

South Pacific Metals' President Cathy Fitzgerald Recognized in the 2024 "100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining (WIM100)"

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - November 25, 2024) - [South Pacific Metals Corp. \(TSXV: SPMC\) \(OTCQB: SPMEF\) \(FSE: 6J00\)](#) ("SPMC" or the "Company") is thrilled to announce that [SPMC's President, Cathy Fitzgerald](#), has been recognized as one of the "100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining" (WIM 100), a Women in Mining UK initiative that highlights transformative contributions made to the global mining industry across all roles and jurisdictions.

With over 20 years of experience in both technical and leadership roles, [Cathy](#) has been instrumental in driving the strategy, execution, and advancement of exploration and development projects across a range of critical commodities, including copper, gold, silver and lithium.

This year the WIM UK team received 570 individual nominations and worked over six months to select the 100 finalists. This is the WIM100's most diverse year to date, with women finalists nominated from 41 countries compared to 40 in 2022 and 32 in 2020.

Michael Murphy, Executive Chair of South Pacific Metals, said, *"Congratulations to Cathy for this well-deserved and highly regarded recognition. Cathy's expertise, vision, and dedication continue to inspire our team and the entire mining community. This recognition is a testament to Cathy's unwavering commitment to innovation, mentorship, and excellence in the industry."*

Since its launch in 2013, the [100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining \(WIM100\)](#) has highlighted the breadth of female talent in the industry and celebrated their contributions. Each edition recognises women who lead by example, advocate for positive change, and demonstrate resilience. Honorees are recognized for their leadership, innovation, and efforts to inspire others, helping to create a more inclusive and sustainable future for the sector.

About South Pacific Metals Corp.

South Pacific Metals Corp is an emerging gold-copper exploration company operating in the heart of Papua New Guinea's proven gold and copper production corridors. With an expansive 3,100 km² land package and four transformative gold-copper projects contiguous with major producers K92 Mining, PanAust and neighbouring Barrick/Zijin, new leadership and experienced in-country teams are prioritizing thoughtful and rigorous technical programs focused on boots-on-the-ground exploration to prioritize discovery across its portfolio projects: Anga, Osen, Kili Teke and May River.

Immediately flanking K92's active drilling and gold producing operations to the northeast and southwest, SPMC's Anga and Osen Projects are located within the high-grade Kainantu Gold District - each having the potential to host similar-style lode-gold and porphyry copper-gold mineralization as that present within K92's tenements. Kili Teke is an advanced exploration project situated only 40 km from the world-class Porgera Gold Mine and hosts an existing Inferred Mineral Resource with multiple opportunities for expansion and further discovery. The May River Project is located adjacent to the world-renowned Frieda River copper-gold project, with historical drilling indicating potential for a significant, untapped-gold mineralized system. SPMC common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX.V: SPMC), the OTCQB Marketplace (OTCQB: SPMEF) and Frankfurt Stock Exchange (FSE: 6J00).

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