

Alphamin Announces Q3 Operational And Financial Update/ Mpama South Development Progress

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Grand Baie, Oct. 09, 2023 - [Alphamin Resources Corp.](#) (AFM:TSXV, APH:JSE AltX) ("Alphamin" or the "Company"), a producer of 4% of the world's mined tin¹ from its high grade operation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, is pleased to provide the following update for the quarter ended September 2023:

- Tin production of 3,104 tonnes for the quarter, in line with the previous quarter
- Q3 2023 EBITDA^{3,4} guidance of US\$38.3m, up 8% from the previous quarter
- Mpama South development projected to increase annual tin production by 60% progressing well
- Additional debt facilities secured

Operational and Financial Summary for the Quarter ended September 2023²

¹Data obtained from International Tin Association Tin Industry Review 2022 ²Information is disclosed on a 100% basis. Alphamin indirectly owns 84.14% of its operating subsidiary to which the information relates. ³Q3 2023 EBITDA and AISC represent management's guidance. ⁴This is not a standardized financial measure and may not be comparable to similar financial measures of other issuers. See "Use of Non-IFRS Financial Measures" below for the composition and calculation of this financial measure.
Operational and Financial Performance

Contained tin production of 3,104 tonnes for the quarter ended September 2023 was in line with the previous quarter. Tin production of 9,442 tonnes for the nine months ended September 2023 exceeds the run-rate to achieve market guidance of 12,000 tonnes for the year ending December 2023. The run-of-mine and crushed ore stockpiles ahead of the processing plant were at record levels at quarter-end, being 30,393 tonnes at an average tin grade of 4.79% (Q2: 27,439 tonnes at 6.74%).

Sales volumes of 3,111 tonnes of tin for Q3 2023 were slightly higher than the previous quarter and averaged a tin price of US\$26,557/t (Q2 2023: US\$25,587/t).

Guidance for AISC per tonne of tin sold is US\$14,812, 6% above the previous quarter. Approximately half of the AISC cost increase relates to the timing effect of sustaining capital expenditure. The remaining variance in AISC follows the impact of the higher tin price on off-mine costs, higher diesel prices and a 7% increase in underground development metres at Mpama North. The higher underground development rate at Mpama North is expected to increase developed ore reserves and improved mining flexibility.

Stable production and sales volumes at the slightly higher tin price resulted in expected EBITDA of US\$38.3 million for the quarter ended September 2023 (Q2 2023: US\$35.4 million).

Alphamin's unaudited consolidated financial statements and accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three and nine months ended 30 September 2023 are expected to be released on or about November 17, 2023.

Funding structure and capital allocation

Alphamin's vision is to become one of the world's largest sustainable tin producers. From a capital allocation

perspective, the Board considers the combination of investment in growth, ongoing exploration, and a high dividend yield a robust value proposition. From a FY2023 capital allocation perspective, the funding of the Mpama South expansion project, DRC income tax payments and shareholder distributions remain the priority.

By quarter-end, the Company had spent US\$99 million of cash resources on the Mpama South project of which US\$24.5 million was spent in Q3 2023. The project is forecasted to be substantially completed within the budget of US\$116 million.

The Company has signed an amended and restated credit agreement to raise an additional US\$10m in senior debt finance. The additional funding is subject to certain drawdown conditions. Under the amended and restated credit agreement, the current senior debt balance of US\$5m together with the new funding of US\$10 million will be repayable over two years commencing in January 2024. Under the revised terms there is no requirement for political risk insurance or a debt service reserve account and there are no restrictions on dividends, provided covenants have not been breached. The terms are otherwise substantially the same as the existing facility. In addition, the Company's banking institution in the DRC has increased its short-term facility by US\$15 million to US\$55 million. The additional debt facilities provide bridging finance towards the previously reported high final and provisional DRC tax payments during 2023 not expected to repeat in 2024 as well as additional liquidity optionality while the Mpama South project approaches completion.

In late September 2023, a bridge on the primary export/import route was damaged. As a result, inbound and outbound trucks had to be re-routed resulting in longer than normal transit times and delays in revenue receipts. Additional road maintenance teams have been mobilized to ensure the efficient passage of inbound and outbound traffic via alternative routes which have been proven to be effective in the past. The negative liquidity impact from the damaged bridge is expected to reverse during Q4, 2023.

Mpama South development progress

A total of 2,448m of underground development at Mpama South has been completed to date, of which 988m was achieved in Q3 2023 (Q2: 603m). The underground development rate increased by 64% during Q3 2023 as additional underground equipment arrived on site and more development ends became available. The Mpama South adit from surface successfully advanced beyond the previously reported area of poor ground conditions and is expected to connect with the Mpama South underground workings by early November 2023. The year-to-date development metres at Mpama South are in line with the Company's updated two-year underground mine plan to achieve the targeted tin production expansion from FY2024. This plan requires ~1,200m of underground development at Mpama South during the quarter ending December 2023.

The erection of the new processing facility is progressing well, albeit poor road conditions and the impact of the damaged bridge have delayed container deliveries by approximately three weeks. As a consequence, the commissioning of the new processing plant may be delayed to January/February 2024.

The Alphamin project team, together with the existing site team, remains focussed on operational readiness preparation. This primarily involves recruitment and training of personnel, expansion of the laboratory and accommodation facilities and infrastructure, and increasing the supply chain to meet the additional production.

The Mpama South project is expected to increase combined annual tin production from ~12,000 tonnes to ~20,000 tonnes.

Qualified Person

Mr. Clive Brown, Pr. Eng., B.Sc. Engineering (Mining), is a qualified person (QP) as defined in National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained in this news release. He is a Principal Consultant and Director of Bara Consulting Pty Limited, an independent technical consultant to the Company.

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USE OF NON-IFRS FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

This announcement refers to the following non-IFRS financial performance measures:

EBITDA

EBITDA is profit before net finance expense, income taxes and depreciation, depletion, and amortization. EBITDA provides insight into our overall business performance (a combination of cost management and growth) and is the corresponding flow driver towards the objective of achieving industry-leading returns. This measure assists readers in understanding the ongoing cash generating potential of the business including liquidity to fund working capital, servicing debt, and funding capital expenditures and investment opportunities.

This measure is not recognized under IFRS as it does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and is therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. EBITDA

data is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

AISC

This measures the costs to produce and sell a tonne of contained tin plus the capital sustaining costs to maintain the mine, processing plant and infrastructure. AISC includes mine operating production expenses such as mining, processing, administration, indirect charges (including surface maintenance and camp and tailings dam construction costs), smelting costs and deductions, refining and freight, distribution, royalties and product marketing fees and corporate costs. AISC does not include depreciation, depletion and amortization, reclamation expenses, borrowing costs and exploration expenses.

Sustaining capital expenditures (Sustaining capex) are defined as those expenditures which do not increase contained tin production at a mine site and excludes all expenditures at the Company's projects and certain expenditures at the Company's operating sites which are deemed expansionary in nature.

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