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Monument Reports Third Quarter Fiscal 2020 Results Gross Revenue of \$11.62 Million and Cash Cost of US\$892Oz

Vancouver, B.C., May 29, 2020, Monument Mining Limited (TSX-V: MMY and FSE: D7Q1) "Monument" or the "Company" today announced its third quarter production and financial results for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2020. All amounts are in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated (refer to www.sedar.com for full financial results).

President and CEO Cathy Zhai commented: "Regardless of the suspension of production at Selinsing Gold Mine starting March 18, 2020 caused by the Movement Control Order issued by Malaysia government against Covid-19 pandemics, the third quarter has generated positive cash flow, contributed mainly to high gold price and improved recoveries. Subsequently, the mining ban has been lifted on April 30th and production has been moved gradually towards full capacity. Working capital is sufficient to support operations and procurement has been manageable with global dynamic changes in supply chains."

Ms. Zhai further commented: "Management is firmly moving forward with the Sulphide Project financing with actively engaged interesting parties. We stay focused on our corporate development strategies to take upside opportunities for future sustainable production, including entering into the sulphide gold concentrates market using our planned sulphide Biox® treatment plant."

Third Quarter Highlights:

- 7,323oz of gold sold for \$11.62 million (Q3 2019: 3,732oz of gold sold for \$4.59 million);
- Average realized gold price per ounce ("oz") of 1,602/oz (Q3 2019: \$1,295/oz);
- Gross margin of \$5.08 million (Q3 2019: \$1.79 million);
- 5,369oz of gold produced (Q3 2019: 4,225oz) with cash cost of \$892/oz (Q3 2019: \$751/oz);
- All-in sustaining cost per ounce ("AISC") of \$1,070/oz (Q3 2019: \$1,108/oz);
- Peranggih trial mining program completed with encouraging average gold recoveries;
- The first phase of drilling completed at Murchison followed by the second phase starting subsequently to the end of the third quarter;
- Two weeks production suspension of Selinsing Gold Mine due to Covid-19 Pandemics.

Third Quarter Production and Financial Highlights

	Three months ended March 31,		Nine months ended March 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Production				
Ore mined (tonnes)	85,691	34,826	220,743	121,864
Waste removed (tonnes)	780,935	905,402	2,424,213	2,372,531
Ore processed (tonnes)	157,413	226,697	606,747	705,427
Average mill feed grade (g/t)	1.49	0.76	1.12	0.82
Processing recovery rate (%)	76%	69%	71%	69%
Gold production ⁽¹⁾ (oz)	5,369	4,225	15,048	12,186
Gold sold (oz)	7,323	3,732	16,119	12,882
Financial (in thousands of US dollars)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	11,618	4,590	24,567	15,783
Gross margin from mining operations	5,081	1,788	10,294	7,023
Net income before other items	2,303	269	3,805	2,147
Net income/(loss)	1,866	(914)	998	617
Cash flows generated from operations	5,187	535	5,616	2,379
Working capital	19,491	25,336	19,491	25,336
Income/(Loss) per share before other items – basic (US\$/share)	0.01	(0.00)	0.00	0.00
Earnings/(Loss) per share – basic (US\$/share)	0.01	(0.00)	0.00	0.00

	Three months ended March 31,		Nine months ended March 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
<u>Other</u>	US\$/oz	US\$/oz	US\$/oz	US\$/oz
Average realized gold price per ounce sold (2)	1,602	1,295	1,535	1,241
Cash cost per ounce (3)				
Mining	239	165	220	154
Processing	500	478	518	432
Royalties	142	95	135	88
Operations, net of silver recovery	11	13	13	5
Total cash cost per ounce	892	751	886	679
All-in sustaining costs per ounce (4)				
By-product silver recovery	1	2	1	1
Operation expenses	25	-	11	-
Corporate expenses	2	10	5	8
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	6	14	8	12
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	6	44	29	42
Sustaining capital expenditures	138	287	171	231
Total all-in sustaining cost per ounce	1,070		1,112	973
		1,108		

⁽¹⁾ Defined as good delivery gold bullion according to London Bullion Market Association ("LBMA"), net of gold dore in transit and refinery adjustment.

