on critical metals and minerals, and producing strategic products essential to electrification and next generation technologies for Europe and its western world partners. Its initial flagship asset is the Wolfsberg Lithium Project located in Carinthia, 270 km south of Vienna, Austria. The Wolfsberg Lithium Project is the first fully permitted mine in Europe and is strategically located with access to established road and rail infrastructure and is expected to be the next major producer of key lithium products to support the European market. Wolfsberg is well positioned with offtake and downstream partners to become a unique and valuable building block in an expanding geostrategic critical metals portfolio.

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This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding the financial position, financial performance, business strategy, expectations of our business and the plans and objectives of management for future operations. These statements constitute projections, forecasts and forward-looking statements, and are not guarantees of performance. Such statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. When used in this news release, forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "estimate," "plan," "project," "forecast," "intend," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "seek," "target," "designed to" or other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical facts. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements.

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