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Fortuna reports illegal road blockades affecting its San Jose Mine in Oaxaca

Vancouver, March 24, 2020-- Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (NYSE: FSM) (TSX: FVI) reports that a group of individuals led by the former mayor of San José del Progreso, in the state of Oaxaca in Mexico, has illegally blockaded Federal Highway 175 and roads in the municipality of San José del Progreso, including access to the San Jose Mine, to protest the action taken by the Electoral Tribunal of the State of Oaxaca in revoking his appointment as mayor.

As a result of the illegal blockade, the Company has temporarily halted mining and processing operations at the San Jose Mine. It maintains a taskforce on site to oversee critical activities to support the appropriate safety and environmental systems in place, and to ensure a prompt return to operations when the blockade is lifted.

The Company is confident that this dispute, which affects its operations and other parties in the area, will be resolved by the governmental authorities in a timely manner. Further updates on the situation will be provided in due course.

About Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

Fortuna is a growth oriented, precious metals producer focused on mining opportunities in Latin America. Our primary assets are the Caylloma silver Mine in southern Peru, the San Jose silver-gold Mine in Mexico and the Lindero gold Project, currently under construction, in Argentina. The Company is selectively pursuing acquisition opportunities throughout the Americas and in select other areas. For more information, please visit our website at www.fortunasilver.com.

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Forward-looking Statements contained herein are based on the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and opinions of management, including but not limited to that the blockade will not be lengthy in duration and that the business, operations and financial condition of the Company will not be adversely affected as result of the blockade; the expected trends in mineral prices and currency exchange rates; the accuracy of the Company’s current mineral resource and reserve estimates; that the Company’s activities will be in accordance with the Company’s public statements and stated goals; that there will be no material adverse change affecting the Company or its properties; that all required approvals will be obtained; that there will be no significant disruptions affecting operations and such other assumptions as set out herein. Forward-looking Statements are made as of the date hereof and the Company disclaims any obligation to update any Forward-looking Statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by law. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in its legal proceedings or that these Forward-looking Statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on Forward-looking Statements.