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## **Ero Copper Reports Second Quarter 2024 Operating and Financial Results**

(all amounts in US dollars, unless otherwise noted)

Vancouver, British Columbia – Ero Copper Corp. (TSX: ERO, NYSE: ERO) ("Ero" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its operating and financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024. Management will host a conference call tomorrow, Friday, August 2, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. eastern time to discuss the results. Dial-in details for the call can be found near the end of this press release.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Company reached a major inflection point with the successful production of first saleable copper concentrate at the Tucumã Project in early Q3 2024. Ramp up to commercial production is now underway
- Second quarter copper production was 8,867 tonnes at C1 cash costs<sup>(\*)</sup> of \$2.16 per pound of copper produced
- Gold production during the quarter was 16,555 ounces at C1 cash costs<sup>(\*)</sup> and All-in Sustaining Costs ("AISC")<sup>(\*)</sup> of \$428 and \$842, respectively, per ounce produced
- Second quarter financial results were bolstered by stronger metal prices and a favorable exchange rate environment, which also contributed to another quarter of record gross profit at the Xavantina Operations
  - Net loss attributable to the owners of the Company of \$53.2 million, or \$0.52 per share on a diluted basis
  - Adjusted net income attributable to the owners of the Company<sup>(\*)</sup> of \$18.6 million, or \$0.18 per share on a diluted basis
  - Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(\*)</sup> of \$51.5 million
- Available liquidity at quarter-end was \$169.8 million, including \$44.8 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$100.0 million of undrawn availability under the Company's senior secured revolving credit facility, and \$25.0 million of undrawn availability under the copper prepayment facility, entered into in May 2024

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- The Company is reaffirming full-year production and copper cash cost guidance and updating other 2024 guidance ranges to reflect H1 2024 performance, including exceptional year-to-date unit costs at the Xavantina Operations driven by elevated gold grades
  - Gold C1 cash cost guidance is being reduced to \$450 to \$550 (from \$550 to \$650) per ounce of gold produced, and AISC guidance is being lowered to \$900 to \$1,000 (from \$1,050 to \$1,150) per ounce of gold produced
  - Full-year capital expenditure guidance is being narrowed to \$303 to \$348 million (from \$299 to \$349 million)

"With the Tucumã Project ramping up to commercial production and the Xavantina Operations continuing to deliver exceptional operating results, we are on track to achieve record copper and gold production this year," said David Strang, Chief Executive Officer. "At the same time, gold prices continue to test new highs while gross profit margins in our copper business are benefiting from a historically tight concentrate market.

"This is an incredibly exciting time for our Company as the investments we've made over the last several years begin to yield tangible returns. Our team's hard work and dedication have positioned us to capitalize on these favorable market conditions and crystallize value for our shareholders."

#### **SECOND QUARTER REVIEW**

## Mining & Milling Operations

- The Caraíba Operations processed 957,692 tonnes of ore grading 1.03% copper, producing 8,867 tonnes of copper in concentrate for the quarter after metallurgical recoveries of 90.2%
  - Mill throughput continued to benefit from the successful completion of the Caraíba mill expansion in late 2023 with tonnes processed up 12.2% quarter-on-quarter and 17.9% compared to Q4 2023
  - Higher processed tonnage contributed to a 9.6% increase in copper production quarter-on-quarter
- The Xavantina Operations processed 40,446 tonnes of ore grading 14.00 grams per tonne, producing 16,555 ounces of gold in the quarter after metallurgical recoveries of 91.0%

## Organic Growth Projects

- During the quarter and subsequent to quarter-end, the Company achieved several important milestones at the Tucumã Project, including the successful production of first saleable copper concentrate, which exceeded process design concentrate grade targets
  - Production levels are projected to reach 80% of design mill capacity and 80% of design recovery rates by the end of Q3 2024
- At the Caraíba Operations, main shaft sinking at the Pilar Mine's new external shaft is progressing on schedule, with a projected depth of approximately 600 meters expected to be reached by year-end



Figure 1: Crushed ore stockpile at the Tucumã Project (June 2024).



**Figure 2:** Aerial view of the Tucumã Project's process plant, including ball mill, flotation and filtration (center), concentrate shed (bottom), and crushed ore stockpile (right) (July 2024).



**Figure 3:** Night-time aerial view of the Tucumã Project's process plant, including ball mill, flotation and filtration, taken during the first 24-hour shift of continuous mill operations (July 2024).



