

## PRESS RELEASE

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### DALRADIAN LOOKS TO THE FUTURE AFTER FIRST DECADE OPERATING IN TYRONE

#### £130m invested to date and 400 Northern Ireland Suppliers Used

In recognition of its 10-year anniversary of operating in Northern Ireland, Dalradian, the company developing a gold-silver-copper mine in west Tyrone, has announced details of the project's positive impact so far as well as its plans for the decades to come.

Since early 2010 Dalradian has invested £130m to develop a better understanding of the metals deposit. The company has completed a range of environmental, geological, engineering and economic studies that define the nature of the deposit and outline how to responsibly extract the metal.

Dalradian has provided direct employment to approximately 200 people and purchased goods and services from more than 400 Northern Ireland-based suppliers, including over 50 small businesses from the villages closest to the project, Greencastle, Rouskey and Gortin. The company has also provided administrative and other support to small businesses, as needed, to enable their participation.

The company's community fund, the Tyrone Fund, has provided over £500,000 to more than 320 local groups ranging from sports clubs to churches and environmental projects.

Dalradian's planning application for the proposed mine, which incorporated an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment), is currently progressing through the planning process.

Patrick F.N. Anderson, Dalradian's President and CEO, said:

"Since 2010 we've provided around 200 people with employment and have started developing the skills to help local workers fill future operational jobs at the mine. We also listened to feedback from the planning process and made a number of design changes, including removing the proposed use of cyanide and committing to be Europe's first carbon-neutral mine.

"Tyrone has already benefitted from the project through local employment, supply contracts and support for community programmes, but this is just the beginning.

"When operational, it's projected that Dalradian will support 1,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs, and generate £750m in new business for suppliers over its lifespan. Over 2,000 people have contacted the firm directly to express an interest in a mining career and we have begun a multi-million pound training programme to ensure that over 90% of our employees are locally based. We also plan to run supplier workshops to empower local businesses to qualify as our suppliers and expand their revenues and capacity."

Peter McKenna, Dalradian's Community Relations Manager, added:

"As a local employer for the past ten years Dalradian has become part of the local community. We currently employ around 40 people in our offices in Omagh and Gortin, but also rely heavily on local suppliers and contractors to provide equipment, services and labour ranging from drivers to designers.

"We've provided 35 internships for young people to experience the mining business firsthand and almost 10% of our current employees started on this programme. We've also provided 15,000 hours of training for employees in the past five years and developed projects with South West College to support access to careers within mining. In 2019 we were accredited by Investors in People.

"Our staff are very proud of this area and the support we've provided to local families, be that through jobs, schools work, environmental projects or the Tyrone Fund. The project has the potential to drive regeneration throughout west Tyrone and we'll continue working with the community to make that a reality."

Over 1,600 people have visited the project's existing exploration site on a tunnel tour.

Dalradian submitted its planning application in November 2017 and provided further environmental information in August 2019. The application is still under consideration. Dalradian is also supporting a Public Inquiry as a further level of independent review.

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### **Notes to Editors**

Dalradian has been working in West Tyrone since 2010. The company is focussed on advancing its project near Gortin which contains a mineral deposit of gold, silver and copper.

Dalradian's first responsibility is to the environment and it has designed a project to meet and exceed strict regulatory standards. Rehabilitation will commence during operations and the site will be returned for use as farmland / grazing upon closure.

Dalradian has invested £130m to define the deposit, and develop environmental, engineering and economic feasibility studies. The company currently employs approximately 40 people at its Omagh and Gortin offices in Co. Tyrone. In 2017 the company submitted a planning application to develop a long-term, carbon-neutral underground mine at Curraghinalt – the planning process is ongoing.

The proposed mine will be economically transformative for this rural area. Tyrone is already recognised as one of the world’s leading regions for the production of mineral extraction equipment.

## Dalradian in Numbers

1600s: first reports of gold in area	20-plus years: anticipated life of mine
10,000-page planning application submitted	Europe’s first carbon neutral mine
1,000 jobs for Tyrone: direct, indirect and induced	100% of operational water will be sourced onsite, recycled and treated to drinking water standards before release
£750m: planned expenditure on supply chain	£4.0m committed to future community projects
320: community groups already supported	3.5m ounces: portion of the gold deposit to be extracted during the period covered by the planning application
15,000 tonnes: portion of the copper deposit to be extracted during the period covered by the planning application	850,000 ounces: portion of the silver deposit to be extracted during the period covered by the planning application