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Hawkfield to purchase significant shares in Batla Minerals SA and subsequent changes to the Batla Board of Directors

Batla Minerals SA (NYSE Euronext (Marche Libre): MLBAT)

Hawkfield Corporation NV has concluded an agreement (subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions precedent) with three of the founding members of Batla Minerals SA to acquire an initial volume of 580 000 shares in Batla Minerals SA at an agreed price.

The terms of a further delayed purchase of their remaining 1 392 689 shares in Batla Minerals have been agreed between the parties subject to certain conditions.

Key elements of the agreement:

- Hawkfield and its associates currently own 1 675 342 shares of Batla Minerals SA prior to this acquisition.
- Subsequent to the initial transaction of 580 000 shares, Hawkfield and its associates will own 41.6% of Batla Minerals SA.
- Following the future contemplated completion of the delayed purchase, Hawkfield would own 68.2% of Batla Minerals SA.

New company president named, two new board members to be appointed

- In terms of the agreement reached with the founding members, and to reflect the current ownership of Batla Minerals, a new President in the person of Mr. Jean Retief presently in charge of the group financial and administrative operations will be appointed by Batla's Board of Directors.
- Batla's Board will also appoint two new directors, who will be presented to the shareholders for ratification at the next General Meeting of Shareholders.

To date, Hawkfield has made € 8m of loan funding available to the Batla group and will continue to support the growth of the group.

About Batla Minerals

Batla Minerals is a French resource investment company listed on the NYSE Euronext (Marche Libre: MLBAT). El Nino Mining is Batla's operating company, based in South Africa. The company has active diamond operations in South Africa and Lesotho, and is developing its current assets in the energy and base metal categories. New diamond ventures are sought across Southern Africa.

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