

# BUNKER HILL BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF PROCESSING PLANT AND STARTS RESOURCE EXPANSION DRILL PROGRAM

**TORONTO, May 21, 2024** – Bunker Hill Mining Corp. ("**Bunker Hill**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV: BNKR, OTCQB: BHLL) is pleased to provide an update on its Bunker Hill Mine located in Kellogg, Idaho. A call with the management is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 8 a.m. (Pacific time) to provide an update and answer questions. Additional details regarding the call are available here:

#### https://events.6ix.com/preview/our-strategic-expansion-drilling-program-and-infrastructure-milestones

"The start of our processing plant construction represents a vital and exciting milestone in our journey to restart the Bunker Hill Mine." said Sam Ash, CEO, "We are on track for the planned start of both mining and mill commissioning by the end of this year, with the goal of ramping up to full production through Q1 2025".



# CONSTRUCTION STARTED OF THE CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE PROCESSING PLANT

Drawing looking South showing processing plant foundations tied to the bedrock under Bunker Yard by deep piers; along with location of critical components

Concrete being poured on 13 May 2024 into the foundations of the Ore Bin, looking North towards the Mill Offices, Maintenance shed, and beyond into Kellogg Town and the Silver Valley

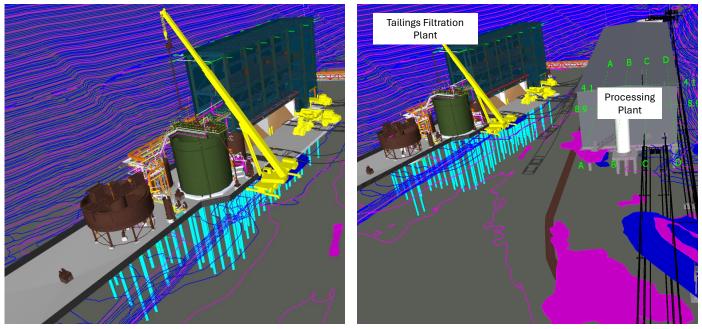
On April 30, 2024, the Company received its critical Pre-Permit to Construct from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), allowing the Company to start construction of its processing, and associated tailings management and mining facilities. This essential permission was granted following a detailed review of the Company's Air Emissions Model and all its associated controls.

The Company is on track to start technical commissioning of the plant during Q4 2024. This will be concurrent with the planned start of mining and the building up of stockpiles; with the ramp up to full production through the first quarter of 2025.

# **OPTIMIZED TAILINGS FILTRATION PLANT**

After completing a detailed review of the Bunker Hill restart plant, the Company elected to optimize the Tailings Filtration Plant design to ensure both the highest possible standards of long-term environmental management and the ability to ramp up operations from 1800-2500 tpd over time.

This final design favored the more effective, but more expensive, pressure filtration system over the disk filter method considered in the Company's preliminary feasibility study for the Bunker Hill Mine dated September 30, 2022 and reported in a news release dated October 18, 2022 that can be found <u>here</u>. The engineering for the new Filtration Plant has passed the 60% engineering milestone; with construction of the foundations intended to start in June 2024 following the setting of the deep piers.



Final Tailings Filtration Plant Design, looking South.

Filtration Plant Location to East of Main Processing Plant Facility

The costs associated with the optimization of the Tails Filtration solution coupled with other key activities to de-risk the original design of the processing plant – specifically greater investment in deep pier stability, have been incorporated into a revised project budget and mining schedule. This optimization currently projects a marginal increase in the original 'total cost-to-complete' budget approved in Q1 2023, the start of mining in Q4 2024 with a ramp up to full production through Q1 2025. These adjustments have been incorporated into the on-going re-financing process, as detailed below.

#### **RE-FINANCING UPDATE**

The Company has been financing the project since H1 2023 using the US\$67M financing package provided by Sprott Streaming. To improve projected free cashflow/share once the mine is in production, the Company has been conducting a re-financing process concurrent with advancing and thereby de-risking the total project plan. This aims to both lower the cost of project capital as well as increase the total quantum of capital available for the updated and de-risked project plan.

