

Mako Mining Corp. Announces Q1 2026 Production Results with Record Production of 13,721 Au oz.

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Revenue of ~US\$69 Million, Debt Free and Cash Position of US\$96.1 Million

[Mako Mining Corp.](#) (Nasdaq:MAKO) (TSX-V:MKO) ("Mako" or the "Company") is pleased to provide its first quarter 2026 ("Q1 2026") production results for the Company's San Albino gold mine ("San Albino") in northern Nicaragua and the Moss Mine in Arizona ("Moss Mine"), as well as to provide an update on its two advanced development projects in the United States and Guyana. Certain figures in this news release may not sum precisely due to rounding. Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts are expressed in U.S. dollars.

Q1 2026 San Albino Operational Highlights

- 50,233 tonnes mined, containing 12,538 ounces ("oz") of gold ("Au") at an average grade of 7.76 grams per tonne ("g/t") Au and 12,460 oz of silver ("Ag") at 7.71 g/t Ag
 - 31,033 tonnes mined from diluted vein material containing 10,613 oz Au at 10.64 g/t Au and 10,476 oz Ag at 10.50 g/t Ag
 - 19,200 tonnes mined from historical dump and other mineralized material above cutoff grade ("historical dump + other") containing 1,925 oz Au at 3.12 g/t Au and 1,984 oz Ag at 3.21 g/t Ag
 - 43.9:1 strip ratio
- 53,638 tonnes milled containing 13,277 oz Au and 13,274 oz Ag grading 7.70 g/t Au and 7.70 g/t Ag
 - 55% and 45% from diluted vein and historical dump and other, respectively
 - 614 tonnes per day ("tpd") milled at 97% availability
 - Mill recovery of 80.1% for gold
- At quarter end, the stockpile was estimated at 124,350 tonnes at an average grade of 2.65 g/t Au for contained Au of 10,558 oz

Q1 2026 Mako Financial Highlights

- Mako total gold sales of 13,721 oz Au for total revenue of \$68.6 million in Q1 2026
 - San Albino Mine sales of 10,398 oz Au at \$4,901⁽²⁾ per ounce
 - Moss Mine sales of 3,323 oz Au at \$4,912 per ounce
- Delivered 274 oz Au in connection with gold stream related to the purchase of the Mt. Hamilton Project
- Cash balance and trade receivables of \$96.1 million as of March 31st, 2026, after a previously accrued 2025 \$13.2 million annual tax payable was paid

(2) Gold Price before Sailfish Adjustments. For the purpose of calculating revenue, payments to Sailfish are deducted from the Average Realized Price Gold.

Akiba Leisman, Chief Executive Officer of Mako states that "Q1 2026 was another very strong quarter for the Company. Gold sales were a record 13,721 ounces at a record average gold price of \$4,904 per ounce, generating \$68.6 million in revenue for the quarter, which was 36% higher than last quarter, which in turn was the previous record for the Company by over 30%. Cash and trade receivables increased by \$18 million after paying a previously accrued \$13.2 million annual tax payable. Moss is continuing to ramp-up to steady state production. We expect to access the higher-grade part of the deposit late this year, which is expected to have a further meaningful contribution to the Company's cash flow. The draft Environmental and Social Impact Assessment has been submitted to the Guyana Environmental Protection Agency, and the Company will commence construction at Mt. Hamilton in Nevada over the course of the next few weeks. Mako is currently debt free with a cash position of \$96.1 million and generating a significant amount of cash from its 2 operating assets. These financial resources are currently more than sufficient to complete the development of both of the Company's development assets."

Table 1 - Operating Results San Albino and Moss

Table 1 - Detailed Operating Results for San Albino (Q2 2025 - Q1 2026)

* Includes historical dump, hanging wall, footwall, historical muck and all other non-vein mineralized material above cutoff grade.

** Average realized gold price per ounce sold is calculated by dividing total gold revenue by the total gold ounces sold into the spot market and before deductions from Sailfish. For the purpose of calculating revenue, payments to Sailfish are deducted from the Average Realized Price Gold.

