

# Defense Metals Corp. closes \$1 million first tranche of private placement & provides video update on flotation pilot plant

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VANCOUVER, June 15, 2020 - [Defense Metals Corp.](#) ("Defense Metals" or the "Company") (TSX-V: DEFN) (OTCQB: DFMTF) (FSE: 35D) is pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement (the "FT Private Placement") consisting of 3,460,000 flow-through units (the "FT Units") at a price of \$0.25 per FT Unit for gross proceeds of \$865,000. Each FT Unit is comprised of one flow-through share and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant is exercisable to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.35 per share for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of closing the FT Private Placement. The Company also closed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement (the "Private Placement") consisting of 675,000 units (each, a "Unit") at a price of \$0.20 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$135,000. Each Unit is comprised of one common share and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant is exercisable to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.30 per share for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of closing the Private Placement.

In connection with the closing of the first tranches of the FT Private Placement and the Private Placement (collectively, the "First Tranche"), the Company paid aggregate cash finder's fees of \$46,200 and issued 190,050 non-transferable finder warrants to certain brokers. The finder warrants are exercisable for twenty-four (24) months at a price of \$0.30 per common share.

The securities issued pursuant to the First Tranche are subject to a four month hold period from the closing date in accordance with applicable securities laws.

The Company expects to close the balance of the FT Private Placement and the Private Placement, consisting of up to 2,540,000 FT Units for gross proceeds of up to \$635,000 and up to 1,825,000 Units for gross proceeds of up to \$365,000, respectively, in one or more additional tranches.

## Flotation Pilot Plant

The proceeds from the FT Private Placement will be used to complete the flotation pilot plant on the Company's Wicheeda rare earth element ("REE") project by the end of July 2020, with initial results expected in August 2020.

Defense Metals has reviewed and executed the Phase 2 flotation pilot plant proposal recommended by SGS Canada Inc. The objectives of pilot plant testing are to:

- Confirm metallurgy in a pilot plant environment;
- Generate data to support engineering; and
- Produce a large amount of concentrate for downstream hydrometallurgy testing.

The pilot plant will treat up to 30 tonnes of material in a continuous manner over 180 hours of operation, at an anticipated feed-rate of approximately 150 kg per hour. The approach will be to first commission the circuit in mid-June. This will be followed by a series of optimization runs through later June / early July. A continuous 48 hour run will serve to confirm metallurgy over extended operation in later July.

## About SGS Canada Inc.

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. SGS is recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With more than 94,000 employees, it operates a network of

more than 2,600 offices and laboratories around the world.

#### About the Wicheeda REE Property

The 1,708 hectare Wicheeda REE Property, located approximately 80 km northeast of the city of Prince George, British Columbia, is readily accessible by all-weather gravel roads and is nearby to infrastructure, including power transmission lines, the CN railway and major highways.

Geologically, the property is situated in the Foreland Belt and within the Rocky Mountain Trench, a major continental geologic feature. The Foreland Belt contains part of a large alkaline igneous province, stretching from the Canadian Cordillera to the southwestern United States, which includes several carbonatite and alkaline intrusive complexes hosting the Aley (niobium), Rock Canyon (REE), and Wicheeda (REE) deposits.

#### About the Company

Defense Metals is an advanced mineral exploration company focused on the acquisition of mineral deposits containing metals and elements commonly used in the electric power market, military, national security and the production of green energy technologies, such as, high strength, light weight, rare earth magnets. Defense Metals' primary focus is to exercise its option to acquire 100% of the 1,708 hectare Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Project. [Defense Metals Corp.](#) trades in Canada under "DEFN" on the TSX Venture Exchange, in the United States, under "DFMTF" on the OTCQB, and in Germany on the Frankfurt Exchange under the symbol of "35D".

#### Qualified Person

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release as it relates to the Wicheeda REE Property has been reviewed and approved by Kristopher J. Raffle, P.Geo. (BC) Principal and Consultant of APEX Geoscience Ltd. of Edmonton, AB, a director of the Company and a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43-101 &#8211; Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

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