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Alien Metals Ltd

("Alien Metals" or "the Company") Exploration and Corporate Update

Alien Metals Ltd (LSE AIM:UFO), a global minerals exploration and development company, is delighted to provide an update on Exploration and Corporate Activities for its Australian Operations. This includes drill results from Elizabeth Hill, Australia's highest grade silver deposit, as well as a progress update from its wholly owned subsidiary, Iron Ore Company of Australia Pty Ltd ('IOCA") 90% owner and operator of the Company's flagship development, the Hancock Iron Ore Project (the "Hancock").

# Highlights

- High-grade Elizabeth Hill ("EH") results received
- Re-interpretation of EH geological model extends area of known mineralisation and demonstrates potential for a high-grade **bulk tonne** silver rich polymetallic orebody at Elizabeth Hill
- IOCA now in receipt of final fixed price tender responses from all suppliers for the development of the Hancock Project

Analytical results for hole 22AMC001 received. Hole successfully designed and drilled to confirm extensions to the main silver lode. High grade results include:

- 42 metres ("m") at 12.1 troy ounces ("ozt") of silver ("Ag") and 0.52% lead ("Pb") from a depth of 8m.
  - $\odot$  Equivalent to 42m at 1.05% nickel ("Ni")
  - $\odot$  Equivalent to 42m at 4.6 grammes per tonne ("g/t") gold ("Au")
- Including 13m at 35.4ozt Ag, 1.11% Pb and 0.48 g/t gold-platinum-palladium ("Au+Pt+Pd") from 16m
  - $\odot$  Equivalent to 13m at 3.04% Ni
  - $\odot$  Equivalent to 13m at 13.3g/t Au

Re-examination & reinterpretation of EH data demonstrates a far larger high-grade/high-volume mineralised envelope. Reanalysis of historical drilling located within this newly identified mineralised envelope returned the following results.

- 52m at 22.6ozt Ag and 0.009% Pb from AMEHRC009
  - $\odot$  Equivalent to 52m at 1.89% Ni
  - Equivalent to 52m at 8.2 g/t Au
- 19.7m at 102.8ozt Ag and 0.27% Pb from 21EHDD003.
  - Equivalent to 19.7m at 8.58% Ni
    Equivalent to 19.7m at 37.5g/t Au

Eight holes in total were drilled at EH.Five holes in a single fence several hundred metres to the north failed to identify the felsic / mafic contact suggesting a change in trend of the mineralisation. A detailed review will be undertaken prior to additional drilling being undertaken.

Two holes designed to extend the mineralised envelope down dip and to the south also failed to reach target

depth due to excess water inflow, presumably from the flooded mine. It is expected that these two holes will be completed by adding a diamond tail when a suitably purposed rig is in the area to reduce mobilisation costs. Therefore, these extensions of the orebody remain untested.

Of significance, findings from a re-evaluation of EH strongly indicates the original EH high-grade, narrow silver vein is in fact the high-grade core of a much larger mineralised halo. An example of this is the recent drill result of 42 metres at more than 12 troy ounces of silver.

This new geological understanding opens the possibility for a significantly larger mineralised system at surface.

Results to date confirm and enhance the Company's view EH could be a significant deposit of metal. Drilling reported anomalous Au, Pt and Pd over the same interval, all of which points to a potential poly-metallic occurrence **at depth**.

#### Hancock Mine Development Update

IOCA has now received final fixed price tender responses from suppliers for the development of the Hancock Project DSO iron project. Pleasingly, all responses are in line with Scoping Study estimates and continue to demonstrate strong project economics. The Company will now start the selection process for preferred partners and move into detailed contract drafting.

The Company continues to progress Native Title approvals as well as other permitting necessary to start production. Providing guidance as to a timeline for completion is difficult as many aspects are outside the company's control or involve commercial and legal sensitivities that are subject to negotiation and documentation. The Company appreciates stakeholder patience on these aspects and would like to reassure shareholders the Company is working hard towards its stated goals and will update shareholders once complete. Once Native Title is completed, the Company will immediately submit a Mining Proposal for State Approvals of the Project which is expected to take between 2-3 months for approval from submission. The Company intends to start civil and site works immediately after Native Title is received in parallel to the grant of the mining licence.

