

Minera Alamos Acquires Crushing System to Facilitate Future Production Growth at the Santana Gold Project, Sonora, Mexico

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Toronto, January 30, 2020 - [Minera Alamos Inc.](#) (TSXV: MAI) ("Minera" or the "Company" or "Buyer") is pleased to announce it has entered into an Equipment Purchase Agreement ("EPA") with Mako Mining Corp., [Marlin Gold Mining Ltd.](#) and Oro Gold de Mexico S.A. de C.V. (collectively the "Sellers") to acquire a complete crushing, screening and agglomeration system for the future growth of the Santana gold project.

"This agreement leverages the financial flexibility provided by our relationship with Osisko Gold Royalties to take advantage of a unique opportunity that presented itself and that will significantly reduce longer term capital and operating costs for the development of the Santana project," stated Darren Koningen, Minera Alamos CEO. "The acquisition for this excellent collection of equipment is a small fraction of the original purchase cost and underscores our philosophy of finding innovative ways to build our projects with some of industry's lowest capital intensity."

Photo 1 - The Crushing Circuit previously in operation at the La Trinidad mine in Sinaloa, Mexico

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Equipment Details and History

The acquired crushing system was originally installed at Mako Mining's La Trinidad gold heap leach operation and was in commercial service for a relatively short period of time until it was shut down in 2019. The circuit was fully operational up to the point that the operation shut down. Highlights include:

- Design capacity of approximately 300 tph (5,000-6,000 tpd) taking run-of-mine ("ROM") heap leach material and crushing/screening (three stage crushing) to a fine size passing 3/8".
- Also included is equipment to agglomerate the final ore before it was conveyed through a series of portable conveyor sections to a radial stacker which deposited the final material on the leach pad.
- Operations are controlled via an advanced PLC automation package which monitors/controls all individual unit operations from a central control area.
- All the equipment was transported back to the United States after mine shutdown and has been inspected and considered to be in excellent condition.

Opportunities to Minera

The Company is planning to start initial operations at Santana using contractor portable crushing equipment until optimal crushing strategies are better understood. The new system will allow for the Company to transition to a larger capacity crushing operation capable of accommodating Minera's future plans for significant increases in the production profile at Santana as the overall scale of the project increases through its ongoing exploration. Such a move towards an in-house (non-contractor) crushing system will be significantly less costly as a result of the purchase of the system and is expected to yield significant savings in crushing unit costs. In addition:

- The system as purchased has multiple stages that can easily be rearranged making it flexible to suit whatever arrangement is optimal for the different future ore sources/pits at the Santana project.
- Existing capacity is excellent and can be expanded further by increasing the ultimate crush size that is generated (testwork to date at Santana has demonstrated optimal crush sizes significantly greater than 3/8"). An additional crushing/screening stage(s) could be incorporated to expand capacity even further.

- The PLC control system automation is decidedly beneficial as it allows for easy operation with minimal personnel.
- The system was just recently packaged and shipped to Arizona, U.S. for storage and is in excellent condition to easily ship back across the border to Sonora, Mexico.

Terms of the Equipment Purchase

The aggregate purchase price to be paid to the Sellers is C\$1.2 million in a series of staged payments. C\$300,000 upon execution of the equipment purchase agreement; C\$700,000 on the Closing Date (April 30th, 2020 or such other date on or before September 30, 2020 agreed to in writing by the Buyer in its sole discretion); and C\$200,000 on the earlier date of the shipment of the equipment from storage in Pearce, Arizona and June 30, 2020.

Minera is examining finance options that could include a "lease-to-own" arrangement with third parties that will cover the full acquisition cost and will provide additional information in due course on this arrangement should it be consummated as planned.

Photo 2 - The additional stacking equipment included as part of the Crushing Circuit equipment

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About Minera Alamos Inc.:

Minera Alamos is an advanced-stage exploration and development company with a portfolio of high-quality Mexican development assets, including the La Fortuna open-pit gold project in Durango (positive PEA completed and change of land use permit granted) and the Santana open-pit heap-leach development project in Sonora (permits received).

The Company's strategy is to develop low capex assets while expanding the project resources and to continue to pursue complementary strategic acquisitions.

Mr. Darren Koningen, P. Eng., Minera Alamos' CEO, is the Qualified Person responsible for the technical content of this press release under National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Koningen has supervised the preparation of and approved the scientific and technical disclosures in this news release.

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