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Fortuna reports consolidated financial results for the third quarter 2017

(All amounts expressed in US dollars, unless otherwise stated)

Vancouver, November 8, 2017-- Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (NYSE: FSM) (TSX: FVI) today reported net income of \$10.3 million, Adjusted EBITDA of \$30.6 million, and revenue of \$64.0 million in the third quarter of 2017.

Jorge A. Ganoza, President and CEO, commented, “We have had yet another quarter of strong operating and financial results at our operating mines in Peru and Mexico, positioning the company well on track to meet our annual production targets and financial objectives.” Mr. Ganoza continued, “Having announced a positive construction decision for our Lindero gold Project in Argentina, we expect free cash flow from our operations to contribute significantly towards the funding of the construction capital requirements.”

Third quarter consolidated financial highlights

- Sales of \$64.0 million, compared to \$65.2 million in Q3 2016
- Net income of \$10.3 million, compared to \$10.2 million in Q3 2016
- Earnings per share of \$0.06, compared to \$0.08 in Q3 2016
- Adjusted net income of \$13.1 compared to \$10.0 million in Q3 2016
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$30.6 million and Adjusted EBITDA margin over sales of 48%
- Cash flow from operations before changes in non-cash working capital of \$26.2 million, compared to \$26.5 million in Q3 2016
- Cash position, including short term investments, and working capital as at September 30, 2017 were \$195.8 million and \$197.6 million, respectively
- Silver and gold production of 2,009,362 and 13,412 ounces, respectively
- AISC¹ per ounce of payable silver was \$6.1

Note

¹ All-in sustaining cash cost is net of by-product credits for gold, lead and zinc (Non-GAAP financial measure)

Third quarter consolidated financial results

| Consolidated Financial Metrics | Q3 2017 | Q3 2016 | % Change | YTD 2017 | YTD 2016 | % Change |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Figures expressed in \$ millions except per share information and AISC | | | | | | |
| Sales | \$ 64.0 | \$ 65.2 | -2% | \$ 192.8 | \$ 152.4 | 27% |
| Mine operating income | 24.9 | 28.4 | -12% | 74.3 | 59.9 | 24% |
| Operating income | 18.9 | 21.2 | -11% | 52.7 | 30.9 | 71% |
| Net income | 10.3 | 10.2 | 1% | 32.2 | 11.3 | 185% |
| Earnings per share (basic) | 0.06 | 0.08 | -25% | 0.20 | 0.08 | 150% |
| Earnings per share (diluted) | 0.06 | 0.07 | -14% | 0.20 | 0.08 | 150% |
| Adjusted net income ¹ | 13.1 | 10.0 | 31% | 36.4 | 11.0 | 231% |
| Adjusted EBITDA ¹ | 30.6 | 30.6 | 0% | 87.3 | 53.5 | 63% |
| Cash provided by operating activities | 20.4 | 29.0 | -30% | 41.2 | 26.9 | 53% |
| Cash generated by operating activities before changes in working capital | 26.2 | 26.5 | -1% | 61.3 | 39.6 | 55% |
| Capex (sustaining) | 7.5 | 5.4 | 39% | 19.9 | 14.5 | 37% |
| Capex (non-sustaining) | 6.1 | 3.6 | 69% | 11.2 | 21.0 | -47% |
| Capex (Brownfield) | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0% | 7.8 | 5.7 | 37% |
| All-in sustaining cash cost | 6.1 | 7.5 | -20% | 6.8 | 8.8 | -23% |
| Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments ² | 195.8 | 123.6 | 58% | 195.8 | 123.6 | 58% |
| Total assets ² | 652.9 | 387.7 | 68% | 652.9 | 387.7 | 68% |
| Non-current bank loan ² | 39.8 | 39.6 | 1% | 39.8 | 39.6 | 1% |
| Other liabilities ² | 1.3 | 4.8 | -73% | 1.3 | 4.8 | -73% |

