

# Latin Metals Agrees to Sell El Quemado Lithium Project, Argentina, for \$0.9 Million

# **Retains 2% Net Smelter Returns Royalty**

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Vancouver, B.C. – Latin Metals Inc. ("Latin Metals" or the "Company") - (TSXV: LMS) OTCQB: LMSQF) announces that it has entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") with South American Lithium Ltd. ("SAL"), pursuant to which SAL will purchase from Latin Metals a 100% interest in the El Quemado lithium project (the "Project" or "El Quemado"), located in the Province of Salta, Argentina, for total consideration of \$900,000 (the "Transaction"). Latin Metals will retain a 2% net smelter returns royalty (the "2% NSR Royalty") on the Project. Unless otherwise specified, all references to dollars are to amounts in Canadian dollars.

# **Agreement Details**

Under the terms of the Agreement, within ten days of signing the Agreement, SAL will make a cash payment of \$400,000 and issue 1,000,000 units to Latin Metals. Each unit will consist of 1,000,000 common shares in the capital of SAL (issued at a deemed price of \$0.50) and 1,000,000 share purchase warrants (exercisable for an equal number of common shares at \$1.00 per share for a period of 5 years).

Latin Metals will retain the 2% NSR Royalty from future production on the Project, half of which 2% NSR Royalty (1.0%) can be repurchased by SAL from Latin Metals at any time prior to production for US\$3,000,000 cash.

"This transaction is consistent with Latin Metals' strategy to monetize non-core assets, like El Quemado, while retaining a royalty interest, in this case, the 2.0% NSR Royalty on future production from the Project," stated Keith Henderson, Latin Metals' President and CEO. "Consideration of \$900,000 provides the Company with \$400,000 of non-dilutive cash as well as \$500,000 in securities which provides Latin Metals with exposure to the project's future success."

Mr. Henderson continues, "South American Lithium is a private Canadian company which is currently finalizing a going-public transaction. The royalty-focused structure of this transaction reflects our view that SAL has significant technical and management experience in Argentina, and we would like to wish SAL's management team every success in moving the Project forward."

## **About South American Lithium**

South American Lithium is a private Canadian corporation which intends to complete a going-public transaction during the second quarter of 2023. The resulting issuer is expected to hold 58,000 hectares of lithium exploration claims in Salta Province, Argentina. Near-term plans for the Argentina assets, including El Quemado, will include the construction of road access to known lithium-bearing pegmatites, environmental assessment in support of drill permitting, and an extensive exploration drill program.

# **About El Quemado**

El Quemado is located in Salta Province, Argentina, and is a large-scale regional lithium play, which, when combined with SAL's contiguous ground-holding, forms a 58,000-hectare prospect. The land position covers ground prospective for lithium LCT pegmatites and rare earth elements. A portion of the property was mined sporadically between 1943 and 1981. Small-scale mining was focused on tantalum, niobium and bismuth production. Latin Metals' initial exploration established the existence of lithium-bearing pegmatites at several prospects within the property area.

# **Qualified Person**

The scientific and technical content of this release has been approved for disclosure by Keith J. Henderson P.Geo, a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 and the Company's CEO. Mr. Henderson is not independent of the Company, as he is an employee of the Company and holds securities of the Company.

#### **About Latin Metals**

Latin Metals is a mineral exploration company acquiring a diversified portfolio of assets in South America. The Company operates with a Prospect Generator model focusing on the acquisition of prospective exploration properties at minimum cost, completing initial evaluation through cost-effective exploration to establish drill targets, and ultimately securing joint venture partners to fund drilling and advanced exploration. Shareholders gain exposure to the upside of a significant discovery without the dilution associated with funding the highest-risk drill-based exploration.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of

## LATIN METALS INC.

"Keith Henderson"

President & CEO

For further details on the Company, readers are referred to the Company's website (<u>www.latin-metals.com</u>) and its Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

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Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. Such risks and other factors include, among others, operating and technical difficulties in connection with mineral exploration and development and mine development activities at the Project, estimation or realization of mineral reserves and mineral resources, requirements for additional capital, future prices of precious metals and copper, changes in general economic conditions, changes in the financial markets and in the demand and market price for commodities, possible variations in ore grade or recovery rates, possible failures of plants, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated, accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry, delays or the inability of the Company to obtain any necessary permits, consents or authorizations required, including of the TSX Venture Exchange, financing or other planned activities, changes in laws, regulations and policies affecting mining operations, currency fluctuations, title disputes or claims limitations on insurance coverage and the timing and possible outcome of pending litigation, environmental issues and liabilities, risks relating to epidemics or pandemics such as COVID-19, including the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's business, risks related to joint venture operations, and risks related to the integration of acquisitions, as well as those factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's latest Management Discussion and Analysis and other filings of the Company with the Canadian Securities Authorities, copies of which can be found under the Company's profile on the SEDAR website at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

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