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NORSEMONT MINING APPOINTS JOSEPH KEANE AS DIRECTOR

Norsemont Mining Inc. (“Norsemont” or “the Company”) (TSX-V: NOM; Frankfurt: N8S; WKN: A0DQKK; OTC-BB: NOMFF; ISIN: CA6565291045) is pleased to announce that Mr. Joseph Keane has joined the Company as a Director of Norsemont Mining Inc. Mr. Keane’s appointment will take effect immediately at which time he will oversee and take responsibility for the metallurgical and engineering aspects of moving the Company’s flagship Constancia Copper-Molybdenum-Silver deposit towards development in southern Peru.

Mr. Keane has over 40 years of experience specializing in process design development, engineering supervision, equipment selection and feasibility studies for the mineral processing and pollution abatement industries. He has been a consultant to a unit of the World Bank (International Finance Corporation) for mineral processing projects in Mexico, Peru, Tajikistan, China, Mali, Uzbekistan, Ghana, and Tanzania. Mr. Keane has directed copper leach - solvent extraction – electrowinning (SX-EW) feasibility studies for projects in Chile, Peru, Indonesia, Mexico, and the USA. He recently was a consultant to INCO (Voisey’s Bay flotation and Hydromet demonstration plants). Mr. Keane has been an expert witness in a number of legal matters regarding base and precious metals projects world wide.

“Mr. Keane has an exceptionally strong technical background and is an international expert in his field and with respect to copper. We are extremely pleased to be able to attract someone of Joe’s caliber to our team. As we move from exploration to scoping and feasibility studies and ultimately to production, Joe’s experience will enable us to move quickly to development,” said Marc E. Levy, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Norsemont.

“I am pleased to accept this appointment and hope to make an immediate contribution to the Constancia Project,” said Mr. Keane.

Mr. Keane is currently Principal Metallurgical Engineer for KD Engineering Co Inc., Tucson, Arizona. He has previously held positions with Pincock, Allen & Holt, Inc, Mountain States Mineral Enterprises, EIMCO Corporation, Molycorp and Chile Copper Company, a subsidiary of Anaconda Company. Mr. Keane has a B.Sc. Metallurgical Engineering from Montana School of Mines and an M.Sc. in Mineral Process Engineering. Joe is a registered Professional Metallurgical Engineer in 10 states of the U.S.A. and a Member of the Instituto de Ingenieros de Minas de Chile.

Norsemont's Board has approved the issuance of 1,460,000 options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the company at a price of \$1.60 per share, expiring 5 years from date of grant. This grant is subject to TSX-V approval.



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About Norsemont Mining

Norsemont Mining is a well structured, well financed exploration company working in the America's, with a focus on Peru. The Company is currently drilling the Constanca Copper-Molybdenum-Silver-Gold deposit.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Marc E. Levy
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