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# ITEM 1 GENERAL

#### **1.1 Date of Information**

All information in this Annual Information Form ("AIF") is as of March 31, 2019, unless otherwise indicated.

#### 1.2 Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements and information in this AIF for Silvercorp Metals Inc. ("Silvercorp" or the "Company") constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian provincial securities laws. All statements and information concerning mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates may also be deemed to constitute "forward-looking statements" to the extent that they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if the property is developed. Any statements or information that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, using words or phrases such as "expects", "is expected", "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "projects", "estimates", "assumes", "intends", "strategies", "targets", "goals", "forecasts", "objectives", "budgets", "schedules", "potential" or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) are not statements of historical fact and may be forward-looking statements or information. Forward-looking statements or information relate to, among other things: the price of silver, lead, zinc and other metals; the accuracy of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates at the Company's material properties; estimated production from the Company's mines in the Ying Mining District (defined herein) and from the GC Mine; availability of funds from production to finance the Company's operations; and access to and availability of funding for future construction and development of the Company's properties or for acquisitions.

Forward-looking statements or information are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ from those reflected in the forward-looking statements or information, including, without limitation, risks relating to the matters described in this AIF under Item 4.3 *Risk Factors* under the following headlines: fluctuating commodity prices; estimation of mineral resources, reserves and mineralization and precious and base metal recovery; interpretations and assumptions of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates; exploration and development programs; permits and licences; title to properties; joint venture partners; acquisition of commercially mineable mineral rights; financing; recent market events and conditions; economic factors affecting the Company; timing, estimated amount, capital and operating expenditures and economic returns of future production; integration of future acquisitions into the Company's existing operations; competition; operations and political conditions; regulatory environment in China; environmental risks; foreign exchange rate fluctuations; insurance; risks and hazards of mining operations; dependence on management and key personnel; conflicts of interest; internal control over financial reporting as per the requirements of the *Sarbanes-Oxley Act*; bringing actions and enforcing judgments under U.S. securities laws: and, the Company's investments in New Pacific Metals Corp.

This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of the Company's forward-looking statements or information. Forward-looking statements or information are statements about the future and are inherently uncertain, and actual achievements of the Company or other future events or conditions may differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements or information due to a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors, including, without limitation, those referred to in this AIF under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated, described or intended. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements or information.

The Company's forward-looking statements and information are based on the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and opinions of management as of the date of this AIF, and other than as required by applicable securities laws, the Company does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements and information if circumstances or management's assumptions, beliefs, expectations or opinions should change, or changes in any other events affecting such statements or information. For the reasons set forth above, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements and information.

# Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors – Information Concerning Preparation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates

This AIF has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ from the requirements of U.S. securities laws. Unless otherwise indicated, all mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates included in this AIF have been prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101") and the Canadian Institute of Mining Metallurgy and Petroleum ("CIM") "*Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves Definitions and Guidelines*" (the "CIM Standards"). NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators which establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects.

Canadian standards, including NI 43-101, differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and mineral resource and mineral reserve information contained herein may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "resource" does not equate to the term "reserve". Under U.S. standards, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. The SEC's disclosure standards normally do not permit the inclusion of information concerning "measured mineral resources", "indicated mineral resources" or "inferred mineral resources" or other descriptions of the amount of mineralization in mineral deposits that do not constitute "reserves" by U.S. standards in documents filed with the SEC. U.S. investors should also understand that "inferred mineral resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimated "inferred mineral resources" may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies except in rare cases. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" will or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" wills or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" will or any part of an "inferred mineral resources" may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies except in rare cases. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" exists or is economically or legally mineable.

Disclosure of "contained metal" in a resource is permitted disclosure in certain circumstances under Canadian regulations; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute "reserves" by SEC standards as in-place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. The requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of "reserves" are also not the same as those of the SEC, and reserves reported by the Company in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as "reserves" under SEC standards. Accordingly, information concerning mineral deposits set forth herein may not be comparable with information made public by companies that report in accordance with U.S. standards.

# 1.3 Currency

All sums of money which are referred to herein are expressed in lawful money of the United States, unless otherwise specified. The symbol "CAD\$" denotes lawful money of Canada and "RMB" denotes lawful money of the People's Republic of China. The following table sets forth, for each of the periods indicated, the year-end exchange rate, the average noon rate and the high and low noon exchange rates for one Canadian dollar expressed in U.S. dollar, as quoted by the Bank of Canada:

	Year Ended March 31,					
	2019	2018	2017			
High	0.7967	0.8245	0.7972			
Low	0.7330	0.7276	0.7363			
Average	0.7625	0.7798	0.7621			
Period End	0.7483	0.7756	0.7506			

The exchange rate for one Canadian dollar expressed in U.S. dollar based upon the daily average exchange rate on June 20, 2019 provided by the Bank of Canada was \$0.7581.

The following table sets forth, for each of the periods indicated, the year-end exchange rate, the average noon rate and the high and low noon exchange rates for one Canadian dollar expressed in Chinese Renminbi ("**RMB**"), as quoted by the Bank of Canada:

	Year Ended March 31,					
	2019	2018	2017			
High	5.3648	5.4142	5.2854			
Low	4.8662	4.8379	4.9092			
Average	5.1149	5.1648	5.1263			
Period End	5.0226	4.8780	5.1706			

The exchange rate for one Canadian dollar expressed in RMB based upon the daily average exchange rate on June 20, 2019 provided by the Bank of Canada was RMB5.1948.

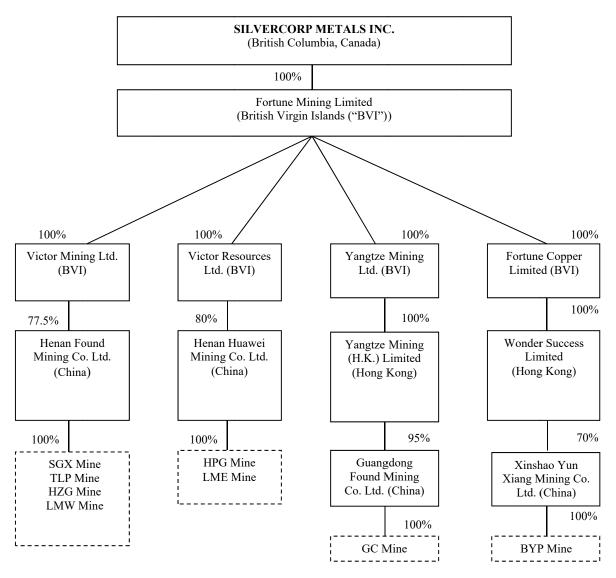
#### ITEM 2 CORPORATE STRUCTURE

#### 2.1 Names, Address and Incorporation

Silvercorp was formed as Spokane Resources Ltd. pursuant to an amalgamation of Julia Resources Corporation and MacNeill International Industries Inc. under the *Company Act* (British Columbia) on October 31, 1991. By a special resolution dated October 5, 2000, Spokane Resources Ltd. consolidated its share capital on a ten for one basis and altered its Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation by changing its name to "SKN Resources Ltd." At the Company's Annual and Special General Meeting held October 20, 2004, the shareholders (a) approved an increase to the Company's authorized capital to an unlimited number of common shares and adopted new Articles consistent with the transition to the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia); and (b) passed a special resolution to change the Company's name. On May 2, 2005, the Company filed a Notice of Alteration with the British Columbia Registrar of Companies changing its name from "SKN Resources Ltd." to "Silvercorp Metals Inc." The head office, principal address and registered and records office of the Company is located at 1378-200 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1S4. The Company's shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "**TSX**") and the NYSE American, both under the symbol "SVM". The Company is a reporting issuer in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

#### 2.2 Inter-corporate Relationships

The corporate structure of the Company and its subsidiaries with mineral property interests as at the date of this AIF is as follows:



The Company is the sole shareholder of Fortune Mining Limited ("Fortune") which was incorporated on August 23, 2002 to be the holding company of several other subsidiaries which are parties to agreements relating to mineral properties in China. Fortune beneficially owns 100% of the following material subsidiary companies:

- (a) Victor Mining Ltd. ("Victor Mining") was incorporated on October 23, 2003 under the laws of the British Virgin Islands (the "BVI") and continued into Barbados on August 27, 2009 and back to the BVI on March 18, 2016. Victor Mining is a party to a cooperative agreement under which it has earned a 77.5% interest in Henan Found Mining Co. Ltd. ("Henan Found"), the Chinese company holding, among other assets: (i) the Ying silver, lead and zinc project (the "SGX Mine"); (ii) the silver and lead project in Tieluping (the "TLP Mine"); (iii) the silver and lead project in Hou Zhang Gou and Po Cai Gou (the "HZG Mine"); (iv) the silver and lead project in Longmen West (the "LMW Mine"); and (v) the XHP project.
- (b) Victor Resources Ltd. ("Victor Resources") was incorporated on May 30, 2003, under the laws of the BVI and is a party to a cooperative agreement under which it earned an 80% interest in Henan Huawei Mining Co. Ltd.

("Henan Huawei"), the Chinese company holding the beneficial interests in the project in Haopinggou (the "HPG Mine") and the project in Longmen East (the "LME Mine") each in Henan Province.

- (c) Yangtze Mining Ltd. ("Yangtze Mining") was incorporated on February 11, 2002, under the laws of the BVI. It holds a 100% interest in Yangtze Mining (H.K.) Ltd. ("Yangtze Mining HK"). Yangtze Mining HK holds a 95% interest in Guangdong Found Mining Co. Ltd. ("Guangdong Found"), a company incorporated on October 26, 2008 under the laws of the People's Republic of China, that holds a 100% interest in the silver, lead and zinc exploration permits on the project in Gaocheng (the "GC Mine") in Guangdong Province.
- (d) Fortune Copper Limited was incorporated on August 23, 2002, under the laws of the BVI. It holds a 100% interest in Wonder Success Limited, a Hong Kong company which has a 70% equity interest in Xinshao Yun Xiang Mining Co. Ltd. ("Yunxiang"), which owns the BYP gold lead zinc mine in Hunan Province (the "BYP Mine").

The Company's operations in China are largely conducted through equity joint ventures, over which the Company has control. See "Item 4 General Description of Business, 4.2 Chinese Mining Law".

# ITEM 3 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

# 3.1 Business of Silvercorp

Silvercorp is engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development and mining of high-grade, silver-related, mineral properties in China through the operation of the silver-lead-zinc mines in the Ying Mining District in Henan Province and the GC Mine in Guangdong Province. The Ying Mining District consists of several mines, including the SGX Mine, HZG Mine, TLP Mine, HPG Mine, LMW Mine, and LME Mine.

# 3.2 The Company's Strategic Vision

Silvercorp has a distinct long-term strategy characterized by three key steps. First, Silvercorp focuses on the acquisition and selective exploration of projects with significant resource and cash flow potential. It seeks out higher grade, underground, precious metals projects that may be too small for large companies and too large for juniors. Second, Silvercorp focuses on quickly developing high-margin operations with reasonable development capital profiles to generate cash flow before the project's resource potential is fully delineated. Third, the initial cash flow Silvercorp generates from its operations is used to fund further exploration, resource expansion and production growth.

This strategy, with its focus on early production, provides earlier benefits to: (i) local communities through increased employment opportunities, (ii) local governments through payment of taxes, (iii) local joint venture partners through profit sharing, and (iv) shareholders of the Company through less dilution. The early benefits help build a base of strong stakeholder support necessary for further project growth.

# 3.3 Three Year History

Silvercorp has been acquiring, exploring, developing, and operating, mineral properties in China since 2003. Production at the SGX Mine at the Ying Mining District commenced on April 1, 2006, and since that time, several of the Company's other properties in Henan Province, China have commenced production. In addition, the Company commenced production at the GC Mine in July 2014.

For the year ended March 31, 2019 ("**Fiscal 2019**"), on a consolidated basis, the Company mined 906,794 tonnes of ore, an increase of 5% or 46,870 tonnes, compared to 859,924 tonnes in the year ended March 31, 2018 ("**Fiscal 2018**"). For Fiscal 2019, the Company had sales of \$170.5 million, a gross profit margin of 49%, and cash flow from operations of \$67.8 million. For Fiscal 2019, net income attributable to equity holders of the Company was \$39.7 million, or \$0.23 per share.

For Fiscal 2018, on a consolidated basis, the Company had sales of \$170.0 million, a gross profit margin of 52%, cash flow from operations of \$67.9 million, and net income attributable to equity holders of the Company of \$47.0 million, or \$0.28 per share.

For the year ended March 31, 2017 ("**Fiscal 2017**"), on a consolidated basis, the Company mined 897,506 tonnes of ore, had sales of \$163.5 million, a gross profit margin of 54%, cash flow from operations of \$80.4 million, and net income attributable to equity holders of the Company of \$43.7 million, or \$0.26 per share.

	Years Ended March 31				
	2019	2018	2017		
Silver ('000s ounces)	6,390	6,040	6,494		
Gold ('000s ounces)	3.5	3.1	3.3		
Lead ('000s pounds)	64,788	61,934	70,473		
Zinc ('000s pounds)	22,716	19,569	18,294		

The following table summarizes the total metal sales in the past three years.