(1) Strip Ratio calculation does not include waste material that is capitalized

For complete details, please refer to the audited consolidated financial statements and the associated management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2025, available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca), on EDGAR at www.sec.gov or on the Company's website (www.makominer.com).

Non-GAAP Measures

The Company has included certain non-GAAP financial measures and non-GAAP ratios in this press release such as Average realized gold price per ounce sold. These non-GAAP measures are intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. In the gold mining industry, these are commonly used performance measures and ratios, but do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to other issuers. The Company believes that, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, certain investors use this information to evaluate the Company's underlying performance of its core operations and its ability to generate cash flow.

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Table 2 - San Albino Quarter-End Stockpile Statistics

Moss Mine

During Q1 2026, the Moss Mine maintained strong safety and environmental performance, completing the quarter with no lost-time injuries and no reportable environmental incidents. Operations remained in compliance with all applicable safety and environmental regulations, underscoring the site's commitment to safe and responsible operations. Operational performance improved compared to the fourth quarter of 2025 ("Q4 2025"). Mining activities were more consistent throughout the quarter, and processing performance improved month over month, with March representing the strongest operating month to date. These improvements were supported by better equipment availability and more stable plant operations. Gold ounces placed on the heap leach pad and gold recovered through processing increased compared to the prior quarter, reflecting improved operational consistency and steady performance across the mining and processing areas.

Eagle Mountain Gold Project

On March 25, 2026, the Company submitted to the Guyana Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment ("ESIA"). The ESIA reflects the Project's baseline studies for environmental, social, cultural, engineering, community engagement as well as expected impacts and mitigation measures. Its filing marks a critical step in the regulatory review process in respect of the Environmental Authorization to be issued by the EPA.

For the engineering and project design programs, Q1 2026 activities included a continuation of geotechnical drilling using the Company-owned drill rig in the areas planned for mine tailings, waste dumps, and the processing plant. Additional activities included preparations for infill and expansion drilling, focusing on mineralization below the pit outlines defined in the 2024 PEA⁽¹⁾, and drilling to generate samples for follow-up metallurgical tests, with a focus on generating additional hardness data and the associated mill design parameters for the deeper fresh rock mineralization in the Eagle Mountain deposit.

(1) The PEA is preliminary in nature and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. For additional information see the NI 43-101 technical report entitled "Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Eagle Mountain Gold Project, Guyana" dated March 1, 2024, with an effective date of January 16, 2024, which is available under Mako's profile at www.sedarplus.ca.

Grant of Options and RSUs

As previously reported on April 1, 2026, the Company granted an aggregate of 566,800 stock options under the terms of the Company's Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") to the Company's executive officers and certain other employees and contractors effective April 8, 2026. The option exercise price is C\$ 8.80, which was equal to the 5-day VWAP on the TSXV ending on the last trading day prior to the date of the Option grant, with a maturity of 5 years. The vesting schedule will be in four equal annual installments (25%) on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

The Company also granted 640,124 restricted share units of the Company under the terms of the Plan to its executive officers and certain other employees and contractors effective April 8, 2026, with a restricted period ending in 2029. The restricted share units will vest one-third annually, based on the date of grant, over 3 years. Finally, the Company also granted 84,198 deferred share units of the Company under the terms of the Plan to its directors.

On behalf of the Board,

Akiba Leisman
Chief Executive Officer

Qualified Person

John Rust, a metallurgical engineer and qualified person (as defined under NI 43-101) has read and approved the technical information contained in this press release. Mr. Rust is a senior metallurgist and a consultant to the Company.

About Mako

Mako Mining Corp. is a publicly listed gold mining, development and exploration company. The Company operates the high-grade San Albino gold mine in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, which ranks as one of the highest-grade open pit gold mines globally and offers district-scale exploration potential. Mako also owns two assets in the US: the Moss Mine in Arizona, an open pit gold mine in northwestern Arizona and the Mt. Hamilton Project, a fully permitted heap leach project in Nevada. Mako also holds a 100% interest in the PEA-stage Eagle Mountain Project in Guyana, South America. Eagle Mountain is the subject of engineering,

environmental and mine permitting activity.

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