

# Cornish Metals Releases Unaudited Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the Three Months Ended 31 March 2024

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VANCOUVER, May 22, 2024 - [Cornish Metals Inc.](#) (TSX-V/AIM: CUSN) ("[Cornish Metals](#)" or the "Company"), a mineral exploration and development company focused on its 100% owned and permitted South Crofty tin project in Cornwall, United Kingdom, is pleased to announce that it has released its unaudited financial statements and management, discussion and analysis ("MD&A") for the three months ended March 31, 2024. The reports are available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ ([www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca)) and on the Company's website ([www.cornishmetals.com](http://www.cornishmetals.com)).

Highlights for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and for the period ending May 22, 2024

*(All figures expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated)*

- South Crofty Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") completed, validating the South Crofty tin project's economic viability (news release dated April 30, 2024):
  - After-tax Net Present Value ("NPV") of US\$201 million and Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") of 29.8%;
  - Average annual tin production of over 4,700 tonnes for years two through six, totaling 49,310 tonnes over a 14-year Life of Mine;
  - Total after-tax cash flow of approximately US\$626 million from start of production.
- Purchase of land totaling 7.7 acres located immediately adjacent to South Crofty surface infrastructure (news release dated May 21, 2024):
  - The purchased land removes reliance on existing right-of-passage agreements, providing the Company with direct access to all surface infrastructure as well as additional space for future site works, opportunities for potential operating cost savings, renewable energy initiatives and improved overall property security.
- Refurbishment of NCK shaft has commenced:
  - Rephasing shaft refurbishment will improve the functionality of New Cook's Kitchen ("NCK") shaft and enable larger equipment to access the mine at an earlier stage in its re-development (news release dated March 3, 2024);
  - Winders and cages are now installed, fully commissioned and certified to allow for safe transport of equipment and workers within NCK shaft.
- Mine dewatering continues with the submersible pumps and Water Treatment Plant ("WTP") operating to specifications:
  - Water level in NCK shaft is being maintained at approximately 280 meters below surface with the rate of dewatering being reduced to allow shaft refurbishment and dewatering to proceed concurrently;
  - Treated water being discharged to the Red River continues to exceed the standards permitted by the Environment Agency.
- The Company announced the appointment of Ken Armstrong, a non-executive director, as Interim Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") effective March 31, 2024, replacing Richard Williams, who also stepped down from the Company's Board:
  - Patrick Anderson, Chairman of the Board, became the Executive Chairman of the Company for the transition period until a permanent CEO is appointed (news release dated March 15, 2024);
  - The process for the appointment of a permanent CEO has commenced with the assistance of an appointed executive search consultant.
- Samantha Hoe-Richardson joined the Board as independent non-executive director effective January 8, 2024 (news release dated January 8, 2024).

Ken Armstrong, Interim CEO and Director of [Cornish Metals](#), stated, "The [Cornish Metals](#) team has recently accomplished an important milestone for the Company, completing a Preliminary Economic Assessment of the South Crofty project that confirms the Project's potential to be a low-cost and long-life tin mining operation. The PEA results are compelling with a post-tax NPV<sub>8%</sub> of US\$201 million and IRR of about 30%, representing a strong foundation for further evaluation of the Project and enabling the Company to move forward with additional preparation work and progress towards a construction decision."

Financial highlights for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and April 30, 2023

	<i>Three months ended (unaudited)</i>	
	<i>March 31, 2024</i>	<i>April 30, 2023</i>
<i>(Expressed in Canadian dollars)</i>		
Total operating expenses	2,759,198	924,120
Loss for the period	2,561,669	206,802
Net cash used in operating activities	1,148,564	1,030,901
Net cash used in investing activities	7,895,388	7,027,003
Net cash used in financing activities	85,646	723
Cash at end of the period	17,015,749	49,078,875

- Increase in operating expenses impacted by higher travel and marketing expenditure arising from increased investor engagement and termination settlement payable to the former CEO;
- Expenditure of \$1.0 million on new or replacement equipment for the mine, including the final payments for the permanent pumps for the underground pump station, cages and the new winders;
- Dewatering costs of \$1.3 million for power, reagents, sludge disposal and maintenance of the WTP;
- Other project related expenditure of \$2.5 million relating to the advancement of South Crofty to a potential construction decision, primarily for the ongoing feasibility study and NCK shaft re-access;
- Costs of \$0.8 million incurred for the continuation of the exploration program at Carn Brea; and
- Cash decreased by \$9.1 million to \$17.0 million at the period end mainly due to ongoing development activities at the South Crofty tin project.

The Company changed its financial year end from January 31 to December 31 with effect from December 31, 2023 with the result that the current period of reporting is the three months ended March 31, 2024. The comparative period of reporting is the three months ended April 30, 2023.

The Company has allocated funding for near term opportunities to progress the project, the most significant being the purchase of the land located immediately adjacent to South Crofty surface infrastructure. As a consequence of pursuing these opportunities, additional financing will be required before the end of 2024.