As reported in the Company's news releases dated April 16, 2018 and May 1, 2018, the Company reported a spillage incident at the Ying Mining District of a small amount of tailings leaking from the No. 2 tailings facility into Chong-Yang Creek at approximately 9:30 p.m. on April 12, 2018. Silvercorp's subsidiary, Henan Found, took immediate actions and the leakage was fully controlled and stopped as of 12:00 p.m. on April 13, 2018. No personal injuries occurred and the results of ongoing water tests from Chong-Yang Creek were within the acceptable national water quality standards. Due to the incident, milling operations at the Ying Mining District were temporarily suspended. On April 28, 2018, one flotation line of 1,000 tonnes per day at the No. 2 mill, using the No. 1 tailings storage facility resumed operation, and full mill operations resumed on May 23, 2018. As the milling capacity of Henan Found is approximately 25% greater than the mining capacity, the temporary suspension of the milling operations had minimal impact on overall annual production.

# Production

# Ying Mining District

The Ying Mining District consists of several mines, including the SGX, HZG, TLP, HPG, LMW, and LME Mines, and is the Company's primary source of production.

In Fiscal 2019, total ore mined at the Ying Mining District was 622,576 tonnes, an increase of 1% or 8,435 tonnes, compared to 614,141 tonnes in Fiscal 2018. Correspondingly, ore milled in Fiscal 2019 increased to 619,851 tonnes from 618,732 tonnes in the prior year. Head grades were 311 g/t for silver, 4.4% for lead, and 0.9% for zinc, compared to 305 g/t for silver, 4.4% for lead and 0.9% for zinc in the prior year. The Company continues to achieve improvements in dilution control using its "Enterprise Blog" to assist in managing daily operations.

In Fiscal 2019, the Ying Mining District sold approximately 5.8 million ounces of silver, 56.1 million pounds of lead, and 6.6 million pounds of zinc, compared to 5.4 million ounces of silver, 55.2 million pounds of lead, and 6.1 million pounds of zinc in the prior year.

Total and cash mining costs<sup>1</sup> at the Ying Mining District were \$88.19 and \$63.39 per tonne, respectively, in Fiscal 2019, compared to \$84.59 and \$61.46 per tonne, respectively, in Fiscal 2018. The increase in cash mining costs was mainly due to inflation resulting in an increase of (i)\$0.6 million in mining contractor's costs, (ii) \$0.4 million in raw material costs, and (iii) \$0.7 million in utility costs.

Total and cash milling costs<sup>1</sup> at the Ying Mining District in Fiscal 2019 were \$12.58 and \$10.43 per tonne, respectively, compared to \$11.71 and \$9.49 per tonne, respectively, in Fiscal 2018.

Correspondingly, the cash production cost<sup>1</sup> per tonne of ore processed in Fiscal 2019 at the Ying Mining District was \$78.04, an increase of 4% compared to \$74.96 in the prior year.

The cash cost<sup>1</sup> per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, in Fiscal 2019 at the Ying Mining District, was negative \$3.35, compared to negative \$3.88 in the prior year. The increase in the cash cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non IFRS measure. Please refer reconciliation on section 13 of MD&A for the corresponding period.

credits, was mainly due to a \$2.4 million increase in cash production cost expensed offset by a \$0.6 million increase in by-product credits.

All-in sustaining costs<sup>1</sup> per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, in Fiscal 2019 at the Ying Mining District was \$2.60 compared to \$2.04 in the prior year. The increase was mainly due to increases of \$2.4 million in cash production costs expensed and \$2.2 million in sustaining capital expenditures.

#### GC Mine

In Fiscal 2019, the total ore mined at the GC Mine was 284,218 tonnes, an increase of 38,435 tonnes or 16%, compared to 245,783 tonnes in Fiscal 2018, while ore milled increased by 18% to 288,995 tonnes from 244,338 tonnes in the prior year.

Head grades were 86 g/t for silver, 1.5% for lead, and 3.0% for zinc in Fiscal 2019, compared to 98 g/t for silver, 1.5% for lead, and 2.8% for zinc in the prior year.

In Fiscal 2019, the GC Mine sold 626,000 ounces of silver, 8.7 million pounds of lead, and 16.1 million pounds of zinc, compared to 603,000 ounces of silver, 6.8 million pounds of lead, and 13.4 million pounds of zinc in Fiscal 2018.

Total and cash mining costs<sup>1</sup> at the GC Mine in Fiscal 2019 were \$46.04 and \$37.73 per tonne, respectively, compared to \$45.73 and \$37.48 per tonne in Fiscal 2018.

Total and cash milling costs<sup>1</sup> at the GC Mine in Fiscal 2019 were \$17.01 and \$14.39 per tonne, respectively, compared to \$19.17 and \$15.72 per tonne, respectively, in Fiscal 2018.

Correspondingly, the cash production costs<sup>1</sup> per tonne of ore processed in Fiscal 2019 at the GC Mine decreased by 2% to \$52.12 from \$53.20 in the prior year.

The cash costs<sup>1</sup> per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, at the GC Mine, was negative \$12.97 in Fiscal 2019 compared to negative \$12.37 in the prior year. The decrease was mainly due to a 4% increase in by-product credits resulting from increases of 28% in lead and 20% in zinc sold offset by a decrease of 3% and 17% in net realized lead and zinc selling prices at the GC Mine.

All-in sustaining costs<sup>1</sup> per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, in Fiscal 2019 at the GC Mine was negative \$6.28 compared to negative \$3.69 in the prior year. The improvement was mainly due to an increase of \$1.6 million in by-product credits and a decrease of \$0.9 million in sustaining capital expenditures.

#### BYP Mine

The BYP Mine was placed on care and maintenance in August 2014 due to the required capital upgrades to sustain its ongoing production and the current market environment. The Company continues to review alternatives for this project and is also carrying out activities to renew its mining license.

# XHP project

Activities at the XHP project, a development-stage project, were suspended in Fiscal 2014. In April 2019, Henan Found, the Company's 77.5% owned subsidiary, entered into a share transfer agreement (the "Agreement") with an arm's length private Chinese company to dispose of the XHP project. Pursuant to the Agreement, Henan Found will sell its 100% equity interest in SX Gold, the holding company of the XHP project, for \$7.5 million (RMB ¥50 million), net of the amount SX Gold owes to Henan Found. As of the date of this AIF, Henan Found received partial payments of \$4.5 million (RMB ¥30 million) for the sale. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of Fiscal 2020.

#### Capitalized Exploration and Development Expenditures

# **Ying Mining District**

In Fiscal 2019, approximately 75,955 m or \$1.8 million worth of underground diamond drilling (Fiscal 2018 - 104,798 m or \$2.3 million) and 18,656 m or \$5.4 million worth of preparation tunnelling (Fiscal 2018 - 19,723 m or \$5.8 million) were completed and expensed as mining preparation costs at the Ying Mining District. In addition, approximately 65,653 m or \$23.2 million worth of horizontal tunnels, raises and declines (Fiscal 2018 - 61,827 m or \$20.1 million) were completed and capitalized.

# GC Mine

In Fiscal 2019, approximately 24,727 m or 1.3 million worth of underground diamond drilling (Fiscal 2018 – 21,717 m or 1.1 million) and 19,844 m or 5.2 million worth of tunnelling (Fiscal 2018 – 15,811 m or 4.5 million) were completed and expensed as mining preparation costs at the GC Mine. In addition, approximately 1,374 m or 1.0 million worth of horizontal tunnels, raises and declines (Fiscal 2018 – 320 m or 0.3 million) were completed and capitalized.

# 3.4 Other Matters

#### Normal Course Issuer Bids

On February 20, 2019, the Company announced that the TSX had approved a Normal Course Issuer Bid ("**2019 NCIB**") which permitted the Company to acquire (from February 25, 2019 to February 24, 2020) up to 8,484,682 of its common shares, representing approximately 5% of the Company's 169,693,640 common shares issued and outstanding as of February 5, 2019.

On November 23, 2017, the Company announced that the TSX had approved a Normal Course Issuer Bid (**"2018 NCIB**") which permitted the Company to acquire (from November 27, 2017 to November 26, 2018) up to 8,409,712 of its common shares, representing approximately 5% the Company's 168,194,254 common shares issued and outstanding as of November 16, 2017. The Company acquired 1,717,100 common shares at an average price of CAD\$3.09 per share under the 2018 NCIB up to March 31, 2018, and all such shares were cancelled.

On December 23, 2015, the Company announced that the TSX had approved a Normal Course Issuer Bid (**"2016 NCIB**") which permitted the Company to acquire (from December 29, 2015 to December 28, 2016) up to 16,255,503 of its common shares, representing approximately 10% of the Company's 168,837,356 common shares issued and outstanding as of December 15, 2015. The Company acquired 1,714,500 common shares at an average price of CAD\$0.72 per share under the 2016 NCIB and all shares were cancelled.

# ITEM 4 DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

# 4.1 General

Silvercorp's principal products and its sources of sales are silver-bearing lead and zinc concentrates and direct smelting ores. At present, Silvercorp sells all its products to local smelters or companies in the mineral products trading business.

For each of the Company's two most recently completed fiscal years, revenues for each category of products that accounted for 10% or more of total consolidated revenues are as follows:

	Years ended	d March 31,					
In 000s'US\$	2019	2019 2018					
Silver (Ag)	80,654	82,354					
Lead (Pb)	64,111	62,251					
Zinc	20,654	21,462					

Additional information is provided in the Company's financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for its most recently completed fiscal year.

The mining industry is intensely competitive and the Company competes with many companies possessing similar or greater financial and technical resources. The Company's competitive position is largely reliant upon its ability to maintain a high margin operation, resulting from relatively high grade resources, and lower production costs in China compared to the costs of other producers outside China. The Company's competitive advantage also results from the quality of its concentrates and its proximity to local smelters.

In Fiscal 2019, silver and zinc production at the Ying Mining District surpassed the guidance by 7% and 4%, respectively, while lead production was in line with the guidance. The higher silver production was mainly due to the increase of head grades offset by lower ore production achieved and the higher zinc production was mainly due to the improvement in recovery rates. Silver and lead head grades increased to 311 g/t for silver and 4.4% for lead from the guidance of 285 g/t and 4.3%, respectively. The cash production costs per tonne were higher than the guidance mainly due to inflation resulting in higher raw material and utility costs and adjustments to mining contractor's costs.

In Fiscal 2018, silver, lead, and zinc production at the Ying Mining District surpassed the guidance by 3%, 1%, and 1%, respectively, mainly due to the increase in head grades offset by lower ore production achieved. Silver and lead head grades increased by 11% and 6%, respectively, to 305 g/t for silver and 4.4% for lead from the guidance of 275 g/t and 4.2%, respectively. The cash production costs per tonne were higher than the guidance mainly due to more drilling and tunnelling expensed and higher material costs, while the all-in sustaining costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits were better than the guidance.

In Fiscal 2019, silver, lead and zinc production at the GC Mine surpassed the guidance by 5%, 17% and 19%, respectively, mainly due to a 16% increase in ore production offset by lower head grades for silver and lead. The cash production costs per tonne and all-in sustaining costs per ounce were lower than the guidance.

In Fiscal 2018, silver production at the GC Mine surpassed the guidance by 42%, while there was a 6% and 1% short fall in lead and zinc production mainly due to 2% less ore processed and a 3% decrease in lead head grades. The cash production costs per tonne were higher than the guidance, while the all-in sustaining costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits were better than the guidance, mainly due to higher by-product credits achieved with a 34% and 48% increase, respectively, in lead and zinc realized selling prices.

In Fiscal 2019, the Company had 899 employees at Henan Found, 243 at Guangdong Found, 4 at Hunan Yunxiang, 17 at Songxian, 28 at the Beijing representative office, and 16 in the Vancouver corporate office.

On June 20, 2017, the Company completed a corporate restructuring whereby Anhui Yangtze Mining Co. Ltd. (China) transferred its 5% interest in Guangdong Found, a company that holds a 100% interest in the GC Mine, to Yangtze Mining HK. As a result, Yangtze Mining HK currently holds a 95% interest in Guangdong Found.

# Fiscal 2020 Outlook

# Production

For the year ended March 31, 2020 ("Fiscal 2020"), the Company expects to produce approximately 900,000 tonnes of ore, which is anticipated to yield approximately 6.1 million ounces of silver, 65.1 million pounds of lead, and 21.8 million pounds of zinc.

At the Ying Mining District, production is expected to be 630,000 tonnes of ore with grades of 290 g/t silver, 4.3% lead and 0.9% zinc, with expected metal production of 5.5 million ounces of silver, 56.2 million pounds of lead and 6.3 million pounds of zinc. The cash production cost is expected to be \$78.20 per tonne of ore. The all-in sustaining cost is forecast to be \$130.20 per tonne of ore.

In Fiscal 2020, the GC Mine plans to mine and process 270,000 tonnes of ore averaging 96 g/t silver, 1.7% lead and 3.1% zinc with expected metal production of 0.6 million ounces of silver, 8.9 million pounds of lead and 15.5 million pounds of zinc. The cash production cost is expected to be \$56.70 per tonne of ore. The all-in sustaining cost at GC Mine is expected to be \$77.40 per tonne of ore.

# **Capital Expenditures Budget**

Capital expenditures at the Ying Mining District in Fiscal 2020 are budgeted at \$31.7 million, including \$24.4 million for mine tunnelling and ramp development and \$7.3 million for equipment and infrastructure. Capital expenditures at the GC Mine in Fiscal 2020 are budgeted at \$5.2 million, including \$2.5 million for mine tunnelling and ramp development, \$1.4 million for a paste backfill plant, and \$1.3 million for other equipment and infrastructure.

#### Growth by Exploration and Acquisition

The Company continues to pursue future growth opportunities by carrying out exploration programs within existing permit areas at its projects. In addition, the Company continues to evaluate the acquisition of exploration, development and production assets, or the acquisition of or merger with other entities. The Company regularly engages in discussions with respect to such possible opportunities. At any time, discussions and activities may be in progress on a number of initiatives, each at different stages of advancement. Although the Company may from time to time be a party to a number of letters of intent with respect to certain opportunities and other acquisitions, the Company currently does not have any binding agreements or binding commitments to enter into any such transactions. There is no assurance that any potential transaction will be successfully completed.

