

## Appointment of Strategic Advisor

Great Northern Minerals Ltd (ASX:GNM) (GNM or the Company) is pleased to announce that Michael Melamed has been appointed by GNM as a strategic advisor. The appointment strengthens the Company's internal capabilities as it progresses funding opportunities for its U.S. focused critical-minerals projects.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- GNM appoints experienced ASX CFO Michael Melamed, as a **Strategic Advisor**.
- **Mr Melamed** brings more than **30 years of global experience** in corporate finance, accounting, strategic leadership, including extensive CFO and advisory roles across **ASX and NASDAQ-listed mining and critical-minerals companies**.
- Mr Melamed is currently **CFO of Nova Minerals (NASDAQ/ASX-listed)**, which has secured **US\$43.4 million (A\$65.5 million)** in funding from the **U.S. Department of War**. His role at Nova Minerals has provided direct exposure to U.S. federal agencies and the critical-minerals funding landscape.
- This appointment significantly strengthens GNM's technical, commercial and strategic capability as the Company **accelerates its U.S. critical-minerals strategy**.

**GNM's Non-Executive Chairman, Eddie King, commented:** *"We are pleased to appoint Michael as a Strategic Advisor. Michael brings extensive experience in financial and corporate advisory within the mining sector, along with an understanding of U.S. funding pathways and government engagement. His expertise will support our efforts as we advance our critical minerals projects and explore opportunities with agencies such as the U.S. Department of War and Department of Energy. This appointment reinforces the Company's commitment to strengthening its capabilities and unlocking funding pathways to accelerate growth."*

### Appointment of Strategic Advisor Michael Melamed

Mr Michael Melamed has been engaged to support GNM's corporate strategy as the Company advances its U.S. based critical-minerals portfolio. Mr Melamed will assist GNM with engagement across U.S. federal agencies, strategic partners and research institutions including the University of Arizona to progress funding and development opportunities.

Mr Melamed currently serves as Chief Financial Officer of Nova Minerals (ASX/NASDAQ: NVA) and has previously held senior executive and board roles including CFO of Asra Minerals (ASX: ASR), CFO of Viridis Mining & Minerals (ASX: VMM), and Director of Ragusa Minerals (ASX: RAS).

Mr Melamed is a senior corporate finance and advisory executive with over 30 years' experience supporting ASX and NASDAQ-listed companies across financial management, mergers and acquisitions, investor relations and strategic growth. He provides integrated services including corporate strategy, corporate finance, M&A execution and CFO support for listed companies. Mr Melamed holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting & Finance) from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA).

### About the Catalyst Ridge Project

The Catalyst Ridge Project is located in the world-renowned Mountain Pass District, a globally significant REE mining area in California's Mojave Desert. The Project is made up of four separate claim areas comprising of a total of 214 lode mining claims totalling approximately 18km and is a highly prospective REE and antimony opportunity within the world class Mountain Pass District. The project is strategically located in a key United States critical minerals hub, supported by strong government initiatives to strengthen domestic supply chains.

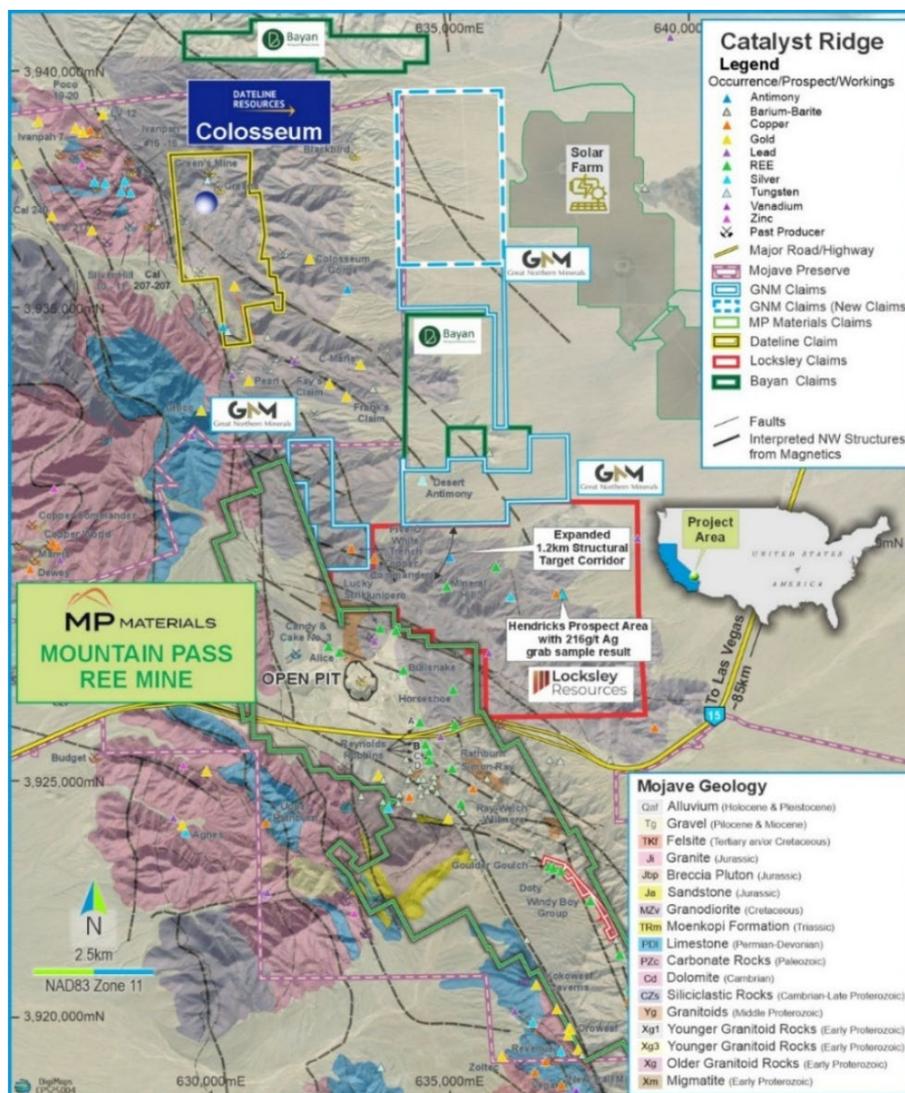


Figure 1: Interpreted bedrock geology map from the U.S. Geological Survey<sup>1</sup> showing the location of the GNM claims in relation to the Mountains Pass REE deposit, associated nearby mineral occurrences and other companies operating in the area.

## References

<sup>1</sup>Denton., K. Geophysical characterization of a Proterozoic REE terrane at Mountain Pass, eastern Mojave Desert, California, USA. USGS.

## Forward Looking and Cautionary Statements

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This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Great Northern Minerals Limited.

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