Caledonia Mining Corporation Plc: Increased earnings guidance for 2019

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ST HELIER, Jan. 30, 2020 - <u>Caledonia Mining Corporation plc</u> (NYSE AMERICAN: CMCL; AIM: CMCL; TSX: CAL) (“Caledonia” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that earnings for 2019 will be substantially higher than market expectations due to the combined effects of:

- the continued strength of the gold price;
- higher than expected production for 2019; and
- lower than expected operating costs.

As a result of these factors, adjusted earnings per share (before net realised and unrealised foreign exchange gains) for 2019 are expected to be in the range of US\$1.55 to US\$1.75 per share compared to company guidance in early 2019 of US\$0.86 to US\$1.17 per share.

Earnings per share on an IFRS basis which includes net realised and unrealised foreign exchange profits is expected to be approximately US\$3.80 to US\$4.00 per share.

Caledonia expects to publish its results for the year to December 31, 2019 on or around March 20, 2020.

Commenting on this announcement, Steve Curtis, Caledonia's Chief Executive officer said:

&Idquo; I am delighted by the excellent performance of the Blanket Mine, particularly in the latter stages of 2019, which, combined with the strength of the gold price, has resulted in us comfortably exceeding expectations for the year ended December 31, 2019. This is down to the hard work and dedication of our exceptional team operating at the Blanket Mine not least in how they have successfully addressed challenges in the year such as the variable power supply and grade fluctuations. With these challenges addressed, an excellent start to 2020 and with the development of the Central Shaft continuing on time and record quarterly production in the fourth quarter, we look forward to an exciting year ahead."

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