

# GREEN MINERALS

Enabling the green shift

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#### **Outline**

- Q4 Highlights
- 2022 Milestones
- Key objectives 2023
- Subsequent events
- Polymetallic Nodules
- Strategic priorities
- Operations and financials



# Q4 highligths

#### **Highlights for Q4 2022**

- OSI led consortium started working on Concept study for "Harsh environment Deep-Sea mining system".
- Signed frame agreement with an international battery manufacturer.

#### **Subsequent events**

- Signed an MoU with a license holder in Clarion Clipperton Zone.
- Public Hearing on the environmental impact assessment concluded in Norway.
- NPD published its resource assessment for Norway

#### Norwegian Petroleum Directorate:

Havbunnsmineraler: Store ressurser på norsk sokkel



Direktør for teknologi, analyse og sameksistens (TAS) Kjersti Dahle viser en sulfidprøve, hentet opp fra ODs tokt på Mohnsryggen i Norskehavet i 2020. Foto: Arne Bjørøen/OD.



### **Financial highligths**

#### Q4 2022

- Q4 revenue of NOK 0.3 million, first revenue ever recorded
- Q4 expenses was NOK 4.3 million, broadly in line with prior year quarter.
  - By adjusting for non-cash impact of the company's incentive scheme the cost was NOK 2.9 million (Q4/21: NOK 3.9 million)
- The company is debt free and the cash balance was NOK 21.3 million as of end of Q4 2022

#### Full year 2022

- 2022 operating expenses were NOK 11.5 million, up from NOK 10.7 million in 2021.
- The underlying cost, after adjusting for non-cash reversal on the company's incentive scheme, was NOK 10.1 million (2021: NOK 9.9 million).
  - This is expected to be representative on an annual basis going forward.
- Equity ratio was 96%

Key figures				
All figures in NIOK '000 (except equity ratio)	Q4 2022 (Unaudited)	Q4 2021 (Unaudited)	2022 (Unaudited)	2021 (Audited)
Developer	0.50		050	
Revenues	258	-	258	-
Operating expenses	-4,276	-4,576	-11,526	-10,651
EBITDA	-4,018	-4,576	-11,268	-10,651
EBIT	-4,018	-4,576	-11,268	-10,651
Profit/(loss)	-4,016	-4,563	-11,260	-10,645
Cash flow operating activities	-2,359	-2,455	-8,883	-8,848
Total assets	21,491	19,718	21,491	19,718
Cash and cash Equivalents	21,252	19,067	21,252	19,067
Equity ratio	96%	97%	96%	97%



### **Expected key milestones during 2022**

1. RESEARCH CRUISE

2. METALLURGY ANALYSIS

3. RELEASE OF NPD DATA

4. ALLIANCES & PARTNERSHIPS



- Research cruise on the Mid-Atlantic ridge with ProjectULTRA (NOC\*)
- Scope of the project was amongst others drilling of several extinct SMS, testing new method such as seismic while drilling, and sediment samples to support future exploration strategies.
- Preliminary results from the cored material show high copper and unexpectedly high nickel content.



- GEM has carried out a metallurgy analysis on SMS samples from the mid-Atlantic ridge
- Report deepens our knowledge of the mineralogical composition and the commerciality of the resource



- NPD has carried out research cruises on the Mohns Ridge and the Knipovich Ridge every year since 2018
- Large amounts of data from these research activities were released by the NPD early June 2022
- The data are now incorporated in Green Minerals database and we have started to integrate the data in our workflow and exploration framework.



- Continue expanding our partnership model throughout the value-chain
- Actively working towards strategic partnerships, both in Norway and internationally
- Continuous process



Photos: NOC (left), NPD (middle-right)

<sup>\*)</sup> NOC - National Oceanographic Centre, marine research centre located in Southampton UK, one of the globally recognised reference institutes on marine minerals <a href="https://noc.ac.uk/">https://noc.ac.uk/</a>

### **Key Objectives for 2023**

1. LICENSE WIN

2. RESEARCH CRUISE

3. PROCESSING STUDY

4. ALLIANCES & PARTNERSHIPS



- GEM's ambition is to secure a license in 2023.
- MoU for large license signed.
- Several international opportunities are currently being evaluated.



