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# ALMONTY ANNOUNCES THE SIGNING OF A BINDING LETTER OF COMMITMENT WITH KDB AND AN UPDATED RESERVE AND RESOURCE ESTIMATE FOR THE SANGDONG TUNGSTEN MINE

The binding Letter of Commitment with the Korea Development Bank for a term loan facility in the amount of KRW50 billion (CAD\$57.9 million) to be utilized for the build-out of the Sangdong Tungsten Mine.

The updated reserve estimate of 7,896,000 tonnes at a grade of 0.45% WO3 represents an increase in the reserve base of over 78%.

Toronto, July 26, 2016 – Almonty Industries Inc. ("Almonty" or the "Company") (TSX-V: AII) today announced that the Credit Committee of the Korean Development Bank (the "**KDB**"), a state owned bank in Korea, has entered into a binding Letter of Commitment (the "**LoC**") for a six (6) year term loan facility of Korean Won 50.0 billion (CAD \$57.9 million at the prevailing exchange rate as at July 26, 2016) with the KDB (the "**KDB Loan**").

Following the execution of the binding LoC, a definitive loan agreement will be entered into between the KDB and Almonty and the loan will be drawn-down upon the fulfillment of customary conditions precedent, including but not limited to the execution of an engineering, procurement and construction ("EPC") contract, an offtake agreement and Almonty raising equity or equity-linked facilities constituting the balance of the development cost. The KDB Loan will be used for the underground mine development, construction of the processing plant and infrastructure enabling commercial production to be achieved in the second half of calendar 2018.

Almonty is also pleased to announce an update to the reserve estimate at Sangdong, with an increase of over 1,561,000 contained MTUs of WO3 based on the completion of additional exploration drilling that was carried out at Sangdong since the mine was acquired by Almonty in September 2015. The original and update reserve and resource estimates are as follows:

	AKT October 31, 2015					AKT July 16, 2016				
	Tonnes	Avg Grade	Contained WO <sub>3</sub>		Tonnes	Avg Grade	Contained WO <sub>3</sub>		%Increase	
Reserves		$WO_3$	Tonnes	MTU		$WO_3$	Tonnes	MTU	MTU	
Proven & Probable	4,744,000	0.42%	19,920	1,992,000	7,896,00	0.45%	35,530	3,553,000	78.4%	
Mineralized Tailings	0	0.00%	0	0		0.00%	0	0		
Stockpiles	0	0.00%	0	0		<u>0                                    </u>	0	0		
Total	4,744,000	0.42%	19,920	1,992,000	7,896,00	0 0.45%	35,530	3,553,000	78.4%	
Resources ( inclusive of reserves)										
Measured	0	0.00%	0	0		0.00%	0	0		
Indicated	5,182,000	0.49%	25,390	2,539,000	8,029,00	0.51%	40,950	4,095,000	61.3%	
Total	5,182,000	0.49%	25,390	2,539,000	8,029,00	0.51%	40,950	4,095,000	61.3%	
Inferred Mineral resources										
Inferred	52,765,000	0.44%	232,170	23,217,000	50,686,00	0 0.43%	217,950	21,795,000	-6.1%	
Cut-off										
Reserves - max span< 3 metres	0.236% WO <sub>3</sub>					0.28% WO <sub>3</sub>				
Reserves - max span > 3 and <6 metres	es 0.28% WO <sub>3</sub>					0.28% WO <sub>3</sub>				
Reserves - max span> 6 metres	0.23% WO <sub>3</sub>					0.23% WO <sub>3</sub>				
Resources		0.15% WO <sub>3</sub>				0.15% WO <sub>3</sub>				
Inferred Resources		0.15% WO <sub>3</sub>				0.15% WO <sub>3</sub>				
Level restriction - reserves down to the -2 level					Level rest	Level restriction - reserves down to the -6 level				
Resource extends down to -13 level					Resource	Resource extends down to -13 level				

Almonty expects to be in a position to file an updated National Instrument 43-101 technical report within 45 days of this announcement.

Lewis Black, President & CEO of Almonty commented "The signing of the binding LoC with the KDB, the leading state-owned strategic financial institution in Korea, represents the culmination of a dedicated effort on the part of Almonty's team to secure the debt financing component of the capital needed to build out the Sangdong Mine. The financing, arranged by Korea's most renowned sovereign development bank, represents a significant milestone in expediting the long-waited development and reopening of the Sangdong Mine. This, combined with the announcement of a 78% increase in reserves of contained MTU of WO3 further positions the Sangdong Mine as one of the largest, lowest cost and long-life tungsten mines globally."

#### **Qualified Persons**

The updated reserve and resource estimate of the Sangdong Tungsten Mine Project included in this release was prepared by Adam Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is an independent Qualified Person for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101 and has prepared and approved the scientific and technical disclosure contained in this news release.

### **About Almonty Industries Inc.**

The principal business of Toronto, Canada-based Almonty Industries Inc. is the mining, processing and shipping of tungsten concentrate from its Los Santos Mine in western Spain, its Wolfram Camp Mine in north Queensland, Australia and its Panasqueira mine in Portugal as well as the development of the Sangdong tungsten mine in Gangwon Province, Korea and the Valtreixal tin/tungsten project in north western Spain. The Los Santos Mine was acquired by Almonty in September 2011 and is located approximately 50 kilometres from Salamanca in western Spain and produces tungsten concentrate. The Wolfram Camp Mine was acquired by Almonty in September 2014 and is located approximately 130 kilometres west of Cairns in northern Queensland, Australia and produces tungsten and molybdenum

concentrate. The Panasqueira mine, which has been in production since 1896, is located approximately 260 kilometres northeast of Lisbon, Portugal, was acquired in January 2016 and produces tungsten concentrate. The Sangdong mine, which was historically one of the largest tungsten mines in the world and one of the few long-life, high-grade tungsten deposits outside of China, was acquired in September 2015 through the acquisition of a 100% interest in Woulfe Mining Corp. Almonty owns 51% of, and has an irrevocable option to acquire a 100% ownership interest in, the Valtreixal tin-tungsten project in northwestern Spain. Further information about Almonty's activities may be found at www.almonty.com and under Almonty's profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

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