Savannah Resources PLC ("Savannah") is a mineral exploration company listed on the London stock exchange (AIM: SAV) and is developing a lithium project in the Barroso region, which is the subject of these newsletters. Savannah’s main goal is to provide the communities surrounding the project with a regular flow of information on work underway and planned. The Mina do Barroso Project, which will be developed responsibly and in accordance with best environmental practices, will bring exceptional economic, demographic, social and commercial opportunities to the Barroso region.

August and September at Mina do Barroso

Savannah would like to congratulate Dr. Fernando Queiroga, for his re-election as President of the Municipality of Boticas, and Mrs. Dias Mó and Mr. Paulo Sanches, for having also achieved a new mandate in the parishes of Covas do Barroso and Dornelas respectively, believing that we can work together in the socio-economic development of the Municipality and these two parishes and, thus, build a future with the best benefits for the communities they represent.

We are still awaiting a decision on the Environmental Impact Study for the Barroso Mine Project from the regulatory body, the Portuguese Environment Agency (APA), which we expect to receive in the coming months. The Environmental Impact Study, which was in public consultation in Portugal between 22 April and 16 July 2021, is now in the public consultation analysis phase by the APA, having also gone through a public consultation phase in Spain, which ended on 15 September.

We believe in the project we have designed, with all the different alternatives proposed, in which the Environmental Impact Study (EIA), an exhaustive and extensive study, concludes that the environmental impacts arising from the Barroso Mine project will be eliminated, reduced or mitigated. We must remember that 238 individual mitigation measures are defined for this project which will require an investment of around €15 million to implement.

Meanwhile, the Savannah team has been carrying out several works necessary to proceed with the evolution and development of the project. Among many other things, this has included monitoring the quality of groundwater and the water levels in the piezometers (submersible measurement sensors, designed to detect groundwater pressure and levels).

The NOA area remains active, with blasting and extraction of some litiniferous pegmatite undertaken, for supply to the ceramic industry.

In September, we once again sponsored a driver from the region, and his car, at Rampa de Boticas, a race that is part of the Portugal Mountain Championship. These types of initiatives are part of many others in which Savannah intends to support the local community.
Savannah designed the Barroso Mine project and intends to implement its plans to ensure its responsible operation. Mina do Barroso, through the application of best environmental practices, will actively promote the elimination or mitigation of any environmental and social impact at all stages of its operation. As a pioneer project with the implementation of a monitoring system through a network of sensors, communities will also have the opportunity to observe in real time, the evolution of some of the works, as well as the levels of noise, dust and other environmental parameters, which are being monitored.

The adoption of this real-time monitoring system will allow the recording of the data issued which, in addition to serving for consultation at the time or future analysis, will be the fundamental support for the project’s technical team in quickly identifying and efficient controlling any extraordinary situations that may, by chance, occur.

Available through a mobile app that will be created for this purpose when preparing for the start of operations, the display of this data in real time will bring relevant content to the entire community in a practical, fast and transparent way, which will give them greater reassurance over the course of operations.

Savannah remains focused on disseminating accurate and detailed information about the Barroso Mine project, and our aim is to create strong and lasting links with local populations. This is reflected in the strategy designed to deliver real benefits, which take into account the long duration of the project in the region, and which will be discussed locally so that it is fully tailored to the particular needs of the community.

The Barroso Mine project also factors in the development of the region. Our long term presence will support the sustainable development of this area, working closely with the various local authorities and entities over time.

We believe we have designed an important project for the northern region of Portugal, based on innovation and technology, which will be an important economic driver and bring prosperity, namely through the creation of new jobs and businesses for the region.

Savannah has been developing an information campaign to ensure that everyone has access to authentic and factual information about the Barroso Mine project. We are aware that there is a great interest from all in the Project, as demonstrated by the attention given to it by the various regional, national and even international media. It is indeed an important topic, and Savannah is always available to provide information, which we consider essential for everyone to know in detail about the Barroso Mine project.

We would like to remind you that the Community Information Centre in Covas do Barroso has a 3D model of the project available, which allows for a closer view of the reality of how this project will be built. This is the ideal place to
get to know the project in detail and discover the real facts associated with the development of the Mina do Barroso project.

The Information Center now also has a dedicated email address, centro.informacao@savannahresources.pt, and a telephone line, +351 276 438 008. You can visit us every day, from 9 am to 1 pm and 2 pm and 6 pm.

Our community hotlines remain open at: community@savannahresources.com or via +351 927 576 199.