

ASX: MRZ TSXV: MRZL

# Mont Royal Re-Lists on ASX Following Transformational Merger with Commerce Resources

SUCCESSFUL RE-LISTING BRINGS ONE OF NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST RARE EARTH DEPOSITS TO THE ASX; WORK TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY ON AN UPDATED PEA

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- Mont Royal shares (ASX: MRZ) will re-commence trading on the ASX at 7.00am AWST / 10.00am AEDT today (day) following the Company's transformational merger with TSXVlisted Commerce Resources.
- The merger has created a new Canadian-focused critical metals company focused on developing the 100%-owned Ashram Rare Earth and Fluorspar Deposit in Québec, Canada.
- Ashram is one of the largest monazite-dominant carbonatite-hosted Rare Earth Elements ("REE") deposits in North America, with a Tier-1 Mineral Resource Estimate comprising:
  - Indicated: 73.2Mt@1.89% Total Rare Earth Oxide (TREO) & 6.6% Fluorspar (CaF<sub>2</sub>)
  - o Inferred: 131.1Mt @ 1.91% TREO & 4.0% CaF<sub>2</sub>
- Ashram is an advanced, large-scale asset with significant development work already completed and over A\$50 million invested historically.
- It offers a compelling opportunity to establish a new source of North American rare earths supply at a time of growing demand and strategic interest in establishing new Western supply sources.
- Mont Royal is well funded to progress Ashram, having recently completed a A\$10m capital raising to fund project development and strategic engagement activities.
- Strong development-focused board assembled, led by experienced mining executives Cameron Henry (ex-Primero) as non-executive Chair and Nick Holthouse (ex-Meteoric) as Managing Director.
- Work to commence immediately on an updated Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) focused on a streamlined development strategy.
- Market capitalisation of ~\$38m (192.5m shares on issue at the \$0.20 capital raise price) and enterprise value of ~\$28m offers significant investment leverage as Ashram advances.



**Mont Royal's Managing Director, Nicholas Holthouse, said:** "This is a landmark day for Mont Royal and Commerce and our two shareholder groups. After a six-month transaction, we are very pleased to have completed this merger – launching a significant new Canadian-focused critical minerals developer on the ASX and TSX-V.

"Ashram is a globally significant rare earth asset with the potential to become a cornerstone of North America's critical minerals supply chain. It has been largely forgotten over the past 15 years, despite its Tier-1 scale, excellent mineralogy and strategic importance.

"This transaction brings the project into the spotlight, in the hands of a newly established, development-focused and highly experienced leadership team. With a strong balance sheet, Mont Royal has the people, the resources and the vision to awaken this sleeping giant and develop a major new Canadian rare earths project at a time of growing need for new, Western supply sources of the rare earths required to power high-tech industries and the global energy transition."

Mont Royal Resources Ltd (**ASX: MRZ**) ("**Mont Royal**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to announce its successful re-listing on the Australian Securities Exchange following the completion of its merger with Canadian-listed Commerce Resources Corp.

The merger unites two complementary entities to form a dual-listed, Canadian-focused critical minerals developer, underpinned by the advanced **Ashram Rare Earth and Fluorspar Project** in Québec, Canada.

The Ashram Project is one of the largest undeveloped monazite-hosted rare earth deposits in North America, offering a unique opportunity to advance a new, large-scale source of critical rare earth supply at a time of growing Western demand and strategic focus on supply chain independence.

The Company's reconstituted board combines deep technical, operational and corporate experience across the global mining industry, including rare earths, lithium and base metals.

Mont Royal's shares will trade under the ASX code **MRZ**, with the Company also set to trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the code **MRZL**.

### **KEY ASSETS AND STRATEGY**

The merged Company's flagship asset is the 100%-owned Ashram Rare Earths & Fluorspar Project ("Ashram Project"), which represents the largest undeveloped monazite-mineralised carbonatite-hosted Rare Earth Elements deposits in North America. In addition, the Company also holds the Eldor Niobium Project and the Northern Lights Lithium Project, both also located in Québec (see Figure 1 below).

The Ashram Project is a Tier-1 REE deposit with high-value by-product potential (Fluorspar) and represents one of the most advanced rare earth development projects in North America. With over A\$50 million invested historically in exploration, drilling, resource definition and development studies, Ashram represents a cornerstone asset in Canada's critical minerals push.



