Josemaria Reports Second Quarter 2021 Results

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VANCOUVER, Aug. 12, 2021 - <u>Josemaria Resources Inc.</u> (TSX: JOSE) (OMX: JOSE) (OTCQB: JOSMF) ("Josemaria Resources" or the "Company"), is pleased to announce its results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021. PDF Version.

Adam Lundin, Josemaria Resources' Chief Executive Officer, comments: "We are very pleased with the progress being made on the Josemaria Project, where we continue to work with all stakeholders with the goal of obtaining approval of the ESIA and agreeing commercial and fiscal terms applicable to the project. We remain of the view that commodity prices suggest a tightening copper market, where there are a limited number of readily developable projects of significance."

SECOND QUARTER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

• On April 19, 2021, the Company successfully closed a private placement of 58,708,900 common shares of the Company at a price (the "Offering Price") of \$0.69 per common share for gross proceeds of \$40.5 million. Concurrently, the Company also closed a public offering (the "Offering") pursuant to which a syndicate of underwriters purchased, on a bought deal basis, 14,500,000 common shares at the Offering Price for gross proceeds of \$10.0 million, plus an over-allotment option at the Offering Price of an additional 2,175,000 common shares for gross proceeds of \$1.5 million, for total combined gross proceeds of \$52.0 million. The Company incurred related share issuance costs of \$1.4 million for net proceeds of \$50.6 million.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

		Three months ended June 30,			Six months ended June 30,			
(in thousands, except per share amounts)	20	021	2(020	2	021	2	020
Exploration and project investigation expenses	\$	6,324	\$	4,447	\$	11,547	\$	23,802
General and administration ("G&A")		1,408		879		4,481		2,945
Foreign exchange and trading gains realized on equity investments		(866)		(2,296)		(1,697)		(4,333)
Net loss		7,121		2,319		15,071		25,277
Basic and diluted loss per share		0.02		0.01		0.05		0.10

The Company's net loss for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 was \$7.1 million and \$15.1 million, respectively, compared to \$2.3 million and \$25.3 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2020. The decrease in net loss mainly reflects the Company not having conducted a comprehensive field program in 2020/2021 as it did in the prior comparative period. During Q4 2019 and Q1 2020, the Company conducted a field program which included reserve definition drilling and advanced ongoing environmental studies in support of the Feasibility Study for the Josemaria Project, which was published in October 2020. These work programs resulted in exploration and project investigation expenses of \$23.8 million during the six months ended June 30, 2020, as compared to \$11.5 million incurred during the six months ended June 30, 2021. During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company's primary exploration and project investigation expenses consisted of engineering optimization, expenditures associated with supporting the ongoing Environmental Social Impact Assessment approval process in Argentina, commercial and fiscal studies and negotiations, environmental baseline studies, roadwork and related studies, and community

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G&A costs for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 totaled \$1.4 million and \$4.5 million, respectively, compared to \$0.9 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, over the same periods in 2020. The increase was mainly the result of higher salaries and benefits due to voluntary salary reductions for the senior management group not being in place during the 2021 period and higher discretionary management bonuses, and higher share-based compensation expenses due to a larger number of options having been granted. Share-based compensation is a non-cash charge reflecting the expense associated with the vesting of outstanding stock options during the period.

From time to time, as part of the capital funding process from the Canadian parent to the Argentinian subsidiary, the Company will purchase equity instruments via a third-party investment broker. The equity instruments are transferred from the parent to the subsidiary and held for a pre-determined period, typically five business days, and then sold. The Company conducts such transactions on an intra-period basis and does not hold the equity instruments at period end. During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company realized a trading loss of \$0.4 million (2020 - \$1.0 million) and a foreign exchange gain of \$2.1 million (2020 - \$5.3 million) as a result of holding the equity instruments for a net realized gain of \$1.7 million (2020 - \$4.3 million). The decrease in net gain is the result of the Company having conducted fewer such transactions during Q1 2021 than in the comparative period as a result of lower in-country activity in Argentina.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company recognized a net monetary loss of \$0.1 million (2020 - \$0.3 million) in relation to the application of hyper-inflationary accounting for the Company's Argentine subsidiary, which began July 1, 2018. In other comprehensive loss, the Company recognized a loss of \$0.1 million resulting from the impact of hyper-inflation which consists of adjustments recognized on the continuing inflation of opening non-monetary balances during the six months ended June 30, 2021 (2020 - gain of \$1.7 million) and the ongoing translation of the Company's Argentine subsidiary into the Canadian dollar presentation currency following July 1, 2018, as mentioned above. A detailed discussion regarding the application of hyper-inflationary accounting has been provided in Note 3 to the condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(in thousands)	June 30, 2021		ecember 31, 020
Cash	\$ 25,577	\$	6,741
Working capital surplus (deficit)	13,561		(24,748)
Mineral properties	10,790		10,065
Total assets	39,323	Г	19,745
Total liabilities	(12,574)		(32,101)

The Company does not currently generate income from operations. The Company anticipates that it will need further funding in order to advance the Josemaria Project, and for general corporate and working capital purposes. Historically, capital requirements have been funded through equity financing, joint ventures, disposition of mineral properties and investments, and the use of credit facilities with related parties. While management is confident that additional sources of funding will be secured to fund planned expenditures, factors that could affect the availability of financing include the progress and results of ongoing exploration and project investigation activities at the Josemaria Project, the state of international debt and equity markets, investor perceptions and expectations of the global copper, gold, and/or silver markets, and the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic ("COVID-19"). If necessary, the Company may explore opportunities to revise the due dates of its liabilities, and/or settle its liabilities through the issuance of common shares and other equity instruments. Based on the amount of funding raised, the Company's planned initiatives and other work programs may be postponed, or otherwise revised, as necessary.