- The next research cruise to the Mid Atlantic Ridge is planned for late 2023.
- The research cruise is led by the National Oceanographic Centre\* in UK.
- GEM has 2 Ph.D. students on the project.



- GEM has secured more SMS material to continue the analyses.
- The second (and last) phase of this R&D activity will focus on processing methods for SMS material.
- Aim is to demonstrate blend-ability with onshore copper ore.



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Photo: NOC (middle left) 16.02.2023 - p

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### **MoU signed**

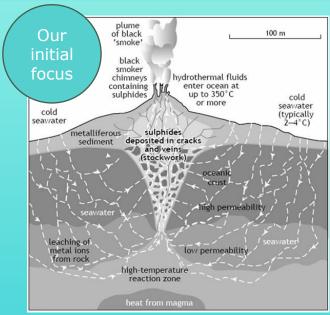
- Green Minerals signs MoU for partnership in a nodule license in CCZ in January 2023.
- Competent license holder.
- Significant amount of work done on the license to date, indicating
  - A significant resource of key battery metals on global scale.
  - >100 yrs. production at same rate as NCS SMS
- Exclusivity for Green Minerals during the negotiation period.





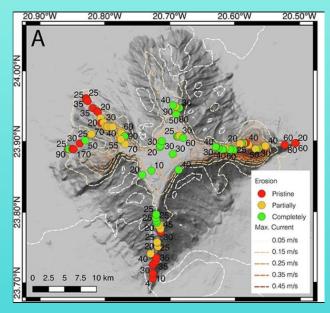
### Three main types of marine minerals occurrences

Seafloor massive sulphides (SMS)



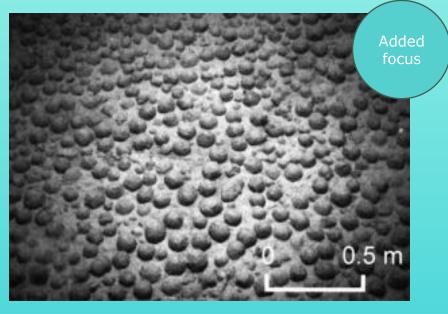
- Impacted area is very small (diameter in the 100's m range.)
- Production from SMS's will be performed through 'surgical interventions'.
- Non-unique ecosystems around inactive vents
- Probably relative low environmental impact.

Manganese crust



- Intermediate areas (50-100km²)
- Steep slopes most likely favourable for development of crust on NCS.

Polymetallic nodules



- Large areas (>250k km²)
- "Easy" exploration.
- The nodules can be harvested.

Closed loop production system reduce/remove sediment plume during extraction for all deposits.



Source: Yeo et. Al 2019, Teara.govt.nz 16.02.2023 – page 1

### Polymetallic nodules. "Battery in a rock"

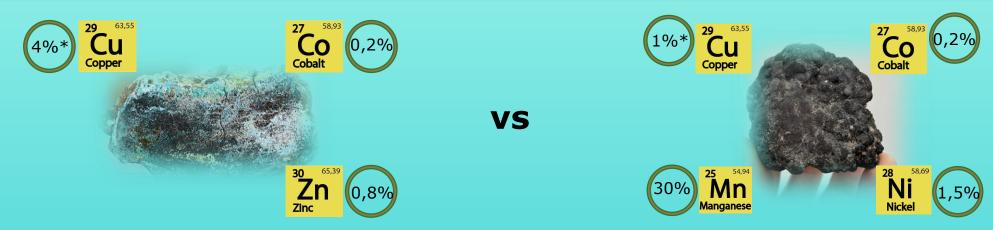
- Polymetallic nodules, contain four essential battery metals: cobalt, nickel, copper, and manganese, in a single ore.
- Unlike land ores, nodules do not contain toxic levels of heavy elements.
- Licenses in the CCZ are large, often between 70 000 and 80 000 km<sup>2</sup>.
- The license Green Minerals are negotiating has completed the geological exploration work.
  - Resource assessment
- Some remaining work on the environmental baseline.
- The license will be close to ready for harvesting once the Mining Code (ISA legislation) is complete.



