

# CornishMetals

## VISION BLUE RESOURCES NOMINATES MR. TONY TRAHAR TO CORNISH METALS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Cornish Metals Inc. (TSX-V/AIM: CUSN)** ("Cornish Metals" or the "Company"), a mineral exploration and development company focused on tin / copper projects in Cornwall, United Kingdom, is pleased to announce that Vision Blue Resources has nominated Mr. Tony Trahar as its representative to the Board of Directors of the Company.

Mr. Trahar has had a distinguished 40 year career in the mining, natural resources and industrial sectors. From 2000 to 2007 he was CEO of Anglo American Plc, one of the world's largest mining groups, and was also a director of Anglo Gold, Anglo Platinum and De Beers. During his tenure at Anglo American, Tony oversaw a significant period of growth, delivering a 35% return on equity and returning US\$10.5 billion ("bn") to shareholders while overseeing US\$15bn of strategic acquisitions as well as US\$11bn of disposals. In addition, he negotiated and implemented the US\$19bn 'take private' of De Beers diamond group with the Oppenheimer family and the Government of Botswana. Tony is currently a special adviser to Vision Blue Resources.

From 1985–2000, he was Chief Executive, and then Chairman of Mondi Ltd (now listed in London as Mondi Plc), a multinational forestry, pulp, paper and packaging group. Since leaving Anglo American he has also held a number of senior advisory roles for Barclays Natural Resource Investments (2007-2013) and Macquarie Bank (2014–2016). Tony holds a B.Comm degree and is a Chartered Accountant.

**Richard Williams, CEO of Cornish Metals, stated:** "We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Trahar to the Board of Cornish Metals. Tony's experience in all aspects of the mining industry will be a tremendous asset to Cornish Metals as we advance South Crofty and assess additional value adding opportunities that may be presented to us."

**Mr. Trahar commented:** "I am delighted to be joining the board of Cornish Metals and to be part of the project to bring South Crofty back into production. The South Crofty project is financially and environmentally sound, will add a new secure source of supply to the western world's needs of energy metals and will also provide significant employment and economic growth in the Camborne – Pool – Redruth area of Cornwall".

### Regulatory disclosures

In accordance with Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules, Anthony John Trahar (aged 73) holds, or has held in the past five years, the following directorships and partnerships:

#### Current directorships/partnerships

Reflex Vehicle Hire Limited

Eviola S.A.

Bartlett Resources LLP

#### Past directorships/partnerships

Laneglade Projects Limited

CWD UK Projects Limited

Binding Solutions Ltd

Oxhill Homes Ltd.

Mr Trahar currently holds 1,222,222 common shares in the Company.

There is no further information to be disclosed in respect of the above appointment pursuant to Rule 17 and Schedule 2 paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

## ABOUT CORNISH METALS

Cornish Metals completed the acquisition of the South Crofty tin and United Downs copper / tin projects, plus additional mineral rights located in Cornwall, UK, in July 2016 (see Company news release dated [July 12, 2016](#)). The additional mineral rights cover an area of approximately 15,000 hectares and are distributed throughout Cornwall. Some of these mineral rights cover old mines that were historically worked for copper, tin, zinc, and tungsten.

The South Crofty project covers the former producing South Crofty tin mine located beneath the towns of Pool and Camborne, Cornwall. The South Crofty mine closed in 1998 following over 400 years of continuous production. The Company has undertaken extensive pilot-scale water treatment trials and successfully applied for and received the necessary environmental permits to abstract, treat and discharge mine water in order to dewater the mine. Planning permissions for the operation of the mine and re-development of the surface facilities have been secured and construction of the water treatment plant foundations commenced. The dewatering pumps, variable speed drives and new high-voltage power supply have been delivered to site.

For an updated Mineral Resource Estimate in respect of the South Crofty Mine, please see the Company's technical report entitled "[South Crofty Tin Project Mineral Resource Update](#)" dated effective June 7, 2021, a summary of certain portions of which is set out below:

| South Crofty Summary Mineral Resource Estimate |                |                    |            |  |
|--|----------------|--------------------|------------|--|
| Area   | Classification | Mass ('000 tonnes) | Grade      | Contained Tin / Tin Equivalent ('000 tonnes) |
| Lower Mine                                     | Indicated      | 2,084              | 1.59% Sn   | 33   |
|  | Inferred       | 1,937              | 1.67% Sn   | 32   |
| Upper Mine                                     | Indicated      | 277                | 1.01% SnEq | 3  |
|  | Inferred       | 493                | 0.93% SnEq | 5  |

All technical information contained within this news release has been reviewed and approved for disclosure by Owen Mihalop, (MCSM, BSc (Hons), MSc, FGS, MIMMM, CEng), the Chief Operating Officer for the Company, and a "qualified person" as defined in NI 43-101.

## ABOUT VISION BLUE RESOURCES

VBR aims to create lasting value for all stakeholders by accelerating the supply of the commodities necessary to facilitate the green energy transition. The growth in demand for these metals is unprecedented, driven by regulation and social change, and is taking place against a backdrop of limited supply due to years of underinvestment in the sector. VBR aims to unlock value in its investments by providing transformational investment capital and its financial, technical, ESG,

construction and operating experience in the mining and metals sector, ensuring its investments are advanced into production and beyond.

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### ***Market Abuse Regulation disclosure***

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