

# First Majestic Announces High-Grade Drill Results from 2018 Exploration Program at the Ermitaño Silver/Gold Project; Permitting Status Update

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 25, 2019 - FIRST MAJESTIC SILVER CORP. (AG: NYSE; FR: TSX) (the "Company" or "First Majestic") is pleased to announce the results from its 2018 exploration program at the Ermitaño Silver/Gold project located four kilometres south of the producing Santa Elena Silver/Gold Mine in Sonora, Mexico. The initial discovery hole (EW16-04) was previously announced on January 17, 2017 which intersected 997 AgEq grams per tonnes ("g/t") over 18.0 metres (11.4 g/t gold and 86 g/t silver). At the end of 2018, a total of 50 drill holes had been completed on the property. The 2018 exploration program totalled 17,447 metres in 40 drill holes consisting of nine infill holes designed to increase the confidence and size of the resource and 31 step out holes to target areas to the West and East of the known mineralization.

Oblique view of Ermitaño and Ermitaño Splay

Plan view of Ermitaño and Ermitaño Splay

Ermitaño Splay Grade x Thickness Long Section

## DRILLING HIGHLIGHTS

Drill Hole 18-35 &ndash; 30.1 metres grading 293 AgEq g/t (3.0 g/t gold and 53 g/t silver)

Drill Hole 18-36 &ndash; 11.2 metres grading 1,019 AgEq g/t (11.1 g/t gold and 128 g/t silver)

Drill Hole 18-39 &ndash; 17.6 metres grading 654 AgEq g/t (6.3 g/t gold and 149 g/t silver)

Drill Hole 18-47 &ndash; 28.3 metres grading 403 AgEq g/t (3.9 g/t gold and 95 g/t silver)

Keith Neumeyer, President and CEO of First Majestic stated: "The drilling results announced today from our Ermitaño project are extremely encouraging as it continues to show the potential to build high quality resources in close proximity to our producing Santa Elena operation. The environmental permitting process is in the final stage with an expected positive decision in the coming weeks ahead. Pending project approval, Ermitaño will add several years of mine life at Santa Elena and will displace the reprocessing of the old heap-leach ore pad with fresh ore containing higher grades that are not subject to the Sandstorm streaming agreement."

## PERMITTING STATUS

In early February, technical personnel from SEMARNAT visited the Ermitaño site in connection with the

submission of the Company's Unified Technical Document ("DTU") for Exploitation. The DTU permit is the final federal requirement that includes authorizations for environmental impact and land-use change needed prior to the commencement any construction and mining activities. The Company anticipates receiving permission from the federal agency in March.

## SUMMARY OF COMPOSITES

Hole ID	From	To	Length (m)	Estimated	Ag g/t	Au g/t	Ag Eq g/t
				True Length (m)			
EW-16-03	199.6	202.1	2.5	1.9	37	5.3	463
EW-16-04	224.5	242.5	18.0	14.5	86	11.4	997
including	228.1	229.5	1.4		83	16.6	1,407
	233.1	233.8	0.7		634	39.7	3,808
	233.8	234.3	0.5		97	19.5	1,658
	234.3	235.5	1.1		154	40.1	3,364
	235.5	236.4	0.9		129	31.9	2,678
	237.6	240.1	2.5		60	14.7	1,232
EW-16-05	126.4	152.6	26.2	20.7	52	4.2	390
including	134.9	136.3	1.3		92	13.9	1,207
	136.3	137.4	1.1		165	11.1	1,053
EW-16-06	271.3	301.6	30.3	19.8	201	4.1	528
including	271.3	272.5	1.2		312	11.2	1,204
	272.9	273.5	0.6		534	10.9	1,404
	273.5	273.9	0.4		643	9.6	1,410
	274.4	274.8	0.4		1517	5.5	1,955
	274.8	275.6	0.8		1408	24.9	3,403
	275.6	276.9	1.3		1128	18.4	2,602
	276.9	277.7	0.8		654	16.3	1,956
EW-16-08	350.7	371.5	20.9	16.5	40	2.2	214
EW-17-09	268.5	280.7	12.2	9.8	77	3.6	367
including	271.3	271.8	0.5		76	12.9	1,109
EW-17-10	147.4	152.9	5.4	4.0	65	4.8	450
EW-18-19	669.0	670.9	1.9	1.5	78	1.7	217
EW-18-27	708.1	709.1	1.0	0.9	29	1.0	111
EW-18-33	237.2	255.5	18.3	14.5	28	2.9	261
EW-18-34	273.5	287.1	13.6	9.4	53	3.4	327
including	275.4	276.3	0.9		72	13.6	1,160
EW-18-35	148.0	188.3	40.3	30.1	53	3.0	293
including	163.6	164.1	0.5		139	19.4	1,691
	165.4	166.1	0.7		118	18.7	1,614
EW-18-36	292.3	311.0	18.7	11.2	128	11.1	1,019
including	299.3	300.4	1.1		307	19.8	1,891
	300.4	301.7	1.3		567	70.8	6,231
	301.7	303.0	1.3		122	20.1	1,730
	303.0	304.4	1.4		326	32.0	2,886
EW-18-37	185.5	192.0	6.4	4.0	54	3.2	309
EW-18-38	182.6	185.3	2.8	2.2	48	5.8	510
EW-18-39	265.4	294.1	28.7	17.6	149	6.3	654
including	265.4	266.0	0.6		520	17.0	1,879
	268.8	270.0	1.2		369	20.1	1,980
	272.0	273.0	1.0		387	8.6	1,074
	283.0	284.0	1.0		149	15.5	1,392

