

## **WORK PROGRAM COMMENCES AT GORGE LITHIUM PROJECT**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Phase 1 of the field program has begun, to include sampling and surface trenching along with geological mapping.
- Dialogue and consultation has begun with local First Nation communities.
- The program is designed to identify the extent of spodumene mineralisation and generate short term drill targets.
- The previously announced \$1.5 million capital raise has been closed.

**Balkan Mining and Minerals Ltd (BMM or the Company) (ASX: BMM)** is pleased to announce that its work program at the Gorge Lithium exploration project located in the Georgia Lake Area, Thunder Bay North Mining District of Ontario, Canada (the "**Gorge Lithium Project**" or "**Project**") has commenced.

As previously announced, during the Company's due diligence period five samples were collected and sent to ActLabs in Toronto for analysis. BMM announced that that from these five samples, four samples included Li<sub>2</sub>O values above 3.78%, with the 2 highest results being returned at 5.75% and 6.80%. Full results are summarised in the Company's announcement dated 28 September 2022.

### **Work Program**

BMM has engaged a highly capable team to conduct the first phase of its exploration program at the Gorge Project, who has a demonstrable record in the district, as well as strong relations with the First Nations communities in the area.

The Company has commenced mapping and sampling of the entire project area. This is planned to be followed by trenching and soil analysis. Subject to favourable results, BMM intends on drilling throughout the fall and winter as the appropriate drilling targets are identified.



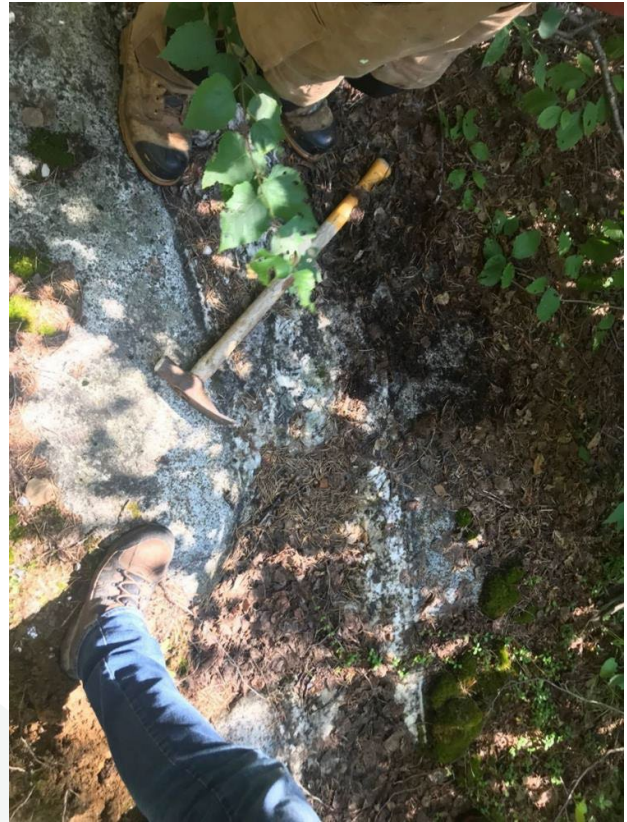
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**Image 1: Koshman mineral occurrence**



**Image 2: Site #2 – Koshman mineral occurrence (site for sample 3074)**



**Image 3: Koshman mineral occurrence large spodumene phenocryst**



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### **Managing Director Ross Cotton commented:**

"I would like to thank our dedicated team on the ground who have not wasted a moment to get our work project underway. I also again thank our team in both Australia and Serbia who have worked tirelessly to move BMM forward. We are extremely excited about our strategic move into a Tier 1 mining Jurisdiction in Ontario, Canada. The initial results were a great start for the Company, we look to build on these results as we embark on our planned mapping, sampling and trenching programs."

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**Authorised for release by the Managing Director of Balkan Mining and Minerals Limited**

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### **Compliance Statement**

This announcement contains information on the Gorge Project extracted from ASX market announcement dated 28 September 2022 and 4 July 2022 and reported in accordance with the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (2012 JORC Code) and available for viewing at [www.balkanmin.com](http://www.balkanmin.com). BMM confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in any original ASX market announcement.

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