

# Atico Reports Financial Results for Second Quarter of 2021

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VANCOUVER, Aug. 17, 2021 - [Atico Mining Corp.](#) (the "Company" or "Atico") (TSX.V: ATY | OTC: ATCMF) today announced its financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2021 ("Q2-2021"), posting income from mining operations of \$4.9 million and a net income of \$0.6 million.

Fernando E. Ganoza, CEO and Director, commented, "Similarly to the previous quarter, the challenging situation in country and severe weather conditions resulted in operational setbacks, a slight loss of production and an increase in cash cost. The costs were partially mitigated by higher realized metal prices leading to a cash margin of \$3.23 per pound of payable copper. Despite these challenges, the Company closed the quarter showing a strong cash position of \$16.6 million along with \$5.5 million in trade receivables and a reduction of approximately \$8 million in current liabilities over the previous quarter." Mr. Ganoza continued, "We anticipate that we will be able to make up for the lost production in the second half of the year to meet the annual guidance and take full advantage of the higher metal price environment."

## Second Quarter Financial Highlights

- Net income for the three months ended June 30, 2021 ("Q2-2021") amounted to \$0.6 million, compared with \$1.2 million for the comparative period ("Q2-2020"). Net income was affected by foreign exchange loss, higher production costs, and a decrease in concentrate sold, partially offset by a higher realized copper price, as compared to Q2-2020.
- Sales for the period increased 5% to \$13.4 million when compared with \$12.8 million in Q2-2020. Copper ("Cu") and gold ("Au") accounted for 93% and 7% of the 7,812 (Q2-2020 - 9,014) dry metric tonnes ("DMT") shipped and invoiced during Q2-2021. The average realized price per metal on invoicing was \$4.50 (Q2-2020 - \$2.60) per pound ("lbs") of copper and \$1,878 (Q2-2020 - \$1,726) per ounce ("oz") of gold.
- Working capital was \$23.3 million (December 31, 2020 - \$22.5 million), while the Company had \$6.4 million (December 31, 2020 - \$6.8 million) in long-term loans payable
- Cash costs<sup>(1)</sup> were \$118.24 per tonne of processed ore and \$1.27 per pound of payable copper produced<sup>(2)</sup>, which were increases of 26% and 37% over Q2-2020, respectively. The increase in the cash cost per pound of payable copper net of by products is mainly explained by a 10% decrease in payable copper produced and increases in onsite costs per tonne processed.
- Cash margin<sup>(1)(2)</sup> was \$3.23 (Q2-2020 - \$1.67) per pound of payable copper produced, which was an increase of 93% over Q2-2020.
- All-in sustaining cash cost per payable pound of copper produced<sup>(1)(2)</sup> was \$2.10 (Q2-2020 - \$1.34).

## Second Quarter Summary of Financial Results

|                               | Q2<br>2021    | Q2<br>2020    | %<br>Change |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Revenue                       | \$ 13,435,135 | \$ 12,826,237 | 5%          |
| Cost of sales                 | (8,505,352)   | (8,715,230)   | -2%         |
| Income from mining operations | 4,929,783     | 4,111,007     | 20%         |
| As a % of revenue             | 37%           | 32%           | 14%         |

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| General and administrative expenses                                                           | 1,022,263    | 942,560      | 8%   |
| Income from operations                                                                        | 3,681,062    | 3,017,827    | 22%  |
| <i>As a % of revenue</i>                                                                      | 27%          | 24%          | 16%  |
| Income before income taxes                                                                    | 1,189,241    | 1,990,634    | -40% |
| Net income                                                                                    | 571,306      | 1,206,999    | -53% |
| <i>As a % of revenue</i>                                                                      | 4%           | 9%           | -61% |
| Operating cash flow before changes in non-cash operating working capital items <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 5,904,080 | \$ 7,247,448 | -19% |

### *Second Quarter Operational Review*

In Q2-2021, the Company produced 4.46 million lbs of copper, 2,732 oz of gold, and 10,104 oz of silver. When compared to same period in 2020, production decreased by 10% for copper and no change for gold. The decrease for copper is mostly explained by 5% decrease in processed ore and head grade.

Cash costs<sup>(1)</sup> for the period were \$118.24 per tonne of processed ore, and \$1.27 per pound of payable copper produced, increases of 26% and 37% over Q2-2020, respectively. All-in sustaining cash cost per payable pound of copper produced<sup>(1)(2)</sup> was \$2.10.

