



**TSX: HMZ**

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## **HMZ Metals Inc. Completes IPO, Begins Trading on TSX**

*Producing Metals Company to list on TSX*

**TORONTO April 6, 2005** – HMZ Metals Inc. (**TSX:HMZ**) (“HMZ” or the “Company”) announces that its common shares have been approved for listing and have begun trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange, effective today, under the symbol HMZ. The TSX listing corresponds with the closing today of HMZ’s initial public offering under which the Company raised gross proceeds of \$15.5 million.

“These important milestones represent the first phase in HMZ’s growth strategy. HMZ is a producing metals company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, and we’re extremely pleased to be among the industry leaders trading on the TSX,” said HMZ’s President Kerry D. Smith. “As an established, low-cost producing metals company generating cash flow from three existing base metal operations, HMZ offers western investors a platform to participate in the fast-growing Chinese economy with the potential to capitalize on a pipeline of high-quality gold and base metal projects in China.”

A syndicate of underwriters issued and sold an aggregate 38.8 million Units of the Company at a purchase price of \$0.40 per Unit.

Each Unit consisted of one common share and one warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at an exercise price of \$0.50 per share until the second anniversary of the closing of the Offering. The warrant has an automatic trigger when the shares trade at a price of \$0.80 per share or higher for a period of 20 days.

In addition, HMZ has granted the underwriters the right to purchase from the Company up to an additional 4.3 million Units at \$0.40 per Unit for a period of 30 days from closing. In the event this option is exercised in full, gross proceeds of the offering will be \$17.2 million.

### **About HMZ Metals**

HMZ Metals Inc. is a producing metals company with assets in China including a copper smelter, a 9% interest (with a letter of intent to acquire an additional 20% interest) in a zinc, tin, lead, antimony mine, a custom concentrator and two letters of intent on gold and base metal properties in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Province of the People’s Republic of China

### ***Gaofeng Mine***

HMZ holds a 9% interest and plans to exercise an option to acquire an additional 20% interest post closing, in the Gaofeng zinc, tin, lead and antimony mine. The Gaofeng Mine has a current operating capacity of 1,100 tonnes per day.

Located near the town of Dachang, approximately 85 kilometres northwest of the city of Hechi, in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Province, the Gaofeng Mine has been in full production since 1997. The underground mine (100 orebody) hosts mineral resources, classified by Micon International Ltd., of 1.6 million tonnes grading 1.8 % tin, 11.0 % zinc, 5.8 % lead and 5.1 % antimony.



***Hechi Copper Smelter***

Located approximately four kilometres east of the City of Hechi, the Hechi copper smelter produces blister copper and consist of a blast furnace and continuous horizontal converter. Strategically located, it is the only copper smelter in Guangxi province and acquires nearly all of its feed from local base metal mines.

The Hechi copper smelter has an annual production capacity of approximately 4,900 tonnes of copper. The Company is in the process of upgrading the operation to substantially increase this capacity.

***Wuxu Mill***

The Wuxu mill is a custom concentrator with a current capacity of approximately 100 tonnes of ore per day. A majority of the feed comes from the Wuxu mine which is a small scale underground mining operation located in the Latang-Shuiluo area, 23 kilometres southwest of the City of Hechi.

***Letters of Intent***

The Company has two letters of intent on gold and base metal properties in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Province of People's Republic of China.

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