

NEWS RELEASE**Equinox Gold Announces Illegal Blockades at Los Filos Mine**

June 22, 2021 – Vancouver, BC – Equinox Gold Corp. (TSX: EQX, NYSE American: EQX) (“Equinox Gold” or the “Company”) reports that mining activities at its Los Filos Mine in Mexico have been temporarily suspended as the result of illegal blockades by a group of unionized employees and members of the Xochipala community, both of whom are demanding payments in excess of their contractual agreements.

The Company is working to achieve a long-term solution that will allow the mine to operate effectively.

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