



## BOARD CHANGES APPOINTMENT OF NICK FARR-JONES AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Variscan Mines Limited (“**Variscan**” or the “**Company**” or the “**Group**”) (ASX:VAR) advises the following changes to the Board of Directors.

### Appointment of Mr. Nicholas Farr-Jones AM

The Board is very pleased to advise the appointment of Mr. Nicholas (‘Nick’) Farr-Jones as a Non-Executive Director, effective 1 July 2021.

Mr. Farr-Jones has over 25 years of experience in the global mining sector as a specialist in natural resources investment and corporate governance. Additionally, he is an experienced public company director.

Nick qualified as a lawyer before pursuing a career in investment banking. Notably he was responsible for the metal derivative business of Societe Generale in Europe and Africa before leading its commodity finance business in Australia. He is currently a Director at Taurus Funds Management, headquartered in Sydney, which specializes in bespoke financing solutions for global mid-tier and junior mining companies.

Mr. Farr-Jones holds a number of charitable appointments and is a highly regarded speaker on leadership. He was awarded the Order of Australia in 1992 for services to rugby union having captained the Australian rugby team to World Cup success in 1991.

#### **Variscan Chairman, Dr Foo Fatt Kah said:**

*“The Board is very pleased to have attracted Mr. Farr-Jones to the Board of Variscan. He brings significant experience and connectivity within the mining sectors. Nick joins at a pivotal moment, having discovered new high-grade mineralised lenses at the San Jose Mine, we are looking to accelerate the exploration progress and drilling success to date. He has a valuable contribution to make and we are very much looking forward to working with him as the Company continues to develop”.*

### Retiring Director

The Company has accepted the resignation of Dr. Susan Vearncombe, effective 30 June 2021, in order to allow herself more time to focus on her other interests.

#### **The Company’s Chairman, Dr Foo Fatt Kah, said:**

*“On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Dr. Susan Vearncombe for her contribution to the Board during her tenure as a director of Variscan Mines Limited and we wish her well for the future.”*

## Board Composition

Following the changes described above, the Variscan Board will be comprised as follows:

- Dr. Foo Fatt Kah (Non-executive Chairman)
- Mr. Stewart Dickson (CEO & Managing Director)
- Mr. Michael Moore (Non-executive Director)
- Mr. Nicholas Farr-Jones AM (Non-executive Director)

**ENDS**

*This announcement has been authorised for issue by Mr Stewart Dickson, Managing Director & CEO, Variscan Mines Limited.*

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## Project Summary

The Novales-Udias Project is located in the Basque-Cantabrian Basin, some 30km southwest from the regional capital, Santander. The project is centred around the former producing Novales underground mine with a large surrounding area of exploration opportunities which include a number of satellite underground and surface workings and areas of zinc anomalism identified from recent and historic geochemical surveys. Variscan has delineated a significant 9km mineralised trend and a sub-parallel 3km trend from contemporary and historical data across both the Buenahora exploration and Novales mining permits.

Significantly, the Novales-Udias Project includes a number of granted mining tenements<sup>1</sup>.

### *Novales-Udias Project Highlights*

- Near term zinc production opportunity (subject to positive exploratory work)
- Large tenement holding of 68.3 km<sup>2</sup> (including a number of granted mining tenements)
- Regional exploration potential for another discovery analogous to Reocin (total past production and remaining resource 62Mt @ 8.7% Zn and 1.0% Pb<sup>23</sup>)
- Novales Mine is within trucking distance (~ 80km) from the Asturias zinc smelter
- Classic MVT carbonate hosted Zn-Pb deposits
- Historic production of high-grade zinc; average grade reported as ~7% Zn<sup>4</sup>
- Simple mineralogy of sphalerite – galena – calamine
- Mineralisation is strata-bound, epigenetic, lenticular and sub-horizontal
- Reported historic production of super high grade ‘bolsas’ (mineralised pods and lenses) commonly 10-20% Zn and in some instances +30% Zn<sup>5</sup>
- Assay results of recent targeted grab samples taken from within the underground Novales Mine recorded 31.83% Zn and 62.3% Pb<sup>6</sup>
- Access and infrastructure all in place
- Local community and government support due to historic mining activity

## Notes

Variscan Mines Limited (ASX:VAR) is a growth oriented, natural resources company focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of high-quality strategic mineral projects. The Company has compiled a portfolio of high-impact base-metal interests in Spain, Chile and Australia.

The Company’s name is derived from the Variscan orogeny, which was a geologic mountain building event caused by Late Paleozoic continental collision between Euramerica (Laurussia) and Gondwana to form the supercontinent of Pangea.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to ASX announcement of 29 July 2019

<sup>2</sup> Velasco, F., Herrero, J.M., Yusta, I., Alonso, J.A., Seebold, I. and Leach, D., 2003 - Geology and Geochemistry of the Reocin Zinc-Lead Deposit, Basque-Cantabrian Basin, Northern Spain: in Econ. Geol. v.98, pp. 1371-1396.

<sup>3</sup> Cautionary Statement: references in this announcement to the publicly quoted resource tonnes and grade of the Project are historical and foreign in nature and not reported in accordance with the JORC Code 2012, or the categories of mineralisation as defined in the JORC Code 2012. A competent person has not completed sufficient work to classify the resource estimate as mineral resources or ore reserves in accordance with the JORC Code 2012. It is uncertain that following evaluation and/or further exploration work that the foreign/historic resource estimates of mineralisation will be able to be reported as mineral resources or ore reserves in accordance with the JORC Code 2012.

<sup>4</sup> These figures have been taken from historical production data from the School of Mines in Torrelavega historical archives.

<sup>5</sup> Reports of the super high-grade mineralisation are supported with historical production data from the School of Mines in Torrelavega historical archives. (Refer ASX release 29 July 2019)

<sup>6</sup> Refer to ASX Announcement of 19 December 2020

## Competent Person Statement

The information in this document that relates to technical information about the Novales-Udias project is based on, and fairly represents information and supporting documentation compiled and reviewed by Dr. Mike Mlynarczyk, Principal of the Redstone Exploration Services, a geological consultancy acting as an external consultant for Variscan Mines. Dr. Mlynarczyk is a Professional Geologist (PGeo) of the Institute of Geologists of Ireland, and European Geologist (EurGeol) of the European Federation of Geologists, as well as Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists (SEG). With over 10 years of full-time exploration experience in MVT-style zinc-lead systems in several of the world's leading MVT provinces, Dr. Mlynarczyk has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the December 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" ('JORC Code'). Dr. Mlynarczyk consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based upon the information in the form and context in which it appears.

## Forward Looking Statements

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