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# **NEWS RELEASE**

# Trevali provides Caribou Zinc Mine commissioning update

# Mill throughput, recoveries and concentrate production all increasing

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Vancouver, British Columbia...Trevali Mining Corporation ("Trevali" or the "Company") (TSX: TV; BVL: TV; OTCQX: TREVF; Frankfurt: 4TI) provides a January and February month-to-date ("MTD") mine and mill commissioning update for its Caribou Zinc Mine in the Bathurst Mining Camp of northern New Brunswick. A detailed description and discussion is provided below and progress highlights are as follows (Table 1):

Table 1: Caribou Mill - key commissioning & preliminary production statistics (figures rounded)

	Q3-2015	Q4-2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016 (MTD*)
Tonnes Mined	114,386	165,797	64,280	49,480
Tonnes Milled	203,401	165,605	69,833	42,972
Average Mill Tonnes-per-day (TPD)	2,210	2,020	2,671**	2,707**
Average Head Grades %				
Zinc	4.8%	5.9%	6.0%	6.3%
Lead	1.8%	2.2%	2.3%	2.7%
Silver - Oz (ounces)/ton	1.6 oz/t	1.9 oz/t	2.1 oz/t	2.2 oz/t
Average Recoveries %				
Zinc	61%	71%	69%	73%
Lead	41%	57%	54%	60%
Silver (in Lead concentrate)	21%	29%	30%	43%
Concentrate Produced DMT (dry metric tonnes):				
Zinc	12,464	14,616	6,287	4,086
Lead	4,240	5,230	2,349	1,687
Concentrate Grades %				
Zinc	48.8%	47.6%	47.8%	47.7%
Silver - Oz (ounces)/ton	3.9 oz/t	4.4 oz/t	4.7 oz/t	3.7 oz/t
Lead	35.7%	39.8%	37.8%	41.0%
Silver - Oz (ounces)/ton	16.1 oz/t	17.7 oz/t	18.7 oz/t	23.5 oz/t

<sup>\*</sup>Feb MTD as of February 21, 2016

<sup>\*\*</sup>exclusive of downtime for scheduled mill servicing and maintenance cycle days

#### **Summary**

Following the Caribou mill zinc circuit modifications undertaken in late-December and early-January, year-to-date performance is exhibiting improved availability, utilization, throughput and stability on a daily basis to achieve an average throughput of approximately 2,707 tonnes-per-day ("tpd") in February MTD. Importantly, overall process variability continues to decrease on a month-to-month basis. Additional detail and current metallurgical improvement initiatives are provided below.

#### **Mill Circuit Modifications**

The Caribou metallurgical team and partner Glencore continue to develop and focus on the metallurgical performance improvement plan. Ongoing work includes mineralogical sampling and analyses, the data from which may also help identify opportunities to increase metallurgical "entitlement" going forward.

The lead circuit has performed well with respect to feed grades versus expected recoveries, and silver recoveries continue to rise above the design range. Zinc circuit recoveries have improved year-to-date and ongoing work programs targeting grinding efficiency, density and thickener optimization are all anticipated to further increase recoveries moving towards the targeted entitlement recovery at the 6% Zn feed grade. Current work continues to improve cell mixing and retention times with additional modifications scheduled during plant maintenance periods.

A key identified opportunity is a slightly-finer primary grind size and as such, the Company is instituting modifications to decrease the current 35-micron primary grind to an approximately 30-micron grind. These modifications will be implemented during regular, scheduled maintenance periods.

The Company cautions that its production plan at the Caribou Zinc Mine is based only on measured, indicated and inferred resources, and not mineral reserves, and as such does not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred mineral resources are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is therefore no certainty that the conclusions of the Preliminary Economic Assessment will be realized.

## **Warrant Price Adjustment**

The Company also announces that as a result of a recent issuance of 4,410,700 flow-through common shares of the Company, issued on a private placement basis at a price of \$0.34 per share (the "Flow Through Shares"), the exercise price of 7,502,880 previously issued warrants to purchase common shares of the Company ("Common Shares") with an expiry date of December 30, 2020 (the "Warrants") has been adjusted from \$0.475 to \$0.391 (the "Exercise Price Adjustment"). The Exercise Price Adjustment represents a new warrant exercise price equal to 115% of the \$0.34 subscription price of the Flow-Through Shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Company's warrant indenture dated May 30, 2014, as supplemented by the first and second supplemental warrant indentures, each dated December 30, 2015 (together, the "Indenture"), the Company is required to adjust the exercise price of the Warrants if and whenever, at any time on or after December 30, 2015 and on or prior to June 30, 2016, the Company issues Common Shares, or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Common Shares, at a price lower than \$0.413. In accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Exercise Price Adjustment in relation to the issuance of the Flow-Through Shares is effective as of February 19, 2016. The Flow Through Shares are subject to a four-month hold period, in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws, which expires on June 20, 2016. The Company additionally confirms that the warrant holders are all arm's length.

In accordance with the Indenture, a copy of which has been filed on SEDAR, the Company will be required to make further adjustments to the Warrant exercise price if the Company raises additional equity at prices below \$0.413 – the effect of such adjustment mechanism being that the Warrants will be repriced to a 115% or, in some cases, a 110% premium to any subsequent equity issuance price in question.

### **Qualified Person and Quality Control/Quality Assurance**

EurGeol Dr. Mark D. Cruise, Trevali's President and CEO, Paul Keller, P.Eng, Trevali's Chief Operating Officer are qualified persons as defined by NI 43-101, have supervised the preparation of the scientific and technical information that forms the basis for this news release. Dr. Cruise is not independent of the Company as he is an officer, director and shareholder. Mr. Keller is not independent of the Company as he is an officer and shareholder.

#### ABOUT TREVALI MINING CORPORATION

Trevali is a zinc-focused, base metals mining company with one producing operation in Peru and another currently undergoing commissioning in Canada.

In Peru, the Company is actively producing zinc and lead-silver concentrates from its 2,000-tonne-perday Santander mine.

In Canada, Trevali owns the Caribou mine and mill, Halfmile mine and Stratmat deposit all located in the Bathurst Mining Camp of northern New Brunswick. The Company is currently commissioning its 3,000-tonne-per-day Caribou mine.

The common shares of Trevali are listed on the TSX (symbol TV), the OTCQX (symbol TREVF), the Lima Stock Exchange (symbol TV), and the Frankfurt Exchange (symbol 4TI). For further details on Trevali, readers are referred to the Company's website (www.trevali.com) and to Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of **TREVALI MINING CORPORATION** 

"Mark D. Cruise" (signed) Mark D. Cruise, President

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current views with respect to future events and are necessarily based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that, while considered reasonable by the Company, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies.

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Trevali's production plan at the Caribou Mine is based only on measured, indicated and inferred resources, and not mineral reserves, and does not have demonstrated economic viability. Trevali's production plan at the Santander Mine is based only on indicated and inferred mineral resources, and not mineral reserves, and does not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred mineral resources are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is therefore no certainty that the conclusions of the production plans and Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) will be realized. Additionally, where Trevali discusses exploration/expansion potential, any potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource.

We advise US investors that while the terms "measured resources", "indicated resources" and "inferred resources" are recognized and required by Canadian regulations, the US Securities and Exchange Commission does not recognize these terms. US investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of the material in these categories will ever be converted into reserves.

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