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## NQ Minerals Plc

### Director Change

London listed NQ Minerals Plc (AQSE: NQMI, OTCQB: NQMLF, OTCQB:NQMIY; Frankfurt: 44D)) ("**NQ**" or the "**Company**"), announces that the Company's founder and major shareholder, Mr Walter Doyle, has stepped down as the CEO and a director of NQ Minerals with immediate effect. He will remain an important consultant to the Company to assist with the necessary transition.

Mr Adrian Moroz, a qualified Mining Engineer and Accountant, will assume the role of interim CEO of NQ Minerals to add to existing duties as CFO.

**David Lenigas, NQ's Chairman commented.**

*"Walter bravely founded NQ Minerals back in 2015. He has overseen NQ's acquisition of the Hellyer Mine in Tasmania in 2017 and has been the key driver in raising the substantial funding required to bring Hellyer back into full operational status. Hellyer, with its robust cashflows, is now well placed to add significant value for shareholders. With recent new senior appointments in the Company, who are suitably skilled to build on what Walter started, he feels that now is the right time for him to step down as CEO and leave it to the new professional management to move the Company forward through its next stage of growth. We all admire what Walter has achieved in what has been an exceptionally tough market for junior mining companies funding major new resource projects."*

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### About NQ Minerals

NQ Minerals is a green mining company focused on the environmental rehabilitation and sustainable exploration and extraction of minerals required for a net zero emissions world at former precious metal mining locations in Australia.

NQ commenced environmental rehabilitation and base metal and precious metal production in 2018 at its 100% owned flagship Hellyer Gold Mine in Tasmania. In 2021, rehabilitation and exploration work began at its second flagship project, the historic high-grade Beaconsfield Gold Mine ("Beaconsfield") in Tasmania which it is planning to bring back into production later this year.

The Group's combined published reserves and resources cover precious metals gold and silver, and battery metals lead and zinc. Its Hellyer property has a published JORC compliant Mineral Resource estimated as of the end of August 2020 at 7.57 Mt which is host to Gold at 2.60 g/t Au for 633,600 oz Au, Silver at 94 g/t Ag for 22,873,600 oz Ag, Lead at 3.01% Pb for 228,000 tonnes and Zinc at 2.33% Zn for 176,700 tonnes. Meanwhile, Beaconsfield has a JORC (2012) compliant Mineral Resource Estimate of 1.454 Mt at 10.3 g/t Au for 483,000 ounces of gold. NQ's portfolio also includes an EV battery nickel cobalt project in Tasmania. Full details of the Company's inventory for each of its projects can be found at [www.nqminerals.com](http://www.nqminerals.com).

NQ Minerals' stock is dual-listed on London's AQSE exchange (AQSE: NQMI) and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (FSE: 44D) and can be traded on the US OTC Markets (OTCQB: NQMLF). The Company also

has a 1:100 American Depository Receipt (“ADR”) traded on the OTC Markets (OTCQB: NQMIY). For further information, please visit [www.nqminerals.com](http://www.nqminerals.com).

### **Competent Person’s Statement**

The information in this report that relates to the Beaconsfield Gold Mine and Hellyer is based on information compiled by Mr. Roger Jackson, an Executive Director of the Company, who is a 25+ year Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (MAusIMM) and a Member of Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr. Jackson has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the “Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves”. Mr. Jackson consents to the inclusion of the data contained in relevant resource reports used for this announcement as well as the matters, form, and context in which the relevant data appears.

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