

Capstone Steps Out Into 5.1m of 7.6% Cu at Cozamin: Drilling Continues to Deliver Amongst the Best Results Ever

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia –

Capstone Mining Corp. (“Capstone” or the “Company”) (TSX:CS) announces additional high grade copper and silver results from five infill and 22 stepout drill holes at its Cozamin Mine, further to the update of January 16, 2020. The drilling program, aiming to double the current reserve base, is three months ahead of schedule with 177 holes of the 200 hole program completed. The results continue to demonstrate greater widths and higher grades than current Mineral Reserves, as well as the potential for an expanded high grade resource. An updated Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates will be completed in late 2020. Cozamin is expected to achieve a 50% increase to annual copper and silver production of 50 to 55 million pounds and 1.5 million ounces, respectively, by 2021.

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“These drill results, as well as the set released in January, are amongst the best ever drilled at Cozamin. Despite the temporary

ramp down of operations at Cozamin, due to COVID-19 restrictions in Mexico, we are well ahead of schedule and still expect to deliver an updated Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimate and Technical Report by the end of this year,” said Brad Mercer, SVP Exploration and Operations.

Darren Pylot, Capstone’s President and CEO said, “Challenging times highlight the importance of having a safe, high grade, low cost and efficiently managed mining operation within your portfolio. These results support our belief that Cozamin will remain a crown jewel asset for this decade and longer.”

Highlighted drill results are summarized in Table 1 and full results for all previously unreleased holes since the January 16, 2020 news release are in Table 2.

Table 1 – Selected MNFWZ Drilling Completed Since the January 16, 2020 News Release

Section ID #	Drill hole ID	Type	In Resource	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	True Width* (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Ag (g/t)
25	CG-20-S471 including	step-out	no	567.5	574.1	6.6	5.1	7.58	0.26	0.01	113.1
				567.5	572.3	4.8	3.7	9.61	0.32	0.01	140.8
16	CG-20-S473 including	step-out	no	629.9	635.8	5.9	5.2	5.16	0.15	0.00	92.2
				629.9	633.8	3.9	3.4	7.38	0.21	0.01	130.8
21	CG-20-S466 including	step-out	no	614.7	625.1	10.4	7.3	3.70	0.12	0.01	64.1
				620.9	625.1	4.2	2.9	6.16	0.19	0.01	105.3
23	CG-20-S476	step-out	no	603.2	607.4	4.2	3.2	5.94	0.18	0.01	100.7
3	CG-20-S470 including	infill	no	552.5	572.5	20.0	16.7	4.87	0.23	0.02	131.0
				563.8	572.5	8.7	7.2	6.95	0.40	0.04	213.3

*estimated true width of vein intercept for inclined drill holes

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The best grade*thickness intercepts lie outside of the current Mineral Reserve. There is a strong correlation between copper and silver grades.

Figure 2 – Long-section of the Mala Noche Footwall Zone Showing Copper % * Estimated True Width (m)

Figure 3 – Image of Drill Core from Hole CG-20-S471 (7.58% Cu; 113.1 g/t Ag, TW 5.1m)

For drill hole location and context please view the long-section of the MNFWZ at <https://capstonemining.com/files/images/maps/April-23-PR-Long-Section-Full.pdf>.

Table 2 – All MNFWZ Drilling Completed Since the January 16, 2020 News Release

Section ID #	Drill hole ID	Type	In Resource	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	True Width* (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Ag (g/t)
1	CG-20-S475 including	step-out	no	431.0	441.7	10.7	8.6	1.55	0.16	0.05	65.7
				432.3	438.5	6.2	5.0	2.30	0.25	0.08	95.4
2	CG-20-S479	step-out	no	534.4	535.1	0.7	0.7	3.94	0.29	0.02	102.0
3	CG-20-S470 including	infill	no	552.5	572.5	20.0	16.7	4.87	0.23	0.02	131.0
				563.8	572.5	8.7	7.2	6.95	0.40	0.04	213.3
4	CG-20-S458 including	infill	no	548.1	578.0	29.9	21.3	2.06	0.20	0.01	52.7
				562.5	567.1	4.6	3.3	7.11	0.43	0.02	217.2
5	CG-20-S465 including	infill	no	551.8	569.8	18.0	15.5	1.34	0.05	0.01	24.3
				552.3	566.7	14.4	12.4	1.59	0.05	0.01	28.5
6	CG-20-S461 including	step-out	no	480.9	484.8	3.9	3.7	3.45	0.16	0.02	67.6
				481.8	484.3	2.5	2.3	5.06	0.23	0.02	92.0
7	CG-20-S472	step-out	no	402.5	403.3	0.8	0.7	1.09	0.03	0.01	27.2
8	CG-20-S468 including	step-out	no	378.9	384.5	5.6	4.9	0.88	0.11	0.01	40.6
				378.9	380.8	1.9	1.6	1.92	0.26	0.02	97.6
9	CG-20-S464 including	step-out	no	468.8	473.1	4.3	4.1	2.80	0.39	0.02	58.1
				469.9	471.5	1.6	1.5	6.86	0.68	0.02	122.4
10	CG-20-S469 including	step-out	no	457.8	466.8	9.0	8.3	1.78	0.06	0.01	38.4
				458.4	460.4	2.0	1.8	6.29	0.16	0.01	123.7
11	CG-20-S480 including	step-out	no	399.0	403.0	4.0	3.6	2.76	0.10	0.01	58.4
				399.0	401.2	2.2	2.0	4.17	0.15	0.01	78.4
12	CG-20-S463	step-out	no	381.5	384.0	2.5	2.3	0.67	0.07	0.01	22.0

