



## **SONORO DEFERS BALANCE OF HILLTOP EXPENDITURES**

VANCOUVER, Canada, January 04, 2018, Sonoro Metals Corp., (“Sonoro” or the “Company”) (TSXV: SMO) (OTCQB: SMOFF), announces that the Property Option & Joint Venture Agreement for the Hilltop Gold Project in Alaska, between Northern Empire Resources Corp. and Sonoro has been amended to enable Sonoro to defer the balance of the 2017 exploration expenditures until 2018. To date, Sonoro has contributed \$286,833 against the 2017 exploration budget of \$500,000. In consideration for deferring the \$213,167 balance of the 2017 exploration expenditures, Sonoro will issue 100,000 shares to Northern Empire, subject to acceptance for filing by the TSX Venture Exchange.

“We are pleased that Northern Empire has accommodated Sonoro’s request to defer the balance of the 2017 exploration expenditures into 2018,” said Kenneth MacLeod, President and CEO of Sonoro. “We look forward to continuing the exploration program during 2018.”

### **About the Hilltop Gold Project:**

Hilltop is an exploration-stage gold project located 70 km southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. Gold producers in the region are Sumitomo's Pogo mine located 75 km to the east and Kinross' Fort Knox mine located 135 km to the north. The 31,960-acre (12,836 hectares) Hilltop property is bordered on the south by the Richardson highway and is close to high-power electrical transmission lines and the Trans-Alaska pipeline. Access into the interior of the property from the Richardson highway is via a new system of logging roads and trails which makes most points within Hilltop accessible for exploration activities. Northern Empire has granted Sonoro an option to earn a 60-percent interest in Hilltop through the expenditure of \$3-million on exploration activities and the issuance of 1,000,000 Sonoro shares to Northern Empire prior to Dec. 31, 2019.

### **About Sonoro Metals Corp.**

Sonoro Metals Corp. is a TSX Venture Exchange listed (TSXV: SMO) (OTCQB: SMOFF) exploration and development company with a portfolio of exploration-stage precious metals properties in Mexico and Alaska.

On behalf of the Board of SONORO METALS CORP.

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