

## Arizona Sonoran Receives Milestone Industrial Air Permit

**Casa Grande, AZ and Toronto, ON, May 15, 2023 – Arizona Sonoran Copper Company Inc. (TSX:ASCU | OTCQX:ASCUF)** (“ASCU” or the “Company”) an emerging US-based copper developer and near-term producer, is pleased to announce that Pinal County Air Quality Department has approved and issued the Company its Industrial Air Permit for the Cactus Mine Project (the “Project”). The issuance of this permit is a key milestone in the re-development of the Project, as it is the final major permit needed, ahead of developing and mining the Project.

Pinal County’s Air Quality Department is in charge of the Clean Air Act delegated authority to regulate stationary industrial developments within the County. The Industrial Air Permit issued to Cactus governs air quality compliance in accordance with federal, state, and county standards.

**Travis Snider, ASCU VP Sustainability and External Relations commented,** “With this permit now in hand, we have received all major permits as it relates to the Cactus Mine Project. We have listened to the community, demonstrated our plans to recycle and reuse water from an industrial aquifer, and have established a mine plan which would respect the surrounding community. We are dedicated to the responsible redevelopment of our past-producing copper project situated on private land.”

While the Company advances work programs to complete the Cactus and Parks/Salyer Pre-Feasibility Study (“PFS”), including, site characterization, engineering and other activities required to reach a construction decision, from a permitting perspective, portions of the project are now considered shovel ready. Based on the PFS characterizations, required amendments to include Parks/Salyer will be made, as well as minor construction related permits, not yet applied for.

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**About Arizona Sonoran Copper Company** ([www.arizonasonoran.com](http://www.arizonasonoran.com) | [www.cactusmine.com](http://www.cactusmine.com)) ASCU’s objective is to become a mid-tier copper producer with low operating costs and to develop the Cactus and Parks/Salyer Projects that could generate robust returns for investors and provide a long term sustainable and responsible operation for the community and all stakeholders. The Company’s principal asset is a 100% interest in the Cactus Project (former ASARCO, Sacaton mine) which is situated on private land in an infrastructure-rich area of Arizona. Contiguous to the Cactus Project is the Company’s 100%-owned Parks/Salyer deposit that could allow for a phased expansion

of the Cactus Mine once it becomes a producing asset. The Company is led by an executive management team and Board which have a long-standing track record of successful project delivery in North America complemented by global capital markets expertise.

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