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**Westwin Elements Signs Memorandum of Understanding with University of Oklahoma to Advance Research and Development in Critical Minerals Refining**

[Oklahoma City, OK, 03/12/24] – Westwin Elements Inc, America's first major nickel, cobalt, and manganese refinery, is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma (OU). This agreement, effective as of 02/29/2024, marks a significant milestone in our commitment to collaborative research and development efforts.

The MOU solidifies the mutual desire of Westwin Elements and the University of Oklahoma to pursue joint initiatives aimed at achieving critical mineral independence, supporting humanitarian efforts, and enhancing environmental stewardship. Furthermore, both parties are dedicated to fostering engineering talent, creating job opportunities, and promoting awareness of carbonyl engineering practices.

"We are thrilled to formalize our partnership with the University of Oklahoma," said Kaleigh Long, Founder/CEO at Westwin Elements. "This collaboration represents a strategic alignment of our goals to advance the field of critical minerals refining while contributing positively to society and the environment."

Under the terms of the MOU, Westwin Elements and the University of Oklahoma will establish a framework for collaborative research and development activities. These include, but are not limited to, product evaluation, carbonyl process studies, feed preparation, process control and optimization, and metal decontamination. By leveraging the expertise and resources of both parties, this partnership aims to drive innovation and efficiency in critical minerals refining processes.

"We look forward to working closely with University of Oklahoma to address key challenges in the critical minerals industry," said Xavier Wong, Chief Operating Officer at Westwin Elements. "Through this collaboration, we are committed to advancing sustainable solutions that benefit both industry and society."

About Westwin Elements Inc: Westwin Elements Inc is America's first major nickel, cobalt, and manganese refinery, dedicated to producing high-quality materials essential for various industries including electronics, automotive, and renewable energy. Committed to innovation and sustainability, Westwin Elements employs advanced technologies to refine critical minerals while prioritizing environmental responsibility and ethical practices.

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