



ALMONTY ANNOUNCES POSITIVE \$16,440,000 ANNUAL EBITDA FROM MINING OPERATIONS BEFORE NON-CASH IMPAIRMENT CHARGE ⁽¹⁾ AND THE FILING OF ITS AUDITED ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MD&A FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Toronto – May 14, 2020 - Almonty Industries Inc. (“Almonty” or the “Company”) (TSX: AII / OTCQX: ALMTF / Frankfurt: 1MR) today announced the filing of its audited annual consolidated financial statements, management’s discussion & analysis and AIF for the fifteen months ended December 31, 2019. Unless otherwise indicated, all currency amounts contained in this news release are expressed in Canadian dollars.

During the fifteen months ended December 31, 2019, the Company, pursuant to Section 4.8(2) of National Instrument 51-102, provided notice that it changed its financial year end from September 30 to December 31 and, accordingly, the financial information presented below is as at and for the fifteen months ended December 31, 2019 with comparatives as at and for the twelve months ended September 30, 2018.

The following financial information is for the three months and fifteen months ended December 31, 2019, the three months ended December 31, 2018, and year ended September 30, 2018:

	Three Months Ended 31-Dec-19 \$'000	Three Months Ended 31-Dec-18 \$'000	15 Months Ended 31-Dec-19 \$'000	12 Months Ended 30-Sep-18 \$'000
Gross Revenue	6,602	16,412	54,634	65,171
Mine production costs	9,360	8,845	38,194	36,699
Impairment loss	10,112	-	10,112	15,604
Impairment reversal	4,150	(4,150)	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	77	1,474	4,487	11,155
Earnings (loss) from mining operations	(17,097)	10,243	1,841	1,713
General and administrative costs	2,959	1,834	10,124	8,426
Non-cash compensation costs	-	-	68	897
Earnings (loss) before the under noted items	(20,056)	8,409	(8,351)	(7,610)
Interest expense	485	648	3,049	2,459
(Gain) Loss on debt settlement	826	(1,015)	(401)	-
Gain on deconsolidation	(4,150)	-	(4,150)	-
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	(2,492)	1,411	(1,785)	(95)
Tax provision	(429)	108	169	715
Net income (loss) for the period	(14,296)	7,257	(5,233)	(10,689)
Income (loss) per share basic	(\$0.08)	\$0.04	(\$0.03)	(\$0.06)
Income (loss) per share diluted	(\$0.08)	\$0.04	(\$0.03)	(\$0.06)
Dividends	-	-	-	-
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	5,343	1,630	4,210	10,940
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities	(3,211)	(1,587)	(7,798)	(6,023)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities	(3,495)	386	(3,556)	(540)

The following financial information is as at December 31, 2019 and September 30, 2018:

	31-Dec-19 \$'000	30-Sep-18 \$'000
Cash	1,496	8,721
Restricted cash	-	1,245
Total assets	133,646	147,302
Long-term debt	49,499	50,331
Shareholders' equity	33,816	40,863
<u>Other</u>		
Outstanding shares ('000)	182,717	181,442
Weighted average outstanding shares ('000)		
Basic	181,493	178,587
Fully diluted	181,493	178,587
Closing share price	\$0.42	\$0.81

Lewis Black, Chief Executive Officer of Almonty commented: “The Company’s outlook for the 2020 year remains positive, even with the moderate 14% decline in tungsten prices during 2019. During the fifteen months ended December 31, 2019, we accomplished the reduction of accounts payables and accrued liabilities by a further \$8.75M or 34.1% and recorded a positive EBITDA from mining operations of \$16,440,000. I am extremely proud of the entire Almonty operational team who pulled together again in 2019 and delivered another profitable year despite market price pressure and the switch at Los Santos from fresh ore to tailings. Naturally its disappointing that non-cash write downs have been imposed upon the Company given the current global pandemic crisis, but 2020 will be the major turning point for the Company. Our operations in Portugal and Korea have continued uninterrupted and the pace of the financial closure at Sangdong will continue to accelerate. With the recent public announcement of the full engagement of the Korean governments toward the development of the project and the near to completion of the definitive documents with KFW-IPEX bank this will be a pivotal moment for the Company and we expect to break ground early summer 2020. This is when the Almonty operational team will be able to demonstrate why institutions such as KFW-IPEX bank have placed so much confidence in them as the premier global Tungsten operators with over 200 years of Tungsten experience just amongst the senior management. The current year of 2020 will be a moment in the Company’s history where we will cement and solidify our position for generations as the largest Tungsten producer in the free world.”

About Almonty

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 and its Panasqueira mine in Portugal as well as the development of its Sangdong tungsten mine in Gangwon Province, South Korea and the development of 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 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 100% of the Valtreixal tin-tungsten project in north-western Spain. Further information about Almonty's activities may be found at www.almonty.com and under Almonty's profile at www.sedar.com.

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