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Roberto García Martínez, CEO

## Highlights fourth quarter 2022

- ► Eurobattery Minerals received the complete JORC-compliant report for Hautalampi almost 40% increase in the contained metals confirmed.
- The Swedish Mining Inspectorate decided that all Eurobattery Minerals exploration permits in Sweden should automatically be extended by one year.
- Eurobattery Minerals received the final verdict of the Hautalampi mining concession proceeding.
- The company announced that Ilari Kinnunen had been appointed the new Managing Director of FinnCobalt Oy in Finland.
- German SRH AlsterResearch's analysts initiated coverage of the company.
- ► The metallurgical study in Corcel confirmed high level of Nickel worth EUR 113.9 million.
- The company announced a new research collaboration with the University of Uppsala on mining for REE in its Swedish Fetsjön project.
- The Rights issue received subscriptions for approx.
   56 per cent and the company will receive approx.
   SEK 27.5 million before the deduction of issue costs.



# Dear all,

I am eager to update you on our progress with providing responsibly mined minerals from Europe for Europe. We endeavour to support to ensure that Europe can fulfil the green transition in the transport and energy sector. If 2022 was the year when Europe got a wake-up call and gained a common understanding that we need to become self-sufficient in critical raw materials, I would like 2023 to be the year of action that makes this happen.

With Sweden's giant mining company, LKAB announcing "Europe's largest deposit of rare earth metals" and hijacking the kick-off meeting for Sweden's EU presidency, Europe is off to a significant start. However, it takes more than an announcement to meet Europe's needs – hard work is also required. So, in that vein, let me tell you what Eurobattery Minerals has been up to during the last quarter of 2022 and our plans moving forward.

Starting off with the topic of rare earth metals, or rare earth elements as we say (an essential part of any electric application and a key asset in our Fetsjön prospect area in Sweden), we have entered a new research collaboration with the University of Uppsala in Sweden. The project is topical and, without exaggeration, crucial as it focuses on finding a reliable method for large-scale extraction of rare earth elements using existing methods. I'll keep you posted on the project!

# Focus set on fast forward in Finland with full rights to exploit the complete mineral resource.

In our Finnish Hautalampi mine project, I am happy to welcome our new managing director Ilari Kinnunen on

board, who will be starting later in Q1 2023. Having received third-party confirmation that the mineral resources have almost doubled, with 40% more metals than expected, we also received the final verdict on the Hautalampi mining concession procedure in Q4 2022. As a result, the company now has full rights to exploit all the mineral resources in the area. Work is continuing with preparing the preliminary economic assessment (PEA) and the preliminary feasibility study (PFS).

# A new study reveals nickel worth almost EUR 114 million in a small part of Spanish Corcel.

Meanwhile, in Spain, where our second major battery mineral mine project is located, we received the results of the metallurgical study. The metallurgical study is fundamental to the investigation of where, in what size, and how the minerals are bound to the ore. In Corcel, the metallurgical study concluded that we can extract the minerals with recoveries as high as 50% using proven technologies. The study also confirmed the presence of a high level of nickel worth EUR 113.9 million for just the small part of the Castriz project that was covered in the study. The larger Corcel project also includes Monte

Mayor and Monte Castello, deposits with similar rock formations, indicating much larger nickel deposits. This sends a strong signal that the potential of the Corcel project is significantly higher than previously anticipated.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for supporting our mission to provide responsibly mined critical raw materials for Europe. Especially I'd like to extend my gratitude to those of you who participated in the rights issue just before Christmas through which we raised capital of SEK 27.5 million. This additional funding will be instrumental in continuing to drive our projects to mine battery minerals in Europe and thus contribute to a better world.

Yours faithfully,

**Roberto García Martínez** CEO of Eurobattery Minerals



# Year-end report January-December 2022

### Fourth quarter 2022

- ▶ Net sales amounted to SEK 0 (Q4 2021: SEK 0).
- Operating income after depreciation/amortisation and financial items totalled SEK -3,881 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK -4,160 thousand).
- ▶ Earnings per share after financial items before dilution amounted to SEK -0.25 (Q4 2021: SEK -0.26).
- ► Earnings per share after financial items after dilution amounted to SEK -0.23 (Q4 2021: SEK -0.26).
- ► Cash flow from operating activities was SEK -5,751 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK -5,392 thousand).