#### 4.2 Corporate Governance, Safety, Environment and Social Responsibility

#### Corporate Governance

The Company adheres to high standards of corporate governance and closely follows the requirements established by both the Canadian Securities Administrators and the SEC. Silvercorp believes that our current corporate governance systems meet or exceed these requirements. The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") oversees the direction and strategy of the business and the affairs of the Company. The Board is comprised of five directors, and as at March 31, 2019 and the date of this AIF, four of them are independent, and one is female. The Board's wealth of experience allows it to effectively oversee the development of corporate strategies and the key risks of the business, provide management with long-term direction, consider and approve major decisions, oversee the business generally and evaluate corporate performance. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board, oversee the effective functioning of the Board and the implementation of governance best practices.

#### Corporate Philosophy on Sustainability

Silvercorp operates with the goal of achieving business success within a framework of principles and values that aims to minimize any negative impacts of its operations and maximize the benefits for the communities where it operates. The Company highly values sustainable development, as well as ensuring a safe workplace for all employees and contractors, at all of our sites. We will continue to engage and interact regularly, and in an open and honest way, with governments, shareholders, employees, local communities, business partners and other stakeholders affected by our operations. We will also report, on an ongoing basis, on topics of interest to our various stakeholders to keep them apprised of our efforts in the area of sustainability.

These corporate philosophies tie directly into the emphasis on efficient process design and effective management across all aspects of our operations. Significant, ongoing efforts are made to identify and minimize various risks, as well as streamline the collection, monitoring and reporting of relevant data. A social media platform, the "Enterprise-Blog", is an instrumental tool used to ensure all mandatory procedures are being performed. Amongst other things, it allows for the recording of appropriate environmental, health and safety data that can be made available for inspection by various authorities. In addition, in Fiscal 2019, the Company invested \$1.0 million in an on-line, real time, monitoring and GPS system to further the goal of creating an "intelligent mine". This is expected to provide benefits in a number of areas.

#### Environmental and Social Responsibility

The Company has remained focused on sustainable development since its inception and is dedicated to fulfilling its environmental goals and responsibilities. We are committed to ensuring all our activities comply with all relevant industry standards, legislation and environmental regulations applicable in the various regions in which we operate. Our operations were all subject to inspections by government agencies in 2018 and, to the best of management's knowledge, all were, and continue to be, in compliance in all material respects with applicable regulations.

Our management team has regular, constructive dialogue with regulators in order to stay abreast of potential new environment policies or regulations that could have an impact on our operations and determine how to best address any changes. For example, as the mining industry is experiencing worldwide, the Chinese government is scrutinizing the use of dams to store mining tailings and imposing more stringent requirements on their location, form of construction, and ultimate size. In response, the Company's GC Mine is proceeding with the construction of a paste backfill plant, at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million, to enable it to return a significant portion of the tailings created in the mill back

underground as fill for mined out areas. While an incremental investment, this is expected to reduce the future costs and risks associated with the operation of above ground tailings facilities.

In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, our expenditures for concurrent reclamation included \$0.2 million to re-forest more than 48,000 square metres through land reclamation and environmental restoration projects. The Company also made a \$0.6 million investment to improve the tailings management facilities at the Ying Mining District. We currently estimate the aggregate present value of expenditures required for future closure and decommissioning costs to be approximately \$13.7 million as of March 31, 2019. We are not aware of any material environmental matters requiring significant capital or operating outlays in the immediate future. We caution readers that actual closure and reclamation costs may vary, perhaps materially, from estimates.

The Company is committed to creating sustainable value in the communities where our people work and live. Guided by research conducted by our local offices, the Company participates in, and contributes to, numerous community programs that typically center on education and health, nutrition, environmental awareness, local infrastructure and fostering additional economic activity. In addition to the approximately \$38.4 million in taxes and fees paid to various levels of government in China, in Fiscal 2019, the Company:

- donated \$0.7 million to over 600 families in a local community to help alleviate poverty;
- donated \$0.3 million to a local community for road construction and social activities;
- supported 24 Chinese students with scholarships to further their educations; and
- invested \$1.0 million to construct a 7,600 square metre concrete facility for mining contractors' living accommodations.

#### Health and Safety

The Company is dedicated to minimizing the potential health and safety risks faced by employees and contractors. In Fiscal 2019, the Company reviewed and refined all standard procedures at our mines and milling facilities and identified potential risks associated with each step of the operations. In Fiscal 2019, the Company:

- invested \$0.4 million to improve the fire prevention system and equipment;
- invested \$0.6 million to improve the explosive storage facilities;
- for workers where comparable data is available, achieved a 26% reduction in the lost time injury rate; and
- provided regular health and safety training sessions.

#### 4.3 Chinese Mining Law

Currently, all of the Company's material properties are located in China. Under the laws of China, mineral resources are owned by the state, and until 1997, state-owned enterprises have been the principal force in the development of mineral resources.

A new Mineral Resources Law became effective on January 1, 1997, and two regulations were promulgated on February 12, 1998, and later amended in July 2014. The new law provided for equal legal status for domestic enterprises and enterprises with foreign investment, security and transferability of mineral titles as well as the exclusivity of mining rights. The right to explore and exploit minerals is granted by way of exploration and mining rights. The holder of an exploration right has priority in obtaining the mining right to mineral resources within the exploration area provided the holder meets the conditions and requirements specified in the law. The Company's interests in mineral properties are held though joint venture companies established under and governed by, the laws of China. The Company's joint venture partners in China include state-sector entities and, like other state-sector entities, their actions and priorities may be dictated by government policies instead of purely commercial considerations.

Additionally, companies with a foreign ownership component operating in China may be required to work within a framework which is different from that imposed on domestic Chinese companies. The Chinese government currently allows foreign investment in certain mining projects under central government guidelines.

# 4.4 Risk Factors

An investment in the common shares of the Company involves a significant degree of risk and ought to be considered a highly speculative investment. The following risk factors, as well as risks not currently known to the Company, could materially adversely affect the Company's future business, operations and financial condition and could cause them to differ materially from the estimates described in the forward-looking statements and information relating to the Company.

#### Fluctuating commodity prices

The Company's sales price for silver is fixed against the Shanghai White Platinum & Silver Exchange as quoted at www.ex-silver.com; lead and zinc are fixed against the Shanghai Metals Exchange as quoted at www.shmet.com; and gold is fixed against the Shanghai Gold Exchange as quoted at www.sge.com.cn.

The Company's revenues, if any, are expected to be in large part derived from the mining and sale of silver, lead, zinc, and gold contained in metal concentrates. The prices of those commodities have fluctuated widely, particularly in recent years, and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control including international and regional economic and political conditions; expectations of inflation; currency exchange fluctuations; interest rates; global or regional supply and demand for jewellery and industrial products containing silver and other metals; sale of silver and other metals by central banks and other holders, speculators and producers of silver and other metals; availability and costs of metal substitutes; and increased production due to new mine developments and improved mining and production methods. The effects of these factors on the price of base and precious metals, and therefore the viability of the Company's exploration projects and mining operations, cannot be accurately predicted and thus the price of base and precious metals may have a significant influence on the market price of the Company's shares and the value of its projects.

If silver and other metal prices were to decline significantly for an extended period of time, the Company may be unable to continue operations, develop its projects, or fulfil obligations under agreements with the Company's joint venture partners or under its permits or licenses.

#### Recent market events and condition

Over the past several years market events and conditions, including disruptions in the Canadian, United States and international credit markets and other financial systems, along with the uncertainty of the Canadian, United States and global economic conditions, and the prior decline in precious metal prices, could, among other things, impede access to capital or increase the cost of capital, which would have an adverse effect on the Company's ability to fund its working capital and other capital requirements.

Over the past several years, worldwide securities markets, particularly those in the United States and Canada, have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many resource companies, particularly those considered exploration-stage, development-stage, or single asset companies, have experienced unprecedented declines in price which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. Most significantly, the share prices of natural resource companies have in the past experienced an extraordinary decline in value and in the number of buyers willing to purchase such securities. In addition, significantly higher redemptions by holders of mutual funds has forced many of such funds (including those holding the Company's securities) to sell such securities with little consideration to the price received.

Therefore, there can be no assurance that significant fluctuations in the trading price of the Company's common shares will not occur, or that such fluctuations will not materially adversely impact the Company's ability to raise equity funding without significant dilution to its existing shareholders, or at all.

#### Estimation of mineral resources, mineral reserves, mineralization, and metal recovery

There is a degree of uncertainty attributable to the estimation of mineral resources, reserves, mineralization and corresponding grades being mined or dedicated to future production. Until resources, reserves or mineralization are actually mined and processed, the quantity of metals and grades must be considered as estimates only. Any material change in quantity of resources, reserves, mineralization, or grade may affect the economic viability of the Company's projects. In addition, there can be no assurance that precious or other metal recoveries in small-scale laboratory tests will be duplicated in larger scale tests or during production.

#### Interpretations and assumptions of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates

Unless otherwise indicated, mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates presented in this AIF and in the Company's other filings with securities regulatory authorities, press releases and other public statements that may be made from time to time are based upon estimates made by the Company's personnel and independent geologists/mining engineers. These estimates are imprecise and depend upon geologic interpretation and statistical inferences drawn from drilling and sampling analysis, which may prove to be unreliable. The mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates contained in this AIF have been determined based on assumed future prices, cut-off grades, operating costs and other estimates that may prove to be inaccurate. There can be no assurance that these estimates will be accurate; mineral reserve, resource or other mineralization figures will be accurate; or the mineralization could be mined or processed profitably. The interpretation of drill results, the geology, grade and continuity of the Company's mineral deposits contains inherent uncertainty. Any material reductions in estimates of mineralization, or of the Company's ability to extract this mineralization, could have a material adverse effect on its results of operations or financial condition.

#### **Exploration and development programs**

The long-term operation of the Company's business and its profitability is dependent, in part, on the cost and success of its exploration and development programs. Mineral exploration and development involve a high degree of risk and few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There can be no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration and development programs will result in any discoveries of bodies of commercial mineralization. There can also be no assurance that even if commercial quantities of mineralization are discovered that a mineral property will be brought into commercial production. Development of the Company's mineral properties will follow only upon obtaining satisfactory exploration results. Discovery of mineral deposits is dependent upon a number of factors, not the least of which is the technical skill of the exploration personnel involved. The commercial viability of a mineral deposit once discovered is also dependent upon a number of factors, some of which are the particular attributes of the deposit (such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure), metals prices and government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals, and environmental protection. Most of the above factors are beyond the control of the Company. As a result, there can be no assurance that the Company's exploration and development programs will yield reserves to replace or expand current resources. Unsuccessful exploration or development programs could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations and profitability.

#### **Economic factors affecting the Company**

Many industries, including the mining industry, are impacted by market conditions. Some of the key impacts of the recent financial market turmoil include contraction in credit markets resulting in a widening of credit risk, devaluations and high volatility in global equity, commodity, foreign exchange and precious metals markets, and a lack of market liquidity. A continued or worsened slowdown in the financial markets or other economic conditions, including but not limited to, consumer spending, employment rates, business conditions, inflation, fuel and energy costs, consumer debt levels, lack of available credit, the state of the financial markets, interest rates, and tax rates may adversely affect the Company's growth and profitability. Specifically: the volatility of silver, lead and zinc prices may impact the Company's revenues, profits, losses and cash flow; volatile energy prices, commodity and consumable prices and currency exchange rates would impact the Company's production costs; and the devaluation and volatility of global stock markets may impact the valuation of the Company's equity and other securities. These factors could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

#### Timing, estimated amount, capital and operating expenditures and economic returns of future production

There are no assurances if and when a particular mineral property of the Company can enter into production. The amount of future production is based on the estimates prepared by or for the Company. The capital and operating costs to take the Company's projects into production or maintain or increase production levels may be significantly higher than anticipated. Capital and operating costs of production and economic returns are based on estimates prepared by or for the Company and may differ significantly from their actual values. There can be no assurance that the Company's actual capital and operating costs will not be higher than currently anticipated. In addition, the construction and development of mines and infrastructure are complex. Resources invested in construction and development may yield outcomes that may differ significantly from those anticipated by the Company.

#### Integration of future acquisitions into existing operations

The Company may make select future acquisitions. If the Company does make acquisitions, any positive effect on the Company's results will depend on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to: integrating the operations of an acquired business or property in a timely and efficient manner; maintaining the Company's financial and strategic focus while integrating the acquired business or property; implementing uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies at the acquired business, as appropriate; and to the extent that the Company makes an acquisition outside of markets in which it has previously operated, conducting and managing operations in a new operating environment.

Acquiring additional businesses or properties could place pressure on the Company's cash reserves if such acquisitions involve cash consideration or if such acquisitions involve share consideration existing shareholders may experience dilution.

The integration of the Company's existing operations with any acquired business may require significant expenditures of time, attention and funds. Achievement of the benefits expected from consolidation may require the Company to incur significant costs in connection with, among other things, implementing financial and planning systems. The Company may not be able to integrate the operations of a recently acquired business or restructure the Company's previously existing business operations without encountering difficulties and delays. In addition, this integration may require significant attention from the Company's management team, which may detract attention from the Company's day-to-day operations.

Over the short-term, difficulties associated with integration could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results, financial condition and the price of the Company's common shares. In addition, the acquisition of mineral properties may subject the Company to unforeseen liabilities, including environmental liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company. There can be no assurance that any future acquisitions will be successfully integrated into the Company's existing operations.

