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Atico Mining Corporation Announces Closing of US\$6.5 Million Unsecured Convertible Debenture Private Placement

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Vancouver, December 16, 2020 -- Atico Mining Corporation (the “**Company**” or “**Atico**”) (TSX.V: ATY | OTC: ATCMF) is pleased to announce that it has closed its private placement with Dundee Corporation with respect to the issuance of unsecured convertible debentures (the “**Debentures**”) of the Company for gross proceeds of US\$6.5 million (the “**Offering**”).

The Debentures will mature five years following the closing date with an interest rate of 7% per annum and, subject to certain terms and conditions, will be convertible into up to an aggregate of 11,627,907 common shares of the Company (the “**Conversion Shares**”) at a conversion price of US\$0.559 per Conversion Share (being CDN\$0.715 per Conversion Share converted into US dollars using the Bank of Canada daily exchange rate for CDN\$ to US\$ on December 4, 2020). The conversion price represents (i) a premium of 42% to the 20-day VWAP, and (ii) a premium of 34% to the 10-day VWAP, of the closing price of the common shares on December 4, 2020. The Debentures, and Conversion Shares issuable upon conversion of the Debentures, will be subject to resale restrictions for a period of four months from the closing date.

The Company may, at its option, redeem the Debentures, in whole or in part, at par plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Company must pay a redemption fee equal to 2% of the principal amount if redeemed between 12 months and 2 years after the date of closing of the Offering and equal to 4% of the principal amount if redeemed within 12 months of such date. No redemption fee will be charged to redeem the Debentures after two years of the date of closing of the Offering. In connection with the Debentures, certain subsidiaries of the Company will grant a guarantee in favour of Dundee Corporation. In connection with the Offering, the Company paid Dundee Goodman Merchant Partners a cash finder’s fee of US\$357,500.00.

The proceeds of the Offering will be used for work on the Company’s La Plata project and for general working capital purposes.

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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 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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relationships with and claims by local communities and indigenous populations; availability and increasing costs associated with mining inputs and labour; the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development, including the risks of obtaining necessary licenses, permits and approvals from government authorities; diminishing quantities or grades of mineral reserves as properties are mined; title to properties; and risks and uncertainties applicable to Atico as set forth in its continuous disclosure filings filed under its SEDAR profiles at www.sedar.com.

Readers are cautioned against attributing undue certainty to forward-looking statements or information. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, there may be other factors that cause results not to be anticipated, estimated or intended. The Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements or information to reflect changes in assumptions or changes in circumstances or any other events affecting such statements or information, other than as required by applicable law.

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