



ASX Release

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LIONHEART III & SMX MERGER TO NASDAQ APPROVED

Security Matters Limited (ASX:**SMX**) is pleased to announce that earlier today, the Federal Court made orders approving the company's business combination with Lionheart III. An office copy of the orders made by the Federal Court of Australia will be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) pursuant to sub-section 411(10) of the *Corporations Act 2001* today.

On lodgement, the scheme will be effective, and it is expected that quotation of SMX shares on the ASX will be suspended from the close of trading tomorrow (1 March 2023).

Pursuant to the terms of the schemes, the record date will therefore be 3 March 2023. Shareholders who own shares at the Record Date will receive shares in SMX (Security Matters) PLC (former name Empatán) in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

It is expected that the implementation date and start trading on the NASDAQ will be 8 March 2023.

The above timetable is indicative only, and the included times and dates are subject to change. SMX will announce any changes to the ASX.

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Authorised by the CEO

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About Security Matters Limited

Security Matters is the next generation solution to address the anti-counterfeit, brand protection, client liability and track and trace markets. The Company has developed a suite of integrated solutions to solve both authentication and track and trace challenges in order to uphold supply chain integrity, and provide quality assurance and brand accountability to producers of goods.