### Full-year 2022

- ▶ Net sales amounted to SEK 0 (FY 2021: SEK 0).
- ▶ Operating income after depreciation/amortisation and financial items totalled SEK -20,141 thousand (FY 2021: SEK -16,776 thousand).
- ▶ Earnings per share after financial items before dilution amounted to SEK-1.28 (FY 2021: SEK -1.06).
- ▶ Earnings per share after financial items after dilution amounted to SEK-1.22 (FY 2021: SEK -1.06).
- ► Cash flow from operating activities was SEK -15,696 thousand (FY 2021: SEK -22,235 thousand).
- ▶ The Board of Directors does not intend to propose any dividend to the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

### Significant events, January-December 2022

- ▶ In January, Eurobattery Minerals AB announced highly satisfactory first assay results from drillings at the Spanish Corcel project: an estimated 60 million tonnes of rock with a nickel grade of 0.25%. The initial assay results are from the first two of seven drill holes carried out in the Castriz prospect area in 2021. Together with Monte Mayor and Monte Castello, Castriz is one of three prospect areas in the Corcel project.
- ▶ In February, FinnCobalt Oy, the current owner of the Hautalampi project, informed Eurobattery Minerals about its expansion in eastern Finland via a newly granted reservation for applying for an exploration permit over the highly prospective Varislahti prospect zone. Varislahti covers over 23.6 km² of highly prospective ground and is expected to contain the minerals nickel, cobalt, copper, zinc and gold. It is ideally located in terms of infrastructure and close to the Hautalampi project. Eurobattery Minerals has the option to acquire 100% of FinnCobalt in a staged process.
- ▶ In March, the company announced additional assay results from drillings at the Spanish Corcel project, confirming the results already communicated in January: an estimated 60 million tonnes of rock with a nickel grade of 0.25%. Accreditation of the resource was

held up until Q2 2022 due to Covid-19-related delays on the part of the responsible ALS Global laboratory.

- ▶ In March, Eurobattery Minerals also announced the first results from the phase 2 core drilling campaign completed at the Hautalampi Ni-Co-Cu project in eastern Finland. The results indicated that the resource areas in Hautalampi are connected. Such a connection will make intended future mining activities more efficient and economical. As for the Corcel project, the full results for Hautalampi are also held up due to Covid-19-related delays on the part of the responsible ALS Global laboratory. At the time of the announcement, the results were expected in Q2 2022, along with the mineral resource update according to the JORC.
- At the beginning of April, the company decided to carry out a directed issue of convertibles of SEK 18 million to Formue Nord Fokus A/S. The objective of the directed issue, which is based on the Annual General Meeting's authorisation of 1 June 2021, is to finance the acquisition of additional shares in FinnCobalt in line with existing agreements, to finance additional value-creating investments and to create flexibility in acquiring other projects or parts thereof.
- In May, Eurobattery Minerals completed another step towards realising the Finnish Hautalampi battery mineral project as the environmental impact assessment (EIA) report was submitted. The EIA report will present the status of the environment of the Hautalampi mine project as well as the environmental impact of the assessed options and their significance. As soon as the environmental compatibility of the Hautalampi project is

