

Collective Announces Closing of \$10.7 Million Bought Deal Financing

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TORONTO, Oct. 25, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Collective Mining Ltd. (TSXV: CNL) (OTCQX: CNLMF)** ("**Collective**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced "bought deal" offering of units of the Company (the "**Units**") for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$10.7 million (the "**Offering**"). The Offering was conducted by a syndicate of underwriters led by Clarus Securities Inc., and including BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and TD Securities Inc. (collectively, the "**Underwriters**"), and consisted of the sale of 4,783,400 Units (including the partial exercise of the over-allotment option) at a price of \$2.25 per Unit.

Each Unit was comprised of one common share in the capital of the Company ("**Common Share**") and one-half of one Common Share purchase warrant (each whole Common Share purchase warrant, a "**Warrant**"). Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$3.25 until April 25, 2024.

The net proceeds from the Offering are expected to be used to fund the Company's recommended stage two exploration programme at its Guayabales Project, and for other general corporate purposes, as more fully described in the prospectus supplement (the "**Prospectus Supplement**") of the Company dated October 19, 2022.

The securities issued pursuant to the Offering were qualified for distribution pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement and a short form base shelf prospectus (the "**Base Shelf Prospectus**") dated November 9, 2021, filed in each of the provinces and territories of Canada, other than Quebec, and offered and sold elsewhere outside of Canada on a private placement basis. The Prospectus Supplement, Base Shelf Prospectus, and the documents incorporated by reference therein, are available on the Company's issuer profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

In connection with the completion of the Offering, the Underwriters received a cash commission of approximately \$554,000.

Certain directors, management and significant shareholders of the Company (the "**Insiders**") purchased an aggregate of 773,500 Units pursuant to the Offering. Participation by the Insiders in the Offering was considered a "related party transaction" pursuant to Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("**MI 61-101**"). The Company was exempt from the requirements to obtain a formal valuation or minority shareholder approval in connection with the Insiders' participation in the Offering in reliance of sections 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-101. A material change report in connection with the participation of Insiders in the Offering will be filed less than 21 days in advance of the closing of the Offering, which the Company deemed reasonable in the circumstances so as to be able to avail itself of potential financing opportunities and complete the Offering in an expeditious manner.

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About Collective Mining Ltd.

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Collective Mining is an exploration and development company focused on identifying and exploring prospective mineral projects in South America. Founded by the team that developed and sold Continental Gold Inc. to Zijin Mining for approximately \$2 billion in enterprise value, the mission of the Company is to repeat its past success in Colombia by making significant new mineral discoveries and advance the projects to production. Management, insiders and close family and friends own nearly 45% of the outstanding shares of the Company and as a result, are fully aligned with shareholders.

The Company currently holds an option to earn up to a 100% interest in two projects located in Colombia. As a result of an aggressive exploration program at its flagship Guayabales project, a total of seven major targets have been defined. The Main Breccia discovery within the Apollo target is the most important to date and is characterized by bulk tonnage, high-grade copper-silver gold mineralization with highlight drill results including: 207.15 metres @ 2.68g g/t AuEq, 265.75 metres at 2.44 g/t AuEq and 237.7 metres at 2.88 g/t AuEq. Other grassroots discoveries include near-surface discovery holes yielding 301.9 metres at 1.11 g/t AuEq at the Olympus target, 163 metres at 1.33 g/t AuEq at the Donut target, and 102.2m @ 1.53 g/t AuEq at the Trap target. At the San Antonio project, the Company intersected, from surface, 710 metres at 0.53 AuEq. (See related press releases on our website for AuEq calculations and our press releases dated August 10, September 13, and October 6, 2022, respectively, for previously announced intercepts.). The Company's fully funded, 20,000 metre drill program for 2022 is ongoing with a significant number of assay results expected through the remainder of the year.

Qualified Person (QP) and NI 43-101 Disclosure

David J Reading is the designated Qualified Person for this news release within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects and has reviewed and verified that the technical information contained herein is accurate and approves of the written disclosure of same. Mr. Reading has an MSc in Economic Geology and is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining and of the Society of Economic Geology (SEG).

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