

Santacruz Silver Announces Agreement to Consolidate 100% Ownership of the Veta Grande and Minillas Mineral Properties

Vancouver, B.C. – Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd. (TSX.V:SCZ) (the “Company” or “Santacruz”) reports that it has signed an agreement (the “Option Agreement”) with certain private Mexican companies (together “Contraçuña”) pursuant to which Contraçuña has granted Santacruz an option to purchase a 100% interest in the Veta Grande and Minillas properties, for aggregate cash consideration of US\$15,500,000. The Company currently operates the properties on a 60%/40% net profits interest (“NPI”) basis pursuant to an exclusive thirty-year right granted by Contraçuña (see news release dated November 2, 2015).

“The Veta Grande and Minillas properties together with our Zacatecas properties represent one of the largest and most historically important land packages within the Zacatecas mining region, and we are very pleased to have this agreement in place which gives us the opportunity to consolidate our mineral interests in the area.” stated Arturo Préstamo, President and CEO of Santacruz. “This is another important step in our plan to expand our Zacatecas operations into a larger district play, and we look forward to its continued development as part of Santacruz’s transition into a mid-tier Mexican silver producer.”

Details of the payment schedule per the Option Agreement are as follows:

1. US\$2,500,000 on or before December 14, 2017 (payment date denoted as the “Initial Payment Date”);
2. US\$2,500,000 on the 12 month anniversary of the Initial Payment Date;
3. US\$3,000,000 on the 24 month anniversary of the Initial Payment Date;
4. US\$4,000,000 on the 36 month anniversary of the Initial Payment Date; and
5. US\$3,500,000 on the 48 month anniversary of the Initial Payment Date.

Starting on the Initial Payment Date, the Company will be entitled to 100% of the cash flows generated from mining operations conducted on the Veta Grande and Minillas properties. In the event that the Option agreement is terminated, the 40% NPI will revert to Contraçuña from the date of termination.

About Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd.

Santacruz is a Mexican focused silver company with two producing silver projects (Rosario, including the Cinco Estrellas property and Membrillo vein, and the Veta Grande silver project and milling facility); and three exploration properties including the Gavilanes property, 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.

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Arturo Préstamo Elizondo
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 vein 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.