

Nova Royalty Corp. To Further Increase Royalty Interest On Hudbay's Copper World Complex

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VANCOUVER, July 5, 2023 - [Nova Royalty Corp.](#) ("Nova" or the "Company") (TSXV: NOVR) (OTCQB: NOVRF) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") with an arm's length private party (the "Seller") pursuant to which Nova will acquire an additional 0.03% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty (the "Additional Royalty") on the Copper World Complex project ("Copper World") located in Arizona, USA, owned by [Hudbay Minerals Inc.](#) ("Hudbay") (TSX: HBM) (NYSE: HBM), (the "Transaction"). Upon completion of the Transaction, Nova's consolidated royalty position will be a 0.315% NSR and Nova will retain a right of first refusal in respect of an additional 0.360% NSR (the "ROFR").

Transaction Details

The Additional Royalty has the same characteristics as the 0.285% NSR royalty on Copper World already owned by Nova and covers all metals, including copper, molybdenum, silver, and gold extracted from the majority of mining claims covering Copper World. The aggregate purchase price for the Transaction is \$1,400,000 and will be paid as follows:

- \$340,000 in cash, payable upon closing of the Transaction;
- \$170,000 in common shares of Nova (the "Consideration Shares"), payable upon closing;
- \$150,000 in cash, payable 12 months after closing of the Transaction; and
- \$740,000 in cash, payable at the later of: (i) 12 months following the announcement of the commencement of production from the royalty area; and (ii) the receipt by Nova of the first three payments under the Additional Royalty.

The number of Consideration Shares to be issued in connection with the Transaction will be based on the 20-day volume weighted average trading price on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") of Nova's common shares up until and including the effective date of the Agreement. Nova anticipates paying for the initial cash portion of the purchase price from existing cash on hand. The Transaction is subject to the acceptance of the TSXV.

About Copper World ^(1,2)

The Copper World Complex is a large-scale, premier copper development project located in Arizona, one of the United States' most strategic copper districts. Copper World is owned by Hudbay, an established operator with a proven track record of success. Hudbay's 2022 preliminary economic assessment of Copper World contemplates a two-phased operation, with a Phase I standalone operation on private land and patented mining claims expected to span 16-years with average annual copper production of approximately 86,000 tonnes, followed by an expanded Phase II mine life of 44 years on federal lands. Copper World is expected to be one of the next major copper operations in the United States, delivering the copper needed to meet domestic electrification and decarbonization supply chain needs. Hudbay expects to make a potential project sanction decision in 2024, with a three-year build timeline.

For further details about the Copper World project and the NSR royalty, please refer to Nova's news release disseminated on May 23, 2023.

About Nova

[Nova Royalty Corp.](#) is a copper and nickel-focused royalty company. Nova has assembled a portfolio of royalties on a significant proportion of the next generation of major copper projects located in 1st-tier jurisdictions, providing investors exposure to some of the most critical resource assets for the clean energy transition. These projects are being advanced by the world's premier mining companies, which include First Quantum, Lundin Mining, Hudbay, Anglo American and Glencore, among others. The Company is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia and is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol "NOVR" and on the US OTCQB under the trading symbol "NOVRF".

On Behalf of [Nova Royalty Corp.](#),

(signed) "Hashim Ahmed"
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Notes:

- (1) Refer to Hudbay's NI 43-101 Technical Report entitled "Preliminary Economic Assessment Copper World Complex, Pima County, Arizona USA" prepared by Olivier Tavchandjian P.Geo, Vice-President, Exploration and Technical Services, Hudbay, effective as of May 1, 2022 and filed on SEDAR on July 14, 2022.
- (2) Refer to Hudbay's Presentation titled "Copper World Complex 2022 PEA Presentation". dated June 16, 2022 and Third-Party Information

Except where otherwise stated, the disclosure in this press release relating to Copper World are based on information publicly disclosed by the current or former owners or operators of the respective properties and information/data available in the public domain as at the date hereof and none of this information has been independently verified by Nova. Nova has limited, if any, access to the properties on which Nova holds a royalty, stream or other interest. The Company may from time to time receive operating information from the owners and operators of the mining properties, which it is not permitted to disclose to the public. Nova is dependent on (i) the operators of the mining properties and their qualified persons to provide information to Nova, or (ii) publicly available information to prepare disclosure pertaining to properties and operations on the properties on which Nova holds royalty or other interests, and generally has limited or no ability to independently verify such information. Although Nova does not have any knowledge that such information may not be accurate, there can be no assurance that such third-party information is complete or accurate. Some reported public information in respect of a mining property may relate to a larger property area than the area covered by Nova's royalty or other interest. Nova's royalty or other interests may cover less than 100% of a specific mining property and sometimes may only apply to a portion of the publicly reported mineral reserves, mineral resources and or production from a mining property.

Unless otherwise indicated, the technical and scientific disclosure contained or referenced in this press release, including any references to mineral resources or mineral reserves, was prepared in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). Canadian standards for public disclosure of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects differ significantly from the requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K (the "SEC Modernization Rules"). Nova is not currently subject to the SEC Modernization Rules. Accordingly, the scientific and technical information contained or referenced in this press release may not be comparable to similar information made public by U.S. companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of the SEC Modernization Rules.

"Inferred mineral resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Historical results or feasibility models presented herein are not guarantees or expectations of future performance.

Qualified Person

Technical information contained in this press release originates in the public disclosure set out above and has been reviewed and approved by Christian Rios, AIPG Certified Professional Geologist, Advisor to Nova and a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. The forward-looking statements herein are made as of the date of this press release only, and the Company does not assume any obligation to update or revise them to reflect new information, estimates or opinions, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budgets", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "predicts", "projects", "intends", "targets", "aims", "anticipates" or "believes" or variations (including negative variations) of such

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