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Nivalis Partners, an established Eurasian investment manager, is pleased to announce the selection of Gaia, an innovative mining-centric ESG fintech hub, for the Cyberport Creative Micro Fund (CCMF) program. The Cyberport CCMF program is dedicated to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship by supporting promising digital projects in their early-stage development. Gaia's selection is a testament to its strong potential to thrive in the evolving financial and mining industry, where sustainability plays a crucial role in achieving success and long-term outperformance.

Currently, there is a lack of a centralized platform focused on ESG factors and their impact on the mining industry. This leads to a scarcity of ESG assessment and insights available to investors interested in the mining sector, particularly mining specialists with a keen interest in small and micro-cap companies. These explorers and developers often require capital to pursue their exploration and project development. In collaboration with the Department of Mathematics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Gaia team is building an interactive ESG data hub specifically designed for the mining industry. This platform will incorporate relevant ESG analysis frameworks and indicators.

Nivalis is dedicated to delivering long-term value to its clients and recognizes that extra-financial analysis should be an integral part of the investment process. By integrating ESG considerations, Nivalis aims to mitigate downside risks in its investment portfolios. With a proven track record in the mining industry, the Gaia project will further enhance Nivalis' investment process and enable the construction of a mining portfolio that caters to the needs of long-term investors focused on sustainability and interested in participating in the exploration of energy metals, which are pivotal for a greener future.

Cyberport is a leading digital incubator in Hong Kong, dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship and driving the growth of the city's new economy. With a clear vision, Cyberport aims to nurture tech initiatives and provide comprehensive support to start-ups throughout their various stages of development.

Photo: Cyberport CCMF signing ceremony on December 21, 2023

