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## **KINGSROSE ANNOUNCES APPEALS LODGED AGAINST EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR DRILLING PENIKAT PROJECT**

Kingsrose Mining Limited (ASX: KRM) (**Kingsrose** or **Company**) announces that an appeal against the granting of its exploration permit concerning Area 1 of the Penikat project (**Exploration Permit**) was lodged on 5 August 2024. Based on Kingsrose's preliminary assessment, the appeal will be heard in the Northern Finland Administrative Court (**Administrative Court**).

### **SUMMARY**

- A combined appeal was lodged against the Exploration Permit by two non-governmental organisations (**NGOs**), the Keminseutu Nature Conservation Association and Mining Watch Finland.
- It is not uncommon for NGOs to appeal against granting of exploration permits in Finland. The appeal will be heard in the Northern Finland Administrative Court and will include statements from relevant authorities such as the mining regulator (**Tukes**). Additionally, Kingsrose will have the opportunity to provide a rejoinder to address the points raised in the appeal.
- The Company's initial interpretation of the appeal is that it lacks technical and legal credibility and demonstrates a limited understanding of the Finnish legislative process, the surrounding environment, and the social setting. However, as the NGO has a legal right to appeal, the appeals must be heard in the Administrative Court, regardless of credibility.
- Kingsrose expects the Administrative Court to render its decision approximately 12 months following the lodgement of the appeal and therefore it is expected that drilling at Area 1 of the Penikat project may not commence until approximately December 2025.
- No appeals were lodged against the Ministry of Environment's decision granting a derogation permit for Area 1 of the Penikat project (**Derogation Permit**) under the Mire Conservation legislation.
- Kingsrose remains confident that permission to drill at Penikat will be obtained despite the delay to timelines resulting from this appeals process.

Fabian Baker, Managing Director of Kingsrose commented: *"Kingsrose has worked tirelessly to gain a thorough understanding of the natural values of the Penikat area and develop an environmentally responsible exploration drilling program with high-quality supporting documents. The proposed drilling program was rigorously reviewed by local and national environmental regulators and landowners, resulting in positive Natura 2000 statements, and Ministry of Environment Derogation Permit. The receipt of an appeal against the granting of the Exploration Permit is disappointing yet not unexpected. Kingsrose considers the content of the appeals to be inadequately informed and flawed. Similar appeals are commonly lodged in Finland to delay exploration permitting processes. We expect that the quality of our environmental studies and mitigation measures to support our proposed exploration program will ultimately result in a positive outcome for Kingsrose despite delays to the drilling timeline. We would like to thank our shareholders for their continued patience."*

