



Ares Strategic Mining Closes Fourth Tranche of Non-Brokered Private Placement Offering

Vancouver, B.C. July 18, 2024 — Ares Strategic Mining Inc. (CNSX: ARS) (“Ares” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has closed the fourth tranche of its previously announced offering of units (each, a “Unit”) by issuing 943,722 Units at a price of \$0.18 per Unit, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$169,869.96.

On May 10, 2024, the Company announced a non-brokered private placement offering of Units (the “LIFE Offering”) at a price of \$0.18 per Unit pursuant to the listed issuer financing exemption under Part 5A of National Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus Exemptions* (the “LIFE Exemption”). On June 18, 2024, in connection with the LIFE Offering, the Company filed an amended and restated offering document (the “Amended Offering Document”) to amend the terms of the LIFE Offering and offer up to 16,111,111 units at \$0.18 per Unit for gross proceeds of up to \$2,900,000 (the “Amended LIFE Offering”). To date, the Company has raised an aggregate amount of \$2,605,614.48 from the first, second, third and fourth tranche closings.

For additional details relating to the LIFE Offering and Amended LIFE Offering, please see the Company’s previously filed news releases which are available under the Company’s profile on www.sedarplus.com.

Each Unit consists of one (1) common share in the capital of the Company (each, a “Common Share”) and one non-transferable Common Share purchase warrant (each, a “Warrant”). Each Warrant is exercisable into one (1) Common Share (each, a “Warrant Share”) at a price of \$0.26 per Warrant Share for a period of two (2) years following the closing date of the Amended LIFE Offering, provided that, if the 10-day volume-weighted average trading price of the Common Shares as quoted on the Canadian Securities Exchange (the “CSE”) (or such other securities exchange on which the Common Shares may be traded at such time) is equal to or greater than \$0.40 at the close of any trading day, then the Company may, at its discretion, accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants by issuing a news release (a “Warrant Acceleration News Release”) announcing that the expiry date of the Warrants shall be deemed to be on the 30th day following the date of the Warrant Acceleration News Release (the “Accelerated Expiry Date”) (the “Acceleration Clause”). All Warrants that remain unexercised following the Accelerated Expiry Date shall immediately expire and all rights of holders of such Warrant shall be terminated without any compensation to such holder. Units offered under the Life Exemption will not be subject to resale restrictions for Canadian resident investors pursuant to applicable Canadian securities laws.

In connection with the closing of the fourth tranche, an aggregate of \$13,589.60 was paid in cash and a total of 75,497 finder’s warrants (each, a “Finder’s Warrant”) were issued to certain finders as finder’s fees. Each Finder’s Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one (1) common share in the capital of the Company (a “Finder’s

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Warrant Share) at a price of \$0.26 per Finder's Warrant Share for a period of two (2) years following the closing date of the fourth tranche. The Finder's Warrants are subject to the Acceleration Clause. Any securities issued as finder's fees are subject to a 4-month hold period from the date of issuance.

The balance of the Amended LIFE Offering is expected to close on or before August 1, 2024, and is subject to certain conditions, including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary regulatory and other approvals. The Company intends to use the proceeds of the Amended LIFE Offering as disclosed in the Amended LIFE Offering Document dated June 17, 2024, which is available under the Company's profile on www.sedarplus.com and on the Company's website (www.aresmining.com), for completing the ramp installation to intersect fluorspar mineralization at depth at its Lost Sheep fluorspar property located in Delta, Utah, to provide feed for the manufacturing facility which is currently under construction and for general and corporate working capital purposes.

None of the securities issued in connection with the Amended LIFE Offering will be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**1933 Act**"), and none of them may be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any state where such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful.

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

James Walker

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Certain statements contained in this news release constitute forward-looking information. These statements relate to future events or future performance. The use of any of the words "could", "intend", "expect", "believe", "will", "projected", "estimated" and similar expressions and statements relating to matters that are not historical facts are intended to identify forward-looking information and are based on the Company's current belief or assumptions as to the outcome and timing of such future events.

In particular, this news release contains forward-looking information relating to, among other things, the Amended LIFE Offering, including the total anticipated proceeds, the expected use of proceeds and the closing (including the proposed closing date) of the balance of the Amended LIFE Offering. Various assumptions or factors are typically applied in drawing conclusions or making the forecasts or projections set out in forward-looking information, including the assumption that the Company will close the balance of Amended LIFE Offering on the timeline anticipated, will raise the balance of the gross proceeds from the Amended LIFE Offering and will use the proceeds of the Amended LIFE Offering as anticipated. Those assumptions and factors are based on information currently available to the Company. Although such statements are based on reasonable assumptions of the Company's management, there can be no assurance that any conclusions or forecasts will prove to be accurate.

Forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. Such factors include: the risk that the LIFE Offering does not close on the timeline expected, or at all; the risk that the Company raises less than the anticipated amount of gross proceeds from the Amended LIFE Offering; the risk that the Company does not use the proceeds

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from the Amended LIFE Offering as currently expected; risks inherent in the exploration and development of mineral deposits, including risks relating to changes in project parameters as plans continue to be redefined and the risk that exploration and development activities will cost more than the amount budgeted for such activities by the Company; risks relating to changes in mineral prices and the worldwide demand for and supply of minerals; risks related to increased competition and current global financial conditions; access and supply risks; risks associated with the Company's reliance on key personnel; operational risks; regulatory risks, including risks relating to the acquisition of the necessary licenses and permits; financing, capitalization and liquidity risks; title and environmental risks; and risks relating to the failure to receive all requisite regulatory approvals. The forward-looking information contained in this news release is made as of the date hereof, and the Company is not obligated to update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable securities laws. Because of the risks, uncertainties and assumptions contained herein, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The foregoing statements expressly qualify any forward-looking information contained herein.

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