

# Defense Metals Corp. Appoints Karl T. Wagner, Former U.S. Intelligence Senior Executive, as Strategic Advisor

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VANCOUVER, May 11, 2020 - [Defense Metals Corp.](#) ("Defense Metals" or the "Company") (TSX-V: DEFN/DFMTF: OTCQB / 35D: FSE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Karl T. Wagner as a Strategic Advisor to the Company.

Mr. Wagner brings over 31 years of worldwide experience to Defense Metals including work in Latin America, East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Wagner will advise Defense Metals on government relations and business development opportunities worldwide.

Mr. Wagner previously served as Senior Director, Global Security at Tesla. His last position at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was Chief of Counter-Intelligence (CI) Operations. He also served as Executive Assistant to CIA's Executive Director, Chief of the CIA's Special Middle East Task Force and in leadership positions in CIA stations overseas including a large station in North Africa, multiple war zones in the Middle East and South Asia, and high CI threat stations in Latin America and East Asia.

Mr. Wagner has an M.A. Security Studies from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from University of Illinois. He is a recipient of the National Intelligence Exceptional Achievement Medal (November 2013), the DO Excellence in Leadership Award (2012), 4 Meritorious Unit Citations and 20 Exceptional Performance Awards. Karl has near native fluency in Spanish and professional fluency in Mandarin.

Craig Taylor, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Defense Metals comments: "Karl brings a wealth of experience, strategic know-how, and global awareness to Defense Metals. As former Chief of Counter-Intelligence for the CIA and the head of Global Security for Tesla, his familiarity in working with high-level government and military personnel as well as corporate and technology executives will provide an enormous advantage for Defense Metals moving forward. We are excited to work with Karl and know he will add tremendous value to our team."

## About Defense Metals Corp.

[Defense Metals Corp.](#) is an advanced mineral exploration company focused on the acquisition of mineral deposits containing metals and elements commonly used in the electric power market, military, national security and the production of "GREEN" energy technologies, such as, high strength alloys and rare earth magnets. Defense Metals has an option to acquire 100% of the 1,708 hectare Wicheada Rare Earth Element Property located near Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. [Defense Metals Corp.](#) trades in Canada under the symbol "DEFN" on the TSX Venture Exchange, in the United States, under "DFMTF" on the OTCQB and in Germany on the Frankfurt Exchange under "35D".

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