- officially confirmed, one of the conditions for Eurobattery Minerals to start mining at Hautalampi will be fulfilled.
- ▶ On 31 May, Eurobattery Minerals took another critical step in realising a battery mineral mine in Finland as the company purchased 40% of the Finnish Hautalampi battery mineral mine project from its current owner FinnCobalt. This was the first time that the company had exercised its option to acquire 100% of the shares in FinnCobalt in a staged process. As announced about two years ago, Eurobattery Minerals plans to acquire 100% of the shares in FinnCobalt by 2024 at the latest.
- ▶ In June, Eurobattery Minerals received the independent NI 43-101 report for the Castriz deposit, which is one part of the Corcel project. The report covered 10% of the deposit and concluded that this part alone contains the amount of nickel needed for 500,000 car batteries. Considering that the Castriz deposit has a nickel grade of 0.23%, Eurobattery Minerals will be able to produce minerals for a few million car batteries with a capacity of 60 kWh in the future.
- ▶ In June, the company was also appointed as the new Vice-President of the Swedish-Spanish Chamber of Commerce (Cámara de Comercio Hispano Sueca). The two-year vice-presidency is shared with the renowned Swedish car manufacturer Volvo Cars. Within its office, the company will benefit from networking with professionals and representatives in terms of the economy and politics, among others. In addition, the company will actively promote the green transition, which will see its battery mineral projects, also needed for zeroemission mobility, receive additional EU funding.

- ▶ On 1 July, the company announced the completion of the acquisition of the 40% stake in FinnCobalt Oy, the current owner of the ground and all mining rights of the Finnish Hautalampi nickel-cobalt-copper project. In conjunction with the transaction, the Board of Directors of Eurobattery Minerals completed a directed issue of 802,734 shares with a total value of EUR 1,000,002. In addition, EUR 250,000 in cash was paid to the three current owners of FinnCobalt.
- ▶ In August, the company presented the results from a new German survey on consumers' attitudes to battery minerals in connection with buying a car. Among other findings, the survey, conducted by analyst company YouGov concluded that 48% are willing to pay a higher price for sustainable battery production, and 57% support more mining in Europe for critical minerals.
- ▶ In August, Eurobattery Minerals took another important step in preparing for a mine in its Spanish Corcel project as the necessary information for completion of the Environmental and Operating Permit was submitted to the Energy & Mining Service of La Coruña. In order to obtain these permits, Eurobattery Minerals has now submitted the Exploitation Project, the Environmental Impact Study, and the Restoration Plan to the local authorities.
- ▶ In September, Eurobattery Minerals announced that FinnCobalt Oy, the majority owner of the Hautalampi project, had received a request for additional information on the Hautalampi project Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report from the North Karelia Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment.

Eurobattery Minerals' view is that these requirements will help and speed up the process of the final environmental permit application and that the work to complete the EIA and preparation of the final environmental permit application will commence simultaneously.

- In September, the company announced an updated resource estimate for the Hautalampi project. The independent JORC-compliant estimate prepared by AFRY Finland Oy concludes that compared to the previous analysis in 2021, the available mineral resources in the mine project have almost doubled with almost 40% more metals. The new estimate exceeds Eurobattery Minerals' previous expectations and confirms that the Hautalampi mine project has more than a third more battery minerals available than what was previously believed. The company is now conducting further technical and financial evaluations of the project's viability.
- ▶ In October Eurobattery Minerals received the complete JORC-compliant report entitled "Hautalampi Ni-, Cu-, Co-Deposit Mineral Resource Estimate, Outokumpu, Finland." The independent report prepared by AFRY Finland Oy concludes that, compared to the previous analysis in 2021, the available mineral resources in the mine project have almost doubled with around 40% more metals.
- ▶ In October, Eurobattery Minerals decided on a rights issue of approx. SEK 49.6 million and proposed an authorisation for an over-allotment issue of an additional approx. SEK 15 million and decided on the issue of a convertible loan of SEK 10 million. Approximately SEK 24.8 million of the rights issue was secured by subscription and underwriting commitments, which corresponded to 50.0% of the rights issue.

