



## NEWS RELEASE

### ALTA COPPER ANNOUNCES OPTION AGREEMENT ON ARIKEPAY PROJECT

Vancouver, British Columbia, April 23, 2025. Alta Copper Corp. (TSX: ATCU; OTCQX: ATCUF; BVL: ATCU) ("Alta Copper" or the "Company") is very pleased to announce it has entered into a Definitive Option Agreement (the "Option Agreement") with the newly formed Precore Gold Corp. ("Precore Gold") to explore and develop the 100% owned Arikepay copper-gold project ("Arikepay Project"), comprised of three mineral concessions totaling 1,800 hectares and located about 110 km south of the city of Arequipa in southern Perú.

Under the Definitive Option Agreement, Precore Gold will have the option and right to acquire up to a 100% beneficial interest in the Arikepay Project. A summary of the terms based on 100% acquisition which is contingent upon the successful staged development of the Arikepay Project is outlined below:

- Total Share Consideration of 3,500,000 common shares of Precore Gold
- 1.5% Net Smelter Royalty
- Total Cash Payments of Cdn\$375,000
- Milestone Payments totaling Cdn\$7,000,000 comprised of:
  - \$1,000,000 contingent on defining a mineral resource estimate of 1 million equivalent ounces;
  - \$1,000,000 on defining a mineral resource estimate of 2 million equivalent ounces;
  - \$2,000,000 on completion of a Preliminary Economic Assessment; and,
  - \$3,000,000 on completion of a Feasibility Study.
- Exploration Commitment of Cdn\$1,500,000 between Year 1 to 3, Cdn\$4,000,000 between Year 4 to 5 and a further \$3,500,000 in year 6 to 10.
- Cdn\$1,000,000 in cash or the equivalent value in common shares of Precore Gold on the acquisition of the final 20% interest.

Giulio T. Bonifacio, Executive Chair and CEO, commented: "We are very pleased to have entered into an option agreement on our Arikepay gold-copper project, originally acquired by Alta Copper in 2006. Arikepay is a highly prospective asset with significant upside, as demonstrated by past drilling. Given Alta's primary focus on advancing the Cañariaco copper project, more fully described below, this option agreement represents a strategic move to maximize shareholder value on what is a very prospective project. We are very pleased to see Precore Gold take the lead in advancing Arikepay which is backed by top-tier mining professionals with a strong track record of success."

## **Detailed Summary of Option Terms:**

### **First 51% Interest**

Precore Gold would have the option to acquire an initial indirect 51% beneficial interest in the Arikepay Project by:

- Issuance of 1,500,000 common shares of Precore Gold (the “Initial Shares”) upon receiving Canadian Stock Exchange approval of the Option Agreement followed by the issuance of a further 1,000,000 common shares within four months of the issuance of the Initial Shares;
- Incurring the following minimum expenditures:
  - Cdn\$1,500,000 within the first 3 years; and
  - Cdn\$4,000,000 in total during year 4 and year 5.
- All expenditures may be accelerated at the option of Precore Gold (dependent on required permitting).

### **Second 24% Interest**

Precore Gold would have the option to acquire an additional indirect 24% beneficial interest in the Arikepay Project by:

- Issuance of 1,000,000 common shares of Precore Gold;
  - Incurring a minimum of Cdn\$3,500,000 in expenditures; and
  - Making consecutive cash payments from year 6 to 10 in the amount of Cdn\$75,000 per year.

### **Third 5% Interest**

Precore Gold would have the option to acquire an additional indirect 5% beneficial interest in the Arikepay Project by:

- Having identified an inferred mineral resource estimate (Maiden Resource Estimate (“MRE”) prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in National Instrument 43-101.

### **Remaining 20% Interest**

Precore Gold would have the option to acquire the remaining indirect 20% beneficial interest in the Arikepay Project by:

- Paying an additional Cdn\$1M in cash or the equivalent value in common shares of Precore Gold; and
- Granting 1.5% net smelter returns royalty in respect of the Arikepay Project.

