

## Atacama Copper Appoints Tim Warman as CEO and Director

Vancouver, British Columbia – August 15, 2022 – Atacama Copper Corporation (TSXV: **ACOP**) ("Atacama Copper" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Tim Warman as Chief Executive Officer and Director. Mr. Warman is a mining executive and geologist with more than 30 years of experience ranging from early-stage exploration to production. He has held senior leadership roles and board positions with some of the industry's most notable companies. Most recently he was CEO of Fiore Gold, a successful Nevada gold producer that was acquired by Calibre Mining in early 2022. Prior to Fiore Gold he served on the board of Continental Gold (Buritica Deposit, Colombia, acquired by Zijin Mining), was President of Dalradian Resources (Curraghinalt Deposit, Northern Ireland, acquired by Orion Mine Finance) and Vice-President, Corporate Development, of Aurelian Resources Inc., which discovered the Fruta del Norte gold deposit in Ecuador before being acquired for \$1.2 billion by Kinross Gold Corp. Earlier in his career he held senior positions in mining and exploration companies in the Americas, Africa and Europe. Tim is a graduate of the University of Manitoba (MSc) and McMaster University (BSc) and is a member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario.

In connection with his appointment, Mr. Warman has been granted 300,000 stock options in the Company. Each stock option is exercisable, for a period of 5 years from the date of grant, to acquire one common share of Atacama Copper at an exercise price of C\$0.20. The stock options shall vest in three equal parts on the grant date, first anniversary and second anniversary of the grant date. Mr. Warman's appointment is subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval.

Mr. Gino Zandonai will transition to the role of Senior VP of Business Development, focusing on identifying and evaluating acquisition targets. Gino's long experience and extensive connections in Chile and across South America will be integral to the company's growth strategy.

"On behalf of the Board I'm pleased to welcome Tim as the new CEO." said Martyn Buttenshaw, Chairman of Atacama Copper. "Tim's broad experience across project development stages and capital markets is a welcome addition to the team, and we look forward to working with him as we grow the Company."

Tim Warman, incoming CEO, commented, "I'm excited to be joining Atacama and look forward to working with the team as we build a significant Americas-focused copper company. Atacama is a strong platform for growth with two prospective early-stage copper properties and the support of well known, long-term shareholders. The company is well financed with over \$2m in cash as of March 31, 2022. We will be drawing on our team's extensive knowledge of copper development and production assets and aggressively pursuing opportunities to grow the company over the coming months."

Coincident with Mr. Warman's appointment, a group of purchasers have entered into agreements to purchase a total of 6,600,000 common shares of the Company ("Shares") from the principal shareholders of the Company (the "Share Transaction"). As part of the Share Transaction, it is anticipated that Mr. Warman will acquire 675,000 Shares (being 1.96% of the outstanding Shares) and Scott Hicks, a director of the Company, will increase his shareholding by a further 200,000 Shares to a total of 585,000 Shares (being 1.7% of the outstanding Shares). Additionally, upon completion of the Share Transaction, Medalist Capital Ltd. will become an insider of the

Company, as it is anticipated that their stake will increase to 13.4% of the outstanding Shares. As a result of the Share Transaction, Gino Zandonai, Atacama's largest shareholder, will reduce his position from 31.15% to 20.7%.

### **About Atacama Copper Corporation**

Atacama Copper Corporation is a resource company focusing on acquiring, exploring, and developing copper properties in Chile and elsewhere in the Americas. It is committed to advancing the exploration and development of the Placeton and El Cofre projects while looking to increase its asset portfolio through the acquisition and development of other high-value copper exploration, development, and production opportunities. Atacama Copper's Placeton project is a large porphyry copper target located between the Relincho and El Morro Copper-gold deposits of the Nueva Union joint venture between Teck and Newmont Mining.

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