

## **SunMirror AG Agrees to Acquire Latitude 66 Cobalt Oy with its advanced battery metals portfolio to strengthen its position as Europe's 'Green Metals' company**

- SunMirror expands business activities to Finland, one of the most attractive mining areas in the world
- Agrees to acquire the largest exploration tenement holding in Finland, including the second largest undeveloped cobalt resource in Europe
- Post-transaction SunMirror to hold a highly prospective portfolio of battery metals projects in Australia and Finland
- Investor focus builds around traceable raw materials for energy, mobility and tech sectors
- Management leverages long-standing successes at commercialising strategic commodities

**Zug, Switzerland, 26 August 2021** - SunMirror AG ("SunMirror"; XETRA Vienna: ROR1; ISIN CH0396131929), a exploration company specialising in mineral resources such as gold, lithium, cobalt and other metals and minerals powering future industries, continues to successfully pursue its expansion strategy during the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Company has today announced that it has, via its wholly owned subsidiary, SunMirror Luxembourg S.A. ("SM S.A."), agreed to acquire Finnish cobalt company Latitude 66 Cobalt Oy ("Latitude 66") with focus on exploration and mine development with its business operations located in Finland.

Founded 4 years ago, Latitude 66 is one of the leading explorers of cobalt in Europe and controls the largest exploration tenement package of any single company in Finland, currently in excess of 9,000 square kilometres. Latitude 66's most advanced mine development project is the fourth largest known cobalt deposit in the European Union ("EU") and the second largest not yet in production. In addition, Latitude 66 has an extensive exploration portfolio with over 100 targets identified for further exploration.

The expected purchase price payable to the Parent will be EUR 45 million, payable in cash on closing, and SM S.A. has agreed to a 2% net smelter royalty on future production. The Board of Directors of SunMirror and the Board of Directors of Latitude 66's parent company Latitude 66 Cobalt Limited ("Parent") have already approved the sale of Latitude 66 to SM S.A. The conditional binding agreement in respect of the acquisition of Latitude 66 contains an alternative completion structure which, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, provides SM S.A. with the ability to propose a takeover offer of the Parent in accordance with applicable Australian corporations laws. The completion of the acquisition of Latitude 66, or a takeover bid if one is subsequently announced by SM S.A., is subject to completion by SunMirror of a capital raising of EUR 70 million and other customary conditions.

Current resource estimate for Latitude 66's K Camp project according to Mineral resource classification JORC is 16,490 tonnes cobalt and 725,000 oz gold contained. The average grade for cobalt is 0.064%, which is the highest of the five largest known cobalt resources in the EU, and the average gold grade is 2.7g/t. Finland is the largest refiner of cobalt and nickel in Europe and the

second largest of cobalt in the world after China, which has a market share of around 80 percent. Furthermore Finland is currently the only country in the EU with mines producing Cobalt today. A fully European supply chain for batteries will significantly reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and other emissions in the manufacturing process of electric vehicles and other batteries. Domestic supply of key battery minerals will significantly reduce strategic and geopolitical risks for European companies.

SunMirror focuses on exploration and mine developments in areas known for their high geological potential and where some of the world's most productive mines and mineral deposits are located. SunMirror, which has prospective resource projects in Australia, with the acquisition of Latitude 66 holds a highly prospective portfolio of battery metals projects in the world's premier mining jurisdictions. SunMirror is targeting to supply the European economy with cobalt and other raw materials and metals such as lithium from sustainable, stable and legally secure sources, while complying with laws, regulations and ESG requirements.

The EU recently affirmed, as part of the launch of its European Green Deal, which presents Europe's new growth strategy and sets out a roadmap for achieving climate neutrality by 2050, that not having access to critical raw materials or being overly dependent on individual suppliers would undermine Europe's ability to become an industrial leader in new technologies. In order to achieve the EU's climate neutrality goal, it is important not to create a new dependency of these critical raw materials on uncertain third countries in terms of legal certainty, working conditions and environmental standards.

Dr. Heinz Rudolf Kubli, Member of the Board of Directors of SunMirror AG, explains his views about the acquisition's significance:

"It is more important than ever for European industry to have direct access to raw materials for future technologies with independent supply chains. With access to highly attractive cobalt projects in Finland, SunMirror can meet the EU's requirements for critical raw materials and contribute raw material security. Through the acquisition of Latitude 66 SunMirror is excellently positioned to provide raw materials and is thus a strategic partner for the digital transition in Europe. Our aim is to provide crucial raw materials like cobalt for battery tech, which are indispensable for the implementation of next-gen electro-mobility, and the expansion of renewable energies. We are differentiated by a transparent, traceable and sustainable framework. As a raw material supplier, we want to make our contribution to decarbonising the entire value chain, responsibly – ahead of industry peers."

Latitude 66 is a member of the Finnish government project "BATTRACE". This initiative is dedicated to the traceability of battery materials and the production processes used to extract metals from ores and refine them into high-quality raw materials for battery material manufacturers. SunMirror is also developing a blockchain technology solution for enhanced traceability. This will transparently document the source of raw materials and the conditions of the extraction process in a tamper-proof manner and be made available to third parties for the calculation of ESG criteria. The traceability of the raw materials ensures that the extraction of the materials is ESG-compliant and not at the expense of environmental standards, labour law and conditions or through illegal overexploitation.

For the avoidance of doubt, this announcement does not constitute an intention to make a takeover bid for the purposes of section 631 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

Sunmirror has already received commitments for significant capital injections in the past and considers itself well positioned for further growth on this basis. In addition, further investors have recently expressed their interest to Sunmirror with a share price close to the market price in supporting the future growth of the company.

## **Webcast on 27 August 2021**

SunMirror AG invites media representatives and institutional investors to a conference call with accompanying presentation on the internet. Among other things, the company will explain details of the transaction and the company's prospects.

**The webcast will take place on 27 August 2021 at 09:00 am.**

Interested parties can obtain the necessary access data at [dkaufmann@edicto.de](mailto:dkaufmann@edicto.de).

## **About SunMirror AG**

SunMirror is a natural resources holding company with a strategic focus on traceable, responsibly sourced battery metals - the metals and minerals whose demand is driven by sustainable next-generation technologies. The company's shares (ISIN CH0396131929) are listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange (ticker: ROR1) and the Düsseldorf Stock Exchange. For further information, please visit: [www.sunmirror.com](http://www.sunmirror.com).

## **About Latitude 66 Cobalt Limited**

Australian mining company Latitude 66 Cobalt Limited with business activities in Finland is one of the leading exploration companies for Cobalt in Europe and has promising exploration and mine development projects in Finland. For further information, please visit: <https://lat66.com/en>

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