

KIRKSTONE METALS HIGHLIGHTS STRATEGIC ROLE AMID POSSIBLE IRAN CEASEFIRE AND PROJECT VAULT DEFENSE INITIATIVES

Vancouver, British Columbia — **April 09, 2026** — **Kirkstone Metals Corp. (TSXV: KSM) (FWB: V00)** (the "**Company**") acknowledges the recent Iran ceasefire, a development that contributes to stability in global defense and energy supply chains.

"Project Vault, supported by the U.S. government, underscores the urgent need for secure domestic uranium to support military, defense, and strategic energy infrastructure," said a spokesperson for Kirkstone Metals. "Uranium is critical for advanced nuclear technologies, national defense readiness, and the energy systems that underpin military operations. The recent U.S. Department of Energy announcement of \$2.7 billion in contracts to restore domestic uranium enrichment capabilities highlights the country's commitment to securing these strategic resources. Kirkstone Metals' North American uranium assets are ideally positioned to support these defense priorities."

"Amid ongoing global tensions, uranium demand remains on a strong long-term trajectory. Total global uranium usage is projected to rise as nations prioritize energy security, low-carbon power, and strategic stockpiles," added the spokesperson. "Project Vault reinforces the importance of resilient domestic supply chains, and Kirkstone Metals is advancing its high-grade uranium portfolio to help meet these critical defense and energy needs."

Kirkstone Metals continues to develop its uranium projects to deliver reliable, long-term value for defense, industrial, and clean energy markets, supporting secure, strategic access to uranium for national and allied security initiatives.

About Kirkstone Metals

Kirkstone Metals Corp. is a Canadian-based mineral exploration company focused on discovering and developing high-grade uranium projects in North America, supplying critical metals for defense, energy security, industrial growth, and clean energy applications.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of Kirkstone Metals Corp.

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