McEwen Mining Gold Bar Accident Update

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TORONTO, May 16, 2019 - McEwen Mining Inc. (NYSE: MUX) (TSX: MUX) provides an update on the fatal accident involving a contractor's employee that occurred on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Gold Bar Mine in Nevada.

The formal investigation by local authorities is not complete, but preliminary analysis by McEwen Mining Inc. suggests that the truck driver, Mr. Dean V. Pilcher, may have suffered a medical emergency while operating the haul truck prior to losing control, running up an embankment and overturning. Mr. Pilcher was found within minutes by another truck driver who immediately called for assistance. The section of haul road immediately around the accident site remains closed to allow for the investigation. Mine operations such as crushing and stacking on the heap leach pad resumed on Tuesday, drawing on available stockpiles of ore, and we expect that mining activities will restart today. The Gold Bar team continues to ramp-up operations to achieve our goal of commercial production during Q2.

We convey our deep sympathy to Mr. Pilcher's family, friends and colleagues for their sudden and tragic loss. Grief counselling and support is being offered to all employees and contractors at the mine.

ABOUT MCEWEN MINING

McEwen has the goal to qualify for inclusion in the S&P 500 Index by creating a profitable gold and silver producer focused in the Americas. McEwen's principal assets consist of: the San José mine in Santa Cruz, Argentina (49% interest); the Black Fox mine in Timmins, Canada; the Fenix Project in Mexico; the Gold Bar mine in Nevada; and the large Los Azules copper project in Argentina, advancing towards development.

McEwen has approximately 360 million shares outstanding. Rob McEwen, Chairman and Chief Owner, owns 22% of the shares.

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