

# Almonty Industries Inc. Appoints Jorge Beristain as Chief Financial Officer to Lead Next Phase of Growth

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[Almonty Industries Inc.](#) ("Almonty" or the "Company") (Nasdaq: ALM) (TSX: AII) (ASX: AII) (Frankfurt: ALI1), a leading global producer of tungsten critical to U.S. defense and advanced technology industries, today announced the appointment of Jorge Beristain, CFA, as Chief Financial Officer, effective June 1, 2026. Mr. Beristain's appointment positions Almonty for its next phase of growth as the Company scales its flagship Sangdong Mine in South Korea and continues to expand its strategic role in the Western tungsten supply chain in the United States, Portugal and Spain. Brian Fox has departed from his role as Chief Financial Officer, effective immediately, and the Company thanks him for his service. Until Mr. Beristain's start date, Guillaume de Lamaziere, the Company's Chief Development Officer, will serve as Interim Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Beristain is a strategic, dynamic finance executive with a proven track record of building, funding, growing, and creating value at publicly traded basic materials and mining companies. He most recently served as Vice President, Finance of Ryerson Holding Corp ("Ryerson") (NYSE: RYI), a US\$5 billion revenue NYSE-listed metals service center, where he was a key advisor to the CEO, CFO and the Board, and helped double the company's market capitalization. He previously served as Chief Financial Officer of Central Steel & Wire Co., a US\$800 million Ryerson subsidiary and currently serves as an Independent Director of [Elevra Lithium Ltd.](#) (NASDAQ/ASX: ELVR). Earlier in his career, Mr. Beristain was a top-three-ranked Wall Street equity research analyst, serving as Managing Director and Head of Americas Metals & Mining Equity Research at Deutsche Bank Securities. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta and has held the CFA designation for more than 25 years. His combination of operating experience, public-company executive leadership, board service, and Wall Street capital markets fluency makes him uniquely suited to lead Almonty's finance organization as the Company executes on its global growth strategy and enters into its next phase.

Mr. de Lamaziere will serve as Interim Chief Financial Officer until Mr. Beristain's start date. He currently serves as the Company's Chief Development Officer and brings over three decades of senior financial leadership experience across international and U.S. regulated financial markets, including former roles as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating & Financial Officer of AIG Asset Management (Europe) Ltd., Chief Operating & Financial Officer of Banque AIG in Paris, and senior finance positions at Goldman Sachs in New York and Paris. He is a CFA Charterholder, Certified Public Accountant, Professional Risk Manager, Chartered Wealth Manager, and Chartered Global Management Accountant.

## Management Commentary

Lewis Black, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Almonty, said: "Jorge is exactly the right leader for the next phase of Almonty's growth as our Sangdong Mine comes on line with revenue generation this year. His track record, public-company experience and decades of Wall Street capital markets fluency in basic materials and mining are extraordinary, and rarely found in a single executive. As we ramp our flagship Sangdong Mine in South Korea and execute on our broader strategic priorities, Jorge's finance acumen, investor-relations expertise, and value-creation track record will be instrumental in delivering for our shareholders, customers, and the Western allies who depend on a secure tungsten supply chain. We thank Brian for his service to the Company and wish him well. We are also grateful to Guillaume for stepping in as Interim Chief Financial Officer to ensure continuity until Jorge joins Almonty."

## About Almonty

Almonty (Nasdaq: ALM) (TSX: AII) (ASX: AII) (Frankfurt: ALI1) is a leading supplier of conflict-free tungsten - a strategic metal critical to the defense and advanced technology sectors. As geopolitical tensions heighten,

tungsten has become essential for armor, munitions, and electronics manufacturing. Almonty's flagship Sangdong Mine in South Korea, historically one of the world's largest and highest-grade tungsten deposits, is expected to be a major contributor to the global non-China tungsten supply chain upon reaching full capacity, directly addressing critical supply vulnerabilities highlighted by recent U.S. defense procurement bans and export restrictions by China. With established operations in Portugal and additional projects in the U.S. and Spain, Almonty is strategically aligned to meet rapidly rising demand from Western allies committed to supply-chain security and defense readiness. To learn more, please visit <https://almonty.com>.

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