

Candelaria Mining Announces \$4,200,000 Private Placement Financing

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Dec. 21, 2018 -- Candelaria Mining Corp. (TSXV:CAND, OTC PINK:CDELF) (the "Company") is pleased to announce that it intends to conduct an offering, on a non-brokered private placement basis, of up to 10,500,000 units of the Company (the "Units") at a subscription price of \$0.40 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$4,200,000 (the "Private Placement"). Each Unit will consist of one common share of the Company (each, a "Common 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 purchase one Common Share at a price of \$0.60 for a period of three (3) years following the closing of the Private Placement.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Private Placement for expenditure related to construction of the Pinos project as outlined in the Preliminary Economic Assessment and described in the press release dated September 13, 2018 and general corporate needs. In conjunction with the Private Placement, the Company is exploring other financing alternatives that may include further equity or debt financing to fully fund the Pinos capital expenditure.

Upon closing of the Private Placement, the Company may pay a cash finder's fee to one or more arm's length parties of up to 8% of the aggregate gross proceeds raised under the Private Placement from subscribers introduced by such parties.

Closing of the Private Placement is subject to the acceptances of the TSXV.

About Candelaria Mining

Candelaria Mining is a Canadian-based gold development and exploration company with a portfolio of highly prospective projects in Mexico, one of the world's best mining jurisdictions. Candelaria's 100% owned Caballo Blanco Project hosts an Indicated Resource of 521,000 ounces of gold and 2,170,000 ounces of silver (31,220,000 tonnes grading 0.52 g/t gold and 2.16 g/t silver) and an Inferred Resource of 95,000 ounces of gold and 590,000 ounces of silver (8,630,000 tonnes grading 0.34 g/t gold and 2.14 g/t silver). Potential exists to increase these estimated resources through continued drilling and exploration. Candelaria also holds the Pinos Gold Project which hosts a Measured Resource of 4,444 ounces of gold and 228,892 ounces of silver (85,847 tonnes grading 1.6 g/t gold and 82.9 g/t silver) and an Indicated Resource of 20,586 ounces of gold and 267,745 ounces of silver (175,697 tonnes grading 3.6 g/t gold and 47.4 g/t silver). For more information on resource estimates, please see the technical reports prepared pursuant to NI 43-101 which are available on the Company's website at www.candelariamining.com.

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