Figure 4: Mining of high-grade sulphide ore at the Tucumã Project (July 2024).

#### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

	2024 - Q2		2	2024 - Q1	 2023 - Q2	20	024 - YTD	_2	023 - YTD
Operating Highlights					 				
Copper (Caraíba Operations)									
Ore Processed (tonnes)		957,692		853,371	840,821		1,811,063		1,613,369
Grade (% Cu)		1.03		1.08	1.55		1.05		1.45
Cu Production (tonnes)		8,867		8,091	12,004		16,958		21,331
Cu Production (000 lbs)		19,548		17,838	26,464		37,386		47,027
Cu Sold in Concentrate (tonnes)		8,706		9,461	11,612		18,167		21,076
Cu Sold in Concentrate (000 lbs)		19,192		20,859	25,600		40,051		46,465
Cu C1 cash cost <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	2.16	\$	2.30	\$ 1.66	\$	2.23	\$	1.76
Gold (Xavantina Operations)									
Ore Processed (tonnes)		40,446		37,834	34,377		78,280		70,140
Grade (g / tonne)		14.00		16.38	13.20		15.15		12.51
Au Production (oz)		16,555		18,234	12,333		34,789		24,776
Au C1 cash cost <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	428	\$	395	\$ 492	\$	411	\$	464
Au AISC <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	842	\$	797	\$ 1,081	\$	819	\$	1,013
Financial Highlights (\$ in millions, except per share amo	ounts)								
Revenues	\$	117.1	\$	105.8	\$ 104.9	\$	222.9	\$	205.9
Gross profit		43.3		31.2	 39.4		74.5		79.5
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>		(36.2)		17.8	 58.6		(18.4)		106.6
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>		51.5		43.3	 45.8		94.8		90.2
Cash flow from operations		14.7		17.2	 55.5		31.9		71.8
Net (loss) income		(53.4)		(6.8)	29.9		(60.2)		54.4
Net (loss) income attributable to owners of the Company		(53.2)		(7.1)	29.6		(60.4)		53.7
Per share (basic)		(0.52)		(0.07)	0.32		(0.59)		0.58
Per share (diluted)					0.22		(0.59)		0.58
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Adjusted net income attributable to owners of the Company <sup>(1)</sup>		18.6		16.8	 22.3		35.4		44.7
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Adjusted net income attributable to owners of the Company <sup>(1)</sup> Per share (basic)		18.6 0.18		16.8	22.3 0.24		35.4 0.34		0.48
Adjusted net income attributable to owners of the Company <sup>(1)</sup> Per share (basic)  Per share (diluted)		18.6 0.18 0.18		16.8 0.16 0.16	22.3 0.24 0.24		35.4 0.34 0.34		44.7 0.48 0.48 180.4 140.7

<sup>(1)</sup> EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income (loss) attributable to owners of the Company, adjusted net income (loss) per share attributable to owners of the Company, net (cash) debt, working capital, copper C1 cash cost, copper C1 cash cost including foreign exchange hedges, gold C1 cash cost and gold AISC are non-IFRS measures. These measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and might not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other issuers. Please refer to the Company's discussion of Non-IFRS measures in its Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 and the Reconciliation of Non-IFRS Measures section at the end of this press release.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Copper C1 cash cost including foreign exchange hedges was \$2.16 in Q2 2024 (Q2 2023 - \$1.55) and \$2.22 in YTD 2024 (YTD 2024 - \$1.68).

## 2024 PRODUCTION AND COST GUIDANCE<sup>(\*)</sup>

The Company is reaffirming its consolidated copper production guidance of 59,000 to 72,000 tonnes in concentrate, with production expected to be weighted towards H2 2024 largely due to the projected ramp-up of production at the Tucumã Project. Contributions from the Tucumã Project, combined with significantly lower concentrate treatment and refining charges, as well as a more favorable USD to BRL exchange rate, are expected to result in lower consolidated copper C1 cash costs in H2 2024 compared to H1 2024. As a result, the Company is reaffirming its full-year consolidated copper C1 cash cost guidance range of \$1.50 to \$1.75 per pound of copper produced.

The Company is reaffirming its increased full-year gold production guidance range of 60,000 to 65,000 ounces. While slightly lower production is projected to result in higher unit costs in H2 2024 compared to H1 2024, the Company is lowering its 2024 gold cost guidance to reflect exceptional year-to-date unit cost performance. Full-year gold C1 cash cost guidance is now \$450 to \$550 (originally \$550 to \$650) per ounce of gold produced, and AISC guidance has been reduced to \$900 to \$1,000 (from \$1,050 to \$1,150) per ounce of gold produced.

