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CULPEO SECURES FUNDING TO ADVANCE COPPER EXPLORATION

Culpeo Minerals Limited (**Culpeo** or the **Company**) (ASX:CPO OTC:CPORF) is pleased to announce that it has received binding commitments for a placement to raise approximately A\$1.224 million (before costs) to fund exploration activities at its Fortuna and Lana Corina Projects in Chile. The projects are highly prospective for near-surface, copper mineralisation, with several broad target zones being identified as high priority targets which the Company intends to test in the near term.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Firm commitments received to raise A\$1.224 million (before costs) via a placement to institutional and sophisticated investors (**Placement**).
- Proceeds to primarily be allocated to exploration activities at the Fortuna Project, the recent acquisition, which **increased the Company's copper exploration landholdings by 300%** in the highly prospective coastal metallogenic belt of Chile.
- Additional drilling to be undertaken at the Company's Lana Corina Project which delivered downhole drill intersections of **257m @ 1.10% CuEq** and **173m @ 1.09% CuEq¹**.
- Placement of shares and attaching options to occur in two tranches, with option issuance and second tranche of shares subject to shareholder approval.

Culpeo Minerals' Managing Director, Max Tuesley, commented:

"We are very pleased with the investor response to this raising which will allow us to advance our high-impact exploration activities within the coastal metallogenic belt of Chile.

"The combination of our recently acquired Fortuna Project with the copper-molybdenum discovery at the Lana Corina Project provides a compelling exploration opportunity with further significant discovery potential.

"Thank you to existing shareholders who have supported the raise, as well as to all our new investors who we warmly welcome to the Culpeo register as we continue to unlock the inherent value of our project portfolio".

¹ Refer to ASX announcement on 16 January 2023.



PLACEMENT

The Placement comprises the issue of approximately 38.25 million new fully paid ordinary shares in the Company to professional and sophisticated investors at an issue price of \$0.032 per share (**Placement Shares**), to raise approximately \$1.224 million (before costs) comprising:

- Tranche 1: Approximately \$0.62 million via the issue of approximately 19.37 million Placement Shares within the Company's placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.1A; and
- Tranche 2: Approximately \$0.6 million via the issue of approximately 18.87 million Placement Shares, subject to obtaining shareholder approval at a General Meeting of the Company's shareholders (**GM**).

The Offer Price is \$0.032 per Placement Share which reflects a:

- 20.0% discount to the last close price of \$0.040 on 29 August 2023
- 25.4% discount to the 5-day volume weighted average price of \$0.043

Investors will receive 1 free attaching option for every 2 Placement Shares subscribed for, on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying the Notice of Meeting and subject to shareholder approval at the GM (**Attaching Options**). The Attaching Options are intended to be unquoted with an exercise price of \$0.048 and the expiry date (exercisable anytime) two years from the date of issue.

Funds raised will be used for:

- mapping, sampling and drilling at newly acquired Fortuna Project with four drill-ready targets identified;
- drilling at Lana Corina Project;
- acquisition funding payments of US\$10k a month; and
- costs associated with the capital raising.

LEAD MANAGER

The Company engaged Unified Capital Partners Pty Ltd (**UCP**) as Lead Manager to the Placement (**Lead Manager**) (excluding the Tranche 2 North America placement). The Lead Manager (or its nominee) will receive a 6% management and selling fee on all funds raised under the Placement. The Company will also issue the Lead Manager (or its nominees) 2,000,000 Options (**Lead Manager Options**) upon full subscription of the Placement, subject to Shareholder approval to be sought at the GM. The Lead Manager Options will be issued on the same terms as the Attaching Options.



INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

An indicative timetable for the Placement is set out below. The timetable remains subject to change at the Company's discretion and is subject to compliance with applicable laws and the ASX Listing Rules.

| Event | Date |
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| Announcement of Placement. Lodge Appendix 3B with ASX | Friday, 1 September 2023 |
| Settlement of Shares under Tranche 1 | Thursday, 7 September 2023 |
| Issue Placement Shares and lodge Appendix 2A with ASX applying for quotation of Placement Shares under Tranche 1 | Friday, 8 September 2023 |
| Quotation of Placement Shares issued under Tranche 1 | Monday, 11 September 2023 |
| Shareholder GM to approve Tranche 2 and to approve the Attaching Options and the Lead Manager Options | Thursday, 12 October 2023 |
| Settlement of Placement Shares under Tranche 2 | Monday, 16 October 2023 |
| Issue Placement Shares and lodge Appendix 2A with ASX applying for quotation of Placement Shares under Tranche 2 | Tuesday, 17 October 2023 |
| Quotation of Placement Shares issued under Tranche 2 | Wednesday, 18 October 2023 |

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This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Directors of Culpeo Minerals Limited.

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ABOUT CULPEO MINERALS LIMITED

Culpeo Minerals is a copper exploration and development company with assets in Chile, the world's number one copper producer. The Company is exploring and developing high grade copper systems in the coastal Cordillera region of Chile.

The Company has recently acquired the Lana Corina and Fortuna Projects situated in the Coquimbo region of Chile, where significant outcropping high-grade copper mineralisation offers walk up drilling targets and early resource definition potential.

The Company has two additional assets, the Las Petacas Project, located in the Atacama Fault System near the world-class Candelaria Mine. Historic exploration has identified significant surface mineralisation with numerous outcrops of high-grade copper mineralisation which provide multiple compelling exploration targets. The Quelon Project located 240km north of Santiago and 20km north of the regional centre of Illapel, in the Province of Illapel, Region of Coquimbo. Historical artisanal mining has taken place within the Quelon Project area, but modern exploration in the project area is limited to rock chip sampling and geophysical surveys.

Culpeo Minerals has a strong board and management team with significant Chilean country expertise and has an excellent in-country network. All these elements enable the company to gain access to quality assets in a non-competitive environment. We leverage the experience and relationships developed over 10 years in-country to deliver low cost and effective discovery and resource growth. We aim to create value for our shareholders through exposure to the acquisition, discovery and development of mineral properties which feature high grade, near surface copper mineralisation.



COMPETENT PERSONS' STATEMENT

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Maxwell Donald Tuesley, BSc (Hons) Economic Geology, MAusIMM (No 111470). Mr Tuesley is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is a shareholder and Director of the Company. Mr Tuesley has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Tuesley consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

Assumed commodity prices for the calculation of Copper Equivalent (Cu Eq) is Cu US\$3.00/lb, Au US\$1,700/oz, Mo US\$14/lb and Ag US\$20/oz. Recoveries are assumed from similar deposits: Cu = 85%, Au = 65%, Ag = 65%, Mo = 80%, Cu Eq (%) was calculated using the following formula: $((\text{Cu}\% \times \text{Cu price 1\% per tonne} \times \text{Cu recovery}) + (\text{Au(g/t)} \times \text{Au price per g/t} \times \text{Au recovery}) + (\text{Mo ppm} \times \text{Mo price per g/t} \times \text{Mo recovery}) + \text{Ag ppm} \times \text{Ag price per g/t} \times \text{Ag recovery})) / (\text{Cu price 1\% per tonne} \times \text{Cu recovery})$. $\text{Cu Eq (\%)} = \text{Cu (\%)} + (0.54 \times \text{Au (g/t)}) + (0.00037 \times \text{Mo (ppm)}) + (0.0063 \times \text{Ag (ppm)})$.

It is the Company's opinion that all elements included in the metal equivalents have a reasonable potential to be recovered.