



FIRST QUANTUM MINERALS ANNOUNCES THE COMMENCEMENT OF COPPER CONCENTRATE SHIPPING AT COBRE PANAMA

TORONTO, Ontario (June 24, 2019) - **First Quantum Minerals Ltd. ("First Quantum" or "the Company") (TSX:FM)** announced today that the first shipment of copper concentrate from Cobre Panama has left port. This shipment is the first from the operation and a significant milestone of the ongoing ramp-up. Cobre Panama is the Company's newest operation located in the district of Donoso, Colon province, in the Republic of Panama, which commenced production earlier in the year.

The Missy Enterprise (a Panama flagged vessel), departed the Punta Rincon port at Cobre Panama on June 19, 2019 with a total load of 31,377 wet metric tonnes of copper concentrate as per the Captain's draft survey. The next vessel, the Clarke Quay, has already docked at the Cobre Panama port and will be loading approximately 44,000 wet metric tonnes of copper concentrate over the next few days. Ongoing vessels are expected every 2-3 weeks.

This first shipment, at copper concentrate grades consistent with plan, is a significant milestone in the ramp-up at the Project. Cobre Panama remains on track to produce between 140-175,000 tonnes of copper in 2019 with more than 80% of production expected in the second half of the year and ramping up to over 300,000 tonnes of annual copper production over the next few years, consistent with Company guidance. More information will be provided when the Company reports second quarter financial and operating results in late July.

Figure 1: The Missy Enterprise going through the Panama Canal with the first copper concentrate shipment from First Quantum's Cobre Panama Mine



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Certain statements and information herein, including all statements that are not historical facts, contain forward-looking statements and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws. The forward-looking statements include estimates, forecasts and statements as to the Company's expectations of production and sales volumes, and expected timing of completion of project development at Cobre Panama and Enterprise and are subject to the impact of ore grades on future production, the potential of production disruptions (including at Cobre Las Cruces as a result of the land slippage in January 2019), capital expenditure and mine production costs, the outcome of mine permitting, other required permitting, the outcome of legal proceedings which involve the Company, information with respect to the future price of copper, gold, silver, nickel, zinc, pyrite, cobalt, iron and sulphuric acid, estimated mineral reserves and mineral resources, First Quantum's exploration and development program, estimated future expenses, exploration and development capital requirements, the Company's hedging policy, and goals and strategies. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements or information can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate" or "believes" or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved.

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