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# Atico Intercepts 70.8g/t Au, 1,140g/t Ag and 8.9% Zn over 0.77m Within 7.2g/t Au, 118g/t Ag, and 2.0% Zn Over 8.9m at its Precious Metals Rich La Plata Project in Ecuador.

Vancouver, July 9, 2020 -- Atico Mining Corporation (TSX.V: ATY | OTC: ATCMF) ("Atico" or the "Company") is pleased to announce six holes from its ongoing drill program at the La Plata precious metals-rich volcanogenic massive sulphide ("VMS") project in Ecuador. The present campaign has the objectives of completing the infill drilling on the La Mina resources as well as extending the mineralization outside of the known envelope.

# La Plata Drilling Highlights Include:

Hole	From	To	Interval	Au	Ag	Cu	Zn
	(m)	(m)	(m)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)
CMLP-20-98	385.35	395.00	9.65	3.27	83.50	0.28	1.42
Including	385.35	386.20	0.85	12.79	428.22	2.61	6.86
CMLP-20-100	371.07	379.96	8.89	7.19	117.78	0.12	2.06
Including	371.07	371.84	0.77	70.80	1,140.00	0.48	8.90
CMLP-20-103	345.39	359.87	14.48	4.65	103.39	0.58	5.85
Including	347.28	352.9	5.62	7.96	143.51	0.68	10.51

True widths are dependent on uncertainties in the local strike and dip of the mineralization and are estimated to be between 76% and 83% of the drill intercept.

Fernando E. Ganoza, CEO, commented: "We are pleased to report a successful batch of drill results where the infill drilling at the La Plata property continued to intercept significant high-grade mineralization at La Mina's south massive sulfide lens. These results continue to increase confidence in our view that high grade mineralization remains strong and open at depth beyond the known envelope. We plan to continue the drill program at the property well into the second half of the year."

## Infill Drilling Program

The 2020 La Plata exploration program includes 11,000 meters of diamond drilling and is intended to infill the south and north blocks of the La Mina area while upgrading the known mineralised resources from the inferred category. This program is also designed to increase the known resources at the main La Mina VMS lenses while providing the necessary samples to further metallurgical testing along with geotechnical investigations. When completed, these new findings and results will then be included in the upcoming feasibility study, planned for 2021.

Drill holes are planned to continue testing mineralization mainly at depth and along strike of the La Mina area while also stepping out 275 meters north to further test the Guatuza target area. The previous operator of the property reported high grade values from their earlier trenching program at the Guatuza target. These results included a surface trench cutting 2.5m of 5.36 g/t Au, 71.18 g/t Ag, 2.14% Cu, 3.22% Pb & 10.86% Zn as reported in Toachi Mining Inc. press release dated January 16, 2019.

"Our drilling is continuing to outline the high-grade nature of the mineralization at La Plata gold rich VMS. This year will focus in testing the potential for expanding the high grade lens to the north at near



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surface mineralization at the Guatuza target as well as expanding the resources at depth" added Joseph Salas, V.P. Exploration.

Infill Drill Program Assay Results:

