



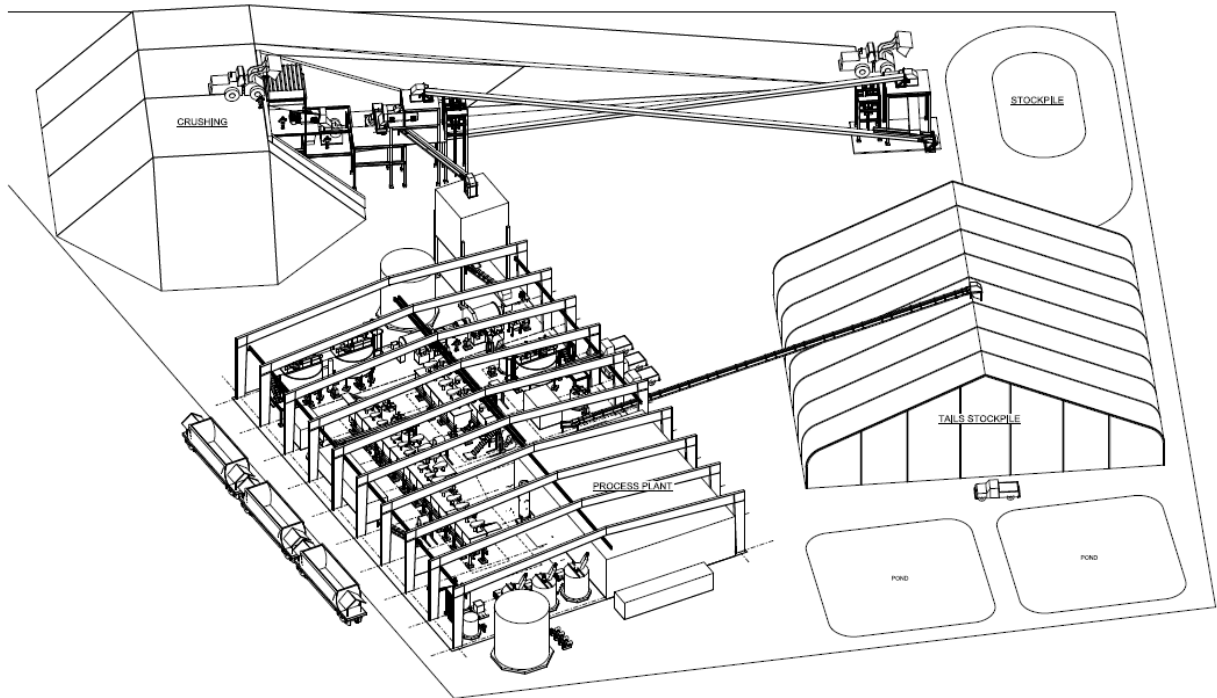
**Ares Strategic Mining Announces it has been allocated
a US\$10,000,000 Tax-Exempt Bond from the State of Utah.**

- Government allocates Ares US\$10,000,000 to Ares's bond issuer.
- Ares commences due diligence work with several private placement agents to receive a tax-free bond distributed for manufacturing operations in Utah.
- The bond will cover all expected manufacturing costs of Ares' fluorspar acidspars processing facility and its equipment.
- Ares receives county and state board approval and support for manufacturing project.
- Non-dilutive financing to progress the Company without increasing outstanding shares.

Vancouver, B.C. April 19th, 2022 — Ares Strategic Mining Inc. (the "Company") (CSE: ARS) (OTC:ARSMF) (FRA: N811), is very pleased to announce that after the Company's submission to the Private Activity Bond (PAB) Program (the "Program"), established by Utah State to support new manufacturing enterprises, the Company was granted the maximum manufacturing bond allocation available through the program.

The Private Activity Bond (PAB) Program is Utah's tax-exempt bonding authority creating a lower cost, long-term source of capital under the Federal Tax Act of 1986. The Company was referred to the Program by the State of Utah through its business development channels, to help support and realize the Company's project.

The Company intends to use the proceeds for equipment purchases and construction costs at its manufacturing facilities, and at its second plant – a flotation facility designed to produce acidspar. Acidspar is principally used in the chemical, aluminum, and refrigeration industries. Acidspar is the highest-grade fluorspar product produced for industry and is one of the most ubiquitously used industrial minerals in manufacturing.



Ares Acidspar Production Facility

In 2018 the U.S. government classified fluorspar as a Critical Mineral, “deemed critical to U.S. national security and the economy”. Fluorspar remains the only non-metallic Critical Mineral which is 100% imported in the entire country. Fluorspar’s classification as a Critical Mineral in the United States translates to a faster permitting period, enabling mining operations to initiate more quickly than operations for conventional minerals.

James Walker, President and CEO of the Company said, “This is a major step for our Company and business. The financing will enable the completion of a large processing facility and give the Company the financial reach to accelerate construction, move forward our acidspar production plans, and install a modern, well-designed industrial infrastructure at our Utah manufacturing

site. The Company would also like to thank the State of Utah and the local support we have received.”

Lost Sheep Fluorspar Project – Delta, Utah

- 100% owned – 5,982 acres – 353 Claims
- Located in the Spor Mountain area, Juab County, Utah, approximately 214 km southwest of Salt Lake City.
- Fully Permitted – including mining permits.
- NI 43-101 Technical Report identified extensive high-grade fluorspar with low levels of impurities.
- Mining plan approved by BLM¹

First approved by Rex Rowley – Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management – 24th August 1992.

Renewed by Paul B. Baker – Minerals Program Manager, Bureau of Land Management – 12th December 2016.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
ARES STRATEGIC MINING INC.

James Walker
Chief Executive Officer and President

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required for a production decision. Based on historical engineering work, geological reports, historical production data and current engineering work completed or in the process by Ares, the Company intends to move forward with the development of its Utah asset.

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