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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**December 15th, 2025 – Vancouver, BC, Canada – Kirkstone Metals Corp.** (the "Company" or "Kirkstone") (TSXV: KSM, KWB: VOD) is pleased to announce the engagement of Clee Roy as the Company's **Government & Strategic Funding Consultant**, effective immediately.

Mr. Roy will work closely with Kirkstone's management team to **identify, evaluate, apply for, and manage government and non-government funding opportunities** available at the **provincial, federal, and agency level**. His mandate includes overseeing the **entire funding lifecycle**, from opportunity assessment and application preparation through compliance, reporting, and post-award administration, in support of advancing Kirkstone's mineral exploration and development initiatives.

**Scope of Engagement**

Under this engagement, Mr. Roy will:

- Identify applicable **grant, contribution, and low-interest loan programs** relevant to exploration-stage mineral companies
- Assist with **application strategy, preparation, and submission**
- Coordinate engagement with **government agencies and program administrators**
- Manage awarded funding through **compliance, reporting, and milestone tracking**
- Support initiatives related to **critical minerals, clean energy, innovation, environmental studies, and community partnerships**

**Relevant Public Funding Environment**

Kirkstone's appointment of a dedicated government-funding specialist reflects the **significant capital commitments publicly announced by Canadian governments** to support the critical minerals and clean-energy supply chain.

Among the most relevant programs and commitments:



- **Canada's Critical Minerals Strategy** (Natural Resources Canada) has committed **up to CAD $3.8 billion** in federal funding to support critical-mineral exploration, processing, and supply-chain development, including uranium as a foundational clean-energy input.[1]
- **Budget 2023 and Budget 2024** reaffirmed expanded funding for **mineral exploration tax credits**, clean-energy infrastructure, and **strategic innovation programs**, including support administered through **Natural Resources Canada, PrairiesCan, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) and regional development agencies**.[2]
- **The Government of Saskatchewan** has publicly committed to supporting uranium exploration and development through regulatory alignment, infrastructure investment, and participation in federal-provincial funding programs, recognizing Saskatchewan's role as a global uranium leader.[3]

Management believes these initiatives create meaningful opportunities for exploration-stage companies **to reduce dilution, extend exploration runways, and accelerate project advancement** through non-dilutive capital sources.

**CEO Commentary**

Clive Massey, President and CEO of Kirkstone, commented:

"We are very pleased to welcome Clee Roy as our Government & Strategic Funding Consultant. His wealth of experience navigating provincial and federal funding programs is highly complementary to Kirkstone's growth strategy.

Governments in Canada have made clear, public commitments to deploy significant capital in support of critical minerals and clean energy. Clee's role will be to ensure that Kirkstone is well positioned to responsibly access these opportunities and to manage them to the highest standards once awarded."

**About Clee Roy**

Clee Roy is a results-driven business consultant with more than **30 years of international experience**, including over **23 years advising Canadian companies**. His background spans business consulting, financial reporting, strategy, credit risk management, systems implementation, mergers and acquisitions, and executive training.

Since 2020, Mr. Roy has increasingly specialized in helping companies **identify and secure government and industry funding**, including programs related to critical minerals, innovation, and clean-energy transition initiatives. He has worked with agencies including **Natural Resources Canada, PrairiesCan, and provincial economic-development bodies**, assisting clients from application through post-award compliance and reporting.

**About Kirkstone Metals Corp.**

Kirkstone Metals Corp. is a Canadian mineral exploration company focused on uranium assets that support the global transition to clean, reliable, and secure energy. The Company's projects include the **Gorilla Lake Uranium Project** and the **Key Lake Road Uranium Project**, both located within the Athabasca Basin—one of the world's most prolific uranium regions. Kirkstone is committed to responsible development, technical excellence, and disciplined capital management.

SOURCE DISCLOSURE

1. Natural Resources Canada – Canada's Critical Minerals Strategy
    - Government of Canada
    - Announced: December 2022, funding reaffirmed in subsequent federal budgets
    - Commitment: Up to CAD $3.8 billion
    - Source: https://natural-resources.canada.ca/critical-minerals
2. Government of Canada – Budget 2023 & Budget 2024
    - Departments: Finance Canada, NRCAN, ISED
    - Focus: Critical minerals, clean energy, innovation, mineral exploration support
    - Source: https://www.budget.canada.ca/
3. Government of Saskatchewan – Uranium and Critical Minerals Policy Statements
    - Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources
    - Public statements supporting uranium exploration and development
    - Source: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/energy-and-resources

**Forward-Looking Information**

This news release contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the potential exploration activities at the Key Lake Road Project and Gorilla Lake Project, the possibility of government of industry funding, and future strategic initiatives. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially. Kirkstone undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements except as required by law.

For more information, please contact the Company at (604) 644-6794 or email: info@kirkstonemetals.com.

**On Behalf of the Board of Directors of Kirkstone Metals Corp.**

**Clive Massey**

**Chief Executive Officer**

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actual results or performance to differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements.