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First Cobalt Begins Trading on the OTCQX Best Market

TORONTO, ON — (April 30, 2018) – First Cobalt Corp. (TSX-V: FCC; ASX: FCC; OTCQX: FTSSF) (the “Company”) is pleased to announce it has qualified to begin trading on the OTCQX® Best Market, operated by OTC Markets Group, under its existing ticker symbol “FTSSF”.

The OTCQX market is reserved for established U.S. and global companies that meet the highest financial standards, follow best practice corporate governance and are sponsored by a professional third-party advisor.

Trent Mell, President & Chief Executive Officer, commented:

“We are very pleased to be moving to OTCQX, offering even greater transparency and potentially increased liquidity to U.S. investors through this platform. We believe this is an important step towards increasing awareness, visibility and potentially expanding our U.S. shareholder base as we continue to build a vertically integrated North American cobalt company.”

On March 14, 2018, First Cobalt announced a friendly merger with US Cobalt Inc. (TSX-V: USCO, OTCQB: USCFF), which remains subject to regulatory approvals. This transaction will strategically position First Cobalt as a leading non-DRC cobalt company with three significant North American assets: the Canadian Cobalt Camp, with more than 50 past producing mines; the Iron Creek Project in Idaho, which has a historic mineral resource estimate (non-compliant with NI 43-101) of 1.3M tons grading 0.59% cobalt; and the only permitted cobalt refinery in North America capable of producing battery materials. US Cobalt is scheduled to hold a shareholder vote on May 17, 2018 with the transaction expected to close by the end of May 2018.

U.S. investors can find current financial disclosure and Real-Time Level 2 quotes for First Cobalt on www.otcmarkets.com.

About First Cobalt

First Cobalt aims to create the largest pure-play cobalt exploration and development company in the world. The Company controls over 10,000 hectares of prospective land covering over 50 historic mines as well as mineral processing facilities in the Cobalt Camp in Ontario, Canada. The First Cobalt Refinery is the only permitted facility in North America capable of producing cobalt battery materials.

First Cobalt seeks to build shareholder value through new discovery, mineral processing and growth opportunities, with a focus on North America.

On behalf of First Cobalt Corp.

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Historic Estimates

US Cobalt considers the cobalt and copper tonnage and grade estimates above as historical estimates. The historical estimates do not use categories that conform to current CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves as outlined in National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and have not been redefined to conform to current CIM Definition Standards. They were prepared in the 1980s prior to the adoption and implementation of NI 43-101. A qualified person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimates as current mineral resources and US Cobalt is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources. More work, including, but not limited to, drilling, will be required to conform the estimates to current CIM Definition Standards. Investors are cautioned that the historical estimates do not mean or imply that economic deposits exist on the Iron Creek property. US Cobalt has not undertaken any independent investigation of the historical estimates nor has it independently analyzed the results of the previous exploration work in order to verify the accuracy of the information. US Cobalt believes that the historical estimates are relevant to continuing exploration on the Iron Creek property.