

## LEAGOLD REPORTS 2018 PRODUCTION RESULTS WITH LOS FILOS SETTING NEW QUARTERLY RECORD

(All amounts in US dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

Vancouver, January 4, 2019 – Leagold Mining Corporation (TSX:LMC; OTCQX:LMCNF) ("Leagold" or the "Company") reports 2018 gold production of 302,550 ounces (oz), achieving the revised guidance range of 295,000 to 305,000 oz for its four wholly owned gold mines: the Los Filos mine in Mexico, and the RDM, Fazenda, and Pilar mines in Brazil. Leagold ended 2018 with an estimated cash balance of \$53 million and expects full year AISC to be similar to the nine months ended September 30, 2018 of \$979/oz. Full financial results and additional operating details will be reported in mid-March upon completion of the year-end financial statements and MD&A.

Table 1: 2018 Gold Production by Quarter (oz)

Mine	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Full-year 2018
Los Filos	51,003	43,541	42,617	58,201	195,362
RDM <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	-	7,889	16,596	4,913	29,398
Fazenda <sup>(1)</sup>	-	7,460	20,167	19,041	46,668
Pilar <sup>(1)</sup>	-	5,627	13,889	11,606	31,122
Total	51,003	64,517	93,269	93,761	302,550

<sup>(1)</sup> For Q2 2018, the results for RDM, Fazenda and Pilar are included in Leagold's results for the 38-day post-Acquisition period from May 24, 2018 to June 30, 2018 (inclusive).

Leagold CEO Neil Woodyer commented: "2018 was a transformative year for Leagold, as we evolved from a single mine operator into a diversified group with four mines in two countries. Among our Brazilian mines, Fazenda and Pilar both performed as expected in Q4, and the RDM mine was restarted ahead of schedule in late November when the rainy season replenished water supplies. In Mexico, the Los Filos mine demonstrated significant production growth with 25,404 oz produced in December as gold recovery rates are normalizing and resulting in a new record quarterly production of 58,201 oz since our acquisition of the mine in April 2017.

"Leagold is well positioned to deliver increased production and cash flow in 2019. Studies related to the expansion of Los Filos mine are expected to be released next week. Following this, we will provide 2019 gold production and AISC guidance."

<sup>(2)</sup> During Q4 2018, the RDM mine experienced a temporary shut-down from early October until November 20 due to regional drought conditions.

## **About Leagold Mining Corporation**

Leagold is building a mid-tier gold producer with a focus on opportunities in Latin America. The Company is based in Vancouver, Canada and owns four operating gold mines in Mexico and Brazil, along with a near-term gold mine restart project in Brazil and additional expansion and growth opportunities. Leagold is listed on the TSX under the trading symbol "LMC" and trades on the OTCQX market as "LMCNF". For more information on Leagold please visit the Company website at <a href="https://www.leagold.com">www.leagold.com</a> or contact:

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