**New Jersey Mining Company Provides 2018 Operating and Financial Results**

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, April 1, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- New Jersey Mining Company (CSE/OTCQB: NJMC) (“NJMC” or the “Company”) today announced its consolidated operating and financial results for the year ending December 31, 2018.

NJMC CEO and President, John Swallow stated, “We made major strides in 2018 - considerably de-risking the balance sheet, advancing the long-term potential of the Golden Chest Mine and greatly expanding our holdings within the Murray Gold Belt. Simultaneously building the Company, advancing operations and adding mine life all came together in 2018.”

**Operational Highlights include the following:**

* Approximately 31,230 dry metric tonnes (dmt) were processed at the Company’s New Jersey Mill with an average gold head grade of 3.47 grams per tonne (gpt), resulting in the production and sale of 3,400 ounces of gold for the year.
* Open-pit mining progressed from the 1042 bench to the 1012 bench during the year, advancing through the lower-grade material between the Golden Chest and Skookum shoots in the open pit. Mine production averaged 1,250 tonnes per day (ore and waste).
* A total of 4,260 tonnes were mined during the startup phase of underground mining operations in 2018. The average grade of the underground material was 7.0 gpt Au. The first stope was cut on the 851 level was completed in mid-2018 with commissioning of the cemented rockfill (CRF) backfill plant and backfilling was completed by the third quarter of 2018.
* The Company added equipment to support the ramp-up of underground production and purchased two diamond core drill rigs for planned exploration and development drilling in the Murray Gold Belt.
* Accelerated exploration activities in the Murray Gold Belt, focusing on land acquisition, locating gold mineralization and identifying controlling fault structure.
* Completed the sale of non-core assets, the Toboggan project, and doubled our land position now totaling over 1,188 acres of patented and 7,893 acres of unpatented claims. New/increased land holdings in the Murray Gold Belt include the Buckskin Claim Group, Crown Point property lease, and the Butte Gulch and Potosi patented properties as well as adding strategic unpatented mining claims, including the Giant Ledge Claim group.
* Initiated core drilling (with our own drill) in support of ramped-up underground production and exploration.
* Increased overall land position at the Company’s Eastern Star project and South Fork area in Central Idaho where there has been noticeable increase in activity along the central Idaho Gold Belt over the last two years.

Mr. Swallow continued, “As we refine our operational expertise and long-term focus as a team, we recently compiled an internal "road map" for individual and corporate goal setting. This visual representation demonstrated the potential of the Golden Chest property, including the identified shoots and vertical continuity in relation to historic and current workings. With assistance from Andrew Brackebusch, Golden Chest Mine Engineer, the big picture visualization demonstrated the existing 3-5 years of mine life and the goal of “always” having 3-5 years of production ahead of us, even as production grows. We plan to include a supporting geologic/mine overview as part of our website update over the next few months.”

**Corporate Highlights include the following:**

* The Company achieved revenues of $3,629,837 for the year ending December 31, 2018, compared to 2017 revenues of $4,281,571. The decrease in revenues for 2018 is the result of mining through lower grade mineralized material in the second and third quarters of 2018 as the open pit progressed between the Golden Chest and Skookum shoots.
* Completed the sale of a non-core asset, the Toboggan Project, in the Murray Gold Belt for US $3.0 million to Hecla Mining Company. In addition, Hecla participated in a private placement purchasing of approximately 3.8 million restricted shares of NJMC common stock for $500,000.
* The Company recorded a total consolidated net income for 2018 of $752,279, which included non-cash charges of $449,716 and the gain from the sale of the Toboggan and Little Baldy properties, compared to a total net loss of $22,194 for 2017.
* Company liabilities were reduced by $1,039,518 in 2018 – including reduction of existing debt obligations and debt associated with start-up of operations and the forward gold sale.
* Closed private placements during 2018 for net proceeds of US $1,206,856, which included participation from Hecla Mining Company and a small private placement in Canada.
* The Company’s common shares were approved for listing on the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE).

Mr. Swallow concluded, “When we decided to advance the Golden Chest into production, it was through an aggressive two-year payback plan – and that milestone was accomplished in 2018. Looking ahead, in addition to other corporate goals, our focus is on ramped-up production and the continued increase in mine life at the Golden Chest. And while the Company is focused on the future, we also took a brief inventory of the past (illustrated in the graph below). I believe the trends and growth in the asset base are impressive, especially considering the backdrop of gold prices, however the fact we have assets that are developed and/or generate revenue demonstrates considerable potential beyond what is reflected, in my opinion. Unlocking the value of our people and our asset base is something we focus on daily.”



Qualified person

NJMC’s Vice President of Exploration, Robert John Morgan, PG, PLS is a qualified person as such term is defined in National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical information and data included in this press release.

**About New Jersey Mining Company**

New Jersey Mining Company is headquartered in North Idaho, where it is producing gold at its Golden Chest Mine. Gold was first discovered in the Coeur d’Alene District within the Murray Gold Belt in 1879, but by 1888 mining declined as the center of activity and demand for labor shifted to the Silver Valley following the discovery of the Bunker Hill, Sunshine, Lucky Friday, and other iconic regional mines. The rebirth of the long-forgotten Murray Gold Belt has been led by NJMC, as evidenced by production from open-pit and underground operations at the Golden Chest Mine, its extensive land package and superior knowledge of the district gained from current development and production, and ongoing exploration activities.

NJMC has established a high-quality, early to advanced-stage asset base in three historic mining districts of Idaho and Montana, which includes the currently producing Golden Chest Mine. The Company’s objective is to use its considerable in-house skill sets to build a portfolio of mining and milling operations, with a longer-term vision of becoming a mid-tier producer. Management is shareholder focused and owns more than 15-percent of NJMC stock.

The Company’s common stock trades on the OTC-QB Market under the symbol “NJMC.”

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