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# ASKARI METALS COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LITHIUM PROJECT



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Askari completes 100 per cent acquisition of the Hillside Lithium Project (Hillside), in Western Australia's Tambourah Lithium District
- Hillside lies along strike and adjacent to Eastern Resources (ASX:EFE) Trigg Hill and East Curlew Projects and in close proximity to Trek Metals Limited's (ASX:TKM) Tambourah North Project
- Potential for greenfields lithium discovery with the Hillside Lithium Project under-explored and never drill tested
- The greater Tambourah area is currently a hive of activity for Lithium-Caesium-Tantalum pegmatite exploration, with multiple companies uncovering evidence of lithium mineralisation within the large pegmatite swarms
- Askari Metals is positioning itself to be a prominent landholder in the Pilbara region

Askari Metals Limited (ASX: AS2) ("Askari" or "Company") is pleased to announce the completion of the acquisition of 100 per cent of the Hillside Lithium Project, covering an area of approximately 60 km<sup>2</sup> in the Tambourah Lithium District of Western Australia.

The acquisition was completed pursuant to a binding Share Sale Agreement to acquire 100 per cent of the issued capital of Greenstone Lithium Limited (**Greenstone**).

*Refer to ASX Announcement dated 11 November 2022.*

The acquisition of Greenstone enables the Company to acquire 100 per cent of the Hillside Lithium Project, comprised of E45/5966 (granted) and E45/6224 (granted), located in the highly prospective eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia.

The Hillside Lithium Project is considered highly prospective for Lithium-Tin-Tantalum (Li + Sn + Ta) mineralisation and lies along strike and adjacent to EFE's Trigg Hill and East Curlew Projects. Exploration by EFE has identified extensive pegmatites which have been drill tested by EFE and can clearly be followed along strike into the Hillside Lithium Project.

Hillside also lies less than 4 km NE of RGL's Tambourah Project and TKM's Tambourah North Project, where spodumene has recently been discovered in drilling and rock sampling.



The acquisition takes Askari’s significant landholding in Western Australia’s emerging Eastern Pilbara lithium region to approximately 2,300km<sup>2</sup>, close to existing deposits and new discoveries.

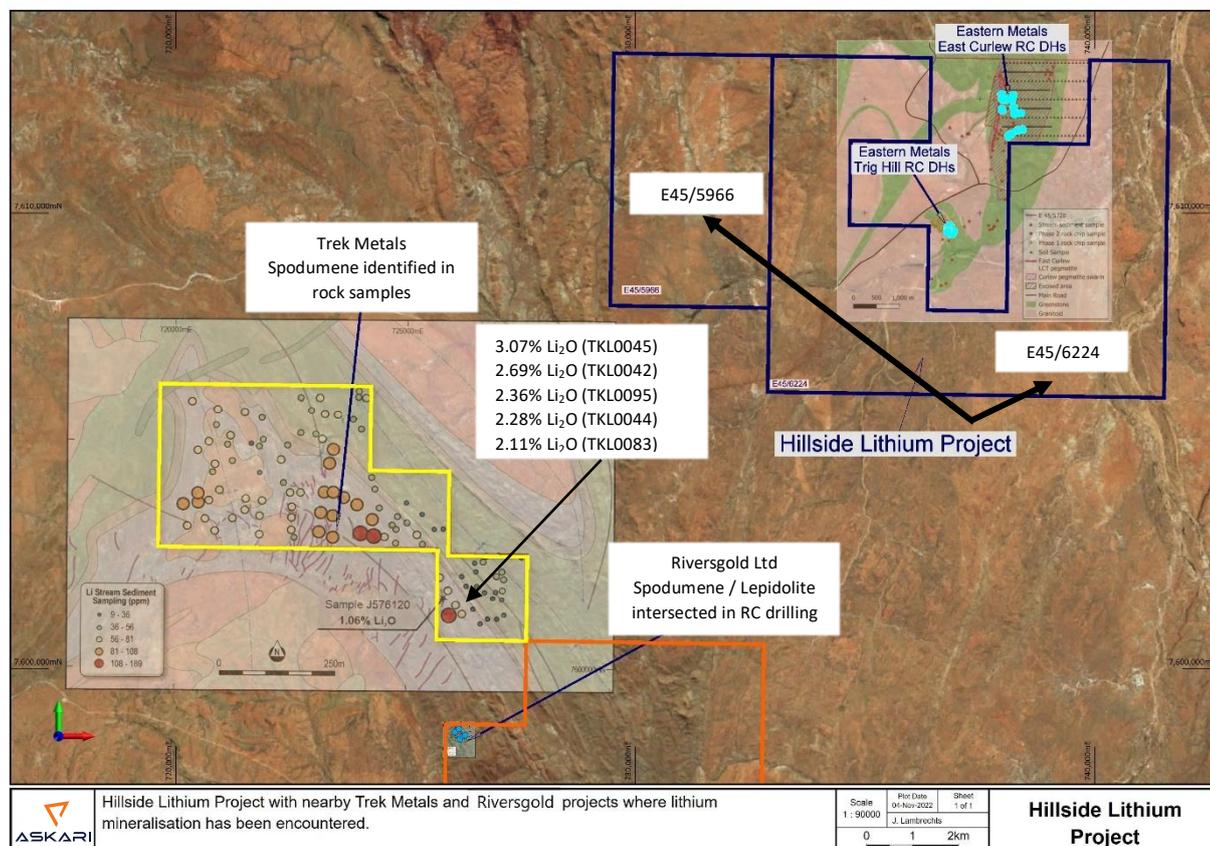
**Commenting on the successful acquisition, Executive Director, Mr Gino D’Anna stated:**

