

Cornish Metals Corporate Update - South Crofty Tin Project

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VANCOUVER, April 16, 2024 - [Cornish Metals Inc.](#) (AIM/TSX-V: CUSN) ("[Cornish Metals](#)" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on current activities at its 100% owned South Crofty tin project located in Cornwall, United Kingdom.

Highlights

- The South Crofty Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") is on track for completion in Q2 2024.
- Refurbishment of New Cook's Kitchen ("NCK") shaft is progressing as planned with the two winders and cages now installed, fully commissioned and certified to allow for safe transport of equipment and workers within the shaft.
- Mine dewatering continues with the submersible pumps and Water Treatment Plant ("WTP") operating to specifications. The water level in NCK shaft is being maintained at approximately 280 metres below surface and the treated water being discharged to the Red River continues to exceed the standards permitted by the Environment Agency.
- Exploration drilling of the Wide Formation target continues with nine holes completed and approximately 7,200 metres drilled to date. Drill holes 10 and 11 are currently in progress and samples for the previous three holes have been submitted for assay. Results will be reported when available.
- The tin price has surpassed US\$30,000 per tonne for the first time in over a year, rising by over 25% year-to-date and outperforming other base metals mainly reflecting ongoing supply disruptions amid an expected improving demand outlook.

Ken Armstrong, Interim CEO of [Cornish Metals](#), commented "Work is well advanced on the South Crofty PEA, which remains scheduled for delivery this quarter. The project team continues to advance mine dewatering and NCK shaft refurbishment, ventilation shaft and process plant design work, and stakeholder engagement and outreach in support of a future Feasibility Study and potential construction decision."

Mr. Armstrong continued, "The timing of this important work coincides with a strengthening tin price, which reached over US\$30,000 per tonne this past week, and an emerging recognition of tin as a critical metal by the United Kingdom and other national governments. Combined with the fact that there is presently no primary tin production in Europe or North America, these factors strongly support our thesis to fast-track work to, if feasible, responsibly bring the South Crofty tin mine back into production to the benefit of Cornwall, the United Kingdom and other stakeholders."

ABOUT [CORNISH METALS](#)

[Cornish Metals](#) is a dual-listed mineral exploration and development company (AIM and TSX-V: CUSN) focused on advancing the South Crofty high-grade, underground tin project through to a construction decision, as well as exploring its additional mineral rights located in Cornwall, United Kingdom.

- South Crofty is a historical, high-grade, underground tin mine that started production in 1592 and continued operating until 1998 following over 400 years of continuous production;
- The Project possesses Planning Permission for underground mining (valid to 2071), to construct new processing facilities and all necessary site infrastructure, and an Environmental Permit to dewater the mine;
- South Crofty has the 4th highest grade tin Mineral Resource globally and benefits from existing mine infrastructure including multiple shafts that can be used for future operations;
- Tin is a Critical Mineral as defined by the UK, American, and Canadian governments;
- Approximately two-thirds of the tin mined today comes from China, Myanmar and Indonesia;
- There is no primary tin production in Europe or North America;

- Tin connects almost all electronic and electrical infrastructure, making it critical to the energy transition - 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, regional and national government support;
- [Cornish Metals](#) has a growing team of skilled people, local to Cornwall, and the Project could generate 250 - 300 direct jobs.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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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