The Company's cost guidance for 2024 assumes a foreign exchange rate of 5.00 BRL per USD, a gold price of \$1,900 per ounce and a silver price of \$23.00 per ounce.

	Original Guidance	Updated Guidance
Consolidated Copper Production (tonnes)		
Caraíba Operations	42,000 - 47,000	Low End of Range
Tucumã Operations	17,000 - 25,000	Unchanged
Total	59,000 - 72,000	Unchanged
Consolidated Copper C1 Cash Costs <sup>(1)</sup> Guidance		
Caraíba Operations	\$1.80 - \$2.00	Unchanged
Tucumã Operations	\$0.90 - \$1.10	Unchanged
Total	\$1.50 - \$1.75	Unchanged
The Xavantina Operations		
Au Production (ounces)	55,000 - 60,000	60,000 - 65,000
Gold C1 Cash Cost <sup>(1)</sup> Guidance	\$550 - \$650	\$450 - \$550
Gold AISC <sup>(1)</sup> Guidance	\$1,050 - \$1,150	\$900 - \$1,000

<sup>\*</sup> Guidance is based on certain estimates and assumptions, including but not limited to, mineral reserve estimates, grade and continuity of interpreted geological formations and metallurgical performance. Please refer to the Company's most recent Annual Information Form and Management of Risks and Uncertainties in the MD&A for complete risk factors.

<sup>(1)</sup> Please refer to the section titled "Alternative Performance (Non-IFRS) Measures" within the MD&A.

## 2024 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE GUIDANCE<sup>(\*)</sup>

The Company is narrowing its full-year capital expenditure guidance range to \$303 to \$348 million (from \$299 to \$349 million).

The 2024 capital expenditure guidance assumes an exchange rate of 5.10 USD:BRL for the Tucumã Project based on allocated foreign exchange hedges with a weighted average ceiling and floor of 5.10 and 5.23 USD:BRL, respectively. All other capital expenditures assume an exchange rate of 5.00 USD:BRL. Figures presented in the table below are in USD millions.

	Original Guidance	<b>Updated Guidance</b>
Caraíba Operations		
Growth	\$80 - \$90	\$70 - \$80
Sustaining	\$100 - \$110	\$90 - \$100
Total, Caraíba Operations	\$180 - \$200	\$160 - \$180
Tucumã Project		
Growth	\$65 - \$75	\$85 - \$90 <sup>(1)</sup>
Capitalized Ramp-Up Costs	\$4 - \$6	\$8 - \$10 <sup>(2)</sup>
Sustaining	\$2 - \$5	\$2 - \$5
Total, Tucumã Project	\$71 - \$86	\$95 - \$105
Xavantina Operations		
Growth	\$3 - \$5	\$3 - \$5
Sustaining	\$15 - \$18	\$15 - \$18
Total, Xavantina Operations	\$18 - \$23	\$18 - \$23
Consolidated Exploration Programs	\$30 - \$40	\$30 - \$40
Company Total		
Growth	\$148 - \$170	\$158 - \$175
Capitalized Ramp-Up Costs	\$4 - \$6	\$8 - \$10
Sustaining	\$117 - \$133	\$107 - \$123
Exploration	\$30 - \$40	\$30 - \$40
Total, Company	\$299 - \$349	\$303 - \$348

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<sup>(1)</sup> Includes approximately \$11.7 million of taxes deemed non-recoverable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Includes capitalized mining costs that were accelerated by over two months due to the early completion of pre-strip activities. This additional capital is expected to result in lower operating costs in H2 2024.

#### **CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS**

The Company will hold a conference call on Friday, August 2, 2024 at 11:30 am Eastern time (8:30 am Pacific time) to discuss these results.

