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Fortuna Reports Fatality at San Jose Mine

Vancouver, August 19, 2019 -- Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (NYSE: FSM) (TSX: FVI) deeply regrets to report that a fatal accident involving a contractor's employee occurred on August 18, 2019 at the San Jose mine located in Oaxaca, Mexico.

The accident involved a scoopteam operating underground, and the individual fatally injured was the driver. There were no other injuries related to the accident. The appropriate government and local authorities were immediately notified and an investigation into the accident has been initiated to determine the cause. Operations at the area of the accident have been temporarily suspended and the mine is taking a stop for a safety day.

Jorge A. Ganoza, President and CEO, said, "We are deeply saddened by this tragic accident at our mine, and our thoughts are with the family, friends and co-workers of our colleague, to whom we are offering our support at this difficult time. The health and safety of our workers at our mine sites is our highest priority, and an investigation is underway to determine how this happened."

About Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

Fortuna is a growth oriented, precious metal producer with its primary assets being the Caylloma silver mine in southern Peru, the San Jose silver-gold mine in Mexico and the Lindero gold Project, currently under construction, in Argentina. The Company is selectively pursuing acquisition opportunities throughout the Americas and in select other areas. For more information, please visit its website at www.fortunasilver.com.

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