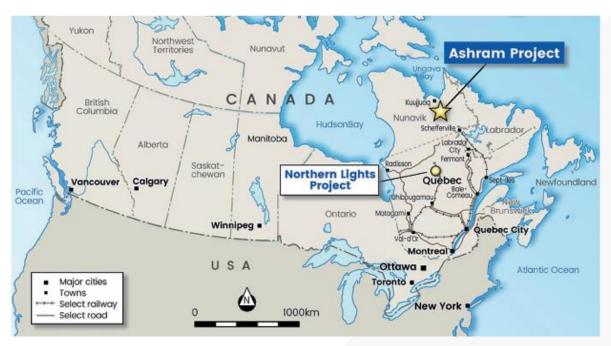


Figure 1: Ashram REE & Fluorspar Project Location and location of Northern Lights Project.

The Ashram Project contains a Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") as at 4 April 2024:

- Indicated: 73.2Mt @ 1.89% Total Rare Earth Oxide (TREO) & 6.6% Fluorspar (CaF<sub>2</sub>)
- Inferred: 131.1Mt @ 1.91% TREO & 4.0% CaF<sub>2</sub>

A cut-off of C\$287/tonne is considered as the base case for the MRE and is guided by reasonable prospects of eventual economic extraction over a reasonable timeframe.

The cut-off grade considers a CAD:USD exchange rate of 1.30. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves as they do not have demonstrated economic viability.

The Ashram deposit has a high distribution of Neodymium and Praseodymium (NdPr)/TREO of ~21.1% (Indicated) and 21.4% (Inferred) - key rare earth elements that are essential for permanent magnet production.

The project has excellent mineralogy, with simple flotation process producing a +35% TREO concentrate with 65% recovery. Hydrometallurgical recoveries of 95% have been achieved for light rare earth elements ("LREEs") and 82% for heavy rare earth elements ("HREEs"), delivering a clean, marketable mixed rare earth carbonate ("MREC").

Mont Royal is advancing a staged, lower-risk development plan for the Ashram Project:

- 1. **Stage 1**: Focus on mining, beneficiation and production of a high-grade flotation concentrate and potential Hydromet.
- 2. **Stage 2+**: Potential downstream development in oxide separation and collaboration with industry partners to produce separated oxides, metals and magnets.

An updated Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") is underway to guide development, support government funding applications, and advance strategic partnerships and offtake discussions.

The Ashram Project also offers valuable by-product potential via a potential by-product fluorspar stream (metallurgical and acid grade) to supply North American markets. Fluorspar is a highly strategic mineral used in the production of steel, enriched uranium, aluminium and petroleumbased fuels.



For and on behalf of the Board

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# **About Mont Royal Resources**

Mont Royal Resources Limited (ASX: MRZ,TSXV:MRZL) is a critical minerals development and exploration company with projects in Quebec, Canada. The Company is dedicated to advancing its 100%-owned Ashram Rare Earth and Fluorspar Deposit in Québec, Canada - one of the largest monazite-dominant carbonatite-hosted Rare Earth Elements deposits in North America. In addition company owns 75% of Northern Lights Minerals 536km² tenement package located in the Upper Eastmain Greenstone belt. The projects are located in the emerging James Bay area, a Tier-1 mining jurisdiction of Quebec, and are prospective for lithium, precious (Gold, Silver) and base metals mineralisation (Copper, Nickel).

For further information regarding Mont Royal Resources Limited, please visit the ASX platform (ASX: MRZ) or the Mont Royal's website <a href="https://www.montroyalres.com">www.montroyalres.com</a>

## **Compliance statements**

The MRE was reported in Mont Royal's replacement prospectus dated 30 September 2025 ("Replacement Prospectus"). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the MRE and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the MRE continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The Exploration Results for the Ashram Project was first reported in the Company's prospectus dated 30 September 2025 and released to ASX on 1 October 2025 (Prospectus). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information relating to the exploration results included in the Prospectus.

Readers are referred to the technical report for the Ashram Project entitled "Mineral Resource Estimate for the Ashram Rare Earth Element and Fluorspar Deposit, Nunavik, Québec, Canada" effective April 4, 2024 which has been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and is available on Commerce Resources Corp.'s profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.



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