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## **Jaguar Mining Reports Q1 2011 Earnings**

Adjusted Q1 2011 Earnings of \$0.12 Per Share and Operating Cash Flow of \$0.23 Per Share

**Jaguar Mining Inc.** ("Jaguar" or the "Company") (JAG: TSX/NYSE) reports its financial and operational results for the period ended March 31, 2011. All figures are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Note: As required by applicable Canadian rules, effective Q1 2011, Jaguar has prepared its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), including the restatement of the comparative period previously reported under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") in Canada.

### Q1 2011 Highlights

- Record revenue of \$55.1 million, an increase of 36% over Q1 2010.
- Net income of \$3.7 million or \$0.04 per basic and fully diluted share.

Adjusted net income, excluding special non-operating and non-recurring charges, most significant of which was a provision to value the conversion option embedded in convertible notes issued by the Company, totaled \$10.3 million or \$0.12 per basic and fully diluted share. (See Non-IFRS Performance Measures).

- Gross profit of \$11.0 million, an increase of 48% from Q1 2010.
- Record cash operating margin per ounce of gold of \$659, an increase of 31% from Q1 2010.
- Cash generated by operating activities totaled \$19.4 million or \$0.23 per fully diluted share, an increase of 71% from Q1 2010.
- Gold production of 41,449 ounces at an average cash operating cost of \$727 per ounce compared to 31,223 ounces at an average cash operating cost of \$597 per ounce in Q1 2010 (see *Non-IFRS Performance Measures*). The increase in production from the prior year was largely attributable to the addition of the Caeté operation, which was commissioned in Q3 2010.

Removing the effect of gold-in-process and stockpile inventory changes, the underlying operating cash cost was \$663 per ounce.

• Gold ounces sold totaled 39,794, an increase of 8% from Q1 2010.

- The average sales price per ounce totaled \$1,386, an increase of 24% from Q1 2010.
- Investments of \$20.2 million in growth projects, a decrease of 45% from Q1 2010.

Commenting on the Q1 2011 performance, Daniel R. Titcomb, Jaguar's President and CEO stated, "Our favorable Q1 2011 financial performance reflects the improvements we cited in the preliminary operating results we issued four weeks ago. As we move through the year, we expect further sequential gains in our quarterly gold production at lower costs."

## **Summary of Key Operating Results**

The following is a summary of key operating results. Refer to the Adjusted Net Income table.

## **Summary of Key Operating Results**

(\$000s)

		Quarter	Quarter		
	En	ded March	<b>Ended March</b>		
		31, 2011		31, 2010	
Gold sales	\$	55,140	\$	40,670	
Ounces sold		39,794		36,888	
Average sales price \$/ounce		1,386		1,102	
Gross profit		10,968		7,405	
Adjusted net income (loss) <sup>1</sup>		10,313		(3,665)	
Adjusted basic and diluted net income per share 1	\$	0.12	\$	(0.04)	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - basic		84,373,648		83,995,337	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - diluted		84,385,392		98,538,285	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Non-IFRS Performance Measures

Additional details are available in the Company's filings on SEDAR and EDGAR, including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Consolidated Financial Statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

### **2011 Update of Operations**

Operating results to-date are consistent with the initiatives the Company implemented during the second half of 2010 and its previously stated 2011 production target of between 195,000 and 205,000 ounces of gold.

### **Non-IFRS Performance Measures**

The Company has included the non-IFRS performance measures discussed below in this press release. These non-IFRS performance measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and, therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The Company believes that, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, these non-IFRS measures provide investors with additional information that will better enable them to evaluate the Company's performance. Accordingly, these Non-IFRS measures are intended to provide additional

information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared with IFRS.

The Company has included cash operating cost per ounce produced and cash operating margin per ounce because it believes these figures are a useful indicator of an operation's performance as they provide: (i) a measure of the mine's cash margin per ounce, by comparison of the cash operating costs per ounce to the price of gold; (ii) the trend in costs as the mine matures; and (iii) an internal benchmark of performance to allow for comparison against other gold mining operations. Additionally, the Company has provided adjusted net income, which reflects the elimination of special non-operating and certain non-recurring charges that do not reflect on-going costs in Jaguar's operations or administrative costs; and cash flow from operations, which does not reflect the change in non-cash operating working capital. The definitions for these performance measures and reconciliation of the non-IFRS measures to reported IFRS measures are set out in the following tables.

