



## **Paran Fails to Honour Commitment to Provide Continuous Access to Invicta**

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, March 21, 2019** -- Lupaka Gold Corp. ("**Lupaka Gold**" or the "**Company**") (TSX-V: LPK, FRA: LQP) announces that discussions between the Company and community leaders from the nearby community of Paran ("**Paran**") have been abandoned by the President of Paran. Once again Paran has resumed their illegal demonstration, preventing the Company from accessing the Invicta Gold Development Project ("**Invicta**"). In doing so Paran has failed to honour the agreement signed earlier in March, which included the commitment to provide continuous and safe access to Invicta as well as the commencement of a dialogue process.

*"We are very disappointed in Paran's decision to abandon our recent agreement, including the cancelation of the established dialogue table. We have worked very hard to engage with Paran, in order to find a long-term solution that meets the needs of all of our community partners.*

*Unfortunately, they have demanded that all social and economic benefits from Invicta should go exclusively to the community of Paran, which contradicts the existing community agreements that the Company has in place with Lacsanga and Santa Domingo. Lupaka has put forward alternate proposals, including investment strategies, however Paran remains adamant that all benefits must accrue solely to their community. When we insisted Lupaka will continue to honour the Company's existing community agreements, the President of Paran abruptly left the dialogue table and reinstated the blockade."*

*Will Ansley, President and CEO of Lupaka*

As previously announced on October 25, 2018, access to Invicta had been restricted due to a blockade by community members from the nearby community of Paran. As disclosed on March 4, 2019 Paran formally agreed to open up the blockade and granted access to the Invicta site. As a result, the Company agreed to enter into a formal dialogue table in order to re-establish a positive working relationship with the community.

On March 19, 2019 representatives from the Company met with the community leaders from Paran to continue negotiations regarding the Invicta project. Paran abruptly abandoned the meeting, indicating to their community members that the dialogue table they had agreed to would be canceled, and they would restart the illegal blockade preventing the Company from accessing Invicta. The Company has reported this action to the Peruvian authorities and will continue to work with the authorities to end this illegal activity and to restore access to Invicta. We remain open to negotiations and further dialogues with the Community of Paran, under a framework of respect for all stakeholder's interest.

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Lupaka is an active Canadian-based company focused on creating shareholder value through discoveries and strategic development of its assets in some of the most prolific mining regions of Peru.

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