

# Baker Steel Granted Unkur Option and Converts Loan to Settle Debt

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VANCOUVER, June 14, 2022 - [Azarga Metals Corp.](#) ("Azarga Metals" or the "Company") (TSXV:AZR) is pleased to announce that it has closed the agreement (the "Agreement") with Baker Steel Resources Trust Limited ("BSRT") announced on April 19, 2022. Pursuant to the Agreement, Azarga Metals has granted BSRT the option to acquire Azarga Metal's Unkur project (the "Unkur Option") until December 31, 2023 (the "Unkur Option Period"), after which the Unkur Option will automatically expire.

Upon closing the Agreement, BSRT exercised its right to convert the US\$3.5 million loan (the "Loan") made under the secured convertible loan facility (the "Loan Agreement") between Azarga Metals and BSRT. The Loan was converted at a fixed Canadian dollar equivalent value of C\$4.7 million, with a conversion price of C\$0.10 per share for a total issue of 46,925,500 common shares of the Company (the "Shares").

The Unkur Option is exercisable at an exercise price of US\$1.00 from the date of termination of the Loan Agreement, being June 14, 2022 until December 31, 2023, after which, if not previously exercised by BSRT, the Unkur Option will automatically expire.

The Company will use its best efforts (while recognizing that sanctions and other force majeure circumstances may prevent these efforts), to maintain the corporate existence of its subsidiaries and its licences, including the Unkur project, located in the Zabaikalskiy Region of eastern Russia, on a care and maintenance basis during the Option Period.

If the Unkur Option is exercised by BSRT and Unkur is subsequently sold to an arms length third party within 2 years of the date of the exercise of the Unkur Option by BSRT, proceeds from the sale of the Unkur project will be shared between the Company and BSRT based on an agreed upon formula. The proceeds from a sale will be paid to the Company and BSRT as follows: (1) the Company will be reimbursed the cost of care and maintenance until the Unkur Option is exercised, (2) BSRT will be reimbursed the cost of care and maintenance incurred from the date of the Unkur Option exercise to the date of the sale to a third party, (3) BSRT will be paid US\$3.5 million and (4) BSRT and the Company will share any residual consideration on an 80%/20% basis respectively.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company has granted BSRT a ROFR (right of first refusal) to match any third party offer received by the Company for the Unkur project. The parties agree to use reasonable efforts to work together during the Option Period to find potential buyers for the Unkur project. Gordon Tainton, President and CEO of the Company commented "the co-operation from BSRT to convert the Loan into common shares removes US\$3.5 million of debt and improves the financial position of the Company. This debt reduction provides the Company with the ability to further focus its attention on advancing exploration at its 100% owned copper-rich VMS Marg project located near Keno City, Yukon. We look forward to commencing our planned exploration program at Marg this summer."

## Marg Project

The Company owns 100% of the high-grade copper-rich VMS Marg project within the Keno Hill Silver District of the Yukon Territory. As previously announced, the Company is reviewing and re-interpreting the historic VTEM database of the airborne geophysical program to be used to refine the drill targets for the Company's planned 2022 exploration program. Geological groundwork is expected to focus on the Marg deposit extensions and the highly prospective Jane mineral occurrence area, which has the potential for another Marg-style deposit. Mineralization at the Marg project remains open along strike, down-dip and down plunge and the geological program should assist the drilling campaign to define a goal of 14 to 15 million tonnes of mineralized material.

Planning for the 2022 exploration program has commenced, with the aim of beginning a geological program in July. An experienced geologist in VMS deposits and a full-service contractor have been engaged to execute and oversee this plan, all subject to funding.

#### Qualified Person

James Pickell, P.Geo., a consultant to Azarga Metals and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, verified the data disclosed and has reviewed and approved the disclosure contained in this Press Release.

#### BSRT Early Warning Disclosure

As a result of BSRT exercising its conversion option under the Loan Agreement, BSRT owns in aggregate 58,527,286 Shares, representing an increase of 24.1% from the 8.9% ownership interest that BSRT had prior to the conversion. Following conversion, BSRT owns 33% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company.

BSRT also owns 20,440,914 warrants of the Company, each exercisable at C\$0.10 per warrant until December 31, 2022. Assuming exercise of these warrants, BSRT would own, in aggregate, 78,968,200 Shares, representing an aggregate ownership interest of 39.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of Azarga (and an increase of 6.9% from its percentage ownership interest following the conversion).

Depending on market conditions and other factors, BSRT may from time to time acquire and/or dispose of securities of Azarga Metals or continue to hold its current position.

A copy of the early warning report required to be filed with the applicable Canadian securities commissions in connection with the conversion will be available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and can be obtained by contacting Tino Isnardi at +44 (0) 20 7389 0009.

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