

Third quarter production of 22,100 tonnes of copper

VANCOUVER, Oct. 13, 2015 /CNW/ - [Capstone Mining Corp.](#) ("Capstone") (TSX: CS) today announced production results for the three and nine months ending September 30, 2015. Combined production totalled 22,100 and 66,900 tonnes of copper in the third quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively, with additional by-products of zinc, molybdenum, lead, silver and gold.

Q3 2015 Copper Production (tonnes)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	YTD 2015
Pinto Valley	15,800	14,300	14,000	44,100
Cozamin	3,800	2,700	4,300	10,800
Minto	4,100	4,100	3,800	12,000
Total copper production	23,700	21,100	22,100	66,900

"Production for the third quarter met our expectations and we remain on track to meet our overall 2015 production guidance, with Minto operating above expectations for the quarter and Pinto Valley and Cozamin overcoming earlier production challenges," said Darren Pylot, President and CEO of Capstone. "We are particularly pleased that the operational improvements at Pinto Valley are starting to be realized, achieving a monthly throughput record for Capstone in September."

Operational Highlights

- At Pinto Valley, production was on plan for the quarter and remains on track for the year with better than predicted block grades and recoveries continuing to offset throughput. In the third quarter, throughput was negatively affected by six days of downtime in August for repairs to the primary crusher. Excluding the August down days associated with a single incident, throughput for the operating days in the quarter averaged 49,800 tonnes per day ("tpd") and the month of September averaged 52,400 tpd for the full month, surpassing the 52,000 tpd throughput target. The run rate exiting the quarter was very strong, with throughput averaging 56,500 tpd for the last 10 days of September and averaging over 55,300 tpd for the first 10 days of October. The current mine plan calls for copper grade to increase to 0.38% for the fourth quarter.
- At Cozamin, activities related to dilution control produced a significant improvement in grade for the quarter and recoveries returned to planned levels. Throughput improved each month during the quarter as the mine made good progress in catching up development and long-hole inventory shortfalls carried forward from earlier in the year.
- At Minto, grades and recoveries were on plan for the quarter as the mill returned to processing solely underground and stockpiled ore while transitioning to the next open pit mining area. Throughput, however, significantly outperformed, allowing production to continue above plan in the third quarter. The Yukon Water Board issued the final Water Use Licence on August 5, 2015, and stripping of the Minto North open pit commenced immediately. Stripping of Minto North is on schedule for first ore to the mill starting in December 2015, with high grade ore commencing in the second quarter of 2016. The mill will continue to process underground and stockpiled ore while stripping is taking place.

Q3 2015 Operating Details

	Pinto Valley		Cozamin	Minto	
	Q3	YTD 2015	YTD 2015	Q3	YTD 2015
Contained Production ⁽¹⁾					
- Copper in concentrate and cathode (tonnes)	13,979	44,054	4,307	3,829	12,065
- Zinc (tonnes)	-	-	4,552	-	-
- Molybdenum (Mo tonnes)	26.4	88.8	-	-	-
- Lead (tonnes)	-	-	500	-	-
- Silver (ounces)	61,096	197,241 ⁽²⁾	882,000	40,512	117,644
- Gold (ounces) ⁽³⁾	252	1,002	-	4,098	11,794

