

## **Santacruz Silver Discovers Mineralized Vein Cross Cutting Membrillo Structure**

**Vancouver, B.C. – Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd. (TSX.V:SCZ)** (the “Company” or “Santacruz”) reports that further to the Company’s press release of May 29, 2017 wherein it announced that it had acquired an exclusive five year right to explore, develop and mine the Membrillo silver-zinc-lead-gold vein structure (the “Membrillo Prospect”) located approximately four km from the Company’s Rosario Project mill facility located near Charcas, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Santacruz provides the following update.

Santacruz’s mining activities at the Membrillo Prospect have been focused on drifting to access the Membrillo vein that generally strikes NW-SE and dips approximately 45 to 60 degrees to the southwest. This underground development has intersected a previously unknown E-W striking vein structure that dips approximately 50 to 52 degrees to the Southwest and is infilled by quartz, carbonate and sulfide minerals. This previously unknown vein is now known as the San Rafael vein. To date the Company has completed approximately 68 meters of drifting on Level 1 along the San Rafael vein where the true width of the vein is approximately 0.50 to 1.6 meters wide.

To date the Company has received assay results for 41 chip samples completed across the San Rafael vein on Level 1. Within the first 33 meters of Level 1, 26 chip samples returned assay results of trace-0.64 grams per tonne gold, trace-154.29 grams per tonne silver, 0.03-0.94 percent lead, and 0.28-24.65 percent zinc over sampling widths of 0.5-4.20 meters. This is followed by 35 meters of higher grade mineralization where 15 chip samples returned assay results of 0.28-1.44 grams per tonne gold, 55.26-770.54 grams per tonne silver, 0.12-15.92 percent lead and 4.23-20.09 percent zinc over sampling widths of 0.5-1.60 meters.

A review of available exploration data indicates no record of historical drill holes completed at the Membrillo Prospect that have intersected the San Rafael vein, or other previous exploration activities on the San Rafael vein. Currently, the vertical and horizontal continuity of the San Rafael vein and the extent of mineralization hosted by the vein structure is unknown. Given that the San Rafael vein was intersected at a vertical depth of only 25 meters below surface, Santacruz undertook a stripping and trenching program to trace the surface expression of the San Rafael vein. Results are pending.

Ground conditions while drifting along the San Rafael vein are favourable with no rock bolting or other structural support required. The dilution while mining the San Rafael vein is expected to be 25% on drifts and 15% on stopes.

“This is a very exciting development for Santacruz,” stated President and CEO Arturo Prestamo. “Not only does the San Rafael vein potentially provide a new source of feed for our Rosario mill facility, at some of the highest grades that the Company has ever assayed in the area, but there are three other areas on the Rosario property where similar E-W post mineralized structures have been identified, but have never been systematically evaluated. The NW-SE veins have been the predominant focus of most historic exploration but with the discovery of the San Rafael vein, Santacruz will broaden its exploration focus to evaluate the E-W structures on both the Rosario and Membrillo veins.”

In addition to development work on the San Rafael vein, the drift to intersect the Membrillo vein proximate to where historic drilling indicates higher grade mineralization is expected to be completed within the coming weeks. Development plans at the Membrillo Prospect include the completion of a ramp to access the San Rafael vein and the Membrillo vein from a sub-level 12 meters below Level 1. Feed from the San Rafael vein is now being transported to the Rosario Project mill facility.

### **Sampling and laboratory**

Chips samples are collected across the back of the underground workings at 1.5 meter sample intervals and are oriented perpendicular to the vein structure. Blanks, standards and duplicate control samples were not utilized in the sampling procedure.



Samples are analyzed at the Rosario laboratory, which is owned and operated by Santacruz. The Rosario laboratory is designed to serve the mining operations at the Rosario project. It is not independent of the Company and is not ISO certified. Samples are prepared by drying, crushing, rifle splitting and pulverizing 80% to less than 75 microns passing 200 mesh, Samples are analyzed by three-acid digestion and atomic absorption spectrometry. Gold and silver are further analyzed by fire assay with gravimetric finish.

### **Qualified persons**

The technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Van Phu Bui, B.Sc., P. Geo., who is independent of the Company and a "qualified person" under National Instrument 43-101.

### **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 right to operate 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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#### 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.*