Date:	Friday, August 2, 2024
Time:	11:30 am Eastern time (8:30 am Pacific time)
Dial in:	Canada/USA Toll Free: 1-844-763-8274, International: +1-647-484-8814
	Please dial in 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the call or pre-register using this <u>link</u> to bypass the live operator queue
Webcast:	To access the webcast, click <u>here</u>
Replay:	Canada/USA: 1-855-669-9658, International: +1-412-317-0088 For country-specific dial-in numbers, click <u>here</u>
Replay Passcode:	6135252

## **Reconciliation of Non-IFRS Measures**

Financial results of the Company are presented in accordance with IFRS. The Company utilizes certain alternative performance (non-IFRS) measures to monitor its performance, including copper C1 cash cost, copper C1 cash cost including foreign exchange hedges, gold C1 cash cost, gold AISC, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income attributable to owners of the Company, adjusted net income per share, net (cash) debt, working capital and available liquidity. These performance measures have no standardized meaning prescribed within generally accepted accounting principles under IFRS and, therefore, amounts presented may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other mining companies. These non-IFRS measures are intended to provide supplemental information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

For additional details please refer to the Company's discussion of non-IFRS and other performance measures in its Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 which is available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca, and on EDGAR at www.sec.gov.

## Copper C1 cash cost and copper C1 cash cost including foreign exchange hedges

The following table provides a reconciliation of copper C1 cash cost to cost of production, its most directly comparable IFRS measure.

Reconciliation:	2	024 - Q2	2	2024 - Q1		2023 - Q2	20	024 - YTD	20	23 - YTD
Cost of production	\$	41,945	\$	42,227	\$	37,767	\$	84,172	\$	74,052
Add (less):										
Transportation costs & other		1,283		1,252		1,733		2,535		3,072
Treatment, refining, and other		4,058		5,170		7,954		9,228		14,417
By-product credits		(3,431)		(2,440)		(3,704)		(5,871)		(6,514)
Incentive payments		(1,174)		(1,199)		(1,129)		(2,373)		(2,366)
Net change in inventory		(468)		(3,893)		1,323		(4,361)		138
Foreign exchange translation and other		21		(7)		(13)		14		2
C1 cash costs		42,234		41,110		43,931		83,344		82,801
(Gain) loss on foreign exchange hedges		46		(276)		(2,842)		(230)		(3,774)
C1 cash costs including foreign exchange hedges	\$	42,280	\$	40,834	\$	41,089	\$	83,114	\$	79,027
Mining	\$	27,881	\$	25,256	\$	25,794	\$	53,137	\$	49,004
Processing	·····	7,927		7,177		7,643	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	15.104		14,197
Indirect		5,799		5,947		6,244		11,746		11,697
Production costs		41,607		38,380	-	39,681		79,987		74,898
By-product credits		(3,431)		(2,440)		(3,704)		(5,871)		(6,514)
Treatment, refining and other		4,058		5,170		7,954		9,228		14,417
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C1 cash costs including foreign exchange neages	<u> </u>	42,200		40,034	<u> </u>	41,000		03,114	<del>-</del>	73,027
Costs per pound										
Total copper produced (lb, 000)		19,548		17,838	-	26,464	-	37,386		47,027
Mining	\$	1.42	\$	1.42	\$	0.97	\$	1.42	\$	1.04
Processing	\$	0.41	\$	0.40	\$	0.29	\$	0.41	\$	0.30
Indirect	\$	0.30	\$	0.33	\$	0.24	\$	0.31	\$	0.25
By-product credits	\$	(0.18)	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.16)	\$	(0.14)
Treatment, refining and other	\$	0.21	\$	0.29	\$	0.30	\$	0.25	\$	0.31
Copper C1 cash costs	\$	2.16	\$	2.30	\$	1.66	\$	2.23	\$	1.76
(Gain) loss on foreign exchange hedges	\$		\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.11)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.08)
Copper C1 cash costs including foreign exchange hedges	\$	2.16	\$	2.28	\$	1.55	\$	2.22	\$	1.68

## Gold C1 cash cost and gold AISC

The following table provides a reconciliation of gold C1 cash cost and gold AISC to cost of production, its most directly comparable IFRS measure.

