



## **Ares Strategic Mining Announces Closing of Non-Brokered Private Placement of Secured Convertible Debentures**

Vancouver, B.C. December 16, 2022 — Ares Strategic Mining Inc. (“**Ares**” or the “**Company**”) (CSE:ARS) (OTC:ARSMF) (FRA: N8I1) is pleased to announce that, further to its news release dated November 22, 2022, it has closed the second tranche of a non-brokered private placement offering (the “**Offering**”) of secured convertible debentures (each, a “**Debenture**”) of the Company for aggregate proceeds of \$45,980.00 (the “**Credit Advanced**”). The proceeds will be used by the Company to advance its expansion plans and develop its projects.

The principal sum of the Debentures totals \$83,600 (the “**Principal Sum**”), and will bear interest at 12% per annum, from the date of issuance (the “**Closing Date**”), payable semi-annually. The Debentures will mature on the date that is two years from the Closing Date (the “**Maturity Date**”). As additional consideration, the Company agreed to pay the subscribers a financing fee in an amount equal to 45% of the Principal Sum (the “**Financing Fee**”). The Financing Fee was deducted from the Principal Sum, and the gross amount received by the Company totals \$45,980 (being 55% of the Principal Sum). The holders shall have the right to convert all or any portion of the Credit Advanced, and any accrued but unpaid interest thereon, into common shares of the Company (each, a “**Conversion Share**”) at a price of \$0.26 per Conversion Share at any time and from time to time until the Maturity Date. As security for the repayment of the Principal Sum and interest under the Debentures, the Company granted to the holders of the Debentures a security interest in certain of the Company’s present and after-acquired personal property.

The aggregate proceeds from the sale of the Debentures are anticipated to be used to finance potential acquisitions of assets or businesses in the mineral resource sector, and for general working capital purposes.

In connection with the Offering, and in accordance with the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange (“**CSE**”), the Company paid a registrant a finder’s fee comprised of a cash fee equal to 8% of the portion of the Credit Advanced received from subscribers introduced by the finder (\$3,678), and such number of non-transferable share purchase warrants (the “**Finder’s Warrants**”) which equals 8% of the number of conversion shares issuable to the holders of the Debentures, being 14,147 Finder’s Warrants. Each Finder’s Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one common share in the capital of the Company (each, a “**Finder’s Warrant Share**”) at a price of \$0.26 per Finder’s Warrant Share for a term of two (2) years from the date of issuance of the Finder’s Warrants.

The Debentures, Finder's Warrants, and any securities issued upon the conversion or exercise thereof, as applicable, are subject to a hold period of four months and one day from the Closing Date.

None of the securities sold in connection with the Offering will be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and no such securities may be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

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



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