Note

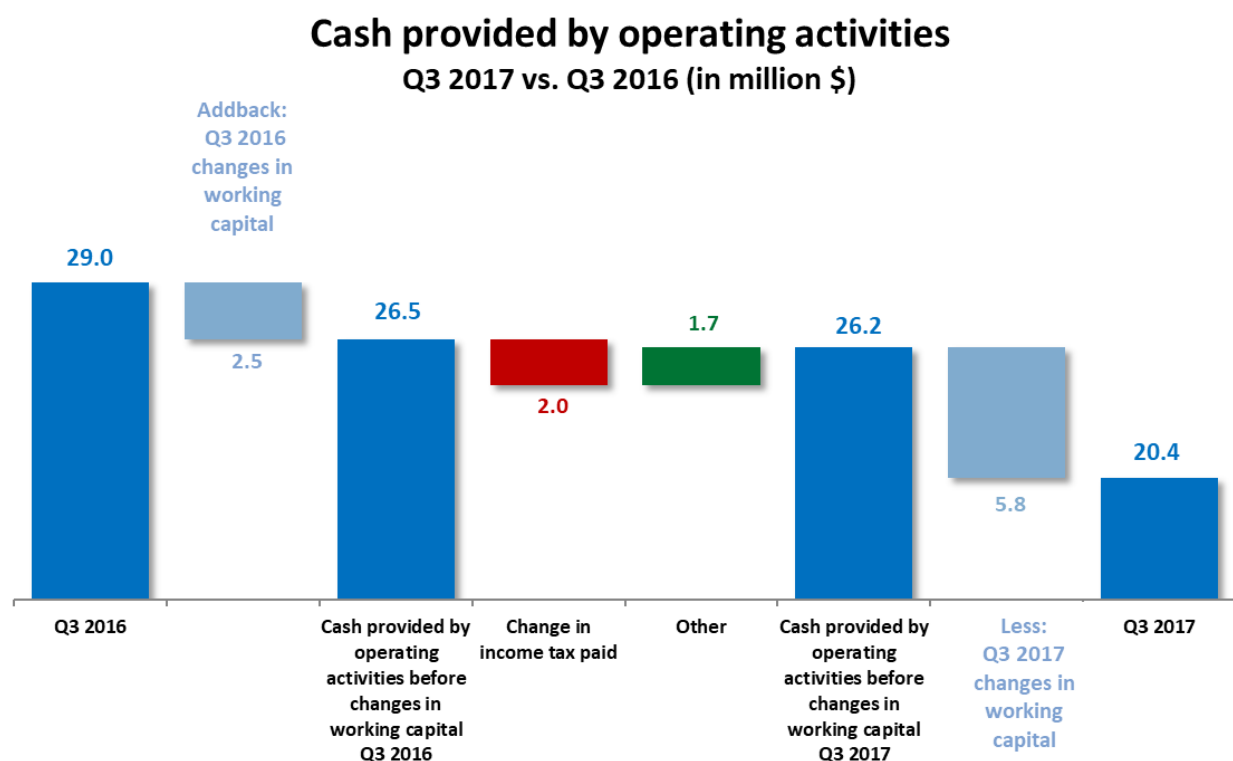
¹ refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures

² Comparative figures are as at December 31, 2016

Net income for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017 was \$10.3 million or \$0.06 per share compared to a net income of \$10.2 million or \$0.08 per share for the comparable quarter in 2016. The slightly higher net income was driven mostly by lower income tax expense of \$5.2 million as the effective tax rate for the third quarter was 34.7% compared to 51.2% for the comparable quarter in 2016. Adjusted net income was \$13.1 million compared to \$10.0 million in 2016, mostly after adjusting for a \$2.2 million loss on financial instruments, net of tax, in the current quarter.

Operating income for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017 was \$18.9 million, 11% below the comparable quarter in 2016, attributable mostly to lower financial results at our

San Jose Mine related in turn to a lower realized silver price of 14% and higher unit costs of 13%. These were partially offset by stronger financial results at our Caylloma Mine driven by strong zinc and lead prices and lower share based payments of \$0.1 million, compared to \$2.6 million in the third quarter of 2016.



