



Combining the first ESG-focused SPAC with a developer of the world's largest and highest-grade estimated source of electric vehicle (EV) battery metals

➤ The Metals Company is expected to be listed through DeepGreen's business combination with Sustainable Opportunities Acquisition Corporation

➤ Aiming to become the world's largest developer and producer of EV battery metals through a responsible approach with the lowest lifecycle ESG impact and low production cost



NYSE: SOAC

\$300 million SPAC with a dedicated ESG focus and deep operational and capital market capabilities in the energy and resource sectors

Shares DeepGreen's vision to bring better metals to the market



Developing a new, scalable source of EV battery metals in the form of polymetallic nodules found unattached on the seafloor in the Pacific Ocean

- Estimated resource on the seafloor in the exploration contract areas held by the company's subsidiaries is sufficient for 280 million EVs – a quarter of the global passenger car fleet
- Development of polymetallic nodules offers an abundant, low-cost supply of critical raw materials for EV batteries and wiring including cobalt, nickel, copper and manganese, with a lower lifecycle ESG impact than conventional mining
- Ensuring this critical supply of battery metals is essential to the transition from internal combustion engines to EVs



Opportunity to De-Risk the EV Transition

- ✓ Sourcing battery metals is the biggest hurdle facing the clean energy transition, and the pipeline of new mining projects on land is insufficient to meet rising demand
- ✓ DeepGreen offers a real, scalable solution to the raw materials problem, at a low production cost and with a significant reduction in the ESG footprint of metals
- ✓ Transaction provides TMC with the capital required to start expected commercial production of battery metals in 2024

Transaction Details



Renamed
The Metals
Company



TMC
Ticker



~\$2.9 B
TMC pro forma
equity value



2Q 2021
Expected
completion

Upon closing, the combined company will be renamed "TMC the metals company Inc." ("The Metals Company")

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Important Information About the Proposed Business Combination and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed business combination, SOAC intends to file a Registration Statement on Form S-4, including a preliminary proxy statement/prospectus and a definitive proxy statement/prospectus with the SEC. SOAC's shareholders and other interested persons are advised to read, when available, the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus and the amendments thereto and the definitive proxy statement/prospectus as well as other documents filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed business combination, as these materials will contain important information about DeepGreen, SOAC, and the proposed business combination. When available, the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials for the proposed business combination will be mailed to shareholders of SOAC as of a record date to be established for voting on the proposed business combination. Shareholders will also be able to obtain copies of the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus, the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, and other documents filed with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference therein, without charge, once available, at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to: Investors@soa-corp.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

SOAC and its directors and executive officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from SOAC's shareholders with respect to the business combination. A list of the names of those directors and executive officers and a description of their interests in SOAC will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed business combination and be available at www.sec.gov. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants will be contained in the proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed business combination when available.

DeepGreen and its directors and executive officers may also be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of SOAC in connection with the proposed business combination. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the proposed business combination will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed business combination.

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This fact sheet includes projected financial information with respect to the combined company, namely DeepGreen's projected EBITDA for future years. Such projected financial information constitutes forward-looking information and is for illustrative purposes only, and should not be relied upon as necessarily being indicative of future results. The assumptions and estimates underlying such projected financial information are inherently uncertain and are subject to a wide variety of significant business, economic, competitive and other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the prospective financial information. Actual results may differ materially from the results contemplated by the projected financial information contained in this fact sheet, and the inclusion of such information in this fact sheet should not be regarded as a representation by any person that the results reflected in such projections will be achieved. The independent auditors of DeepGreen have not audited, reviewed, compiled, or performed any procedures with respect to the projections for the purpose of their inclusion in this fact sheet, and accordingly, did not express an opinion or provide any other form of assurance with respect thereto for the purpose of this fact sheet. Some of the financial information and data contained in this fact sheet, such as EBITDA, have not been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). EBITDA is defined as net earnings (loss) before interest expense, income tax expense (benefit), depreciation and amortization. DeepGreen believes these non-GAAP measures of financial results provide useful information to management and investors regarding certain financial and business trends relating to DeepGreen's financial condition and results of operations. DeepGreen believes that the use of these non-GAAP financial measures provides an additional tool for investors to use in evaluating projected operating results and trends. DeepGreen's method of determining these non-GAAP measures may be different from other companies' methods and, therefore, may not be comparable to those used by other companies and DeepGreen does not recommend the sole use of these non-GAAP measures to assess its financial performance. Management does not consider these non-GAAP measures in isolation or as an alternative to financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP. The principal limitation of these non-GAAP financial measures is that they exclude significant expenses and income that are required by GAAP to be recorded in DeepGreen's financial statements. In addition, they are subject to inherent limitations as they reflect the exercise of judgments by management about which expense and income are excluded or included in determining these non-GAAP financial measures. In order to compensate for these limitations, management intends to present non-GAAP financial measures in connection with GAAP results. DeepGreen is not providing a reconciliation of projected EBITDA for future years to the most directly comparable measure prepared in accordance with GAAP because DeepGreen is unable to provide this reconciliation without unreasonable effort due to the uncertainty and inherent difficulty of predicting the occurrence, the financial impact, and the periods in which the adjustments may be recognized. For the same reasons, DeepGreen is unable to address the probable significance of the unavailable information, which could be material to future results.

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