



## AMERICAS SILVER CORPORATION REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR-END 2017 FINANCIAL RESULTS

**TORONTO, ONTARIO**—March 5, 2018— Americas Silver Corporation (TSX: USA) (NYSE American: USAS) (“Americas Silver” or the “Company”) today reported fourth quarter and year-end financial and operational results for 2017.

*This earnings release should be read in conjunction with the Company’s Annual 2017 Production and Costs Update, Management’s Discussion and Analysis, Financial Statements and Notes to Financial Statements for the corresponding period, which have been posted on the Americas Silver Corporation SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), on its EDGAR profile at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), and are also available on the Company’s website at [www.americassilvercorp.com](http://www.americassilvercorp.com). All figures are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted.*

### **Year-end and Fourth Quarter Highlights**

- Revenues of \$54.3 million in 2017, excluding \$9.8 million of El Cajón and San Rafael pre-production revenues, which were capitalized to development costs, compared with revenues of \$58.9 million in 2016.
- A net loss of (\$3.5) million or (\$0.09) cents per share in 2017, compared with a net loss of (\$5.2) million or (\$0.15) cents per share in 2016.
- Cash flow generated from operating activities<sup>1</sup> in 2017 of \$5.5 million, compared to cash flow generated from operating activities in 2016 of \$5.7 million.
- Consolidated year-end production was approximately 2.1 million silver ounces and 4.7 million silver equivalent<sup>2</sup> ounces at cost of sales of \$10.13 per silver equivalent ounce, by-product cash costs<sup>3</sup> of \$9.45 per silver ounce, and all-in sustaining costs<sup>3</sup> of \$13.29 per silver ounce.
- Consolidated fourth quarter production was approximately 400,000 silver ounces and 1.4 million silver equivalent ounces at cost of sales of \$10.16 per silver equivalent ounce, by-product cash costs of \$8.75 per silver ounce, and all-in sustaining costs of \$14.20 per silver ounce.
- The San Rafael mine declared commercial production effective December 19, 2017 and was constructed for approximately \$16.3 million, 32% lower than the initial project guidance.
- Guidance for 2018 is 1.6 - 2.0 million silver ounces and 7.2 - 8.0 million silver equivalent ounces at cash costs of negative (\$10.00) to negative (\$5.00) per silver ounce and all-in sustaining costs of negative (\$1.00) to \$4.00 per silver ounce.
- Cash balance at December 31, 2017 of \$9.3 million with net working capital of approximately \$11.8 million.

### **Fiscal 2017 Overview**

Fiscal 2017 was an eventful and transitional year for Americas Silver. Management accomplished its goal of developing the San Rafael mine with mill modifications to commercial production, on time and under budget. The mine was developed from existing cash and cash generated from operations with no

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<sup>1</sup> Cash flow generated from operating activities is a non-IFRS financial measure calculated as net cash flow used in operating activities less changes in non-cash working capital items such as trade and other receivables, inventories, prepaid expenses, and trade and other payables.

<sup>2</sup> Silver equivalent production throughout this press release was calculated based on silver, zinc, lead and copper realized prices during each respective period.

<sup>3</sup> Cash cost per ounce and all-in sustaining cost per ounce are non-IFRS performance measures with no standardized definition. For further information and detailed reconciliations, please refer to the Company’s 2017 year-end and quarterly MD&A.

dilution to existing shareholders. The development was completed while operating both the El Cajón and Nuestra Señora mines, accumulating a 57,000 tonnes stockpile from Nuestra Señora.

Fiscal 2018 is expected to be a transformative year for the Company as cash flow from the San Rafael mine is used to advance the exploration and development of its land holdings. To this end, a \$2 million exploration program was executed in 2017 on the 100%-owned Zone 120 silver-copper deposit to further explore the extent and concentration of mineralization of the deposit with significant results released to date. The 2018 drilling was subsequently approved by the Board with an additional budget of over \$4 million to continue this program. Results to date have increased the footprint of the mineralization, indicating the presence of a significant mineralized system consisting of multiple lenses over mineable widths and strike lengths.

On the corporate development side, an option was purchased on the zinc-silver San Felipe project in Sonora, Mexico for \$7 million plus VAT. The Company also entered into a low-cost, \$15 million pre-payment facility with a division of Glencore PLC and repaid \$8 million to its previous lenders. In January, the Company began trading on the NYSE American exchange in order to provide a greater access to future capital and liquidity to its shareholders.

“I am impressed by what our team accomplished in 2017,” said Darren Blasutti, President and CEO. “At current metal prices, San Rafael is expected to generate significant cash flow which will be used to grow our silver production without equity dilution. We are particularly pleased with the drilling results on the Zone 120 deposit in 2017 and so far in 2018. This deposit has the potential to become the Company’s next development project with the ability to further lever off our existing infrastructure given its proximity to San Rafael.”

