

Santacruz Silver Reports Third Quarter 2018 Production Results

Vancouver, B.C. – Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd. (TSX.V:SCZ) (the “Company” or “Santacruz”) reports on the operating results from the Veta Grande Project in Zacatecas, Mexico and the Rosario Project in San Luis Potosi, Mexico for the third quarter of 2018.

During Q3 2018 the Company produced a total of 249,431 silver equivalent ounces, a 43% increase over Q2 2018 production (174,175 silver equivalent ounces) and an 8% increase over Q3 2017 production (231,162 silver equivalent ounces). When compared to Q2 2018 the increased production primarily reflects a 15% increase in tonnes milled and a 45% increase in silver equivalent head grade at the Veta Grande Project offset by a 26% decrease in silver equivalent head grade at the Rosario Project. When compared to Q3 2017 the increased production reflects 24% increase in tonnes milled and a 34% increase in silver equivalent head grade at the Veta Grande Project offset by a 16% decrease in tonnes milled and a 35% decrease in silver equivalent head grade at the Rosario Project.

Mr. Carlos Silva, Chief Operating Officer, stated “I am pleased to report that we are on track to reach our objective of increasing production and efficiencies at Veta Grande as indicated by our quarter over quarter results. At the same time our exploration activities are delineating a solid path forward for the development of Veta Grande into a significant silver producer. As for the Rosario Project, development work at the Membrillo Prospect is well on its way to reach the targeted mineralized area and preparation of production stopes is underway with the aim of being in full production in Q4 2018 as originally planned.”

2018 Third Quarter Consolidated Production Results

Summary of Production Results	2018 Q3	2018 Q2	2017 Q3
Material Processed (tonnes milled)	57,976	52,025	46,940
Silver eqv. ounce production ⁽¹⁾	249,431	174,175	231,162
Silver production (ounces)	80,611	56,122	88,234
Gold production (ounces)	225	143	394
Lead production (tonnes)	301	142	148
Zinc production (tonnes)	644	507	595
Average Head Grade (g/t Ag Eqv.)	213	176	201

2018 Third Quarter Veta Grande Project Production Results

Summary of Production Results	2018 Q3	2018 Q2	2017 Q3
Material Processed (tonnes milled)	42,011	36,622	27,984
Silver eqv. ounce production ⁽¹⁾	183,198	84,271	103,473
Silver production (ounces)	62,250	36,741	61,960
Silver head grade (g/t)	77	70	107
Gold head grade (g/t)	0.26	0.17	0.17
Lead had grade (%/t)	.80	.41	0.51
Zinc head grade (%/t)	1.94	1.14	0.77
Silver recovery (%)	60	45	65
Gold production (ounces)	140	59	66
Lead production (tonnes)	268	111	99
Zinc production (tonnes)	432	164	146
Average Head Grade (g/t Ag Eqv.)	234	161	174

2018 Third Quarter Rosario Project Production Results

Summary of Production Results	2018 Q3	2018 Q2	2017 Q3
Material Processed (tonnes milled)	15,965	15,403	18,956
Silver eqv. ounce production ⁽¹⁾	66,233	89,904	127,689
Silver production (ounces)	18,361	19,381	26,274
Silver head grade (g/t)	41	44	51
Gold head grade (g/t)	0.26	0.26	0.67
Lead head grade (%/t)	0.23	0.23	0.31
Zinc head grade (%/t)	1.58	2.54	2.61
Silver recovery (%)	87	89	85
Gold production (ounces)	85	84	328
Lead production (tonnes)	33	31	49
Zinc production (tonnes)	212	344	449
Average Head Grade (g/t Ag Eqv.)	156	212	241

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$$\text{AgEqvOz} = \frac{(\text{Au} \cdot \text{Pau}) + (\text{Ag} \cdot \text{Pag}) + (\text{Pb} \cdot \text{Ppb} \cdot 2205) + (\text{Zn} \cdot \text{Pzn} \cdot 2205)}{(\text{Pag})}$$

Metal Prices 2018: Ag \$17.00, Au \$1,295, Pb \$1.00, Zn \$1.35

Metal Prices 2017: Ag \$16.00, Au \$1,150, Pb \$1.00, Zn \$1.15

Share Issuance

Pursuant to an amended financial advisory agreement between the Company and Haywood Securities Inc. (“**Haywood**”), the Company intends to issue 250,000 of its common shares (the “**Advisory Fee Shares**”) and provide a cash payment of \$1,063 to Haywood in satisfaction of general financial advisory services provided to the Company by Haywood, including services relating to the Company's disposition of its interest in the Gavilanes Project in August 2017. The Advisory Fee Shares will be issued at a deemed share price of \$0.085 (gross value: \$21,250). The Advisory Fee Shares will be subject to a four-month hold period. The issuance of the Advisory Fee Shares is subject to TSX Venture Exchange acceptance.

About Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd.

Santacruz is a Mexican focused silver company with two producing silver projects, Veta Grande and Rosario, and two exploration properties, the Minillas property and Zacatecas properties. The Company is managed by a technical team of professionals with proven track records in developing, operating and discovering silver mines in Mexico. Our corporate objective is to become a mid-tier silver producer.

‘signed’

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President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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Rosario Project

The decisions to commence production at the Rosario Mine, Cinco Estrellas Property and Membrillo Prospect were not based on a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability, but rather on a more preliminary estimate of inferred mineral resources. Accordingly, there is increased uncertainty and economic and technical risks of failure associated with this production decision. Production and economic variables may vary considerably, due to the absence of a complete and detailed site analysis according to and in accordance with NI 43-101.

Veta Grande Project

The decision to commence production at Veta Grande Project was not based on a feasibility study on mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability. Accordingly, there is increased uncertainty and economic and technical risks of failure associated with this production decision. Production and economic variables may vary considerably due to the absence of a complete and detailed site analysis according to and in accordance with NI 43-101.