Reconciliation:	20	)24 - Q2	2	2024 - Q1	2023 - Q2		20	24 - YTD	20	23 - YTD
Cost of production	\$	7,580	\$	7,255	\$ 5,65	57	\$	14,835	\$	11,764
Add (less):										
Incentive payments		(226)		(443)	(31	L1)		(669)		(718)
Net change in inventory		(322)		264	93	36		(58)		584
By-product credits		(259)		(189)	(16	33)		(448)		(339)
Smelting and refining		97		90	6	3		187		139
Foreign exchange translation and other		215		232	(11	L9)		447		57
C1 cash costs	\$	7,085	\$	7,209	\$ 6,06	63	\$	14,294	\$	11,487
Site general and administrative		1,350		1,353	1,33	38		2,703		2,570
Accretion of mine closure and rehabilitation provision		88		92	11	L1		180		216
Sustaining capital expenditure		2,653		3,254	3,53	30		5,907		6,543
Sustaining lease payments		1,908		2,122	1,74	10		4,030		3,400
Royalties and production taxes		862		510	55	56		1,372		894
AISC	\$	13,946	\$	14,540	\$ 13,33	38	\$	28,486	\$	25,110

Costs							
Mining	\$ 3,705	\$ 3,820	\$ 3,017	\$	7,525	\$	5,584
Processing	2,277	2,259	2,048		4,536		3,953
Indirect	1,265	1,229	1,098		2,494		2,150
Production costs	7,247	7,308	6,163		14,555		11,687
Smelting and refining costs	97	90	63		187		139
By-product credits	(259)	(189)	(163)		(448)		(339)
C1 cash costs	\$ 7,085	\$ 7,209	\$ 6,063	\$	14,294	\$	11,487
Site general and administrative	1,350	1,353	1,338		2,703		2,570
Accretion of mine closure and rehabilitation provision	88	92	111		180		216
Sustaining capital expenditure	2,653	3,254	3,530		5,907		6,543
Sustaining leases	1,908	2,122	1,740		4,030		3,400
Royalties and production taxes	862	510	556		1,372		894
AISC	\$ 13,946	\$ 14,540	\$ 13,338	\$	28,486	\$	25,110
Costs per ounce							
Total gold produced (ounces)	 16,555	 18,234	 12,333		34,789	-	24,776
Mining	\$ 224	\$ 209	\$ 245	\$	216	\$	225
Processing	\$ 138	\$ 124	\$ 166	\$	130	\$	160
Indirect	\$ 76	\$ 67	\$ 89	\$	72	\$	87
Smelting and refining	\$ 6	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$	5	\$	6
By-product credits	\$ (16)	\$ (10)	\$ (13)	\$	(12)	\$	(14)
Gold C1 cash cost	\$ 428	\$ 395	\$ 492	\$	411	\$	464
Gold AISC	\$ 842	\$ 797	\$ 1,081	Ś	819	\$	1,013

# Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and Adjusted EBITDA

The following table provides a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to net income, its most directly comparable IFRS measure.

Reconciliation:	2	2024 - Q2		2024 - Q1		.023 - Q2	2024 - YTD		2023 - YTD	
Net (Loss) Income	\$	(53,399)	\$	(6,830)	\$	29,941	\$	(60,229)	\$	54,441
Adjustments:										
Finance expense		4,565		4,634		5,995		9,199		12,521
Finance income		(1,361)		(1,468)		(3,362)		(2,829)		(7,500)
Income tax (recovery) expense		(8,267)		(1,853)		5,773		(10,120)		10,439
Amortization and depreciation		22,294		23,296		20,239		45,590		36,745
EBITDA	\$	(36,168)	\$	17,779	\$	58,586	\$	(18,389)	\$	106,646
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		70,454		18,996		(15,057)		89,450		(23,678)
Share based compensation		6,075		6,545		4,909		12,620		9,926
Write-down of exploration and evaluation asset		10,745		_		_		10,745		_
Unrealized loss (gain) on copper derivatives		436		(64)		(2,654)		372		(2,654)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	51,542	\$	43,256	\$	45,784	\$	94,798	\$	90,240

# Adjusted net income attributable to owners of the Company and Adjusted net income per share attributable to owners of the Company

The following table provides a reconciliation of Adjusted net income attributable to owners of the Company and Adjusted EPS to net income attributable to the owners of the Company, its most directly comparable IFRS measure.

