



# Cortadera Acquisition Nears Completion

Hot Chili Limited (ASX code HCH) (“Hot Chili” or “Company”) is pleased to announce that the Company has moved to the final stage of its 100% acquisition of the world-class Cortadera copper-gold discovery in Chile.

An instalment of US\$10 million has been satisfied to acquire Cortadera from private Chilean mining group SCM Carola. This brings total payments by Hot Chili to US\$17 million since the deal to acquire Cortadera was announced in February 2019.

The Company now has only one remaining payment of US\$15 million due in mid-July 2022.

Early payment of the US\$10 million instalment to SCM Carola, which was due in mid-July this year, provides Hot Chili with over 18 months to focus on the growth of Cortadera’s maiden resource before the final acquisition payment is due.

The Company has accelerated its activities with the commencement of a fully funded 40,000m drill programme and scoping studies designed to incorporate Cortadera as the centre piece of Hot Chili’s combined large-scale Cost Fuego copper development.

**Hot Chili’s Managing Director, Christian Easterday, said that SCM Carola were pleased with the early payment and remained a key partner in the success of Cortadera.**

**“In less than two years we have transformed Cortadera from a small privately-held discovery in Chile to a leading global copper resource.**

**“Coming off the back of our first resource of 1.7Mt copper metal and 1.9Moz gold, announced in October 2020, Cortadera now represents one of the lowest cost recent acquisitions in the copper sector.**

**“This equates to less than US 1 cent per pound of copper added in resource against the total purchase price of US\$32 million and is set to further reduce with additional resource growth this year.**

**“I look forward to a very exciting year ahead for our shareholders as we take Cortadera to the next level.”**

Further updates on multiple work streams across Costa Fuego are expected shortly.

**This announcement is authorised by the Board of Directors for release to ASX.**

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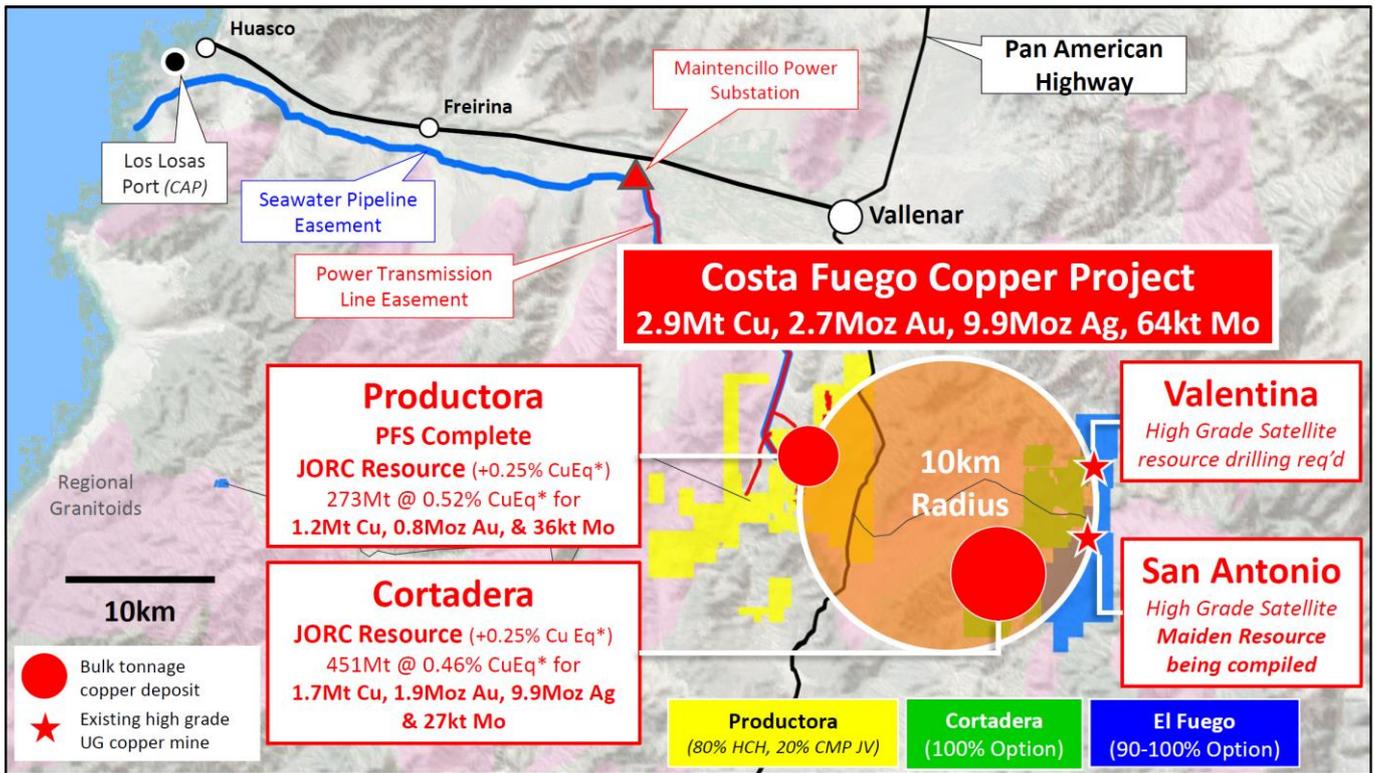
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**Figure 1 Location of Cortadera and Productora in relation to the coastal range infrastructure of Hot Chili's combined Costa Fuego copper project, located 600km north of Santiago in Chile.**

Refer to ASX Announcement "Costa Fuego Becomes a Leading Global Copper Project" (12th October 2020) for JORC Table 1 information related to the Cortadera JORC compliant Mineral Resource estimate by Wood and the Productora re-stated JORC compliant Mineral Resource estimate by AMC Consultants