## **Adjusted Net Income**

(\$000s)

	Quarter Ended March 31,		Quarter Ended March 31,	
		2011		2010
Net income (loss) as reported	\$	3,724	\$	26,818
Adjustments:				
Loss (gain) on conversion option embedded in convertible debt		1,340		(32,505)
Effect of gold-in-process and stockpile inventory changes		2,546		-
Non-cash interest expense		2,703		2,022
Adjusted net income (loss)		10,313		(3,665)
Adjusted basic and diluted net income per share	\$	0.12	\$	(0.04)

# **Cash Provided by Operating Activities** (\$000s)

Quarter Ended March 31, 2011		Quarter Ended March 31, 2010		
\$	3,724	\$	26,818	
	(2,794)		397	
	(2,696)		(643)	
	3,064		2,171	
	(94)		-	
	570		290	
	455		1,644	
	11,477		8,122	
	-		699	
	1,340		(32,505)	
	(18)		(78)	
\$	15,028	\$	6,915	
	4,361	\$	4,453	
\$	19,389	\$	11,368	
\$	0.23	\$	0.14	
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## **Cash Operating Margin per oz gold**

	Quarter Ended March 31				
	2011			2010	
Average sales price per oz gold less	\$	1,386	\$	1,102	
Cash operating cost per oz gold produced		727		597	
equals Cash operating margin per oz gold	\$	659	\$	505	

The following tables are included in Jaguar's audited financial statements as filed on SEDAR and EDGAR. Readers should refer to those filings for the associated footnotes which are an integral part of the tables.

## **JAGUAR MINING INC.**

Condensed Interim Consolidated Balance Sheets (Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

(unaudited)

		March 31,		December 31,		January 1,
		2011		2010		2010
Assets						
Current assets:	\$	125 5 12	\$	39,223	\$	101 056
Cash and cash equivalents Inventory	Ф	135,543 29,066	Φ	39,223	Φ	121,256 36,986
Prepaid expenses and sundry assets		27,693		24,523		19,050
Derivatives		168		168		1,280
Delivatives		192,470		95,409		178,572
Prepaid expenses and sundry assets		48,721		48,582		35,837
Net smelter royalty		1,006		1,006		1,006
Restricted cash		908		908		108
Property, plant and equipment		356,635		348,815		262,748
Mineral exploration projects		75,953		74,658		62,236
	\$	675,693	\$	569,378	\$	540,507
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	31,156	\$	27,853	\$	22,892
Notes payable	*	23,482	Ψ	26,130	Ψ	5,366
Income taxes payable		17,687		16,677		15,641
Reclamation provisions		1,780		2,167		510
Deferred compensation liabilities		2,305		2,436		-
Other liabilities		849		704		-
		77,259		75,967		44,409
Notes payable		222,804		140,664		125,483
Option component of convertible notes		49,021		28,776		75,356
Deferred income taxes		676		215		450
Reclamation provisions		19,324		17,960		10,008
Deferred compensation liabilities		2,125		4,829		8,876
Other liabilities		290		497		738
Total liabilities		371,499		268,908		265,320
Shareholders' equity						
Share capital		369,747		369,747		365,667
Stock options		12,984		13,054		14,762
Contributed surplus		1,971		1,901		1,167
Deficit		(80,508)		(84,232)		(106,409)
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		304,194		300,470		275,187
Commitments						
	\$	675,693	\$	569,378	\$	540,507

## **JAGUAR MINING INC.**

Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

(unaudited)			
	Three Months		Three Months
	Ended		Ended
	March 31,		March 31,
	2011		2010
Gold sales	\$ 55,140	\$	40,670
Production costs	(33,057)		(25,140)
Stock-based compensation	5		(127)
Depletion and amortization	(11,120)		(7,998)
Gross profit	10,968		7,405
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Operating expenses:			
Exploration	334		1,107
Stock-based compensation	(2,691)		(770)
Administration	5,256		4,297
Management fees	162		339
Amortization	357		124
Other	836		689
Total operating expenses	4,254		5,786
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Income before the following	6,714		1,619
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Loss (gain) on derivatives	(287)		253
Loss (gain) on conversion option embedded in convertible debt	1,340		(32,505)
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	(3,089)		564
Accretion expense	570		290
Interest expense	5,682		4,028
Interest income	(1,466)		(1,361)
Gain on disposition of property	(719)		(497)
Total other expenses (recoveries)	2,031		(29,228)
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Income before income taxes	4,683		30,847
Income taxes			
Current income taxes	504		2,385
Deferred income taxes	455		1,644
Total income taxes	959		4,029
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Net income and comprehensive income for the period	\$ 3,724	\$	26,818
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Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.04	\$	0.32
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.04	\$	0.31
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Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - basic	84,373,648		83,995,337
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	84,385,392		98,538,285

