

# Sierra Metals Achieves Full Throughput Capacity at its Yauricocha Mine, Peru

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[Sierra Metals](#) Inc. (TSX: SMT | OTCQX: SMTSF | BVL: SMT) ("Sierra Metals" or the "Company") is pleased to report that its Yauricocha mine in Peru has reached a full capacity throughput rate of 3,600 tonnes per day ("tpd") since the beginning of the fourth quarter. Mine development below the 1120 level was completed on time and on budget and will extend the mine life at Yauricocha.

Ernesto Balarezo, Sierra Metals' CEO, comments, "Since receiving operating and environmental permits to develop and mine below the 1120 level at Yauricocha earlier in 2024, the team has done a terrific job developing this new zone, and just in seven months has been able to increase the throughput to 3,600 tpd. This was all done on-time, on-budget and most importantly safely."

Mr. Balarezo continues, "Yauricocha is now operating at full capacity, which is a 30% increase from throughput levels of December 2023. As I have previously stated, the increased capacity and corresponding lower operating costs is a game changer for the mine and for Sierra Metals."

## Qualified Persons

Ricardo Salazar Milla (AIG #8551), Corporate Manager - Mineral Resources, is a Qualified Person ("QP") as defined under National Instrument NI 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. Mr. Salazar has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical content of this news release.

## About Sierra Metals

Sierra Metals is a Canadian mining company focused on copper production with additional base and precious metals by-product credits at its Yauricocha Mine in Peru and Bolivar Mine in Mexico. The Company is intent on safely increasing production volume and growing mineral resources. Sierra Metals has recently had several new key discoveries and still has many more exciting brownfield exploration opportunities in Peru and Mexico that are within close proximity to the existing mines. Additionally, the Company has large land packages at each of its mines with several prospective regional targets providing longer-term exploration upside and mineral resource growth potential.

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