### *Second Quarter Operational Details*

|                                                                  | Q2<br>2021 | Q2<br>2020 | %<br>Change |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Production (Contained metals) <sup>(3)</sup>                     |            |            |             |
| Copper (000s lbs)                                                | 4,462      | 4,956      | -10%        |
| Gold (oz)                                                        | 2,732      | 2,718      | 1%          |
| Silver (oz)                                                      | 10,104     | 10,401     | -3%         |
| Mine                                                             |            |            |             |
| Tonnes of material mined                                         | 71,436     | 76,825     | -7%         |
| Mill                                                             |            |            |             |
| Tonnes processed                                                 | 68,238     | 71,804     | -5%         |
| Tonnes processed per day                                         | 892        | 877        | -1%         |
| Copper grade (%)                                                 | 3.21       | 3.38       | -5%         |
| Gold grade (g/t)                                                 | 2.01       | 2.02       | -1%         |
| Silver grade (g/t)                                               | 8.50       | 9.10       | -7%         |
| Recoveries                                                       |            |            |             |
| Copper (%)                                                       | 92.6       | 92.9       | -0%         |
| Gold (%)                                                         | 61.9       | 58.6       | 6%          |
| Silver (%)                                                       | 55.0       | 49.4       | 11%         |
| Concentrates                                                     |            |            |             |
| Copper Concentrates (DMT)                                        | 10,002     | 10,828     | -8%         |
| Copper (%)                                                       | 20.3       | 20.8       | -2%         |
| Gold (g/t)                                                       | 8.6        | 7.8        | 10%         |
| Silver (g/t)                                                     | 31.6       | 29.8       | 6%          |
| Payable copper produced (000s lbs)                               | 4,239      | 4,708      | -10%        |
| Cash cost per pound of payable copper (\$/lbs) <sup>(1)(2)</sup> | 1.27       | 0.93       | 37%         |

The financial statements and MD&A are available on SEDAR and have also been posted on the company's website at <http://www.aticomining.com/s/FinancialStatements.asp>

### *El Roble Mine*

The El Roble mine is a high grade, underground copper and gold mine with nominal processing plant capacity of 1,000 tonnes per day, located in the Department of Choco in Colombia. Its commercial product is a copper-gold concentrate. Since obtaining control of the mine on November 22, 2013, Atico has upgraded the operation from a historical nominal capacity of 400 tonnes per day.

El Roble has Proven and Probable reserves of 1.47 million tonnes grading 3.40% copper and 1.88 g/t gold, at a cut-off grade of 1.93% copper equivalent as of June 30, 2018. Mineralization is open at depth and along strike and the Company plans to further test the limits of the deposit.

On the larger land package, the Company has identified a prospective stratigraphic contact between volcanic rocks and black and grey pelagic sediments and cherts that has been traced by Atico geologists for ten kilometers. This contact has been determined to be an important control on volcanogenic massive sulfide ("VMS") mineralization on which Atico has identified numerous target areas prospective for VMS type mineralization occurrence, which is the focus of the current surface drill program at El Roble.

### *La Plata Overview*

The La Plata project is a gold rich volcanogenic massive sulphide deposit that was the subject of small-scale mining from 1975-1981 by Outokumpu Finland. The project benefits from a modern drill and exploration database which was completed by Cambior Inc. from 1996-1999, Cornerstone Capital from 2006-2009 and Toachi from 2016-2019. In total, there is drill core and logs from more than 28,300 metres of drilling.

Historic resources based on drilling by Cambior and Cornerstone were estimated at 913,977 tonnes grading 8.01 grams gold per tonne, 88.3 grams silver per tonne, 5.01% copper, 6.71% zinc and 0.78% lead per tonne in the inferred category. More recently, Toachi Mining completed a PEA estimating an inferred resource of 1.85 million tonnes grading 4.10 grams gold per tonne, 50.0 grams silver per tonne, 3.30% copper, 4.60% zinc and 0.60% lead per tonne.

The La Plata project consists of two concessions covering a total area of 2,300 hectares along its 4-kilometer length, which contains known mineralization in two VMS lenses and nine priority exploration targets.

The Company has a binding option agreement with a private Ecuadorean company to earn up to 75% in the La Plata project, of which the first option to acquire the initial 60% ownership has been exercised. Please refer to the Company's MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2020 for further details.

### *Qualified Person*

Mr. Thomas Kelly (SME Registered Member 1696580), advisor to the Company and a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 standards, is responsible for ensuring that the technical information contained in this news release is an accurate summary of the original reports and data provided to or developed by Atico.

### *About Atico Mining Corporation*

Atico is a growth-oriented Company, focused on exploring, developing and mining copper and gold projects in Latin America. The Company operates the El Roble mine and is pursuing additional acquisition opportunities. For more information, please visit [www.aticomining.com](http://www.aticomining.com).

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#### *Non-GAAP Financial Measures*

*The items marked with a "(1)" are alternative performance measures and readers should refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures in the Company's Management's Discussion and Analysis for the six months ended June 30, 2021 as filed on SEDAR and as available on the Company's website for further details.*

(1) Alternative performance measures; please refer to "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" at the end of this release.

(2) Net of by-product credits

(3) Subject to adjustments on final settlement

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