

# News Release

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### **Cerro Grande Mining Corporation Announces its First Fiscal Quarter Ended December 31, 2016 Results compared to the Comparable Period in 2015**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada – Cerro Grande Mining Corporation (the “Company” or “CEG”) (CSE-CEG; OTCQB-CEGMF) reported its unaudited results for its first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2016 compared to same period in 2015. The Company’s financial statements and MD&A for its fiscal first quarter ended December 31, 2016 compared to the comparable quarter in 2015 have been filed on SEDAR. The Company refers the reader to those materials for additional information.

Revenues totalled US \$1,138,000 for the Company’s first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2016 which includes gold sales of US\$986,000 (857 ozs of gold) and copper and silver sales of US\$152,000 compared to revenues in its first quarter ended December 31, 2015 of US \$2,646,000 which includes gold sales of US \$2,309,000 (2,138 ozs of gold) and copper and silver sales of US \$337,000..

Net loss before income taxes for the first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2016 was US \$1,186,000 compared to a loss of US \$1,040,000 in the comparable period a year ago. Net loss after taxes was US \$1,186,000 after depreciation and amortization charges of US \$446,000 and exploration expense of US \$nil. This compares to the same period a year ago when loss after taxes was US \$1,040,000 after depreciation and amortization charges of US \$673,000 and exploration expenses of US \$nil.

At December 31, 2016 the Company had a negative working capital position of US \$8,059,000 compared to a negative US \$10,252,000 at September 30, 2016.

On a standalone basis, the Pimenton mine had a net loss for its first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2016 of US \$980,000 after depreciation and amortization expense of US \$441,000 compared to the same period in 2015 when the net loss was US \$815,000 after deducting depreciation and amortization expense of US \$666,000.

## **Overview**

The Company is an exploration, development and mining corporation focused in Chile. The Company's primary asset is an operating gold and copper mine in Chile (the "Pimenton Mine"). The Pimenton mine is a narrow high-grade gold and copper mine located in the high mountain range of Chile and encompasses 3,121 hectares (7,708 acres).

The Company's other major assets are a porphyry copper deposit (the "Pimenton Porphyry") and other projects in various stages of exploration and development in Chile which include "Tordillo", and two limestone deposits "Catedral" and "Cal Norte".

## **Operational Highlights**

- Gold produced by the Pimentón Mine for the three month period ended December 31, 2016 was 932 oz compared to 2,138 oz produced in the first quarter ended December 31, 2015.
- The average gold recovery for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 was 91.50% compared to 92.73 % in the same quarter ended December 31, 2015.
- The Company expects the mine to increase milling rates to 110 tons per day depending on the rate of conversion of its known resources to reserves.
- Currently the plant has been permitted to operate at an average of 166 tons per day. During the present quarter the plant has operated at an average of 60 tons per day. The Company has prepared but not yet submitted permits to take the mine up to 500 tons per day.

## Financial Highlights

- Loss before income taxes for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 was \$ 1,186 compared to a loss of \$ 1,040 in the same period in 2015.
- Average price per ounce of gold for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 was \$ 1,165 (2015 - \$ 1,080).
- Net loss after income taxes for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 was \$ 1,186 compared to \$ 1,040 in the same period in 2015.
- Basic loss per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 was a loss of 0.003 cents per share (2015 – loss of 0.003).
- At December 2016, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$181 compared to \$149 at December 31, 2015.
- Cash flow from operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 was negative \$ 790 (2015 – negative \$53).

## Other Highlights

- Management believes that the values of the Pimenton gold mine, the potential porphyry copper deposit, Tordillo exploration and the Cathedral/Rino and Cal Norte limestone deposits are not reflected in the Company's market capitalization. The Company will continue its effort to enhance the underlying values of its assets.
- On December 7, 2016 the Company reported that it has agreed to extinguish certain outstanding indebtedness owed to David Thomson and Mario Hernandez (the "Related Parties"), both directors of the Company, by issuing common shares of the Company (each, a "Common Share") in settlement of such debt (the "Debt Settlement").

Pursuant to the Debt Settlement, the Company extinguished outstanding indebtedness in the aggregate amount of \$2,771 owed to the Related Parties, such indebtedness being made up of net smelter royalty, management fees, cash advances and interest thereon made to the Company by the Related Parties, by issuing a Convertible Debenture for an aggregate of 71,538,734 Common Shares (representing an issue price of CDN\$0.05 per share) in full and final settlement thereof. All dollar amounts have been converted at an exchange rate of CDN\$1.29 per US\$1.00. This debenture has an annual 8% interest payable semi-annually for a period of three years.

Cerro Grande Mining Corporation is a minerals producing, exploration and development company with properties and activities currently focused in Chile.

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