

# Cornish Metals Announces Sale of Mactung and Cantung Royalties

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VANCOUVER, July 22, 2024 - [Cornish Metals Inc.](#) (AIM/TSX-V: CUSN) ("Cornish Metals" or the "Company"), a mineral exploration and development company focused on advancing its 100% owned and permitted South Crofty tin project in Cornwall, United Kingdom, is pleased to announce that it has entered into a binding agreement (the "Agreement") with [Elemental Altus Royalties Corp.](#) ("Elemental Altus") for the sale of the royalty interests that the Company holds on the Mactung and Cantung tungsten projects located in Northern Canada (together, the "Royalties") for a total cash consideration of US\$4,500,000 (the "Transaction").

Ken Armstrong, Interim CEO and Director of Cornish Metals, stated: "The sale of the Mactung and Cantung royalties follows Cornish Metals' recently announced sale of the Nickel King project and further demonstrates our priority and focus on advancing the Company's wholly owned and fully permitted South Crofty tin project, in the UK, towards commencement of production in 2027."

Under the terms of the Agreement:

- Elemental Altus will pay Cornish Metals a cash payment of US\$3,000,000 on the Transaction close date.
- Elemental Altus will pay Cornish Metals a cash payment of US\$1,500,000 12 months following the Transaction close date.
- Elemental Altus will enter into an agreement with Teck Resources Limited ("Teck") and assume the obligation to pay a C\$1,500,000 deferred consideration to Teck on the earlier of a development decision at Mactung or re-commencement of commercial production at Cantung. The agreement with Teck is a condition of closing.

The Royalties were acquired by the Company in March 2016 for C\$1,500,000 and consist of:

- The Mactung royalty: a 4% net smelter returns royalty on the Mactung tungsten project, which straddles the border between Yukon and Northwest Territories ("NWT"). The Mactung project is an advanced stage exploration project owned by [Fireweed Metals Corp.](#) One half of the Mactung Royalty may be purchased by the property owner (to reduce the royalty to 2%) at any time for C\$2,500,000.
- The Cantung royalty: a 1% net smelter returns royalty on the Cantung tungsten project, which is located in western NWT. Cantung operated intermittently from 1962 until it closed in 2015.

The Royalties have a book value of nil.

## 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 is 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 and the Technical Report entitled "South Crofty PEA"):
  - 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\$13,660 /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.

The 2024 Preliminary Economic Assessment for South Crofty is preliminary in nature and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorised as mineral reserves. There is no certainty that the 2024 Preliminary Economic Assessment will be realised. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have economic viability.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This news release has been reviewed and approved by Mr Owen Mihalop, MCSM, BSc (Hons), MSc, FGS, MIMMM, CEng, Chief Operating Officer for Cornish Metals Inc. who is the designated Qualified Person under NI 43-101 and a Competent Person as defined under the JORC Code (2012). 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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and on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

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