

## Chris Taylor Joins Founders Metals as New Director

**Vancouver, British Columbia, October 1, 2024 – Founders Metals Inc.** (TSX-V: FDR, OTCQX: FDMIF, FSE: 9DL0) (“Founders” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce Chris Taylor as a new Independent Director to the Company’s Board of Directors (“Board” or “BOD”), effective immediately.

Mr. Taylor is a structural and economic geologist with over two decades of experience in both junior exploration and mid-tier mining companies. As the Founder, President, and CEO of Great Bear Resources, he led the company to a major district-scale gold discovery in Canada, which culminated in its acquisition by Kinross Gold for C\$1.8 billion. Mr. Taylor has received numerous prestigious awards, including PDAC’s 2023 Bill Dennis Award, Northern Miner’s 2021 Mining Person of the Year, and Kitco’s 2021 Mining CEO of the Year.

“I am very happy to welcome Chris to the Founders Board at a very exciting time for the Company,” stated Colin Padgett, President & CEO. “His experience and exceptional achievements in exploration and capital markets will be invaluable to Founders as we continue to grow and advance at Antino.”

Mr. Taylor commented, “I’ve been following the Founders story with interest for several months, as their team has executed a highly technical and successful series of proof-of-concept and discovery holes at the Antino project. Their methods and successes are reminiscent of the early days at Great Bear, and I am pleased to be able to lend my experience to their Board as they progress Antino through increasing scope of work and broader market awareness.”

The Company has granted Mr. Taylor 300,000 stock options under Founders’ Stock Option Plan. The Options have been granted at an exercise price of C\$2.55 per common share, vest immediately, and expire five years from the date granted.

Additionally, Founders is pleased to announce that, further to its news release dated [September 6, 2024](#), it has fulfilled the share issuance requirements necessary to exercise the first stage of its Antino Option to acquire a 51% interest in the Antino Gold Project. This has been achieved by issuing 1,140,000 common shares (the “Shares”) of the Company to Nana Resources N.V. (“Nana”) at a deemed price of C\$2.69 per share. This issuance follows a previous issuance to Nana last year of 475,000 Shares on March 27, 2023, at a deemed price of C\$0.20 per Share. Upon exercising the first stage of the Antino Option, the Company will obtain a 51% ownership in Lawa Gold N.V. (“Lawa”), the registered holder of the Antino Gold Project. Nana, an arm’s length party, is the legal and beneficial owner of Lawa and will retain a 49% ownership following the Company’s acquisition. The 1,140,000 Shares issued to Nana will be subject to a four-month hold, in compliance with applicable securities laws and the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange. No new insider or control person was created, and no commissions were paid in relation to the Share issuances.

### **About Founders Metals Inc.**

Founders Metals is a Canadian-based exploration company focused on advancing the Antino Gold Project located in Suriname, South America, in the heart of the Guiana Shield. Antino is 20,000 hectares

and has produced over 500,000 ounces of gold from surface and alluvial mining to date<sup>1</sup>. The Company drilled 10,000 metres in 2023 and is fully financed for up to 45,000 metres of drilling in 2024.

<sup>1</sup>2022 Technical Report – Antino Project; Suriname, South America. K. Raffle, BSc, P. Geo & Rock Lefrançois, BSc, P.Geo.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Per: "*Colin Padget*"

**Colin Padget**

President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director

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All material information on Founders Metals can be found at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).