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### **Québec Government grants COREM over \$13 million to support its activities**

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**Québec, April 12, 2017** – Ms. Claire Lavallée, COREM’s President and CEO, is very pleased with the contribution of over \$13 million granted by the Québec Government to COREM. This contribution will enable COREM to support its research and innovation activities in the process and the transformation of mineral substances and to implement its Hydrometallurgy Platform project.

“The financial support of \$6 million from the Ministère de l’Économie, de la Science et de l’Innovation (MESI) for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 will allow us to maintain an important research program, in close collaboration with our industrial members. Their sustained involvement will orient research efforts and the transfer of innovative technologies and practices to the industry”, assures Ms. Lavallée.

The financial support of \$3 million from the MERN and the financial support of nearly \$4 million granted by the MESI to the Hydrometallurgy Platform project will strengthen COREM’s innovation capacity in this sector and promote the emergence of high-performance and environmentally-friendly processing technologies.

“Finally, the financial support of \$216K, granted within the measure to develop knowledge in hydrometallurgy, will allow to carry out three research projects with promoters in the fields of lithium, rare earths and graphite, in collaboration with university and college research partners”, states Ms. Lavallée.

These announcements were made today, in COREM’s facilities in Québec City, by Ms. Dominique Anglade, ministre de l’Économie, de la Science et de l’Innovation et ministre responsable de la Stratégie numérique, and by Mr. Pierre Arcand, ministre de l’Énergie et des Ressources naturelles, ministre responsable du Plan Nord et ministre responsable de la Côte-Nord, in the presence of Mr. François Blais, ministre responsable de la région de la Capitale-Nationale.

#### **About COREM**

COREM is an industrial research centre specialized in ore processing that relies on the largest concentration of resources dedicated to research and development in the field in Canada. Located in the Saint-Malo industrial park, COREM has extensive equipment and facilities, including a pilot plant and mineralurgical and mineralogical laboratories.

Thanks to its critical masses of expertise and its innovation capacity, COREM carries out on an annual basis an important precompetitive research program for the benefit of its members, thus contributing to the improvement of their operations’ competitiveness. The centre offers its expertise and services to the whole mineral industry on a contractual basis and contributes to the development of new mining projects in Quebec. COREM represents an asset with a high added value for the mining sector in Quebec.

COREM is an organization supported by the ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles, the ministère de l'Économie, de la Science et de l'Innovation as well as by Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions. For more information, please visit [corem.qc.ca](http://corem.qc.ca).

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