Q3 2020 Production Analysis

- Gold production of 5,369oz, a 27% increase compared to 4,225oz in the corresponding period of the previous year, this was the result from processing mainly stockpiled super low-grade oxide ore, old tailing materials, oxide material from Peranggih trial mining, and more leachable sulphide ore from the production at Felda Block 7 and Selinsing during the third quarter, compared to more super low-grade oxide ore in last year.
- Average mill feed grade increased to 1.49g/t from 0.76g/t and ore processed decreased to 157,413t from 226,697 in
 the same period last year. The decreased mill feed was mainly due to a decrease in stockpiled super low-grade oxide
 ore and less oxide ore being mined.
- Cash cost per ounce increased by 19% to \$892/oz from \$751/oz in the same period last year due to an increase in leachable sulphide material being processed, increased processing costs as well as mining at an increased rate, and increasing mining costs.

Q3 2020 Financial Analysis

- Gross margin of \$5.08 million before non-cash amortization and accretion, an increase of 184% compared to \$1.79 million in the same quarter last year. The increase in gross margin reflected a decrease in the amount of gold sold, but at a higher average realized gold price mainly offset by higher processing costs due to harder material being processed by the mill.
- Net Income for the quarter of \$1.87 million, or \$0.01 per share compared to Net loss of (\$0.91) million or (\$nil) per share in the same period last year. This positive variance was caused by higher grade leachable sulphide ore and also the oxide material from Peranggih trial mining.
- Gold sales generated of \$11.62 million for the quarter compared to \$4.60 million in the same period last year. The revenue resulted from 7,323oz of gold sold (Q3 fiscal 2019: 3,732oz) at an average realized gold price of \$1,602 per ounce (Q3 fiscal 2019: \$1,295 per ounce) plus an additional 723oz delivered in fulfilling gold prepaid obligations at an average London Fix PM gold price of \$1,583 per ounce for the quarter.

⁽²⁾ Monument realized US\$/oz for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2020 includes gold prepaid delivery of 723oz and 2,169oz respectively at average London Fix PM gold price, for comparison purpose (Note 13).

⁽³⁾ Total cash cost includes production costs such as mining, processing, tailing facility maintenance and camp administration, royalties, and operating costs such as storage, temporary mine production closure, community development cost and property fees, net of by-product credits. Cash cost excludes amortization, depletion, accretion expenses, capital costs, exploration costs and corporate administration costs.

⁽⁴⁾ All-in sustaining cost per ounce includes total cash costs, operation expenses, and adds sustaining capital expenditures, corporate administrative expenses for the Selinsing Gold Mine including share-based compensation, exploration and evaluation costs, and accretion of asset retirement obligations. Certain other cash expenditures, including tax payments and acquisition costs, are not included.

- Average London Fix PM gold price was \$1,609 per ounce for the quarter compared to \$1,299 per ounce for the same period last year. Total production costs increased by 133% in the quarter to \$6.54 million, compared to \$2.80 million in the same period last year. The increase in production costs reflected more gold being sold in the third fiscal quarter 2020 compared to same period last year.
- Cash and cash equivalents balance as at March 31, 2020 of \$10.42 million, an increase of \$1.08 million from the balance held at June 30, 2019 of \$9.34 million. As at March 31, 2020, the Company had positive working capital \$19.49 million (June 30, 2019: \$24.52 million), including restricted cash of \$0.38 million. The increase in working capital during the nine months ended March 31, 2020 resulted from an increase in cash, reduction in accounts receivable, offset by increases in inventories and a reduction to accounts payable and accrued liabilities.
- Cash investment in exploration and evaluation activities totalled \$0.23 million compared to \$0.40 million in the corresponding period last year, cash of \$0.05 million was used at the Selinsing Gold Portfolio in Malaysia mainly related to Sulphide Project Development, Peranggih road construction completion, \$0.16 million was used at the Murchison Gold Portfolio in Australia mainly for care and maintenance and drill program planning; and \$0.02 million on the Mengapur Copper and Iron Project in Malaysia for care and maintenance.
- Cash expenditure on property, plant and equipment ("PPE") of \$1.07 million, compared to \$1.31 million in the same period last year. The main PPE expenditures were at Selinsing including \$0.98 million for the cutback of Selinsing Pit 4 and Felda Block 7 and capitalized mining waste, various plant equipment and tailing storage facility upgrades of \$0.03 million and \$0.05 million on the Selinsing Sulphide Project.

