

## Rektron Group's Trading Arm - DL Hudson's Non-Bank Lender, Artis Finance, Enters Administration

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, March 7, 2025 – **Rektron Group Inc.** (CSE:REK.U; FRA:F75) ("**Rektron**" or the "**Company**"), a global commodity trading group with subsidiaries that specialize in trading energy, metals, and energy transition commodities, announces that it is aware of recent reports regarding Artis Finance Ltd. ("**Artis**") having entered administration in the United Kingdom. The Company's trading arm DL Hudson Ltd. is a finance partner of Artis Loanco 1 Plc ("**Artis Loanco 1**"), Artis' subsidiary.

While Artis has entered administration, Artis Loanco 1 remains operational (Source: Trade Finance Global, March 6, 2025). The Company advises stakeholders that this development is not expected to have any material impact on the Company's financial position, operations, or commitments and ongoing trade activities remain stable and fully operational. Artis has provided DL Hudson funding support for select trading activities, however, DL Hudson operates with a diversified financial strategy and robust liquidity, ensuring business continuity remains unaffected.

The Company is closely monitoring the situation and remains committed to engaging with relevant stakeholders, to ensure a smooth transition. The Company remains focused on delivering value to its clients and partners while executing its strategic objectives with confidence.

## About Rektron Group Inc.

The Company is the holding and parent company of Rektron AQ Limited, which is the holding and parent company of DL Hudson Limited. DL Hudson Limited is the trading arm of a group of companies, of which there are several subsidiaries that support the group's global commodity trading operations. The Company is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, while Rektron AQ Limited is headquartered in London, UK.

The Company focuses on maintaining an experienced team of management and traders, extensive geographical and product diversification, trading and logistical expertise, and financial and risk management.

The team at the Group is composed of energy and metals traders, and finance professionals with expertise from the City of London and Wall Street. The trading expertise includes principal energy and metals products, particularly ferrous and nonferrous metals, recycled metals and Energy Transition Commodities ("ETC"), crude oil and Euro VI-compliant refined oil products. The Company and its affiliates transact across all compliant markets following the international trade regulations and guidelines. Please visit <u>www.rektrongroup.com</u> for further information.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

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No securities regulatory authority has either approved or disapproved of the contents of this news release.

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