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Capstone Mining 2018 First Quarter Production Results

Vancouver, British Columbia - Capstone Mining Corp. (“Capstone”) (TSX: CS) today announced production results for the three months ended March 31, 2018. Combined production totalled 19,200 tonnes of copper in the first quarter, with additional by-products of zinc, molybdenum, lead, silver and gold.

Pinto Valley	11,400
Cozamin	4,300
Minto	3,500
Total copper production ⁽¹⁾	19,200

(1) Total production includes copper in concentrate and cathode production.

"Cozamin outperformed in the first quarter, with production at Pinto Valley slightly lower than expectations and Minto impacted by lower grades," said Darren Pylot, President and CEO of Capstone. "Consolidated production is expected to ramp up throughout the remaining quarters, aligned with our 2018 guidance."

"In the first quarter, we also announced an agreement to sell our Minto Mine to Pembridge Resources plc," added Mr. Pylot. "The transaction is progressing as planned and is expected to complete in the second quarter, with the proceeds earmarked to pay down our credit facility."

Operational Highlights

- At Pinto Valley, production was lower than planned with throughput and recoveries at the low end of expectations. Grade was in line with the mine plan for the quarter, with higher head grade and production expected over the remainder of the year.
- At Cozamin, production for the quarter was better than expected on higher grade.
- At Minto, production was lower than planned with mining delays in the underground operations and lower than expected grades coming from the Area 2 Stage 4 pushback, resulting in lower grade mill feed during the quarter.

Q1 2018 Operating Details

	Pinto Valley	Cozamin	Minto	Total
Contained Production ⁽¹⁾				
- Copper (tonnes)	11,421	4,285	3,530	19,236
- Zinc (tonnes)	-	795	-	795
- Molybdenum (Mo tonnes)	29	-	-	29
- Lead (tonnes)	-	21	-	21
- Silver (ounces) ⁽²⁾	70,435	250,175	35,404	356,014
- Gold (ounces) ^{(2) (3)}	-	-	2,600	2,600
Payable Copper Production ⁽¹⁾ (tonnes) (in concentrate and cathode)	11,037	4,115	3,415	18,567
Mine				
- Ore (tonnes) – open pit	5,065,704	-	474,549	5,540,253
- Waste (tonnes)	6,789,137	-	1,312,512	8,101,649
- Ore (tonnes) – underground	-	214,942	90,921	305,863
Mill				
- Tonnes processed	4,834,434	212,912	366,578	5,413,924
- Tonnes processed per day	53,716	2,366	4,073	60,155
- Copper grade (%) ⁽⁴⁾	0.27	2.09	1.16	0.40
- Zinc grade (%)	-	0.62	-	0.62
- Molybdenum grade (%)	0.006	-	-	0.006
- Lead grade (%)	-	0.08	-	0.08
- Silver grade (g/t)	*	45	4	19
- Gold grade (g/t)	*	-	0.35	0.35
Recoveries (%)				
- Copper	83.1 ⁽⁴⁾	96.3	82.9	85.8
- Zinc	-	59.8	-	59.8
- Lead	-	12.4	-	12.4
- Silver	*	81.4	75.0	80.5
- Gold	*	-	55.2	55.2
Concentrates				
- Copper concentrate (dmt)	43,847	15,810	8,990	68,647
Copper (%)	25.0	27.1	39.3	27.4
Silver (g/t)	*	487	123	355
Gold (g/t)	*	-	7.9	7.9
- Zinc concentrate (dmt)	-	1,667	-	1,667
Zinc (%)	-	47.7	-	47.7
- Molybdenum concentrate (dmt)	58	-	-	58
- Lead concentrate (dmt)	-	38	-	38
Lead (%)	-	54.4	-	54.4
Silver (g/t)	-	2,109	-	2,109
Payable Copper Shipped (tonnes)	12,372	3,831	3,924	20,127

(1) Adjustments based on final settlements will be made in future periods. (2) Silver and gold at Pinto Valley and gold at Minto are not assayed on site, resulting in a significant lag time in receiving this data. As such, these figures are estimates and for Minto includes gold contained in copper concentrate, but excludes gold contained in gold concentrate produced. (3) Pinto Valley gold production reaches payable levels from time to time. Any payable gold production will be reported in the period revenue is received. (4) Grade and recoveries were estimated based on concentrate production and may be impacted by settlements from prior production periods. *Silver and gold have not been estimated in the Pinto Valley resource model. Only recovered silver and payable gold is reported for this mine.

Operating Outlook

Capstone's 2018 copper production guidance for Pinto Valley and Cozamin remains unchanged. Capstone has entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of the Minto mine, with the transaction expected to close in the second quarter of 2018.



Financial Results Timing

Capstone will report Q1 2018 financial results on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 after market close, followed by a conference call and webcast for investors and analysts on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 11:30 am Eastern Time (8:30 am Pacific Time).

Conference Call and Webcast Details

Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Time: 11:30 am Eastern Time (8:30 am Pacific Time)
Dial in: North America: 1-888-390-0546, International: +416-764-8688
Webcast: <http://event.on24.com/r.htm?e=1626391&s=1&k=ED9664FBED1580A051E48EE6D0B7D2E2>
Replay: North America: 1-888-390-0541, International: +416-764-8677
Replay Passcode: 285507#

The conference call replay will be available until Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The conference call audio and transcript will be available on Capstone's website within 48 hours of the call at <http://capstonemining.com/investors/events-and-presentations/default.aspx>.

About Capstone Mining Corp.

Capstone Mining Corp. is a Canadian base metals mining company, focused on copper. We are committed to the responsible development of our assets and the environments in which we operate. Our three producing mines are the Pinto Valley copper mine located in Arizona, US, the Cozamin polymetallic mine in Zacatecas State, Mexico and the Minto copper mine in Yukon, Canada. In addition, Capstone has the large scale 70% owned copper-iron Santo Domingo development project in Region III, Chile, in partnership with Korea Resources Corporation as well as a portfolio of exploration properties. Capstone's strategy is to focus on the optimization of operations and assets in politically stable, mining-friendly regions, centred in the Americas. Our headquarters are in Vancouver, Canada and we are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX). Further information is available at www.capstonemining.com.

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