## Founders Metals Closes C\$2.6M Financing with B2Gold

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Vancouver, February 24, 2025 - Founders Metals Inc. (TSXV: FDR) (OTCQX: FDMIF) (FSE: 9DL0) ("Founders" or the "Company") announces that it has closed its previously announced investment from B2Gold Corp. ("B2Gold") of 484,239 common shares of the Company (the "Shares") at a price of C\$5.30 per Share for aggregate gross proceeds of ~C\$2.6 million (the "Investment").

Colin Padget, Founders' President & CEO commented, "We are pleased to have B2Gold's ongoing support for Founders and the Antino Gold Project. Combined with the recent bought deal financing, Founders is now fully financed for the foreseeable future and further ramp-up of our aggressive exploration and drilling plans. Our 2025 plan remains focused on expanding what we know and continuing to make new discoveries like the recently announced high-grade gold intercept at Van Gogh."

The Shares are subject to a four month hold period from the date of issue. Furthermore, pursuant to the Investor Rights Agreement, B2Gold is required to purchase 1,170,000 Shares in the open market during the 12-month period following their initial investment that closed on November 5, 2024.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Investment for ongoing exploration and development work in 2025 at the Antino Gold Project and for general corporate purposes. In connection with the Investment, the Company paid Agentis Capital Mining Partners a fee equal to 4% of the aggregate gross proceeds of the Shares sold under the Investment.

The Investment is subject to final acceptance of the TSX Venture Exchange. None of the Shares have been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

About Founders Metals Inc.

Founders Metals is a Canadian-based exploration company focused on advancing the Antino Gold Project located in Suriname, South America, in the heart of the Guiana Shield. Antino is 20,000 hectares and has produced over 500,000 ounces of gold from surface and alluvial mining to date<sup>1</sup>. The Company is fully financed for up to 60,000 metres of drilling in 2025.

<sup>1</sup> 2022 Technical Report - Antino Project; Suriname, South America. K. Raffle, BSc, P. Geo & Rock Lefrançois, BSc, P.Geo.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Per: "Colin Padget"

Colin Padget President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director

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