

# For Immediate Release

# WILLESON ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS TO MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE TEAM

**Toronto, Ontario, April 28, 2022 – Willeson Metals Corp.** (the "**Company**" or "**Willeson Metals**"), is pleased to announce the following additions to its leadership and finance team. Mr. Orest Zajcew has taken on the role of Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Malika Arora has taken on the role of Controller for Willeson Metals.

Stephanie Hart, President & CEO of Willeson, stated, "I am delighted to welcome Orest and Malika to Willeson Metals into key financial roles. They are an indispensable addition to the team as they both have high quality experience and come with complementary capabilities and knowledge to further the Company at this critical time. Orest has also been an excellent support to Willeson Metals since it's inception and has contributed greatly to the Company's strategic planning."

Orest Zajcew is presently the Chief Financial Officer at Orix Geoscience 2018 Inc., a privately owned geological service provider, based out of the Toronto office, joining the team in June 2018. With almost 20 years experience in the financial sector, Orest has worked as both Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary for numerous private and TSX, TSX.V, CSE listed exploration companies. Orest was Willeson's CFO and Corporate Secretary from inception to June 2020 and continued to work as Corporate Secretary before being re-appointed to the CFO role. Orest was also the CFO and Corporate Secretary of Exiro Minerals Corp. from April 2018 to June 2020 and continues in the role of Corporate Secretary for Exiro. From August to December 2017 he was Chief Financial Officer for Discovery Metals Corp. (now Discovery Silver Corp.) during Discovery's initial phase of development and stayed on as Discovery's Corporate Secretary to July 2018. From 2005 to 2015, he was CFO and Corporate Secretary for Ryan Gold Corp. and Corona Gold Corporation until these companies, along with Eagle Hill Exploration Corp., were acquired by Oban Mining Corp. to form what is now known as Osisko Mining Inc. He was also CFO for a number of other companies such as Odyssey Resources Limited, Cogitore Resources Inc. and AgriMarine Holdings Inc. Orest received his doctorate in Political Science from the University of Toronto in 1998 and has been a CFA charterholder since 2001.

Malika Arora is a transformational finance and accounting leader with over 16 years of experience, including 8 years within the mining sector. Malika has worked as both Controller and Assistant Controller for private and TSX, TSX.V listed companies. Malika is presently the Controller at Giyani Metals Corp, a TSX.V listed exploration company. Malika was the Assistant Controller of Baffinland Iron Mines where she was involved with Baffinland's transitioning from a development project to fully operating mine including complex revenue recognition, embedded derivatives, and hedges. Malika worked at SNC Lavalin Inc from 2013 to 2016 as a Controller for Toronto Mining and Metallurgy Sector Division. Malika is experienced in financial reporting, finance/accounting systems implementations, development of internal controls, as well as the establishment of policies and procedures. She has successfully implemented business process improvements delivering quality results that have a proven impact on increasing bottom-line performance. She is an internationally trained professional with expertise in the fields of financial reporting throughout multiple jurisdictions.



#### **About Willeson Metals**

Willeson Metals is a Canadian-based, privately-owned mineral exploration company focused on the acquisition, exploration, and development of high-quality gold projects in the province of Manitoba, with a particular emphasis on Proterozoic terrains, which have long been under-explored in Canada for gold. The Company's portfolio of four, 100%-owned, gold projects are all located within the Proterozoic Lynn Lake greenstone belt of northern Manitoba.

Willeson Metals' vision is to explore for and discover Tier 1 gold deposits in the Proterozoic terrains of Canada and to do so in a responsible, safe and sustainable manner in order to create long-term value for all stakeholders.

### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Stephanie Hart, President & CEO

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