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Corporate Update – PT Merdeka Battery Materials

Jakarta, Indonesia – PT Merdeka Copper Gold Tbk (IDX: MDKA) (“Merdeka”) is pleased to announce a corporate update regarding its subsidiary, PT Merdeka Battery Materials (“**MBM**”).

Merdeka is considering various options (including options in capital markets) to best position MBM to successfully deliver on its pipeline of downstream expansion projects. An option that is currently under consideration is a proposed initial public offering of MBM on the Indonesia Stock Exchange to create a listed subsidiary.

The creation of a listed and vertically integrated battery materials company of global significance would position MBM to maximise the value of its portfolio of high-quality assets and would provide access to new capital to allow it to pursue downstream expansion projects.

Subject to the prevailing applicable laws and regulations, Merdeka will make further announcements of any material development on this matter as and when appropriate.

Merdeka’s President Commissioner Edwin Soeryadjaya stated:

“There are strong EV industry tailwinds, and Indonesia is a highly strategic location for battery value chain development. MBM’s nickel resource is globally significant, and we believe an IDX listing of MBM would offer investors a compelling opportunity to gain exposure to a vertically integrated battery materials company. A listing will establish MBM as a standalone entity with strong leadership and a capital structure that allows it to deliver on its growth strategy.”

Any potential transaction (including but not limited to the offering as mentioned above) will remain subject to, among other things, applicable laws and regulations, including applicable Indonesian capital market laws, approval from the relevant institutions, and prevailing market condition. As a result, there can be no certainty or assurance that any potential transaction (including but not limited to the offering as mentioned above) will proceed and/or be completed. Accordingly, Merdeka is currently not able to make any detailed disclosure in relation to a potential transaction (including but not limited to the offering as mentioned above). In addition, this announcement does not constitute a public offering under Indonesian capital market laws and regulations.

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ABOUT PT MERDEKA COPPER GOLD TBK.

Merdeka is a holding company with operating subsidiaries engaging in mining business activities, encompassing: (i) exploration; (ii) production of gold, silver, copper, nickel (and other related minerals); and (iii) mining services.

Merdeka's major assets are the: (i) Tujuh Bukit Copper Project; (ii) Merdeka Battery Materials ("MBM"); (iii) Pani Gold Project; (iv) Wetar / Morowali Acid Iron Metal Project; (v) Tujuh Bukit Gold Mine and; (vi) Wetar Copper Mine.

The Tujuh Bukit Copper Project deposit is one of the world's top-ranked undeveloped copper and gold mineral resources, containing approximately 8.2 million tonnes of copper and 28.6 million ounces of gold¹.

MBM is one of the leading vertically integrated global players in the strategic minerals and electric vehicle battery value chain holding a portfolio of high-quality businesses which includes one of the world's largest nickel resources (known as the Sulawesi Cahaya Mineral Mine) containing approximately 13.8 million tonnes of nickel and 1.0 million tonnes of cobalt², operating RKEF smelters with a total nameplate capacity of 88,000 tonnes of nickel in NPI per annum³, and a strategic joint venture interest with Tsingshan to develop a future nickel and battery materials focused industrial estate, known as Indonesia Konawe Industrial Park (IKIP).

The Pani Gold Project is a significant undeveloped gold resource, containing approximately 4.7 million ounces of gold¹ and expected to become a long-life and low-cost gold mine with the potential to produce more than 250,000 ounces of gold per annum for more than 15 years.

As a world-class Indonesian mining company, Merdeka is owned by prominent Indonesian shareholders, among others: PT Provident Capital Indonesia, PT Saratoga Investama Sedaya Tbk, and Mr. Garibaldi Thohir who have exceptional track records in successfully identifying, building, and operating multiple publicly listed companies in Indonesia.

¹ Refer to Annual Statements of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves on www.merdekacoppergold.com

² SCM Mineral Resource: February 2022 JORC prepared by AMC Consultants Pty Ltd. Total resource of 1.9 billion wmt of ore (equivalent to 1.1 billion dmt of ore) at 1.22% Ni containing 13.8Mt of nickel and at 0.08% Co containing 1.0Mt of cobalt

³ ZHN RKEF smelter is under construction with a nameplate capacity of 50,000 tonnes per annum

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