## Altiplano Receives Final Processing Permit and Begins Operations at El Penon

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Edmonton, June 23, 2022 - <u>Altiplano Metals Inc.</u> (TSXV: APN) (WKN: A2JNFG) ("Altiplano" or the "Company") is pleased to report that final processing approval has been received from the Chilean Mining authority SERNAGEOMIN (Servicio Nacional de Geología y Minería). This final permit allows operations to begin at the Company's processing facility constructed at El Peñón, approximately 15 kms from the Farellon Copper Gold mine located near La Serena, Chile.

Processing of stockpiled material currently stored at the El Peñón site has begun as a part of the commissioning of the plant, with the first concentrate expected to be produced for shipment in July. Production from Farellon will be split shipped to the facility and ENAMI for the next few months to maximize copper sales while the plant ramps up to full operational capacity.

Operation of the plant provides the Company the opportunity to reduce trucking costs by 75% and processing costs by 45% while recovering additional payable metals. The EI Peñón crushing and flotation plant will incorporate a high efficiency water recovery circuit designed to produce dry tailings and an iron separator to recover high value iron oxide from the tailings output. This process will reduce the tailings output by 50% where dry tailings can be moved and stored in an environmentally efficient manner replacing the need for a conventional tailings dam system. In addition, the de-watering stack circuit will reduce the overall freshwater consumption needed at the plant by 75%. This eco-friendly system will be one of the first to be used in the small mining sector in Chile and elevates Altiplano to a leader in reducing its environmental footprint.

President and CEO Alastair McIntyre commented: "We are very pleased with El Peñón receiving final permitting approval and commencing start up. This significant milestone was achieved through the excellent work of our team who were met with several timeline challenges during COVID and completed the facility within our financial expectations. Our new industry leading processing facility, focused on water conservation and waste reduction, aligns Altiplano with our commitment to sustainable and responsible growth."

Figure 1. Copper-Gold-Iron Concentrate Process

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Figure 2. Photos of the El Peñón Processing Plant.

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building shareholder value. Altiplano trades on the Toronto Venture Exchange trading under the symbol APN and the Frankfurt Exchange under the symbol A2JNFG.

Altiplano has generated over US\$8.83 million (after processing costs) from the recovery and sale of 4.15 million pounds of copper with an average grade of 1.76% Cu (2018 Q1-2022 Q1). 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 at Maria Luisa, and the construction El Peñón fit-for-purpose mill and flotation plant located 15 km from the Farellon site now in operation.

John Williamson, B.Sc., P.Geol., a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed, and approved the technical contents of this document.

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