Cash provided by operating activities in the third quarter of 2017 was \$20.4 million, a \$8.6 million decrease from \$29.0 million in the comparable quarter of 2016. The decrease was due primarily to negative changes in working capital in the third quarter of 2017 compared to positive changes in Q3 2016. The negative changes in the current quarter are related to trade receivables and inventory. Cash provided by operating activities before changes in working capital was \$26.2 million, a \$0.3 million decrease from \$26.5 million in the third quarter of 2016.

Liquidity

At September 30, 2017, the Company had cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments of \$195.8 million (December 31, 2016 – \$123.6 million), an increase of \$7.8 million over the end of June 2017, and of \$72.2 million since the beginning of the year. The increase over year end 2016 was due primarily to a bought deal equity financing in the first quarter of 2017 for net proceeds of \$70.9 million.

The Company is in the process of amending its existing credit facility with Scotiabank from \$40 million to \$120 million. This will provide an additional \$80 million of liquidity on top

of the \$40 million which have been drawn as of September 30, 2017 and completes our funding requirement for the construction of the Lindero Project.

San Jose Mine, Mexico

| San Jose | QUARTERLY RESULTS | | YEAR TO DATE RESULTS | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Three months ended, September 30, | | Nine months ended, September 30, | |
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Mine Production | | | | |
| t milled | 263,697 | 268,242 | 799,420 | 632,432 |
| Average t milled per day | 3,038 | 3,056 | 3,054 | 2,425 |
| Silver | | | | |
| Grade (g/t) | 229 | 224 | 231 | 229 |
| Recovery (%) | 91 | 92 | 92 | 92 |
| Production (oz) | 1,774,556 | 1,780,825 | 5,454,793 | 4,296,125 |
| Metal sold (oz) | 1,739,066 | 1,761,101 | 5,392,495 | 4,270,370 |
| Realized price (\$/oz) | 16.85 | 19.47 | 17.16 | 17.37 |
| Gold | | | | |
| Grade (g/t) | 1.71 | 1.76 | 1.74 | 1.73 |
| Recovery (%) | 91 | 92 | 91 | 92 |
| Production (oz) | 13,248 | 13,951 | 40,773 | 32,358 |
| Metal sold (oz) | 12,817 | 13,739 | 40,079 | 32,155 |
| Realized price (\$/oz) | 1,280 | 1,327 | 1,251 | 1,268 |
| Unit Costs | | | | |
| Production cash cost (\$/oz Ag) ¹ | 1.53 | 0.73 | 1.29 | 1.74 |
| Production cash cost (\$/t) | 62.23 | 54.83 | 60.31 | 57.69 |
| Unit Net Smelter Return (\$/t) | 162.62 | 175.61 | 165.76 | 160.73 |
| All-in sustaining cash cost (\$/oz Ag) ¹ | 7.75 | 6.94 | 7.35 | 7.95 |

¹ Net of by-product credits from gold

The San Jose Mine produced 1,774,556 ounces of silver and 13,248 ounces of gold in the third quarter, 4% and 7% higher than plan. Compared to the third quarter of 2016 silver was slightly slower by 0.4% and gold was 5% lower. The decrease in gold compared to 2016 was the result of lower head grades of 3% and lower throughput of 2%.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017 was \$62.2, which includes approximately \$0.6 per tonne of non-recurring items mainly related to mine support works due to a major earthquake in September and \$0.70 per tonne due to the appreciation of the Mexican Peso against the US dollar. Excluding non-recurring items and exchange rate effects the increase compared to budget was 4% and was related to higher mine support cost and local inflation on the cost of energy and materials. Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for the quarter was 13% higher than the \$54.8 cash cost for the comparable quarter in 2016. Cash cost for 2017 is expected to remain within 5% of annual guidance ([see Fortuna news release dated January 11, 2017](#)).

