

First Majestic Reports First Quarter Financial Results

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, May 09, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **FIRST MAJESTIC SILVER CORP.**(AG: NYSE; FR: TSX) (the "Company" or "First Majestic") is pleased to announce the unaudited interim consolidated financial results of the Company for the first quarter ended March 31, 2019. The full version of the financial statements and the management discussion and analysis can be viewed on the Company's web site at www.firstmajestic.com or on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on EDGAR at www.sec.gov. All amounts are in U.S. dollars unless stated otherwise.

FIRST QUARTER 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Silver equivalent production of 6.3 million ounces, down 3% compared to Q4 2018
- Pure silver production of 3.3 million ounces, up 2% compared to Q4 2018
- Revenues for the quarter was \$86.8 million, up 17% compared to Q4 2018
- Mine operating earnings of \$10.3 million, up 214% compared to Q4 2018
- Cash flow per share was \$0.12 per share (non-GAAP)
- Cash costs were \$6.34 per payable silver ounce (net of by-product credits)
- All-in sustaining costs ("AISC") were \$12.91 per payable silver ounce
- Net earnings of \$2.9 million (EPS share of \$0.01)
- Realized average silver price of \$15.73 per ounce
- Strong balance sheet with \$91.5 million in cash and cash equivalents

"In the first quarter, higher silver production along with improved silver prices generated increased revenues, earnings and cash flows compared to the prior quarter," stated Keith Neumeyer, President and CEO of First Majestic. "Strong gold production from our San Dimas and Santa Elena mines helped to record better than expected consolidated cash costs and AISC per ounce. Costs are expected to continue to trend lower in the second half of 2019 due to higher production levels at various operations including the commercialization of several cost saving projects which are expected to further increase margins and profitability. We continue to prudently manage the business in a very challenging silver price environment by balancing capital investments with expected cash flows and ensuring we maximize returns on invested capital."

OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key Performance Metrics	2019-Q1		2018-Q4		Change Q1 vs Q4		2018-Q1		Change Q1 vs Q1	
Operational										
Ore Processed / Tonnes Milled	812,654		850,272		(4	%)	809,775		—	%
Silver Ounces Produced	3,331,388		3,250,816		2	%	2,167,030		54	%
Silver Equivalent Ounces Produced	6,273,677		6,485,761		(3	%)	3,879,678		62	%
Cash Costs per Ounce ⁽¹⁾	\$6.34		\$6.06		5	%	\$7.83		(19	%)
All-in Sustaining Cost per Ounce ⁽¹⁾	\$12.91		\$12.83		1	%	\$16.01		(19	%)
Total Production Cost per	\$66.65		\$65.31		2	%	\$46.88		42	%

Tonne ⁽¹⁾										
Average Realized Silver Price per Ounce ⁽¹⁾	\$15.73	\$14.47	9	%	\$16.76	(6	%)			
Financial (in \$millions)										
Revenues	\$86.8	\$74.1	17	%	\$58.6	48	%			
Mine Operating Earnings (Loss)	\$10.3	(\$9.0)	214	%	(\$0.4)	2,524	%	
Net Earnings (Loss)	\$2.9	(\$164.4)	102	%	(\$5.6)	152	%	
Operating Cash Flows before Working Capital and Taxes	\$23.7	\$11.0			\$15.6	52	%			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$91.5	\$57.0	61	%	\$249.2	(63	%)			
Working Capital ⁽¹⁾	\$130.9	\$108.1	21	%	\$235.6	(44	%)			
Shareholders										
Earnings (Loss) per Share ("EPS") - Basic	\$0.01	(\$0.85)	102	%	(\$0.03)	144	%	
Adjusted EPS ⁽¹⁾	(\$0.01)	(\$0.05)	70	%	(\$0.06)	75	%
Cash Flow per Share ⁽¹⁾	\$0.12	\$0.06	113	%	\$0.09	28	%			

1. The Company reports non-GAAP measures which include cash costs per ounce, all-in sustaining cost per ounce, total production cost per ounce, total production cost per tonne, average realized silver price per ounce, working capital, adjusted EPS and cash flow per share. These measures are widely used in the mining industry as a benchmark for performance, but do not have a standardized meaning and may differ from methods used by other companies with similar descriptions.

Q1 2019 FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Company realized an average silver price of \$15.73 per ounce during the first quarter of 2019, representing a 6% decrease compared with the first quarter of 2018 and a 9% increase compared to \$14.47 in the prior quarter.

