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## First Cobalt Closes US\$45 Million Financing to fund North American Battery Materials Refinery

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Toronto, Ontario – (September 3, 2021) – **First Cobalt Corp. (TSX-V: FCC)** (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced debt and equity financing for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately US\$45 million, effective as of September 2, 2021. The financing consisted of (i) a private placement offering to United States investors (the “**Note Offering**”) of US\$37.5 million principal amount of 6.95% senior secured convertible notes due December 1, 2026 (the “**Notes**”), led by Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (“**Cantor**”), as sole placement agent; and (ii) an overnight-marketed public offering (the “**Equity Offering**”) led by BMO Capital Markets (“**BMO**”), as sole agent, of 38,150,000 common shares of the Company (“**Common Shares**”) at a price of C\$0.25 per Common Share for total gross proceeds of over C\$9.5 million (approximately US\$7.5 million). The Notes are convertible into Common Shares at an initial conversion rate of 4,058.24 Common Shares per US\$1,000 principal amount of Notes, subject to certain adjustments set forth in the indenture governing the Notes.

*“With the completion of this financing, the First Cobalt project team can now accelerate long lead equipment orders for our Canadian battery materials refinery as we pursue our vision of becoming the most sustainable producer of battery materials,”* said President & CEO Trent Mell.

*“Our immediate objective is to become the only producer of battery grade cobalt in North America by Q4 2022. Thereafter, we intend to produce nickel, cobalt, lithium and other battery materials from recycled lithium-ion batteries. Longer term, we are pursuing the creation of a Battery Park around our low-carbon hydrometallurgical refinery, which would include nickel sulfate production from primary feeds and lithium-ion battery precursor manufacturing.”*

The Company intends to use the aggregate net proceeds of the Offering for capital expenditures associated with the expansion and recommissioning of its wholly-owned hydrometallurgical refinery located in Ontario, Canada (the “**Refinery**”), including buildings, equipment, infrastructure, and other direct costs, as well as engineering and project management costs.

CIBC World Markets Inc. acted as financial advisors to the Company with respect to the Company’s refinery construction financing strategy.

In connection with their services, BMO received a cash fee equal to 6% of the aggregate gross cash proceeds received from the sale of the Common Shares under the Equity Offering and Cantor received a placement agent fee of 4% of the gross proceeds of the Note Offering.

Concurrently with the closing of the Equity Offering and the Note Offering, the termination of the Company’s at-the-market offering program became effective as of September 2, 2021.

The securities issued pursuant to the Equity Offering were qualified for distribution pursuant to a prospectus supplement dated August 26, 2021 (the “**Prospectus Supplement**”) to the Company’s short form base shelf prospectus dated November 26, 2020 (the “**Base Shelf Prospectus**”), filed in each of the provinces and territories of Canada and outside of Canada to qualified investors in accordance with applicable law. The Prospectus Supplement, the Base

Shelf Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference therein, are available on the Company's issuer profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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### **About First Cobalt**

First Cobalt's mission is to be the most sustainable producer of battery materials. In 2022, the Company plans to commission North America's only cobalt sulfate refinery, a critical asset in the development and manufacturing of batteries for electric vehicles. First Cobalt also owns the Iron Creek cobalt-copper project in Idaho, USA as well as several significant cobalt and silver properties in the Canadian Cobalt Camp.

On behalf of First Cobalt Corp.

Trent Mell  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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