# Permits and licenses for mining and exploration

All mineral resources and mineral reserves of the Company's subsidiaries are owned by their respective joint venture entities in China. Mineral exploration and mining activities in China may only be conducted by entities that have obtained or renewed exploration or mining permits and licenses, and other certificates in accordance with the relevant mining laws and regulations. These permits and license are also subject to annual inspection by government authorities. Failure to pass the annual inspections may result in penalties. No guarantee can be given that the necessary exploration and mining permits and licenses will be issued to the Company or, if they are issued, that they will be renewed, or if renewed under reasonable operational and/or financial terms, or in a timely manner, or that the Company will be in a position to comply with all conditions that are imposed. Please see "Table 1, Mining licenses", on page 23 for information on the current status of mining licences at the Ying Project.

Nearly all mining projects require government approvals and permits relating to environmental, social, land and water usage, community, and other matters, including those discussed in Sections 20 of the respective NI 43-101 Technical Reports on the Company's material properties (see the Ying Report and the GC Report respectively). Some of the permits or certificates that are subject to renewal in the next three years at the GC Mine, not otherwise discussed in the GC Report include:

Permit	Expiry Date	Approving Authority
Safety Production Permit	October 25, 2020	Bureau of Safety Production and Inspection of Yunfu City, Guangdong Province
Dry Stacking and Filling Safety Production Permit	September 3, 2020	Bureau of Safety Production and Inspection of Yunfu City, Guangdong Province
Blasting Operation Permit	July 2, 2021	Ministry of Public Security
Pollutant Discharge Permit	September 8, 2020	Environment Protection Administration of Yunfu, Guangdong Province

There can be no certainty that approvals necessary to develop and operate mines on the Company's properties will be granted or renewed in a timely and/or economical manner, or at all.

# Title to properties

With respect to the Company's properties located in China, while the Company has investigated title to all of its mineral claims, and to the best of its knowledge, title to all of its properties is in good standing, the properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects. There may be valid challenges to the title of the Company's properties which, if successful, could impair development and/or operations. The Company cannot give any assurance that title to its properties will not be challenged. Title insurance is generally not available for mineral properties and the Company's ability to ensure that it has obtained secure claims to individual mineral properties or mining concessions may be severely constrained. The Company's mineral properties in China have not been surveyed, and the precise location and extent thereof may be in doubt.

#### Joint venture partners

The Company's interests in various projects may, in certain circumstances, become subject to the risks normally associated with the conduct of joint ventures. The existence or occurrence of one or more of the following events could have a material adverse impact on the Company's profitability or the viability of its interests held through joint ventures, which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business prospects, results of operations and financial conditions: (i) disagreements with joint venture partners on how to conduct exploration; (ii) inability of joint venture partners to meet their obligations to the joint venture or third parties; and (iii) disputes or litigation between joint venture partners regarding budgets, development activities, reporting requirements and other joint venture matters.

#### Acquisition of commercially mineable mineral rights

Most exploration projects do not result in the discovery of commercially mineable ore deposits and no assurance can be given that any particular level of recovery of mineral reserves will be realized or that any identified mineral deposit will ever qualify as a commercially mineable (or viable) ore body which can be legally and economically exploited.

The Company's future growth and productivity will depend, in part, on its ability to identify and acquire additional mineral rights, and on the costs and results of continued exploration and development programs. Mineral exploration is highly speculative in nature and is frequently non-productive. Substantial expenditures are required to: establish mineral reserves through drilling and metallurgical and other testing techniques; determine metal content and metallurgical recovery processes to extract metal from the ore; and construct, renovate or expand mining and processing facilities.

In addition, if the Company discovers a mineral deposit, it would take several years from the initial phases of exploration until production is possible. During this time, the economic feasibility of production may change.

The Company's success at completing any acquisitions will depend on a number of factors, including, but not limited to: identifying acquisitions that fit the Company's business strategy; negotiating acceptable terms with the seller of the business or property to be acquired; and obtaining approval from regulatory authorities in the jurisdictions of the business or property to be acquired. As a result of these uncertainties, there can be no assurance that the Company will successfully acquire additional mineral rights.

#### Financing

The Company has limited financial resources. If the Company's exploration programs are successful in establishing ore of commercial tonnage and grade, additional funds will be required for the development of the ore body and to place it in commercial production. Therefore, the Company's ability to continue its exploration and development activities, if any, will depend in part on the Company's ability to obtain suitable financing.

The Company intends to fund its plan of operations from working capital, proceeds of production, external financing, strategic alliances, sale of property interests and other financing alternatives. The sources of external financing that the Company may use for these purposes include project or bank financing, or public or private offerings of equity or debt. One source of future funds presently available to the Company is through the sale of equity capital. There is no assurance this source of financing will continue to be available as required, or at all. If it is available, future equity financings may result in substantial dilution to shareholders. Another alternative for the financing of further exploration would be the offering by the Company of an interest in the properties to be earned by another party or parties carrying out further exploration or development thereof. There can be no assurance the Company will be able to conclude any such agreements, on favourable terms or at all. The failure to obtain financing could have a material adverse effect on the Company's growth strategy and results of operations and financial condition.

#### Competition

The mining industry in general is intensely competitive and there is no assurance that, even if commercial quantities of ore are discovered, a ready market will exist for the sale of such ore, or concentrate, by the Company. Marketability of natural resources which may be discovered by the Company will be affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company, such as market fluctuations, the proximity and capacity of natural resource markets and processing equipment, government regulations including regulations relating to prices, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of such factors cannot be predicted but they may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on its capital.

The Company may be at a competitive disadvantage in acquiring additional mining properties because it must compete with other individuals and companies, many of which have greater financial resources, operational experience and technical capabilities than the Company. The Company may also encounter increasing competition from other mining companies in its efforts to hire experienced mining professionals. Competition for exploration resources at all levels is currently very intense, particularly affecting the availability of manpower. Increased competition could adversely affect the Company's ability to attract necessary capital funding or acquire suitable producing properties or prospects for mineral exploration in the future.

#### **Operations and political conditions**

All the Company's operations are located in China. These operations are subject to the risks normally associated with conducting business in China, which has different regulatory and legal standards than North America. Some of these risks are more prevalent in countries which are less developed or have emerging economies, including uncertain political and economic environments, as well as risks of civil disturbances or other risks which may limit or disrupt a project, restrict the movement of funds or result in the deprivation of contractual rights or the taking of property by nationalization or expropriation without fair compensation, risk of adverse changes in laws or policies, increases in foreign taxation or royalty obligations, license fees, permit fees, delays in obtaining or the inability to obtain necessary governmental permits, limitations on ownership and repatriation of earnings, and foreign exchange controls and currency devaluations.

In addition, the Company may face import and export regulations, including export restrictions, disadvantages of competing against companies from countries that are not subject to similar laws, restrictions on the ability to pay dividends offshore, and risk of loss due to disease and other potential endemic health issues. Although the Company is not currently experiencing any significant or extraordinary problems in China arising from such risks, there can be no assurance that such problems will not arise in the future. The Company currently does not carry political risk insurance coverage.

The Company's interests in its mineral properties are held through joint venture companies established under and governed by the laws of China. The Company's joint venture partners in China include state-sector entities and, like

other state-sector entities, their actions and priorities may be dictated by government policies instead of purely commercial considerations. Additionally, companies with a foreign ownership component operating in China may be required to work within a framework which is different from that imposed on domestic Chinese companies. The Chinese government currently allows foreign investment in certain mining projects under central government guidelines. There can be no assurance that these guidelines will not change in the future.

#### **Regulatory environment in China**

The Company conducts operations in China. The laws of China differ significantly from those of Canada and all such laws are subject to change. Mining is subject to potential risks and liabilities associated with pollution of the environment and disposal of waste products occurring as a result of mineral exploration and production.

Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations may result in enforcement actions and may also include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws and regulations.

New laws and regulations, amendments to existing laws and regulations, administrative interpretation of existing laws and regulations, or more stringent enforcement of existing laws and regulations could have a material adverse impact on future cash flow, results of operations and the financial condition of the Company.

#### **Environmental risks**

The Company's activities are subject to extensive laws and regulations governing environmental protection and employee health and safety, including environmental laws and regulations in China. These laws address emissions into the air, discharges into water, management of waste, management of hazardous substances, protection of natural resources, antiquities and endangered species, and reclamation of lands disturbed by mining operations. The Company's Chinese subsidiaries are required to have been issued environmental permits and safety production permits with various expiration dates. These permits are also subject to annual inspection by government authorities. Failure to pass the annual inspections may result in penalties. No guarantee can be given that the necessary permits will be issued to the Company or, if they are issued, that they will be renewed, or if renewed under reasonable operational and/or financial terms, or in a timely manner, or that the Company will be in a position to comply with all conditions that are imposed.

Nearly all mining projects require government approval and permits relating to environmental, social, land and water usage, community matters, and other matters, including those discussed in Sections 20 of the respective NI 43-101 Technical Reports on the Company's material properties (see the Ying Report and the GC Report respectively).

There are also laws and regulations prescribing reclamation activities on some mining properties. Environmental legislation in many countries, including China, is evolving and the trend has been toward stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and increasing responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. Compliance with environmental laws and regulations may require significant capital outlays on behalf of the Company and may cause material changes or delays in the Company's intended activities. There can be no assurance that the Company has been or will be at all times in complete compliance with current and future environmental, and health and safety laws, and the status of permits will not materially adversely affect the Company's business, results of operations or financial condition. It is possible that future changes in these laws or regulations could have a significant adverse impact on some portion of the Company's business, causing the Company to re-evaluate those activities at that time. The Company's compliance with environmental laws and regulations entail uncertain costs.

#### Dependence on management and key personnel

The executive director and the China operational management team all have extensive experience in the mineral resources industry in China. Most of the non-executive directors also have extensive experience in mining and/or exploration (or as advisors to companies in the field). The Company's success depends to a significant extent upon its ability to retain, attract and train key management personnel, both in Canada and in China.

The Company depends on the services of a number of key personnel, including the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the China operational management team, the loss of any one of whom could have an adverse effect on the Company's operations.

The Company's ability to manage growth effectively will require it to continue to implement and improve management systems and to recruit and train new employees. The Company cannot be assured that it will be successful in attracting and retaining skilled and experienced personnel.

#### Foreign exchange rate fluctuations

The Company reports its financial statements in US dollars. The functional currency of the head office, Canadian subsidiaries and all intermediate holding companies is the Canadian dollar while the functional currency of all Chinese subsidiaries is Chinese Renminbi. The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk when the Company undertakes transactions and holds assets and liabilities in currencies other than its functional currencies. The fluctuation of the exchange rate between the reporting currency and its functional currencies may materially and adversely affect the Company's financial position.

#### Insurance

The Company's mining activities are subject to the risks normally inherent in the industry, including, but not limited, to environmental hazards, flooding, fire, periodic or seasonal hazardous climate and weather conditions, unexpected rock formations, industrial accidents and metallurgical and other processing problems. These risks could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties, production facilities or other properties; personal injury; environmental damage; delays in mining; increased production costs; monetary losses; and possible legal liability. The Company may become subject to liability which it cannot insure or may elect not to insure due to high premium costs or other reasons. Where considered practical to do so, the Company maintains insurance against risks in the operation of its business in amounts which the Company believes to be reasonable. Such insurance, however, contains exclusions and limitations on coverage. The Company cannot provide any assurance that such insurance will continue to be available, be available at economically acceptable premiums or be adequate to cover any resulting liability. In some cases, coverage is not available or considered too expensive relative to the perceived risk.

#### **Risks and hazards of mining operations**

Mining is inherently dangerous and the Company's operations are subject to a number of risks and hazards including, without limitation: environmental hazards; discharge of pollutants or hazardous chemicals; industrial accidents; failure of processing and mining equipment; labour disputes; supply problems and delays; encountering unusual or unexpected geologic formations or other geological or grade problems; encountering unanticipated ground or water conditions; cave-ins, pit wall failures, flooding, rock bursts and fire; periodic interruptions due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions; equipment breakdown; other unanticipated difficulties or interruptions in development, construction or production; and other acts of God or unfavourable operating conditions.

Such risks could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or processing facilities, personal injury or death, loss of key employees, environmental damage, delays in mining, monetary losses and possible legal liability. Satisfying such liabilities may be very costly and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's future cash flow, results of operations and financial condition.

# **Conflicts of interest**

Conflicts of interest may arise as a result of the directors and officers of the Company also holding positions as directors and/or officers of other companies. Some of those persons who are directors and officers of the Company have and will continue to be engaged in the identification and evaluation of assets and businesses and companies on their own behalf and on behalf of other companies, and situations may arise where the directors and officers may be in direct competition with the Company. Conflicts, if any, will be subject to the procedures and remedies under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

#### Internal control over financial reporting as per the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal control, including internal controls over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and effected by the Board of Directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. Management assesses the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria set forth in the Internal Control Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

The Company may fail to achieve and maintain the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting as such standards are modified, supplemented, or amended from time to time, and the Company may not be able to ensure that the Company can conclude on an ongoing basis that the Company have effective internal control over financial reporting. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. No evaluation can provide complete assurance that our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis, or detect or uncover all failures of persons employed by the Company to disclose material information otherwise required to be reported. The effectiveness of the Company's control and procedures could also be limited by simple errors or faulty judgments. In addition, as the Company continues to expand, the challenges involved in implementing appropriate internal control over financial reporting will increase and will require that the Company continues to improve our internal control over financial reporting.

