

## **NEWS RELEASE**

# LITHIUM LION ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO CHANGE NAME TO PANTHER MINERALS INC. AND MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Vancouver, British Columbia / April 17, 2024 – Lithium Lion Metals Inc. ("Lithium Lion" or the "Company") (CSE: LLM) (OTC: GLIOF) (FWB: 2BC) is pleased to announce that it intends to change its name to "Panther Minerals Inc." and its CSE stock symbol to "PURR". These changes are expected to take effect on or about April 19, 2024 (the "Name and Symbol Change").

#### **Management Changes**

The Company also announces that it has appointed Mr. Robert Birmingham as Chief Executive Officer and Mr. David Beck as Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

Mr. Robert Birmingham has over 15 years of public markets experience, with a focus on corporate development, go-public transactions and capital raising. Mr. Birmingham is currently CEO and President of Brigadier Gold Ltd., Director of BIGG Digital Assets, and holds multiple other board seats. Mr. Birmingham is the President of investor relations Company Benaterra Communications Inc. and has been on the board of numerous TSX.V, CSE and CBOE Canada listed Companies. Mr. Birmingham holds a BBA from Capilano University.

Mr. David Beck has over 30 years of financial, business operations and capital market experience, having worked in a C-level capacity with national financial institutions in various capacities as a financial analyst, institutional and proprietary trader and in investment banking. Initially, Mr. Beck leveraged his background in engineering to focus on a career in management consulting. After several years, he moved to the capital market industry as a technology research analyst. He subsequently complemented this experience through work as an investment banker and proprietary trader. During his career, he established himself as a domain expert in analytics largely through his work as a top-ranked technology research analyst in both New York and Toronto. His security expertise has been developed through work with, and investment in, three security software start-up companies, which included Cloakware (acquired by Irdeto) and Assurent Secure Technologies (acquired by Telus). Mr. Beck holds an MBA from the Ivey Business School, University of Western Ontario, and a BSc (engineering physics) from Queen's University.

"Our accomplishments as Lithium Lion Metals Inc. have laid a strong foundation, and we are confident that this evolution to Panther Minerals Inc. will reinforce our promise of value creation for shareholders," remarked David Beck, Chief Executive Officer. "We eagerly anticipate the prospects that Panther Minerals Inc. brings forth, as we strive to foster a more sustainable and prosperous energy metals landscape." Furthermore, the Company announces that Mr. Steven Inglefield has resigned as Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary. The Company thanks Mr. Inglefield for his service to date and wishes him the best of luck with his future endeavors.

#### About Lithium Lion Metals Inc.

Lithium Lion Metals Inc. Lithium Lion Metals is a mineral exploration company actively involved in the exploration of its North American project portfolio. For more information please visit: <u>https://www.lithuimlionmetals.com/</u>.

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