

Heliostar Announces 2024 Production and Provides 2025 Production and Cost Guidance

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2024 Production of 20,795 GEOs (20,298 gold ounces and 43,076 silver ounces)
- 2025 Production Guidance of 31,000-41,000 GEOs

Vancouver, February 4, 2025 - [Heliostar Metals Ltd.](#) (TSXV: HSTR) (OTCQX: HSTXF) (FSE: RGG1) ("Heliostar" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it produced 10,391 Gold Equivalent Ounces (GEOs) (10,156 gold ounce and 20,054 silver ounces) in the fourth quarter of 2024 (the third quarter of the Company's financial year).

This resulted in a total 2024 production of 20,795 GEOs (20,298 gold ounces and 43,076 silver ounces). As a result, the Company exceeded its production guidance for 2024, which was 20,000-20,250 GEOs (see news release dated November 14, 2024). Financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2024 will be reported during February 2025. Cash Costs and All In Sustaining Costs ("AISCs") are expected to be below the bottom end of the guidance range

Project	Category	Oct-Dec 2024	Total 2024
La Colorada Mine	Gold sold (Ounces)	3,052	5,427
	Silver sold (Ounces)	9,823	16,143
	GEOs sold (Ounces) ¹	3,167	5,613
San Agustin Mine	Gold sold (Ounces)	7,104	14,871
	Silver sold (Ounces)	10,231	26,933
	GEOs sold (Ounces) ¹	7,224	15,182
Consolidated	Gold sold (Ounces)	10,156	20,298
	Silver sold (Ounces)	20,054	43,076
	GEOs sold (Ounces) ¹	10,391	20,795

1. Metal prices estimated at US\$2,500 per ounce gold and \$30 per ounce gold price.

In the reporting period, Heliostar Metals entered into an agreement to acquire the Mexican assets of the former Argonaut Gold on July 11, 2024. The operations were managed by [Florida Canyon Gold Inc.](#) (FCGI) under agreed covenants until closing on November 7, 2024.

Following cessation of mining operations in September 2023, the La Colorada mine ("La Colorada") continued to produce metals from re-leaching activities during 2024. Similarly, at the San Agustin mine ("San Agustin"), mining operations were ended in September 2024. San Agustin has continued to produce metals from re-leaching operations.

2025 Production Guidance

In 2025, the Company expects to produce 31,400-41,000 GEOs at an all-in sustaining cost ("AISC") of US\$1,950-2,000 per GEO.

Project	Gold Production (Ounces)	Silver Production (Ounces)	GEO Production ³ (Ounces)	Cash Cost ⁴ (US\$ per GEO)	AISC ^{4,5} (US\$ per GEO)
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La Colorada Mine	17,000-23,300	42,500-51,500	17,500-23,800	1,800-1,950	1,850-1,975
San Agustin Mine ¹	8,500-11,000	-	8,500-11,000	1,500-1,650	1,700-1,850
San Agustin Restart ²	4,500-5,700	34,000-43,000	5,000-6,200	2,350-2,500	2,900-3,035
Consolidated	30,000-40,000	76,500-94,500	31,000-41,000	1,800-1,950	1,950-2,100

Notes:

1. San Agustin Mine Production from January to October, 2025
2. San Agustin Restart from October to December, 2025. The Restart will require a change of use of soils permit prior to commencing which the company expects to receive in 2025. High AISCs reflect US\$4.2M of capital and two months of waste stripping costs. The San Agustin Operations, Durango, Mexico, NI 43-101 Technical Report supports AISCs of US\$1,790 for life of mine (excluding mine closure costs).
3. Metal prices estimated at US\$2,400 per ounce gold and \$28 per ounce gold price.
4. Cash costs and AISC are non-GAAP measures. Please refer to the "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this news release for further information on this measure.
5. AISC is based on World Gold Council definition.
6. Annual average exchange rate from all costs based on Mexican peso to US dollar (nineteen pesos per one dollar).

At La Colorada, exploration work during the second half of 2024 confirmed the potential to exploit metals from previously stockpiled material known as the Junkyard Stockpile. Mining operations were restarted at La Colorada from the Junkyard Stockpile in January 2025 and it is planned that production will continue through the year.

At San Agustin, residual production is continuing into 2025. The Company has submitted a permit application to expand the open pit that would allow mining operations at San Agustin to recommence in 2025. Initial capital requirements result in an elevated Cash Cost and AISC for the San Agustin Restart in 2025. This is expected to materially reduce in 2026 with the San Agustin Operations, Durango, Mexico, NI 43-101 Technical Report supporting an AISC of US\$1,790 for life of mine (excluding mine closure costs).

Drilling and technical trade-off studies will continue at Ana Paula. The Company is completing a Feasibility Study on Ana Paula during 2025 to allow for a construction decision shortly thereafter.

Statement of Qualified Persons

Gregg Bush, P.Eng., Qualified Person, as such term is defined by National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, has reviewed the scientific and technical information that forms the basis for this news release and has approved the disclosure herein. Mr. Bush is employed as Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

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About Heliostar Metals Ltd.

Heliostar is a gold producer with production from operating mines in Mexico. This includes the La Colorada Mine in Sonora and San Agustin Mine in Durango. The Company also has a strong portfolio of development projects in Mexico and the USA. These include the Ana Paula project in Guerrero, the Cerro del Gallo project in Guanajuato, the San Antonio project in Baja Sur and the Unga project in Alaska, USA.

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