



## NEWS RELEASE

# Sierra Metals Announces Extension to the Suspension of Its Yauricocha Mining Operations Until April 26, 2020 Following an Extension to the State of Emergency in Peru to Contain the Advancement of the COVID-19 Virus

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TORONTO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Sierra Metals Inc. (TSX: SMT) (BVL: SMT) (NYSE AMERICAN: SMTS) ("SierraMetals" or the "Company") announces that the Peruvian government has extended the state of emergency by an additional 14 days to contain the advancement of COVID-19 virus. Non-essential businesses are required to close, and travel remains restricted within the country. As a result of this extension of the declaration, the Company will continue to only maintain an essential services crew at the mine site until April 26, 2020, at which time the Company hopes to resume normal production levels at the Mine.

Igor Gonzales, President and CEO of Sierra Metals, commented, "Our team continues to be focused on the health and safety of our workforce, and as such, we will continue only to maintain a smaller workforce to oversee the critical aspects of operations. The primary goal of this essential crew is to facilitate a quick and efficient ramp-up back to normal levels once the state of emergency is lifted. Processes relating to any permitting applications continue to be deferred during the state of emergency."

The Company continues to be prepared to recommence and ramp up production very quickly. It has the operating flexibility to run the ore processing mill above the 3,150 tonnes per day capacity, which should help Yauricocha recover lost ore tonnages from the work stoppage.

Due to the rapidly changing developments of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the effect they could have on the Company's operations and financial condition, the Company continues to implement proactive and reactive mitigation measures to minimize potential impacts on our workforce, communities, operations and supply chain. These measures also include preserving capital and deferring capital expenditures where appropriate, to improve

liquidity. Guidance remains suspended, as we evaluate our mines. The Company expects to provide a more comprehensive update with more data points on metal prices and operating developments as part of the Q1 2020 reporting process.

### About Sierra Metals

Sierra Metals is a Canadian based growing polymetallic mining company with production from its Yauricocha Mine in Peru, and it's Bolivar and Cusi Mines in Mexico. The Company is focused on increasing production volume and growing mineral resources. Sierra Metals has recently had several new discoveries and still has additional brownfield exploration opportunities at all three Mines in Peru and Mexico that are within or close proximity to the existing Mines. Additionally, the Company has large land packages at all three Mines with several prospective regional targets providing longer term exploration upside and mineral resource growth potential.

The Common Shares trade on the Bolsa de Valores de Lima and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "SMT" and on the NYSE American Exchange under the symbol "SMTS".

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