

VANCOUVER, BC--(Marketwired - May 01, 2017) - [Arizona Mining Inc.](#) (TSX: AZ) ("Arizona Mining" or the "Company") is pleased to announce it has signed a binding private placement agreement for 45 million common shares in the Company (the "Shares") at a price of C\$2.45 per Share with [South32 Ltd.](#) ("South32") for gross proceeds of C\$110.3 million (the "Placement").

#### Transaction Highlights

- South32 will subscribe for 45 million Shares of Arizona Mining at a price of C\$2.45 per Share, representing approximately 15% of the Company's outstanding Shares on a non-diluted, post-subscription basis, for a total subscription price of C\$110.3 million.
- The proceeds will be used to add drill rigs and fully test the Taylor Deeps, Trench Vein System and other high priority targets, as well as to advance the Company's Taylor Deposit to the feasibility and permitting stage.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome South32, a global mining company, as a strategic investor in Arizona Mining. South32's significant investment represents an endorsement of the Taylor zinc-lead-silver deposit and recognizes the deposit's growing world-class stature and additional prospectivity," said Jim Gowans, President and CEO. "On closing, we will be fully funded to complete our feasibility study and the state permitting activities for operations on our patented land. We will also continue exploring the property and will add drill rigs to thoroughly test Taylor Deeps, the Trench Vein system and other targets to increase the resource."

South32 will have a pre-emptive right to participate in future equity financings to maintain its ownership percentage at 15% on a non-diluted basis, and will be restricted from selling any Shares for one year from the closing date of the Placement. South32 will also have the right to nominate one Director to the Company's Board of Directors provided it maintains a minimum 12.5% ownership in Arizona Mining's Shares on a non-diluted basis.

The Placement will be completed post receipt of regulatory approvals including by the Toronto Stock Exchange.

#### About Arizona Mining

[Arizona Mining Inc.](#) (an augustagroup company) is a Canadian mineral exploration and development company focused on the exploration and development of its 100%-owned Hermosa Project located in Santa Cruz County, Arizona. A recently completed preliminary economic assessment on the Hermosa-Taylor project showed robust economics, including a 42% after-tax internal rate of return, an after-tax NPV of \$1.26 billion and a 1.7 year payback. The Taylor Deposit, a zinc-lead-silver carbonate replacement deposit, has a resource of 8.6 million tons in the Measured Mineral Resource category grading 4.2% zinc, 4.0% lead and 1.6 opt silver, or 9.7% ZnEq, plus 63.8 million tons in the Indicated Mineral Resource category grading 4.5% zinc, 4.4% lead and 1.9 opt silver, or 10.6% ZnEq, and 38.6 million tons of Inferred Mineral Resources grading 4.4% zinc, 4.2% lead and 3.1 opt silver or 11.6% ZnEq, all reported in accordance with NI 43-101 guidelines utilizing a 4% ZnEq cutoff grade. The Taylor Deposit remains open to the north, west and south over land controlled by the Company and will be aggressively drilled to test the limits of the resource. The Company's other project on the Hermosa property is the Central Deposit, a silver-manganese manto oxide project.

#### About South32

South32 is a globally diversified metals and mining company with high-quality and well maintained operations which mine and produce bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. More information about South32 is available on their company's website at [www.south32.net](http://www.south32.net).

#### Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information

Certain information contained in this press release constitutes forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, are forward looking statements including statements with respect to the closing of the South32 private placement and the Company's intentions for its Hermosa Project in Arizona, USA including, without limitation, financing, future drilling and other work on the Taylor Deposit. The Company would also like to caution the reader that the preliminary economic assessment ("PEA") on the Company's Taylor Deposit that supports the technical feasibility or economic viability of the Taylor Deposit, including the marketability of the concentrate, mining methods, costs, recoveries and any other technical aspects related to the Taylor Deposit, is preliminary in nature and there is no certainty that the PEA will be realized. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as may, will, seek, anticipate, believe, plan, estimate, budget, schedule, forecast, project, expect, intend, or similar expressions.

The forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions which, while considered reasonable by Arizona Mining, are subject to risks and uncertainties. In addition to the assumptions herein, these assumptions include the assumptions described in Arizona Mining's management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2016 ("MD&A"). Arizona Mining cautions readers that forward-looking statements involve and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements and forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results, performance or achievement. These risks, uncertainties and factors include general business, economic, competitive, political, regulatory and social uncertainties; actual results of exploration activities and economic evaluations; fluctuations in currency exchange rates; changes in project parameters; changes in costs, including labour, infrastructure, operating and production costs; future prices

of zinc, lead, silver and other minerals; variations of mineral grade or recovery rates; operating or technical difficulties in connection with exploration, development or mining activities, including the failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; delays in completion of exploration, development or construction activities; changes in government legislation and regulation; the ability to maintain and renew existing licenses and permits or obtain required licenses and permits in a timely manner; the ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms in a timely manner; contests over title to properties; employee relations and shortages of skilled personnel and contractors; the speculative nature of, and the risks involved in, the exploration, development and mining business; and the factors discussed in the section entitled "Risks and Uncertainties" in the MD&A.

Although Arizona Mining has attempted to identify important risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual performance, achievements, actions, events, results or conditions to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the forward-looking information, there may be other risks, uncertainties and other factors that cause performance, achievements, actions, events, results or conditions to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended. Unless otherwise indicated, forward-looking statements contained herein are as of the date hereof and Arizona Mining disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

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