



TRIGON METALS ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND PROVIDES UPDATE ON PROJECT RESTART ACTIVITIES AND PROJECT FINANCING

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Toronto, Canada – December 19, 2017 – Trigon Metals Inc. (TSX-V: TM) (“Trigon” or the “Company”) announces that Forbes & Manhattan Resources Inc. (“Forbes”) and certain other investors will subscribe to a private placement financing of up to 5,714,285 units (the “Units”) at a price of \$0.35 per Unit for gross proceeds of up to \$2,000,000 (the “Offering”).

The Offering

Each Unit will be comprised of one common share of Trigon (a “Share”) and one common share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”). Each Warrant will entitle the holder thereof to acquire one Share at a price of \$0.50 for a period of 24 months following the closing date of the Offering, subject to an acceleration provision whereby in the event that at any time after the expiry of the statutory hold period, the Shares trade at \$1.00 or higher on the TSX Venture Exchange (on an average trading volume of not less than 200,000 Shares per day) for a period of 20 consecutive days, the Company shall have the right to accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to the date that is 30 days after the Company issues a news release announcing that it has elected to exercise the acceleration right.

Closing of the Offering is expected to occur in two tranches. The first tranche, for gross proceeds of \$500,000, is expected to close on or about December 22, 2017 (the “First Tranche”). The second tranche, for gross proceeds of \$1,500,000, is expected to close on or before January 30, 2018 (the “Second Tranche”). The Second Tranche is conditional on the Company completing an updated mineral resource estimate in respect of the surface accessible (targeted open pit) portion of the Kombat mine (the “Updated Resource Estimate”) and updating the financial model used in the Company’s preliminary economic assessment (“PEA”) which is summarized within the Company’s National Instrument 43-101 compliant technical report entitled “NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Kombat Copper Project, Namibia” dated May 31, 2017. The technical report is available under the Company’s profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Company’s website at www.trigonmetals.com

Closing of each of the First and Second Tranches remains subject to a number of conditions, including receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. All securities issued by Trigon will be subject to a hold period of four months and one day from the respective date of issue. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering to update its resource estimate in respect of the surface accessible (open pit) portion of the Kombat mine, preparation of a bankable feasibility study on the surface accessible (open pit) portion of the Kombat mine, exploration and development of the Kombat mine, to secure equipment for the refurbishment of the existing mill and concentrator at the Kombat mine and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

Stephan Theron, President and CEO of Trigon, commented: “This funding will provide the initial capital for Trigon’s restart activities and will put us in a strong position to achieve our production target in 2018.”

Following the completion of the First and Second Tranches, if the Company completes a private placement financing for gross proceeds of at least \$1,000,000 on or before April 30, 2018 with Forbes or other investors introduced to the Company by Forbes, Forbes shall be entitled to receive a production payment related to the Company’s Namibian open pit mining operations (the “Production Payment”). Forbes has notified the Company that if the Company launches another private placement financing on or before April 30, 2018, it is interested in investing an additional \$1,000,000.

The Production Payment will be calculated as 0.5% of net smelter returns related to the Company’s Namibian open pit mining operations. The Production Payment will be payable on a quarterly basis from commencement of production from the Kombat mine open pit until depletion of the open pit resource as described in the Updated Resource Estimate or any future increases thereof (the “Production Period”).

Restart Activities

The Company continues to target the commencement of open pit mining at Kombat by the third quarter of 2018 and is making good progress in advancing the various workstreams as previously reported and as updated below.

The Company does not have a current feasibility study and is not basing its decision to restart mining activities on any estimated mineral reserves or on a feasibility study regarding the economic or technical feasibility of the Kombat project. Historically, projects that are re-commenced prior to the mining company completing a feasibility study have a much higher risk of economic or technical failure. Estimates regarding production levels, development timetable and economic feasibility in respect of the Kombat mine are based on internal management forecasts and are inherently uncertain and subject to continued refinement.

Drilling Results, Updated Mineral Resource Estimate and Updated Financial Model

Final assay results from the October 2017 drilling programs which focused on the Kombat Central and East areas are expected to be received by the end of December 2017. The information will then be utilized to remodel the current Mineral Resource estimate, as required to close the Second Tranche of the Offering as referred to above. The Updated Resource Estimate will form the basis for the feasibility study on the surface mining areas as referred to below.

In conjunction with the Updated Resource Estimate, the Company will also update the financial model used in the Company’s PEA.

Environmental Permitting

The Company remains on track to secure the Environmental Clearance Certificate required for open pit mining and associated activities, as well as those approvals needed for exploration activities for underground mining. The required specialist studies are in their final stages of

completion, and application for the necessary permitting will be made in early 2018 after the relevant Environmental Impact Assessment reports have been reviewed by stakeholders.

Metallurgical Testwork

Variability testing on the optimized flotation conditions as announced on November 30, 2017, is expected to be completed by February 2018. The testing results and will be used in the feasibility study referred to below.

Plant Refurbishment and Other On-site Activities

The Company intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the Offering to securing equipment for the refurbishment of the existing mill and concentrator at Kombat.

In addition, the Company will commence with the process of selecting a mining contractor in early 2018 to facilitate on-site mobilization to meet the targeted timelines for commencement of mining.

Feasibility Studies

The Company intends to initiate a feasibility study on the surface mining areas and a pre-feasibility design on the Asis Far West underground mine in January 2018. The Company does not currently have a feasibility study in respect of the Kombat mine and production restart activities are based on internal management forecasts.

Offtake and Project Finance Agreements

The Company is well placed to move forward with the finalization of the offtake and project finance agreements with a major international trading house, details of which were announced on October 26, 2017.

In respect of the offtake, the trading house has agreed to purchase 100% of the annual production from the Kombat mine up to a total of 20,000 metric tonnes of contained copper (the "Offtake"), representing the anticipated life of mine production from the open pit in the Kombat Central and East areas.

In conjunction with the Offtake, the trader will provide a financing facility to Manila Investments (Pty) Ltd of up to US\$7.7 million (the "Facility") to refurbish the concentrator at the Kombat mine, to upgrade infrastructures and for working capital purposes to bring the Kombat open pit mine into production.

The finalization of the Offtake and the Facility are subject to various conditions precedent, including final due diligence and approvals from the trader.

Qualified Person

The technical and scientific contents of this press release have been prepared under the supervision of and have been reviewed and approved by Fanie Muller, P.Eng, VP Operations of Trigon, who is a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.

Trigon Metals Inc.

Trigon is a publicly traded Canadian exploration and development company with its core operations focused on copper resources in Namibia, one of the world's most prospective copper regions, where it has substantial assets in place with significant upside. The Company continues to hold an 80% interest in five mining licences in the Otavi Mountain lands, an area of Namibia particularly known for its high-grade copper deposits. Within these licences are three past producing mines including the Company's flagship property, the Kombat Mine.

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