

# Atico Reports Consolidated Financial Results for the Second Quarter of 2014

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

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Aug 18, 2014) - [Atico Mining Corp.](#) (the "Company" or "Atico") (TSX VENTURE:ATY) (PINKSHEETS:ATCMF) today announced its financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2014, posting income from mining operations of \$2,460,682 and a net loss of \$205,712. Production for the quarter at Atico's El Roble mine totaled 2.07 million pounds of copper and 2,155 ounces of gold in concentrates at a cash cost<sup>(1)</sup> of \$1.01 per equivalent payable pound of copper produced<sup>(2)</sup>.

Fernando E. Ganoza, CEO, commented, "We had a very strong production quarter at the El Roble mine, with the copper and gold production significantly increasing over the first quarter." Mr. Ganoza continued, "The scale-up remains on schedule and we are on track to reach steady state production of 650 tonnes per day by year-end."

### Second Quarter Financial Highlights

- The Company produced 4,388 dry metric tonnes of concentrate during the quarter with a metal content of 2.07 million pounds of copper, 2,155 ounces of gold and 6,673 ounces of silver.
- Sales of \$7.5 million were generated during the quarter from the shipping and provisional invoicing of 3,892.65 dry metric tonnes of concentrate containing 1.80 million pounds of payable copper, 2,191 and 2,353 ounces of payable gold and silver respectively.
- At quarter-end, 3,306.14 wet metric tonnes of non-invoiced concentrate remained at the Company's warehouses.
- Cash cost<sup>(1)</sup> (i.e. before depletion, amortization and royalties) for the quarter was \$111.60 per tonne of processed ore, or \$1.01 per pound of payable copper produced<sup>(2)</sup>
- Income from mining operations for the quarter was \$2,460,682.
- Net loss for the quarter was \$205,712.
- Net cash provided by operating activities for the quarter was \$1,745,074.

### Second Quarter Operations Review

The El Roble mine performed as planned during the second quarter with an increase of 48% and 88% in copper and gold produced respectively. The increase was driven by a combination of higher throughput and head grades offset by a slight decrease in metallurgical recovery. Cash costs<sup>(1)</sup> for quarter were \$111.60 per tonne of processed ore and \$1.01 per pound of payable copper produced<sup>(2)</sup>.

### Second Quarter Operational Details

	Q2 Total	Q1 Total	% Change
Production (Contained in Concentrates)*			
Copper (000s pounds)	2,070	1,398	48 %
Gold (ounces)	2,155	1,147	88 %

Silver (ounces)	6,673	3,461	93 %
Mine			
Tonnes of ore mined	37,206	26,791	39 %
Mill			
Tonnes processed	33,888	23,016	47 %
Tonnes processed per day	440.1	354.1	24 %
Copper grade (%)	3.07	3.01	2 %
Gold grade (g/t)	3.12	2.43	28 %
Silver grade (g/t)	13.27	10.65	25 %
Recoveries			
Copper (%)	90.09	91.53	-2 %
Gold (%)	63.41	63.73	-1 %
Silver (%)	46.16	43.91	5 %
Concentrates			
Copper Concentrates (dmt)	4,388	2,735	60 %
Copper (%)	21.39	23.19	-8 %
Gold (g/t)	15.27	13.05	17 %
Silver (g/t)	47.29	39.36	20 %
Payable copper produced (000s lbs)	1,967	1,332	48 %
Cash cost per pound of payable copper <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (\$/lbs)	1.01	1.33	-32 %

\*Subject to adjustments due to final settlement

The financial statements and MD&A are available on SEDAR and have also been posted on the company's website at <http://www.aticomining.com/s/FinancialStatements.asp>

### ***El Roble Mine***

El Roble is an operating underground copper and gold mine with a nominal mineral processing capacity of 400 tonnes per day. Over the past 22 years, the mine has processed 1.5 million tonnes of ore at an average head grade of 2.5% copper and an estimated 2.5 g/t gold. Copper and gold mineralization occurs within volcanogenic massive sulfide ("VMS") lenses.

Since entering into an option agreement in January 2011 to acquire 90% of El Roble, Atico has aggressively explored the mine and surrounding claims. The Company has completed 11,740 meters of diamond drilling and identified numerous prospective targets for VMS deposits on the 6,679-hectare property. This exploration led to the discovery of high-grade copper and gold mineralization below the 2000 level, previously the lowest production level of the El Roble mine. Atico has developed a new adit access from the 1880 elevation to develop these new resources.

National Instrument 43-101 compliant inferred mineral resource are 1.58 million tonnes grading 4.45 % copper and 3.17 g/t gold, at a cut-off grade of 0.72 % copper equivalent. Mineralization is open at depth and along strike, the Company plans to further test the limits of the resource.

On the larger land package, the Company has identified a prospective stratigraphic contact between volcanic rocks and black and grey cherts that has been traced by Atico geologists for ten kilometers. This contact has been determined to be an important control on VMS mineralization on which Atico has identified 15 prospective target areas for VMS type mineralization occurrence, which is the focus of the surface drill program at El Roble.

### ***Qualified Person***

Mr. Thomas Kelly (SME Registered Member 1696580), Chief Operating Officer of the Company and a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 standards, is responsible for ensuring that the technical information contained in this news release is an accurate summary of the original reports and data provided to or developed by Atico.

## **About Atico Mining Corporation**

Atico is a growth-oriented company, focused on exploring, developing and mining copper and gold projects in Latin America. The Company operates the El Roble mine and is pursuing additional acquisition opportunities. For more information, please visit [www.aticomining.com](http://www.aticomining.com).

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Fernando E. Ganoza, CEO

[Atico Mining Corp.](http://www.aticomining.com)

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## **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

*The items marked with a "(1)" are alternative performance measures and readers should refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures in the Company's Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 as filed on SEDAR and as available on the Company's website for further details.*

(1) These are alternative performance measures; please refer to "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" at the end of this release.

(2) Net of by-product credits

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