Alphamin Announces Record Quarterly Tin Production/ Q2 2022 EBITDA Guidance of US$66.5m/ Dividend Declared

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July 5, 2022 (Source) – Alphamin Resources Corp. (AFM:TSXV, APH:JSE AltX)("Alphamin" or the "Company"), a producer of 4% of the world's mined tin[1] from its high grade operation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, is pleased to provide the following operational update for the quarter ended June 2022:

- **Record quarterly tin production of 3,180 tonnes**
- **Q2 EBITDA**[4] guidance of **US$66.5m**
- **Interim dividend for FY2022** of **CAD$0.03 per share** declared
- **Strategic Review update**

Operational and Financial Summary for the Quarter ended June 2022[2]

Description	Units	Actual		
		Quarter ended June 2022	Quarter ended March 2022	Change
Ore Processed	Tonnes	112 569	105 565	7%
Tin Grade Processed	% Sn	3,65	3,73	-2%
Overall Plant Recovery	%	77,3	77,7	-1%
Contained Tin Produced	Tonnes	3 180	3 061	4%

Contained Tin Sold	Tonnes	3 229	3 336	-3%
EBITDA[3,4] (Q2 2022 guidance)	US$'000	66 500	98 104	-32%
AISC[3, 4] (Q2 2022 guidance)	US$/t sold	14 800	15 782	-6%
Net Cash[4] (Cash less debt)	US$'000	138 100	129 775	6%
Tin Price Achieved	US$/t	35 500	43 834	-19%

[1]Data obtained from International Tin Association Tin Industry Review Update 2021 [2]Production information is disclosed on a 100% basis. Alphamin indirectly owns 84.14% of its operating subsidiary to which the information relates. Totals may not add due to rounding effects. [3]Q2 2022 EBITDA and AISC represent management's guidance. [4]This is not a standardized financial measure and may not be comparable to similar financial measures of other issuers.See "Use of Non-IFRS Financial Measures" below for the composition and calculation of this financial measure.

Operational and Financial Performance – Q2 2022

Contained tin production of 3,180 tonnes represents a quarterly record, 4% above the previous quarter. Underground mining and processing plant recoveries were in line with expectations. Year-to-date contained tin production of 6,241 tonnes exceeded the run-rate to achieve market guidance of 12,000 tonnes for the year ending December 2022.

AISC per tonne of tin sold is expected to decrease by 6% to US$14,800 following a 4% increase in production and the impact of lower tin prices on off-mine costs related to product marketing fees, royalties, export duties and smelter payables.

EBITDA for Q2 2022 is estimated at US$66.5m (Q1: US$98m) at an average achieved tin price of US$35,500/t (Q1: US$43,834/t). In addition to a higher tin price, the previous quarter's sales volumes included a catch-up from delayed sales during Q4 2021.

The Alphamin consolidated Net Cash position increased by US$8,3 million during Q2 2022 to US$138.1 million. This increase is after a FY2021 corporate tax payment of US$43.5 million to the DRC government in April 2022.

Alphamin's unaudited consolidated financial statements and accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis for the quarter ended 30 June 2022 are expected to be released on or about 26 July 2022.

Interim FY2022 Dividend Declared

The Board resolved to declare an interim FY2022 cash dividend of CAD$0.03 per share on the common shares (approximately US$30m in the aggregate) (the "Dividend"). The Dividend will be payable on 5 August 2022 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on 22 July 2022. Dividend distributions will be considered semi-annually based on excess free cash after taking account of capital funding requirements, including for the new Mpama South expansion project

Strategic Review Update

On 9 November 2021, the Company announced the initiation of a strategic review to explore alternatives such as fast-tracking the Company's expansion and life-of-mine extension potential, balance sheet restructuring including revenue prepayments and streaming, shareholder distributions or a corporate merger or sale transaction.

The Company wishes to update shareholders and other market

participants on this initiative:

1. Exploration drilling doubled from Q4 2021 to a quarterly average of over 12,000 metres and delivered an additional 124,700t contained tin in inferred Resource and 21,400t contained tin in indicated Resource at Mpama South. In addition, multiple high-grade tin intercepts were reported from drilling at depth at Mpama North.
2. Mine development of the adjacent Mpama South deposit commenced, which is expected to increase annual contained tin production from the current 12,000tpa to ~20,000tpa, approximating 6.6% of the world's mined tin, effective FY2024.
3. Dividend distributions commenced in February 2022 (Final FY2021 dividend) and net cash increased from US$1m to US$138m during the 9 months ended June 2022. A strong balance sheet to support growth initiatives whilst achieving high dividend returns to shareholders is considered a robust value proposition.
4. The Company is of the opinion that global tin supply is likely to remain constrained for at least the next five years while demand for tin is expected to increase. In addition to the development of Mpama South, the Company's vision is to discover more tin deposits on its license areas with a view to deliver additional mine developments and incrementally increase tin supply into an expected widening market deficit.
5. At this point in time, the Company believes that an outright sale transaction would not deliver the future value it intends to unlock through ongoing resource development and production growth.

Qualified Person

Mr. Clive Brown, Pr. Eng., B.Sc. Engineering (Mining), is a

qualified person (QP) as defined in National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained in this news release. He is a Principal Consultant and Director of Bara Consulting Pty Limited, an independent technical consultant to the Company.

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USE OF NON-IFRS FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

This announcement refers to the following non-IFRS financial performance measures:

EBITDA

EBITDA is profit before net finance expense, income taxes and depreciation, depletion, and amortization. EBITDA provides insight into our overall business performance (a combination of cost management and growth) and is the corresponding flow driver towards the objective of achieving industry-leading returns. This measure assists readers in understanding the ongoing cash generating potential of the business including liquidity to fund working capital, servicing debt, and funding capital expenditures and investment opportunities.

This measure is not recognized under IFRS as it does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and is therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. EBITDA data is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

NET CASH

Net cash is defined as cash and cash equivalents less total current and non-current portions of interest-bearing debt and lease liabilities.

AISC

This measures the costs to produce and sell a tonne of contained tin plus the capital sustaining costs to maintain the mine, processing plant and infrastructure. AISC includes mine operating production expenses such as mining, processing, administration, indirect charges

(including surface maintenance and camp and tailings dam construction costs), smelting costs and deductions, refining and freight, distribution, royalties and product marketing fees. AISC does not include depreciation, depletion, and amortization, reclamation expenses, borrowing costs and exploration expenses.

Sustaining capital expenditures are defined as those expenditures which do not increase contained tin production at a mine site and excludes all expenditures at the Company's projects and certain expenditures at the Company's operating sites which are deemed expansionary in nature.