



## PRESS RELEASE

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### 5N Plus Appoints Bertrand Lessard as Chief Operating Officer

**Montreal, Québec, April 17, 2014** – 5N Plus Inc. (TSX:VNP), the leading producer of specialty metal and chemical products, is pleased to announce that Mr. Bertrand Lessard has been appointed Chief Operating Officer of the Company, effective April 28, 2014.

Mr. Lessard has nearly 30 years of experience in technical, operational and leadership positions. Prior to joining 5N Plus, Mr. Lessard was General Manager of SEC Bloom Lake Iron Mine of Cliffs Natural Resources. He has worked for over 25 years at Xstrata (formerly Noranda and Falconbridge now Glencore Xstrata). His career started in 1985 at the Canadian Copper Refinery in Montreal where he held several technical and management positions to eventually take the lead of Operations in 1998. He also served as Director - Recycling, headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, and, in 2008 as Director - Copper, of the Kidd Creek metallurgical site in Timmins, Ontario, until 2010 when he joined the ranks of Cliffs Natural Resources.

Mr. Lessard holds a degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the École Polytechnique de Montréal, and graduated from the Western Executive Program at the Richard Ivey School of Business of London, Ontario.

Jacques L'Ecuyer, President and Chief Executive Officer, said "We are pleased to welcome Bertrand Lessard to our team as Chief Operating Officer. His prior experience in the minor metals field and in senior management positions of sizeable metallurgical facilities promise to be great assets to leverage our worldwide network of operations, execute on our growth plan and become a more efficient organization".

#### **About 5N Plus Inc.**

5N Plus is the leading producer of specialty metal and chemical products. Fully integrated with closed-loop recycling facilities, the Company is headquartered in Montreal, Québec, Canada and operates manufacturing facilities and sales offices in several locations in Europe, the Americas and Asia. 5N Plus deploys a range of proprietary and proven technologies to produce products which are used in a number of advanced pharmaceutical, electronic and industrial applications. Typical products include purified metals such as bismuth, gallium, germanium, indium, selenium and tellurium, inorganic chemicals based on such metals and compound semiconductor wafers. Many of these are critical precursors and key enablers in markets such as solar, light-emitting diodes and eco-friendly materials.

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