

NEWS RELEASE**Equinox Gold Announces Appointment of Doug Reddy as COO and Retirement of Attie Roux**

July 20, 2020 – Vancouver, BC – Equinox Gold Corp. (TSX: EQX, NYSE American: EQX) (“Equinox Gold” or the “Company”) announces today that Mr. Doug Reddy will transition to the role of Chief Operating Officer at the start of September 2020 upon retirement of the Company’s current Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Attie Roux.

Doug Reddy has been EVP Technical Services for Equinox Gold since March 2020 following the merger with Leagold Mining Corporation, and was Leagold’s EVP Technical Services from the company’s formation in 2016, responsible for technical studies, exploration and business development, including leading the technical work and planning for the Los Filos Mine expansion program and the Santa Luz Mine restart. Doug is a registered professional geoscientist with more than 30 years of international experience in operations, projects, exploration, mergers and acquisitions and company building in both base and precious metals. Prior to Leagold, Doug was with Endeavour Mining for 10 years in executive and senior management roles focused on technical services and business development and was also Technical Director for AMEC Americas. Attie Roux will remain available in an advisory capacity as needed.

Christian Milau, CEO of Equinox Gold, commented: “Attie Roux was appointed COO following the merger with Leagold to facilitate the transition and consolidation of operations with the intention to retire to his home base in South Africa once the integration was complete. We are pleased that an extensive search process revealed the best candidate was internal and Doug is taking on this leadership role in Vancouver. Doug’s Spanish language fluency and his technical, operations, corporate and company building expertise make him a natural fit for the position, and his detailed knowledge of the Leagold assets will be integral as we optimize, develop and explore our expanded portfolio of mines and advance the Los Filos expansion and Santa Luz restart. I am personally excited to work closely with Doug again after spending five years together, alongside Attie, helping to build Endeavour Mining.”

“On behalf of the Equinox Gold Board of Directors and the whole Equinox Gold team, I want to thank Attie for his contributions to Leagold and now Equinox Gold,” continued Mr. Milau. “Attie stepped into the role of COO with Equinox Gold just days before COVID-19 escalated and his pragmatic, strong leadership and proactive approach to management helped with the smooth merger integration and strong operational performance over the last six months. We wish Attie the best with his retirement and personal endeavours and look forward to continuing to access his extensive metallurgical and mining experience as we advance the Los Filos expansion and Santa Luz restart projects.”

About Equinox Gold

Equinox Gold is a Canadian mining company with six producing gold mines, a multi-million-ounce gold reserve base and a clear path to achieve one million ounces of annual gold production from a pipeline of development and expansion projects. Equinox Gold operates entirely in the Americas, with two properties in the United States, one in Mexico and five in Brazil. Equinox Gold’s common shares are listed on the TSX and the NYSE American under the trading symbol EQX. Further information about Equinox Gold’s portfolio of assets and long-term growth strategy is available at www.equinoxgold.com or by email at ir@equinoxgold.com.

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