## Upcoming Work Programmes

- Drill results at Munni Munni for Ni & Cu expected soon.
- Maiden Ore Reserve for the Hancock Project
- Updated Feasibility Study to reflect supply chain engagement and tender responses for the Hancock Project
- Documenting agreements for various services and logistical providers

# Rod McIllree, Executive Chairman, commented:

"We continue working through an updated economic study for Hancock and I'm pleased to report that the investment remains an attractive opportunity for the Company and its stakeholders. Its development is our primary objective. In the coming months we expect to deliver an updated resource, an updated feasibility study, conclude contracts associated with mining, transport and material handling as well as finalise financing necessary to facilitate an investment decision.

Furthermore, results from recent drilling as well as a bottom-up re-examination of Elizabeth Hill are highly encouraging. When these drill results are put in terms of nickel and gold equivalents (such as 19.7m at 8.58% nickel or 52m at 8.2 g/t gold) what emerges is an insight into the potential value of this newly recognised broader mineralised system and the economic implications of such. Elizabeth Hill has just evolved into something much more serious certainly for the exploration team who through their hard work this significant discovery has been made."

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## **Further Information**

The programme of reverse circulation drilling at Elizabeth Hill comprised of eight holes for a total of 709m. 5 regional holes were drilled in one line several hundred metres to the north but failed to identify any structure suggesting a change in trend of the mineralisation. Two holes will be re-entered and completed using a diamond drill rig to push past the water into the mineralised envelope. The mineralisation, as intersected in this drilling, is on the contact of a structurally controlled contact between granite and ultramafic rocks thought to create a metal receptive reactive shear zone as well as a metal rich liquid highway. The main high-grade vein of silver plunges steeply to the south and testing of interpreted **parallel structures** will be part of future drilling. The polymetallic nature of the mineralisation, with Pb values up to 2.09% (22AMC001) recorded, has not been fully accounted for in previous work demonstrating potential for additional product co and by product including Pb, Au, Pt and Pd.

# Hancock Project Overview

The Hancock Project, 18km north of Newman, Australia hosts a JORC compliant Inferred Mineral Resource df0.4 million tonnes ("Mt") at 60.4% iron ("Fe") (Announcement: 22 September 2021). The independent Scoping Study (Announcement: 19 October 2021), commissioned by the Company demonstrated exceptionally strong returns, with highlights including:

- Optimisations completed using an iron ore price of US\$100/t result in the design pits extracting all the initial JORC resources identified to date (10.4Mt at 60.4% Fe)
- Initial Life of Mine studies show the current resource will sustain an eight-year mine life based on the following parameters:
  - $\odot$  Mining rate of 1.25Mtpa with a pre-production capital estimate of <US\$30 million
  - $\odot$  Low waste to ore mining ratios
  - Operating costs of <US\$60/t FOB
  - O Potential to identify additional resources on the Hancock licence.

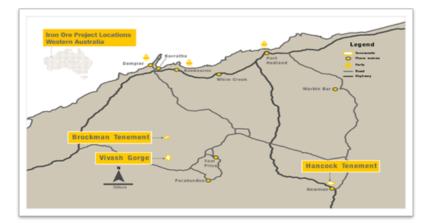


Figure 1: Location of Hancock Iron Ore Project, Western Australia

#### Overview of Elizabeth Hill Project and Surrounding Munni Munni Area

Elizabeth Hill is located 45km southeast of the city of Karratha, Western Australia. The project is situated in the Pilbara Craton, a region well-known for precious metal mineralisation. Elizabeth Hill is recognised as being Australia's highestgrade silver mine when it was in production between 1999-2000.

Elizabeth Hill had a pre JORC 2012 resource of 4.05 Moz of silver prior to start of mining and was renowned for its exceptional native silver nuggets and silver wires . Over 1 million ounces of silver, mainly in the form of nuggets, were produced between 1999-2000 from a single shaft and small processing plant before the mine was closed due to water inflow. Elizabeth Hill is 100% owned by the Company and Alien is undertaking a complete review of all historic data from both surface and underground drilling with a view to reopening the mine.

