

FNX MINING CO INC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July, 2004

Commission File Number 001-31704

FNX MINING COMPANY INC.

(Registrant's name)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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News Release dated July 29, 2004 of second quarter 2004 interim financial report and management discussion and analysis.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the under-signed, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 29, 2004

FNX MINING COMPANY INC.

By: /s/ DAVE CONSTABLE

Dave Constable

Vice President

McCreedy West Mine Generates \$4.7 Million

Cash Operating Margin in Q2

TORONTO, ONTARIO July 29, 2004. **FNX Mining Company Inc. (FNX-TSX/AMEX)** reports second quarter cash operating margin (revenue less cash operating costs) from Phase 1 Production at the McCreedy West Mine of \$4.7 million (\$62/ton) from revenue of \$13.6 million (\$179/ton) and cash operating costs of \$8.9 million (\$117/ton). The cash operating margin for the first six months of commercial operations (Q1 and Q2) totaled \$9.7 million (\$84/ton) from revenues of \$23.1 million and cash operating costs of \$13.4 million.

Second quarter earnings after taxes are \$178,000 or \$0.00 per share compared to a loss of \$1.5 million or \$0.04 per share in the same period of 2003. Earnings for the first and second quarter of 2004 are \$1.5 million or \$0.03 per share. Provision for a non-cash tax expense of \$467,000 was recognized in the second quarter and reduced the after tax earnings by \$0.01 per share. This brings the Q1 and Q2 non-cash tax expense total to \$1.4 million and a reduction in after tax earnings of \$0.03 per share. The Company does not expect to pay taxes this year and not until all previous tax losses have been exhausted.

The Q2-2004 results represent the Company's second reporting period of commercial production from the Phase 1 Mining operations at its 75%-owned McCreedy West Mine located in the Sudbury mining camp, Ontario, Canada. The Company accounts for its Sudbury operations on a 100% consolidated basis, with the remaining 25% ownership

accounted for as a minority interest.

Second Quarter Highlights

- Mined 153,093 tons of ore in the **first six calendar months** of 2004, over half of the 2004 McCreedy West production target of 300,000 tons.
 - Shipped 143,162 tons of ore to the custom mill during the **first six calendar months** of 2004 containing an estimated 3.2 million pounds of recovered nickel and 1.1 million pounds of recovered copper.
 - The cash cost per pound of nickel net of by-products credits was higher in the second quarter compared to the first quarter primarily due to lower grades and commodity prices and less Cu-PGM ore being mined (5% of total production). The cash cost per pound of nickel shipped was US\$3.45 for the second quarter and US\$3.16 for the first and second quarter. This was offset by increased production.
 - Feasibility studies were advanced at the Levack Mine (Phase 2 Production) and at the McCreedy West PM Deposit (Phase 3 Production).
 - Initiated \$30 million underground advanced exploration program at the Norman 2000 and North Deposits leading to the Company's third feasibility study on its Sudbury properties and potentially Phase 4 Production.
 - Issued 2.5 million flow-through shares for net cash proceeds of \$19.5 million.
 - Closing cash of \$61.9 million with no debt and working capital of \$72.7 million.
 - Completed construction of new building containing crusher facilities at McCreedy West Mine to allow up to 24/7 surface operations.
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Note: Currencies are in Canadian dollars unless indicated otherwise. All production numbers are 100% of operations. Cash operating costs, cash operating margins and cash costs per pound are non-GAAP measures. Cash operating costs represent the economic marginal cost to produce a given unit of output and cash operating margin is the difference between revenue and cash operating costs.

The Second Quarter report is for the reporting period April-May-June and for the production period February-March-April. Revenues and costs are accounted for and reported with a two month delay.

Production Summary (Nov. 1, 2003-April 30, 2004 Q1 and Q2)

Production Period

Production Period

Three months ended

Six months ended

April 30

April 30

April 30,

April 30

2004

2003

2004

2003

Reporting Period

Reporting Period

Three months ended

Six months ended

June 30

June 30

June 30

June 30

2004

2003

2004

2003

Operating statistics (100% level):

Ore produced (*tons*)

73,521

115,619

Ore shipped (*tons*)

75,980

115,519

Ni ore shipped (*tons*)

72,044

108,769

Ni ore grade (*% nickel*)

1.6

1.7

Cu ore shipped (*tons*)

3,936

6,750

Cu ore grade (*% copper*)

5.9

6.3

Payable nickel (*lbs.*)

1,556,237

2,508,579

Payable copper (*lbs.*)

668,982

1,178,875

The complete Q2-2004 financial statements, accompanying notes and management discussion and analysis can be accessed at: www.fnxmining.com.

FNX Mining is hosting a Q2-2004 Conference Call at 4:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday, July 29th, 2004. The call-in number is 416-695-5801 for local callers and 1-800-478-9326 for North American toll free calls. Ask for the FNX Mining conference call. Conference call presentation slides will be available at www.fnxmining.com. For the conference call replay dial 416-695-5800 or 1-800-408-3053 and enter access code 3086268. The replay will be available until midnight August 9th.

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