Revenues generated in the first quarter totaled \$86.8 million, an increase of 48% compared to \$58.6 million in the first quarter of 2018 primarily due to the acquisition of the San Dimas mine in the second quarter of 2018, which resulted in a 60% increase in silver equivalent ounces sold, partially offset by a 6% decrease in average realized silver price compared to the same quarter of the prior year.

The Company reported mine operating earnings of \$10.3 million compared to (\$0.4) million in the first quarter of 2018. The increase in mine operating earnings in the quarter was attributed to the San Dimas and Santa Elena mines, which generated mine operating earnings of \$11.2 million and \$5.1 million, respectively, primarily offset by losses at the Del Toro and La Parrilla mines due to reduced production levels.

Cash flow from operations before movements in working capital and income taxes in the quarter was \$23.7 million (\$0.12 per share) compared to \$15.6 million (\$0.09 per share) in the first quarter of 2018.

The Company generated net earnings of \$2.9 million (EPS of \$0.01) compared to (\$5.6) million (EPS of \$(0.03)) in the first quarter of 2018. Adjusted net earnings for the quarter was (\$2.9) million (adjusted EPS of \$(0.01)), after excluding non-cash and non-recurring items.

Cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2019 was \$91.5 million, an increase of \$34.5 million compared to the previous quarter, while working capital increased to \$130.9 million. The increase in cash and cash equivalents was primarily attributed to the sale of 5,250,000 common shares of the Company through its "at-the-market distribution" program at an average price of US\$6.34 per share for gross proceeds of \$33.6 million, or net proceeds of \$32.5 million after costs.

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The table below represents the quarterly operating and cost parameters at each of the Company's six producing silver mines.

First Quarter Production Summary	San Dimas	Santa Elena	La Encantada	San Martin	La Parrilla	Del Toro	Consolidated
Ore Processed / Tonnes Milled	163,264	219,941	269,611	62,148	72,551	25,138	812,654
Silver Ounces Produced	1,404,454	587,195	720,959	331,539	219,485	67,757	3,331,388
Silver Equivalent Ounces Produced	3,172,270	1,403,364	723,699	421,091	441,095	112,158	6,273,677
Cash Costs per Ounce	\$0.93	\$2.81	\$12.60	\$11.35	\$16.58	\$27.20	\$6.34
All-in Sustaining Cost per Ounce	\$5.65	\$6.37	\$13.72	\$15.67	\$25.62	\$35.89	\$12.91
Total Production Cost per Tonne	\$122.17	\$56.53	\$32.71	\$80.39	\$76.78	\$95.06	\$66.65

Total production in the first quarter reached 6,273,677 silver equivalents ounces, consisting of 3,331,388 million ounces of silver, 32,037 ounces of gold, 2,661,088 pounds lead and 1,265,438 pounds of zinc. Compared to the previous quarter, total production decreased slightly by 3% due to lower throughput and production at the Del Toro and La Parrilla mines, partially offset by an increase in production from the La Encantada mine. Pure silver production increased 2% as a result of higher grades at the San Dimas and La Encantada mines.

COSTS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Cash cost per ounce in the quarter was \$6.34, an increase of 5% or \$0.28 per ounce compared to the previous quarter. The increase in cash cost per ounce was primarily attributed to a decrease in by-product credits which was partially offset by lower mining contractor costs corresponding to planned reduction in throughputs at La Parrilla and Del Toro. Costs are expected to trend lower in the second half of 2019 due to higher production levels at various operations.

All-in sustaining cost per ounce in the first quarter was \$12.91, comparable to \$12.83 per ounce in the previous quarter.

Total capital expenditures in the first quarter were \$28.7 million, primarily consisting of \$8.2 million at San Dimas, \$4.8 million at Santa Elena, \$2.9 million at La Encantada, \$2.4 million at San Martin, \$2.8 million at La Parrilla, \$1.0 million at Del Toro and \$6.6 million for strategic projects which includes approximately \$6.0 million for the purchase of two HIG mills.

ABOUT FIRST MAJESTIC

First Majestic is a publicly traded mining company focused on silver production in Mexico and is aggressively pursuing the development of its existing mineral property assets. The Company presently owns and operates the San Dimas Silver/Gold Mine, the Santa Elena Silver/Gold Mine, the La Encantada Silver Mine, the La Parrilla Silver

Mine, the San Martin Silver Mine and the Del Toro Silver Mine. Production from these mines are projected to be between 14.2 to 15.8 million silver ounces or 24.7 to 27.5 million silver equivalent ounces in 2019.

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"signed"

Keith Neumeyer, President & CEO

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The Company believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward-looking statements included herein should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date hereof. The Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable laws.