

## Altiplano Reports on Concentrate Sample Results and Processing Updates at El Peñón

**EDMONTON**, October 30th, 2023, **Altiplano Metals Inc**. (TSXV: APN) (WKN: A2JNFG) ("**Altiplano**" or the "Company") is pleased to report on assays results of samples taken from the copper-gold and iron concentrates produced at the El Peñón processing facility and to provide an update on the progress at the plant. The El Peñón processing facility is located approximately 15 kms from the Farellon copper-gold mine, 45 kms south of La Serena, Chile.

Samples were collected from the copper-gold concentrate and iron concentrate produced at the El Peñón facility and generated results meeting design expectations for the material processed. Of note, gold and iron demonstrated improved results.

Cu concentrate Samples		Fe concentrate Samples
Copper %	Gold ppm	Iron %
23.0	1.5	66.5
26.3	1.6	64.6
21.91	1.9	71.12
21.87	2.4	70.68
	Copper % 23.0 26.3 21.91	Copper % Gold ppm   23.0 1.5   26.3 1.6   21.91 1.9

Figure 1. Concentrate Sample Assay results:

\* Samples were taken an approximately one-month period and 1 week apart

\*\*Copper percentages are in line with expectations with grades on the lower end based on the test material processed through the plant from stockpiles contained >1 % copper. Lower grades have been purposefully used in the start-up phase to reduce recovery risk. Improvement in coper grades is expected when the planned >1.5% material is processed.

To enhance productivity and optimize concentrate production, adjustments are being made in the crushing, milling, and flotation circuits. Designs have been finalized and the work has begun to focus on improving performance of these systems and to adapt to the specific mineralogy of the copper-gold-iron material produced at Farellon. These adjustments will better integrate the copper-gold concentrate production circuit with the iron separation and filter press systems that are designed to reduce water consumption and tailings output. This work includes gearing adjustments for the two ball mills, replacing reducers for the flotation cells and upgrading hydro-cyclones to improve the classification of material from the ball mill discharge to the flotation cells. Testing of the filter press systems for the tailings and the production of copper-gold concentrate and iron concentrate, through the magnetic drums and filter systems, have all performed to specifications.

The company has organized a storage facility in San Antonio for the anticipated copper-gold concentrate sales as part of the offtake agreement. Shipments will begin as the stockpile of concentrate on site increases. In addition, the Company is negotiating the sale of the iron concentrate to local buyers for use in the steel and construction industry where high grade iron concentrate is in high demand. The company will maintain sales to ENAMI while the updates at the processing facility are completed.



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President and CEO Alastair McIntyre commented; "We are pleased to see progress at the mill with the first test runs of copper concentrate returning assays with expectations and in addition to higher-thanexpected gold and iron results. With final testing and adjustments soon to be completed we can move from processing the lower grade stockpiles to processing high grade copper gold material produced directly from Farellon. This will improve our productivity and increase the copper in concentrate."

Figure 2. Photos of the El Peñón Facility



Altiplano has generated over **US\$12.8 million** from the recovery and sale (after processing costs) of more than **5.7 million pounds of copper** with an average grade of **1.80% Cu** (2018 Q1-2023 Q2). Cash flow has been re-invested into equipment, underground drilling, expanding underground development at Farellon, enhancing ventilation to increase productivity and capacity, new underground development and exploration, and the start-up of the El Peñón fit-for-purpose mill and flotation plant located 15 km from the Farellon site.

## About Altiplano

Altiplano Metals is a growing gold, silver, and copper company focused on the Americas. The Company has a diversified portfolio of assets that include an operating copper/gold/iron mine and a state-of-theart operating copper/gold and iron processing facility in the final stages of completion. Altiplano is focused on creating long-term stakeholder value through developing safe and sustainable production, reinvesting into exploration, and pursuing acquisition opportunities to complement its existing portfolio. Management has a substantial record of success in capitalizing on opportunity, overcoming challenges and building shareholder value. Altiplano trades on the Toronto Venture Exchange trading under the symbol APN and the Frankfurt Exchange under the symbol A2JNFG.

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## **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

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