	286.0	287.0	1.0		180	10.4	1,010
	289.0	290.2	1.2		192	14.4	1,342
EW-18-40	294.7	307.4	12.8	10.3	21	1.3	126
EW-18-41	166.3	172.9	6.5	4.5	78	9.6	849
including	167.7	168.5	0.8		83	14.6	1,250
	169.3	170.3	0.9		133	39.4	3,281
EW-18-43	347.2	356.3	9.1	5.9	26	1.2	125
EW-18-44	199.1	229.5	30.4	16.8	39	2.6	251
EW-18-45	189.5	215.1	25.6	15.4	77	2.5	274
including	214.1	215.1	1.0		85	17.2	1,457
EW-18-46	74.6	99.3	24.7	20.5	41	3.7	341
including	90.2	91.1	0.9		95	13.0	1,136
	93.3	94.0	0.8		149	27.3	2,334
EW-18-47	296.2	343.7	47.5	28.3	95	3.9	403
including	304.6	305.7	1.1		434	21.1	2,125
	313.5	314.9	1.4		184	10.4	1,019
	318.0	320.1	2.1		160	11.8	1,100
EW-18-48	260.5	264.6	4.1	3.5	59	6.3	561
EW-18-49	307.1	322.5	15.4	11.1	60	2.3	244
EW-18-50	243.5	263.4	19.9	17.8	57	3.9	366
including	260.2	261.4	1.2		74	12.2	1,043

Note: Holes EW16-01 to EW16-04 were announced on January 17, 2017 (see press release at [https://www.firstmajestic.com/news/2017/index.php?content\\_id=312](https://www.firstmajestic.com/news/2017/index.php?content_id=312)). Holes EW16-06 and EW 17-09 were announced on January 9, 2018 (see press release at [https://www.firstmajestic.com/news/index.php?content\\_id=340](https://www.firstmajestic.com/news/index.php?content_id=340)). Gold equivalent (&ldquo;Gold-Equiv&rdquo;) is calculated using a gold to silver ratio of 1:80.

After detailed geological logging, all drill core samples were split on site by diamond saw. One half of the core was submitted to Bureau Veritas Mineral Laboratories at the laboratory in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and to SGS Laboratories at the laboratories in Durango and Hermosillo, Mexico. The remaining half core is retained on-site for verification and reference purposes.

## ERMITAÑO VEIN SYSTEM

Low sulphidation epithermal silver and gold mineralization is hosted in the steep dipping Ermitaño and Ermitaño Splay structures. The structures host green and white massive, banded, and bladed and stockwork quartz, calcite, and adularia. The veins are commonly brecciated and are associated with argillic alteration. Sulphide and iron oxide after sulphide and pyrolusite occur locally. The bulk of Inferred mineralization disclosed in 2018 is hosted in the Ermitaño Splay. Drilling of the Ermitaño Splay has delineated an east-west striking structure approximately 500 metres long, 400 metres down dip, with mineralized true thicknesses ranging from 0.9 to 30.0 metres, averaging 11.0 metres. Mineralization in the Splay remains open up-dip and down-dip to the west. The Ermitaño Splay separates from the Ermitaño structure which is delineated by drilling over an approximate 1,000 metre southwest strike length and 400 metre dip length. Mineralized true thicknesses range from 0.8 to 11.0 metres, averaging 4.0 metres.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/21927b64-32ea-447e-aa1e-0c7d39deed35>

Figure 1: Oblique view of Ermitaño and Ermitaño Splay

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Figure 2: Plan view of Ermitaño and Ermitaño Splay

## 2019 EXPLORATION PROGRAM

The 2019 exploration program will consist of approximately 16,000 metres in 75 planned drill holes. In the first half of 2019, the Company will explore the Ermitaño Splay at shallow elevations with the objective to investigate the continuity of mineralization at low depths and to evaluate the feasibility of open pit extraction. If feasibility is confirmed, this could provide a faster way to process ore from this area.

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### Figure 3: Ermitaño Splay Grade x Thickness Long Section

Mr. Ramon Mendoza Reyes, Vice President Technical Services for First Majestic, is a "qualified person" as such term is defined under NI 43-101, and has reviewed and approved the technical information disclosed in this news release.

## ABOUT THE COMPANY

First Majestic is a mining company focused on silver production in Mexico and is aggressively pursuing the development of its existing mineral property assets. The Company presently owns and operates the San Dimas Silver/Gold Mine, the Santa Elena Silver/Gold Mine, the La Encantada Silver Mine, the San Martin Silver Mine, the La Parrilla Silver Mine and the Del Toro Silver Mine. Production from these mines are projected to be between 14.2 to 15.8 million silver ounces or 24.7 to 27.5 million silver equivalent ounces in 2019.

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Keith Neumeyer, President & CEO

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