



## **Ares Strategic Mining identified in the Utah Economic Report to the Governor as “poised to become the nation's only fluorspar producer”.**

Vancouver, B.C. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 — Ares Strategic Mining Inc. (“Ares” or the “Company”) (TSXV: ARS) (OTC:ARSMF) (FRA: N8I1). The Utah Economic Council reported in their 2023 Economic Report to the Utah Governor, that “Utah is poised to become the nation's only fluorspar producer as Ares Strategic Mining revives the Lost Sheep mine, Utah's largest historical producer of fluorspar.”

James Walker, President and CEO of the Company said, “Ares has received significant government backing because of the strategic importance of the mineral to economic security of the United States, and the economic potential of the project. We have just closed a loan backed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under its Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program (B&I), which is deployed by the Federal Government to promote rural development, and we have just been re-awarded a \$10,000,000 USD bond by the State of Utah, for the purposes of acquiring a larger and more sophisticated manufacturing facility. We are now a financially well-supported company looking to bring an industry back to the United States and be part of the effort to secure the domestic industrial mineral supply to protect U.S. industry.”

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.

## 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 BLM<sup>1</sup>

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

Renewed by Mike Gates – Minerals Program Manager, Bureau of Land Management – 12th December 2016.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
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