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FIRST QUANTUM MINERALS ANNOUNCES SENIOR NOTES OFFERING

(In United States dollars, except where noted otherwise)

TORONTO, Ontario (January 9, 2020) - **First Quantum Minerals Ltd. ("First Quantum" or "the Company") (TSX:FM)** today announced that it is launching an offering of an additional \$300 million principal amount of its Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Additional 2023 Notes"). The Company currently has \$1.1 billion of Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Existing 2023 Notes") outstanding and the Additional 2023 Notes will be offered under the same indenture as the Existing 2023 Notes.

The Additional 2023 Notes will be senior unsecured obligations of the Company and will be guaranteed by certain of the Company's subsidiaries. Interest on the Additional 2023 Notes will accrue from October 1, 2019 and will be payable semi-annually. The offering price of the Additional 2023 Notes, along with certain other terms, will be determined at the time of pricing of the offering, subject to market conditions.

The Company intends to use the proceeds from the sale of the Additional 2023 Notes to fund the redemption of the remaining \$300 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes due 2021. Fees associated with the offering are expected to be paid using cash on balance sheet. The Company has prepared an offering memorandum which will be made available to selected prospective purchasers of the Additional 2023 Notes.

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First Quantum's address is set out below. For further information, including obtaining a copy, once filed, of the report required to be filed with applicable securities regulators in respect of the matters described in this news release, please contact First Quantum at one of the numbers listed at the end of this news release.

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