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Fortuna to release 2012 year-end financial results on March 20th, 2013; Conference call at 12 p.m. EST on March 21st, 2013

Vancouver, March 18, 2013-- Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (NYSE: FSM | TSX: FVI | BVL: FVI | Frankfurt: F4S.F) is pleased to announce that it will release its financial statements and MD&A for 2012 on Wednesday, March 20th, 2013.

A conference call to discuss the year-end financial and operational results will be held on Thursday, March 21st, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Pacific | 12:00 p.m. Eastern | 11:00 a.m. Lima. Hosting the call will be Jorge A. Ganoza, President and CEO, and Luis D. Ganoza, Chief Financial Officer.

Shareholders, analysts, media and interested investors are invited to listen to the live conference call by logging onto the webcast at: <http://www.investorcalendar.com/IC/CEPage.asp?ID=170685> or over the phone by dialing just prior to the starting time.

Conference call details:

Date: Thursday, March 21st, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. Pacific | 12:00 p.m. Eastern | 11:00 a.m. Lima

Dial in number (Toll Free): +1.877.407.8035

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Playback of the webcast will be available until May 21st, 2013. Playback of the conference call will be available until 11:59 p.m. EST on April 4th, 2013. In addition, the call will be archived in the company's website.

Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

Fortuna is a growth oriented, silver and base metal producer focused on mining opportunities in Latin America. Our primary assets are the Caylloma silver mine in southern Peru and the San Jose silver-gold mine in Mexico. The company is selectively pursuing additional acquisition opportunities throughout the Americas. For more information, please visit our website at www.fortunasilver.com.

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The forward-looking statements are based on an assumed set of economic conditions and courses of actions, including estimates of future production levels, expectations regarding mine production costs, expected trends in mineral prices and statements that describe Fortuna’s future plans, objectives or goals. There is a significant risk that actual results will vary, perhaps materially, from results projected depending on such factors as changes in general economic conditions and financial markets, changes in prices for silver and other metals, technological and operational hazards in Fortuna’s mining and mine development activities, risks inherent in mineral exploration, uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral reserves, mineral resources, and metal recoveries, the timing and availability of financing, governmental and other approvals, political unrest or instability in countries where Fortuna is active, labor relations and other risk factors.

Although Fortuna has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements or information, there may be other factors that cause results to be materially different from those anticipated, described, estimated, assessed or intended. There can be no assurance that any forward-looking statements or information will prove to be accurate as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements or information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements or information.