- ▶ In November, Eurobattery Minerals announced that the Swedish Mining Inspectorate had decided that all Eurobattery Minerals exploration permits have been automatically extended by one year. The extension is a result of legislative change mitigating the effects of Covid-19, which extends the validity of all exploration permits that were in force on 9 June 2022.
- ▶ In November, Eurobattery Minerals received the final verdict of the Hautalampi mining concession proceeding. The completed mining concession proceeding in Hautalampi brings Eurobattery Minerals one step closer to a much-needed European battery mineral mine. According to Finnish mining law, the company now has full rights to exploit all the mineral resources in the area.
- ▶ In November, Eurobattery Minerals announced that Ilari Kinnunen has been appointed new Managing Director (MD) of FinnCobalt Oy in Finland as of 1 March 2023, replacing the current MD Markus Ekberg, who will be retiring. Markus Ekberg will continue as the Chairman of the Board of FinnCobalt Oy. Ilari Kinnunen will be responsible for the development and operations of the Hautalampi battery mineral mine development project.
- ▶ In December, Eurobattery Minerals announced that German SRH AlsterResearch's analysts have initiated coverage of the company. The independent analysts have issued a speculative buy recommendation. The assessment was based on Eurobattery Minerals' good positioning to benefit from the rapidly increasing demand for minerals such as nickel, cobalt or copper, which are essential for the electrification of the global automobile industry. Eurobattery Minerals will be able to meet this demand thanks to the high forecast mineral deposits.

- In December, Eurobattery Minerals announced the result of a metallurgical study in its Spanish Corcel project. The study, carried out on three samples with different nickel grades (medium, low and high), confirms a high level of nickel worth EUR 113.9 million for just a small part of the Castriz project. With all current data available the potential of the Corcel project is significantly higher than previously anticipated. Combining this insight with the identification that well-proven techniques can be used by Eurobattery Minerals to extract the minerals with recoveries above 50% underline that the great outlook for a significant battery mineral mine in Corcel.
- ▶ In December, the company also announced a new research collaboration with the University of Uppsala on mining for rare earth elements (REE) in its Swedish Fetsjön project. The partnership aims to investigate the opportunity for large-scale extraction of REEs using existing methods. REEs are critical components for electric vehicles and other electric equipment and raw materials classified as "critical" by the European Union.
- ▶ In December, Eurobattery Minerals announced the completion of the Rights issue with a subscription period between 7 December and 21 December 2022. The Rights issue received subscriptions for approximately 56 per cent and the company will receive approximately SEK 27.5 million before the deduction of issue costs. The proceeds from the Rights issue will be used for partial repayment of an outstanding convertible, finalisation of the acquisition of all shares in FinnCobalt Oy and for further investments in the Corcel and Hautalampi projects.

# Earnings and sales

# Comments on the fourth quarter, 1 October – 31 December 2022

#### Earnings and sales

The company's net sales for the fourth quarter totalled SEK 0 (Q4 2021: SEK 0), and earnings after financial items totalled SEK -3,881 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK -4,160 thousand). Operating costs amounted to SEK -2,836 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK -4,362 thousand). EBITDA for the fourth quarter was SEK -2,306 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK -4,337 thousand). Financial expenses for the quarter amounted to SEK -1,575 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK 177 thousand).

#### Investments

Investments in property, plant and equipment in the fourth quarter totalled SEK 0 (Q4 2021: SEK 0). Investments in intangible assets amounted to SEK 12,333 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK 2,599 thousand). Investments in non-current financial assets amounted to SEK 822 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK 7,122 thousand).

#### Financial position

On 31 December, cash and cash equivalents amounted to SEK 263 thousand (31 December 2021: SEK 2,832 thousand). Equity was SEK 85,586 thousand (31 December 2021: SEK 71,181 thousand).

#### Cash flow and financing

Cash flow from operating activities in the fourth quarter was SEK -5,751 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK -5,392 thousand). Cash flow from investing activities was SEK -13,155 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK -9,378 thousand), while cash flow from financing activities was SEK 12,967 thousand (Q4 2021: SEK 608 thousand).

### Comments on the full-year 2022

### Earnings and sales

The company's net sales for the full year totalled SEK 0 (FY 2021: SEK 0), and earnings after financial items totalled SEK -20,141 thousand (FY 2021: SEK -16,776 thousand). Operating costs amounted to SEK -17,212 thousand (FY 2021: SEK -17,357 thousand). EBITDA for the full year was SEK -16,628 thousand (FY 2021: SEK -17,055 thousand). Financial expenses for the period amounted to SEK -3,513 thousand (FY 2021: SEK 279 thousand).