*“The Hillside Lithium Project forms an integral component to the Company’s eastern Pilbara lithium portfolio in Western Australia. We believe the exploration potential of this project is significant, highlighted by the recent exploration success at the Tambourah Lithium Project owned by Riversgold Limited and the Tambourah North Lithium Project owned by Trek Metals Limited. This area is seeing a lot of dedicated lithium exploration and is a hive of activity.*

*The Hillside Lithium Project is also located adjacent to and along strike of the Trigg Hill and East Curlew lithium projects owned by Eastern Resources Limited. Recent exploration conducted by EFE in this area has highlighted significant LCT-type pegmatite swarms that can be clearly traced into our Hillside project. Strategically the Hillside project is perfectly located and is highly complementary to our existing eastern Pilbara lithium assets.*

*We recently sent a team into the field at the Hillside Lithium Project and look forward to keeping our shareholders and investors informed as we receive results from the recent field program.”*

The strategic location of the Hillside Lithium Project adjacent to and along strike of the Trigg Hill and East Curlew Lithium Projects (Eastern Resources) is shown in Figure 1 (below). Also shown on the map is the location of the Tambourah Lithium Project (Riversgold) and the Tambourah North Lithium Project (Trek Metals).



**Figure 1:** Location map of the Hillside Lithium Project, eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia. Also shown are Trek Metals, Riversgold and Eastern Resources

