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Kodiak Expands Team with Proven Talent to Drive Next Phase of Growth

July 17, 2025 – Vancouver, British Columbia – Kodiak Copper Corp. (the “**Company**” or “**Kodiak**”) (TSX-V: KDK, OTCQB: KDKCF, Frankfurt: 5DD1) today announces the appointment of Mike Westendorf as Metallurgical Advisor and Alan O’Connor as Senior Exploration Manager, further strengthening Kodiak’s technical team focused on the Company’s 100%-owned MPD copper-gold porphyry project in southern British Columbia.

Mr. Westendorf is a professional engineer with over 18 years of diversified mining experience. He has a strong background in metallurgy and process engineering, having worked at the Copper Mountain Mine where he held senior positions and helped guide the project from the feasibility stage through to construction, operation, expansion, and ultimately M&A with Hudbay Minerals Inc. In addition, Mike also led project development activities on the Eva Copper Project, a greenfield open pit copper project located in Queensland Australia, now in development following an acquisition by Harmony Gold. Mike is currently COO with Lithium Ionic, a Toronto-based junior mining company.

Mr. O’Connor is a Registered Professional Geologist (British Columbia) with over 35 years of mineral exploration experience across North and South America. He has a proven track record in managing exploration programs for base metals, gold, silver, and diamonds, from grassroots through to resource definition stages. He has successfully implemented and led comprehensive exploration programs aligned with industry best practices and held senior leadership positions in both junior and major mining companies, overseeing multidisciplinary teams.

Claudia Tornquist, President and CEO of Kodiak said, “I am very pleased to welcome Mike and Alan to the Kodiak team. Mike’s expertise in metallurgy and particularly his experience as Mill Manager and Director of Metallurgy at the neighbouring Copper Mountain mine will be highly relevant as we progress our metallurgical work at MPD. Alan’s extensive experience in project management will enable him to make a significant contribution to our exploration programs. With 2025 shaping up to be a catalyst-rich year for our shareholders, the addition of Mike and Alan strengthens our team at a pivotal time, positioning Kodiak to unlock even greater value from MPD.”

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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About Kodiak Copper

Kodiak is focused on its 100% owned copper porphyry projects in Canada and the USA that have been historically drilled and present known mineral discoveries with the potential to hold large-scale deposits. Kodiak Copper's most advanced asset is the 100% owned MPD copper-gold porphyry project in the prolific Quesnel Terrane in south-central British Columbia, Canada, a mining district with producing mines and excellent infrastructure. MPD exhibits all the hallmarks of a major, multi-centered porphyry district with the potential to become a major mine. To date, drilling has outlined seven substantial mineralized zones across the property, and Kodiak is delivering an Initial Resource estimate for MPD in 2025. The estimate for the first four mineralized zones was released in June and already highlights the project's scale and potential. Drilling is underway on the remaining three zones and results will be incorporated into the full Initial Resource estimate, expected by year end. With known mineralized zones open to expansion and multiple untested targets, Kodiak continues to systematically explore the district-scale potential of MPD to build critical mass and make the next discovery.

Kodiak's founder and Chairman is Chris Taylor who is well-known for his gold discovery success with Great Bear Resources. Kodiak is also part of Discovery Group led by John Robins, one of the most successful mining entrepreneurs in Canada.

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