

**Media Advisory**  
**4 February 2019****Freeport-McMoRan Conveys Positive Appreciation on the Agreement with the Government of Indonesia**

**JAKARTA** - During Freeport-McMoRan Inc.'s (FCX) January 24, 2019 earnings conference call, FCX's CEO Richard Adkerson commented on the positive aspects of the December 21, 2018 PTFI Divestment Transaction and PTFI's ongoing transition from open pit mining to underground mining.

Mr. Adkerson stated: "Globally, Freeport had a safe and productive year. In Papua Indonesia, PT Freeport Indonesia made important progress in preparing its underground mines for the future. State of the art underground rail and ore flow systems and infrastructure necessary for large-scale underground mining has been installed. PT Freeport Indonesia is addressing mining induced seismicity issues in its underground Deep MLZ mine and results to date are encouraging. PT Freeport Indonesia has been investing and preparing for this transition to underground mining for more than 15 years and execution is now under way. Over the next two years, PT Freeport Indonesia will be ramping up production from two new large-scale, high-grade underground mines and we expect production in the Grasberg district will be double 2019 levels by 2021. This is a major world-class undertaking that PT Freeport Indonesia's team, supported by Freeport's global technical organization, has carefully planned and is now executing on schedule."

Mr. Adkerson commented: "I could not be more pleased with the outcome of our negotiations with the Indonesian Government. All three parties, the Government, our former Joint Venture partner (Rio Tinto) and Freeport accomplished each party's fundamental objectives -- no easy feat in the complicated circumstances we faced. But at the end of the day, all of us are happy. We were successful in maintaining Freeport's basic economics and exposure to this remarkable world-class asset — one of the world's largest copper and gold deposits. Importantly, after all these years of controversy and differences of positions, we now have a new partnership structure with Indonesia's state-owned mining company, INALUM, that strongly aligns Freeport's economic interests with the Government of Indonesia."

He continued: “We have been addressing this issue with the Government of Indonesia for a number of years, with intense negotiations over the past 3 years. Success in concluding these negotiations in such a positive way, thereby avoiding adversarial court or international arbitration proceedings, is very gratifying and positive for all stakeholders.”

*ABOUT PT Freeport Indonesia*

*PTFI is a mining company that explores for, develops, mines and processes ore containing copper, gold and silver in the Grasberg minerals district in Papua, Indonesia. PT-FI is one of Indonesia’s largest taxpayers and employers with approximately 30,000 workers. Additional information about PTFI is available on PTFI’s website at “[ptfi.co.id](http://ptfi.co.id).”*

*ABOUT Freeport-McMoRan*

*FCX is a leading international mining company with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona. FCX operates large, long-lived, geographically diverse assets with significant proven and probable reserves of copper, gold and molybdenum. FCX is the world’s largest publicly traded copper producer.*

*FCX’s portfolio of assets includes the Grasberg minerals district in Indonesia, one of the world’s largest copper and gold deposits; significant mining operations in the Americas, including the large-scale Morenci minerals district in North America and the Cerro Verde operation in South America. Additional information about FCX is available on FCX’s website at “[fcx.com](http://fcx.com).”*

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