# Almonty Industries Inc. Raises US\$3.3M From Insiders and Existing Shareholders to Satisfy Final Plansee/GTP Condition

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Precedent to the Financial Closing of KfW US\$75.1 Million Finance Facility

**Drawdown Expected on or Around May 21st** 

**Sangdong Construction Timeline Update** 

Almonty Industries Inc. ("Almonty" or the "Company") (TSX: AII / ASX: AII / OTCQX: ALMTF / Frankfurt: ALI) is pleased to announce the closing of its private placement to Directors of Almonty, existing shareholders and other insiders of 2,852,251 common shares at CDN\$0.94 per share and 1,428,571 Units at US\$0.70 per Unit to raise gross proceeds of approximately US\$3.3 million ("Placement"). Each Unit of the 1,428,571 units will be comprised of one common share and one-half share purchase warrant with each whole warrant being exercisable at a price of US\$0.84 for 24 months from closing.

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UPDATED SANGTON TUNGSTEN MINE TIMELINE (Graphic: Business Wire)

The use of proceeds of this Placement will be to pay the Plansee/GTP fees, of which the upfront cash portion of US\$3.0 million has now been paid.

# PLANSEE/GTP SATISFACTION OF CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

The Company is pleased to advise that it has executed a Conditions Precedent Letter with Plansee/GTP whereby both parties have agreed that Almonty has satisfied the conditions precedents required by Plansee/GTP to enable financial closing of the KfW US\$75.1 million finance facility. They key terms of the Conditions Precedent Letter are:

- 1. Payment of GTP Obligations of US\$3.0 million- paid in cash from the proceeds of the Placement.
- 2. Within 120 calendar days of the financial closing of the project financing, Almonty remitting the Outstanding Balance owing of approximately US\$1.8 million. In the event that the Outstanding Balance is not paid within 120 calendar days of the financial closing of the Project Financing, Almonty will satisfy any remaining portion of the Outstanding Balance by issuing common shares in Almonty to Plansee/GTP, at a price per share equal to the closing market price of Almonty's common shares on the trading day prior to issuance.

Now that Plansee/GTP have signed the satisfaction of Conditions Precedent letter, KfW IPEX-Bank will now move to internal sign off. Almonty expects by Friday May 21st that KfW IPEX-Bank will confirm financial close at which point the drawdown of the US\$75.1 million will begin.

# SANGDONG AND COMPANY UPDATE

Almonty President and CEO, Mr Lewis Black, said:

"The Company would like to take the opportunity of updating the shareholders on the current status at site in Korea and the Tungsten market generally. What is important is to highlight that the Company placed orders for all of the long lead time equipment, both milling and flotation last year in 2021, prior to the drawdown.

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This enabled us to capture pricing and delivery times on significantly more favourable terms than if ordered today.

However, delivery dates have been extended by 2 months with global shipping delays being the main issue, but it will not delay work at the site as we have merely adjusted our schedule to bring forward areas that are manufactured or planned in South Korea and pushed installation of imported items not yet in country to compensate for the shipping delays. On the back of this, we have updated our commissioning date toward the end of Q2 2023. Given our continuing push to save costs to counter ongoing inflation on certain consumable/building items and the delays in shipping, the Company feels this delay is warranted and justified.

On our latest analysis of total cost escalation has resulted in a maximum of 5% price increase which is comfortably absorbed by our 15% contingency built into the project cost. Currently this increase stands at 4.75%. We intend to reduce that by looking at areas where we can save further money. I would also like to add that energy costs in South Korea have risen approximately 8% but is not expected to rise further as prices are set by the State through KEPCO. Nuclear and renewables account for more than 35% of South Korea's energy platform.

As for energy costs in Portugal at our Panasquiera mine, we have fixed our forward price for the next 2 years at which is now at a reduction on our 2021 price and saves the mine approx. EUR560,000 per year. This is approximately 60% below current Portuguese energy market prices. Production continues to be stable in Portugal. We are now ready for drawdown as we enter the accelerated construction phase in South Korea."

# UPDATED SANGTON TUNGSTEN MINE TIMELINE

# **DIRECTOR SHARE SALE**

The Company advises that on April 14, 2022, Mr Lewis Black sold 300,000 common shares in Almonty to cover a capital gains tax liability. The common shares were crossed to an existing long term holder of Almonty. After the sale, Mr Lewis Black remains one of the largest shareholders in the Company with 11,032,895 common shares (direct) and 13,893,920 common shares (indirect) which represents approximately 11.91% of the Company, and confirms that there are no further sales planned at this time.

For and on behalf of the board of Almonty Industries Inc.

# **About Almonty**

The principal business of Toronto, Canada-based <u>Almonty Industries Inc.</u> is the mining, processing and shipping of tungsten concentrate from its Los Santos Mine in western Spain and its Panasqueira mine in Portugal as well as the development of its Sangdong tungsten mine in Gangwon Province, South Korea and the development of the Valtreixal tin/tungsten project in north western Spain. The Los Santos Mine was acquired by Almonty in September 2011 and is located approximately 50 kilometres from Salamanca in western Spain and produces tungsten concentrate. The Panasqueira mine, which has been in production since 1896, is located approximately 260 kilometres northeast of Lisbon, Portugal, was acquired in January 2016 and produces tungsten concentrate. The Sangdong mine, which was historically one of the largest tungsten mines in the world and one of the few long-life, high-grade tungsten deposits outside of China, was acquired in September 2015 through the acquisition of a 100% interest in <u>Woulfe Mining Corp.</u> Almonty owns 100% of the Valtreixal tin-tungsten project in north- western Spain. Further information about Almonty's activities may be found at www.almonty.com and under Almonty's profile at www.sedar.com.

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