



South Pacific Metals Announces Change of Auditor and Change in Year-End

Vancouver, British Columbia – December 20, 2024 – [South Pacific Metals Corp.](#) (TSX-V: **SPMC**; OTCQB: **SPMEF**; FSE: **6J00**) ("**SPMC**" or the "**Company**") announces that it has changed its auditor from Smythe LLP (the "**Former Auditor**") to Davidson & Company LLP (the "**Successor Auditor**") effective December 10, 2024.

In accordance with National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* ("**NI 51-102**"), the Company has filed a Notice of Change of Auditor with respect to the resignation of the Former Auditor and the appointment of the Successor Auditor (the "**Notice**"). The Notice and the required letters from both the Former Auditor and Successor Auditor are available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca).

The Company also announces that it has changed its financial year-end from December 31 to March 31. The change in financial year-end has been made to improve financial and operational efficiencies and to align with the availability of audit services. The Company's current financial year will, therefore, cover the 15-month period from January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, with comparative financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023. Thereafter, the Company will revert to a quarterly reporting calendar based on a March 31 financial year-end, with reporting periods ending on the last day of June, September, December, and March each year.

The next interim financial statements will cover the three-month period from October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Further details regarding the change in financial year-end, including the Company's length and ending dates of the Company's financial reporting periods, are available in the Company's Notice of Change in Year-End prepared in accordance with NI 51-102 and filed under the Company's profile on SEDAR+.

About South Pacific Metals Corp.

South Pacific Metals Corp is an emerging gold-copper exploration company operating in the heart of Papua New Guinea's proven gold and copper production corridors. With an expansive 3,100 km² land package and four transformative gold-copper projects contiguous with major producers K92 Mining, PanAust and neighbouring Barrick/Zijin, new leadership and experienced in-country teams are prioritizing thoughtful and rigorous technical programs focused on boots-on-the-ground exploration to prioritize discovery across its portfolio projects: Anga, Osená, Kili Teke and May River.

Immediately flanking K92's active drilling and gold producing operations to the northeast and southwest, SPMC's Anga and Osená Projects are located within the high-grade Kainantu Gold District – each having the potential to host similar-style lode-gold and porphyry copper-gold mineralization as that present within K92's tenements. Kili Teke is an advanced exploration project situated only 40 km from the world-class Porgera Gold Mine and hosts an existing Inferred Mineral Resource with multiple opportunities for expansion and further discovery. The May River Project is located adjacent to the world-renowned Frieda



River copper-gold project, with historical drilling indicating potential for a significant, untapped-gold mineralized system. SPMC common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V: SPMC), the OTCQB Marketplace (OTCQB: SPMEF) and Frankfurt Stock Exchange (FSE: 6J00).

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