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## **STRONGBOW ENTERS INTO FINANCING AND OFFTAKE AGREEMENT WITH ORION MINE FINANCE FOR THE SOUTH CROFTY TIN PROJECT**

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**Strongbow Exploration Inc. (TSX-V: SBW) ("Strongbow" or the "Company")** is pleased to announce that, in connection with its proposed dual listing on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange, its wholly owned subsidiary, Western United Mines Limited ("WUML"), has entered into a conditional five per cent "synthetic" tin warrant offtake agreement with OMF Fund II H LTD. ("OMFFII"), an affiliate of Orion Mine Finance (the "Offtake Agreement").

The terms of the Offtake Agreement can be summarised as follows:

- It is conditional on the AIM listing and OMFFII making an equity investment of no less than US\$3,000,000 in common shares of Strongbow as part of the listing;
- OMFFII will purchase from WUML London Metal Exchange ("LME") tin warrants representing tin refined to LME Approved Brands equal to five per cent of the production of tin from the South Crofty Mine; and
- The Offtake Agreement will cover a 10 year term.

Richard Williams, President and CEO of Strongbow, stated: "This agreement represents further endorsement of the South Crofty tin project. South Crofty, one of the highest grade tin resources globally, is well placed to deliver "clean tin" to end users seeking to secure supply that is conflict-free, does not exploit child labour, and does not have a negative environmental impact. It also allows the Company to work towards an AIM listing before the year end."

### **ABOUT SOUTH CROFTY**

South Crofty is an iconic former producing copper and tin mine located in the towns of Camborne and Pool, Cornwall, UK. The first documented production history from South Crofty dates back to 1592, and it was the last tin mine to close in Cornwall in 1998.

Strongbow published a NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate on the project on April 19, 2016 (see Technical Report [here](#)), and published a NI 43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment on the project on February 16, 2017 (see Technical Report [here](#)).

The project received an Underground Permission (mining licence) in 2013, which is valid until 2071, and Planning Permission to construct a new process plant in 2011. In October 2017, Strongbow was successful in securing a Water Discharge Permit allowing for the dewatering of the now flooded mine workings. In January 2018, the Company completed the sale of a 1.5 per cent Net Smelter Returns Royalty to its largest shareholder, Osisko Gold Royalties, for C\$7,170,000. These proceeds are being used to construct a water treatment plant.

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**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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