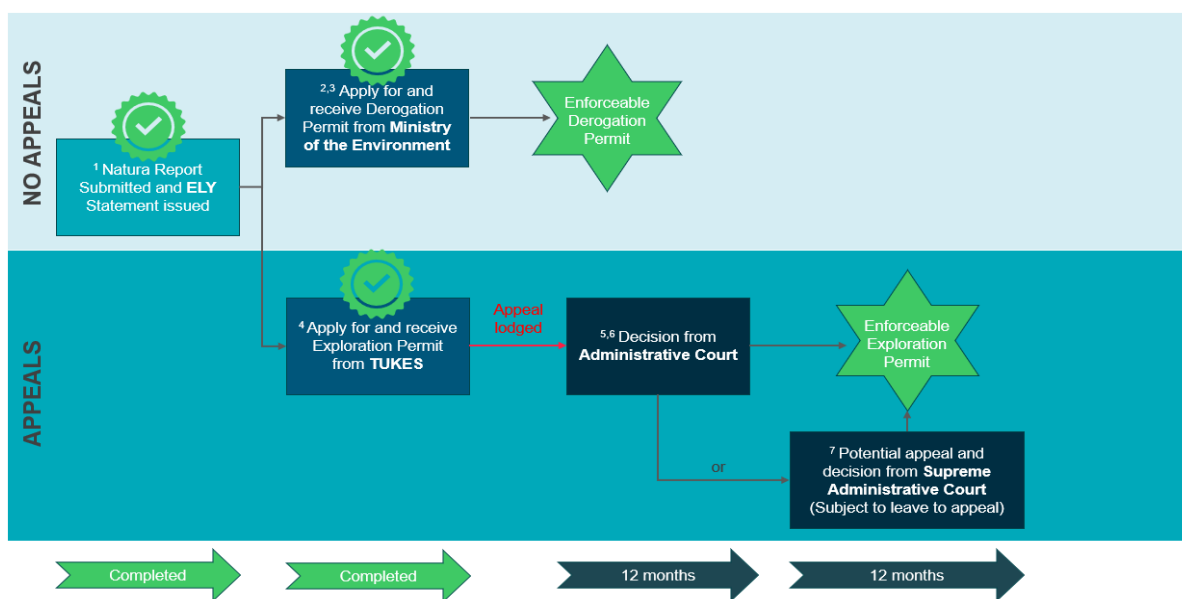


## SUMMARY OF THE APPEAL AND EXPLORATION PERMITTING PROCESS

To commence exploration drilling at Area 1 of the Penikat project, Kingsrose is required to obtain an enforceable exploration permit from Tukes and an enforceable Derogation Permit from the Ministry of Environment due to the mire conservation status of the project area. The Derogation Permit was awarded in June 2024 (see ASX announcement dated 14 June 2024) and the Exploration Permit was awarded in July 2024 (see ASX announcement dated 2 July 2024).

Both the Exploration Permit and the Derogation Permit include conditions to minimise potential environmental and social impacts of drilling at Area 1 of the Penikat project in line with those disclosed in the Company's ASX announcements dated 14 June 2024 and 2 July 2024. Kingsrose will proceed to finalise and submit the Natura 2000 Assessment for Areas 2-5 based on the learnings from the Area 1 process.

The appeal lodged against the granting of the Exploration Permit will delay its enforceability and Kingsrose's right to drill at Area 1 of the Penikat project until the appeal process has concluded. Should the Administrative Court uphold the Exploration Permit, it will become enforceable following the court's decision, unless the Supreme Administrative Court issues a prohibition. Kingsrose expects the Administrative Court to render its decision approximately 12 months following the lodgement of the appeal. As a result, drilling at Area 1 of the Penikat project is expected to commence in December 2025. Figure 1 provides permitting steps and timeline within a mire conservation site and a Natura 2000 site in Finland, along with Penikat Area 1 progress to date.



### Explanatory Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Kingsrose received a positive Statement from ELY in January 2024.
- <sup>2</sup> Kingsrose received the Derogation Permit from the Ministry of Environment in June 2024.
- <sup>3</sup> No appeals were lodged against the Derogation Permit.
- <sup>4</sup> Tukes awarded the Exploration Permit on 27 June 2024.
- <sup>5</sup> An appeal was lodged to the Administrative Court against the Exploration Permit.
- <sup>6</sup> The Administrative Court decision is expected to take approximately 12 months.
- <sup>7</sup> An appeal to the Supreme Administrative Court is subject to leave to appeal.

