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Amerigo Reports Q3-2021 Production Results

Quarterly copper production of 16 million pounds, 9% over Q3 guidance

Cash cost of \$1.62/lb, 8% below Q3 guidance and lowest quarterly cash cost of 2021

Annual MVC plant maintenance shutdown successfully completed on schedule

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – October 12, 2021/Amerigo Resources Ltd. (TSX: ARG; ARREF: OTC) is pleased to announce production results for the quarter ended September 30, 2021 (“Q3-2021”) from Minera Valle Central (“MVC”), the Company’s 100% owned operation located near Rancagua, Chile. Dollar amounts in this news release are in U.S. dollars.

In Q3-2021, MVC produced 16 million pounds (“M lbs”) of copper at a cash cost¹ of \$1.62 per pound (“/lb”) and 0.3 M lbs of molybdenum.

Q3-2021 copper production was at 109% of guidance² (YTD-2021: 101% of guidance²), due to higher fresh tailings tonnage and grade. During the quarter, MVC also successfully completed a series of planned plant modifications which now allow it to process a higher throughput of fresh tailings without sacrificing recovery. Production from fresh tailings in Q3-2021 accounted for 54% of quarterly production.

Molybdenum production in Q3-2021 was at 100% of guidance² (YTD-2021: 95% of guidance²), marginally affected as more copper production comes from fresh tailings than from Cauquenes, as fresh tailings have lower molybdenum content.

	Q3-2021	Q2-2021	Q1-2021	Q4-2020	Q3-2020
Fresh tailings					
Tonnes per day	137,650	129,153	128,238	136,011	119,285
Operating days	84	89	90	92	92
Tonnes processed	11,562,611	11,533,405	11,541,378	12,512,980	10,974,235
Copper grade	0.152%	0.144%	0.143%	0.135%	0.136%
Copper recovery	22.3%	20.2%	19.3%	19.3%	20.4%
Copper produced (M lbs)	8.62	7.37	7.03	7.17	6.68
Cauquenes tailings					
Tonnes per day	52,981	54,026	55,457	54,541	54,292
Operating days	81	87	87	91	79
Tonnes processed	4,267,203	4,701,475	4,811,171	4,985,031	4,362,040
Copper grade	0.238%	0.230%	0.242%	0.247%	0.245%
Copper recovery	33.0%	31.9%	33.1%	34.2%	34.5%
Copper produced (M lbs)	7.37	7.61	8.47	9.28	8.00
Copper produced (M lbs)	15.99	14.99	15.50	16.45	14.68
Copper delivered (M lbs)	16.90	15.13	15.11	15.90	14.92
Cash cost (\$/lb)	1.62	1.81	1.88	1.65	1.80
Molybdenum produced (M lbs)	0.32	0.33	0.40	0.50	0.37
Molybdenum sold (M lbs)	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.50	0.37

“Amerigo completed Q3-2021 with very strong production results. The annual plant maintenance shutdown was completed successfully and on schedule, and full production operations resumed on October 2, 2021. A total of 1,390 maintenance tasks and projects were completed safely and on time by our team in Chile to ensure MVC’s plant continues to operate as expected”, said Aurora Davidson, Amerigo’s President and CEO.

Q3-2020 cash cost of \$1.62/lb was 8% lower than the Company’s Q3 cash cost guidance of \$1.76/lb³ due to higher than projected production and lower than anticipated power, steel and lime costs.

MVC’s average copper price in Q3-2021 was \$4.23/lb, compared to \$4.44/lb in Q2-2021.

On September 30, 2021, the Company’s cash and restricted cash balance was \$71 million (an increase of \$18 million from June 30, 2021) and outstanding bank debt was \$35 million (unchanged from June 30, 2021).

Release of Q3-2021 financial results on November 3, 2021

Amerigo will release Q3-2021 financial results at market open on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

Investor conference call on November 4, 2021

Amerigo’s quarterly investor conference call will take place on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 11:00 am Pacific Time/2:00 pm Eastern Time. To join the call, please dial **1-888-664-6392** (Toll-Free North America) and enter **confirmation number 79182997**.

