

## **Lowell joins EITI – Ecuador as a Supporting Company**

**February 2, 2021 – Quito, Ecuador – Lowell Mineral Exploration Ecuador S.A.** ("Lowell" or the "Company"), a subsidiary of Solaris Resources Inc. ("Solaris"), joined the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative ("EITI"), considered to be the global standard for good governance of oil, gas, and mineral resources, as a supporting company in Ecuador. For the Company in charge of managing and developing the Warintza Project ("Warintza" or the "Project"), which is located in southeastern Ecuador in the province of Morona Santiago, this marks an important milestone in its commitment to transparency.

Lowell's pledge was made official in the presence of Federico Velásquez, Vice President of Operations and Ricardo Obando, Manager of Corporate Affairs of Solaris, respectively, as well as Juan Carlos Dueñas, Technical Secretary of EITI -Ecuador, Stevie Gamboa, Secretary of the EITI Industry Group -Ecuador and Valeria Llerena, consultant for the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), an organization that advises on the implementation of the initiative in Ecuador. Lowell joins as a part of industry representatives, which together, with government and civil society representatives, make up the multistakeholder group in Ecuador.

Daniel Earle, President and CEO of Solaris, commented, "We are pleased to become an EITI member and join an internationally recognized framework that aligns with our corporate values of transparency, accountability, and performance excellence. This is another way in which we will continue to advance our commitment to industry best practices for inclusive and mutually-beneficial resource development in partnership with local stakeholders through our innovative CSR program."

"I am very pleased that Solaris has joined the EITI-Ecuador Industry Group. The fact that the company has expressed its commitment to transparency encourages more companies to do the same. As a result of its pledge, the Company generates greater trust with the communities in the area of influence of the Project", said Juan Carlos Dueñas, Technical Secretary of EITI-Ecuador.

Adherence to the EITI will require the Government of Ecuador to publicly disclose information on contracts, beneficiaries, income and payments, information on state-owned companies, among others. These disclosures will support efforts to publish better quality and more accessible and up-to-date data on Ecuador's extractive sector.

On October 15, 2020, the EITI Board approved Ecuador's application to join the EITI, making it the 55th implementing country and the 11th in Latin America.

Minister of Energy and Non-Renewable Natural Resources, René Ortiz, indicated at the time that Ecuador's candidacy to the EITI plans to consolidate the transparency and responsible management of resources generated by the oil, gas, and mining sectors of Ecuador. Mr. Ortiz commented, "EITI is a global standard that has been implemented by 55 countries and is aligned with the Open Government Partnership, to which Ecuador is a signatory and promotes the fight against corruption, as well as optimal participation, governance, access, digitization of public information and the use of new technologies".



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# **About Lowell Mineral Exploration Ecuador S.A.**

Lowell Mineral Exploration Ecuador S.A., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Solaris, promotes the development of strategic alliances with key stakeholders in Ecuador to pave the way for sustainable best practices of responsible exploration.

#### **About Solaris Resources Inc.**

Solaris is advancing a portfolio of copper and gold assets in the Americas, which includes: a high-grade resource with expansion and additional discovery potential at the Warintza copper and gold project in Ecuador; discovery potential on the grass-roots Tamarugo project in Chile and Capricho and Paco Orco projects in Peru; exposure to US\$130M spending / 5-yrs through a farm-out agreement with Freeport-McMoRan on the Ricardo Project in Chile; and significant leverage to increasing copper prices through the 60%-interest in the development-stage La Verde joint-venture project with Teck Resources in Mexico. For more information, please visit www.solarisresources.com.

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