

NEWS RELEASE**Equinox Gold Begins Staged Restart at Los Filos Mine**

December 23, 2020 – Vancouver, BC – Equinox Gold Corp. (TSX: EQX, NYSE American: EQX) (“Equinox Gold” or the “Company”) reports that the blockade by members of the Carrizalillo community at the Company’s Los Filos Mine in Mexico has been removed and access to the mine has been restored. Representatives from Los Filos continue to meet regularly with community leaders to reach consensus on the remaining items related to benefits provided under the Carrizalillo social collaboration agreement.

Los Filos has begun a staged restart and is working toward achieving full operations in January. Workers will resume their duties only after testing negative for COVID-19.

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