121 Mining Investment Online Americas

Amerigo will be participating in the **121 Mining Investment Online Americas** conference from October 13 to 15, 2021. CEO Aurora Davidson will be available for one-on-one meetings with investors for the duration of the event. The 121 Mining Investment conference connects senior investors from institutional funds, private equity groups, family offices and sector analysts that are based in Canada and USA, through one-on-one investor meetings hosted virtually.

About Amerigo and MVC

Amerigo Resources Ltd. is an innovative copper producer with a long-term relationship with Corporación Nacional del Cobre de Chile (“Codelco”), the world’s largest copper producer.

Amerigo produces copper concentrate and molybdenum concentrate as a by-product at the MVC operation in Chile by processing fresh and historic tailings from Codelco’s El Teniente mine, the world’s largest underground copper mine. Tel: (604) 681-2802; Fax: (604) 682-2802; Web: www.amerigoresources.com; Listing: ARG:TSX.

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¹ Cash cost is a non-IFRS financial performance measure. Refer to “Non-IFRS Measures” at the end of this press release.

² Annual production guidance provided in Amerigo’s news release of January 14, 2021.

³ Updated cash cost guidance provided in Amerigo’s Q2-2021 MD&A.

Non-IFRS Measures

This news release includes “cash cost”, which is a performance measure commonly used in the mining industry that is not defined under International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). Cash cost is the aggregate of smelting and refining charges, tolling/production costs net of inventory adjustments and administration costs, net of by-product credits. Cash cost per pound produced is based on pounds of copper produced and is calculated by dividing cash cost over the number of pounds of copper produced.

This non-IFRS performance measure is included in this news release because it provides a key performance measure used by management to monitor operating performance, assess corporate performance, and to plan and assess the overall effectiveness and efficiency of Amerigo’s operations. This performance measure is not a standardized financial measure under IFRS and, therefore, amounts presented may not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other companies. This performance measure should not be considered in isolation as a substitute for measures of performance in accordance with IFRS.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This news release contains certain forward-looking information and statements as defined in applicable securities laws (collectively referred to as “forward-looking statements”). These statements relate to future events or the Company’s future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. The use of any of the words “anticipate”, “plan”, “continue”, “estimate”, “expect”, “may”, “will”, “project”, “predict”, “potential”, “should”, “believe” and similar expressions is intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include but are not limited to, statements concerning:

- forecasted production, reductions in operating costs and an increase in recoveries;
- our strategies and objectives;
- our estimates of the availability and quantity of tailings, and the quality of our mine plan estimates;
- prices and price volatility for copper, molybdenum and other commodities and of materials we use in our operations;
- the demand for and supply of copper, molybdenum and other commodities and materials that we produce, sell and use;
- sensitivity of our financial results and share price to changes in commodity prices;
- our financial resources and our expected ability to meet our obligations for the next 12 months;
- interest and other expenses;
- domestic and foreign laws affecting our operations;
- our tax position and the tax rates applicable to us;
- our ability to comply with our loan covenants;
- the production capacity of our operations, our planned production levels and future production;
- potential impact of production and transportation disruptions;
- hazards inherent in the mining industry causing personal injury or loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property and equipment, pollution or environmental damage, claims by third parties and suspension of operations
- estimates of asset retirement obligations and other costs related to environmental protection;
- our future capital and production costs, including the costs and potential impact of complying with existing and proposed environmental laws and regulations in the operation and closure of our operations;
- repudiation, nullification, modification or renegotiation of contracts;
- our financial and operating objectives;
- our environmental, health and safety initiatives;
- the outcome of legal proceedings and other disputes in which we may be involved;
- the outcome of negotiations concerning metal sales, treatment charges and royalties;
- disruptions to the Company’s information technology systems, including those related to cybersecurity;
- our dividend policy; and
- general business and economic conditions.