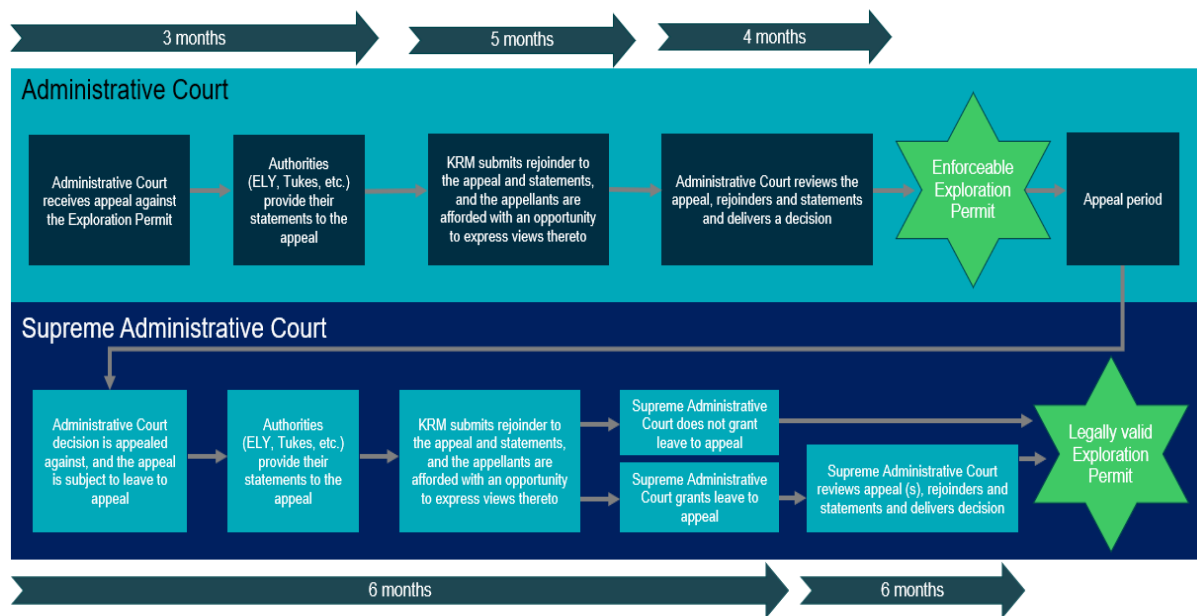
**Figure 1: Permitting steps and timeline within a Natura 2000 site in Finland, and Penikat progress to date.**

The appeals confuse exploration activities and mining activities, the legal processes for each, and the distinct differences in potential environmental impact. The appellants argue that the process for granting the Exploration Permit has not followed due legal process, that the Exploration Permit should trigger the Water Act, that deep drilling will impact the local groundwater and surface water through mobilisation of uranium, and that drilling activities will impact reindeer herding.

The Company's initial interpretation is that the appeals lack technical and legal credibility and demonstrate a limited understanding of the Finnish legislative process as well as the surrounding environment, and the social setting.

Figure 2 provides a summary of the appeals process through the Administrative Court and the Supreme Administrative Court. While escalation to the Supreme Administrative Court is possible, the escalation is subject to leave to appeal, which may be granted if there is a clear error in the Administrative Court decision or if there is a necessity to establish a legal precedent in the matter. To maximise the opportunity for Kingsrose to obtain permission to drill at Penikat, the Company notes the following progress to date:

- Development and submission by the Company of a high standard Natura 2000 report.
- Positive statements received from the regional environmental authority (ELY).
- Positive statements received from the state landowner (Metsähallitus).
- Progress with actions requested by ELY and Metsähallitus, including continued and additional environmental surveys.
- Receipt of a Derogation Permit from the Ministry of the Environment.
- Proactive legal support from in-country legal counsel to support a robust legal process.



**Figure 2: Appeals Process through the Administrative and Supreme Administrative Court.**

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This announcement has been authorised for release to the ASX by the Managing Director.

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## ABOUT KINGSROSE MINING LIMITED

Kingsrose Mining Limited is a leading sustainability-conscious and technically proficient mineral exploration company listed on the ASX. The Company has a discovery-focused strategy, targeting the acquisition and exploration of critical mineral deposits, that has resulted in the acquisition of, or joint venture into, the Råna nickel-copper-cobalt and Penikat PGE projects in Finland and Norway. Additionally, Kingsrose was selected for the first cohort of the BHP Xplor exploration accelerator program which commenced in January 2023 and was extended into two exploration Alliances.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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## CONFIRMATION

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the abovementioned original market announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in those announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context of the Competent Person's findings in relation to those Mineral Resources estimates or Ore Reserves estimates have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.