

Hercules Metals Increases Previously Announced Bought Deal Financing and Concurrent Private Placement to C\$31.5 Million

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TORONTO, May 06, 2026 - [Hercules Metals Corp.](#) (TSXV: BIG) (OTCQB: BADEF) (FRA: C0X) ("Hercules Metals" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that due to strong demand, it has entered into an agreement with BMO Capital Markets and SCP Resource Finance as joint bookrunners (the "Underwriters") to increase the size of its previously announced brokered private placement (the "Concurrent Offering"). The Underwriters have agreed to buy on a bought deal basis by way of private placement (pursuant to the Listed Issuer Financing Exemption (as defined below)), 36,353,000 common shares of the Company (the "Common Shares"), at a price of C\$0.59 per Common Share (the "Offering Price") for gross proceeds of approximately C\$21.4 million (the "LIFE Offering"). In addition, the Company increased its previously announced brokered private placement to 17,000,000 Common Shares at the Offering Price for gross proceeds of approximately C\$10 million (the Concurrent Offering and together with the LIFE Offering, the "Offerings").

[Barrick Mining Corp.](#) ("Barrick"), the Company's pre-existing strategic shareholder, has a participation right to maintain its pro-rata percentage ownership interest in the Company under an investor rights agreement dated November 7, 2023 between the Company and Barrick.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Offerings for exploration and development of its 100% owned Hercules property in western Idaho (the "Hercules Project") and for general working capital purposes.

The Offerings are expected to close on or about May 20, 2026 and are subject to Hercules Metals receiving all necessary regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Under the LIFE Offering, the Common Shares will be offered for sale by way of private placement pursuant to the listed issuer financing exemption under section 5A.2 of National Instrument 45-106 - *Prospectus Exemptions* ("NI 45-106"), as modified by Coordinated Blanket Order 45-935 - *Exemptions from Certain Conditions of the Listed Issuer Financing Exemption* (the "Listed Issuer Financing Exemption") in each of the Provinces of Canada (other than the Province of Quebec). The Common Shares issued under the Listed Issuer Financing Exemption will not be subject to a statutory hold period pursuant to applicable Canadian securities laws.

The Common Shares will be offered for sale by way of private placement in each of the Provinces of Canada (other than the Province of Quebec) pursuant to available exemptions under NI 45-106 other than the Listed Issuer Financing Exemption and in the United States pursuant to exemptions from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act (as defined below), and in those other jurisdictions outside of Canada and the United States provided that no prospectus, registration statement or similar document is required to be filed or no ongoing reporting requirement or requisite regulatory or governmental approval arises in such other jurisdictions.

There is an offering document related to this the LIFE Offering that can be accessed under the Company's profile at www.sedarplus.com and at www.herculesmetals.com. Prospective investors should read this offering document before making an investment decision.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the securities described herein in the United States. The securities described herein have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"), or any state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold within the United States unless registered under the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws or an exemption from such registration requirements is available.

About Hercules Metals:

Hercules Metals Corp. (TSXV: BIG) (OTCQB: BADEF) (FRA: C0X) is an exploration Company focused on developing America's newest porphyry copper district, in Idaho.

The 100% owned Hercules Project, located northwest of Cambridge, hosts the newly discovered Leviathan porphyry copper system, one of the most important new discoveries in the country to date. The Company is well positioned for growth through continued drilling, supported by a strategic investment from Barrick Mining Corporation.

With the potential for significant scale, the Company's management and board of directors aims to deliver value to shareholders through proven discovery success.

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