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## NEWS RELEASE

## STRONGHOLD ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF VP EXPLORATION

**Vancouver, BC – ("Stronghold" or the "Company")** (**Z**: **TSX-V**) The Company announces that Dr. Michael J. Byron has decided to step down as Vice President, Exploration. Dr. Byron advised the Company that given the time commitment required to run two major programs in two foreign countries the Company would be better served by a Vice President Exploration based in the Company's head office in Vancouver. Dr. Byron has agreed to continue to assist the Company in a consulting capacity until such time as the Company finds a replacement.

In the interim period, the ongoing programs in Brazil and Guyana will be managed by the Company's President and CEO, Mr. Ioannis Tsitos with the technical assistance of Mr. Paul McGuigan, a director of the Company and proprietor of Cambria Geosciences. Both Messrs. Tsitos and McGuigan have extensive experience in running major exploration and development programs, such that the Company does not expect any issues to arise as a result of the transition.

Mr. Tsitos stated: "We wish to thank Mike for his contributions to date, look forward to his continuing advice and wish him all the best in his future endeavours."

We seek Safe Harbour.

## On behalf of The Board of Directors of Stronghold Metals Inc.

## <u>*"Ioannis (Yannis) Tsitos"*</u> President, CEO & Director

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