

# Altiplano Begins Copper-Gold-Iron Bulk Sampling at Santa Beatriz

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Edmonton, January 15, 2025 - [Altiplano Metals Inc.](#) (TSXV: APN) (WKN: A2JNFG) ("Altiplano" or the "Company") is pleased to announce underground bulk sampling at the Santa Beatriz historical iron-oxide-copper-gold mine (IOCG). Santa Beatriz is located approximately 45 kilometers south of La Serena, Chile, and 13 kilometers south of the El Peñón processing plant.

President and CEO Alastair McIntyre comments:

"We are pleased to begin the bulk sample extraction of mineralized copper-gold and iron material from Santa Beatriz. The mineralogy of the vein structure and its proximal location to the El Peñón facility is ideal to support processing capacity at the plant. Our next steps involve more detailed studies to support further underground development."

Key Highlights:

- Bulk sampling has begun and will focus on the western section of the historical Cu-Au-Fe underground mine (see Figure 1).
  - Approximately 300 tonnes have been mined in the first week of January
- The underground mining team is focused on removing mineralized material in the vein structure from above the exposed previously mined zones.
  - This area yielded 2.45 m with 3.65 % Cu; 0.29 g/t Au; and 26.97 % Fe which includes a 1.08 m sample that yielded 8.08% Cu, 0.63g/t Au, and 39.49% Fe as reported in the May 27, 2024 news release.
- Extraction tonnage is planned at 500 tonnes per month increasing to 1,000 tonnes per month while the assessment of the production potential and mine expansion is being completed.
  - The first shipment from Santa Beatriz is expected at the end of January
- Further mine development to access the vein structure at lower levels will be supported by a diamond drill program, currently under development.

Figure 1: Plan View of the Santa Beatriz Property.

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The decision to develop the Santa Beatriz deposit, including bulk sampling, is not based on a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability and there is increased uncertainty of economic and technical risks of failure associated with any potential production decision.

Figure 2: Inspection of Extraction Area at Santa Beatriz.

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Altiplano has generated over C\$22.5 million from the recovery and sale (after processing costs) of more than 6.95 million pounds of copper (January 2018 - September 2024). Cash flow has been re-invested into project acquisition, equipment, underground drilling, underground development and expanding production, and the completion of the El Peñón copper-gold-iron mill and flotation plant located 30 km from Coquimbo.

#### About Altiplano

Altiplano Metals is a growing gold, silver, and copper company focused on the Americas. The Company has a diversified portfolio of assets that include a developing copper/gold/iron mine and a state-of-the-art operating copper/gold and iron processing facility. Altiplano is focused on creating long-term stakeholder value through developing safe and sustainable production, reinvesting into exploration and development, and pursuing acquisition opportunities to provide scalable upside opportunities. Management has a substantial record of success in capitalizing on opportunity, overcoming challenges and building shareholder value. Management has a substantial record of success in capitalizing on opportunity, overcoming challenges and building shareholder value.

John Williamson, B.Sc., P.Geol., a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed, and approved the technical contents of this document.

Altiplano is part of the Metals Group of Companies, led by a dynamic group of resource sector professionals with a long record of success in evaluating and advancing mining projects from exploration through to production, attracting capital, and overcoming adversity to deliver exceptional shareholder value.

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