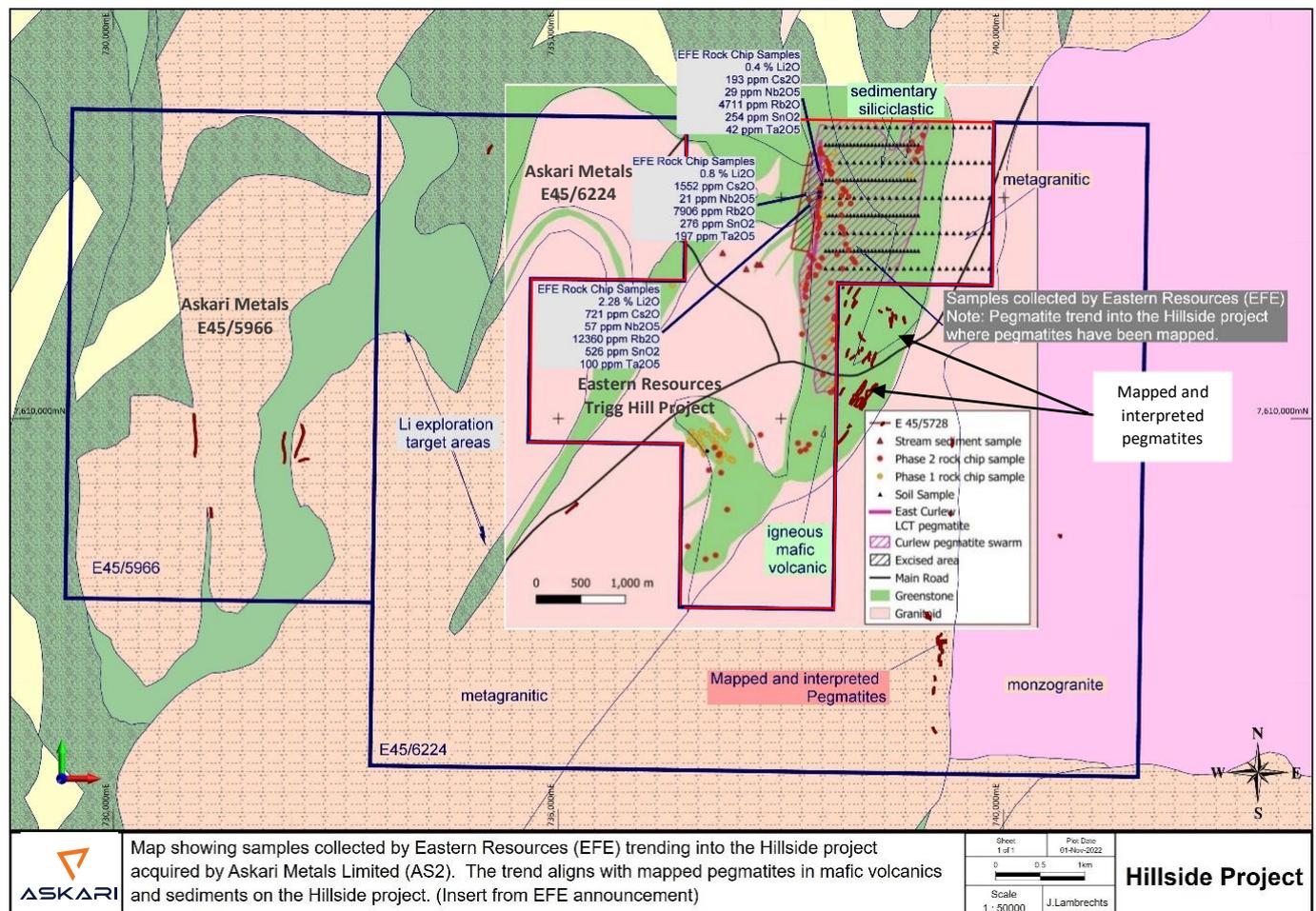
## Exploration Potential

The exploration potential of the Hillside Lithium Project is significant given recent exploration success in the area. Geological targeting has identified several high-priority exploration zones, which will be further investigated in the field.

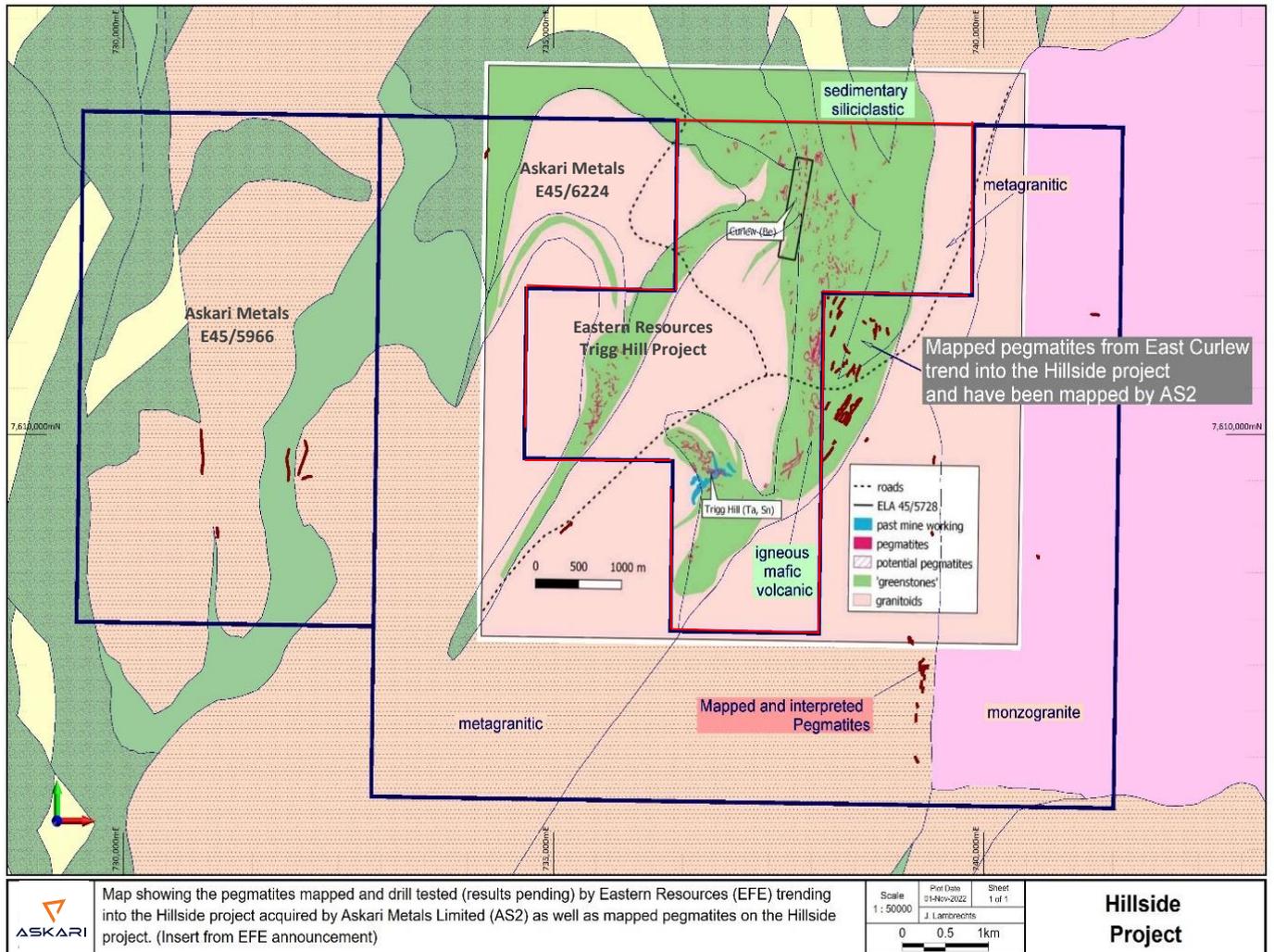
There are hundreds of pegmatite outcrops within the Hillside Lithium Project greenstone area. While many of these are interpreted to range from small to medium in size, there is significant potential to identify larger LCT pegmatite bodies, particularly in areas of folded or faulted greenstones, as evidenced at EFE's adjacent Trigg Hill Lithium Project.

