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Environmental baseline studies commence at the Columbia Gold Project

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Key environmental baseline studies have commenced at the Columbia Gold Project.**
- **Environmental baseline work will progress in parallel with exploration activities to support permitting pathways.**
- **In-field winter wildlife baseline activities, desktop habitat mapping and seasonal data review are now in progress.**

Sentinel Metals Limited (ASX: SNM) is pleased to advise that it has commenced key environmental baseline studies in parallel with ongoing exploration and technical activities at the Company's Columbia Gold Project in Montana, USA.

As part of Sentinel's Environmental Baseline Program and Environmental Policy, the Company has engaged **Westech Environmental Incorporated** to undertake winter wildlife monitoring at the Columbia Gold Project. Westech is a Montana-based environmental consultancy with extensive experience supporting exploration and development projects across the state.

Westech has previously completed wildlife baseline studies for Sandfire Resources' Black Butte Copper Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and is headquartered in Helena, approximately one hour from the Columbia Gold Project.

The initial winter wildlife program forms part of Sentinel's broader, staged approach to environmental data collection and is designed to complement baseline information collected during other times of the year. Seasonal data collection is a routine component of exploration-stage project planning and supports flexibility as the project advances.

Scope of Work

The winter wildlife program comprises a combination of desktop studies and field-based activities, including:

- Desktop habitat mapping using existing spatial datasets, aerial imagery and publicly available environmental information to identify broad habitat types and seasonal use areas;
- Review of historical environmental datasets relevant to the project area;
- Field verification of habitat characteristics where access and conditions allow;
- Targeted wildlife and bird observations focused on understanding seasonal habitat use and activity patterns during the winter months.

The surveys are being undertaken in accordance with applicable U.S. wildlife protection legislation and follow established industry practices for exploration-stage baseline studies.

Survey planning has been informed by an official U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service species list, which identifies species and habitat considerations relevant to the region. Results from the winter program will be integrated with existing environmental datasets and used to inform future exploration planning and, where appropriate, longer-term permitting considerations.

The Company continues to advance exploration activities alongside environmental baseline studies in a measured and systematic manner and believes this parallel approach supports efficient project advancement while responsibly managing long-term development options.

Additional environmental survey requirements for the remainder of the year are currently under assessment.

Managing Director, Mr Matt Herbert, commented:

“The commencement of environmental baseline studies represents a critical step for the Columbia Gold Project. We recognise that responsible exploration is a vital pre-requisite for community support and long-term transparency. Operating in Montana is a privilege and we are committed to the highest standards of land stewardship as we progress the project.”

Authorised for release by the Board of Directors.

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Compliance Statements

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