# Copper Mountain Mining Announces Q1-2018 Financial Results

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VANCOUVER, April 27, 2018 - Copper Mountain Mining Corp. (TSX: CMMC, ASX:C6C) (the "Company" or "Copper Mountain") announces 2018 first quarter revenues of \$78 million after pricing adjustments and treatment charges from the sale of 24.8 million pounds of copper equivalent, including 21.7 million pounds of copper, 6,500 ounces of gold, and 80,600 ounces of silver. Total cash cost for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 was US\$1.90 per pound of copper sold, net of precious metals credits.

## Highlights (100% Basis)

- Copper, gold and silver production for the first quarter of 2018 at Copper Mountain Mine was 23.2
  million pounds of copper equivalent which includes 19.9 million pounds of copper, 6,070 ounces of gold
  and 77.900 ounces of silver.
- Revenue for the period was \$78.0 million, from the sale of 21.7 million pounds of copper, 6,500 ounces
  of gold and 80,600 ounces of silver, net of pricing adjustments. Gross profit for the quarter was \$6.3
  million.
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$28.6 million for the quarter, compared to \$16 million in the same quarter for 2017.
- Adjusted earnings were \$10.6 million or \$0.08 per share, compared to \$0.3 million and nil per share for the same quarter of 2017.
- Site cash costs for the 2018 first quarter were US\$1.46 per pound of copper produced net of precious metal credits.
- Total cash costs for the period were US\$1.90 per pound of copper sold net of precious metal credits and after all off-site charges.
- At the end of the quarter the Company had \$42.5 million in cash, and received an additional \$22 million on April 4, 2018 relating to an end of March shipment of copper concentrate.
- Realized prices on metal sales were US\$3.17 per pound of copper, US\$1,326 per ounce of gold and US\$16.60 per ounce of silver.

Jim O'Rourke, President and CEO of Copper Mountain, remarked "During the first quarter of 2018, the mill throughput averaged 38,800 tpd. Abnormally high snowfall during the quarter created operating challenges in the pit and resulted in some power supply disruptions. We remain bullish on the outlook for the copper market and with our production on target we are well positioned to benefit from a strong copper price environment. We continue to focus on cost control and operational improvements to further strengthen the Company's balance sheet."

### **Summary Financial Results**

(In thousands of CDN\$, other than per share and per pound amounts)

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Revenues	77,946	74,096
Cash flow from operations	18,083	20,843

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Gross profit	6,312	11,211
Operating income (loss)	3,332	7,971
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	11,485	22,819
Adjusted EBITDA	28,553	16,030
Adjusted earnings <sup>2</sup>	10,602	328
Adjusted earnings (loss) per share <sup>3</sup>	0.08	0.00
Cash and cash equivalents	42,568	30,126
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Accounts receivable	36,194	26,044
Total cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable	e 78,762	56,170
Equity	259,427	230,460
Equity  Total pounds of copper sold (000's lbs)	259,427 21,700	230,460
Total pounds of copper sold (000's lbs)	21,700	19,000
Total pounds of copper sold (000's lbs)  Total ounces of gold sold (oz)	21,700 6,500	19,000
Total pounds of copper sold (000's lbs)  Total ounces of gold sold (oz)  Total ounces of silver sold (oz)  Site cash costs per pound of copper produced	21,700 6,500 80,600	19,000 6,000 64,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sub>1</sub> Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Refer to the Non-GAAP Performance measures section of this MD&A.

During the quarter, the Company completed a total of four shipments of copper concentrate containing approximately 21.7 million pounds of copper, 6,500 ounces of gold, and 80,600 ounces of silver which generated \$78 million in revenue net of treatment and refining charges and pricing adjustments, a 5 % increase over Q1 2017. Site cash costs were US\$1.46 per pound of copper produced and total cash costs were US\$1.90 per pound sold, net of precious metal credits for the three months ended March 31, 2018; compared to site cash costs of US\$1.36 per pound of copper produced and total cash costs of US\$1.86 per pound of copper sold, net of precious metal credits for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Mining activities were mainly focused in the Pit #2, Saddle and Oriole Pit areas for the first quarter of 2018. During the quarter a total of 16.6 million tonnes of material was mined, including 6.5 million tonnes of ore and 10.1 million tonnes of waste for a strip ratio of 1.54:1. During the quarter the mine experienced abnormally high snow fall causing some challenges in the pit and a minor disruption in power supply. During the quarter mining rates of 184,300 tonnes per day moved were achieved.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Adjusted earnings (loss) is a non-GAAP financial measure which removes unrealized gains/losses on interest rate swaps, pricing adjustments on concentrate metal sales and foreign currency gains/losses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sub>3</sub> Calculated by dividing the total adjusted earnings by the weighted average number of shares outstanding under the basic method.

