# Altiplano Drills 2.37% Cu, 0.30 g/t Au, and 36.12% Fe over 2.89 m, Including 15.29% Cu, Confirming High-Grade Continuity at Santa Beatriz

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Edmonton, July 15, 2025 - <u>Altiplano Metals Inc.</u> (TSXV: APN) (WKN: A2JNFG) ("Altiplano" or the "Company") is pleased to report assay results from its inaugural drill program at the historic Santa Beatriz Iron Oxide Copper Gold (IOCG) mine, located approximately 45 km south of La Serena, Chile, and just 30 km from the Company's El Peñón processing facility.

# Highlights:

- A total of 655.6 metres was drilled across four diamond drill holes (25SB-001 to 25SB-004)
- Drilling confirms vein continuity over 100 metres along strike and approximately 40 metres down dip below the lowest mined level (Level 414).
- Weighted average grade across all holes: 1.33% Cu, 0.20 g/t Au, and 29.00% Fe over 2.14 m apparent vein width.
- Best interval (Hole 25SB-004):
  - 2.89 m grading 2.37% Cu, 0.30 g/t Au, and 36.12% Fe,
  - Including 1.5 m grading 4.11% Cu, 0.53 g/t Au, and 35.11% Fe
  - With a high-grade sample of 15.29% Cu, 1.91 g/t Au, and 44.3% Fe over 35 cm (Sample 648082)
- Anomalous molybdenum (up to 0.04% Mo), potassic alteration, and magnetite veining suggest potential for porphyry-style mineralization at depth.

President and Chief Executive Officer Alastair McIntyre comments:

"The drill results confirm the continuity of the Santa Beatriz vein system along strike and at depth. We are also encouraged to see increasing grade in deeper sections, similar to our observations at Farellon. The positive results support our plan to advance mine development into deeper levels providing opportunity to supply material to the El Peñón mill. We are also encouraged by the geological information from the core and samples, that indicate a broader exploration potential within the property and the district."

Figure 1 - Plan view showing completed drill holes, underground development (Level 414), vein thickness, and Cu% values

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Figure 2 - 3D long section highlighting drill results and planned sublevel development.

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\*All drill core samples are reported as apparent width, estimated to represent approximately 80-90% of true width

\*\*A decision to develop the historical Santa Beatriz mine is not based on a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability and there is increased uncertainty of economic and

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technical risks of failure associated with any potential production decision.

# **Drilling Summary**

The 655.6 metres of core drilling, completed between March 14 and April 20, 2025, targeted extensions of the main vein below Level 414. Drill holes intersected the structure between elevations of 365 and 391 masl, extending up to 50 m beneath current development.

Hole 25SB-002 intersected a faulted zone but vein continuity was confirmed through adjacent holes 25SB-001 and 25SB-003. The mineralized structure comprises massive magnetite with bands of chalcopyrite and lesser pyrite. Variability in Cu:Fe ratios reflect the mineral proportions in each intercept.

Drill hole 25SB-004 returned the most significant interval, highlighted by high-grade copper and gold values along with strong iron content, correlating with grades observed in underground sampling at Level 414. The average weighted grade of the vein is 1.33 Cu%, 0.2 g/t Au, and 29 Fe% over 2.14 m vein apparent width. Assay results are reported in Figure 03.

The high Cu grades intersected by this hole are consistent with high Cu grades sampled underground in the level 414 confirming continuity on the grades along the vein at depth. Massive chalcopyrite is mostly present replacing apatite and actinolite phenocrysts in a matrix of magnetite. Gangue minerals are dominantly apatite and actinolite altered to chlorite with minor interstitial calcite (Figure 4).

Figure 3 - Assay summary table of core vein intervals

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Figure 4 - Drill core photographs from Hole 25SB-004 (Sample 648082) showing massive chalcopyrite replacing apatite and actinolite in a magnetite matrix

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### **Geological Observations**

The Santa Beatriz vein is hosted in a diorite intrusive complex, ranging from coarse-grained diorite to microdiorite. Shallow sections exhibit strong propylitic alteration with epidote, chlorite, and pyrite. Hole 25SB-002 also intersected vuggy quartz with epidote, suggesting epithermal overprinting. Notably, deeper sections of hole 25SB-004 revealed intense potassic alteration, K-feldspar, biotite, and magnetite associated with minor molybdenite and chalcopyrite. This alteration, observed only at depths >250 m, resembles porphyry-style mineralization. Further sampling of deeper core intervals is pending.

Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC)

Drill core (NQ) samples were collected under the supervision of an experienced APN geologists and transported about 1 km to the Altiplano core logging facility for detailed logging and sampling. Samples were prepared using the entire core and securely shipped to ALS Laboratories in Copiapó, Chile, for sample preparation, and then to ALS's laboratory in Santiago, Chile for analysis. All samples were analyzed using an AAS instrument and standard industry procedures, including:

- Cu-AA62: Cu Ore four-acid digestion/AAS
- Mo-AA62: Mo Ore four-acid digestion/AA
- Fw-AA62: Cu Ore four-acid digestion/AAS
- Au-AA23: Au 30 g fire assay with AA finish

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As part of the Company's QA/QC protocols, a robust quality control program was implemented, which includes the insertion of certified reference materials (standards), blank samples, and duplicate core samples at regular intervals (approximately every 10 samples) throughout the sample stream. All QA/QC control samples returned results within acceptable limits, ensuring the reliability of the assay data. All drill core samples are reported as apparent width which is estimated to represent approximately 80-90%% of true width.

### **Qualified Person**

The technical content of this news release has been reviewed and approved by John Williamson, P.Geol., a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Williamson is a Chairman and Director of Altiplano Metals Inc. and is not independent of the Company.

Altiplano has generated over C\$23.8 million from the recovery and sale (after processing costs) of more than 8.2 million pounds of copper with an average grade of 1.8% Cu (Jan 2018 to Mar 2025). Cash has been re-invested into acquisition, exploration, new equipment, underground drilling, expanding underground development and production, and the completion of the El Peñón copper-gold-iron processing facility located 30 km from La Serena, Chile.

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