



WESTERN METALLICA COMMENCES DRILLING AT LUZ MARIA COPPER PORPHYRY PROSPECT

TORONTO, ONTARIO – November 20, 2024 – Western Metallica Resources Corp. (TSXV: **WMS**) (“**Western Metallica**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that drilling has commenced at the Luz Maria copper porphyry prospect having now progressed with 200 metres of the 350 metres planned for the 1st of a total of 6 drill holes outlined for the current program for an anticipated 2,100 metres of drilling. The intention is to test combined high magnetic and chargeability anomalies as well as Cu and Mo geochemical anomalies obtained from the regolith sampling programs. Previous rock sampling at Luz Maria confirmed consistent anomalous **grades up to 0.07% Cu and 0.06% Mo** from multi-phase intrusions, with Cu regolith anomalies open to West.

The Caña Brava Project has yet to be systematically explored, with a **potential 10 kilometres worth of structural corridors** enhanced by **WNW-ESE-trending** fold axes and faults, positioned in the northern sector of the Eocene-Oligocene Belt, similar to the Element 29 Resources Elida porphyry system. The potential for identification of analogous size, grade and mineralization to some key Andean systems is promising, an integral component of the Company’s shareholder value objective to develop a sizeable resource and deliver a substantial discovery.

With the Caña Brava Project’s similarities to neighbouring large emerging copper discoveries such as Hudbay’s Llaguen Cu-Mo deposit ([*refer to Hudbay Mineral's Llaguen Reserve Estimates*](#)), characterized by similar regolith grades concurring with alike geophysical signature (chargeability), the Company anticipates Luz Maria to likewise host shallow, high-grade mineralization over a meaningful strike length.

The Company anticipates geological news including potential visual evidence of alteration by the end of November along with the first 50-metres worth of samples to be sent for assay, initial drill results expected by the first week of December. The Company aims to provide consistent updates as it relates to the ongoing drill program, reporting on a forecasted 100-150 assays per month.

Gregory Duras, Western Metallica’s Chief Executive Officer and Director, commented, “*We are extremely pleased to report the launch of our drilling operations at Luz Maria. Given the porphyry system’s size and type that corresponds to other major Andean porphyry systems, and following on encouraging sampling and geophysical survey results, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to advance such a significant copper asset with vast exploration potential into the drill phase. The Company anticipates results from the first three drill holes near term, expecting that they would provide evidence of the potential for Caña Brava to be an economically viable Cu-Mo project. Combined with low elevation, proximity to the port of Salaverry and Trujillo, with large, contiguous mineral concessions conducive to future project scalability, these encouraging results should garner some long overdue attention by major producers in the region as well as investor markets.*”



Figure 1: Drill rig positioned and in operation at the Caña Brava Project, Luz Maria porphyry prospect.

Background

Western Metallica holds the option to acquire 100% of the mineral claims, rights, and interests in Caña Brava, a Cu-Mo project located in Northern Peru (*refer to press release dated August 10, 2023*). The Caña Brava Project is a highly prospective 5,700-hectare package of concessions located 30 kilometres from the Peruvian coast, at an elevation of 1,300 metres in the Western Cordillera of the Peruvian Andes. The Caña Brava Project is neighboring Hudbay's Llaguen Cu-Mo Project which lies on the Western margin of the Miocene epithermal-porphyry copper-gold belt of Northern Peru, with the potential for Caña Brava to similarly host shallow high-grade mineralization across a considerable alteration footprint. Western Metallica recently announced the launch of a first drill program at its Luz Maria copper-molybdenum porphyry prospect after having received its permit to drill from 19 platforms (*refer to press release dated July 15, 2024*).

The Luz Maria prospect is one of two well-preserved, partially eroded porphyry centres found to date within the Caña Brava Project, characterized by a cluster of multi-stage mineralized intrusions



within a large 2.7-kilometre by 1.5-kilometre phyllic to incipient biotite-replacement alteration footprint. The Eocene-age Luz Maria (44Ma \pm 0.2Ma) porphyry prospect, on the South-East sector of the Caña Brava Project, has a similar age as some world class porphyry deposits located on the same metallogenic belt, to the South, such as MMG's Las Bambas Mine, Hudbay Minerals Constancia Project and Glencore's Antapacay Mine.

Qualified Persons

The technical and scientific information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Giovanni Funaioli, EurGeol, Vice President Exploration of Western Metallica, who is a "Qualified Person" as defined by National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. Mr. Giovanni Funaioli is an employee of the Company and is not considered independent under NI 43-101.

About Western Metallica Resources Corp.

Western Metallica is an Ontario registered company with its head office in Toronto, Ontario, trading on the TSX Venture Exchange under symbol WMS. Western Metallica is in the business of mineral resource exploration and development and holds the option to acquire a 100% interest in the Caña Brava copper-molybdenum project located in La Libertad Department, Peru. Western Metallica is also advancing its 100% owned Nueva Celti Copper Property in the Ossa Morena belt in Andalusia, Spain, and three other Spanish gold projects in the "Navelgas Gold Belt" in Asturias, Spain (Penedela, Valledor and Sierra Alta).

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