

## **Atico Reports Consolidated Financial Results for the First Quarter of 2015**

*(All amounts expressed in US dollars, unless otherwise stated)*

Vancouver, May 26th, 2015 -- Atico Mining Corporation (the “Company” or “Atico”) (TSX.V: ATY | OTC: ATCMF) today announced its financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2015, posting income from mining operations of \$4,814,590 and net income of \$2,414,704.

Fernando E. Ganoza, CEO, commented, “We are very pleased to report a strong financial quarter where we saw record revenue of \$13.45 million and a net income of \$2.41 million for the Company. For the remainder of 2015, we will continue to focus on optimizing the recently scaled-up El Roble operation.” Mr. Ganoza continued, “We will also continue prioritizing the drill program at the mine which to date has delivered encouraging drill results at the lower part of the resource, extending mineralization along strike and at depth.”

### ***First Quarter Financial Highlights***

- Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 amounted to \$2.41 million, compared with a loss of \$0.78 million for the same period in 2014.
- Sales for the period increased 560% to \$13.45 million with copper accounting for 74.2% of the total, and gold and silver for 25.7% and 0.1% respectively. The average realized price per metal on provisional invoicing was \$2.63 per pound of payable copper, \$1,218.48 per ounce of gold and \$16.80 per ounce of silver.
- Cash costs <sup>(1)</sup> were \$111 per tonne of processed ore and \$1.16 per pound of payable copper produced, a 13% decrease over the same period last years cash cost per pound of payable copper.
- Income from operations was \$3.52 million while cash flow from operations, before changes in working capital was \$5.32 million. Capital expenditures amounted to \$2.10 million.

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(2) Net of by-product credits

### *First Quarter Summary of Financial Results*

	<b>Q1 Total 2015</b>	<b>Q1 Total 2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Revenue	\$ 13,452,803	\$ 2,036,991	560%
Cost of sales	8,638,213	1,497,121	477%
Income from mining operations	4,814,590	539,870	792%
<i>As a % of revenue</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>35%</i>
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,185,698	708,216	67%
Income (loss) from operations	3,521,528	(472,383)	845%
<i>As a % of revenue</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>(23%)</i>	<i>213%</i>
Income (loss) before income taxes	3,470,429	(712,986)	587%
Net income (loss)	2,414,704	(779,972)	410%
<i>As a % of revenue</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>(38%)</i>	<i>147%</i>
Operating cash flow before changes in non-cash operating working capital items <sup>(1)</sup>	5,324,612	126,423	4,112%

### *First Quarter Operations Review*

In the first quarter, the Company produced 2 million pounds (“lbs”) of copper, 2,291 ounces (“oz”) of gold and 6,308 oz of silver. When compared to same period last year, production increased 43%, 100%, and 82% for copper, gold and silver, respectively. Cash costs for the period were \$111.15 per tonne of processed ore, and \$1.16 per pound of payable copper produced, a 13% decrease over the Q1-2014 cash cost <sup>(1)</sup> per pound of payable copper. Despite the lower throughput during Q1-2015, the cost on a per tonne basis was in line with average 2014 cost. The cost on a per pound of payable copper basis increased by 41% relative to the average 2014 cost affected by the lower copper and gold production.

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### *First Quarter Operational Details*

	<b>Q1 Total 2015</b>	<b>Q1 Total 2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Production</b> (Contained in Concentrates)*			
Copper (000s pounds)	2,003	1,398	43%
Gold (ounces)	2,291	1,147	100%
Silver (ounces)	6,308	3,461	82%
<b>Mine</b>			
Tonnes of ore mined	32,664	26,791	22%
<b>Mill</b>			
Tonnes processed	33,558	23,016	46%
Tonnes processed per day	557	354	57%
Copper grade (%)	2.91	3.01	-3%
Gold grade (g/t)	3.14	2.43	29%
Silver grade (g/t)	11.33	10.65	6%
<b>Recoveries</b>			
Copper (%)	93.2	91.5	2%
Gold (%)	67.5	63.7	6%
Silver (%)	51.6	43.9	18%
<b>Concentrates</b>			
Copper Concentrates (dmt)	4,839	2,735	77%
Copper (%)	18.8	23.2	-19%
Gold (g/t)	14.7	13.1	12%
Silver (g/t)	40.6	39.4	3%
Payable copper produced (000s lbs)	1,890	1,332	42%
Cash cost per pound of payable copper <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (\$/lbs)	1.16	1.33	-13%

\* Subject to adjustments due to final settlement

The financial statements and MD&A are available on SEDAR and have also been posted on the company's website at <http://www.aticominer.com/s/FinancialStatements.asp>

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### ***El Roble Mine***

The El Roble mine is an underground copper, gold and silver mine and processing plant located in the Department of Choco in Colombia. Its commercial product is a copper concentrate with gold and silver by-product credits.

With a nominal capacity of 400 tonnes per day, the mine has processed over the past twenty-two years, a total of over 1.5 million tonnes of ore at an average head grade of 2.6% copper and an estimated gold grade of 2.5 g/t. Copper and gold mineralization at the El Roble property occurs in volcanogenic massive sulfide (“VMS”) lenses.

On November 22, 2013, the Company completed the exercise of a property purchase option, acquiring 90% of the shares of Minera El Roble S.A. (“MINER”), the owner of the El Roble mineral property and took control of the producing El Roble mine and 6,679 hectares of surrounding claims. The Company has completed in 2014 an expansion to a nominal capacity of 650 tonnes per day.

Since entering into the option agreement in January 2011 to acquire 90% of El Roble, Atico has aggressively explored the mine and surrounding claims. The Company has completed 11,740 meters of diamond drilling and identified numerous prospective targets for VMS deposits on the 6,679-hectare property. This exploration led to the discovery of high-grade copper and gold mineralization below the 2000 level, the lowest production level of the El Roble mine. Atico has developed a new adit access from the 1880 elevation to develop these new resources.

National Instrument 43-101 compliant inferred mineral resource are 1.58 million tonnes grading 4.45 % copper and 3.17 g/t gold, at a cut-off grade of 0.72 % copper equivalent. Mineralization is open at depth and along strike and the Company plans to further test the limits of the resource.

On the larger land package, the Company has identified a prospective stratigraphic contact between volcanic rocks and black and grey cherts that has been traced by Atico geologists for ten kilometers. This contact has been determined to be an important control on VMS mineralization on which Atico has identified 15 prospective target areas for VMS type mineralization occurrence, which is the focus of the surface drill program at El Roble.

### ***Qualified Person***

Mr. Thomas Kelly (SME Registered Member 1696580), Chief Operating Officer of the Company and a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 standards, is responsible

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### ***About Atico Mining Corporation***

Atico is a growth-oriented company, focused on exploring, developing and mining copper and gold projects in Latin America. The Company operates the El Roble mine and is pursuing additional acquisition opportunities. For more information, please visit [www.aticomining.com](http://www.aticomining.com).

### **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

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*meeting anticipated program milestones for the Company's mineral projects; and other risks and uncertainties disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the prospectus of the Company dated March 2, 2012 filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)*

### ***Non-GAAP Financial Measures***

*The items marked with a "(1)" are alternative performance measures and readers should refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures in the Company's Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2015 as filed on SEDAR and as available on the Company's website for further details.*

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