



## **First Cobalt Receives CFIUS Approval for US Cobalt Acquisition**

TORONTO, ON — (June 1, 2018) – First Cobalt Corp. (TSX-V: FCC; ASX: FCC; OTCQX: FTSSF) (“First Cobalt”) and US Cobalt Inc. (TSX-V: USCO, OTCQB: USCFF) (“US Cobalt”) are pleased to announce that the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (“CFIUS”) has completed its review of the previously announced proposed acquisition of US Cobalt by First Cobalt and has concluded that there are no unresolved national security concerns with respect to the transaction.

Under the plan of arrangement transaction announced March 14, 2018, First Cobalt will acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of US Cobalt. US Cobalt owns the Iron Creek Cobalt Project, located in the Idaho Cobalt Belt and has a 1.3M ton historical resource estimate (non-compliant with NI 43-101) grading 0.59% cobalt.

It is anticipated that the transaction will be completed before the opening of markets on June 4, 2018.

### **About US Cobalt**

US Cobalt is focused on the acquisition and development of high grade battery metal deposits in North America. The Iron Creek Cobalt Project, located in the prolific Idaho Cobalt Belt, is the focus of a 40-hole, 35,000 foot (10,700 metre) drill campaign to confirm a 1.3M ton grading 0.59% cobalt historical estimate (non-compliant with NI 43-101) and a Resource Estimate prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 is expected on the project in 2018.

### **About First Cobalt**

First Cobalt aims to create the largest pure-play cobalt exploration and development company in the world. The Company controls more than 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.

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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.*