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## CENTAURUS APPOINTS HIGHLY REGARDED COMPANY DIRECTOR DR NATALIA STRELTSOVA AS A NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Accomplished company director and former Vale, WMC and BHP executive joins the Centaurus board

Centaurus Metals (ASX Code: **CTM**) is pleased to announce the appointment of highly experienced mining executive and company director, **Dr Natalia Streltsova**, to its board as an independent non-executive Director, effective immediately.

Dr Streltsova brings a wealth of international experience at senior executive levels in the resource industry – including in Brazil and with a particular focus in nickel – making her an ideal addition to the Centaurus board as the Company continues to advance the development of its flagship 100%-owned Jaguar Nickel Sulphide Project in Brazil.

The appointment is consistent with Centaurus' commitment to continue to strengthen and evolve its senior leadership team to ensure it has the appropriate level of skills, experience and diversity at both board and senior management levels to oversee its next stage of growth as a sustainable international mining company.

During her 29-year career, Dr Streltsova has spent over 12 years in various technical and senior executive roles with major mining houses including Vale, BHP Billiton and WMC Resources.

A Chemical Engineer with both an MSc and PhD, Dr Streltsova spent the early part of her career working in chemical research before taking on several mining industry roles where she had considerable interaction with operations to provide support and to identify technical opportunities for efficiency improvements and cost reductions. She was Program Leader – Hydrometallurgy and Project Manager for WMC Resources between 2000 and 2005, working on a range of projects including Mt Keith and Olympic Dam; Team Leader – Hydrometallurgy and Technology Development Manager for BHP Billiton between 2005 and 2008; Manager Development and Technical Solutions for GRD Minproc (2008) and Director, Technical Development, for Vale SA in Brazil between 2008 and 2012.

In the past ten years her focus has been on non-executive board memberships and consulting. She is a nonexecutive Director of Ramelius Resources (ASX: RMS), non-executive director of Neometals (ASX: NMT) and nonexecutive Chair of Australian Potash (ASX: APC). She was a non-executive Director of Western Areas (ASX: WSA) from 2017 until its recent takeover by IGO Limited.

Centaurus Chair, Mr Didier Murcia, said: "We are absolutely delighted that Natalia has accepted our invitation to join the Centaurus board at this pivotal stage in our development as we continue to build the depth, capability and skills within our business and senior leadership team. Natalia is a globally recognised senior mining executive whose skills, experience and capabilities are second to none. She has worked at senior levels of the global mining industry, including for several major mining companies.

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"Her experience and technical capabilities in metallurgy and process development in the nickel industry, including lengthy stints working on major nickel projects in WA and overseas, will be invaluable to us. In addition, Natalia spent four years working in a senior executive position with global miner Vale, giving her an extensive level of knowledge of operations in Brazil and a wide contact network.

"We are very much looking forward to Natalia's input and contribution as we deliver the Jaguar Definitive Feasibility Study and take this globally significant project through financing and into development and production."

Commenting on her appointment, Dr Streltsova said: "I am very pleased to be joining the Centaurus team at a very exciting time in the company's development. Jaguar is a fantastic project and I have been impressed with the outstanding work that the team have done since acquiring it from Vale. Jaguar is a rare, long-life nickel sulphide asset which is set to generate significant returns for all stakeholders. I am looking forward to being involved in its development and to assisting the board and the Centaurus team in the years ahead."

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