These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Inherent in forward-looking statements are risks and uncertainties beyond our ability to predict or control, including risks that may affect our operating or capital plans; risks generally encountered in the permitting and development of mineral projects such as unusual or unexpected geological formations, negotiations with government and other third parties, unanticipated metallurgical difficulties, delays associated with permits, approvals and permit appeals, ground control problems, adverse weather conditions, process upsets and equipment malfunctions; risks associated with labour disturbances and availability of skilled labour and management; risks related to the potential impact of global or national health concerns, including COVID-19, and the inability of employees to access sufficient healthcare; government or regulatory actions or inactions; fluctuations in the market prices of our principal commodities, which are cyclical and subject to substantial price fluctuations; risks created through competition for mining projects and properties; risks associated with lack of access to markets; risks associated with availability of and our ability to obtain both tailings from Codelco’s Division El Teniente’s current production and historic tailings from tailings deposit; the availability of and ability of the Company to obtain adequate funding on reasonable terms for expansions and acquisitions; mine plan estimates; risks posed by fluctuations in exchange rates and interest rates, as well as general economic conditions; risks associated with environmental compliance and changes in environmental legislation and regulation; risks associated with our dependence on third parties for the provision of critical services; risks associated with non-performance by contractual counterparties; title risks; social and political risks associated with operations in foreign countries; risks of changes in laws affecting our operations or their interpretation, including foreign exchange controls; and risks associated with tax reassessments and legal proceedings. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Company and MVC, there can be no guarantee that the Company’s or MVC’s staff will not contract COVID-19 or that the Company’s and MVC’s measures to protect staff from COVID-19 will be effective. Many of these risks and uncertainties apply not only to the Company and its operations, but also to Codelco and its operations. Codelco’s ongoing mining operations provide a significant portion of the materials the Company processes and its resulting metals production, therefore these risks and uncertainties may also affect their operations and in turn have a material effect on the Company.

Actual results and developments are likely to differ, and may differ materially, from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this news release. Such statements are based on several assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, assumptions about:

- general business and economic conditions;
- interest rates;
- changes in commodity and power prices;
- acts of foreign governments and the outcome of legal proceedings;
- the supply and demand for, deliveries of, and the level and volatility of prices of copper, molybdenum and other commodities and products used in our operations;
- the ongoing supply of material for processing from Codelco's current mining operations;
- the grade and projected recoveries of tailings processed by MVC;
- the ability of the Company to profitably extract and process material from the Cauquenes tailings deposit;
- the timing of the receipt of and retention of permits and other regulatory and governmental approvals;
- our costs of production and our production and productivity levels, as well as those of our competitors;
- changes in credit market conditions and conditions in financial markets generally;
- our ability to procure equipment and operating supplies in sufficient quantities and on a timely basis;
- the availability of qualified employees and contractors for our operations;
- our ability to attract and retain skilled staff;
- the satisfactory negotiation of collective agreements with unionized employees;
- the impact of changes in foreign exchange rates and capital repatriation on our costs and results;
- engineering and construction timetables and capital costs for our expansion projects;
- costs of closure of various operations;
- market competition;
- tax benefits and tax rates;
- the outcome of our copper concentrate sales and treatment and refining charge negotiations;
- the resolution of environmental and other proceedings or disputes;
- the future supply of reasonably priced power;
- rainfall in the vicinity of MVC continuing to trend towards normal levels;
- average recoveries for fresh tailings and Cauquenes tailings;
- our ability to obtain, comply with and renew permits and licenses in a timely manner; and
- our ongoing relations with our employees and entities with which we do business.

Future production levels and cost estimates assume there are no adverse mining or other events which significantly affect budgeted production levels.

Although the Company believes that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond the Company's control, the Company cannot assure that it will achieve or accomplish the expectations, beliefs or projections described in the forward-looking statements.

We caution you that the foregoing list of important factors and assumptions is not exhaustive. Other events or circumstances could cause our actual results to differ materially from those estimated or projected and expressed in, or implied by, our forward-looking statements. You should also carefully consider the matters discussed under Risk Factors in the Company's Annual Information Form. The forward-looking statements contained herein speak only as of the date of this news release and except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements or the foregoing list of factors, whether as a result of new information or future events or otherwise.