

## **Fortune Minerals Announces Second Draw From Convertible Securities Agreement With The Lind Partners**

*Proceeds to provide working capital & pre-fund government supported work programs*

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LONDON, Ontario--(BUSINESS WIRE)--December 23, 2024--**Fortune Minerals Limited (TSX: FT) (OTCQB: FTMDF)** (“**Fortune**” or the “**Company**”) ([www.fortuneminerals.com](http://www.fortuneminerals.com)) is pleased to announce that it has drawn down an additional C\$1,575,000 (the “**Second Convertible Security**”) from its convertible security funding agreement with Lind Global Fund II, LP, managed by The Lind Partners (together, “**Lind**”) (see news release dated May 22, 2024). The proceeds from this Second Convertible Security drawdown will be used for general working capital purposes and to pre-fund some of the government supported work on the vertically integrated NICO Cobalt-Gold-Bismuth-Copper Critical Minerals Project (“**NICO Project**”) (see news releases dated, May 16, 2024, and December 5, 2023). Development of the NICO Project would provide a reliable North American supply of cobalt sulphate, gold doré, bismuth ingots, and copper cement enhancing domestic supply chains for three Critical Minerals with a highly liquid and countercyclical gold co-product to mitigate metal price volatility.

The Second Convertible Security has a two-year term, a face value of C\$1,890,000 and is secured by a lien against the Company’s assets. Lind will be entitled to incrementally convert the face value amount of the Second Convertible Security over a 24-month period, subject to certain limits, at a conversion price equal to 85% of the five-day trailing volume weighted average price of Fortune’s shares (“**VWAP**”) prior to the date of conversion. Commencing 60 days after the shares issuable under this convertible security become free trading, Fortune has the right to repurchase the Second Convertible Security, subject to Lind’s option to convert up to one third of the face value into Fortune common shares prior to such repurchase at a conversion price equal to 85% of the 5-day VWAP. Lind will also receive a closing fee of C\$60,000 and 16,338,174 common share purchase warrants at an exercise price of \$0.0609 per common share for 60 months from the date of issuance after closing.

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### **About The Lind Partners:**

The Lind Partners manages institutional funds that are leaders in providing growth capital to small- and mid-cap companies publicly traded in the US, Canada, Australia and the UK. Lind’s multi-strategy funds make direct investments ranging from US\$1 to US\$30 million, invest in syndicated equity placements and selectively buy on market. Having completed more than 200

direct investments totaling over US\$2 billion in transaction value, Lind's funds have been flexible and supportive capital partners to investee companies since 2011.

### **About Fortune Minerals:**

Fortune is a Canadian mining company focused on developing the NICO cobalt-gold-bismuth-copper critical minerals project in Canada's Northwest Territories and Alberta. Fortune also owns the satellite Sue-Dianne copper-silver-gold deposit located 25 km north of the NICO Deposit and is a potential future source of incremental mill feed to extend the life of the NICO mill and concentrator.

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*where it can provide mill feed to the NICO Project, the inherent risks involved in the exploration and development of mineral properties and in the mining industry in general, the market for products that use cobalt or bismuth may not grow to the extent anticipated, the future supply of cobalt and bismuth may not be as limited as anticipated, the risk of decreases in the market prices of cobalt, bismuth and other metals to be produced by the NICO Project, discrepancies between actual and estimated Mineral Resources or between actual and estimated metallurgical recoveries, uncertainties associated with estimating Mineral Resources and Reserves and the risk that even if such Mineral Resources prove accurate the risk that such Mineral Resources may not be converted into Mineral Reserves once economic conditions are applied, the Company's production of cobalt, bismuth and other metals may be less than anticipated and other operational and development risks, market risks and regulatory risks. Readers are cautioned to not place undue reliance on forward-looking information because it is possible that predictions, forecasts, projections, and other forms of forward-looking information will not be achieved by the Company. The forward-looking information contained herein is made as of the date hereof and the Company assumes no responsibility to update or revise it to reflect new events or circumstances, except as required by law.*

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