All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$7.4 for the first nine months of 2017 and was below the annual guidance of \$8.4 as a result of higher gold credits.

Caylloma Mine, Peru

| Caylloma | QUARTERLY RESULTS | | YEAR TO DATE RESULTS | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| | Three months ended, September 30, | | Nine months ended, September 30, | |
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Mine Production | | | | |
| t milled | 133,726 | 132,558 | 395,069 | 379,707 |
| Average t milled per day | 1,486 | 1,473 | 1,480 | 1,417 |
| Silver | | | | |
| Grade (g/t) | 66 | 87 | 66 | 93 |
| Recovery (%) | 83 | 83 | 84 | 85 |
| Production (oz) | 234,806 | 308,680 | 704,624 | 963,994 |
| Metal sold (oz) | 226,155 | 309,813 | 691,659 | 980,418 |
| Realized price (\$/oz) | 16.89 | 19.56 | 17.19 | 16.91 |
| Lead | | | | |
| Grade (%) | 2.87 | 2.71 | 2.77 | 3.22 |
| Recovery (%) | 91 | 94 | 91 | 94 |
| Production (000's lbs) | 7,650 | 7,452 | 22,031 | 25,383 |
| Metal sold (000's lbs) | 7,291 | 7,454 | 21,454 | 25,826 |
| Realized price (\$/lb) | 1.06 | 0.85 | 1.03 | 0.80 |
| Zinc | | | | |
| Grade (%) | 4.26 | 4.09 | 4.16 | 4.32 |
| Recovery (%) | 90 | 89 | 90 | 89 |
| Production (000's lbs) | 11,241 | 10,606 | 32,670 | 32,198 |
| Metal sold (000's lbs) | 10,867 | 10,600 | 32,512 | 32,504 |
| Realized price (\$/lb) | 1.35 | 1.02 | 1.26 | 0.89 |
| Unit Costs | | | | |
| Production cash cost (\$/oz Ag) ¹ | (39.53) | (8.49) | (31.22) | (4.41) |
| Production cash cost (\$/t) | 76.00 | 71.83 | 78.12 | 72.16 |
| Unit Net Smelter Return (\$/t) | 170.37 | 134.17 | 159.86 | 123.59 |
| All-in sustaining cash cost (\$/oz Ag) ¹ | (18.79) | 3.27 | (11.23) | 5.14 |

¹ Net of by-product credits from gold, lead and zinc

Silver production at the Caylloma Mine for the third quarter of 2017 was 234,806 ounces, 24% lower than the comparable period in 2016. Lead and zinc production were 7.7 million and 11.2 million pounds, respectively; 3%, and 6% higher than the comparable quarter in 2016. Lower silver production for the third quarter was due to lower head grades of 25%. Higher lead production of 3% was the result of higher head grades of 6% partially offset by lower recovery of 4%, while higher zinc production of 6% was the result of higher head

grade of 4%. Compared to plan silver and lead production were 6% and 3% below budget, while zinc production was 5% above budget.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017 was \$76.0, which was 6% higher than the \$71.8 cash cost for the comparable quarter in 2016 and 1% higher than budget. The increase over the third quarter of 2016 was mainly due to higher energy, ground support and labour costs. Cash cost for full year 2017 is expected to remain within 5% of annual guidance ([see Fortuna news release dated January 11, 2017](#)).

All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was a negative \$11.2 for the first nine months of the year and was significantly below the annual guidance of \$10.8 due primarily to higher by-product credits.

The financial statements and MD&A are available on SEDAR and have also been posted on the Company's website at http://www.fortunasilver.com/s/financial_reports.asp.

Conference call details:

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017

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

Dial in number (Toll Free): +1.888.567.1603

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Replay number (Toll Free): +1.877.481.4010

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Playback of the conference call will be available until November 23, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern. Playback of the webcast will be available until February 9, 2018. In addition, a transcript of the call will be archived in the company's website:

<https://www.fortunasilver.com/investors/financials/2017/>.

About Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

Fortuna is a growth oriented, precious metal 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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