

Origen Closes Plan of Arrangement with Forty Pillars

Vancouver, B.C., May 25, 2021. Origen Resources Inc. ("Origen") (CSE: ORGN) and Forty Pillars Mining Corp. ("Forty Pillars") are pleased to announce that their previously announced plan of arrangement (the "**Arrangement**") has closed. Pursuant to the Arrangement, Origen completed a share reorganization and spun out its Silver Dollar Project and \$66,893.60 in cash to Forty Pillars in exchange for 6,485,174 common shares of Forty Pillars (the "**Forty Pillars Shares**") at a deemed price of \$0.08 per Forty Pillars Share, of which 3,891,102 Forty Pillars Shares were distributed to Origen's shareholders and 2,594,072 Forty Pillars Shares were retained by Origen. The Board of Forty Pillars now consists of Nader Vatanchi, Abbey Abdiye, Alex Klenman, Gary Schellenberg and Mike Sieb.

Forty Pillars funded itself via convertible debt (\$66,000) which was issued before closing the Arrangement to cover transaction costs. Further details concerning the Arrangement and related transactions are contained in Origen's information circular dated April 9, 2021 for its annual general and special meeting at which the Arrangement was approved by Origen's shareholders.

Timing Update

Forty Pillars is finalizing its application to list its common shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "**CSE**"). Within the next week, Forty Pillars intends to complete its non-brokered common share private placement at a price of \$0.08 per common share, resulting in estimated gross proceeds of \$534,000, and then complete its CSE listing. All securities issued under the private placement will be subject to a hold period of 4 months. The listing of Forty Pillars common shares on the CSE remains subject to receipt of CSE approval.

On behalf of Origen,

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