The failure to satisfy these requirements on a timely basis could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of the financial statements, which in turn could harm the business and negatively impact the trading price of shares or market value of other securities. In addition, any failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm the operating results or cause to fail to meet the reporting obligations. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to remediate material weaknesses, if any, identified in future periods, or maintain all of the controls necessary for continued compliance, and there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to retain sufficient skilled finance and accounting personnel, especially in light of the increased demand for such personnel among publicly traded companies. Future acquisitions of companies may provide the Company with challenges in implementing the required processes, procedures and controls in the acquired operations. Acquired companies may not have disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting that are as thorough or effective as those required by securities laws currently applicable to the Company.

# Outcome of current or future litigation or regulatory actions

Due to the nature of its business, the Company may be subject to numerous regulatory investigations, claims, lawsuits and other proceedings in the ordinary course of its business. The results of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty due to the uncertainty inherent in litigation, including the discovery of evidence process, the difficulty of predicting decisions of judges and juries and the possibility that decisions may be reversed on appeal. There can be no assurances that these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.

No assurance can be given with respect to the ultimate outcome of current or future litigation or regulatory proceedings, and the amount of any damages awarded or penalties assessed in such a proceeding could be substantial. In addition to monetary damages and penalties, the allegations made in connection with the proceedings may have a material adverse effect on the reputation of the Company and may impact its ability to conduct operations in the normal course.

Litigation and regulatory proceedings also require significant resources to be expended by the directors, officers and employees of the Company and as a result, the diversion of such resources could materially affect the ability of the Company to conduct its operations in the normal course of business. Significant fees and expenses may be incurred by the Company in connection with the investigation and defense of litigation and regulatory proceedings. The Company may also be obligated to indemnify certain directors, officers, employees and experts for additional legal and other expenses pursuant to such proceedings, which additional costs may be substantial and could have a negative effect on the Company's future operating results. The Company may be able to recover certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with such matters from its insurer. However, there can be no assurance regarding when or if the insurer will reimburse the Company for such costs and expenses.

#### Bringing actions and enforcing judgments under U.S. securities laws

Investors in the U.S. or in other jurisdictions outside of Canada may have difficulty bringing actions and enforcing judgments against the Company, its directors, its executive officers and some of the experts named in this AIF based on civil liabilities provisions of the federal securities laws, other laws in the U.S. state(s) in or the equivalent laws of other jurisdictions of residence.

# The Company's investments in New Pacific Metals Corp.

During Fiscal 2018, the Company invested approximately US\$23.9 million in acquiring, via private placement, 28.47 million common shares of New Pacific Metals Corp. ("**New Pacific**"), a Canadian public company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange and the OTCQX Best Markets. During Fiscal 2019 and subsequent to March 31, 2019, the Company acquired an additional 444,000 common shares of New Pacific and exercised warrants to acquire 1,500,000 common shares of New Pacific. As a result, the Company beneficially owns, directly and indirectly, and controls 41,224,900 or 28.94% of the outstanding common shares of New Pacific as of the date of this AIF. New Pacific is a junior exploration company currently in the business of acquiring and exploring mineral properties. Investments in junior mining companies involve volatile share prices, liquidity risk, and may result in possible loss of principal. New Pacific has no revenue from operations and no ongoing mining operations of any kind.

Resource exploration and development is a speculative business and involves a high degree of risk, including, among other things, unprofitable efforts resulting both from the failure to discover mineral deposits and from finding mineral deposits which, though present, are insufficient in size and grade at the then prevailing market conditions to return a profit from production. The marketability of natural resources which may be acquired or discovered by New Pacific will be affected by numerous factors beyond the control of New Pacific. These factors include market fluctuations, the proximity and capacity of natural resource markets, government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on invested capital or the possible loss of principal.

At this point, there are no known mineral reserves or mineral resources at the Silver Sand project, New Pacific's material property. Substantial expenditures are required to establish ore reserves through drilling, metallurgical, and other testing techniques, determine metal content and metallurgical recovery processes to extract metal from the ore, and construct, renovate, or expand mining and processing facilities. No assurance can be given that any level of recovery of ore reserves will be realized or that any identified mineral deposit, even if it is established to contain an estimated resource, will ever qualify as a commercial mineable ore body, which can be legally and economically exploited.

In addition to the high degree of risk associated with investing in junior exploration mining companies, the Company's investment in New Pacific entails an additional risk by virtue of the fact that its only material property, the Silver Sand project, is located in Bolivia. Bolivia's history since the mid-1960s has been one of political and economic instability under various governments. Since 2006, the government has frequently intervened in the national economy and social structure, including periodically imposing various controls, the effects of which have been to restrict the ability of both domestic and foreign companies to operate freely. Although Silvercorp believes that the current conditions in Bolivia are relatively stable and conducive to conducting business, New Pacific's current and future mineral exploration and mining activities in Bolivia are exposed to various levels of political, economic, and other risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, terrorism, hostage taking, military repression, extreme fluctuations in currency exchange rates, high rates of inflation, political and labour unrest, the risks of war or civil unrest, expropriation and nationalization, renegotiation or nullification of existing concessions, licenses, permits and contracts, illegal mining, changes in taxation policies, restrictions on foreign exchange and repatriation, changing political contractors to employ citizens of, or purchase supplies from, a particular jurisdiction.

# ITEM 5 MINERAL PROPERTIES

The Company has interests in mineral properties located in China. As at March 31, 2019, these properties were carried on the Company's consolidated statements of financial position as assets with a book value of approximately \$238.9 million. The book value consists of acquisition costs plus cumulative expenditures on properties, net of amortization and impairment charges for which the Company has future exploration plans.

For the purposes of NI 43-101, the following properties have been determined to be material to the Company as of March 31, 2019: (a) the Ying Mining District, Henan Province, China (the "**Ying Property**"); and (b) the GC Mine located in Guangdong Province, China.

# 5.1 Ying Mining District, Henan Province, China

#### Current Technical Report

Except as otherwise stated, the information in this AIF is based on the latest technical report titled "*Ying NI 43-101 Technical Report, Silvercorp Metals Inc., Henan Province, China*" (the "**Ying Report**") dated effective December 31, 2016, and prepared by AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd. ("**AMC**") on February 15, 2017. AMC had previously prepared technical reports on the Ying Property in 2012 (filed 15 June 2012, effective date 1 May 2012) (the "**2012 Technical Report**"), and in 2013 (minor update to 2012 report, filed 30 April 2013, effective date 1 May 2012) and in 2014, filed 5 September 2014, effective date 31 December 2013.

P R Stephenson, H A Smith and A Ross visited the Ying Property in July 2016. All authors of this report qualify as independent Qualified Persons.

Portions of the following information are based on the assumptions, qualifications and procedures described in the Ying Report, which are not fully described herein. The full text of the Ying Report which is available for review on SEDAR at www.sedar.com is incorporated by reference in this AIF.

# **Project Description, Location and Access**

The Ying Property is situated in central China in western Henan Province near the town of Luoning. The term "Ying District" is used to describe a 100 sq. km size rectangular area bounded by latitude 34°07'N to 34°12'N and longitude 111°14'E to 111°23'E.

The Ying Property is about 240 km west-southwest of Zhengzhou, the capital city of Henan Province, and 145 km southwest of Luoyang, which is the nearest major city. The project areas have good road access and operate year round. Within this district block, Silvercorp has three principal centres of operation, within which six mining projects are located.

Silvercorp, through wholly owned subsidiaries, has effective interests of 77.5% in the SGX/HZG projects and TLP projects, and 80% in the HPG, LME and LMW projects. It has all the exploration and mining permits necessary to cover its mining and exploration activities. There are no known or recognized environmental problems that might preclude or inhibit a mining operation in this area.

The Ying Property is now covered by four major contiguous mining licenses. The total area of the four mining licenses is 68.74 sq km. Table 1 lists their names, license numbers, areas and expiry dates.

Area and licence name	Mines	Mining licence #	Sq km	ML Expiry Date
Yuelianggou Lead-zinc-silver Mine	SGX and HZG	C4100002009093210038549	19.83	Sept 2024
Haopinggou Lead-zinc-silver-gold Mine	HPG	C4100002016043210141863	6.2257	29 Apr 2028
Tieluping-Longmen Silver-lead Mine	TLP, LME and LMW	C4100002016064210142239	22.916	27 July 2019
Dongcaogou Gold-silver Mine	none	C4100002015064210138848	19.772	15 June 2025
Total			68.74	

#### Table 1Mining licenses

In addition, mining is only permitted between prescribed elevations as follows:

- Yuelianggou Mining License 1060 m and 0 m elevations
- Haopinggou Mining License 955 m and the 365 m elevations
- Tieluping-Longmen Mining License 1,250 m and the 700 m elevations
- Doncaogau Mining License 1,087 m and the 605 m elevations

Henan Found will initiate applications to the relevant government departments so that exploration permits are reissued beneath the lower boundary of the mining permit areas. This will enable exploration to continue at depth.

Silver-lead-zinc mineralization in the Ying district has been known and intermittently mined for several hundred years. Silvercorp acquired an interest in the SGX project in 2004, the HPG project in 2006, and the TLP / LM projects in late 2007.

The existing mining licenses cover all the active exploration and mining areas discussed in this Technical Report. Mining licenses are subject to mining-right usage fees (a fixed annual charge), mineral resource compensation fees, and applicable mineral resource taxes. The renewal of mining licenses and extending mining depth and boundaries occur in the ordinary course of business as long as mineral resources exist, are defined, the required documentation is submitted, and the applicable government resources taxes and fees are paid. The mining licenses give the right to carry out full mining and mineral processing operations in conjunction with safety and environmental certificates. The safety certificates for Silvercorp's mining activities have been issued by the Department of Safety, Production and Inspection of Henan Province. Environmental certificates have been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection of Henan Province.

Surface rights for mining purposes are not included in the licenses, but Silvercorp has acquired surface rights for mining and milling activities by effecting payment of a purchase fee based on the appraised value of the land. Subject to negotiation, some land use compensation fees may also be due to the local farmers if their agricultural land is disturbed by exploratory work.

Silvercorp has established an environmental protection department consisting of five full time staff, which is responsible for environment / rehabilitation management work in the Ying Property. Monitoring plans include air and dust emissions and noise and waste water monitoring, and are undertaken by qualified persons and licensed institutes. AMC understands that results from 2013 to 2016 indicate that surface water, sanitary / process plant waste water and mining water are in compliance with the required standards. In addition, project completion inspection results were all compliant for waste water discharge, air emission, noise and solid waste disposal.

There have been a few exceptional cases in which pH values of the discharged mining water were slightly over 9.0 and Pb concentrations slightly exceeded the permitted limit of 0.011 mg/l at the general discharge point after sedimentation tank for both SGX and TLP mines.

Silvercorp's production activities are in compliance with Chinese and international labour regulations. In accordance with Chinese national regulatory requirements, Silvercorp will complete a site decommissioning plan at least one year before mine closure. Site rehabilitation and closure cost estimates will be made at that time.

China has an established Mining Code which defines the mining rights guaranteed by the government of China. Before July 1, 2016, an amount equivalent to 2-4% of sales as resources compensation fee and RMB13 (approximately \$1.92) per milled tonne resource tax was payable by companies to the government. Income tax rate is 25%. Effective July 1, 2016, the resources compensation fee was revised to be zero, while the resource tax was to be levied based on certain percentage of sales. The current resource tax applicable to Silvercorp is approximately 3% of sales.

The district lies within rugged, deeply dissected mountainous terrain of the Xionger Mountain Range. Elevations range from 300 m to 1,200 m above sea level. Hill slopes are steep, commonly exceeding 25°, and have good bedrock exposure.

The area is sparsely vegetated, consisting mostly of bushes, shrubs, ferns and small trees. At higher elevations the vegetation is denser and the trees are larger. The local economy is based on agriculture (wheat, corn, tobacco, medicinal herbs) and mining. Agriculture is confined to the bottoms of the larger stream valleys and to the many terraced hillsides.

The Ying Property is about 240 km west-southwest of Zhengzhou (population 7.0 million), the capital city of Henan Province, and 145 km southwest of Luoyang (population 1.4 million), which is the nearest major city. Zhengzhou, the largest industrial city in the region, offers full service facilities and daily air flights to Beijing, the capital of China, as well as Shanghai and Hong Kong. The nearest small city to the project area is Luoning (population >80,000), about 56 km by paved roads from Silvercorp's Ying mill site which is located centrally to the projects. The mill site is about 15 km by paved road from the Guxian Reservoir. The SGX exploration-development camp is accessed via a 10 minute ferry ride across the Reservoir. To date, ore from the SGX and HZG mines has been transported by ferry across the Guxian Reservoir to the mills. Silvercorp is currently driving a haulage tunnel to connect the SGX and HPG mines to increase haulage efficiency and ensure an environment-friendly operation. The HPG, TLP and LM projects have good road access.

The area has a continental sub-tropical climate with four distinct seasons. Temperature changes are dependent on elevation, with an annual range of -10°C to 38°C and annual average of 15°C. The annual precipitation averages 900 mm, occurring mostly in the July to September rainy season and supplemented by snow and frost occurring from November to March. The projects operate year round.

Silvercorp has sufficient surface rights to operate the projects. There are major power grids adjacent to the properties, including a power line extending to the SGX Area. Adjacent to the Ying Property is a hydropower generating station at the dam that forms the Guxian Reservoir. This reservoir is on the Luo River, a tributary of the Yellow River. Sufficient manpower is available to serve most exploration or mining operations. The steep valleys form natural reservoirs for mine tailings and waste dumps.

