

Atico Produces 2.80 Million Pounds of Cu and 2,294 Ounces of Au in Second Quarter 2023

Vancouver, July 27, 2023 -- Atico Mining Corporation (the “Company” or “Atico”) (TSX.V: ATY | OTCQX: ATCMF) announces its operating results for the three months ended June 30, 2023 from its El Roble mine. Production for the quarter totaled 2.80 million pounds of copper and 2,294 ounces of gold in concentrates, a decrease of 22% for copper and 18% for gold, over the same period in 2022.

“The El Roble mine continued to show improvement for the period in terms of both processed tonnes and increase in head grades over the previous quarter. The processing plant is again reaching steady state levels of 900 tonnes per day while the mine continues to transition back into higher grade areas. We anticipate further improvement in overall production results and metal output for the second half of the year” said Fernando E. Ganoza, CEO. “For the remainder of the year we will continue our strong focus towards mine vicinity exploration at the El Roble mine, looking to build on the success of the recent drill results in the historic areas of the deposit.”

Second Quarter Operational Highlights

- Production of 2.80 million pounds of copper contained in concentrates; a decrease of 22% over Q2 2022.
- Production of 2,294 ounces of gold contained in concentrates; a decrease of 18% over Q2 2022.
- Average processed tonnes per day of 800, a decrease of 10% over Q2 2022.
- Copper head grade of 2.04%, a decrease of 36% over Q2 2022.
- Gold head grade of 1.78 grams per tonne; a decrease of 28% over Q2 2022.
- Copper and gold recovery of 91.1% and 58.7%; no significant change for copper and a decrease of 7% gold over Q2 2022.

Second Quarter Operational Details

	Q2 2023 Total	Q2 2022 Total	% Change
Production (Contained in Concentrates)			
Copper (000s pounds)	2,804	3,591	-22%
Gold (ounces)	2,294	2,811	-18%
Mine			
Tonnes of ore mined	72,340	61,667	17%
Mill			
Tonnes processed	68,471	56,172	22%
Tonnes processed per day	800	889	-10%
Copper grade (%)	2.04	3.17	-36%
Gold grade (g/t)	1.78	2.47	-28%
Recoveries			
Copper (%)	91.1	91.4	Nil
Gold (%)	58.7	62.9	-7%
Concentrates			
Copper and Gold Concentrates (dmt)	6,784	8,278	-18%
Payable copper produced (000s lbs)	2,639	3,411	-23%

Note: Metal production figures are subject to adjustments based on final settlement. The reported results are preliminary in nature and are awaiting independent lab verification.

Concentrate Inventory

The number of shipments the Company can export in any given quarter depends on several variables some of which the Company does not control, hence there may be an inherent variability in tonnes shipped quarter to quarter.

	Q2 2023 Total
Amounts in dry metric tonnes	
Opening inventory	6,647
Production	6,784
Sales	(6,597)
Number of shipments	1

Adjustment	20
Closing inventory	6,854

Note: Concentrate figures are subject to adjustments based on final settlement.

El Roble Mine

The El Roble mine is a high grade, underground copper and gold mine with nominal processing plant capacity of 1,000 tonnes per day, located in the Department of Choco in Colombia. Its commercial product is a copper-gold concentrate.

Since obtaining control of the mine on November 22, 2013, Atico has upgraded the operation from a historical nominal capacity of 400 tonnes per day.

El Roble has Proven and Probable reserves of 1.00 million tonnes grading 3.02% copper and 1.76 g/t gold, at a cut-off grade of 1.3% copper equivalent as of September 30th, 2020. Mineralization is open at depth and along strike and the Company plans to further test the limits of the deposit.

On the larger land package, the Company has identified a prospective stratigraphic contact between volcanic rocks and black and grey pelagic sediments and 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 numerous target areas prospective for VMS type mineralization occurrence, which is the focus of the current surface drill program at El Roble.

Qualified Person

Mr. Thomas Kelly (SME Registered Member 1696580), advisor to the Company and a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 standards, is responsible for ensuring that the technical information contained in this news release is an accurate summary of the original reports and data provided to or developed by Atico.

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 generates significant cash flow through the operation of the El Roble mine and is developing its high-grade La Plata VMS project in Ecuador. The Company is also pursuing additional acquisition of advanced stage opportunities. For more information, please visit www.aticomining.com.

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