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## Verde Appoints Chief Marketing Officer

Newton Nagumo brings over two decades of successful communication and marketing planning expertise to boost Verde's market strategy

**Singapore. Verde AgriTech Ltd** (TSX: "NPK") ("Verde" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of marketing veteran Newton Nagumo to the position of Chief Marketing Officer ("CMO"). Mr. Nagumo is brand marketing leader with a 20-year track record of driving transformative innovation and guiding high-performing teams to achieve substantial growth for major Brazilian and global corporations. Mr. Nagumo will join Verde's leadership team to oversee brand and product marketing, creative initiatives, consumer insights, and global communications.

As CMO, Mr. Nagumo will collaborate closely with the operations team to bolster sales efforts and will devise and execute strategies to fortify Verde's position as one of the world's largest carbon capture initiatives.<sup>1</sup>

In 2022, as the Chief Strategy Officer to a leading Brazilian marketing firm, Mr. Nagumo oversaw Verde's rebranding strategy. During that occasion, he interviewed many of the Company's customer's and studied the sector and Verde's main competitors.

"We are delighted to have Newton Nagumo's competence and leadership at Verde to amplify our sales efforts and bolster the Company's market reputation," commented Mr. Veloso. "With his extensive brand experience, customer-centric marketing approach, and ability to build and inspire teams, we are confident that he will propel Verde to the next level."

Throughout his corporate journey, Mr. Nagumo held managerial and leadership roles overseeing strategic communication and marketing planning teams at renowned advertising agencies including Asia (a spin-off of Africa), Heads, JWT, Dentsu, W/Brasil, among others.<sup>2</sup> He has crafted comprehensive communication strategies and orchestrated successful campaigns for clients such as Nestlé, Johnson & Johnson, Unilever, Ford, Toyota, Renault, Braskem, and Mondelez. Furthermore, Mr. Nagumo presides over the Grupo de Planejamento,<sup>3</sup> a non-profit organization that brings together professionals specializing in brand and communication planning and strategy.

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<sup>1</sup> See "Verde's Products Remove Carbon Dioxide From the Air": <https://investor.verde.ag/verdes-products-remove-carbon-dioxide-from-the-air/>

<sup>2</sup> For further information, see: [Asia](#), [The Experience Co.](#), [Africa](#), [Heads](#), [JWT](#), [Dentsu](#), and [W/Brasil](#).

<sup>3</sup> For further information, see: <https://grupodeplanejamento.com/>

"I'm excited to take on the challenge and privilege of joining Verde at this key juncture in its trajectory. The Company has an explosive mix of ingredients in its carbon capture potential and sustainable agriculture nature that will allow it to take off in Brazil and the global stage," affirmed Mr. Nagumo.

Mr. Nagumo holds postgraduate degrees in marketing and service management and a B.A. in advertising, both from the Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing, considered the leading institution for marketing and advertising education in Brazil.<sup>4</sup> He has also pursued specialized studies in controller and strategic business management, through various courses throughout his career at institutions such as the Miami Ad School and Hyper Island.

## CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING

As part of the corporate senior management restructuring strategy, the hiring of Mr. Nagumo represents another step in the Company's commitment to establish a senior commercial team to support the Verde's growth plans. This senior team will shoulder the responsibility of steering the Company towards the milestone of 50 million tonnes of annual production, while concurrently working to expedite the development of one of the world's largest carbon capture projects.

"After announcing our plans to enter the carbon markets through the sale of carbon credits,<sup>5</sup> Verde has reached a juncture where we need to enhance our corporate structure and bring on expanded expertise. As part of our corporate restructuring strategy, Verde plans to announce the hiring of a Chief Revenue Officer and a Vice-President of Corporate Development in the near future. These positions will also play a pivotal role in executing corporate decisions and strategies to blitzscale the Company's growth," explained Mr. Veloso.

Among their responsibilities, Verde's CRO and VP of Corporate Development will oversee operational processes across the organization, identify avenues for improvement, refine project protocols in alignment with quality standards and business requirements, and chart new paths for revenue while building the necessary mechanisms to attain these goals.

## ABOUT VERDE AGRITECH

Verde is an agricultural technology Company that produces potash fertilizers. Our purpose is to improve the health of all people and the planet. Rooting our solutions in nature, we make agriculture healthier, more productive, and profitable.

Verde is a fully integrated Company: it mines and processes its main feedstock from its 100% owned mineral properties, then sells and distributes the Product.

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<sup>4</sup> ESPM's Accreditations & Rankings: <https://international.espm.br/accreditations-rankings/>

<sup>5</sup> See "Verde to Sell Carbon Credits": <https://investor.verde.ag/verde-to-sell-carbon-credits/>



Verde's focus on research and development has resulted in one patent and eight patents pending. Among its proprietary technologies are Cambridge Tech, 3D Alliance, MicroS Technology, N Keeper, and Bio Revolution.<sup>6</sup> Currently, the Company is fully licensed to produce up to 2.8 million tonnes per year of its multinutrient potassium fertilizers K Forte® and BAKS®, sold internationally as Super Greensand®. In 2022, it became Brazil's largest potash producer by capacity.<sup>7</sup> Verde has a combined measured and indicated mineral resource of 1.47 billion tonnes at 9.28% K<sub>2</sub>O and an inferred mineral resource of 1.85 billion tonnes at 8.60% K<sub>2</sub>O (using a 7.5% K<sub>2</sub>O cut-off grade).<sup>8</sup> This amounts to 295.70 million tonnes of potash in K<sub>2</sub>O. For context, in 2021 Brazil's total consumption of potash in K<sub>2</sub>O was 6.57 million<sup>9</sup>.

