

# Cornish Metals Produces a Near Mine Exploration Target at South Crofty

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VANCOUVER, Nov. 14, 2024 - [Cornish Metals Inc.](#) (AIM/TSX-V: CUSN) ("Cornish Metals" or the "Company"), a mineral exploration and development company focused on the advancement and restart of its 100% owned and permitted South Crofty high-grade tin project in Cornwall, United Kingdom, is pleased to announce that it has developed a near mine Exploration Target at South Crofty.

The near mine Exploration Target quantity and grade are conceptual in nature and currently there is insufficient data to classify this as a Mineral Resource. However, Cornish Metals believes the Exploration Target demonstrates the potential to define additional mineralisation, which could expand the current Mineral Resource at the project.

## Highlights

- South Crofty is one of the highest-grade tin resources in the world with a tin grade of 1.50% in the Indicated category
- The near mine Exploration Target points to potential additional mineralisation upside of 6Mt to 13Mt, at a tin grade of 0.5% to 1.8%, above the current South Crofty Mineral Resource in the Lower Mine area
- South Crofty mine has consistently increased its Mineral Resource in line with production each year for over the last 20 years when in operation
- Potential to define additional mineralisation, which could expand the current Mineral Resource at the project
- Further growth opportunities from longer term exploration activities both within the South Crofty mining permission area and within Cornish Metals' extensive mineral rights holdings in Cornwall providing for a multi-generational asset

Don Turvey, CEO and Director of Cornish Metals, stated: "This Exploration Target supports our view that there is a lot more tin at South Crofty waiting to be discovered. South Crofty is a generational asset with a long history of Mineral Resource discovery and conversion, and we expect this trend to continue after the mine restarts production. The PEA results represent a strong foundation for advancing South Crofty to production, but it is only the starting point, and this Exploration Target illustrates the potential for immense upside."

The assessment of the near mine Exploration Target is based on the current understanding of the geological controls on mineralisation at the South Crofty project and the target was generated by extrapolating known structures along strike and down dip, with tonnages estimated by applying assumed minimum and maximum thicknesses.

## South Crofty near mine Exploration Target

	Mass (Mt)	Grade (% Sn)
Upper limit	13	1.8
Lower limit	6	0.5

## Notes:

1. The near mine Exploration Target is reported exclusive of the current South Crofty Mineral Resource.
2. No economic parameters, mining dilution or recovery factors have been applied to the assessments of tonnes and average grade.
3. The potential quantity and average grade of the near mine Exploration Target is conceptual in nature and is an approximation. There is insufficient data to estimate a Mineral Resource in the area considered and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the definition of a Mineral Resource.

The near mine Exploration Target was primarily based on extrapolation of known, previously mined structures beyond the limits of the current South Crofty Mineral Resource. The mineralisation around South Crofty remains open along strike and down dip providing further potential beyond the near mine Exploration Target. The Exploration Target does not consider the wider opportunities within the South Crofty mining permission area, which also shows significant potential and includes the Wide Formation exploration project, or within the wider region in Cornwall where Cornish Metals has extensive mineral rights holdings.

Figure 1: Plan view of existing South Crofty Mineral Resource envelopes (orange), near mine Exploration Targets (light blue) and wider mineralised and mined structures with exploration areas (dark blue, pink) identified within the South Crofty underground permission boundary.

Historic production at South Crofty demonstrates the consistent discovery of new mineralisation and subsequent conversion to Reserves (Figure 2). Cornish Metals plans to test the near mine Exploration Target systematically alongside initial production at South Crofty, targeting an increase of the Mineral Resource Estimate above that depleted by production each year. This is expected to be carried out through targeted development and exploration drilling programmes aimed at extending the existing Mineral Resource both along strike and down dip during approximately the first five years of operation.

Figure 2: South Crofty cumulative metal mined, and metal added to Reserve - 1974 to 1997.  
Note: Reserves estimated based on methodologies and classifications used by South Crofty in the period.

## GEOLOGY AND MINERALISATION

The geology of Cornwall is dominated by granitic intrusions that are part of the Permian Cornubian batholith, and Devonian metasedimentary and metavolcanics, known locally as "Killas", that form the metamorphic aureole and host rocks of the intrusions. The sedimentary and volcanic package was deformed during the Variscan Orogeny where crustal thickening, followed by subsequent lithospheric extension and crustal subsidence, resulted in anatexis and formation of the Cornubian batholith.

The South Crofty project area lies on the north side of the Permian Carn Brea Granite. The project area is underlain by a series of metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks and associated hornfels and skarns, that occur in close proximity to the granite contact. At depth, the granite underlies the whole project area dipping towards the north west.

Mineralisation occurs in steeply dipping vein-type structures or "lodes" that generally strike east-northeast, occurring in both the granite and the overlying Killas. Within the granite, the principal mineral of economic significance is cassiterite. The project is split by the Great Crosscourse a late-stage fault which crosscuts and offsets the mineralised structures. The Great Crosscourse transects the project area dividing the mine into two areas, east and west.