The Company also owns the nearby Munni Munni Project (4km southwest of Elizabeth Hill) which hosts significant PGE mineralisation. Munni Munni has a historical non JORC compliant resource of **24Mt at 2.9g/t Platinum Group Metals** ("PGM") and gold for **2.2Moz.** This includes 1.14Moz of palladium, 0.83Moz of platinum, 152koz gold and 76koz of rhodium. The Munni Munni Project is one of Australia's largest PGM deposits.





Figure 2: Location of EH Project and Munni Munni PGM Ni Cu Project, Pilbara, Western Australia

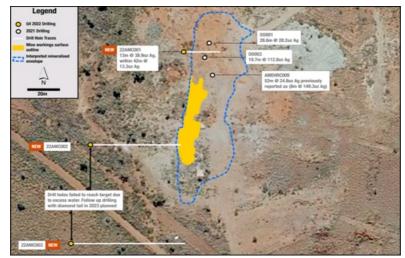


Figure 3: Plan view showing historical mine and broader mineralised area at EH, Pilbara, Western Australia

## Notes to Editors

Alien Metals Ltd is a mining exploration and development Company listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange (LSE: UFO). The Company's focus is on delivering a profitable, long life direct shipping iron ore operation based out of the Pilbara in Western Australia. In 2019, the Company acquired 51% of the Brockman and Hancock Ranges high-grade (Direct Shipping Ore) iron ore projects and in December 2022 moved to 90% legal and beneficial ownership. The Company also acquired 100% the Vivash Gorge Iron Ore project in the west Pilbara in July 2022.

The Company acquired 100% of the Elizabeth Hill Silver Project, which consists of the Elizabeth Hill Historic Mining Lease and the 115km<sup>2</sup> exploration tenement around the mine.

In March 2022 the Company acquired 100% of the former joint venture interest in the Munni Munni Platinum Group Metals and Gold Project in the West Pilbara, Western Australia, one of Australia's major underexplored PGE and base metals projects. Munni Munni holds a historic deposit containing 2.2Moz 4E PGM: Palladium, Platinum, Gold, Rhodium.

The Company also holds silver, copper and base metal projects in various locations around the world however is currently looking at the best way to divest these for the benefit of shareholders.

## **Competent Person Statement**

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results, is based on information compiled by Mr. Bradley Toms who is the Exploration Manager and a full time employee of Alien Metals Ltd. Mr. Toms is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that he is undertaking, to qualify as Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr. Toms consents to the inclusion in the document of the information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Toms has declared that he holds Performance Rights in the Company. \*Thicknesses 4m are composite samples, taken by spearing.

\*Thicknesses of 1m are riffle split single metre samples.

\*bdl = below detection limit

\*Assay results from a Certified Analytical Laboratory, Bureau Veritas, located in Perth, Western Australia

# Appendix

Hole number	From	То	Ag g/t	Cu %	Pb %	Zn %	Ni %	Co g/t	Au g/t	Pt g/t	Pd g/t	Au+Pt+Pd g/t
22AMC001	8	50	377	0.06	0.52	0.08	0.04	43	0.04	bdl	0.16	0.2
including	16	29	1,102	0.10	1.11	0.14	0.07	80	0.08	bdl	0.38	0.48
22AMC002	111	114	34	bdl	0.74	0.01	0.01	bdl	0.01	bdl	bdl	0.01
22AMC003	126	134	bdl	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.13	98	0.04	0.05	0.28	0.34

Table 1: Summary Highlight Intersections from Core Drilling, Elizabeth Hill, November 2022

Hole number	Easting MGA94z50	Northing MGA94z50	AHD	Depth (m)	Collar dip	Azimuth (magnetic)
22AMC001	487010	7667942	480	50	-63	90
22AMC002	486952	7667878	480	120	-62	90
22AMC003	486940	7667810	480	142	-60	90
22AMC008	487120	7668080	480	80	-60	90
22AMC009	487080	7668080	480	80	-60	90
22AMC010	487040	7668080	480	80	-60	90
22AMC011	487000	7668080	480	80	-60	90
22AMC012	486960	7668080	480	80	-60	90

