



Stardust Power Names Johanna Gonzalez as Director of Investor Relations and Communications

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GREENWICH, Conn., Sept. 16, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Stardust Power Inc. (NASDAQ: SDST) ("Stardust Power" or the "Company"), an American developer of battery-grade lithium products, today announced that Johanna Gonzalez has been named Director of Investor Relations and Communications, effective September 3.

In her role, Gonzalez will focus on strengthening Stardust Power's investor relations strategy, in addition to managing the communications processes and exchanges with stakeholders, analysts and the broader investment community.

"I am excited to welcome Johanna to Stardust Power to further enhance and expand our engagement with investors," said Roshan Pujari, Founder and CEO. "She brings exceptional capital markets experience having led communications and investor relations programs for a variety of public and private companies and has a well-respected track record of fostering meaningful relationships with the financial and investor community.

"I'm grateful to join Stardust Power and contribute to such a pivotal mission in the US energy transition," said Gonzalez. "The innovative work Stardust Power is doing in the lithium industry is not only essential but also vital to securing the United States' energy future. I look forward to working with the team and leveraging my experience and skill set, and executing on the company's strategy as a public company." Johanna joins William Tates, who also works on the investor relations team.

Gonzalez has more than 15 years of global investor relations and communications experience. Previously, she was a Senior Vice President of Investor Relations at Irlabs, an international investor relations agency, where she managed a portfolio of the agency's largest clients across various industries. Before that, Gonzalez held a variety of in-house, agency and private consulting positions, including serving for five years as Director of Investor Relations and Communications at Bristol Capital, a leading Canadian IR agency, as well as holding operational, finance and analyst positions at Digicel Group, a mobile telecommunications company operating across the Pan Caribbean, Central America and Pacific region.

Gonzalez holds a Bachelor of Commerce with majors in Accounting, Taxation and Auditing from the University of South Africa, and an MBA from the University College Dublin Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School. She also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Relations and Communications from Seneca.

About Stardust Power Inc.

Stardust Power is a developer of battery-grade lithium products designed to supply the electric vehicle (EV) industry and bolster America's energy leadership by building resilient supply chains. Stardust Power is developing a strategically central lithium refinery in Muskogee, Oklahoma with the anticipated capacity of producing up to 50,000 tonnes per annum of battery-grade lithium. The company is committed to sustainability at each point in the process. Stardust Power trades on the Nasdaq under the ticker symbol "SDST."

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