

Cortus Executes Definitive Agreements to Acquire 23 Gold-Silver Projects in North-Central Nevada

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Edmonton, July 15, 2020 - [Cortus Metals Inc.](#) (TSXV: CRTS.P) (the "Company", or "Cortus"), a capital pool company pursuant to Policy 2.4 of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSX-V"), announces that the Company has executed a definitive property purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Intermont Resources LLC ("Intermont") in connection with its proposed acquisition of the Grayson and Powerline properties (the "Properties"), as announced on November 20, 2019 (the "Transaction").

CEO, Sean Mager commented, "We are pleased to finalize the terms for Cortus to acquire up to 23 outstanding gold-silver projects targeting epithermal and Carlin-type mineralization within the perennially top-ranked mining jurisdiction of north-central Nevada. They range from grassroots to drill-ready, with the most advanced being fully permitted and bonded. The majority are located near operating mines or known deposits, generally on the same fault structure hosting the deposit. Two-thirds of them are within the prolific Carlin, Cortez, Battle Mountain/Eureka, Getchell and Long Canyon trends, while one-third are within the underexplored, fault-controlled Lahontan basin, which is host to deposits totalling more than 8 million ounces of gold. We will systematically evaluate and expand the portfolio throughout the Great Basin using our proprietary data, generative methods and tenure management. It is our mission to advance the projects to fruition through a combination of in-house and third-party exploration. We welcome proposals."

Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Company will acquire a 100% interest in the Properties in consideration of (i) the issuance of 1,000,000 post-split common shares of the Company, and (ii) the payment of US\$274,400 of which US\$19,400 was paid as a non-refundable deposit upon execution of the letter agreement preceding the Purchase Agreement and US\$105,000 has been advanced as a secured loan to Intermont, the remaining cash payment due of US\$150,000 will be paid on the closing date and is to be used by Intermont to reimburse asset preservation expenses and repay certain loans to Intermont made by third parties. The Company will also grant to the members of Intermont a 2% net smelter return royalty on each of the Properties (the "Royalty"), subject to a buy-back right in favor of the Company whereby the Company may acquire ½ of the Royalty on either Property at any time prior day 180 days following the earlier of (i) a production decision on the property being made or (ii) commencement of commercial production (the "Buyback Deadline") for payment of US\$1,500,000, which payment may be made in cash or through the issuance of the Company's common shares at a deemed value equivalent to 20 day VWAP up until 60 days following the Buyback Deadline.

Within the Purchase Agreement, Intermont has granted to the Company the right to acquire any of the additional projects held by Intermont for a period of 24 months from closing in consideration of 200,000 post split common shares per project and the grant of a 2% net smelter royalty, subject to the same buyback rights applicable to the Royalty (the "Property Option"). In the event that the Company acquires four projects pursuant to the Property Option, the Company will have a period of 30 days to exercise the Intermont Option (as described below).

Concurrent with the execution of the Purchase Agreement, the Company has entered into a definitive option agreement (the "Option Agreement") with all of the holders of the membership interest of Intermont who have granted to the Company the sole and exclusive right to acquire 100% of the membership interest of Intermont for a 24 month period following closing (the "Intermont Option") in consideration of the issuance of 5,000,000 post-split common share. Any shares issued by the Company pursuant to the Property Option will be deducted from the shares issuable to exercise the Intermont Option. Should the Company exercise the Intermont Option, the Company will grant to the members of Intermont a 2% net smelter royalty on the remaining projects held by Intermont on the same terms as the Royalty.

The Transaction remains subject to, among other customary conditions, the completion of the non-brokered financing announced by the Company on April 20, 2020. The Company anticipates submitting its filing

statement for the Transaction and receiving approval from the TSX-V to close the Transaction and concurrent financing within the next 14 days.

In accordance with TSX-V policies, the Company's shares are currently halted from trading and will remain so until completion of the Transaction, or until earlier approved by the TSX-V.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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Completion of the transaction is subject to a number of conditions, including but not limited to, TSX-V acceptance and if applicable pursuant to TSX-V requirements, majority of the minority shareholder approval. Where applicable, the transaction cannot close until the required shareholder approval is obtained. There can be no assurance that the transaction will be completed as proposed or at all.

Investors are cautioned that, except as disclosed in the management information circular or filing statement to be prepared in connection with the transaction, any information released or received with respect to the transaction may not be accurate or complete and should not be relied upon. Trading in the securities of a capital pool company should be considered highly speculative.

The TSX Venture Exchange Inc. has in no way passed upon the merits of the proposed transaction and has neither approved nor disapproved the contents of this press release.

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