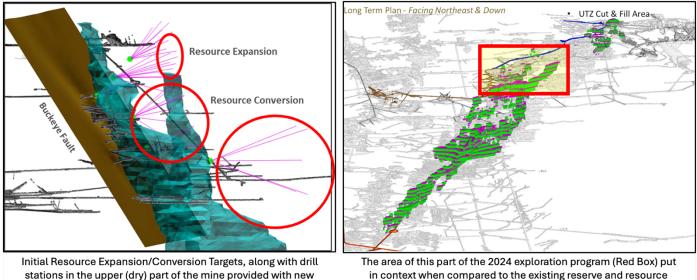
After three months, the company is pleased to report that this process has identified multiple suitable options, and a preferred solution with signed term sheet has been chosen. As a result, we have now moved into the execution phase and are on track to conclude this within the next 60 days. Additional details and progress updates will be provided in due course.

#### EXPLORATION DRILLING COMMENCEMENT

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Company initiated a resource expansion and exploration drilling program in support of the staged restart plan. This limited and precise program is fully funded within the existing restart budget. Over the coming months, 8,975 feet of core will be drilled from underground to further define and expand the existing resource. The initial drill targets are in close proximity to where the initial mining phase will take place.



Drill Rig run setting up underground for first phase of 8,975' drilling campaign



access to grid power.

in context when compared to the existing reserve and resource envelope (shown in Green/Purple above).

This is the first phase of a staged, deliberate, multi-year exploration and resource expansion drill program, to be funded from operating cashflow when the mine is in production.

# **Qualified Person**

Mr. Scott Wilson, is an independent "qualified person" as defined by NI 43-101 and is acting as the qualified person for the Company. He has reviewed, verified and approved the technical information summarized in this news release, including the sampling, preparation, security and analytical procedures underlying such information, and is not aware of any significant risks and uncertainties that could be expected to affect the reliability or confidence in the information discussed herein."

About Bunker Hill Mining Corp.

Bunker Hill Mining intends to sustainably restart and develop the Bunker Hill Mine as the first step in consolidating and then optimizing several mining assets into a high-value portfolio of operations delivering critical metals into the market, initially focused on North America. Information about the Company is available on its website, www.bunkerhillmining.com, or the SEDAR+ and EDGAR databases.

# On behalf of Bunker Hill Mining Corp.

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reserves; the preliminary nature of metallurgical test results; the Company's ability to restart and develop the Bunker Hill Mine and the risks of not basing a production decision on a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability, resulting in increased uncertainty due to multiple technical and economic risks of failure which are associated with this production decision including, among others, areas that are analyzed in more detail in a feasibility study, such as applying economic analysis to resources and reserves, more detailed metallurgy and a number of specialized studies in areas such as mining and recovery methods, market analysis, and environmental and community impacts and, as a result, there may be an increased uncertainty of achieving any particular level of recovery of minerals or the cost of such recovery, including increased risks associated with developing a commercially mineable deposit, with no guarantee that production will begin as anticipated or at all or that anticipated production costs will be achieved; failure to commence production would have a material adverse impact on the Company's ability to generate revenue and cash flow to fund operations; failure to achieve the anticipated production costs would have a material adverse impact on the Company's cash flow and future profitability; delays in obtaining or failures to obtain required governmental, environmental or other project approvals; political risks; changes in equity markets; uncertainties relating to the availability and costs of financing needed in the future; the inability of the Company to budget and manage its liquidity in light of the failure to obtain additional financing, including the ability of the Company to complete the payments pursuant to the terms of the agreement to acquire the Bunker Hill Mine complex; inflation; changes in exchange rates; fluctuations in commodity prices; delays in the development of projects; and capital, operating and reclamation costs varying significantly from estimates and the other risks involved in the mineral exploration and development industry. Although the Company believes that the assumptions and factors used in preparing the forward-looking information in this news release are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on such statements or information, which only applies as of the date of this news release, and no assurance can be given that such events will occur in the disclosed time frames or at all, including as to whether or when the Company will achieve its project finance initiatives, or as to the actual size or terms of those financing initiatives. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, other than as required by law. No stock exchange, securities commission or other regulatory authority has approved or disapproved the information contained herein.

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