

# Fortuna announces sale of non-core San Jose Mine, Mexico

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 15, 2025 - [Fortuna Mining Corp.](#) (NYSE: FSM | TSX: FVI) is pleased to announce it has entered into a binding letter agreement (the "Letter Agreement") to sell (the "Transaction") its 100 percent interest in Compañía Minera Cuzcatlan S.A. de C.V. ("Cuzcatlan") to Minas del Balsas S.A. de C.V. ("MDB"), a private Mexican company. Cuzcatlan is the owner of a 100 percent interest in the San Jose Mine in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico. Following the sale, Fortuna will cease to have any interest in the San Jose Mine, other than the net smelter return royalty described below. The San Jose Mine was scheduled to initiate a progressive closure process starting in early 2025.

Jorge A. Ganoza, President and CEO of Fortuna, commented, "Fortuna successfully built, expanded, and operated the underground San Jose mine for thirteen years, developing it into one of the 12 largest primary silver producers in the world for several years." Mr. Ganoza added, "Today, San Jose is no longer a core asset in our portfolio, and we believe Minera del Balsas is well suited to continue extracting value, benefiting both employees and local stakeholders." Mr. Ganoza concluded, "This transaction allows us to focus management's efforts on higher value opportunities within our portfolio."

## Details of the Transaction

Under the terms of the Letter Agreement, MDB will acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Cuzcatlan held by Fortuna's subsidiaries for the aggregate consideration of:

- US\$2 million payable on closing of the Transaction;
- a further US\$2 million payable on the first anniversary of closing the Transaction;
- a final US\$2 million payable on the second anniversary of closing the Transaction; and
- the right to receive up to approximately US\$11 million upon the completion of certain conditions.

In addition, Fortuna will receive a 1.0 percent net smelter royalty on production from the San Jose Mine concessions, for a 5-year term as of the start of production.

The completion of the Transaction is subject to customary conditions of closing and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2025. INFOR Financial Inc. acted as financial advisor to Fortuna.

## About Fortuna Mining Corp.

Fortuna Mining Corp. is a Canadian precious metals mining company with five operating mines in Argentina, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mexico, and Peru, as well as the preliminary economic assessment stage Diamba Sud Gold Project located in Senegal. Sustainability is integral to all our operations and relationships. We produce gold and silver and generate shared value over the long- term for our stakeholders through efficient production, environmental protection, and social responsibility. For more information, please visit our website.

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## Forward-looking Statements

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*supplies and services; fluctuations in currencies; uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral reserves, mineral resources, and metal recoveries; the Company's ability to obtain all necessary permits, licenses and regulatory approvals in a timely manner; governmental and other approvals; political unrest or instability in countries where Fortuna is active; labor relations issues; as well as those factors discussed under "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Information Form for the financial year ended December 31, 2023. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in Forward-looking Statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended.*

*Forward-looking Statements contained herein are based on the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and opinions of management, including but not limited to, expectations regarding the Company completing the sale of its interest in the San Jose Mine in accordance with, and on the timeline contemplated by, the terms and conditions of the relevant agreements, on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; that any future payments in connection with the cash consideration, the net smelter returns royalty or in respect of any future additional payments, will be paid to the Company; expected trends in mineral prices and currency exchange rates; that the Company's activities will be in accordance with the Company's public statements and stated goals; that there will be no material adverse change affecting the Company or its properties; that all required approvals will be obtained; that there will be no significant disruptions affecting operations and such other assumptions as set out herein. Forward-looking Statements are made as of the date hereof and the Company disclaims any obligation to update any Forward-looking Statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by law. There can be no assurance that Forward-looking Statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on Forward-looking Statements.*

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