

# Cover Technologies Begins Development of ElectrumX Metals Spot Market Under Leadership of New CTO Steven Dryall

VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA - SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 - COVER TECHNOLOGIES INC. (CSE: COVE) (OTC: MGPRF) (Frankfurt: 304A) (the “Company” or “Cover”) is pleased to announce that it has commenced development of *ElectrumX*, a blockchain-based platform for tracking and transacting commodity minerals with features to include a spot market and integrations with third-party decentralized finance (“DeFi”) solutions. The development and launch of ElectrumX is being led by blockchain and digital currency visionary Steven Dryall, who was appointed Chief Technology Officer (“CTO”) of the Company on September 21, 2021 in connection with the Company's acquisition of the Flurbo Technology from Nifty Technologies Inc. (“Nifty”), as announced in a press release dated [September 15, 2021](#).

An overview of the ElectrumX platform and its features is provided below.

**Mineral Data Recording and Indexing:** Stakeholders throughout the mineral supply chain (e.g., miners, processors, refiners, etc.) will have the ability to seamlessly enter provenance data, recorded on an immutable distributed ledger (blockchain) to enhance visibility into the origins of a given unit/allotment of minerals, as well as the sourcing practices used to obtain it. This data will be accessible on the ElectrumX spot market and can be used as criteria for placing trade orders (e.g., a market order for magnesium produced specifically in a given region, or by an artisanal miner whose sourcing practices have been verified as sustainable).

**Spot Market for Minerals:** Users of the ElectrumX spot market will have the ability to trade various minerals represented through digitized cryptographic instruments with near-instant delivery. The ElectrumX spot market will offer several advantages compared to incumbent spot markets for mineral commodities to include lower fees, faster transaction speeds, and greater visibility into the minerals being transacted with the ability to automatically filter transactions or searches based on verified provenance data.

**DeFi Integrations:** Various DeFi solutions allow for standalone tools or technologies to be added on a modular basis to enhance the functionality of the base solution (e.g., a DeFi lending protocol can integrate a third-party tool to ensure loan collateral is free of encumbrances). These ancillary features are commonly referred to as “Legos”, an analogy to the popular interlocking plastic brick toy collection. For DeFi solutions which handle or facilitate transactions of minerals, it will be possible to integrate data feeds from ElectrumX to allow mineral traders and investors to benefit from in-depth insights collected and held by ElectrumX.

In 2020, the World Economic Forum recognized the opportunities for blockchain to bring value to players in mining and metals after releasing a proof of concept for emissions tracing that same year<sup>1</sup>. Cover expects that ElectrumX will launch in approximately Q2 2022, and will complement its existing activities in the minerals space.

Mr. Dryall, who was recognized by the Royal Canadian Mint as a contributor to the evolution of currency, has an established legacy in areas of fintech to include blockchain, cryptocurrency, and digitized commodities. Over two decades, Mr. Dryall has held founding or executive roles in firms to include Confluent Technologies, Nikola Tesla Unite, and Incipient Industries. Mr. Dryall was a named contributor to *The WealthTECH Book* (Wiley, 2018), and from 2012 to 2014 was the editor of *Coiner Magazine* (predecessor to NewsBTC Canada). Additionally, Mr. Dryall has been a speaker and panelist at numerous blockchain, fintech, and entrepreneurship events worldwide. As CTO of Cover, Mr. Dryall will be instrumental to the development of ElectrumX and management of the Company's existing technologies to include all blockchain intellectual property acquired from Nifty.

Regarding his appointment as CTO of Cover, Steven Dryall commented, "I am grateful to have the opportunity to be part of the Cover Technologies team, as I have long been a supporter of blockchain technologies as well as an enthusiastic contributor to their many potential use cases. Markets for minerals such as magnesium can benefit significantly from digitization through blockchain-based technologies such as ElectrumX, and I believe that with the collective acumen of our management team in fintech, commodities, and blockchain, we can bring significant value to the commodities space this way."

#### Sources

1 - <https://www.weforum.org/press/2020/12/blockchain-can-trace-carbon-emissions-for-mining-metals-companies-proof-of-concept-released/>

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company,

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### **About Cover Technologies Inc.**

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