



BUSINESS UPDATES – 2023

from ECPN Board Chairman Doug Sanders

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After two long and productive weeks in Phoenix and at the mine site in New Mexico, I'd like to report in with a few updates:

- Meetings in Phoenix with our JV partner went well and we continue to comply with due diligence and documentation requirements related to the funding we are working to secure. I expect we will have more to report on that topic in the weeks ahead.
- Via our JV partnership we have executed an MOU — Memorandum of Understanding — with a potential off-take buyer for our iron ore. The buyer will take samples to one of the largest steel mills in the United States for testing. Due diligence has commenced and I will report more details when we have them.
- I met with our mine operator at the mine site and our corporate attorney in Albuquerque... as we continue to prepare for production and profitability. While at the mine site in New Mexico, our JV partner and I met with the potential buyer for our iron ore... to discuss pricing and sales process as well as targeting possible sites for a pelletizing plant that would help us maximize the revenue potential of our iron ore.
- Meetings in Phoenix with several advisors were very productive... as we worked through some options related to future structure of the company, solutions related to stock trading, accounting matters, and operational priorities.

As you know, our mining Claims are current... and we are making plans for the renewal of those claims later this year and will keep you informed.

I've talked with a number of shareholders recently and refer them to our Business Updates for details and progress reports. We will continue to share news and updates — as well as initial plans for a Shareholder meeting in 2023 — when we have progress to report. I continue to prioritize the decisions and actions I've detailed in previous Business Updates... all pending receipt of funding. Once we can report success on that front, I'll review action plans related to operations — at the mine site and on the business ops side — and outline timelines and benchmarks in a Business Update.

Until then: Keep the faith, think GOLD, and stay tuned for more El Capitan news.

Your El Capitan,
Doug

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