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## **Lion increases Saturn Metals holding with \$5M investment**

- **Saturn becomes Lion's largest portfolio holding**

Lion Selection Group Limited (ASX:LSX, **Lion**) is pleased to announce it has committed to invest \$5M as part of a \$14M fundraising announced by Saturn Metals (ASX:STN, **Saturn**). Following completion of the raising Lion is expected to hold approximately 17.58% of Saturn. This will be Lion's largest individual deployment into its Australian focussed portfolio and make Saturn Lion's largest investment.

This investment follows Lion's recent investment of \$2M in Antipa Minerals (announced on 20 June 2024), and \$1M investment in Venture Minerals, also announced today.

Lion CEO Hedley Widdup said: *"Lion initially invested in Saturn in late 2023 and has come to know the Saturn team well. Saturn is an opportunity for Lion to be involved with the development of a strategic sized gold asset that has the potential to capitalise on very low unit costs over a deposit with high gold density. We are very pleased to make a larger follow-on investment and become a key shareholder."*

### **Saturn Metals – low unit cost economics available unlocking strategically sized gold development**

Saturn has a large established gold Resource near Leonora in Western Australia, where metallurgical test work has shown that high recoveries of gold can be obtained by heap leach processing. Whilst Saturn's positive Preliminary Economic Assessment and ongoing PFS level studies outlining a large, long-life gold mine with a production target of 122koz per annum<sup>1</sup>, Saturn has begun describing a Pilot Project as a potential near term development which is a unique step compared with most gold development projects. This approach would provide real-world confidence to heap leach performance parameters (compaction, percolation, recovery, etc) well beyond the level that lab-scale test work could provide, which in turn would theoretically achieve a substantial de-risking. The Pilot Project could yield 24koz gold based on production parameters outlined in the Apollo Hill PEA and other announcements<sup>2</sup>, which at current spot gold prices has a value of approximately A\$84M. Clearly this revenue figure needs to cover costs but presents a clever way to combine revenue winning with derisking and potentially step toward becoming a producer.

Lion initially invested \$3M in a placement conducted by Saturn at 12.5cps in late 2023, which established a 10.76% shareholding for Lion. Saturn has performed strongly since Lion invested as gold price strengthened, and Lion can see a very compelling case for value to be unlocked with successful completion of project studies, financing and development.

<sup>1</sup> Saturn Metals announcement to ASX on 17 August 2023

<sup>2</sup> Refer to Saturn Metals announcements to ASX on 30 April 2024 and 28 May 2024