Payable Copper Production ⁽¹⁾ (tonnes) (in concentrate and cathode)	13,517	42,587	40,390	3,704	11,673
Mine					
- Ore (tonnes) – open pit	6,047,249	17,293,117	-	-	170,782
- Waste (tonnes)	3,986,248	8,281,060	-	1,944,585	2,045,860
- Ore (tonnes) – underground	-	-	290,820	111,361	324,340
Mill					
- Tonnes processed	4,337,329	12,752,090	280,058	356,782	1,044,976
- Tonnes processed per day	47,145	46,711	2,670	3,878	3,828
- Copper grade (%)	0.35 ⁽⁴⁾	0.38 ⁽⁴⁾	1.00	1.28	1.36
- Zinc grade (%)	-	-	0.90	-	-
- Molybdenum grade (%)	0.006	0.007	-	-	-
- Lead grade (%)	-	-	0.10	-	-
- Silver grade (g/t)	*	*	62	5	5
- Gold grade (g/t)	*	*	-	0.49	0.49
Recoveries					
- Copper (%)	89.2 ⁽⁴⁾	87.8 ⁽⁴⁾	92.5	83.7	84.8
- Zinc (%)	-	-	63.0	-	-
- Lead (%)	-	-	33.9	-	-
- Silver (%)	*	*	69.6	74.8	75.3
- Gold (%)	*	*	-	72.4	72.2
Concentrates ⁽³⁾					
- Copper concentrate (dmt)	45,277	146,162	46,562	10,088	33,228
Copper (%)	29.7	29.0	26.0	38.0	36.3
Silver (g/t)	*	*	622	125	110
Gold (g/t)	*	*	-	12.64	11.04
- Zinc concentrate (dmt)	-	-	9,646	-	-
Zinc (%)	-	-	47.3	-	-
- Molybdenum concentrate (dmt)	59	184	-	-	-
- Lead concentrate (dmt)	-	-	983	-	-
Lead (%)	-	-	59.6	-	-
Silver (g/t)	-	-	3,020	-	-
Payable Copper Shipped (tonnes)	15,311	42,940	30,497	6,022	11,762

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were estimated based on concentrate production. *Silver and gold have not been estimated in the Pinto Valley resource model. Only recovered silver and payable gold is reported for this mine.

Production Outlook

Capstone's 2015 production guidance of 90,000 tonnes ($\pm 5\%$) of copper remains unchanged, with C1 cash cost ⁽¹⁾ lowered to \$1.95 to \$2.05 per pound of payable copper produced net of by-product credits and selling costs, from \$2.00 to \$2.10 originally guided for 2015.

Financial Results Timing

Capstone will report Q3 2015 financial results on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 after market close, followed by a conference call and webcast for investors and analysts on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 11:30 am Eastern Time (8:30 am Pacific Time).

Conference Call and Webcast Details

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Time: 11:30 am Eastern Time (8:30 am Pacific Time)
Dial in: North America: 1-888-390-0546, International: +416-764-8688
Webcast: <http://event.on24.com/r.htm?e=1038558&s=1&k=1254FEDB54C1081882502320EE278DC1>
Replay: North America: 1-888-390-0541, International: +416-764-8677
Replay Passcode: 845615#

The conference call replay will be available until Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The conference call audio and transcript will be available on Capstone's website within approximately 24 hours of the call at <http://capstonemining.com/investors/events-and-presentations/default.aspx>

About Capstone Mining Corp.

[Capstone Mining Corp.](#) is a Canadian base metals mining company, focused on copper. We are committed to the responsible development of our assets and the environments in which we operate. Our three producing mines are the Pinto Valley copper mine located in Arizona, US, the Cozamin copper-silver mine in Zacatecas State, Mexico and the Minto copper mine in Yukon, Canada. In addition, Capstone has two copper development projects; the large scale 70% owned copper-iron Santo Domingo project in Region III, Chile, in partnership with Korea Resources Corporation, and the 100% owned copper-zinc Kutcho project in British Columbia, Canada, as well as exploration properties in Chile. Using our cash flow and strong balance sheet as a platform, Capstone's strategy is to extend the lives of our current mines with mineral resource and reserve expansions, maintain optionality on the Santo Domingo development project, prudently progress the exploration portfolio and grow through acquisitions in politically stable, mining-friendly regions. We will pace our growth with our financial capacity, ensuring we retain,

as a priority, sufficient financial flexibility to meet the requirements of our existing operations and our committed development projects, while maintaining an adequate cushion to deal with market volatility and operating risks inherent in the mining industry. Our headquarters are in Vancouver, Canada and we are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX). Further information is available at www.capstonemining.com.

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