					Intercept*						
Hole ID	Azimuth	Dip	Total	From	То	Interval	Au	Ag	Cu	Pb	Zn
	(°)	(°)	Length	(m)	(m)	(m)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(%)
			(m)								
CMLP-20-95	307.5	-73	334.23	305.43	308.80	3.37	2.39	69.18	0.11	0.21	0.89
and				310.91	320.44	9.53	0.75	15.89	2.22	0.15	1.58
CMLP-20-96	279.0	-61	434.64	381.12	382.65	1.53	9.19	196.86	0.49	4.10	6.26
and				402.67	405.66	2.99	3.17	98.82	0.67	0.89	6.70
CMLP-20-97	298.5	-66	336.65	311.91	322.67	10.76	0.38	1.99	0.28	0.06	2.66
CMLP-20-98	268.5	-59	405.68	385.35	395.00	9.65	3.27	83.48	0.28	0.42	1.42
Including				385.35	386.20	0.85	12.79	428.22	2.61	1.39	6.86
CMLP-20-99	313.0	-78	372.95	352.55	357.04	4.49	0.91	12.79	1.01	0.14	1.70
CMLP-20-100	283.5	-71	421.28	371.07	379.96	8.89	7.19	117.78	0.12	0.58	2.06
Including				371.07	371.84	0.77	70.80	1,140.00	0.48	4.42	8.90
Including				376.37	379.96	3.59	2.35	40.80	0.16	0.41	3.05
and				387.00	397.04	10.04	1.14	25.62	0.09	0.31	1.34
CMLP-20-101	314.0	-63	293.55	267.38	275.82	8.44	2.85	91.09	1.94	1.09	5.25
Including				267.38	269.60	2.22	8.04	213.84	0.73	2.40	7.60
Including				273.98	275.82	1.84	1.42	28.00	5.55	0.02	1.22
CMLP-20-102	271.0	-77	471.33	426.72	427.79	1.07	1.32	108.00	0.03	0.13	0.18
CMLP-20-103	300.0	-71	377.78	345.39	359.87	14.48	4.65	103.39	0.58	1.21	5.85
Including				345.39	352.90	5.62	7.96	143.51	0.68	2.12	10.51

<sup>\*</sup>True widths are dependent on uncertainties in the local strike and dip of the mineralization and are estimated to be between 76% and 83% of the drill intercept.

## La Plata Project

Gold-bearing sulphide mineralization at La Plata occurs as compositional banding composed of chalcopyrite, sphalerite and pyrite laminae with barite occurring as clasts and also as layers. The mineralised lenses have also been dislocated by a few faults and dolerite dikes cutting the body.

The La Plata project is amongst the highest-grade gold-copper VMS deposits in which base and precious metal mineralization is interpreted to have formed as part of multiple volcanic episodes that created a stacked volcanic-exhalite hydrothermal sequence considered favorable for hosting additional VMS lenses. The recent drilling results in the southern portion of the deposit have encountered deeper mineralisation, and an extension of mineralisation to the north has been discovered by recent trenching results.

The La Plata independent Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") dated March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, was prepared pursuant to National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") and reports the La Plata resources at 1.9 million tons at an average grade of 4.1 g/t Au, 49.4g/t silver, 3.3% Cu, 4.5% Zn, 0.6% Pb as available on SEDAR.



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The La Plata project consists of two concessions covering a total area of 2,300 hectares along its 4-kilometer length, which contains known mineralization in two VMS lenses and nine priority exploration targets.

The Company has a binding option agreement with a private Ecuadorean company to earn up to 75% in the La Plata project, of which the first option to acquire the initial 60% ownership has been exercised. Please refer to the Company's MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2019 for further details.

# Quality Assurance & Quality Control

Before sampling, a centreline, representing bottom of hole (or a reference line when this is not known) is marked on the drill core. The core is cut and sampled, always sampling the right-hand side of the drill core. Samples are selected based on logged geological features, such as rock type, mineralization, alteration, veining etc. Sample length does not exceed 2.5 m nor is smaller than 20 cm. A total of 10% of the samples submitted are certified blanks and standards and field duplicates with, as a minimum, one blank submitted at the beginning of each sample batch. Certified standards are submitted at an average of 6% of the samples submitted. Field duplicates are taken at a rate of 1 in 20 of the samples taken. For all drill holes, analysis was completed by ALS Chemex in North Vancouver with sample preparation completed in Quito. The lab is accredited with International Standards ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and ISO 9001:2015.

All major ALS Geochemistry analytical laboratories are accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 for specific analytical procedures.

## **Qualified Control**

Dr. Michael Druecker, CPG, is a qualified person under NI 43-101 standards and independent of the company, is responsible for ensuring that the information contained in this news release is an accurate summary of the original reports and data provided to or developed by Atico Mining Corporation. Dr. Druecker has approved the scientific and technical content of this news release.

## **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 it's high-grade La Plata VMS project in Ecuador. The Company is also pursuing additional acquisition of advanced stage opportunities. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.aticomining.com">www.aticomining.com</a>.

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