

PRESS RELEASE

Foremost Clean Energy Announces Appointment of David Cates as Interim CEO

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, July 21, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Foremost Clean Energy Ltd.** ("**Foremost**" or the "**Company**") (NASDAQ: FMST) (CSE: FAT) reports that Mr. David Cates has been appointed Interim President & Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Cates has served as a Director of the Company since October 2024 and is Chief Executive Officer of Denison Mines Corp. ("**Denison**") (TSX: DML) (NYSE American: DNN), which is the Company's largest shareholder, owning approximately 19.9% of Foremost's outstanding common shares.

The appointment of Mr. Cates is expected to provide leadership continuity while the Board completes a formal search and selection process for a new permanent President & Chief Executive Officer, following the departures of Mr. Jason Barnard, who had served as President & Chief Executive Officer of Foremost, and Ms. Christina Barnard, who had served as the Company's Chief Operating Officer. Mr. and Ms. Barnard continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer and President, respectively, of Rio Grande Resources Ltd. ("**Rio Grande Resources**").

Doug Mason, the Chair of Foremost's Board of Directors commented, ***"We are pleased to have the support of Mr. Cates and Denison during this brief time of leadership transition at Foremost. The Company has been transformed since partnering with Denison in 2024 and is organizing itself to progress its strategy of aggressive uranium exploration in the prolific Athabasca Basin region of northern Saskatchewan."***

Mr. Barnard was first appointed interim CEO in December 2022. During his tenure as CEO, Mr. Barnard led the Company through the execution of the Option Agreement with Denison in 2024, the spin-out of its gold and silver properties in a transaction with Rio Grande Resources, as well as the recently announced completion of the Phase 2 earn-in under the Denison option, which increased the Company's ownership interest to 51% interest across its 10 Athabasca uranium projects, with the exception of Hatchet Lake, at 35.78%. On behalf of the Board, we thank Mr. Barnard for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors."

David Cates, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer of Foremost, added ***"Foremost is an important part of the Team Denison exploration strategy, aimed at supporting junior resource exploration in the Athabasca Basin while Denison focuses on the construction of its flagship Phoenix in-site recovery uranium mine. Given Denison's significant investment in Foremost, I'm pleased to take on this interim role to assist with management continuity while the Foremost Board completes its search for a new dynamic leader to spearhead the Company's uranium exploration strategy."***

About Foremost

Foremost Clean Energy Ltd. (NASDAQ: FMST) (CSE: FAT) (WKN: A3DCC8) is a North American uranium, lithium, and gold exploration company strategically positioned to support the long-term growth in demand expected for reliable, carbon-free energy sources.

The Company holds an option from [Denison](#) to earn up to a 70% interest in 10 prospective uranium properties (except for the Hatchet Lake, where Foremost can earn up to 51%), spanning over 330,000 acres in the prolific, uranium-rich Athabasca Basin region of northern Saskatchewan. The Company's exploration efforts benefit from access to extensive historic drilling and geophysical data for targeting high-potential, mineralized trends. To date, Foremost has completed geophysical surveys and multiple drill campaigns that have generated encouraging results and defined high-priority exploration targets for follow-up drilling.

Foremost also has a portfolio of lithium-focused projects at varying stages of development spanning 43,000+ acres in Manitoba, providing exposure to other critical materials essential in electrification and energy storage.

For further information, please visit the Company's website at www.foremostcleanenergy.com.

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