Brazil ranks second in global potash demand and is its single largest importer, currently depending on external sources for over 97% of its potash needs. In 2022, potash accounted for approximately 3% of all Brazilian imports by dollar value.<sup>10</sup>

## CORPORATE PRESENTATION

For further information on the Company, please view shareholders' deck:

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All Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resources estimates reported by the Company were estimated in accordance with the Canadian National Instrument 43-101 and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum Definition Standards (May 10, 2014). These standards differ significantly from the requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Mineral Resources which are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

This document contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation and "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation

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<sup>6</sup> Learn more about our technologies: <https://verde.docsend.com/view/yvthnpuv8jx6g4r9>

<sup>7</sup> See the release at: <https://investor.verde.ag/verde-starts-ramp-up-of-plant-2s-second-stage-to-reach-production-of-2-4mtpy/>

<sup>8</sup> As per the National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects within Canada ("NI 43 -101"), filed on SEDAR in 2017. See the Pre-Feasibility Study at: <https://investor.verde.ag/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NI-43-101-Pre-Feasibility-Technical-Report-Cerrado-Verde-Project.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> Source: Brazilian Fertilizer Mixers Association (from "*Associação Misturadores de Adubo do Brasil*", in Portuguese).

<sup>10</sup> Source: Brazilian Comex Stat, available at: <http://comexstat.mdic.gov.br/en/geral>

Reform Act of 1995. This information and these statements, referred to herein as "forward-looking statements" are made as of the date of this document. Forward-looking statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect current estimates, predictions, expectations or beliefs regarding future events and include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to:

- (i) the estimated amount and grade of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves;
- (ii) the estimated amount of CO<sub>2</sub> removal per tonne of rock;
- (iii) the PFS representing a viable development option for the Project;
- (iv) estimates of the capital costs of constructing mine facilities and bringing a mine into production, of sustaining capital and the duration of financing payback periods;
- (v) the estimated amount of future production, both produced and sold;
- (vi) timing of disclosure for the PFS and recommendations from the Special Committee;
- (vii) the Company's competitive position in Brazil and demand for potash; and,
- (viii) estimates of operating costs and total costs, net cash flow, net present value and economic returns from an operating mine.

Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives or future events or performance (often, but not always, using words or phrases such as "expects", "anticipates", "plans", "projects", "estimates", "envisages", "assumes", "intends", "strategy", "goals", "objectives" or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) are not statements of historical fact and may be forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements are based on Verde's or its consultants' current beliefs as well as various assumptions made by them and information currently available to them. The most significant assumptions are set forth above, but generally these assumptions include, but are not limited to:

- (i) the presence of and continuity of resources and reserves at the Project at estimated grades;
- (ii) the estimation of CO<sub>2</sub> removal based on the chemical and mineralogical composition of assumed resources and reserves;
- (iii) the geotechnical and metallurgical characteristics of rock conforming to sampled results; including the quantities of water and the quality of the water that must be diverted or treated during mining operations;
- (iv) the capacities and durability of various machinery and equipment;
- (v) the availability of personnel, machinery and equipment at estimated prices and within the estimated delivery times;

- (vi) currency exchange rates;
- (vii) Super Greensand® and K Forte® sales prices, market size and exchange rate assumed;
- (viii) appropriate discount rates applied to the cash flows in the economic analysis;
- (ix) tax rates and royalty rates applicable to the proposed mining operation;
- (x) the availability of acceptable financing under assumed structure and costs;
- (xi) anticipated mining losses and dilution;
- (xii) reasonable contingency requirements;
- (xiii) success in realizing proposed operations;
- (xiv) receipt of permits and other regulatory approvals on acceptable terms; and
- (xv) the fulfilment of environmental assessment commitments and arrangements with local communities.

Although management considers these assumptions to be reasonable based on information currently available to it, they may prove to be incorrect. Many forward-looking statements are made assuming the correctness of other forward looking statements, such as statements of net present value and internal rates of return, which are based on most of the other forward-looking statements and assumptions herein. The cost information is also prepared using current values, but the time for incurring the costs will be in the future and it is assumed costs will remain stable over the relevant period.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and risks exist that estimates, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved or that assumptions do not reflect future experience. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements as a number of important factors could cause the actual outcomes to differ materially from the beliefs, plans, objectives, expectations, anticipations, estimates assumptions and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These risk factors may be generally stated as the risk that the assumptions and estimates expressed above do not occur as forecast, but specifically include, without limitation: risks relating to variations in the mineral content within the material identified as Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves from that predicted; variations in rates of recovery and extraction; the geotechnical characteristics of the rock mined or through which infrastructure is built differing from that predicted, the quantity of water that will need to be diverted or treated during mining operations being different from what is expected to be encountered during mining operations or post closure, or the rate of flow of the water being different; developments in world metals markets; risks relating to fluctuations in the Brazilian Real relative to the Canadian dollar; increases in the estimated capital and operating costs or unanticipated costs; difficulties attracting the necessary work force; increases in financing costs or adverse changes to the terms of available financing, if any; tax rates or royalties being greater than



assumed; changes in development or mining plans due to changes in logistical, technical or other factors; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; risks relating to receipt of regulatory approvals; delays in stakeholder negotiations; changes in regulations applying to the development, operation, and closure of mining operations from what currently exists; the effects of competition in the markets in which Verde operates; operational and infrastructure risks and the additional risks described in Verde's Annual Information Form filed with SEDAR in Canada (available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) for the year ended December 31, 2021. Verde cautions that the foregoing list of factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive.

When relying on our forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to Verde, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and potential events. Verde does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time by Verde or on our behalf, except as required by law.

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