Ares Strategic Mining introduces new Investor Relations Team

Vancouver, B.C., April 2nd, 2026 – Ares Strategic Mining Inc. (CSE: ARS) (OTC: ARSMF) (FRA: N8I1) is pleased to announce the introduction of its new Investor Relations Team. This strategic enhancement follows the Company's recent $10 million funding, which has enabled Ares to assemble a dedicated team to better support its expanding shareholder base and position the Company for future growth, including a potential uplisting to the NASDAQ.

The new team appointments include:

- Mr. Mykel James, a new addition to Ares, will serve as Head of the Investor Relations Team. Mykel brings years of experience in the small cap sector and investor relations roles. He will focus on building strong, transparent communication with larger individual investors, investors from family offices & institutional investors.
- Mykel will be supported by a highly experienced administrative team who have worked with Ares Strategic Mining for a number of years.
- Enhanced back-end technical support and technology will look to effectively capture all Investor interest, and provide an appropriate response.

This appointment is designed to respond and support the recent growth in shareholder outreach across both retail, family office and institutional markets, providing an enhanced level of direct engagement as Ares advances its operations. The team's efforts will contribute to the Company's long-term objectives, including strengthening its market position to facilitate a future uplisting to the NASDAQ.

The new Investor Relations Team is available immediately to address investor needs and support Ares' ongoing momentum.

James Walker, President and CEO of Ares Strategic Mining, commented: *"Our recent funding has provided the resources to build a robust team dedicated to investor relations and corporate development. With the dedication and expertise of Dace and Mykel, we are well-equipped to engage with our growing shareholder community and drive the strategic growth necessary for our next phase, including our aspirations for a NASDAQ uplisting."*

About Ares Strategic Mining

Ares Strategic Mining Inc. is a mining company focused on the development of its fluorspar projects in the U.S. The Company aims to become a significant supplier of high-grade fluorspar to North American markets, supporting industries vital to modern technology and infrastructure.

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 south-west 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[1]

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

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