

#### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# Nifty Copper Project Restart Financing Update

Cyprium Metals Limited ("CYM", "Cyprium" or "the Company") provides the following update on the financing of the Nifty Copper Project Restart.

The Company undertook fixed income investor calls with international debt capital market investors for a proposed issue of a USD denominated senior secured bond with a five-year tenor, subject to inter alia market conditions (refer to CYM ASX announcement dated 16 January 2023, "Senior Secured Bond Issue Investor Calls Commencing for Nifty Copper Project Restart").

The net proceeds from the contemplated bond issue together with the Offtake Prepayment Facility (refer to CYM ASX announcement dated 22 December 2022, "USD35M Secured Offtake Prepayment Facility for Nifty Copper Project Restart") comprised the targeted AUD240 million to AUD260 million debt funding package to finance the restart of the Nifty Copper Project.

The terms proposed for the USD denominated senior secured bond were revised and deemed not commercially satisfactory to the Company. The previously announced equity raise (refer to CYM ASX announcement dated 6 February 2023, "AUD35M Placement to Support Nifty Project Restart") was contingent on the debt funding package being available, and as a result this equity raise will not complete in the current form. As a consequence, the Company is evaluating possible alternative financing arrangements for the Nifty Copper Project Restart.

Concluding the terms of possible alternative financing arrangements is expected to take several weeks and the Company will advise of any material developments regarding the alternative financing process as it is progressed. The Company intends to remain in voluntary suspension until it is in a position to make a definitive announcement regarding an alternative financing package.

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised by the Board.

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## **About Cyprium Metals Limited**

Cyprium Metals Limited (ASX: CYM) is an ASX listed company with copper projects in Australia. The Company has a highly credentialed management team that is experienced in successfully developing sulphide heap leach copper projects in challenging locations. The Company's strategy is to acquire, develop and operate mineral resource projects in Australia which are optimised by innovative processing solutions to produce copper metal on-site to maximise value.

The Company has projects in the Murchison and Paterson regions of Western Australia that is host to a number of base metals deposits with copper and gold mineralisation.

## **Paterson Copper Projects**

This portfolio of copper projects comprises the Nifty Copper Mine, Maroochydore Copper Project and Paterson Exploration Project.

The Nifty Copper Mine ("Nifty") is located on the western edge of the Great Sandy Desert in the north-eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia, approximately 330km southeast of Port Hedland. Nifty contains a 2012 JORC Mineral Resource of 940,200 tonnes of contained copper i. Cyprium is focussed on a heap leach SX-EW operation to retreat the current heap leach pads as well as open pit oxide and transitional material. Studies will investigate the potential restart of the copper concentrator to treat open pit sulphide material.

The Maroochydore deposit is located ~85km southeast of Nifty and includes a shallow 2012 JORC Mineral Resource of 486,000 tonnes of contained copper <sup>ii</sup>. Aeris Resources Limited (ASX: AIS, formerly Straits Resources Limited) holds certain rights to "buy back up to 50%" into any proposed mine development in respect of the Maroochydore Project, subject to a payment of 3 times the exploration expenditure contribution that would have been required to maintain its interest in the project.

An exploration earn-in joint venture has been entered into with IGO Limited on ~2,400km² of the Paterson Exploration Project. Under the agreement, IGO is to sole fund \$32 million of exploration activities over 6.5 years to earn a 70% interest in the Paterson Exploration Project, including a minimum expenditure of \$11 million over the first 3.5 years. Upon earning a 70% interest, the Joint Venture will form and IGO will free-carry Paterson Copper to the completion of a pre-feasibility study (PFS) on a new mineral discovery.

#### **Murchison Copper-Gold Projects**

Cyprium has an 80% attributable interest in a joint venture with Musgrave Minerals Limited (ASX: MGV) at the Cue Copper-Gold Project, which is located ~20km to the east of Cue in Western Australia. Cyprium will free-carry the Cue Copper Project to the completion of a definitive feasibility study (DFS). The Cue Copper-Gold Project includes the Hollandaire Copper-Gold Mineral Resources of 51,500 tonnes contained copper iii, which is open at depth. Metallurgical test-work has been undertaken to determine the optimal copper extraction methodology, which resulted in rapid leaching times (refer to 9 March 2020 CYM announcement, "Copper Metal Plated", https://cypriummetals.com/copper-metal-plated/).

The Nanadie Well Project is located ~650km northeast of Perth and ~75km southeast of Meekatharra in the Murchison District of Western Australia, within mining lease M51/887, includes the Nanadie Well Copper-Gold Mineral Resources of 162,000 tonnes contained copper <sup>iv</sup>, which is open at depth and along strike to the north.

The Cue and Nanadie Well Copper-Gold projects are included in an ongoing scoping study, to determine the parameters required to develop a copper project in the region, which provides direction for resource expansion work.

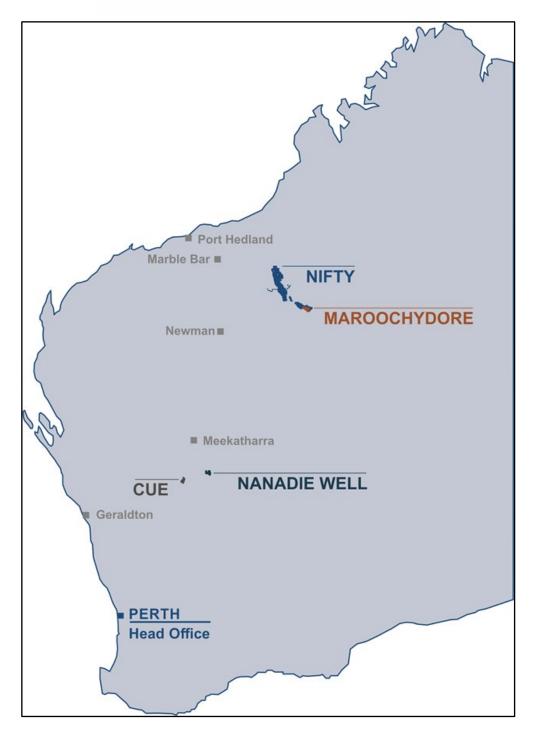
i Refer to CYM ASX announcement dated 16 May 2022 "28.4% increased Nifty Copper MRE to 940,200t copper metal"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Refer to MLX ASX announcements: 10 March 2020, "Nifty Copper Mine Resource Update" and 18 August 2016, "Annual Update of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves"

iii Refer to CYM ASX announcement: 29 September 2020, "Hollandaire Copper-gold Mineral Resource Estimate"

iv Refer to CYM ASX announcement: 19 July 2022, "Nanadie Well Mineral Resource Estimate"





Cyprium Metals project locations

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