

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**First Mining Closes Upsized \$7.4 Million  
Non-Brokered Private Placement Financing**

**May 16, 2019 – Vancouver, BC – First Mining Gold Corp. (“First Mining” or the “Company”)** (TSX: FF) (OTCQX: FFMGF) (FRANKFURT: FMG) is pleased to announce that due to strong demand, the Company has upsized and closed its previously announced non-brokered private placement offering, raising aggregate gross proceeds of \$7,411,508 (the “Offering”).

Pursuant to the Offering, First Mining issued 20,412,995 units of the Company (the “Units”) at a price of \$0.27 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$5,511,508, and 5,277,777 flow-through units of the Company (the “FT Units”) at a price of \$0.36 per FT Unit for gross proceeds of \$1,900,000.

Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company (a “Unit Share”) and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole common share purchase warrant, a “Warrant”). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.40 at any time prior to the date which is three years following the closing date of the Offering.

Each FT Unit consists of one flow-through common share of the Company that qualifies as a “flow-through share” for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (a “FT Unit Share”) and one-half of one Warrant on the same terms as the Warrants forming part of the Units.

The Unit Shares, the FT Unit Shares and the Warrants issued pursuant to the Offering are subject to a hold period under applicable Canadian securities laws of four months and one day from closing, expiring on September 17, 2019.

The net proceeds from the sale of the Units issued under the Offering will be used by the Company for development and permitting activities at its Canadian gold projects, as well as for general working capital purposes. The gross proceeds raised from the sale of the FT Units under the Offering will be used by the Company to fund exploration programs that qualify as “Canadian Exploration Expenses” (“CEE”) and “flow-through mining expenditures”, as those terms are defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), and as “eligible Ontario exploration expenditures” for the purposes of the Taxation Act, 2007 (Ontario).

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**About First Mining Gold Corp.**

First Mining Gold Corp. is an emerging development company with a diversified portfolio of gold projects in North America. Having assembled a large resource base of **7.3 million ounces of gold** in the **Measured and Indicated categories** and **3.6 million ounces of gold** in the **Inferred category** in mining friendly jurisdictions of eastern Canada, First Mining is now focused on advancing its material assets towards a construction decision and, ultimately, to production. The Company currently holds a portfolio of 24 mineral assets in Canada, Mexico and the United States, and we may acquire additional mineral assets in the future.

**ON BEHALF OF FIRST MINING GOLD CORP.**

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**Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

*This news release includes certain "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" (collectively "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable Canadian and United States securities legislation including the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this news release. Forward-looking statements are frequently, but not always, identified by words such as "expects", "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "projects", "intends", "estimates", "envisages", "potential", "possible", "strategy", "goals", "objectives", or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions.*

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*base metals or certain other commodities; fluctuations in the currency markets (such as the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar); changes in national and local government, legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments; risks and hazards associated with the business of mineral exploration, development and mining (including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formations, pressures, cave-ins and flooding); the presence of laws and regulations that may impose restrictions on mining; employee relations; relationships with and claims by local communities, indigenous populations and other stakeholders; availability and increasing costs associated with mining inputs and labour; the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development; title to properties.; and the additional risks described in the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities under the Company's SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), and in the Company's Annual Report on Form 40-F filed with the SEC on EDGAR.*

*First Mining cautions that the foregoing list of factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. When relying on our forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to First Mining, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and potential events. First Mining does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time by the Company or on our behalf, except as required by law.*

#### **Cautionary Note to United States Investors**

*This news release has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ from the requirements of U.S. securities laws. Unless otherwise indicated, all resource and reserve estimates included in this news release have been prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum 2014 Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators which establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. Canadian standards, including NI 43-101, differ significantly from the requirements of the SEC, and mineral resource and reserve information contained herein may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "resource" does not equate to the term "reserves". Under U.S. standards, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. The SEC's disclosure standards normally do not permit the inclusion of information concerning "measured mineral resources", "indicated mineral resources" or "inferred mineral resources" or other descriptions of the amount of mineralization in mineral deposits that do not constitute "reserves" by U.S. standards in documents filed with the SEC. Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of mineral deposits in these categories will ever be converted into reserves. U.S. investors should also understand that "inferred mineral resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimated "inferred mineral resources" may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies except in rare cases. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" exists or is economically or legally mineable. Disclosure of "contained ounces" in a resource is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute "reserves" by SEC standards as in-place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. The requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of "reserves" are also not the same as those of the SEC, and reserves reported by the Company in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as "reserves" under SEC standards. Accordingly, information concerning mineral deposits set forth herein may not be comparable with information made public by companies that report in accordance with U.S. standards.*