During the quarter the mill processed a total of 3.5 million tonnes of ore grading 0.33% copper to produce 19.9 million pounds of copper, 6,070 ounces of gold, and 77,900 ounces of silver. Mill head grade was above guidance for the quarter, while copper recoveries were above the plan at 79%. Mill operating time during the quarter averaged 93% and the mill achieved an average throughput rate of 38,800 tpd during the quarter.

The Company currently has 435 operating employees engaged at the mine site.

The following table sets out the major operating parameters for the mine for the three months ended March 31, 2018:

Mine Production Information	Three months ended		
Mille Production information	March 31,		
Copper Mountain Mine (100% Basis)	2018	2017	
Mine:			
Total tonnes mined (000's4)	16,584	17,962	
Ore tonnes mined (000's)	6,518	5,698	
Waste tonnes (000's)	10,066	12,264	
Stripping ratio	1.54	2.16	
Mill:			
Tonnes milled (000's)	3,492	3,361	
Feed Grade (Cu%)	0.33	0.31	
Recovery (%)	78.7	78.9	
Operating time (%)	92.5	91.8	
Tonnes milled (TPD <sup>5</sup> )	38,800	37,350	
Production:			
Copper production (000's lbs)	19,900	18,100	
Gold production (oz)	6,070	5,900	
Silver production (oz)	77,900	64,300	
Site cash costs per pound of copper produce (net of precious metal credits) (US\$)	<sup>d</sup> 1.46	1.36	
Total cash costs per pound of copper sold (net of precious metal credits) (US\$)	1.90	1.86	

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5	Tonnes
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## **Exploration Update:**

During the quarter exploration work consisted of continuous near mine compilation work as well as developing localized exploration drill programs to implement this summer to optimize long term mine planning.

The Company completed the acquisition of <u>Altona Mining Ltd.</u> on April 18, 2018. With the acquisition the Company holds minerals tenures over approximately 4,000km<sup>2</sup> along the Rose Bee fault complex spanning 250 km that is a dominate land position in the Eastern Mt. Isa Inlier area. The Company is planning to follow up on some of the successful drilling from Altona's 2017 drilling program on the Companion, Veiled and Quamby prospects. These prospects add to an emerging cluster of copper-gold discoveries south of the proposed Eva Copper Project.

Listed below is a summarized balance sheet and income statement as well as details for our conference call schedule:

#### **Summarized Balance Sheet**

	December 31	, December 31
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash	42,568	45,133
Accounts Receivable and prepaids	s 36,194	29,314
Inventory	65,404	68,135
Property, plant and equipment	400,989	414,041
Other Assets	122,873	111,326
	668,028	667,949
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	88,056	92,056
Amounts payable to related parties	s 59,349	43,633
Provisions	6,493	6,521
Interest rate swap liability	1,623	2,081
Long-term debt	253,080	258,373
	408,601	402,664
Equity		
Share capital	195,758	195,670
Contributed surplus		

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Deficit	(30,944)	(25,693)
Non-controlling interest	78,369	79,584
Total equity	259,427	265,285
	668,028	667,949

# **Summarized Income Statement**

(In thousands of Canadian dollars, other than per share and per pound amounts)

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	2017	2017
	\$	\$
Revenues	77,946	74,096
Cost of sales <sup>6</sup>	(71,634)	(62,885)
Gross profit	6,312	11,211
Other income and expenses		
General and administration	(2,474)	(2,682)
Exploration and evaluation	-	(35)
Share based compensation	(506)	(523)
Operating income	3,332	7,971
Pricing adjustments on concentrate and metal sales	9,765	(3,976)
Finance income	136	145
Finance expense	(3,514)	(3,437)
Current resource tax expense	(345)	(375)
Deferred income and resource tax expense	1,228	-
Adjusted earnings <sup>7</sup>	10,602	328
Pricing adjustments on concentrate and metal sales	(9,765)	3,976
Unrealized loss on interest rate swap	773	(358)
Unrealized gain on foreign exchange	(8,076)	3,171
Net income and comprehensive income for the period	(6,466)	7,117

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Net income and comprehensive income attributable to:

Shareholders of the company	(5,251)	4,723
Non-controlling interest	(1,215)	2,394
	(6,466)	7,117
	( <b>*</b> 1)	
Earnings per share	(\$0.04)	\$0.04
Adjusted earnings per share	\$0.08	\$0.00

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Adente nal information is available on the Company's web page at www.CuMtn.com.

Abstracts, call and audio webcast will be held on Friday April 27, 2018 at 7:30 am (Pacific Daylight Time) for the sum of the sum of

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On behalf of the Board of Copper Mountain Mining Corp.

"Rod Shier"

Rodney A. Shier, CPA,CA, Chief Financial Officer

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