\* Copper Equivalent (CuEq) reported for the resource were calculated using the following formula:  $CuEq\% = ((Cu\% \times Cu\ price\ 1\% \text{ per tonne} \times Cu\_recovery) + (Mo\ ppm \times Mo\ price\ per\ g/t \times Mo\_recovery) + (Au\ ppm \times Au\ price\ per\ g/t \times Au\_recovery) + (Ag\ ppm \times Ag\ price\ per\ g/t \times Ag\_recovery)) / (Cu\ price\ 1\% \text{ per tonne})$ . The Metal Prices applied in the calculation were: Cu=3.00 USD/lb, Au=1,550 USD/oz, Mo=12 USD/lb, and Ag=18 USD/oz. For Cortadera (Inferred + Indicated), the average Metallurgical Recoveries were: Cu=83%, Au=56%, Mo=82%, and Ag=37%. For Productora (Inferred + Indicated), the average Metallurgical Recoveries were: Cu=83%, Au=43% and Mo=42%. For Costa Fuego (Inferred + Indicated), the average Metallurgical Recoveries were: Cu=83%, Au=51%, Mo=67% and Ag=23%.

\*\* Reported on a 100% Basis - combining Cortadera and Productora Mineral Resources using a +0.25% CuEq reporting cut-off grade

## Qualifying Statements

### Independent JORC Code Costa Fuego Combined Mineral Resource (Reported 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

Costa Fuego Combined Resource			Grade					Contained Metal				
Deposit	Classification (+0.25% CuEq*)	Tonnage (Mt)	CuEq	Cu	Au	Ag	Mo	Copper Eq	Copper	Gold	Silver	Molybdenum
			(%)	(%)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(ppm)	(tonnes)	(tonnes)	(ounces)	(ounces)	(tonnes)
Cortadera	Indicated	183	0.49	0.40	0.15	0.7	43	905,000	728,000	889,000	4,227,000	7,900
	Inferred	267	0.44	0.35	0.12	0.7	73	1,181,000	935,000	1,022,000	5,633,000	19,400
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2,086,000</b>	<b>1,663,000</b>	<b>1,911,000</b>	<b>9,860,000</b>	<b>27,300</b>
Productora	Indicated	208	0.54	0.46	0.10		140	1,122,000	960,000	643,000	-	29,200
	Inferred	67	0.44	0.38	0.08		109	295,000	255,000	167,000	-	7,200
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.09</b>		<b>133</b>	<b>1,417,000</b>	<b>1,215,000</b>	<b>810,000</b>	-	<b>36,400</b>
Costa Fuego	Indicated	391	0.52	0.43	0.12		95	2,027,000	1,688,000	1,533,000	-	37,000
(Combined)	Inferred	334	0.44	0.36	0.11		80	1,476,000	1,191,000	1,189,000	-	26,700
	<b>Total</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.7**</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>3,503,000</b>	<b>2,879,000</b>	<b>2,722,000</b>	<b>9,860,000</b>	<b>63,700</b>

Reported at or above 0.25% CuEq\*. Figures in the above table are rounded, reported to appropriate significant figures, and reported in accordance with the JORC Code - Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Metal rounded to nearest thousand, or if less, to the nearest hundred. \*\* Copper Equivalent (CuEq) reported for the resource were calculated using the following formula:  $CuEq\% = ((Cu\% \times Cu\ price\ 1\% \text{ per tonne} \times Cu\_recovery) + (Mo\ ppm \times Mo\ price\ per\ g/t \times Mo\_recovery) + (Au\ ppm \times Au\ price\ per\ g/t \times Au\_recovery) + (Ag\ ppm \times Ag\ price\ per\ g/t \times Ag\_recovery)) / (Cu\ price\ 1\% \text{ per tonne})$ . The Metal Prices applied in the calculation were: Cu=3.00 USD/lb, Au=1,550 USD/oz, Mo=12 USD/lb, and Ag=18 USD/oz. For Cortadera (Inferred + Indicated), the average Metallurgical Recoveries were: Cu=83%, Au=56%, Mo=82%, and Ag=37%. For Productora (Inferred + Indicated), the average Metallurgical Recoveries were: Cu=83%, Au=43% and Mo=42%. For Costa Fuego (Inferred + Indicated), the average Metallurgical Recoveries were: Cu=83%, Au=51%, Mo=67% and Ag=23%.

\*\* Note: Silver (Ag) is only present within the Cortadera Mineral Resource estimate

#### Competent Person's Statement- Exploration Results

Exploration information in this Announcement is based upon work compiled by Mr Christian Easterday, the Managing Director and a full-time employee of Hot Chili Limited whom is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). Mr Easterday has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a 'Competent Person' as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (JORC Code). Mr Easterday consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### Competent Person's Statement- Productora Mineral Resources

The information in this Announcement that relates to the Productora Project Mineral Resources, is based on information compiled by Mr N Ingvar Kirchner. Mr Kirchner is employed by AMC Consultants (AMC). AMC has been engaged on a fee for service basis to provide independent technical advice and final audit for the Productora Project Mineral Resource estimates. Mr Kirchner is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). Mr Kirchner has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (the JORC Code 2012). Mr Kirchner consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on the source information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### Competent Person's Statement- Cortadera and Costa Fuego Mineral Resources

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources for the Cortadera and combined Costa Fuego Project is based on information compiled by Elizabeth Haren, a Competent Person who is a Member and Chartered Professional of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Elizabeth Haren is employed as an associate Principal Geologist of Wood, who was engaged by Hot Chili Limited. Elizabeth Haren has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Elizabeth Haren consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on her information in the form and context in which it appears.



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### Reporting of Copper Equivalent

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