

# Cornish Metals Commences 9,000 Metre Drilling Programme At Wide Formation Target, South Crofty Tin Project

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VANCOUVER, Sept. 20, 2023 - [Cornish Metals Inc.](#) (AIM/TSX-V: CUSN) ("Cornish Metals" or the "Company"), a mineral exploration and development company focused on its South Crofty Tin Project ("South Crofty" or the "Project") in Cornwall, United Kingdom, is pleased to report that it has commenced a 14-hole / 9,000 metre ("m") exploration drilling programme at the Wide Formation target in the Carn Brea South exploration area, located along the southern boundary of the South Crofty underground mine permission area (Figure 1).

The drill programme is designed to test the geometry and the continuity of tin mineralisation within the recently discovered Wide Formation target (see news release dated January 10, 2023).

## Key Points

- The Wide Formation represents a high-grade tin target inferred to lie parallel to, north of, and beneath the Great Flat Lode (Figure 2);
- Discovery hole CB21-002 intersected 2.77m grading 0.99% tin ("Sn") within a 12.14m wide zone of strong alteration and disseminated tin mineralisation;
- The alteration style in the Wide Formation, comprising pervasive tourmaline and quartz (termed "blue peach"), is similar in character to that associated with No 8 Lode, one of the most prolific tin producing lodes in the latter years of operation of the South Crofty mine;
- The drill programme will test an area measuring 2,500m along strike (northeast to southwest) and 500m downdip (north to south).

The Great Flat Lode district comprised a series of copper and tin mines that covered a strike length of approximately 5 kilometres ("km").

Richard Williams, CEO and Director of Cornish Metals, stated; "We are very excited to start this drill programme, testing what we believe represents a new district-scale target that is only 500m - 1,000m south of the Tuckingmill Decline at South Crofty. It reflects the opportunity to make new discoveries close to the South Crofty underground infrastructure and, if the programme is successful, we believe there is potential to not only grow the Mineral Resource base, but also to potentially expand production rates if the project advances through to mine development."

## Geology and Mineralisation

The geology in the Carn Brea South exploration area is identical to that at South Crofty, comprising metasediments (locally termed "killas") which overlie an intrusive granite body. The mineralisation of the 'Wide Formation' structure is predominantly blue tourmaline with disseminated cassiterite, hosted within a siliceous tourmaline altered granite. The cassiterite is mostly hosted within chlorite-rich, quartz-chlorite veins which overprint the interpreted earlier blue tourmaline lode structure. No mining has ever been carried out on the Wide Formation.

## Background

- South Crofty is a historical, high-grade, underground tin mine that started production in the sixteenth century, and continued operating until 1998;

- The Project possesses Planning Permission for underground mining, valid to 2071, Planning Permission to construct a mine water treatment plant, new processing facilities, all necessary site infrastructure, and an Environmental Permit to dewater the mine;
- South Crofty has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest grade tin Mineral Resource globally and benefits from the presence of multiple shafts that can be used for future operations;
- Tin is a Critical Mineral as defined by the UK, USA, and Canadian governments, with approximately 75% of the Tin mined today coming from China, Myanmar and Indonesia;
- There is no primary tin production in Europe or North America;
- Responsible sourcing of critical minerals and security of supply are key factors in the energy transition and technology growth;
- South Crofty benefits from strong local community and regional and national government support. The Project could generate 250 - 300 direct jobs.

## ABOUT CORNISH METALS

Cornish Metals is a dual-listed company (AIM and TSX-V: CUSN) focused on advancing the South Crofty high-grade, underground tin Project through to delivery of a Feasibility Study, as well as exploring its additional mineral rights, all located in Cornwall, South West England. The former producing South Crofty tin mine is located beneath the towns of Pool and Camborne, and closed in 1998 following over 400 years of continuous production.

An updated Mineral Resource was completed in September 2023 as summarised below:

### South Crofty Summary (JORC 2012) Mineral Resource Estimate

Area	Classification	Mass (kt)	Grade	Contained Tin / Tin Equivalent (kt)
Lower Mine	Indicated	2,896	1.50% Sn	43.6
	Inferred	2,626	1.42% Sn	37.4
Upper Mine	Indicated	260	0.99% SnEq	2.6
	Inferred	465	0.91% SnEq	4.2

The Mineral Resource Estimate for South Crofty was updated in September 2023 (see news release dated September 13, 2023). An updated NI 43-101 Technical Report will be filed on SEDAR within 45 days of the September 13 news release.

The technical information in this news release has been compiled by Mr. Owen Mihalop who has reviewed and takes responsibility for the data and geological interpretation. Mr. Owen Mihalop (MCSM, BSc (Hons), MSc, FGS, MIMMM, CEng) is Chief Operating Officer for [Cornish Metals Inc.](#) and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined under the JORC Code (2012) and as a Qualified Person under NI 43-101. Mr. Mihalop consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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