# History

Silver-lead-zinc mineralization in the Ying district has been known and intermittently mined for several hundred years. The first systematic geological prospecting and exploration was initiated in 1956 by the Chinese government. Detailed summaries of the district's historical activities from 1956 to 2004, when Silvercorp first acquired interests in the area, are described in previous NI 43-101 Technical Reports.

Silvercorp acquired an interest in the SGX Mine in 2004. Subsequently, Silvercorp acquired the HZG, HPG, TLP and LM mines, all of which were previously held and operated by private Chinese companies.

# Geological Setting, Mineralization and Deposit Types

The Ying Property is situated in the 300 km-long west-northwest trending Qinling orogenic belt, a major structural belt formed by the collision of two large continental tectonic plates in Paleozoic time.

The northern continental plate, the North China Plate, covers all of Henan Province and most parts of North China, while the southern plate, the Yangtze Plate, covers most part of South China. Rocks along the orogenic belt between the two major tectonic plates are severely folded and faulted, offering optimal structural conditions for the emplacement of a myriad of mineral deposits. Several operating silver-lead-zinc mines, including those in the Ying Property, occur along this belt.

The Qinling orogenic belt is comprised largely of Proterozoic- to Paleozoic-age rock sequences consisting of mafic to felsic volcanic rocks with variable amounts of interbedded clastic and carbonate sedimentary rocks. The rocks are weakly metamorphosed to lower greenschist facies, with local areas of strongly metamorphosed lower amphibolite facies. The basement of the belt is comprised of highly metamorphosed Archean-age rocks of the North China plate, dominantly felsic to mafic gneisses with minor amphibolites, intrusive gabbros and diabases. The metamorphosed Qinling belt sequence and the underlying Archean basement rocks are intruded by mafic to felsic dikes and stocks of Proterozoic age, primarily marls and carbonaceous argillites, which are in turn overlain locally by sandstone-conglomerate sequences.

The dominant structures in the Qinling orogenic belt are west-northwest trending folds and faults generated during the collision of the two major tectonic plates in Paleozoic time. The faults consist of numerous thrusts having a component of oblique movement with sets of conjugate shear structures trending either northwest or northeast. These conjugate

shear zones, which display features of brittle fracturing such as fault gouge, brecciation and well-defined slickensides, are associated with all the important mineralization recognized along the 300 km-long orogenic belt

The Ying Property contains multiple mesothermal silver-lead-zinc-rich quartz-carbonate veins in steeply-dipping faultfissure zones which cut Archean gneiss and greenstone. To date, significant mineralization has been defined or developed in at least 224 discrete vein structures, and many other smaller veins have been found but not as yet well explored.

Structurally, the vein systems throughout the district are all somewhat similar in that they occur as sets of veins of generally similar orientation enclosed by fault-fissure zones which trend most commonly northeast-southwest, less commonly north-south, and rarely northwest-southeast. The structures extend for hundreds to a few thousand metres along strike. They are often filled by altered andesite or diabase dikes together with quartz-carbonate veins or as discrete zones of altered bedrock (mainly gneiss) associated with local selvages of quartz-carbonate veinlets. From one-third to one-half of the structures exposed at the surface are conspicuously mineralized as well as altered.

The vein systems consist of narrow, tabular or splayed veins, often occurring as sets of parallel and offset veins. The veins thin and thicken abruptly along the structures in classic "pinch-and-swell" fashion with widths varying from a few centimetres up to a few metres. "Swells" formed in structural dilatant zones along the veins often forming mineralized "shoots". At the SGX mine, these shoots range from 30 m to more than 60 m in vertical and horizontal dimensions over true vein widths of 0.4 m to 3.0 m. The vertical dimension of the SGX shoots is commonly twice or more the horizontal dimension. Longitudinal sections constructed along the veins indicate that many of the shoots have a steep, non-vertical rake.

The vein systems of the various mine areas in the district are also generally similar in mineralogy, with slight differences between some of the separate mine areas and between the different vein systems within each area. These differences have been attributed to district-scale mineral zonation at different levels of exposure. This subtle zonation is thought to be perhaps analogous to the broad-scale zonation patterns observed in the Coeur d'Alene District (USA) and characteristic of many other significant mesothermal silver-lead-zinc camps in the world (Broili et al., 2008, Broili et al., 2010).

# Exploration

From 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016 (the "Reporting Period"), Silvercorp conducted extensive exploration programs on the Ying Property that included exploration-development activities in the SGX mine area, including two producing mines (SGX and HZG), the HPG mine area, and the TLP and LM mine areas, including three producing mines (TLP, LME and LMW). The past exploration activities, including surface activities, have been detailed in previous NI 43-101 Technical Reports.

Other than drilling, the projects have been explored primarily from underground workings. The workings follow the vein structures along strike, on levels spaced approximately 40 m apart. Silvercorp has found this method of underground exploration an effective and efficient way to define the geometry of the mineralized structures, in part due to the discontinuous character of the high-grade mineralization, but also to the relatively inexpensive development costs.

The exploration tunnelling and drilling programs were conducted during the Reporting Period to upgrade the Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources, to test the down-dip and along-strike extensions of the major mineralized vein structures and their parallel subzones, and to explore new target areas. The programs comprised 128,385 m of tunnelling, including 72,940 m of drifting along mineralized structures and 33,354 m of cross cutting across mineralized structures. Drift and crosscut tunnels have been developed at 30 m to 50 m intervals vertically to delineate higher-category Mineral Resources. A total of 44,166 channel/chip samples were collected from the six mine areas.

#### Drilling

Prior to Silvercorp obtaining the rights to the SGX mine in 2004, there was little drilling work completed on the Ying Property. Drilling programs conducted by previous operators include a 10,736 m surface drilling program in the TLP-LM area by the No. 6 Nonferrous Geological Exploration Team from 1991 to 1994 and a test drilling program of two holes in the SGX area by the Henan Nonferrous Geological Exploration Bureau in 2003.

Since acquiring the Ying projects, Silvercorp has initiated systematic drilling programs to test the strike and down-dip extensions of the major mineralized vein structures and explore for new mineralized structures in less-explored or unexplored areas in the Property.

Since 2004, Silvercorp has organized extensive underground diamond drilling programs each year in the Ying Mining District with a total accumulated metreage of 1,082,840m completed as of June 2016.

Drilling programs were continuously conducted over the Ying Property during the Reporting Period. Underground and surface drilling was carried out in mining areas to test the down-dip extension of major mineralized vein structures, extend the Indicated and Measured Mineral Resources at or above the current mining depth, and infill the Inferred Mineral Resource blocks defined in previous drilling programs below the current mining depth. Most of the holes were designed as inclined holes to test multiple vein structures. A total of 224,729 m in 896 diamond holes was completed, including 7,295 m in 41 surface holes and 217,434 m in 855 underground holes drilled from at or above the current mining elevations. Results of the diamond drilling program were the down-dip and strike extension of most of the major mineralized veins and the discovery of a number of new mineralized veins in the current mine areas.

Drilling results from the 2013-2016 drilling program in the Ying Property are briefly summarized in the table below. These results have been incorporated into the mine databases and contribute to the current Mineral Resource update for the six Ying mine areas.

Mine Area	Holes Completed	No of Mineralized Intersections (≧120g/t AgEq)	Average Grade of Mineralized Intersections (g/t AgEq)	Average True Width of Mineralized Intersections (m)	Detected Depth (Elevation m)
SGX	371	182	532	1.23	768 - (-71)
HZG	52	13	550	0.68	899 - 361
HPG	148	103	364	0.83	826 - (-56)
TLP	134	115	367	0.96	956 - (-82)
LME	82	68	499	0.91	958 - 276
LMW	109	79	413	1.02	951 - 433

#### Brief summary of the 2013-2016 drilling results

# Sampling and Analysis, and Data Verification

The numerous fault-fissure structures that cut the gneissic bedrock of the Ying Property are not continuously mineralized. Veins occur intermittently along these structures, appearing and disappearing along-strike and down-dip. Silvercorp's exploration consists of horizontal tunnelling along and across the veins, in addition to driving raises or declines to access the veins at other levels. Core drilling is designed to intersect the veins in other locations both laterally and vertically. Channel samples are collected from underground tunnels and other workings, and core samples are collected from altered and mineralized drill cores.

# Core Samples

NQ-sized drill cores (48 mm in diameter) are recovered from the mineralized zones. Drill core recoveries are influenced by lithology and average 98 - 99%. Drill core is moved from drill site to the surface core shack located at the mine camp on daily basis and is logged, photographed and sampled in detail there. Samples are prepared by cutting the core in half with a diamond saw. One half of the core is marked with a sample number and sample boundary and then returned to the core box for archival storage. The other half is placed in a labeled cotton cloth bag with sample number marked on the bag. A pre-numbered ticket book is used to assign the sample numbers. A ticket from the book is inserted in the bag and the stub of the ticket book is retained for reference. The bagged sample is then shipped to the laboratory for assaying.

#### Chip / Channel Samples

Channel samples across the mineralized structures are collected across the back of the tunnels at 5 m intervals, with the spacing of channel samples increasing to 15 or 25 m in the non-mineralized sections of the vein structures. Individual channels can consist of multiple chip samples, cut across and bracketing the mineralization and associated wall rocks across the tunnel. Assay results of samples are documented on underground level maps and longitudinal sections.

#### Sampling, Analysis and Data Verification

Core samples are shipped or couriered in securely sealed bags to one of the following three reputable commercial laboratories:

- The Analytical Laboratory of Henan Nonferrous Exploration Institute (Zhengzhou Nonferrous Laboratory) in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, <sup>2</sup>
- The Chengde Huakan 514 Geology and Mineral Testing and Research Institute (Chengde Laboratory) in Chengde, Hebei Province,
- The Analytical Laboratory of the Inner Mongolia Geological Exploration Bureau (Inner Mongolia Laboratory) in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia.

All four laboratories are accredited and certified as first class laboratories by the Chinese government. The procedures for sample preparation and quality management in these laboratories are established in accordance with the official Chinese technical standard DZ/T 0130-2006 (The Specification of Testing Quality Management for Geological Laboratories), which is a combination of the basic principles and methodologies of ISO 9000:2000 and ISO/IEC 17025:1999. Their sample preparation procedures consist of drying, crushing, splitting and weighing of a 200-gram sample, followed by pulverizing to 200-mesh size. The 200-mesh sample split is split again with a 100-gram split used for final assay. Two-acid digestion and AAS finish are utilized on a 0.5 g sample for lead and zinc assay. Titration is utilized as a modified process for higher grade materials. Silver is also analyzed using a two-acid digestion on a 0.5 g sample and AAS finish.

Channel samples are prepared and assayed at Silvercorp's mine laboratory (Ying Laboratory) located at the mill complex in Luoning County. Samples are dried at 100° to 105°C in an oven and are then crushed and pulverized through three procedures, preliminary crushing, intermediate crushing and final pulverizing. Sample splitting is conducted at each procedure. A 200 g sample of minus 160 mesh (0.1 mm) is prepared for assay. A duplicate sample of minus 1 mm is made and kept at the laboratory archives. A 0.5 g pulp sample is treated with two-acid digestion and assayed for silver, lead, zinc and copper with AAS at the laboratory.

Silvercorp's QA / QC program in the period from July 2013 to June 2016 comprised the following:

- Regular insertion of Certified Reference Material (CRM) samples, blanks and duplicates at a rate of one CRM, one blank and one duplicate per 40 sample batch.
- Regular review of results, with additional review by independent Qualified Persons.

Silvercorp geologists at each mine and the Exploration Management Department in Silvercorp's Beijing Office review QA / QC data on a regular basis. Any batch that reaches warning threshold or fails the QA / QC program is automatically notified for investigation or re-assayed, and only approved assay results are used for Mineral Resource estimation.

# Mineral Processing and Metallurgical Testing

The lab scale mineral processing and metallurgical tests for the Ying Property deposits were done by three laboratories in China:

- Hunan Nonferrous Metal Research Institute (HNMRI) using SGX mineralization in 2005.
- Tongling Nonferrous Metals Design Institute (TNMDI) using HZG mineralization in 2006.
- Changsha Design and Research Institute (CDRI) using TLP mineralization in 1994.

SGX is the main deposit and the HNMRI work is the most comprehensive; therefore, the lab test results from HNMRI's study (2005) on SGX mineralization were used for both mill Plant 1 (2005) and Plant 2 (2008) design. AMC is not aware of any subsequent external Design Institute metallurgical testwork having been carried out, although continual onsite "plant-tuning" occurs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Name change from the Ying Report.

#### Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates

In AMC's opinion, the geological data used to inform the Ying Property block model estimates were collected in line with industry good practice as defined in the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Exploration Best Practice Guidelines and the CIM Mineral Resource, Mineral Reserve Best Practice Guidelines.

The Mineral Resource estimates for the Ying Property were prepared by independent Qualified Person, Dr Adrienne Ross, P.Geo, with the assistance of Ms Kathy Zunica of AMC, and with input from Mr Pat Stephenson, P.Geo. Datamine software was used, and, as a result of a recommendation in AMC's 2012 Technical Report, the June 30, 2016 resources were estimated using a block modelling approach, with 3D ordinary kriging and Datamine's<sup>™</sup> dynamic anisotropy application<sup>3</sup>.

The Mineral Resources include material (approximately 25% of the Indicated Resources) below the lower limit of Silvercorp's current mining permits. However, because of the nature of Chinese regulations governing applications for new or extended mining permits, and because Mineral Resources have been shown to extend below the current lower limits, AMC is satisfied that there is no material risk of Silvercorp not being granted approval to extend the lower depth limit of its permits to develop these Resources as and when required.