QUALIFIED PERSONS

The technical information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Bob Carmichael, P.

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Eng. (BC), the Company's Vice President of Exploration, and Mr. Dustin Smiley, P. Eng. (BC), the Company's Engineering Manager. Both Mr. Carmichael and Mr. Smiley are Qualified Persons under National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

ABOUT JOSEMARIA

Josemaria Resources Inc. is a natural resources company focused on developing its advanced stage, 100% owned Josemaria Copper-Gold Project in the San Juan Province of Argentina. A recently published Feasibility Study (see "NI 43-101 Technical Report, Feasibility Study for the Josemaria Copper-Gold Project, San Juan Province, Argentina" dated effective September 28, 2020 and filed on November 5, 2020) demonstrates a simple and conventional open pit copper-gold project with robust economics and a rapid payback period. Josemaria is a Lundin Group company and works in partnership with the Lundin Foundation to execute best practices in responsible mineral development in Argentina where the Lundins have a 30-year track record of value creation. The Company is a reporting issuer in all Provinces and its corporate head office is in Vancouver, BC. The Company's shares are listed on the TSX and on Nasdaq Stockholm under the symbol "JOSE", and trade on the OTCQB under the symbol "JOSMF".

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is information that the Company is obliged to make public pursuant to the Swedish Financial Instruments Trading Act. The information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact person set out below, on August 12, 2021 17:00 EDT.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Josemaria Resources,

Adam Lundin, President and CEO

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This press release includes certain "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" (collectively "forward-looking information") within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein, including, without limitation, the Company's plans and expectations regarding the Josemaria Project, future price of copper, gold and silver; the results of the Feasibility Study and expected timelines; the timing and amount of estimated future production; net present values and internal rates of return at the Josemaria Project; recovery rates; payback periods; costs of production; capital expenditures; costs and timing of the development of the Josemaria Project; mine life; the potential future development of the Josemaria Project and the future operating or financial performance of the Company; the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's operations, hyper-inflationary accounting, the effect of government regulations (or changes thereto) with respect to restrictions on production, export controls and duties, income taxes, royalties, expropriation of property, repatriation of profits, environmental legislation, land use, water use, mine safety, approval processes and the receipt of necessary permits are forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is frequently, but not always, identified by words such as "expects", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "potential", "possible", and similar expressions, or statements that events, conditions, or results "will", "may", "could", or "should" occur or be achieved. These forward-looking statements may also include statements regarding perceived merit of properties; exploration plans and budgets; mineral reserves and resource estimates; work programs; capital expenditures; timelines; strategic plans; market prices for precious and base metals; or other statements that are not statements of fact. In addition, statements relating to "mineral resources" and "mineral reserves" are deemed to be forward-looking information, as they involve the implied assessment, based on certain estimates and assumptions that the mineral resources and mineral reserves described can be profitably produced in the future.

Forward-looking information involves various risks and uncertainties. There can be no assurance that such information will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those

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anticipated in such information. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations include the Company's ability to finance the development of its Josemania Project: commodity price fluctuations; assumptions and discount rates being appropriately applied to the Feasibility Study, uncertainty as to whether there will ever be production at the Company's Josemaria Project and any other future mineral exploration and development properties; risks related to the Company's ability to commence production and generate revenues or obtain adequate financing for its planned exploration and development activities; risks related to lack of infrastructure including but not limited to the risk whether or not the Josemaria Project will receive the requisite permits and, if it does, whether the Company will build the Josemaria Project; risks related to inclement weather which may delay or hinder activities at the Company's mineral properties; risks related to the Company's dependence on third parties for the development of its projects; uncertainties relating to the assumptions underlying resource and reserve estimates; mining and development risks, including risks related to infrastructure, accidents, equipment breakdowns, labor disputes, bad weather, non-compliance with environmental and permit requirements or other unanticipated difficulties with or interruptions in development, construction or production; the geology, grade and continuity of the Company's mineral deposits; the uncertainties involving success of exploration, development and mining activities; permitting timelines; risks pertaining to the outbreak of the global pandemics, including COVID-19; government regulation of mining operations; environmental risks; unanticipated reclamation expenses; prices for energy inputs, labour, materials, supplies and services; uncertainties involved in the interpretation of Amunujesylts and geological thous the estimation of mineral research mineral resources; the need felicooperators of the estimation of properties including the Josephania Project; unanticipated variation in geological structures, metal grades or recovery rates; fluctuations in currency exchange rates; unexpected cost increases in estimated capital and Diperating costs; the meeditio obtain permits and government approvals; uncertainty related to title to the Polypanial Street Broberties, anticipated use of proceeds from financings, the ability of the Company to satisfy the conditions of the terms and conditions of the debentures issued pursuant credit facilities, including Fepayment thereofurponatheir respective maturity dates and the issuance of Common Shakes thereunder and brider visik im har innter Amilia se disclost dan the Complan visit designation in werdin. Constitute securities siegulators spieger general nicht die Wennung des Webselen Betreibers Weder. Mittels der Veroffenlichung will dieser lediglich ein pluralistisches abdung will dieser lediglich ein pluralistisches abdung wild dieser lediglich ein pluralistisches die verschaft die vers tertimevelnetudingsthei@empany/stAnntialrInformation/Formaxailable-under/the@eompany/stprofileratre ability to develop the Josemaria Project and to achieve the results outlined in the Feasibility Study; the ability to-raise the capital required to fund construction and development of the desermana Projects and the results and impact of future exploration at the Josemaria Project. File Company's Id ward-looking information reflects the beliefs, opinions, and projections on the date the statements are made. The Company assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking information or beliefs, opinions, projections, or other factors, should they change, except as required by law.

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