## **JAGUAR MINING INC.**

Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

(unaudited)

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	Ende March 2	
	March 3	•
	20	2010
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Net income and comprehensive income for the period	\$ 3,72	4 \$ 26,818
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided from		
(used in) operating activities:		
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	(2,79	,
Stock-based compensation recovered	(2,69	
Interest expense	3,06	4 2,171
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Accretion expense	57	0 290
Deferred income taxes	45	5 1,644
Depletion and amortization	11,47	7 8,122
Unrealized loss on derivatives		- 699
Unrealized loss (gain) on option component of convertible note	1,34	0 (32,505)
Reclamation expenditure	(1	8) (78)
Change in non-cash operating working capital		
Inventory	2,26	7 2,209
Prepaid expenses and sundry assets	(2,05	6) (2,936)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,30	
Income taxes payable	1,00	9 799
Deferred compensation liability	(16	
•	19,38	9 11,368
Financing activities:		
		- 1,501
Increase in restricted cash		- (800)
Repayment of debt	(3,81	
Increase in debt	99,31	·
Interest paid	(36	
Other long - term liabilities	(6	
	95,07	3 4,190
Investing activities		<i>i</i> =
Short term investments	,	- (5,811)
Mineral exploration projects	(2,34	, , , , ,
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(17,86	
	(20,21	3) (42,741)
Effect of foreign exchange on non-U.S. dollar denominated		
cash and cash equivalents	2,07	1 980
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	96,32	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	39,22	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	\$ 135,54	
Cash and Cash equivalents, end of period	φ 130,5 <del>4</del>	J \$ 95,053

### **Departure of Corporate Officer**

Mr. Robert Zwerneman, Jaguar's Vice President of Corporate Development and Director of Investor Relations, has notified the Company he will be resigning from Jaguar in order to pursue an employment opportunity with another firm. Mr. Zwerneman has been with the Company since October 2006 and will remain for a period of time in a transitional role until a suitable replacement can be found. His service as an officer of the Company will come to an end on May 19, 2011.

#### **Conference Call Details**

The Company will hold a conference call tomorrow, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. EDT, to discuss the results.

Conference Call Details:

From North America: 800-476-0592 International: 213-416-2192

Replay:

From North America: 800-675-9924 International: 213-416-2185

Replay ID: 51811

Webcast: <a href="www.jaguarmining.com">www.jaguarmining.com</a>

A presentation will be available prior to the call on the Company's homepage at www.jaguarmining.com.

## **About Jaguar**

Jaguar is a gold producer in Brazil with operations in a prolific greenstone belt in the state of Minas Gerais. Jaguar is also engaged in developing the Gurupi Project in the state of Maranhão. Based on its development plans, Jaguar is one of the fastest growing gold producers in Brazil. The Company is actively exploring and developing additional mineral resources at its approximate 256,300-hectare land base in Brazil. Additional information is available on the Company's website at www.jaguarmining.com.

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#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and applicable Canadian securities laws, concerning the Company's expectation to realize further sequential gains in its quarterly production during 2011 as well as achieve gold production of between 195,000 and 205,000 ounces for the year ending December 31, 2011. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results, or performance to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

These factors include the inherent risks involved in the exploration and development of mineral properties, the uncertainties involved in interpreting drilling results and other geological data, fluctuating gold prices and monetary exchange rates, the possibility of project cost delays and overruns or unanticipated costs and expenses, uncertainties relating to the availability and

costs of financing needed in the future, uncertainties related to production rates, timing of production and the cash and total costs of production, changes in applicable laws including laws related to mining development, environmental protection, and the protection of the health and safety of mine workers, the availability of labor and equipment, the possibility of labor strikes and work stoppages and changes in general economic conditions. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended.

The forward-looking statements represent our view as of the date of discussion. The Company anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause the Company's views to change. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, either written or oral, that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company subsequent to the date of this discussion except as required by law. For a discussion of important factors affecting the Company, including fluctuations in the price of gold and exchange rates, uncertainty in the calculation of mineral resources, competition, uncertainty concerning geological conditions and governmental regulations and assumptions underlying the Company's forward-looking statements, see the "CAUTIONARY NOTE" regarding forward-looking statements and "RISK FACTORS" in the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2010 filed on System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval and available at <a href="http://www.sedar.com">http://www.sedar.com</a> and the Company's Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2010 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and available at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>.

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