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**Adriatic Metals PLC**  
**('Adriatic Metals' or the 'Company')**

**PROPOSED A\$80.0 MILLION (US\$50.0 MILLION)<sup>1</sup> EQUITY RAISING TO FAST TRACK VARES  
EXPANSION AND ENHANCE BALANCE SHEET FLEXIBILITY**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Adriatic Metals Plc (ASX:ADT, LSE:ADT1, OTCQX:ADMLF) intends to undertake a two tranche institutional placement to raise approximately A\$80.0 million (US\$50.0 million)<sup>1</sup> (before expenses) via the issue of approximately 20.5 million new CHESS Depository Interests ("**New CDIs**") over new fully paid ordinary shares in the Company ("**New Ordinary Shares**") ("**Offer**" or "**Placement**").
- The offer price of A\$3.90 per New CDI (the "**Offer Price**") represents a discount of approximately 3.7% to the last traded price on the Australian Securities Exchange ("**ASX**") of A\$4.05 on 17 February 2025 and a 7.3% to the 5-day volume weighted average price of A\$4.21.
- The Company intends to use proceeds from the Offer to secure long-lead items to fast-track the Vares Processing Plant expansion, initiate studies and workstreams at Rupice Mine to support production growth and provide spare capacity to de-risk ramp-up to nameplate production, anticipated in H2 2025.
- As announced in the Company's Quarterly Activities Report published on 29 January 2025, the Ausenco technical study completed on the Vares Processing Plant expansion demonstrated the ability to increase current nameplate production capacity at the Vares Processing Plant from 0.8Mtpa to 1.3Mtpa for capital expenditure of US\$25 million.
- This 63% expansion in the Vares Processing Plant nameplate capacity to 1.3Mtpa, coupled with increased mine production, is expected to pave the way for the Company to produce over 20Moz AgEq<sup>2,3</sup> per annum which would position the Vares Silver Operation among the largest primary-silver producers globally.
- Adriatic is working with its advisors regarding the transfer of the listing category of all of its ordinary shares from the Equity Shares (Transition) category of the Official List of the FCA ("**Official List**") to the Equity Shares (Commercial Companies) category of the Official List on the London Stock Exchange. Among other benefits, the Board believes the transfer will enable the

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<sup>1</sup> Conversion at USDAUD FX rate of 0.625 as at 17 February 2025

<sup>2</sup> 20Moz AgEq underpinned solely by Probable Ore Reserves

<sup>3</sup> A silver equivalent grade (AgEq) has been calculated from individual silver, gold, zinc, lead, copper and antimony grades. This equivalent grade has been calculated and declared in accordance with Clause 50 of the JORC Code (2012) that it is the Company's opinion that all metals included in this metal equivalent calculation have reasonable potential to be recovered and sold, using the following parameters: \$25/oz Ag, \$2,000/oz Au, \$2,500/t Zn, \$2,000/t Pb, \$2,000/t Cu, \$2,000/t Sb.

Metallurgical recoveries for by-product metals, based upon Adriatic test-work, are assumed as follows: 95% Ag, 60% Au, 82% Zn, 80% Pb, 83% Cu, 88% Sb. The silver equivalent formula, based upon the above commodity prices, exchange rate and recoveries, is thus: AgEq = Ag(g/t) \* 95% + 31.1 \* Zn(%) \* 82% + 24.9 \* Pb(%) \* 80% + 80.0 \* Au(g/t) \* 60% + 24.9 \* Sb(%) \* 88% + 24.9 \* Cu(%) \* 83%

ordinary shares to be considered for inclusion in the FTSE UK Index Series (subject to meeting certain other eligibility criteria), which are widely utilised investment benchmarks for institutional investors, in due course. Updates regarding the transfer will be provided in due course.

- Major shareholders including Helikon Investments, L1 Capital and Paul Cronin, co-founder and former MD and CEO of Adriatic, are intending to participate in the Offer.

**Laura Tyler, Adriatic's Managing Director and CEO, commented:**

*"In the Q4 QAR, we announced the exciting opportunity to significantly enhance production capacity at the Vares Processing Plant, increasing throughput from 0.8Mtpa to 1.3Mtpa. This expansion aligns with our broader strategy to scale up mine production, following the Ore Reserve growth to 13.8Mt. Taking up the opportunity for a 63% increase in output to over 20Moz AgEq per annum, the Vares Silver Operation will be positioned as one of the world's leading primary silver producers.*

*The US\$50m placement secures critical long-lead items and enables us to accelerate the expansion and achieve the 1.3Mtpa target by 2027. Additionally, the funds will help de-risk the ongoing ramp-up, with full throughput rate of 0.8Mtpa expected in the second half of 2025."*

Adriatic is pleased to announce that it intends to raise gross proceeds of approximately A\$80.0 million (US\$50.0 million)<sup>1</sup> by way of a two-tranche institutional placement of approximately 20.5 million New CDIs to existing and new investors at an Offer Price of A\$3.90 per New CDI.

Offer proceeds, together with existing cash of A\$73.6 million (US\$46.0 million)<sup>1</sup> as at 27 January 2025, are intended to be used as follows:

- **A\$40.0 million (US\$25.0 million)<sup>1</sup>** for Vares Processing Plant expansion capital expenditure including securing critical long-lead items for milling and filtration circuits to support expansion in nameplate production capacity, and completing studies on the mine expansion; and
- **A\$40.0 million (US\$25.0 million)<sup>1</sup>** to strengthen the Company's balance sheet and provide working capital as the Company advances towards commercial production, expected in Q1 2025 and nameplate production, expected in H2 2025.