## **Milestone Payments:**

Precore Gold would have further milestone payment obligations as follow:

- Identifying an MRE of 1M oz AuEq = Payment of Cdn\$1M in cash or the equivalent value in common shares of Precore Gold;
- Identifying an MRE of 2M oz AuEq = Additional payment of Cdn\$1M in cash or the equivalent value in common shares of Precore Gold;
- Preliminary Economic Assessment = Cdn\$2M in cash or the equivalent value in common shares of Precore Gold; and
- Feasibility Study = \$3M in cash or the equivalent value in common shares of Precore Gold.

#### **Joint Venture Agreement and subsequent expenditures and funding:**

After Precore Gold has:

- a. earned the First Interest, and Precore Gold has waived or abandoned its right to acquire the Second Interest;
- b. earned the Second Interest, and Precore Gold has waived or abandoned its right to acquire the Third Interest; or
- c. earned the Third Interest, Precore Gold (or a subsidiary thereof) and Alta Copper (or a subsidiary thereof) would enter into a joint venture agreement (the "JV Agreement") for the Arikepay Project that would contain market standard joint venture terms.

Each party would then contribute on a pro rata basis to the further development of the Arikepay Project as may be determined and proposed by a management committee established in accordance with the terms of the JV Agreement which would contemplate at the minimum, a party's representation on the management committee in proportion to its interest in the Arikepay Project.

Should either party decide not to contribute any part of its pro rata portion of any further work then its interest would be diluted on a pro rata basis using a formula based on the total expenditures on the Arikepay Project. Precore Gold shall have the right of first refusal to acquire Alta Copper's interest in the Arikepay Project.

During the term of the Option Agreement, Precore Gold shall be the operator of the project and shall have the final approval authority for exploration and development programs and expenditure budgets.

The issuance of common shares pursuant to the Option Agreement is subject to approval by the Canadian Securities Exchange. Any common shares issued pursuant to the Option Agreement will be subject to a statutory four month and one day hold period commencing on the date of issuance of such common shares pursuant to applicable Canadian securities laws.

#### **Don Gregorio Project**

Alta Copper has terminated its Joint Venture Option Agreement and Assignment Agreement with Forte Minerals Corp. These agreements were related to the Don Gregorio copper-gold porphyry

project, which is 100% owned by Alta Copper. The project comprises a single mineral concession covering 900 hectares, located roughly 140 km north-northeast of Chiclayo and about 40 km north of Alta Copper's Cañariaco Norte project, within the Cajamarca department of northern Perú.

Following the termination of the agreements, Alta Copper plans to advance the Don Gregorio project either independently or through a new option agreement with what are expected to be improved terms. The company is currently in discussions with several interested parties which further emphasizes Don Gregorio's geological potential.

### **About Alta Copper**

Alta Copper is focused on the development of its 100% owned Cañariaco advanced staged copper project. Cañariaco comprises 91 square km of highly prospective land located 102 km northeast of the City of Chiclayo, Peru, which includes the Cañariaco Norte deposit, the Cañariaco Sur deposit and the Quebrada Verde prospect, all within a 4 km NE-SW trend in northern Peru's prolific mining district. Cañariaco is one of the largest copper deposits in the Americas not held by a major.

The Company's Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA"), filed on June 10, 2024 highlights that the Cañariaco Norte deposit has a measured and indicated resource containing 9.3 billion pounds of copper; 2.1 million ounces of gold and 60.4 million ounces of silver within 1.1 billion tonnes with a copper equivalent grade of 0.42% and a further 2.4 billion pounds of copper; 520,000 ounces of gold and 16.9 million ounces of silver within 416 tonnes with a copper equivalent grade of 0.29%. The PEA also highlights that the Cañariaco Sur deposit has an inferred resource containing 2.5 billion pounds of copper; 1.3 million ounces gold; 17.6 million ounces of silver and 24 million pounds of Moly within 474 million tonnes with a copper equivalent grade of 0.29%.

Please refer to the technical report dated June 10, 2024 and titled "NI 43-101 Technical Report on Preliminary Economic Assessment," prepared by Ausenco Engineering Canada ULC available on the Company's website and on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) under the Company's profile.

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements**

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On behalf of the Board of Alta Copper Corp.

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