### **Consolidated Production and Operating Costs**

Consolidated silver production for 2017 totalled 2.1 million silver ounces which represents a decrease of 14% compared to 2016. Silver equivalent production totalled 4.7 million ounces which represents an increase of 4% compared to 2016, while zinc and copper production increased 11% and 10% year-over-year, respectively, as a result of strong production from the Cosalá Operations.

Despite lower annual silver production, and excluding pre-production revenues of \$8.9 million, production revenues decreased only slightly by \$4.6 million or 8% from \$58.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 to \$54.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, while net loss improved to \$3.5 million compared to a net loss \$5.2 million loss during the previous year, a \$1.7 million improvement. Improvement in net loss was mainly attributable to lower cost of sales and lower interest and financing expense, partially offset by lower net revenue on concentrate sales and higher corporate general and administrative expenses related to share-based compensation and the NYSE American listing costs. The Company also generated cash from operating activities before non-cash working capital items of \$5.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2017.

Further information concerning the consolidated and individual mine operations is included in the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 and Management’s Discussion and Analysis for the same period.

<b>Consolidated Production and Cost Details</b>				
	<b>Q4 2017</b>	<b>Q4 2016</b>	<b>YTD 2017</b>	<b>YTD 2016</b>
Total ore processed (tonnes milled)	168,901	168,038	690,498	671,616
Silver produced (ounces)	409,545	564,475	2,056,017	2,389,808
Zinc produced (pounds)	4,895,670	2,671,391	11,623,138	10,488,773
Lead produced (pounds)	7,427,357	7,277,346	25,392,619	29,067,673
Copper produced (pounds)	78,541	260,018	1,167,401	1,058,250
Silver equivalent produced (ounces)	1,358,441	1,204,477	4,746,387	4,579,373
Silver recovery (percent)	82.8	90.4	89.0	87.8
Silver grade (grams per tonne)	91	116	104	126
Silver sold (ounces)	410,518	539,872	2,056,122	2,341,319
Zinc sold (pounds)	4,413,526	2,658,194	10,919,556	10,258,081
Lead sold (pounds)	7,074,875	7,242,694	25,144,192	29,228,720
Copper sold (pounds)	94,544	274,722	1,144,385	1,017,940
Cost of sales (\$ per silver equivalent ounce) <sup>1</sup>	\$10.16	\$9.91	\$10.13	\$10.08
Silver cash cost (\$ per silver ounce) <sup>1</sup>	\$8.75	\$8.91	\$9.45	\$10.00
All-in sustaining cost (\$ per silver ounce) <sup>1</sup>	\$14.20	\$11.57	\$13.29	\$12.71

<sup>1</sup> Cost of sales per silver equivalent ounce, cash costs per silver ounce, and all-in sustaining costs per silver ounce in Q4, 2017 excludes pre-production of 45,344 silver ounces and 405,162 silver equivalent ounces mined from San Rafael during its commissioning period, and for YTD 2017 excludes pre-production of 50,490 silver ounces and 435,323 silver equivalent ounces mined from San Rafael during its commissioning period, and excludes pre-production of 245,391 silver ounces and 360,530 silver equivalent ounces mined from El Cajón during its commissioning period. Pre-production revenue and cost of sales from San Rafael and El Cajón are capitalized as an offset to development costs.

### **2018 Consolidated Guidance**

Consolidated guidance for 2018 is 1.6 - 2.0 million silver ounces and 7.2 - 8.0 million silver equivalent ounces at cash costs of negative (\$10.00) to negative (\$5.00) per silver ounce and all-in sustaining costs of negative (\$1.00) to \$4.00 per silver ounce including budgeted capital of \$19 million. The reduction in cash cost and all-in sustaining cost per ounce is primarily due to the estimated by-product metal production from the San Rafael and Galena mines, including zinc of approximately 40-45 million lbs. and lead of 30-35 million lbs. in 2018. The Company's consolidated exploration budget for fiscal 2018 is \$4.8 million.

### **About Americas Silver Corporation**

Americas Silver is a silver mining company focused on growth in precious metals from its existing asset base and execution of targeted accretive acquisitions. It owns and operates the Cosalá Operations in Sinaloa, Mexico and the Galena Mine Complex in Idaho, USA. The Company has acquired an option on the San Felipe development project in Sonora, Mexico.

Daren Dell, Chief Operating Officer and a Qualified Person under Canadian Securities Administrators guidelines, has approved the applicable contents of this news release. For further information please see SEDAR or americassilvercorp.com.

### **Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Information:**

This news release contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, the Company's expectations intentions, plans, assumptions and beliefs with respect to, among other things, the realization of operational, exploration and development plans, the Cosalá Operations and Galena Complex as well as the Company's financing efforts. Often, but not always, forward-looking information can be identified by

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