#### Investments

Investments in property, plant and equipment in the full year totalled SEK 0 (FY 2021: SEK 42 thousand). Investments in intangible assets amounted to SEK 16,018 thousand (FY 2021: SEK 6,555 thousand). Investments in non-current

financial assets amounted to SEK 15,372 thousand (FY 2021: SEK 11,672 thousand).

#### Financial position

On 31 December, cash and cash equivalents amounted to SEK 263 thousand (31 December 2021: SEK 2,832 thousand). Equity was SEK 85,586 thousand (31 December 2021: SEK 71,181 thousand).

#### Cash flow and financing

Cash flow from operating activities in the full year was SEK -15,696 thousand (FY 2021: SEK -22,235 thousand). Cash flow from investing activities was SEK -31,390 thousand (FY 2021: SEK -18,278 thousand), while cash flow from financing activities was SEK 42 629 thousand (FY 2021: SEK 608 thousand).

#### The share

The share capital of Eurobattery Minerals AB (publ) amounted to SEK 16,522,237 on 31 December 2022. The total number of shares outstanding was 16,522,237.

The rights issue completed in December 2022 was registered at the Swedish Companies Registration Office on 10 January 2023. A total of 9,490,003 new shares were registered and the share capital increased by SEK 9,490,003.

The company was listed on AktieTorget on 22 June 2015. On 17 April 2019, the share moved to the NGM, where trading began on 18 April 2019. The share's ticker symbol is BAT and its ISIN is SE0012481570. Since 15 January 2021, the share has been traded on Börse Stuttgart under the symbol EBM. According to Euroclear's register, Eurobattery Minerals had approximately 8,800 shareholders at the end of the period.

#### List of shareholders on 31 December 2022

(before registration of the rights issue completed in December 2022)

Shareholder	Number of shares	Percentage (%)
Clearstream Banking Germany	2,298,680	13.91%
Andrew Randall	803,007	4.86%
Avanza Pension	718,517	4.35%
Ulex Recursos S.L.	687,471	4.16%
Six Sis AG	635,270	3.84%
Nordea Bank Finland	620,598	3.76%
Kimberly Wrixon	375,000	2.27%
UBS Switzerland	296,165	1.79%
Tetra Ekberg	282,578	1.71%
Frenergy AB	250,000	1.51%
Other shareholders	9,554,951	57.84%
	16,522,237	100.00%

#### **Related-party transactions**

During the period, earnings were also charged with fees of SEK 3,839 thousand paid to CEO Roberto García Martínez's company Nazgero Consulting Service LTD for work carried out. Earnings for the period were also impacted by salary and other remuneration to the CEO in the amount of SEK 1,587 thousand.

Finally, earnings were impacted by fees of SEK 95 thousand paid to Board member Jan Arnbom's company Arnbom Geokonsult AB for work carried out during the period.

# Balance Sheet

31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	
ital 12,531	0	
60,461	44,443	
42	54	
38,322	22,950	
8,129	7,434	
263	2,832	
119,748	77,713	
85,586	71,181	
5,277	5,291	
10,000	0	
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# Income Statement

SEK thousand	2022 Oct.–Dec	2021 Oct.–Dec	2022 Jan–Dec	2021 Jan–Dec
Operating income				
Net sales	0	0	0	0
Other operating income	530	25	584	302
Operating costs				
Other external costs	-2,023	-3,989	-14,262	-15,422
Staff costs	-801	-370	-2,938	-1,931
Depreciation of tangible asset	ts -12	-3	-12	-4
Operating profit/loss	-2,306	-4,337	-16,628	-17,055
Net interest items	-1,575	177	-3,513	279
Profit/loss before tax	-3,881	-4,160	-20,141	-16,776
Tax on profit/loss for the perio	d 15	14	15	220
PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	-3,866	-4,146	-20,126	-16,556