Table 2: Drill Hole Collar Table

Hole number	From (m)	To (m)	Thickness (m)	Ag ozt	Pb %	Ni %		
22AMC001	16	29	13	35.4	1.11	0.07		
22AMC001	8	50	42	12.1	0.52	0.04		
Commodity Pri	ces							
Commodity				Ag	Pb	Ni	Au	
Price as of 14.0	2.2023 USD			\$21.82	\$2,070	\$26,200	\$1,865	
\$/unit				US\$/ozt	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/ozt	
Grade x Comm	odity Price i	n USD			•	•		
22AMC001	16	29	13	\$772.4	\$23.0	\$18.3		
22AMC001	8	50	42	\$264.5	\$10.7	\$9.5		
Length x Grade	x Commodi	ty Price in	USD			-		
				Ag	Pb	Ag+Pb	NiEq %	AuEq g/t
	From (m)	To (m)	Thickness (m)	Length weighted (length * grade as US\$)	Length weighted (length * grade as US\$)	Ag+Pb value length weighted	1m of 1% Ni has US\$262 then un- length weight	
22AMC001	16	29	13	\$10,042	\$299	\$10,340	3.04	13.3
22AMC001	8	50	42	\$11,109	\$451	\$11,559	1.05	4.6

Table 3: Metal values used and Calculations for AuEq and NiEq for Q4 2022 drilling, February 2023

Hole number	From (m)	To (m)	Thickness (m)	Ag ppm	Ag ozt (31.103476)	Pb %		
21EHDD003	5	24.7	19.7	3,198	102.83	0.2669		
AMEHRC009	38	90	52	704	22.64	0.0093		
Commodity Pr	ice				<u>.</u>		<u>.</u>	
Commodity				Ag	Pb	Ni	Au	
Price as of 14.	02.2023	USD		\$21.82	\$2,070	\$26,200	\$1,865	
\$/unit				US\$/ozt	US\$/tonne	US\$/tonne	US\$/ozt	
Grade x Comm	nodity Pr	ice in U	ISD	*		•		
Hole number	From (m)	To (m)	Thickness (m)	Ag ozt	Pb %			
21EHDD003	5	24.7	19.7	\$2,243.7	\$5.5			
AMEHRC009	38	90	52	\$ 494.0	\$0.2			
Length x Grad	e x Com	modity	Price in USD			·	-	
				Ag	Pb	Ag+Pb	NiEq %	AuEq g/t
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	From (m)	To (m)	Thickness (m)	Length weighted (length * grade as US\$)	Length weighted (length * grade as US\$)	Ag+Pb value length weighted	1m of 1% NI has US\$262 then un- length weight	
21EHDD003	5	24.7	19.7	\$44,200	\$109	\$ 44,309	8.58	37.5
AMEHRC009	38	90	52	\$25,689	\$10	\$ 25,699	1.89	8.2

Table 4: Metal values used and Calculations for AuEq and NiEq for 2021 drilling, February 2023

Equivalent values of Nickel and Gold have been provided for illustrative purposes only, to assist with a reader's understanding of the relative value of Silver and Lead results from EH compared to more well understood metal values.

#### Glossary

Halo - An area of rocks surrounding mineral deposits (orebodies) enriched in ore-forming elements.

Mineral Resource - a concentration or occurrence of solid or liquid material of economic interest in or on the Earth's crust in such form, grade (or quality), and quantity that there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade (or quality), continuity and other geological characteristics of a Mineral Resource are known, estimated or interpreted from specific geological evidence and knowledge, including sampling. Mineral Resources are sub-divided, in order of increasing geological confidence, into Inferred, Indicated and Measured categories.

Mineral resource classification - is the classification of mineral resources based on an increasing level of geological knowledge and confidence.

Mining Proposal - A document submitted to the local state authority for approval by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS), that is required before any mining operations can commence.

- Mt Million Tonnes Moz - Million Ounces Koz - thousand Ounces
- ozt Troy Ounces
- g/t Grams per Tonne
- Pt Platinum
- **Pd** Palladium
- Rh Rhodium
- Cu Copper
- Ni Nickel
- Au Gold
- Ag Silver
- Pb Lead

Zn - Zinc

- Co Cobalt
- NiEq Nickel Equivalent
- AuEq Gold Equivalent
- PGM Platinum Group Metals

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