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## Fortuna Provides Update on Filing of Financial Documents

**Vancouver, May 15, 2017: Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (“Fortuna” or the “Company”) (NYSE: FSM) (TSX: FVI)** today provided an update on the filing of certain financial documents.

As previously announced, Fortuna was delayed in filing its annual audited financial statements and related MD&A for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the related Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer certificates, and its annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2016 (collectively, the “**Annual Financial Documents**”) due to a review by the United States Securities Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) of its audited financial statements contained in the Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2015 (the “**SEC Comments**”).

In connection with the delayed filing of the Annual Financial Documents, the Company applied for and received a management cease trade order (“**MCTO**”) from the British Columbia Securities Commission and other Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities. The MCTO prohibits certain executive officers of the Company from trading in securities of the Company until the Company completes the required filing of the Annual Financial Documents and is current on all filing obligations.

The Company has resolved the SEC Comments and filed its Annual Financial Documents today. A formal closure of the inquiry process by the SEC is expected to follow after the filing of the Annual Financial Documents. While the process with the SEC is near completion, due to the delay in finalizing the Annual Financial Documents, the Company will be delayed in filing its interim financial statements and related MD&A for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer certificates (collectively, the “**Interim Financial Documents**”). The Company intends to file the Interim Financial Documents on May 24, 2017.

This status update is provided pursuant to the alternative information guidelines in National Policy 12-203 *Management Cease Trade Orders* (“**NP 12-203**”), which require the Company to provide bi-weekly updates on its affairs during the period of the MCTO. In accordance with such requirements, the Company advises that: (i) except as previously disclosed and as disclosed herein, there have not been any material changes to the information contained in the Company’s March 20, April 3, April 17 and May 1, 2017 news releases; (ii) there has not been any failure by the Company in fulfilling its stated intentions with respect to satisfying the provisions of the alternative information guidelines of NP 12-203; and (iii) other than described herein, no (actual or anticipated) specified defaults have occurred subsequent to the Company’s March 20, 2017 news release or the default of the Company resulting from its delay in filing the Annual and Interim Financial Documents. Other than as described herein and the related news releases of the Company on March 20, April 3, April 17 and May 1, 2017, there is no other material information concerning Fortuna and its affairs that has not been generally disclosed as of the date of this update. Fortuna intends to satisfy the provisions of the alternative information guidelines of NP 12-203 so long as it remains in default of filing the Interim Financial Documents.

## About Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

Fortuna is a growth oriented precious metals producer focused on mining opportunities in Latin America. The Company's primary assets are the Caylloma silver mine in southern Peru, the San Jose silver-gold mine in Mexico and the Lindero gold project in Argentina. The Company is selectively pursuing acquisition opportunities throughout the Americas and in select other areas.

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The Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange have not reviewed and do not accept responsibility for the accuracy or adequacy of this news release, which has been prepared by management.

This news release contains forward looking statements which constitute "forward looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation, and "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (collectively, "**Forward looking Statements**"). All statements included herein, other than statements of historical fact, are Forward looking Statements and are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those reflected in the Forward looking Statements. The Forward looking Statements in this news release include, without limitation, statements about the finalization and filing of the Company's Interim Financial Documents, the MCTO issued by the securities regulators, and the formal closure of the SEC review process. Often, but not always, these Forward looking Statements can be identified by the use of words such as "estimated", "potential", "open", "future", "assumed", "projected", "used", "detailed", "has been", "gain", "planned", "reflecting", "will", "containing", "remaining", "to be", or statements that events "could" or "should" occur or be achieved, and similar expressions, including negative variations.

Forward looking Statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the Forward looking Statements. Such uncertainties and factors include, among others, changes in the Company's plans for its mines and mineral properties; 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; governmental and other approvals; political unrest or instability in countries where Fortuna is active; labor relations issues; as well as those factors discussed under "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Information Form. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual events, actions or results to differ materially from those described in the Forward looking Statements, there may be other factors that cause events, actions or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended.

Fortuna believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in the Forward looking Statements in this news release are reasonable, but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct. Forward looking Statements should not be unduly relied upon. These Forward looking Statements speak only as of the date of this news release, and Fortuna will not necessarily update these statements unless required to do so by securities laws.