The Mineral Resources are reported above cut-offs after applying a minimum practical extraction width of 0.3 m. Diluted grades were estimated for blocks with mineralization widths less than 0.3 m by adding a waste envelope with zero grade. Cut-off grades are based on in situ values in silver equivalent (AgEq) terms in grams per tonne and incorporate mining, processing and general & administration ("G&A") costs provided by Silvercorp for each mine and reviewed by AMC.

For the purposes of cut-off grade and silver equivalent calculations, AMC has used relevant reported individual metal processing recoveries and operating costs for each site, and the following long-term metal prices for both Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves: Au US\$1,250/oz, Ag US\$19/oz, Pb US\$0.90/lb, Zn US\$1.00/lb.

The total estimated Mineral Resources for the SGX, HZG, HPG, TLP, and LME and LMW mines, respectively, reported by category, are summarized in the following Table 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Dynamic anisotropy re-orientates the search ellipsoid for each estimated block based on the local orientation of the mineralization

Table 2 Mineral Resources of the Ying Property as of June 30, 2016

	Becourse Cotegom: Tonnes An (g/t) Ag (g/		• ( 10	<b>Dh</b> $(0/)$ <b>7</b> $(0/)$	7 (0/)	Metal Contained in Resource				
Mine	Resource Category	(Mt)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	PD (%)	Pb (%) Zn (%)	Au (koz)	Ag (Moz)	Pb (kt)	Zn (kt)
	Measured	2.67	-	296	5.71	3.06	-	25.46	152.7	81.71
SGX	Indicated	3.86	-	271	5.06	2.36	-	33.64	195.5	91.19
SGX	Measured + Indicated	6.54	-	281	5.33	2.64	-	59.10	348.2	172.90
	Inferred	3.66	-	268	5.14	2.33	-	31.50	187.8	85.23
	Measured	0.33	-	390	1.20	0.24	-	4.14	4.0	0.78
HZG	Indicated	0.45	-	297	0.91	0.18	-	4.27	4.1	0.80
HZG	Measured + Indicated	0.78	-	336	1.03	0.20	-	8.41	8.0	1.58
	Inferred	0.35	-	231	1.22	0.25	-	2.63	4.3	0.87
	Measured	0.69	1.10	88	3.77	1.15	24	1.95	26.0	7.92
HPG	Indicated	0.63	1.10	85	2.84	1.15	22	1.72	17.9	7.21
HPG	Measured + Indicated	1.32	1.10	87	3.33	1.15	47	3.66	43.8	15.12
	Inferred	1.01	1.21	114	3.88	1.09	39	3.69	39.1	10.98
	Measured	0.32	-	348	1.64	0.31	-	3.55	5.2	1.0
LME	Indicated	0.93	-	312	2.19	0.49	-	9.33	20.3	4.51
LIVIE	Measured + Indicated	1.25	-	321	2.05	0.44	-	12.88	25.5	5.51
	Inferred	0.65	-	326	1.60	0.42	-	6.79	10.3	2.73
	Measured	0.54	-	329	3.44	0.27	-	5.74	18.7	1.49
LMW	Indicated	1.93	-	239	2.68	0.31	-	14.84	51.7	6.00
LIVIW	Measured + Indicated	2.47	-	259	2.85	0.30	-	20.58	70.4	7.49
	Inferred	1.36	-	250	2.37	0.32	-	10.95	32.2	4.38
	Measured	1.36	-	222	3.76	0.28	-	9.71	51.1	3.80
TLP	Indicated	2.60	-	167	3.21	0.31	-	13.97	83.5	7.94
ILP	Measured + Indicated	3.96	-	186	3.40	0.30	-	23.68	134.6	11.74
	Inferred	3.44	-	196	3.95	0.32	-	21.69	135.6	11.04
	Measured	5.91	0.13	266	4.36	1.64	24	50.55	257.6	96.69
Total	Indicated	10.40	0.07	233	3.59	1.13	22	77.76	373.0	117.66
Total	Measured + Indicated	16.31	0.09	245	3.87	1.31	47	128.31	630.6	214.35
	Inferred	10.47	0.12	230	3.91	1.10	39	77.25	409.4	115.22

Notes:

Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Resources from which Mineral Reserves are estimated

Metal prices: gold US\$1250/troy oz, silver US\$19/troy oz, lead US\$0.90/lb, zinc US\$1.00/lb

Exchange rate: RMB 6.50 : US\$1.00 Veins factored to minimum extraction width of 0.3 m

Cut-off grades: SGX 140 g/t AgEq; HZG 125 g/t AgEq; HPG 125 g/t AgEq; LME 125 g/t AgEq; LMW 130 g/t AgEq TLP 120 g/t AgEq Silver equivalent formulas by mine:

SGX=33.1895\*Pb%+23.4590\*Zn%+Ag g/t; HPG=33.9925\*Pb%+18.3181\*Zn%+55.4773\*Au g/t+Ag g/t;

TLP=34.1401\*Pb%+Ag g/t; Exclusive of mine production to 30 June 2016 Rounding of some figures may lead to minor discrepancies in totals

HZG=31.8736\*Pb%+Ag g/t; LME=34.0436\*Pb%+Ag g/t; LMW=34.6856\*Pb%+Ag g/t;

#### Comparison of Mineral Resources, June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2016

A comparison of Mineral Resource estimates between 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2016 indicates the following:

- For Measured plus Indicated Resources, tonnes have increased by 16%, grades have increased by between 3% and 7%, and contained metal has increased by 20% for silver, 23% for lead and 24% for zinc.
- For Inferred Resources, tonnes have increased by 39%, silver grades have decreased by 8%, lead grades have increased by 20%, zinc grades have increased by 11%, and contained metal has increased by 28% for silver, 67% for lead and 54% for zinc.
- The main reasons for the differences are Mineral Resource addition and conversion to higher categories arising from drilling and level development, different cut-off grades, and depletion due to mining.

#### Mineral Reserve Estimate

The Mineral Reserve estimation is based on the assumption that current stoping practices will continue to be predominant at the Ying Property, namely cut and fill resuing and shrinkage stoping, using hand-held drills and hand-mucking within stopes, and loading to mine cars by rocker-shovel or by hand. The largely sub-vertical veins, generally competent ground, reasonably regular vein width, and hand-mining techniques using short rounds, allows a significant degree of selectivity and control in the stoping process. Minimum mining widths of 0.5 m for resuing and 1.0 m for shrinkage are assumed. AMC has observed the mining methods at the Ying Property and considers the minimum extraction and mining width assumptions to be reasonable. Minimum dilution assumptions are 0.10 m of total overbreak for a resuing cut and 0.2 m of total overbreak for a shrinkage stope. For the total tonnage estimated as Ying Mineral Reserves, 42% is associated with resuing and 58% with shrinkage. The Mineral Reserve estimates for the Ying Property were prepared by Silvercorp under the guidance of independent Qualified Person, Mr H A Smith, P.Eng., who takes QP responsibility for those estimates.

#### Cut-off Grades

Mineral Reserves have been estimated using breakeven cut-off values for shrinkage and resuing at each site as appropriate. The cut-off grade basis is summarized below and in Table 3.

Cut-off grade AgEq (g/t) = (mining cost + sustaining capital + milling cost + hauling cost + G&A cost + selling cost + mineral resources tax) / (processing recovery x mining recovery x Ag price).

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Item	SGX		HZG	HPG		LME		TLP		LMW	
Foreign exchange rate (RMB:US\$)	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
	Resuing	Shrinkage	Resuing	Resuing	Shrinkage	Resuing	Shrinkage	Resuing	Shrinkage	Resuing	Shrinkage
Operating costs		1					1		1		
Sustaining Capital (\$/t) (mine development & exploration tunnelling cost)	29.09	29.09	32.11	23.05	23.05	18.61	18.61	12.34	12.34	21.96	21.96
Mining Cost (\$/t)	51.35	36.49	36.58	55.5	40.58	49.52	29.77	46.4	33.19	55.13	29.77
Hauling cost (\$/t)	4.14	4.14	4.60	4.29	4.29	3.24	3.24	3.04	3.04	3.12	3.12
Milling cost (\$/t)	8.09	8.09	8.26	8.33	8.33	12.98	12.98	8.20	8.20	5.13	5.13
G&A and product selling cost (\$/t)	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33
Mineral Resources tax (\$/t)	2.42	2.42	2.19	2.04	2.04	2.18	2.18	2.03	2.03	2.22	2.22
Total operating costs (US\$/t)*	105.42	90.56	94.07	103.54	88.62	96.86	77.11	82.34	69.13	97.89	72.53
Mining recovery (%)	95	92	95	95	92	95	92	95	92	95	92
Mill recoveries			1	1			1	1		1	
Au (%)				75	75						
Ag (%)	94.45	94.45	95.56	88.94	88.94	95.23	95.23	92.39	92.39	93.32	93.32
Pb (%)	96.51	96.51	93.77	93.08	93.08	93.22	93.22	93.48	93.48	94.98	94.98
Zn (%)	61.4	61.4		45.14	45.14						
Breakeven COG (AgEq g/t) = opex \$/t / (mining recovery% x processing recovery% x Ag \$ value per g*)	190	170	170	200	175	175	145	155	130	180	135

#### Table 3 Mineral Reserve Cut-off Grades and Key Estimation Parameters

Notes:

Metal price assumptions: Ag \$19/oz; Pb \$0.90/lb; Zn \$1.00/lb. No Zn value ascribed to ore from HZG, LM, TLP and LMW sites. Operating costs from 2016 calendar year actuals and projections Lower cut-off grade values have been used for vein development operations where, effectively, the cost of this development is sunk and the value of the material mined has only to bear the cost of hauling, milling, G&A, selling and tax. These values are shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Vein development cut-off grades						
Vein development cut-off estimates	SGX	HZG	HPG	LM	TLP	
AgEq Cut-off g/t	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	

Note: Costs and metal price assumptions as per Table 3 above.

# **Dilution**

Minimum mining widths are assumed as 0.5 m and 1.0 m respectively for resuing and shrinkage. For resuing, a dilution factor has been applied to each true vein width up to a minimum extraction width of 0.5 m or to (vein width plus 0.1 m) where the true width is greater than 0.4 m. For shrinkage, a minimum dilution factor of 0.2 m is added to the minimum vein width of 0.8m. AMC notes that a key strategy used at Ying for minimizing floor dilution is the placement of rubber mats and / or conveyor belting over the waste fill floor in resuing stopes immediately before each resuing blast. This effectively serves as a barrier between ore and waste.

The dilution calculation process used for the Mineral Reserves assumes that the resulting figures represent the overall tonnes and grade delivered to surface. There is a small degree of waste hand sorting, and therefore upgrading, that occurs underground, depending on the mine and mining method. AMC considers that the resulting impact of this hand-sorting on the delivered product is not significant enough to be material.

AMC notes that the projections for dilution in both resuing and shrinkage stopes assume a high degree of process control in terms of design, drilling and blasting, and that such control on an ongoing basis will be critical to achieving dilution targets.

Table 5 summarizes average dilution from the Mineral Reserve calculations for each of the Ying mines. There is a significant reduction in estimated dilution for Mineral Reserves compared to the most recent Technical Report. AMC considers that the current dilution estimation is reasonable considering the enhanced focus on mining process control and the recently observed results from those efforts.

Mine	Dilution %					
Mine	Resuing	Shrinkage				
SGX	17%	15%				
HZG	23%	22%				
HPG	17%	19%				
LM-E	21%	18%				
LM-W	13%	14%				
TLP	17%	19%				
Total Ying	17%	17%				

Table 5	Average	dilution	bv	mine	and	method	
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# Mining Recovery Factors

Mining recovery estimates used in the Mineral Reserve calculations are based on experience at each of the Ying operations and for each mining method. For results stopes, 95% total recovery is assumed; for shrinkage stopes, 92% total recovery is assumed. Minimal pillars are anticipated to remain between adjacent mining blocks in the same vein, and partial recovery in sill pillars is allowed for in the respective recovery factors.

# Mineral Reserve Estimate

To convert Mineral Resources to Mineral Reserves, Silvercorp uses the following procedures:

- Selection of Measured and Indicated Resource areas (potential stope blocks) for which the average AgEq grade is greater than the mine cut-off AgEq grade
- Application of minimum extraction and mining width criteria and calculation of dilution at zero grade
- Estimation of Mineral Reserve potential by applying relevant mining loss factors
- Reconfirmation that diluted AgEq grade is greater than mine cut-off
- Confirmation as Mineral Reserves by considering any other significant cost factors such as additional waste development required to gain access to the block in question

Table 6 summarizes the Mineral Reserve estimates for each Ying mine and for the Ying operation as a whole. 38% of the Mineral Reserve tonnage is categorized as Proven and 62% is categorized as Probable.

