

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFIED PERSON

I, Preetham Nayak, P. Eng., as an author of this report entitled "BamaStar Graphite Project, Preliminary Economic Assessment National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report", prepared for South Star Battery Metals Corp. and dated 12 November 2024, do hereby certify that:

- 1) I am a Study Manager with Lycopodium Minerals Canada Ltd., with a business address at 5090 Explorer Dr, Suite 700, Mississauga, ON, L4W 4T9.
- 2) I am a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a Masters of Applied Science degree, honours Mining Engineering, 2015 and a graduate of the National Institute of Technology Karnataka, India with a Bachelors of Technology degree in Mining Engineering, 2010.
- 3) I am a Member of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia and registered as a Professional Engineer in the province of British Columbia (Licence Number 47553). I have practiced my profession in the mining and metals industry continuously since graduation.
- 4) My relevant experience for the purpose of the Technical Report includes:
 - Over 8 years of experience with management of PEA level projects and development of cashflow models
 - Study manager for several preliminary economic assessment studies
 - Development, execution and interpretation of capital cost estimate and cashflow modelling in gold and copper projects.
- 5) I have read the definition of 'qualified person' set out in National Instrument 43-101 ('NI 43-101') and certify that by virtue of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI 43-101) and past relevant work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a 'qualified person' for the purposes of NI 43-101.
- 6) I have not visited the Bamastar project site.
- 7) I am responsible for Sections 1.18, 3.3, 3.4, 22, 25.13. of the Technical Report.
- 8) I have not been involved in the previous Technical Report on the Bamastar Project's preliminary economic assessment.
- 9) I have read NI 43-101, and the Technical Report has been prepared in compliance with NI 43-101 and Form 43-101F1.

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- 10) To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed to make the technical report not misleading.

Dated this 12th day of November 2024

"Signed and Sealed"

"Preetham Nayak"

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