The area is host to numerous historic mines which initially exploited copper and subsequently deeper tin. Numerous opportunities exist to test for the continuation of tin below historic copper mines. This precedent is evident both in the South Crofty workings and also at the Dolcoath mine which was continuously mined through the copper mineralisation and into tin mineralisation at depth, demonstrating the vertical zonation.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The near mine Exploration Target has been based primarily on extrapolation of known, previously mined structures beyond the data limits of the current South Crofty Mineral Resource. Several smaller structures identified within the historical database that show potential for defining additional mineralisation through further exploration have also been included. An analogue for continuity of mineralised structures is the Dolcoath mine, which sits directly to the south of South Crofty and was mined continuously from surface to

over 800m vertical depth with a strike length that is traceable over 2.1km.

Where structures have been extrapolated beyond known data points, they have been extended half the known strike length of the defined Mineral Resource envelope and extrapolated a further two mine levels (approximately 75m) down dip (Figure 3). Where structures have data which could be interpreted as belonging to that structure (Figure 4), or where there is an analogy from an existing structure (for example historical workings above), extrapolations have been expanded to the same extent (Figure 5). In all cases nothing has been extrapolated beyond the mining permission boundary. This approach assumes the continuity of structures beyond the current known data points.

Tonnage assumptions are based on the projected areas of the extrapolated structures. The upper tonnage target is based on the mean width of the known Mineral Resource structure and the lower tonnage target is based on the lower tenth percentile width of the structure. This method acknowledges that although the mineralised structures at South Crofty are extremely persistent, there is significant variability in the width. With the potential volume defined, the mean density of mineralisation at South Crofty of 2.77t/m<sup>3</sup> was applied to give an assessment of tonnage.

Average tin grade assumptions were based on the current South Crofty Mineral Resource sample dataset. A range was derived which represents the likely average grade of the global near-mine Exploration Target and equates to the lower 40<sup>th</sup> and upper 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the existing Mineral Resource sample set. This is believed to give the best indication of expected average grade based on the existing precedent.

Figure 3: Long section view looking north showing the existing Dolcoath South Mineral Resource structure (orange) and the Exploration Target extrapolation (blue).

Figure 4: Long section view looking north showing the existing No. 8a Mineral Resource structure (orange) and the Exploration Target extrapolation (blue).

Figure 5: Long section view looking north showing the existing Roskear B-D Mineral Resource (orange) and the Exploration Target (blue), which has been extrapolated to the length of the historic overlying North Roskear and South Roskear mines.

This Exploration Target was reviewed and approved by Mr. Nicholas Szebor (MCSM, BSc, MSc, CGeol, EurGeol, FGS), Regional Manager and Principal Geologist at AMC Consultants (UK) Limited, a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101) and AIM Rules for Companies and a Competent Person as defined under the JORC Code (2012). Mr. Szebor has reviewed the technical content of this news release as it relates to the Exploration Target and has approved its dissemination.

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 the AIM Rules for Companies 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.

## ABOUT CORNISH METALS

Cornish Metals is a dual-listed mineral exploration and development company (AIM and TSX-V: CUSN) that is advancing the South Crofty tin project towards production. South Crofty:

- Is a historical, high-grade, underground tin mine located in Cornwall, United Kingdom and benefits from existing mine infrastructure including multiple shafts that can be used for future operations;

- Is fully permitted to commence underground mining (valid to 2071), construct new processing facilities and for all necessary site infrastructure;
- Has a 2024 Preliminary Economic Assessment that 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
- Would be the only primary producer of tin in Europe or North America. Tin is a Critical Mineral as defined by the UK, American, and Canadian governments as it is used in almost all electronic devices and electrical infrastructure. Approximately two-thirds of the tin mined today comes from China, Myanmar and Indonesia;
- Benefits from strong local community, regional and national government support with a growing team of skilled people, local to Cornwall, and 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 demonstrated economic viability.

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#### *Appendix*

*"cassiterite" means a tin oxide mineral which is the principal source for tin metal*

*"Exploration Target" is a statement or estimate of the exploration potential of a mineral deposit in a defined geological setting where the statement or estimate, quoted as a range of tonnes and a range of grade (or quality) relates to mineralisation for which there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource. Any such information must be expressed so that it cannot be misrepresented or misconstrued as an estimate of a Mineral Resource or Ore Reserve. There has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and that it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.*

*"grade(s)" means the quantity of ore or metal in a specified quantity of rock*

*"Indicated Mineral Resource" is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape and physical characteristics are estimated with sufficient confidence to allow the application of mining, processing, metallurgical, infrastructure, economic, marketing, legal, environmental, social and governmental factors to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit. Geological evidence is derived from adequately detailed and reliable exploration, sampling and testing and is sufficient to assume geological and grade or quality continuity between points of observation. An Indicated Mineral Resource has a lower level of confidence than that applying to a Measured Mineral Resource and may only be converted to a probable mineral reserve.*

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*"Lodes" means a vein of metal ore in the earth*

*"MRE" means Mineral Resource Estimate*

*"km" means kilometres*

*"kt" means thousand tonnes*

*"m" means metres*

*"Mt" means million tonnes*

*"NI 43-101" means National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators, which provides standards of disclosure of scientific and technical information regarding mineral projects*

*"Sn" means Tin*

"t" means tonnes

"t/m<sup>3</sup>" means tonnes per cubic metre

"tourmaline" means the crystalline silicate mineral group that occurs as prismatic crystals in granitic and other rocks

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