

# **Panoro Minerals Announces Commencement of Cotabambas Project Prefeasibility Work**

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 7, 2022 - [Panoro Minerals Ltd.](#) (TSXV: PML) (Lima: PML) (Frankfurt: PZM) (OTCQB: POROF) ("P", the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on the Company's plans for the Cotabambas Project in 2022. In the first half of 2022, Panoro will commence the studies to support the prefeasibility study for the Cotabambas Project. This work will be supported by step-out and infill drilling programs and includes technical and environmental studies. The work programs will commence in the second half of 2022 and continue to the end of the year with additional drilling contemplated in 2023. Additionally in 2022, technical studies including geologic modelling, geo-metallurgical modelling, metallurgical testing, geotechnical and hydrogeological studies will be commenced. An updated resource study will be completed as a part of the planned prefeasibility study.

The infill drilling program goal is to upgrade 100% of inferred category resource included in the Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") mine plan to the indicated category. The infill drilling will include an estimated 12,200 meters at both the proposed North and South Pits.

Step-out drilling of approximately 4,400 m will target the growth of both the copper oxide and sulphide resource for inclusion in the mine plan for the prefeasibility study. The additional oxide resource, together with oxide resources in the current PEA, will be evaluated for the addition of a heap leach and SX/EW circuit to the project, resulting in increased copper production at the mine operating to the PEA processing plan.

Metallurgical testing will focus on three key objectives:

1. Improve flotation recoveries from the transition material in the PEA mine plan. Low recoveries in the PEA were a result of a lack of sampling and testing,
2. Optimize flotation recoveries with additional testing, and
3. Design leach process and estimate recoveries for the copper oxides.

Luquman Shaheen, President & CEO, states, "It is an important new phase for both Panoro and the Cotabambas Project. Our funding to be focused on the completion of a prefeasibility study. There is much work to be completed in 2022 with the step out drilling, metallurgical testing, and other technical studies. After additional drilling in 2023, we plan to have the prefeasibility study completed later in 2023. Our objectives at Cotabambas are two-fold. After completing the prefeasibility study, we plan to add important new value to the project with additional oxide and sulphide resource target areas, improved metallurgical testing, and the addition of cathode production from the SX/EW circuit.

We have succeeded in funding the prefeasibility study without diluting our shareholders and are now focused on the execution of the PFS."

#### About Panoro

Panoro is a uniquely positioned Peru-focused copper development company. The Company is advancing its flagship Copper-Gold-Silver Project located in the strategically important area of southern Peru.

The Company's objective is to complete a Prefeasibility study in 2023 with work programs commencing in Q1 2022.

At the Cotabambas Project, the Company will first focus on delineating resource growth potential and optimizing metallurgical recoveries. These objectives are expected to further enhance the project economics as part of the Prefeasibility studies in 2022 and 2023. Exploration and step-out drilling from 2017, 2018 and 2019 have already identified the potential for both copper oxide and sulphide resource growth.

#### Summary of Cotabambas Project Resources

Project	Resource Classification	Million Tonnes	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Mo (%)	CuEq %
Cotabambas <sup>1</sup> Cu/Au/Ag	Indicated	117.1	0.42	0.23	2.74	0.001	0.59
	Inferred	605.3	0.31	0.17	2.33	0.002	0.44
	@ 0.20% CuEq cutoff, effective October 2013, Tetrattech						
1. Cotabambas Project, Apurimac, Peru, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Updated Preliminary Economic Assessment, amec foster wheeler and Moose Mountain Technical Services, 22 September 2015							

A PEA has been completed for the Cotabambas Project, the key results are summarized below:

#### Summary of Cotabambas Project PEA Results

Process Feed, life of mine		million tonnes	483.1
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Strip Ratio, life of mine			1.25 : 1
Before Tax <sup>1</sup>	NPV <sub>7.5%</sub>	million US\$	1,053
	IRR	%	20.4
	Payback	years	3.2
After Tax <sup>1</sup>	NPV <sub>7.5%</sub>	million US\$	684
	IRR	%	16.7
	Payback	years	3.6
Annual Average Payable Metals	Cu	thousand tonnes	70.5
	Au	thousand ounces	95.1
	Ag	thousand ounces	1,018.4
	Mo	thousand tonnes	-
Initial Capital Cost		million US\$	1,530
1. Project economics estimated at commodity prices of; Cu = US\$ 3.00/lb, Au = US\$ 1,250/oz, Ag = US\$ 18.50/oz, Mo = US\$ 12/lb			

PEAs are considered preliminary in nature and include Inferred Mineral Resources that are considered too speculative to have the economic considerations applied that would enable classification as Mineral Reserves. There is no certainty that the conclusions within the PEAs will be realized. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Luis Vela, a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information in this press release.

On behalf of the Board of [Panoro Minerals Ltd.](#)

Luquman Shaheen. M.B.A., P.Eng, P.E.  
President & CEO

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- Panoro delineating growth potential at the Cotabambas Project, while optimizing project economics;
- mineral resource estimates and assumptions; and
- the PEAs, including, but not limited to, base case parameters and assumptions, forecasts of net present value, internal rate of return and payback.

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- risks relating to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and tax rates
- risks relating to Panoro's ability to raise funding to continue its exploration, development, and mining activities; and
- counterparty risk under Panoro's agreements.

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