The pegmatites have potential for tantalum, REE, lithium and tin. The larger zoned LCT pegmatites will be more prospective for the presence of spodumene, whilst lepidolite can occur in narrow dykes. Radiometric surveys (U) can also be used to locate larger tantalum pegmatites within greenstone hosts and some indications of subsurface pegmatites have already been located.

Exploration completed in the adjacent area at Trigg Hill and East Curlew by Eastern Resources Limited (EFE) has highlighted significant LCT-type pegmatite swarms that can be clearly traced on the Hillside Lithium Project, refer to Figure 2 and Figure 3, below.



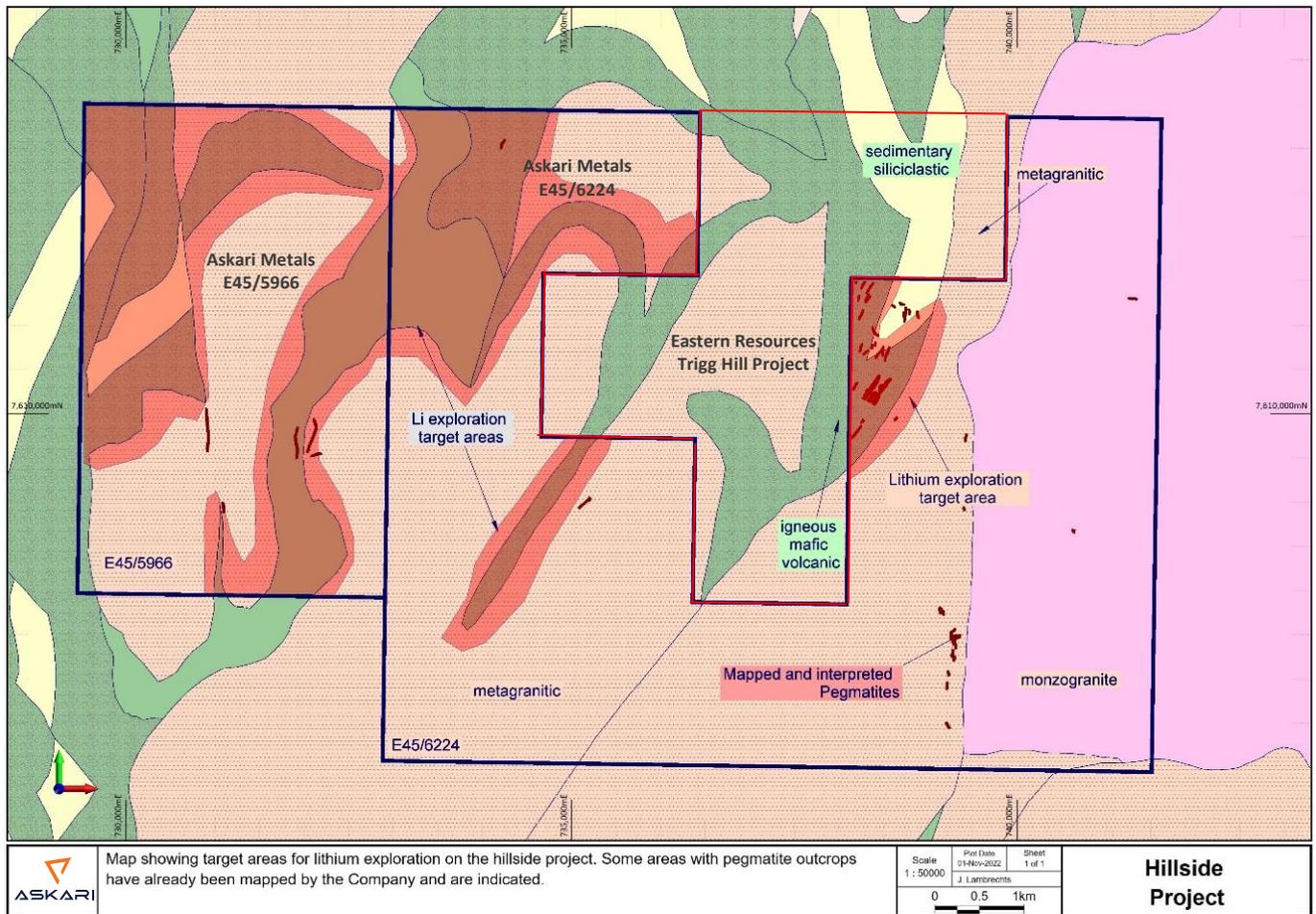
**Figure 2:** Map showing the exploration completed at the Trigg Hill and East Curlew Lithium Projects (Eastern Resources). The mapped pegmatites are clearly traced onto the Greenstone units of the Hillside Lithium Project, where Askari Metals has conducted initial due diligence mapping



**Figure 3:** Map showing the mapped pegmatites at the Trigg Hill and East Curlew Lithium Projects (Eastern Resources) which are clearly traced onto the Greenstone units of the Hillside Lithium Project, where Askari Metals has conducted initial due diligence mapping

The geological “Goldilocks Zone” was also utilised as an exploration targeting method for the Hillside Lithium Project, which identified zones of priority exploration areas that can be investigated further in future field visits.

The zones correlate with the Greenstone units at the Hillside Lithium Project and concentrate in areas that are adjacent to and along strike of Trigg Hill and East Curlew as well as on the western side of the tenements that comprise the Hillside Lithium Project, as shown in Figure 4.



**Figure 4:** Map showing target areas for lithium-focused exploration at the Hillside Lithium Project. Areas with significant pegmatite outcrop have already been delineated by the Company during a mapping campaign completed during the due diligence site visit

### Planned Exploration

The Company has mobilised a team from specialist geological consulting group Terra Search to complete an initial reconnaissance sampling campaign of the outcropping pegmatites across the Hillside Lithium Project. The results of this work will assist the Company in planning the next phase of exploration, which will include further rock and soil geochemical surveys in certain areas, as well as the use of Sentinel satellite imagery to delineate target indicator minerals.

An RC and Aircore drilling exploration campaign is also proposed based on the outcome of the initial field exploration.

### Completion

The Company has issued the shareholders of Greenstone Lithium Pty Ltd a total of 737,100 ordinary shares in the capital of Askari, which are subject to an escrow restriction period of 12 months from the date of issue.

An Appendix 2A and cleansing statement have been lodged independently.



**This announcement is authorised for release by the executive board**

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### **ABOUT ASKARI METALS**

Askari Metals was incorporated for the primary purpose of acquiring, exploring and developing a portfolio of high-grade battery (Li + Cu) and precious (Au + Ag) metal projects across Namibia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales. The Company has assembled an attractive portfolio of lithium, copper, gold and copper-gold exploration/mineral resource development projects in Western Australia, Northern Territory, New South Wales and Namibia.

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results or Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Johan Lambrechts, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Lambrechts is a full-time employee of Askari Metals Limited, who has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. Lambrechts consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