	including			381.5	383.2	1.7	1.6	0.89	0.08	0.01	28.7
13	CG-20-S459	step-out	no	393.7	394.4	0.7	0.6	0.88	0.06	0.07	44.5
14	CG-20-S474	step-out	no	459.2	461.9	2.7	2.5	8.28	0.22	0.02	157.0
15	CG-20-S478	step-out	no	439.5	452.5	13.0	12.3	2.33	0.08	0.01	51.6
16	CG-20-S473	step-out	no	629.9	635.8	5.9	5.2	5.16	0.15	0.00	92.2
	including			629.9	633.8	3.9	3.4	7.38	0.21	0.01	130.8
17	CG-20-U507	infill	no	522.1	522.8	0.7	0.6	2.36	0.11	0.01	40.0
18	CG-20-U508	infill	no	496.5	501.9	5.4	5.1	0.94	0.04	0.01	16.6
	including			500.8	501.9	1.1	1.0	2.93	0.09	0.01	53.0
19	CG-20-U509	step-out	no	no significant intercepts							
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	including			567.5	572.3	4.8	3.7	9.61	0.32	0.01	140.8
26	CG-20-S467	step-out	no	521.8	522.8	1.0	0.9	2.24	0.66	0.01	41.2
27	CG-20-S477	step-out	no	528.5	531.8	3.3	2.7	2.58	0.17	0.01	43.7
	including			530.9	531.8	0.9	0.7	7.39	0.27	0.01	125.0

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Following are the select high grade step-out and infill holes from the January 2020 drill results, shown in the same format as April's results for reference. For full details, refer to the Company's news release of January 16, 2020.

Figure 4 – Select High Grade Step-out and Infill holes at Cozamin: January 2020 Drill Results

METHODOLOGY

All samples were submitted for preparation by ALS at its facilities in Zacatecas, Mexico, followed by analysis at the ALS Laboratory in North Vancouver, Canada. The entire sample is crushed to a minimum of 70% passing 2 millimetres. A 250g subsample of the crushed material is then pulverized to 85% passing 75 microns. Copper, zinc, lead and silver are determined by ICP analysis after 4 acid digestion of a 0.25 to 0.4g subsample of pulverized material. QAQC samples in each batch of 20 samples include a blank, a certified reference material and a duplicate

(one of a field, coarse reject or pulp reject).

ABOUT CAPSTONE MINING CORP.

Capstone Mining Corp. is a Canadian base metals mining company, focused on copper. Our two producing mines are the Pinto Valley copper mine located in Arizona, US and the Cozamin copper-silver mine in Zacatecas State, Mexico. In addition, Capstone has the large scale 70% owned copper-iron Santo Domingo development project in Region III, Chile, in partnership with Korea Resources Corporation, as well as a portfolio of exploration properties. Capstone's strategy is to focus on the optimization of operations and assets in politically stable, mining-friendly regions, centred in the Americas. We are committed to the responsible development of our assets and the environments in which we operate. Our headquarters are in Vancouver, Canada and we are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX). Further information is available at www.capstonemining.com.

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Unless otherwise indicated, Capstone has prepared the technical information in this news release (“Technical Information”) based on information contained in the technical reports, news releases and MD&A’s (collectively the “Disclosure Documents”) available under Capstone Mining Corp.’s company profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Each Disclosure Document was prepared by, or under the supervision of, a qualified person (a “Qualified Person”) as defined in National Instrument 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* of the Canadian Securities Administrators (“NI 43-101”). Readers are encouraged to review the full text of the Disclosure Documents which qualifies the Technical Information. Readers are advised that mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The Disclosure Documents are each intended to be read as a whole, and sections should not be read or relied upon out of context. The Technical Information is subject to the assumptions and qualifications contained in the Disclosure Documents.

The Technical Information in this news release has been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and reviewed and approved by Brad Mercer, P. Geol., Capstone’s Senior Vice President, Operations and Exploration, a Qualified Person and the person who oversees exploration activities on the Cozamin Mine property.

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