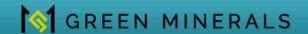


#### **SMS vs Nodules**

MS Polymetallic nodule



- SMS is mainly a copper play, but some deposits also show very interesting Cobalt ore grades.
- Seafloor Massive Sulphides are 3D deposits, that cover small areas and mining is needed to produce the resource.
- Nodules are a 2D deposit, sitting unattached on the seafloor. Produced through harvesting.
- Nodules are rich in typical battery metals like Ni, Mn, and Co. Also rich in Fe.



# **NPD** Resource report

In-situ metals sulfides

Metal	NPD (Tons)	Global annual production (Tons)	NPD/Global prod.
Copper	38 100 000	21 000 000*	1.8x
Gold	2 317	3 090**	0.8x
Silver	85 200	24 000*	3.6x
Cobalt	1 000 000	170 000*	5.9x





<sup>\*</sup>All the metals we mined in 2021: Visualized - MINING.COM

<sup>\*\*</sup>Global gold production from mines 2022 | Statista

### Partnership for responsible production



- Work commenced for delivery of a concept study on Harsh Environment Deep-Sea Mining System "ore from seafloor to port" for exclusive use in Norwegian waters.
- OSI has delivered risers for Allseas/TMC (Nodules) and Japanese consortium (SMS) and was part of integration works
- SMD delivered mining machines for previous SMS mining project
- OSI becomes shareholder in Green Minerals

### Roadmap towards exploration license in '24 and production in '28



#### Aspirational targets – operations and financials

CCZ NCS FINANCIAL TARGETS - NCS







- Geological exploration work completed
- More than 200Mt wet nodules indicated on license
- Asset light strategy, minimize CAPEX, include industrial partners.
- Annual EBITDA (est) > USD 150m on current metals prices

**Target: Production start in 2026** 

- We plan for a pilot system ready to operate by 2026
- Processing to be performed in the Nordics
- Immense focus on subsea ecosystem and biodiversity
- <u>Target:</u> Production in 2028 with processing capability in one of the Nordic countries

#### Revenue:

- 1.5 Mt annual ore production
- USD 9,000 per ton copper (Cu)
- USD 50,000 per ton cobalt (Co)
- ~USD 100m uplift for additional metals

#### • EBITDA:

Includes overhead, mining cost and processing cost



## **Recent industry developments**

License award in Cook Islands provides perspective on industry values:

- -3 licenses awarded to Moana Minerals Ltd (OMLUS), CIC Ltd (Oddesey) and CIIC Seabed Resorces Ltd (Deme Gp)
- OMLUS (Moana Minerals Ltd) win triggered Transocean minority stake (press release 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022) at estimated 10 MUSD + 10 MUSD in-kind

#### CCZ

- The Metals Company successfully completed an integrated pilot system test in the CCZ in October 2022, lifting 3000 wet tonnes of nodules through a 4,3km riser system
- Transocean recently announced that they have taken a minority stake in GSR and their license in the CCZ.

	OMLUS	тмс	GEM
Market cap (USDm)	NA	229	7
Production start (est)	2026	2024	2026/2028
Production in tpa (est)	und.	1.3M	1.5M
Resource status CCZ* (mt)			(>200Mt *)
measured	NA	4	NA
indicated	NA	341	NA
inferred	33	11	NA
Area of operation	Cook Islands	CCZ	CCZ/Norway





### **Green Minerals summary**

A pioneer and frontrunner in marine minerals in Norway

- Norwegian Basin
- · Green Minerals signs MoU on large nodule license in CCZ, approaching license holder status earlier than previously guided.
- Opening decision in Norway 4-7 months expected, public consultation completed in January.
- USA and the EU declare > 30 minerals critical to national security
  - 1Celai
- Large Oil&Gas contractors starting to position in DSM industry, shedding light on industry values





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Q&A