

Orvana Provides Update on 2015 Judicial Process in Spain

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TORONTO, March 3, 2021 - [Orvana Minerals Corp.](#) (TSX: ORV) (the "Company" or "Orvana"). The Company is providing an update on its subsidiary's OroValle Minerals S.L. ("OroValle"), ongoing judicial process (the "Process") which started in 2015. This Process has been continuously disclosed and updated in the company's quarterly financial statements since June 30th 2015

The Process relates to selenium discharge levels in the Cauxa River. This river, flows past OroValle's operations as well as other properties owned by third parties. Selenium is a naturally occurring element that is found in rocks, land and water in the area, and is not used in OroValle's operations whatsoever. The results of scientific studies conducted by OroValle have confirmed that past and current levels of selenium in waterways in the vicinity do not cause environmental damage. The latest historical summary of this matter may be found in the quarter-ended December 31, 2020, financial statements.

OroValle's position in this Process is that the petitioned sanctions are unreasonable and without merit. OroValle has filed its preliminary statement of defence requesting for the dismissal of the Prosecutor's allegations on the basis that, among other things, there is an absence of a committed offence. OroValle has submitted proven and conclusive evidence that demonstrate that its activities have not resulted in any environmental damage. Considering the strength of the legal defence and evidence in favor of OroValle's position, OroValle is confident that this Process will result in the dismissal of this matter.

Due to procedural matters, on March 1st, 2021, the trial has been rescheduled to an undetermined date in the future. The request of the Prosecutor and the State's Attorney acting in this Process includes a fine of up to \$20m and the eventual withholding of OroValle's operations until it is demonstrated that the alleged polluting activity has ceased. The petition also includes a \$5m indemnity for civil liability.

The company will provide further updates as the process advances.

ABOUT ORVANA - Orvana is a multi-mine gold-copper-silver company. Orvana's assets consist of the producing El Valle and Carlés gold-copper-silver mines in northern Spain, and the Don Mario gold-silver property in Bolivia, currently in care and maintenance. Orvana is in the process of completing the registration of transfer documents with the mining authorities in connection with the acquisition of Taguas, Argentina. Additional information is available at Orvana's website (www.orvana.com).

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The forward-looking statements herein relate to, among other things: Orvana's ability to achieve improvement in free cash flow; the potential to extend the mine life of El Valle and Don Mario beyond their current life-of-mine estimates including specifically, but not limited to in the case of Don Mario, the processing of the mineral stockpiles and the reprocessing of the tailings material; Orvana's ability to optimize its assets to deliver shareholder value; the Company's ability to optimize productivity at Don Mario and El

Valle; any measures taken by the Company to prevent and/or mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases at or near the Company's mines and support the sustainability of its business including through the development of crisis management plans, increasing stock levels for key supplies, monitoring of guidance from the medical community, and engagement with local communities and authorities; estimates of future production, operating costs and capital expenditures; mineral resource and reserve estimates; statements and information regarding future feasibility studies and their results; future transactions (including the completion of the acquisition of Taguas and subsequent results of any exploration work on Taguas); future metal prices; the ability to achieve additional growth and geographic diversification; future financial performance, including the ability to increase cash flow and profits; future financing requirements; and mine development plans. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company as of the date of such statements, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. The estimates and assumptions of the Company contained or incorporated by reference in this news release, which may prove to be incorrect, include, but are not limited to, the various assumptions set forth herein and in Orvana's most recently filed Management's Discussion & Analysis and Annual Information Form in respect of the Company's most recently completed fiscal year (the "Company Disclosures") or as otherwise expressly incorporated herein by reference as well as: there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether due to labour disruptions, supply disruptions, power disruptions, damage to equipment or otherwise; permitting, development, operations, expansion and acquisitions at El Valle and Don Mario being consistent with the Company's current expectations; political developments in any jurisdiction in which the Company operates being consistent with its current expectations; certain price assumptions for gold, copper and silver; prices for key supplies being approximately consistent with current levels; production and cost of sales forecasts meeting expectations; the accuracy of the Company's current mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates; and labour and materials costs increasing on a basis consistent with Orvana's current expectations.

A variety of inherent risks, uncertainties and factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control, affect the operations, performance and results of the Company and its business, and could cause actual events or results to differ materially from estimated or anticipated events or results expressed or implied by forward looking statements. Some of these risks, uncertainties and factors include the pending outcome of the pending trial to be held in connection with the alleged selenium discharge at El Valle, the effect of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases on the Company's operations, workforce and supply chain, fluctuations in the price of gold, silver and copper; the need to recalculate estimates of resources based on actual production experience; the failure to achieve production estimates; variations in the grade of ore mined; variations in the cost of operations; the availability of qualified personnel; the Company's ability to obtain and maintain all necessary regulatory approvals and licenses; the Company's ability to use cyanide in its mining operations; risks generally associated with mineral exploration and development, including the Company's ability to continue to operate the El Valle and/or Don Mario and/or ability to resume long-term operations at the Carlés Mine; the Company's ability to successfully implement a sulphidization circuit and ancillary facilities to process the current oxides stockpiles at Don Mario; the Company's ability to acquire and develop mineral properties and to successfully integrate such acquisitions; the Company's ability to execute on its strategy; the Company's ability to obtain financing when required on terms that are acceptable to the Company; challenges to the Company's interests in its property and mineral rights; current, pending and proposed legislative or regulatory developments or changes in political, social or economic conditions in the countries in which the Company operates; general economic conditions worldwide; and the risks identified in the Company's disclosures. This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of the Company's forward-looking statements and reference should also be made to the Company's Disclosures for a description of additional risk factors.

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