

**NEWS RELEASE****Equinox Gold Responds to COVID-19 Pandemic**

**March 19, 2020 – Vancouver, BC** – Equinox Gold Corp. (TSX: EQX, NYSE American: EQX) (“Equinox Gold” or the “Company”) is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and has taken precautionary measures at its mine sites and offices to help protect the safety of the Company’s workforce and local communities. Equinox Gold has also taken steps to support business continuity and is implementing contingency plans so the Company can continue to operate as effectively as possible.

To date there are no confirmed or presumptive cases of the COVID-19 virus at any of the Company’s operations or offices. Equinox Gold’s producing mines continue to operate normally, with no significant impact to date beyond the implementation of additional education and safety measures.

Equinox Gold will continue to closely monitor the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation and will adjust its plans as necessary. The Company is following the COVID-19 safety guidelines outlined by the state and federal governments at each of its operations and will provide updates to the market as appropriate.

**About Equinox Gold**

Equinox Gold is a Canadian mining company with six producing gold mines, a multi-million-ounce gold reserve base and a strong growth profile from two development projects and two expansion projects. Equinox Gold operates entirely in the Americas, with two projects 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](http://www.equinoxgold.com) or by email at [ir@equinoxgold.com](mailto:ir@equinoxgold.com).

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