The Placement will be undertaken in two tranches:

- **Tranche 1** - A\$43.3 million (US\$27.0 million)<sup>1</sup> via the issue of approximately 11.1 million New CDIs, utilising the Company's placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 ("**Tranche 1**"); and
- **Tranche 2** - A\$36.7 million (US\$23.0 million)<sup>1</sup> via the issue of approximately 9.4 million New CDIs, subject to shareholder approvals which are to be sought at a General Meeting ("**GM**") expected to be held in March 2025 ("**Tranche 2**").

A Notice of a GM to approve the resolutions required to implement Tranche 2 of the Placement (the "**Resolutions**") will be set out in a circular which is expected to be dispatched to shareholders on or around Thursday 27 February 2025.

The New CDIs to be issued under Tranche 1 of the Placement will be issued under the Company's existing placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and are expected to be allotted and commence trading on the ASX on Tuesday 25 February 2025. The New CDIs to be issued under Tranche 2 of the

Placement are, subject to the passing of the Resolutions at the GM, expected to be allotted and commence trading on the ASX on or around Thursday 20 March 2025.

The total number of New CDIs proposed to be issued under the Placement represents approximately 5.9% of issued capital after completion of both tranches of the Placement.

Canaccord Genuity, RBC Europe Limited and Stifel Nicolaus Europe Limited are acting as joint lead managers and joint bookrunners in connection with the Placement. Canaccord Genuity is acting as Global Coordinator to the Placement.

The Placement is not being underwritten. Members of the public are not eligible to take part in the Placement.

Applications will also be made to the UK Financial Conduct Authority ("**FCA**") for admission of the New Ordinary Shares to the Equity Shares (Transition) Category of the Official List of the FCA and to the London Stock Exchange plc for admission to trading of the New Ordinary Shares on its main market for listed securities ("**UK Admission**"). It is expected that UK Admission of the New Ordinary Shares to be issued under Tranche 1 of the Placement will become effective at or around 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday 25 February 2025 and that dealings in such New Ordinary Shares will commence at that time. It is further expected that UK Admission of the New Ordinary Shares to be issued under Tranche 2 of the Placement, subject to the passing of the Resolutions at the GM, will become effective at or around 8.00 a.m. on Thursday 20 March 2025 and that dealings in such New Ordinary Shares will commence at that time.

The New Ordinary Shares (and New CDIs representing the New Ordinary Shares) will, when issued, be credited as fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing ordinary shares and CDIs of the Company and will on issue be free of all claims, liens, charges, encumbrances and equities.

#### INDICATIVE PLACEMENT TIMETABLE

Event	Date
Announcement and launch of Placement on LSE	3:45am, Tuesday 18 February 2025
Trading halt, announcement and launch of Placement on ASX	9:00am, Tuesday 18 February 2025
<b>Placement closes for All Investors</b>	<b>3:00pm, Tuesday 18 February 2025</b>
<b>Deadline for return of Confirmation Acceptances / CARD Forms</b>	<b>7:00pm, Tuesday 18 February 2025</b>
Announcement of results of Placement	7:00pm, Tuesday 18 February 2025
Trading halt lifted	By 10:00am, Wednesday 19 February 2025
Settlement of Tranche 1 New CDIs (DvP)	Monday 24 February 2025
Issue (and normal trading) of Tranche 1 New CDIs	Tuesday 25 February 2025
Notice of General Meeting and Circular is published	Thursday 27 February 2025

General Meeting for shareholder approvals for Tranche 2	On or around, Friday 14 March 2025
Settlement of Tranche 2 New CDIs (DvP)	On or around, Wednesday 19 March 2025
Issue (and normal trading) of Tranche 2 New CDIs	On or around, Thursday 20 March 2025

All references are to Sydney Australia time.

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Authorised by Laura Tyler, CEO and Managing Director of Adriatic Metals.

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Although the Placement will be undertaken on a non-pre-emptive basis, the Company intends to respect the principles of pre-emption as far as practicable by extending the offer to participate to a significant majority of institutional shareholders and, as far as practicable, allocating to existing shareholders at least up to what would be their pre-emptive entitlement. The Company has, along with its advisers, carefully considered the various possible offer structures and sought to balance the potential for dilution to non-participating shareholders with the benefits to shareholders as a whole of promoting deal certainty and familiarity of structure to the Company's shareholder base.

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In connection with the Placement, one or more investors may elect to acquire an economic interest in the new shares (**Economic Interest**), instead of subscribing for or acquiring the legal or beneficial interest in those shares. A Joint Lead Manager (or its affiliates) may, for its own account, write derivative transactions with those investors relating to the new shares to provide the Economic Interest, or otherwise acquire shares in the Company in connection with the writing of such derivative transactions in the bookbuild and/or the secondary market. As a result of such transactions, a Joint Lead Manager (or its affiliates) may be allocated, subscribe for or acquire new shares or shares of the Company in the bookbuild and/or the secondary market, including to hedge those derivative transactions, as well as hold long or short positions in such shares. These transactions may, together with other shares in the Company acquired by a Joint Lead Manager or its affiliates in connection with its ordinary course sales and trading, principal investing and other activities, result in the Joint Lead Manager or its affiliates disclosing a substantial holding and earning fees.

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#### ***International Offer Restrictions***

Investors should have regard to the International Offer Restrictions outlined in the Company's investor presentation dated 17 February 2025 under the section titled "International Offer Restrictions".

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Neither this announcement nor any other document relating to the Placement has been delivered for approval to the FCA in the United Kingdom and no prospectus (within the meaning of section 85 of



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