Development

Selinsing Gold Mine

Peranggih Trial Mining:

At the Selinsing Gold Mine, Peranggih trial mining was carried out from February 22 to March 3, 2020, under which the bulk sample was extracted from the higher mineralized area. The bulk sample material was fed into the existing Selinsing oxide gold processing plant to confirm the average grade of the close-spaced drilled area, to quantify the presence of coarse gold and to test the metallurgical performance at plant scale. 13,047 tonnes of material was processed at a reconciled head grade of 1.17g/t with actual recovery of 89.8% as compared to average assayed grade gold of 1.22g/t with recovery of 90.2%.

Trial Mining Results:

The trial mining generated a positive cash flow and was reported under the Statements of Comprehensive Income. A new grade control program is currently in the planning stage to define the extensions of the known mineralization along strike to the Northeast and Southwest of the Peranggih trial mining area. Mining activities continued at Peranggih for the remaining mining blocks that were excluded during the trial period, to continue supplying materials to the processing plant. After the trial mining was completed, the mining activities continued at Peranggih for the remaining mining blocks that were excluded during the trial period, to continue supplying ore to the processing plant. The trial mining results should not be used as indicator for future Peranggih operations. There are no resources being defined at the Peranggih.

Exploration

Malaysia

During the third quarter, the discovery of the Mentique Prospect, 1km west of the Peranggih Gold Prospect was announced. A soil sampling campaign that was conducted in the Peranggih area between December 2018 and March 2019 had delineated 1.8km by 0.8km gold soil anomaly located 1 km west of the Peranggih deposit on a parallel north west- south east trending structure, with a peak value of 103ppb. This discovery has been named the Mentique Prospect. Infill soil sampling, trenching, and geological mapping are planned to be carried at Mentique to assist in creating a drill target and to determine the nature of mineralization in this area.

Australia

During the third quarter, the exploration focus was at the Burnakura and Gabanintha areas to test near mine down-plunge targets where there are high quality near mine targets that have good potential to be mined underground. Mineralization down

dip from the historically mined Alliance, New Alliance and Yagahong open pits were drill tested. In addition, the NOA 9 regional target was tested with Air-Core Drilling ("AC"), as part of Monument's regional strategy.

Drilling Program Phase 1: The drill program commenced on February 26, 2020 and the first phase of this drill program was completed on March 12, 2020. A total of 4 holes for 839m of Reverse Circulation ("RC") were drilled at Burnakura and 6 holes for 1,265m was drilled at Gabanintha. In addition, 23 holes for 603m of AC were drilled at the NOA 9 regional target. Geological structures and mineralization were generally intersected where expected for the RC drilling. A total of 611 samples from Burnakura and 975 samples from Gabanintha including QAQC samples were analysed. Assay results for the first phase of the drill program were received at the beginning of April and will be released once the second phase drill sample testing is completed.

Drilling Program Phase 2: The second phase of drilling will include 2 holes at Alliance, several holes at NOA, and a follow up drill hole at Yagahong which will be completed in Q4.

About Monument

Monument Mining Limited (TSX-V: MMY, FSE: D7Q1) is an established Canadian gold producer that operates the 100% owned Selinsing Gold Mine in Malaysia. Its experienced management team is committed to growth and is advancing several exploration and development projects including the Mengapur Copper and Iron Project, in Pahang State of Malaysia, and the Murchison Gold Projects comprising Burnakura, Gabanintha and Tuckanarra in the Murchison area of Western Australia. The Company employs approximately 202 people in both regions and is committed to the highest standards of environmental management, social responsibility, and health and safety for its employees and neighboring communities.

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