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### JINCHUAN GROUP INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES CO. LTD

金川集團國際資源有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 2362)

## Jinchuan International Announces 2022 Annual Results Revenue from cobalt sales soared 51% to US\$160.9 million

# Production and operation maintained at full capacity Development project set to drive new growth

### **Highlights of 2022 Annual Results**

- Revenue increased to US\$881.6 million, up 6% year-on-year
- Revenue from mining operations grew 5% year-on-year to US\$648.8 million, of which revenue from sales of cobalt soared 51% to US\$160.9 million
- Revenue from trading of mineral and metal products was US\$232.8 million, up 10% year-on-year
- During the Year, the Group produced 59,440 tonnes of copper and 3,961 tonnes of cobalt, in which cobalt output was up 17% year-on-year
- During the Year, the Group sold 64,739 tonnes of copper and 4,496 tonnes of cobalt, where the volume of copper sold increased by 14% and volume of cobalt sold significantly increased by 72% year-on-year

(24 March 2023, Hong Kong) Jinchuan Group International Resources Co. Ltd., ("Jinchuan International" or the "Company"; together with its subsidiaries, the "Group"; stock code: 2362), Jinchuan Group's flagship platform for overseas mineral resources development, is pleased to announce its audited annual results for the year ended 31 December 2022 (the "Year").

During the Year, the Group's revenue increased to US\$881.6 million, up 6% year-on-year. Revenue from the mining operations grew by 5% year-on-year to US\$648.8 million. Revenue from the trading of mineral and metal products was US\$232.8 million, up 10% year-on-year, a result of the continuous expansion of trading volume under the new trading business line in Hong Kong. Group's gross profit was US\$68.5 million, while profit before tax was US\$61.1 million.

In 2022, the Group produced 59,440 tonnes of copper and 3,961 tonnes of cobalt. The Group sold 64,739 tonnes of copper, which generated revenue of US\$487.9 million, and sold 4,496 tonnes of cobalt, which generated revenue of US\$160.9 million, up by a notable 51%.

Kinsenda Mine recorded a 3% higher copper production at 29,087 tonnes in 2022 as compared with 2021. Kinsenda Mine has exceeded its nameplate capacity and has increased its ore processing volume in 2022, leading to an increase in volume produced and successfully offset the impact of declining ore grade and feed grade experienced during the Year.

Cobalt production increased by 17% year-on-year as Ruashi Mine had successfully purchased more ore from independent suppliers in 2022, which were of higher cobalt grade as compared to self-mined ore, thus offsetting the impact caused by the decline in self-mined ore feed grade.

### <u>Musonoi Project achieves satisfactory progress and is set to become the Group's growth engine</u>

The Group's focus in the near future is the construction of Musonoi copper-cobalt mine. Construction work was carried out in an orderly manner and Musonoi has achieved significant progress in 2022. With Ruashi Mine and Kinsenda Mine maintained steady production, the Group commenced the development of Musonoi Project to further increase the Group's copper and cobalt production capacity to bring further growth to our mining operations. As an ultra-large copper and cobalt mine, Musonoi Project has copper reserves of 606,000 tonnes and cobalt reserves of 174,000 tonnes. Musonoi Project's average copper reserve grade is 3.0%, and the average cobalt reserve grade is as high as 0.9%, which makes the project one of the highest grade cobalt mines in the world.

During the Year, Musonoi Project main underground construction work and key sublevel's development has progressed ahead of schedule. Work relating to oxide ore stopping on the upper part of the orebody has been completed successfully, and a major breakthrough was achieved in trial oxide ore stopping. The trial stoping at the 80 meter level ("mL") proceeded smoothly, and stoping work at the 140mL was also progressing well. In addition, the drilling of the 7.5m diameter main combined vertical shaft was completed and reached the target depth of 685m. The Group has now commenced the installation of hoisting system at the main vertical shaft. At the same time, the 0-480 mL and 500-540mL underground decline ramp with total length of more than 5,000 meters was completed, achieving precise long-distance full connection thus allowing the main underground decline ramp to link up with the vertical shaft and #1 ventilation shaft at its 400mL to form new ventilation and transportation paths plus safety exit for the mine. That not only created

favorable conditions for deep construction works, but also presents Musonoi Project with initial trackless transportation capability for mining at 400mL and above.