## Outlook

The Company is advancing the South Crofty tin project to a potential construction decision. The Company's objectives are as follows:

- Dewater South Crofty mine and refurbish NCK shaft by September 2025;
- Advancing all stages of the Feasibility Study;
- Complete the 14-hole / 9,000 metre Wide Formation exploration drill programme, and
- Commence basic and detailed engineering studies, construction of the processing plant, refurbishment of underground facilities and other on-site early works.

The follow-up exploration drill programme at the Wide Formation target will also continue subject to the receipt of satisfactory drill results.

## 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 one of the highest grade tin Mineral Resources globally and benefits from existing mine infrastructure including multiple shafts that can be used for future operations;
- The 2024 Preliminary Economic Assessment for South Crofty validates the Project's potential (see news release dated April 30, 2024):
  - US\$201 million after-tax NPV<sub>8%</sub> and 29.8% IRR
  - 3-year after-tax payback
  - 4,700 tonnes average annual tin production in years two through six
  - Life of mine all-in sustaining cost of US\$13,700 /tonne of payable tin
  - Total after-tax cash flow of US\$626 million from start of production
- 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 up to 320 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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## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Unaudited)  
(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current		
Cash	\$ 17,015,749	\$ 25,791,552
Marketable securities	2,795,644	2,665,454
Receivables	1,092,930	1,112,638
Prepaid expenses	686,699	591,264
Deferred financing fees	224,867	135,242
	21,815,889	30,296,150
Deposits	87,380	85,954
Property, plant and equipment	24,235,161	23,788,325
Exploration and evaluation assets	56,705,272	50,050,323
	\$ 102,843,702	\$ 104,220,752
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,434,411	\$ 5,063,940
	4,434,411	5,063,940
NSR liability	9,286,879	9,064,817
	13,721,290	14,128,757
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Capital stock	128,394,652	128,394,652
Capital contribution	2,007,665	2,007,665
Share-based payment reserve	889,839	711,690
Foreign currency translation reserve	2,783,083	1,369,146
Deficit	(44,952,827 )	(42,391,158 )
	89,122,412	90,091,995
	\$ 102,843,702	\$ 104,220,752

## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(Unaudited)  
(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	Three months ended	
	March 31, 2024	April 30, 2023
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Travel and marketing	\$ 214,138	\$ 89,590
Insurance	203,063	172,430
Office, miscellaneous and rent	56,505	51,613
Professional fees	275,093	200,735

Generative exploration costs	1,191	2,607
Regulatory and filing fees	29,265	33,274
Share-based compensation	123,799	-
Salaries, directors' fees and benefits	1,856,144	373,871
Total operating expenses	(2,759,198 )	(924,120 )
Interest income	265,666	388,384
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(18,900 )	370,892
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	(49,237 )	(41,958 )
Loss for the period	(2,561,669 )	(206,802 )
Foreign currency translation	1,413,937	2,963,722
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period	\$ (1,147,732 )	\$ 2,756,920
Basic and diluted income (loss) per share	\$ (0.00 )	\$ 0.01
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:	535,270,712	535,265,094

## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)  
(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	For the three months ended	
	March 31, 2024	April 30, 2023
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Loss for the period	\$ (2,561,669 )	\$ (206,802 )
Items not involving cash:		
Share-based compensation	123,799	-
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	49,237	41,958
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	18,900	(370,892 )
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Decrease (increase) in receivables	19,706	(528,374 )
Increase in prepaid expenses	(16,527 )	(167,194 )
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,217,990	200,403
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,148,564 )	(1,030,901 )
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(2,369,406 )	(3,179,655 )
Acquisition of exploration and evaluation assets	(5,525,982 )	(3,818,598 )
Increase in deposits	-	(28,750 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,895,388 )	(7,027,003 )
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Increase in deferred financing fees	(85,646 )	-
Lease payments	-	(723 )
Net cash used in financing activities	(85,646 )	(723 )
Change in cash during the period	(9,129,598 )	(8,058,627 )
Cash, beginning of the period	25,791,552	55,495,232
Impact of foreign exchange on cash	353,795	1,642,270
Cash, end of the period	\$ 17,015,749	\$ 49,078,875
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ -	\$ -
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	\$ -	\$ -

## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Unaudited)  
(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

	Capital stock		Share subscriptions	Capital contribution	Share-based payment reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve
	Number of shares	Amount	received in advance			
Balance at January 31, 2023	535,020,712	\$ 128,377,152	\$ 17,500	\$ 2,007,665	\$ 384,758	\$ (648,962 )
Warrant exercise	250,000	17,500	(17,500 )	-	-	-
Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	-	2,963,722
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at April 30, 2023	535,270,712	\$ 128,394,652	\$ -	\$ 2,007,665	\$ 384,758	\$ 2,314,760
Balance at December 31, 2023	535,270,712	\$ 128,394,652	\$ -	\$ 2,007,665	\$ 711,690	\$ 1,369,146
Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	-	1,413,937
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	-	178,149	-
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2024	535,270,712	\$ 128,394,652	\$ -	\$ 2,007,665	\$ 889,839	\$ 2,783,083

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