# Statement of Cash flow

SEK thousand	2022	2021	2022	2021
	OctDec	OctDec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec
Operating profit/loss for the period	-2,306	-4,337	-16,628	-17,055
Amortisation and depreciation	12	3	12	4
Interest paid	-1,575	177	-3,513	279
Other taxes	15	14	15	187
Cash flow from operating activities				
before change in working capital	-3,854	-4,143	-20,114	-16,585
Change in operating receivables	-19,890	-461	-13,226	-6,535
Change in operating liabilities	17,993	-788	17,644	885
Cash flow from operating activities	-5,751	-5,392	-15,696	-22,235
Cash flow from investing activities	-13,155	-9,378	-31,390	-18,278
Cash flow from financing activities	16,117	608	44,517	608
Cash flow for the period	-2,789	-14,162	-2,569	-39,905
Cash and cash equivalents				
at the beginning of the period	3,052	16,994	2,832	42,737
Cash and cash equivalents				
at the end of the period	263	2,832	263	2,832

# Change in equity

SEK thousand	2022 OctDec	2021 OctDec	2022 Jan-Dec	2021 Jan–Dec
Equity at the beginning of the period	66,046	80,001	71,181	92,465
New share issue	27,667	608	38,397	608
Effect of correction of deferred tax	0	-5,530	0	-5,530
Translation differences	1,166	248	2,101	194
Costs for new share issue	-5,427	0	-5,967	0
Profit/loss for the period	-3,866	-4,146	-20,126	-16,556
Equity at the end of the period	85,586	76,491	85,586	71,181

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# Key performance indicators and share data

	2022	2021	2022	2021
	Oct–Dec	Oct–Dec	Jan–Dec	Jan–Dec
Average equity for the period (SEK thousand)  Average total capital for the period (SEK thousand)	75,816	75,591	78,384	79,058
	105,108	79,872	98,731	85,261
Return on equity (%)	-5	-5	-26	-22
Return on total capital (%) Equity/Assets ratio (%)	-2	-5	-17	-19
	71	92	71	92
Earnings per share before dilution (SEK) Earnings per share after dilution (SEK)	-0.23	-0.26	-1.28	-1.06
	-0.23	-0.26	-1.22	-1.05
Equity per share (SEK)	5.18	4.53	5.18	4.53
Quick ratio (%) Total number of shares	111	827	111	827
	16,522,237	15,719,503	16,522,237	15,719,503
Average number of shares	16,522,237	15,699,411	16,120,870	15,699,411

### **Definitions of key performance indicators**

Return on total capital: Earnings after financial items plus financial expenses as a percentage of average total capital.

**Return on equity:** Net profit according to the income statement as a percentage of average equity.

**Equity/Assets ratio:** Equity as a percentage of total assets.

Earnings per share:Earnings after tax in relation to the average number of shares.Equity per share:Equity in relation to the number of shares on the balance sheet date.Quick ratio:Current assets excluding stock in relation to current liabilities.

### **Accounting principles**

Since 2014, Eurobattery Minerals has applied the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and Swedish Accounting Standards Board's general recommendation 2012:1 (K3) to the preparation of financial statements.

## **Auditor's report**

This interim report has not been subject to review by an auditor.

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## **Upcoming reporting dates**

The Annual report for 2022 will be published on May 17, 2023.

The interim report for Q1 2023 will be published on 25 May, 2023.

Reports, press releases and further are published on Nordic Growth Market's website www.ngm.se and on www.eurobatteryminerals.com/en.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for 2023 is scheduled for June 15, 2023.

February 2023 **Eurobattery Minerals AB** *Board of Directors* 

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Eurobattery Minerals AB is a Swedish mining company listed on Swedish Nordic Growth Market (BAT) and German Börse Stuttgart (EBM). With the vision to make Europe self-sufficient in responsibly mined battery minerals, the company's focus is to realize numerous nickel-cobalt-copper projects in Europe to supply critical raw materials and, as such, power a cleaner world. Please visit www.eurobatteryminerals.com for more information. Feel free to follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter as well.

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