Reconciliation:	2024 - Q2		2024 - Q1			2023 - Q2	2024 - YTD		2023 - YTD	
Net (loss) income as reported attributable to the owners of the Company	\$	(53,247)	\$	(7,141)	\$	29,576	\$	(60,388)	\$	53,730
Adjustments:										
Share based compensation		6,075		6,545		4,909		12,620		9,926
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain) on USD denominated balances in MCSA		48,517		11,257		(9,716)		59,774		(14,469)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain) on foreign exchange derivative contracts		16,006		9,304		(2,078)		25,310		(5,230)
Write-down of exploration and evaluation asset		10,745		_		_		10,745		_
Unrealized loss (gain) on copper derivative contracts		434		(64)		(2,644)		370		(2,644)
Tax effect on the above adjustments		(9,904)		(3,128)		2,205		(13,032)		3,413
Adjusted net income attributable to owners of the Company	\$	18,626	\$	16,773	\$	22,252	\$	35,399	\$	44,726
Weighted average number of common shares										
Basic	1	03,082,363		102,769,444		92,685,916		102,918,092		92,491,063
Diluted	1	03,961,615		103,242,437		93,643,447		103,704,730		93,429,191
Adjusted EPS										
Basic	\$	0.18	\$	0.16	\$	0.24	\$	0.34	\$	0.48
Diluted	\$	0.18	\$	0.16	\$	0.24	\$	0.34	\$	0.48

### Net (Cash) Debt

The following table provides a calculation of net (cash) debt based on amounts presented in the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements as at the periods presented.

	June 30, 2024	 March 31, 2024	De	ecember 31, 2023	June 30, 2023
Current portion of loans and borrowings	\$ 39,889	\$ 16,059	\$	20,381	\$ 17,105
Long-term portion of loans and borrowings	486,919	450,743		405,852	409,818
Less:					
Cash and cash equivalents	(44,773)	(51,692)		(111,738)	(124,382)
Short-term investments	_	<u>—</u>			(56,011)
Net debt (cash)	\$ 482,035	\$ 415,110	\$	314,495	\$ 246,530

## Working Capital and Available Liquidity

The following table provides a calculation for these based on amounts presented in the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements as at the periods presented.

	June 30, 2024	1	March 31, 2024	De	ecember 31, 2023	June 30, 2023
Current assets	\$ 124,554	\$	129,960	\$	199,487	\$ 280,783
Less: Current liabilities	 (182,143)		(158,565)		(173,800)	(140,090)
Working (deficit) capital	\$ (57,589)	\$	(28,605)	\$	25,687	\$ 140,693
Cash and cash equivalents	44,773		51,692		111,738	124,382
Short-term investments	_		_		_	56,011
Available undrawn revolving credit facilities	100,000		105,000		150,000	150,000
Available undrawn prepayment facilities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 25,000	\$		\$		\$ 
Available liquidity	\$ 169,773	\$	156,692	\$	261,738	\$ 330,393
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<sup>(1)</sup> In May 2024, the Company entered into a \$50.0 million non-priced copper prepayment facility arrangement. Through the end of 2024, the Company has the option to increase the size of the facility from \$50.0 million to \$75.0 million.

#### ABOUT ERO COPPER CORP

Ero is a high-margin, high-growth copper producer with operations in Brazil and corporate headquarters in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The Company's primary asset is a 99.6% interest in the Brazilian copper mining company, Mineração Caraíba S.A. ("MCSA"), 100% owner of the Company's Caraíba Operations (formerly known as the MCSA Mining Complex), which are located in the Curaçá Valley, Bahia State, Brazil and include the Pilar and Vermelhos underground mines and the Surubim open pit mine, and the Tucumã Project (formerly known as Boa Esperança), an IOCG-type copper project located in Pará, Brazil. The Company also owns 97.6% of NX Gold S.A. ("NX Gold") which owns the Xavantina Operations (formerly known as the NX Gold Mine), comprised of an operating gold and silver mine located in Mato Grosso, Brazil. Additional information on the Company and its operations, including technical reports on the Caraíba Operations, Xavantina Operations and Tucumã Project, can be found on the Company's website (www.erocopper.com), on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca), and on EDGAR (www.sec.gov). The Company's shares are publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ERO".

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#### CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION AND STATEMENTS

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). Forward-looking statements include statements that use forward-looking terminology such as "may", "could", "will", "should", "intend", "target", "plan", "expect", "budget", "estimate", "forecast", "schedule", "anticipate", "believe", "continue", "potential", "view" or the negative or grammatical variation thereof or other variations thereof or comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the Company's expected production, operating costs and capital expenditures at the Caraíba Operations, the Tucumā Project and the Xavantina Operations; estimated timing for certain milestones, including ramp-up of production levels, at the Tucumā Project; expected progress at the new external shaft at the Caraíba Operations; expectations related to foreign exchange rates as well as copper concentrate treatment and refining charges; and any other statement that may predict, forecast, indicate or imply future plans, intentions, levels of activity, results, performance or achievements.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results, actions, events, conditions, performance or achievements to materially differ from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, risks discussed in this press release and in the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2023 ("ALF") under the heading "Risk Factors". The risks discussed in this press release and in the AIF are not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of the Company's forward-looking statements. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results, actions, events, conditions, performance or achievements to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause results, actions, events, conditions, performance or achievements to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended.

Forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Forward-looking statements involve statements about the future and are inherently uncertain, and the Company's actual results, achievements or other future events or conditions may differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements due to a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors, including, without limitation, those referred to herein and in the AIF under the heading "Risk Factors".

The Company's forward-looking statements are based on the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and opinions of management on the date the statements are made, many of which may be difficult to predict and beyond the Company's control. In connection with the forward-looking statements contained in this press release and in the AIF, the Company has made certain assumptions about, among other things: favourable equity and debt capital markets; the ability to raise any necessary additional capital on reasonable terms to advance the production, development and exploration of the Company's properties and assets; future prices of copper, gold and other metal prices; the timing and results of exploration and drilling programs; the accuracy of any mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates; the geology of the Caraíba Operations, the Xavantina Operations and the Tucumã Project being as described in the respective technical report for each property; production costs; the accuracy of budgeted exploration, development and construction costs and expenditures; the price of other commodities such as fuel; future currency exchange rates and interest rates; operating conditions being favourable such that the Company is able to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner; work force continuing to remain healthy in the face of prevailing epidemics, pandemics or other health risks, political and regulatory stability; the receipt of governmental, regulatory and third party approvals, licenses and permits on favourable terms; requirements under applicable laws; sustained labour stability; stability in financial and capital goods markets; availability of equipment; positive relations with local groups and the Company's ability to meet its obligations under its agreements with such groups; and satisfying the terms and conditions of the Company selieves that the assumptions inherent in forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the date of this press release, these assumptions are subject to significant business, social, ec

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#### CAUTIONARY NOTES REGARDING MINERAL RESOURCE AND MINERAL RESERVE ESTIMATES

Unless otherwise indicated, all reserve and resource estimates included in this press release and the documents incorporated by reference herein have been prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (the "CIM") — CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, adopted by the CIM Council, as amended (the "CIM Standards"). NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators that establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. Canadian standards, including NI 43-101, differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and reserve and resource information included herein may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this press release and the documents incorporated by reference herein use the terms "measured resources," "indicated resources" and "inferred resources" as defined in accordance with NI 43-101 and the CIM Standards.

Further to recent amendments, mineral property disclosure requirements in the United States (the "U.S. Rules") are governed by subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act") which differ from the CIM Standards. As a foreign private issuer that is eligible to file reports with the SEC pursuant to the multi-jurisdictional disclosure system (the "MDDS"), Ero is not required to provide disclosure on its mineral properties under the U.S. Rules and will continue to provide disclosure under NI 43-101 and the CIM Standards. If Ero ceases to be a foreign private issuer or loses its eligibility to file its annual report on Form 40-F pursuant to the MJDS, then Ero will be subject to the U.S. Rules, which differ from the requirements of NI 43-101 and the CIM Standards.

Pursuant to the new U.S. Rules, the SEC recognizes estimates of "measured mineral resources", "indicated mineral resources" and "inferred mineral resources". In addition, the definitions of "proven mineral reserves" and "probable mineral reserves" under the U.S. Rules are now "substantially similar" to the corresponding standards under NI 43-101. Mineralization described using these terms has a greater amount of uncertainty as to its existence and feasibility than mineralization that has been characterized as reserves. Accordingly, U.S. investors are cautioned not to assume that any measured mineral resources, indicated mineral resources, or inferred mineral resources that Ero reports are or will be economically or legally mineable. Further, "inferred mineral resources" have a greater amount of uncertainty as to their existence and as to whether they can be mined legally or economically. Under Canadian securities laws, estimates of "inferred mineral resources" may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies, except in rare cases. While the above terms under the U.S. Rules are "substantially similar" to the standards under NI 43-101 and CIM Standards, there are differences in the definitions under the U.S. Rules and CIM Standards. Accordingly, there is no assurance any mineral reserves or mineral resources that Ero may report as "proven mineral reserves", "probable mineral reserves", "measured mineral resources" and "inferred mineral resources" under NI 43-101 would be the same had Ero prepared the reserve or resource estimates under the standards adopted under the U.S. Rules.