

## **BUNKER HILL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER AND SECURES MINING CONTRACTOR**

TORONTO, February 15, 2022 – Bunker Hill Mining Corp. (the “Company”) (CSE: BNKR, OTCQB: BHLL) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tom Francis as General Manager for the Bunker Hill Mine, and the execution of a mining services contract with Coeur d’Alene Mine Contracting LLC (“CMC”).

Sam Ash, CEO stated “A critical driver of our success has been the strength that comes from building a world-class team, which will remain a central focus as we accelerate the restart of the Bunker Hill Mine. Tom’s demonstrated leadership skills and track record are a perfect fit for our needs, and I am pleased to welcome him on our journey towards not just building a mine, but a mining company. He will oversee all operational aspects of the restart of the Bunker Hill Mine including technical services, construction, contract management, and Safety and Health.”

“I am also pleased to announce the appointment of CMC as our mining contractor through planned commercial production. This extends an excellent and productive relationship that began in 2020, during which time they have demonstrated their world-class mining capabilities, knowledge of the Silver Valley, and ability to procure skilled personnel to meet our needs. Importantly, agreed rates are in line with those modelled in our PEA. Together with the MOU for the purchase of Teck’s Pend Oreille process plant for approximately \$3 million, we are pleased that key capital and operating costs continue to be in line with estimates.”

### **APPOINTMENT OF TOM FRANCIS AS GENERAL MANAGER**

The Company has appointed Tom Francis as General Manager of the Bunker Hill Mine. Mr. Francis joins the Bunker Hill team after 10 years with Rio Tinto, the second-largest mining company in the world, where he was most recently Mine Manager at the Kennecott Bingham Canyon Mine (“Kennecott”) in Utah, USA, its single largest mining operation. Among other achievements, his team delivered world-class payload metrics on Kennecott’s ultra-class truck fleet while simultaneously increasing average haul truck speeds and tire life. Previous roles with Rio Tinto included responsibility for productivity across the full Kennecott value stream (mine, concentrator, smelter and refinery), three years in the Group strategic investment analysis team assessing its global suite of projects (greenfield, brownfield & closure), and several years in Rio Tinto Exploration (RTX) managing operational support (incl. safety) for Rio Tinto’s Exploration’s projects across Africa and Eurasia.

Prior to his mining experience, Mr. Francis served as an officer in the Royal Marines and UK Special Forces, serving on multiple operational tours in Kosovo, Iraq & Afghanistan. He is a dual national US/UK citizen having lived, studied and worked in both the US and the UK. He holds a first-class degree from the University of Oxford (BA, Mathematics & Computation).

### **APPOINTMENT OF CMC AS MINING CONTRACTOR**

The Company has also agreed a Contract Services Agreement (“CSA”) with Coeur d’Alene Mine Contracting, LLC for underground mining and development requirements through December 31, 2023, by which time it plans to be in commercial production. CMC is a locally owned and operated mining services company based in Idaho’s Silver Valley with extensive contracting experience in the deepest underground mines across North America. Their contract experience spans production, development, mine rehabilitation, mine start-ups and mine closures.

The CSA extends an ongoing relationship with CMC that has seen them work alongside the Bunker Hill team for the last two years, during which time they have performed safely, productively and developed an extensive first-hand knowledge of the Bunker Hill mine. Importantly, CMC has demonstrated an ability to grow in accordance with the step-up in physical activity at Bunker Hill without diluting operational performance. Labor and equipment rates in the CSA are consistent with the Company's Preliminary Economic Assessment published in November 2021, and CMC has also been advising on and supporting the procurement of necessary additional equipment as operational activity increases.

## **ABOUT BUNKER HILL MINING CORP.**

Under new Idaho-based leadership the Bunker Hill Mining Corp, intends to sustainably restart and develop the Bunker Hill Mine as the first step in consolidating a portfolio of North American mining assets with a focus on silver. Information about the Company is available on its website, [www.bunkerhillmining.com](http://www.bunkerhillmining.com), or within the SEDAR and EDGAR databases.

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*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; capital, operating and reclamation costs varying significantly from estimates and the other risks involved in the mineral exploration and development industry; and those risks set out in the Company's public documents filed on SEDAR. 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 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. 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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