At present, the Musonoi Project has completed the award of the dressing process and tailings dam to contractors and construction of the concentrator was underway with all major contracts awarded and commenced. The project is expected to start individual trial testing by the end of 2023. Construction of the deep processing and smelting plant has just begun. Tendering of major construction and procurement contracts are underway and relevant work has been progressing well.

With the advent of the carbon neutral era and the rapid development of new energy vehicles, market demand for copper and cobalt continues to increase. The Musonoi Project will help the Group to substantially increase its production capacity. Jinchuan International will seize market development opportunities and strive to enhance the return to shareholders.

### Continue to upgrade existing mines to achieve sustainable development

To further extend the mine life of Ruashi Mine, the Group constructed a floatation and magnetic separation plant with a capacity of 600kt per annum, with the goal of processing low grade oxide ore and transitional ore via magnetic separation and to promote sustainable development of the mine. Ruashi also redesigned the mining plan in 2022 to increase mining volume. Moreover, Kinsenda Mine, one of the world's highest grade copper deposits, completed the construction of its second decline ramp, targeting East Mine deposit has started. Since 2021, the Group's Chibuluma South Mine (including Chifupu Deposit) has been leased out under a finance lease agreement. The Group is entitled to fixed lease income and variable royalty income. During the Year, the Group recorded a royalty income of US\$2.7 million under the finance lease agreement.

The Group said, "In 2022, clouded by the COVID-19 pandemic, high inflation and interest rate hikes, the macroeconomy was placed under pressure and the global supply chain was restricted. The difference between supply of and demand for commodities was acute. Consequently, copper and cobalt prices were also affected. Nevertheless, with its tremendous resilience, the Group overcame various challenges and maintained its production and operation in a stable and orderly manner. Looking ahead, benefiting from ongoing emphasize of carbon neutrality, the rapid development of green technologies and widespread popularity of electric vehicles bring additional demand for copper and cobalt, which is critical to the Group's development. The Group will ensure resources development is carried out actively and continue to explore mines in the surrounding areas and secure new resource projects. Meanwhile, it will also focus on enhancing efficiency, strengthening management, optimizing its shareholder structure and expanding business scale of the

Group, so as to move towards the goal of becoming a world-class mineral enterprise and creating long-term and stable returns for shareholders."

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### About Jinchuan Group International Resources Co. Ltd (Stock Code: 2362)

Jinchuan International is listed in Hong Kong and majority owned by Jinchuan Group Co., Ltd with the focus to expand Jinchuan Group's establishment in global mining industry and elevating global investing, financing and operating capabilities. By virtue of Hong Kong's advantages as an international financial and trade center, and through the Company's focus on an internationalized operating strategy, the Company has established itself as the flagship platform for Jinchuan Group to develop its overseas non-ferrous metal mining business. The Company owns large-scale mines in Africa with high-quality copper and cobalt metal resources. It engages in the production and trading of basic metal resources. The Company's main mining assets include Ruashi and Musonoi copper-cobalt mines, high-grade Kinsenda copper mine, Lubembe project and Chibuluma South Mine(including Chifupu Deposit).

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### About Jinchuan Group Co., Ltd\* ("Jinchuan Group")

Jinchuan Group Co., Ltd\*, founded in 1958, is a state-owned enterprise with its majority interest held by the People's Government of Gansu Province. Jinchuan Group specializes in mining, concentrating, metallurgy, chemical engineering and further downstream processing. Jinchuan Group is widely recognized as a renowned mining corporation and is the third largest nickel producer and fourth largest cobalt producer in the world as well as the fourth largest copper producer in China. Jinchuan Group ranks no. 339 in the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list.

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