

DEFENSE METALS CORP. CLOSES PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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Vancouver, British Columbia – December 20, 2019: Defense Metals Corp. (“**Defense Metals**” or the “**Company**”) (TSX-V: DEFN/DFMTF; OTCQB / 35D: FSE) is pleased to announce that further to its news release on December 13, 2019, it has closed a non-brokered private placement of 6,615,000 units (each a “**Unit**”) for gross proceeds of \$661,500 (the “**Private Placement**”). As previously disclosed, each Unit was priced at \$0.10 and is comprised of one common share and one common share purchase warrant (“**Warrant**”). Each Warrant is exercisable to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.20 per share for a period of 12 months from the date of closing of the Private Placement.

The Company also announces that it has closed a non-brokered private placement of 2,280,634 flow-through common shares (“**FT Shares**”) at a price of \$0.15 per FT Share for gross proceeds of \$342,095 (the “**FT Private Placement**”).

The Company paid cash finder’s fees of \$24,586.55 and issued 204,410 non-transferable finder warrants to certain brokers on a portion of the private placements. The finder warrants otherwise have the same terms as the Warrants.

Three directors of the Company participated in the Private Placement and the FT Private Placement. Participation by insiders of the Company in the private placements constitutes a “related party transaction” as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“**MI 61-101**”). Because the Company’s shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange (“**TSXV**”), the issuance of securities is exempt from the formal valuation requirements of section 5.4 of MI 61-101 pursuant to subsection 5.5(b) of MI 61-101 and exempt from the minority approval requirements of section 5.6 of MI 61-101 pursuant to subsection 5.7(1)(a) and (b) of MI 61-101. All securities issued pursuant to the private placements are subject to a four month hold period from the closing date in accordance with applicable securities laws.

The proceeds from these private placements will be used for exploration on the Company’s Wicheeda rare earth element project located in Prince George, British Columbia and for general working capital purposes.

About Defense Metals Corp.

Defense Metals is an advanced mineral exploration company focused on the acquisition of mineral deposits containing metals and elements commonly used in the electric power market, military, national security and the production of green energy technologies, such as, high strength, light weight, rare earth magnets. Defense Metals’ primary focus is to exercise its option to acquire 100% of the 1,708 hectare Wicheeda Rare Earth Element Project. Defense Metals Corp. trades in Canada under “DEFN” on the TSX Venture Exchange, the United States, under “DFMTF” on the OTCQB and the German, Frankfurt Exchange under the symbol of “35D”.

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