

CORNISH METALS CORPORATE UPDATE AND GRANTS INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS

Vancouver, July 17, 2023

Cornish Metals Inc. (**TSX-V/AIM: CUSN**) ("Cornish Metals" or the "Company") announces that it has granted 11,000,000 incentive stock options over common shares without par value in the Company (the "options") to Executive Management and senior staff.

The Remuneration Committee of the Company engaged The Bedford Group (Toronto) and Deloitte (UK) to provide independent guidance on the appropriate levels of compensation to the executive team, including options, as part of a Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) for a Company the size of Cornish Metals. The Bedford Group report outlined that stock options be granted annually, with approximately 2% of the Issued Capital granted as options annually. The Remuneration Committee will follow this guidance.

To ensure that management is fully aligned with the Company's shareholders, the exercise price of the options granted herein is £0.18 per share (C\$0.30), the same as the investment price paid by Vision Blue Resources when the Company raised £40.5M (~C\$65M) in May 2022 (see news release dated May 24, 2023). These options have a five year term, whereby the options vest over a three year period, with one third of the options vesting at the end of each year. The options will expire on July 17, 2028.

The Company's Stock Option Plan allows for the issuance of up to 10% of the Issued Capital of the Company.

Prior to this grant, the Company had 5,150,000 options issued, representing 0.96% of the Issued Capital of the Company (535,270,712). The current issuance of 11,000,000 options takes the total number of options granted to 16,150,000, representing 3.02% of the Issued Capital.

PDMR Option Grants

Richard Williams (CEO), Owen Mihalop (COO), and Matthew Hird (CFO) were granted the following options:

| Name | Position | Number of shares subject to the options granted | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| Richard Williams (CEO) | Chief Executive Officer | 2,400,000 | 3,200,000 |
| Owen Mihalop (COO) | Chief Operating Officer | 2,000,000 | 2,750,000 |
| Matthew Hird (CFO) | Chief Financial Officer | 1,600,000 | 2,350,000 |

Corporate Update

Following the recent Annual General Meeting held June 29, 2023, the following sub-committees of the Board were duly appointed:

• Audit Committee Ken Armstrong (Chair), Tony Trahar, Patrick Anderson

• Remuneration Committee John McGloin (Chair), Don Njegovan

• Sustainability Committee Stephen Gatley (Chair), Patrick Anderson

The notification below, made in accordance with the requirements of the UK Market Abuse Regulation, provides further detail.

| 1 | Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities / person closely associated | | | | |
|----|---|---|--|--|--|
| a) | Name | Richard Williams Owen Mihalop Matthew Hird | | | |
| 2 | Reason for the notification | | | | |
| a) | Position/status | Chief Executive Officer Chief Operating Officer Chief Financial Officer | | | |
| b) | Initial notification /Amendment | Initial notification | | | |
| 3 | Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor | | | | |
| a) | Name | Cornish Metals Inc. | | | |
| b) | LEI | 8945007GJ5APA9YDN221 | | | |
| 4 | Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted | | | | |
| a) | Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument | options over common shares without par value | | | |
| | Identification code | CA21948L1040 | | | |

| b) | Nature of the transaction | Grant of options pursuant to the Company LTIP | | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| c) | Price(s) and volume(s) | | | | | | |
| | | Price(s) Volume(s) | | | | | |
| | | 1. 18.00 pence 1. 2,400,000 | | | | | |
| | | 2. 18.00 pence 2. 2,000,000 | | | | | |
| | | 3. 18.00 pence 3. 1,600,000 | | | | | |
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| d) | Aggregated information | N/A | | | | | |
| | - Aggregated volume | N/A 18 pence | | | | | |
| | - Price | | | | | | |
| e) | Date of the transaction | 17 July 2023 | | | | | |
| f) | Place of the transaction | Outside of a trading venue | | | | | |

ABOUT CORNISH METALS

Cornish Metals is a dual-listed company (AIM and TSX-V: CUSN) focused on advancing the South Crofty high-grade, underground tin project through to delivery of a Feasibility Study, as well as exploring its additional mineral rights, all located in Cornwall, South West England. The former producing South Crofty tin mine is located beneath the towns of Pool and Camborne, and closed in 1998 following over 400 years of continuous production. Since acquiring the project in 2016, Cornish Metals has completed and published maiden NI 43-101 Mineral Resources for South Crofty using the vast archive of historical production data and more recent drilling completed between 2007 and 2013. Additionally, Cornish Metals has undertaken extensive pilot-scale water treatment trials and successfully applied for and received the necessary environmental permits to abstract, treat and discharge mine water in order to dewater the mine. Planning permissions for the operation of the mine and re-development of the surface facilities have been secured and construction of the water treatment plant is currently well underway. The

dewatering pumps, variable speed drives and new high-voltage power supply have been delivered to site and dewatering of the mine is expected to commence later this summer.

An updated Mineral Resource was completed in June 2021 as summarised below:

| South Crofty Summary (JORC 2012) Mineral Resource Estimate | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Area | Classification | Mass ('000 tonnes) | Grade | Contained Tin / Tin Equivalent ('000 tonnes) | Increase in contained Tin / Tin equivalent from 2016 MRE | | | |
| Lower | Indicated | 2,084 | 1.59% Sn | 33 | 10.2% | | | |
| Mine | Inferred | 1,937 | 1.67% Sn | 32 | 129.8% | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Upper | Indicated | 277 | 1.01% SnEq | 3 | 9.5% | | | |
| Mine | Inferred | 493 | 0.93% SnEq | 5 | 8.0% | | | |

The Mineral Resource Estimate for South Crofty (see news release dated <u>June 9, 2021</u>), is available in a report titled the "<u>South Crofty Tin Project Mineral Resource Update</u>", dated June 7, 2021, authored by Mr. N. Szebor, CGeol (London), EuroGeol, FGS, of AMC Consultants (UK) Ltd, can be accessed on the Company's SEDAR page.

The technical information in this news release has been compiled by Mr. Owen Mihalop who has reviewed and takes responsibility for the data and geological interpretation. Mr. Owen Mihalop (MCSM, BSc (Hons), MSc, FGS, MIMMM, CEng) is Chief Operating Officer for Cornish Metals Inc. and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined under the JORC Code (2012) and as a Qualified Person under NI 43-101. Mr. Mihalop consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) Disclosure

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