

Vortex Metals Completes High-Resolution Airborne Geophysical Survey at Illapel Copper Project in Chile

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - April 30, 2026) - Vortex Metals Inc. (TSXV: VMS) (FSE: DM8) (OTCQB: VMSSF) ("Vortex" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the successful completion of a high-resolution airborne geophysical survey over its Illapel Copper Project, located approximately 20 km northeast of Illapel in the Coquimbo Region of north-central Chile, a prolific copper belt.

The helicopter-borne survey was completed by New-Sense Geophysics Limited ("NSG"), a globally recognized provider of airborne geophysical services with extensive experience across the Andes. The program incorporated magnetic, radiometric, and Very Low Frequency (VLF) methods and represents a key milestone in advancing the Company's exploration strategy at Illapel. The Company expects to receive final report from New-Sense Geophysics in coming weeks.

Survey Specifications:

- **Survey Area:** 180 km²
- **Traverse Line Spacing:** 100 metres
- **Traverse Line Direction:** North 90°/270° East
- **Control Line Spacing:** 1,000 metres
- **Control Line Direction:** North 0°/180° East
- **Mean Terrain Clearance:** ~60 metres nominal

The survey was designed to generate high-resolution datasets to map lithology, alteration zones, and structural controls associated with copper mineralization. These data will support and validate existing geological interpretations, refine targeting of Manto-type stratabound deposits, identify structural corridors for follow-up exploration and would help generate high potential drill targets.

"Vortex is pleased to have successfully completed the geophysics survey and looks forward to receiving the final report, which will provide insights into the lithology, alteration and structure of the Illapel Project," said Vikas Ranjan, President and Director. "Interpretation and integration of this important dataset should strengthen our geological understanding and would facilitate generation of drill-ready targets for near-term follow up."

The Illapel Project is situated within Chile's Coastal Metallogenic Belt, a highly prospective geological corridor known to host numerous copper deposits, including Manto-type and iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) systems. The Company believes that integrating modern geophysical techniques with its existing geological framework will enhance exploration efficiency and accelerate the advancement toward drilling and potential resource discovery.

Strategic Outlook

Completion of the airborne survey marks a significant step forward in Vortex Metals' systematic exploration approach. The Company is now focused on data processing, interpretation, and target generation, with the objective of prioritizing high-potential zones for near-term drilling.

About Vortex Metals Inc.

Vortex Metals Inc. is a copper-gold focused exploration and development company with a diversified portfolio of exploration projects in Chile and Mexico. Vortex holds an option to acquire up to 80% interest in the brownfield Illapel Copper Project in Chile and through its Mexican subsidiary Empresa Minera Acagold, S.A. de C.V., it owns 100% interest in two drill-ready high-potential copper-gold volcanogenic

massive sulfide (VMS) properties, Riqueza Marina and Zaachila in Oaxaca, Mexico. The company emphasizes responsible exploration, community engagement, and environmental stewardship to meet the rising global demand for copper sustainably.

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The Company cautions that mineralization on, or production from, neighbouring properties is no guarantee of the existence of similar mineralization or a guarantee of future production from the Illapel Project.

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