

MINTRAX Featuring Cobalt Blockchain Inc.

MINTRAX is a blockchain platform for the mining supply chain that provides secure and transparent tracking methods for the provenance of minerals from mine site to end-user. It is a commercial joint venture between DLT Labs and Cobalt Blockchain (TSXV: COBC). The MINTRAX solution is designed for companies trading in all base and precious metals, including 3T metals and diamonds. The first use case of the MINTRAX platform is to trace the cobalt in Cobalt Blockchain's cobalt trading business.

Cobalt Blockchain is the ideal pilot venture for the MINTRAX platform. COBC is a Canadian resource company expanding its exploration and development business to include cobalt assets in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ("DRC"), an area known to have incidents of conflict and child labour. Senior management have over twelve years of experience working in the DRC and trading in certified, conflict-free, child-labour-free minerals. COBC believes through the execution of the MINTRAX platform and procurement of cobalt in compliance with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") due diligence framework, they will be the key to ethically-sourced "clean" cobalt from the DRC.

The traceability of cobalt using the MINTRAX platform will begin at a DRC mining cooperative that Cobalt Blockchain partnered with in Q2 2018. The partnership involves an initial supply agreement where a minimum of 40,000 tonnes per annum of cobalt concentrate at an average grade of 3-4% will be bought by COBC from the OECD-compliant local mining cooperative. Cobalt Blockchain holds export trading licenses for 3T, copper and cobalt from the DRC, so it will upgrade and sell this material to metal traders, who then sell to refiners and ultimately the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) such as Apple, BMW, etc. The mining cooperative, COBC, metal traders, refiners and OEMs represent the cobalt supply chain that will utilize the MINTRAX platform to ensure the flow of ethically-sourced cobalt. Cobalt Blockchain has already engaged a number of stakeholders throughout the cobalt supply chain and several are keen to join the MINTRAX solution.