Mines	Categories	Tonnes (Mt)	Au	A = (=/4)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	EQ-Ag(g/t)		Metal Contair	ed in Reserves	
Nines	Categories	Tonnes (MIT)	(g/t)	Ag (g/t)	PD (%)	Z.II (70)	EQ-Ag(g/t)	Au (koz)	Ag (Moz)	Pb (kt)	Zn (kt)
SGX	Proven	2.32		272	5.25	2.69	509		20.28	121.60	62.21
SGA	Probable	3.18		248	4.86	2.11	459		25.40	154.55	67.06
Total Prove	n & Probable	5.50		258	5.02	2.35	480		45.68	276.15	129.27
HZG	Proven	0.23		348	1.03	0.20	384		2.60	2.39	0.47
nzg	Probable	0.35		285	0.77	0.15	312		3.23	2.73	0.52
Total Prove	n & Probable	0.59		310	0.88	0.17	341		5.83	5.12	0.99
HPG	Proven	0.47	1.10	88	3.76	1.13	297	16.43	1.31	17.50	5.26
HFG	Probable	0.29	1.15	108	3.28	1.17	304	10.84	1.02	9.65	3.45
Total Prove	n & Probable	0.76	1.12	95	3.57	1.15	300	27.27	2.33	27.15	8.71
TLP	Proven	1.00		223	3.45	0.26	341		7.15	34.39	2.62
ILF	Probable	1.48		178	2.91	0.29	277		8.45	43.09	4.31
Total Prove	n & Probable	2.47		196	3.13	0.28	303		15.60	77.49	6.93
LM-E	Proven	0.20		288	1.45	0.27	337		1.82	2.85	0.54
LIVI-E	Probable	0.75		298	2.11	0.46	370		7.23	15.95	3.48
Total Prove	n & Probable	0.95		296	1.97	0.42	363		9.06	18.80	4.02
LM-W	Proven	0.46		316	3.29	0.25	428		4.69	15.21	1.14
LIVI-W	Probable	1.57		234	2.61	0.29	323		11.83	41.04	4.63
Total Prove	n & Probable	2.04		252	2.76	0.28	346		16.52	56.25	5.77
Ying Mine	Proven	4.67	0.11	252	4.15	1.55	431	16.43	37.85	193.95	72.24
i ing withe	Probable	7.63	0.04	233	3.50	1.09	374	10.84	57.16	267.01	83.45
Total Prove	n & Probable	12.30	0.07	240	3.75	1.27	396	27.27	95.02	460.96	155.69

Table 6 Ying Mines Mineral Reserve Estimates at June 30, 2016

Notes to Mineral Reserve Statement:

Stope Cut-off grades (Ag/Eq g/t): SGX - 190 Resuing, 170 Shrinkage; HZG - 170 Resuing; HPG - 200 Resuing, 175 Shrinkage; LME -175 Resuing, 145 Shrinkage; LMW -180 Resuing, 135 Shrinkage; TLP - 155 Resuing, 130 Shrinkage.

Vein development cut-off grades of 50 g/t AgEq for all mines.

Unplanned dilution (zero grade) assumed as 0.05m on each wall of a resuing stope and 0.10m on each wall of a shrinkage stope.

Mining recovery factors assumed as 95% for resuing and 92% for shrinkage.

Metal prices: gold US\$1,250/troy oz, silver US\$19/troy oz, lead US\$0.90/lb, zinc US\$1.00/lb

Processing recovery factors: SGX – 94.5% Ag, 96.5% Pb, 61.4% Zn; HZG – 95.6% Ag, 93.8% Pb; HPG – 88.9% Ag, 93.1% Pb, 45.1% Zn; LME – 95.2% Ag, 93.2% Pb; LMW – 93.3% Ag, 95.0% Pb; TLP – 92.4% Ag, 93.5% Pb.

Exclusive of mine production to 30 June 2016.

Exchange rate assumed is RMB 6.50 : US\$1.00.

Rounding of some figures may lead to minor discrepancies in totals.

AMC notes that the average silver and lead grades for the total combined Ying Mines Mineral Reserves are of the order of 20% lower than reported mined grades from operations for January to November 2016. This is consistent with the mining plan generally moving into lower grade areas as the LOM progresses. AMC notes that the grade distribution of the Mineral Reserves and the increased operational focus on minimizing dilution allows a continuing opportunity to mine at above-overall-average grades in at least the early stages of the projected remaining LOM. AMC advises that best mining practices and the focus on tight dilution control will be key to optimizing grade throughout the extraction of the Ying Mineral Reserves.

Table 7 below summarizes the total tonnage mined and total metals produced from the Ying Projects as a whole between June 30, 2016 the date of the latest Mineral Reserve report and March 31, 2018:

	Production, year ended March 31, 2018	Production, nine months ended March 31, 2017	Total Production since latest Mineral Reserve report (June 30, 2016)
Ore Mined (Mt)	0.61	0.46	1.07
Silver Produced (Moz)	5.44	4.44	9.88
Gold Produced (oz)	3,069	2,387	5,456
Lead Produced (t)	25,029	22,025	47,054
Zinc Produced (t)	2,783	1,828	4,611

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Table 7	Tonnage	mined a	and meta	l produced	since	Ying	Report date

Note: Table 7 and the immediately preceding text that references it are subsequent to and do not form part of the Ying Report.

#### Mineral Reserves Sensitivity to Cut-off Grade

AMC has tested the sensitivity of the Ying Mineral Reserves to variation in cut-off grade by applying a 20% increase in COG to Mineral Reserves at each of the Ying mines. The approximate percentage differences in contained AgEq ounces for each of the Ying mines and for the property as a whole are shown in Table 8

#### Table 8 Estimated Reduction in Contained AgEq Oz in Mineral Reserves for COG increase of 20%

	SGX	HZG	HPG	TLP	LME	LMW
Mine AgEq oz reduction	3.6%	2.4%	18.6%	10.3%	8.00%	7.2%
Ying Total AgEq oz reduction			6.	1%		

The lowest sensitivities are seen at SGX and HZG with, respectively, an estimated 3.6% and 2.4% reduction in contained AgEq ounces when the COG is increased by 20%. The highest reduction of 18.6% is noted at HPG. For Ying as a whole, an approximately 6% reduction demonstrates relatively low overall COG sensitivity.

#### Conversion of Mineral Resources to Reserves

Table 9 compares the respective sums of Measured plus Indicated Resources and Proven plus Probable Reserves for each of the Ying mines and the entire Ying operation.

Mine		Tonnes	Au	Ag	Pb	Zn	Au	Ag	Pb	Zn
		Mt	g/t	g/t	%	%	koz	Moz	kt	kt
SGX	Resource MS+ID	6.54		281	5.33	2.64		59.1	348.2	172.9
	Reserve Prv + Prb	5.5		258	5.02	2.35		45.68	276.15	129.27
Convers	sion percentages	84%		92%	94%	89%		77%	79%	75%
HZG	Resource MS+ID	0.78		336	1.03	0.2		8.41	8.034	1.58
	Reserve Prv + Prb	0.59		310	0.88	0.17		5.83	5.12	0.99
Convers	sion percentages	76%		92%	85%	85%		69%	64%	63%
HPG	Resource MS+ID	1.32	1.1	87	3.33	1.15	47	3.66	43.8	15.12
	Reserve Prv + Prb	0.76	1.12	95	3.57	1.15	27.27	2.33	27.15	8.71
Convers	sion percentages	58%	102%	109%	107%	100%	58%	64%	62%	58%
TLP	Resource MS+ID	3.96		186	3.4	0.3		23.68	134.6	11.74

#### **Table 9 Resources and Reserves Comparison**

	Reserve Prv + Prb	2.47		196	3.13	0.28		15.6	77.49	6.93
Conversi	on percentages	62%		105%	92%	93%		66%	58%	59%
LM-E	Resource MS+ID	1.25		321	2.05	0.44		12.88	25.5	5.51
	Reserve Prv + Prb	0.95		296	1.97	0.42		9.06	18.8	4.02
Conversi	ion percentages	76%		92%	96%	95%		70%	74%	73%
LM-W	Resource MS+ID	2.47		259	2.85	0.3		20.58	70.4	7.49
	Reserve Prv + Prb	2.04		252	2.76	0.28		16.52	56.25	5.77
Conversi	on percentages	83%		97%	97%	93%		80%	80%	77%
Total	Resource MS+ID	16.31	0.09	243	3.87	1.31	47	127.42	630.6	214.35
	Reserve Prv + Prb	12.3	0.07	240	3.75	1.27	27.27	95.02	460.96	155.69
Conversi	Conversion percentages		78%	99%	97%	97%	58%	75%	73%	73%

\*Numbers may not compute exactly due to rounding.

For the Property as a whole, total Mineral Reserve tonnes are approximately 75% of Mineral Resource (Measured plus Indicated) tonnes. Silver, lead and zinc Mineral Reserve grades are 99%, 97% and 97% respectively of the corresponding Measured plus Indicated Mineral Resource grades. Metal conversion percentages for silver, lead and zinc are 75%, 73% and 73% respectively.

#### Reconciliation

Table 10 shows Ying Mineral Reserves as of mid-2013 (previous Technical Report) and as of mid-2016 (this Technical Report). The 2016 data is exclusive of ore mined since mid-2013.

		Tonnes	1 ( 12			7 (0)	N	letal Contained	in Reserve	5
Mines	Categories	(Mt)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Au (oz)	Ag (Moz)	in Reserves Pb (kt) 117.30 82.50 199.80 121.60 154.55 276.15 4% 87% 38% 3.50 4.40 7.80 2.39 2.73 5.12 -32% -38%	Zn (kt)
	Proven	2.66		230	4.41	2.33		19.64	117.30	61.90
SGX 2013	Probable	2.20		206	3.75	1.90		14.56	82.50	41.90
Total Proven & Pro	bable	4.86		219	4.11	2.14		34.20	199.80	103.80
CCN 2016	Proven	2.32		272	5.25	2.69		20.28	121.60	62.21
SGX 2016	Probable	3.18		248	4.86	2.11		25.4	154.55	67.06
Total Proven & Pro	bable	5.50		258	5.02	2.35		45.68	276.15	129.27
COV A/ CI	Proven	-13%		18%	19%	15%		3%	4%	1%
SGX % Change	Probable	45%		20%	30%	11%		74%	87%	60%
Total Proven & Pro	bable	13%		18%	22%	10%		34%	38%	25%
HZG 2013	Proven	0.30		344	1.16	0.19		3.32	3.50	0.60
HZG 2013	Probable	0.39		279	1.12	0.13		3.49	4.40	0.50
Total Proven & Pro	bable	0.69		307	1.14	0.16		6.82	7.80	1.10
HZC 2016	Proven	0.23		348	1.03	0.20		2.60	2.39	0.47
HZG 2016	Probable	0.35		285	0.77	0.15		3.23	2.73	0.52
Total Proven & Pro	bable	0.59		310	0.88	0.17		5.83	5.12	0.99
	Proven	-23%		1%	-11%	5%		-22%	-32%	-22%
HZG % Change	Probable	-10%		2%	-31%	15%		-7%	-38%	4%
Total Proven & Pro	bable	-14%		1%	-23%	6%		-15%	-34%	-10%

#### Table 10 Mineral Reserves mid-2013 and mid-2016

Mines	Categories	Tonnes	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	M	letal Contained	in Reserve	5
Mines	Categories	(Mt)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	FD (70)	ZII (70)	Au (oz)	Ag (Moz)	Pb (kt)	Zn (kt)
HPG 2013	Proven	0.56	0.94	100	4.54	0.81	16,931	1.80	25.40	4.50
HPG 2013	Probable	0.36	1.05	84	3.33	1.14	12,230	0.97	12.10	4.10
Total Proven & Pro	bable	0.92	0.98	94	4.06	0.94	29,160	2.77	37.40	8.70
UDC 2017	Proven	0.47	1.10	88	3.76	1.13	16,430	1.31	17.50	5.26
HPG 2016	Probable	0.29	1.15	108	3.28	1.17	10,840	1.02	9.65	3.45
Total Proven & Pro	bable	0.76	1.12	95	3.57	1.15	27,270	2.33	27.15	8.71
	Proven	-16%	17%	-12%	-17%	40%	-3%	-27%	-31%	17%
HPG % Change	Probable	-19%	10%	29%	-2%	3%	-11%	5%	-20%	-16%
Total Proven & Pro	bable	-17%	14%	1%	-12%	22%	-6%	-16%	-27%	0%
TT D 2012	Proven	1.18		135	2.67	0.18		5.13	31.50	2.10
TLP 2013	Probable	2.10		160	2.45	0.22		10.80	51.30	4.70
Total Proven & Pro	bable	3.28		151	2.52	0.21		15.94	82.80	6.80
	Proven	1.00		223	3.45	0.26		7.15	34.39	2.62
TLP 2016	Probable	1.48		178	2.91	0.29		8.45	43.09	4.31
Total Proven & Pro	bable	2.47		196	3.13	0.28		15.60	77.49	6.93
	Proven	-15%		65%	29%	44%		39%	9%	25%
TLP % Change	Probable	-30%		11%	19%	32%		-22%	-16%	-8%
Total Proven & Pro	bable	-25%		30%	24%	33%		-2%	-6%	2%
11/2012	Proven	0.54		282	1.67	0.20		4.92	9.10	1.10
LM 2013	Probable	2.35		236	1.84	0.24		17.89	43.40	5.80
Total Proven & Pro	bable	2.89		245	1.81	0.24		22.81	52.50	6.90
	Proven	0.66		307	2.74	0.25		6.51	18.06	1.68
LM 2016	Probable	2.33		255	2.45	0.35		19.06	56.99	8.11
Total Proven & Pro	bable	2.99		266	2.51	0.33		25.58	75.05	9.79
	Proven	22%		9%	64%	25%		32%	98%	53%
LM % Change	Probable	-1%		8%	33%	46%		7%	31%	40%
Total Proven & Pro	bable	3%		9%	39%	38%		12%	43%	42%
	Proven	5.24	0.10	207	3.56	1.34	16,931	34.81	186.70	70.20
Ying Mine 2013	Probable	7.40	0.05	200	2.62	0.77	12,230	47.71	193.70	57.00
Total Proven & Pro	bable	12.64	0.07	203	3.01	1.01	29,160	82.52	380.40	127.20
	Proven	4.67	0.11	252	4.15	1.55	16,430	37.85	193.95	72.24
Ying Mine 2016	Probable	7.63	0.04	233	3.50	1.09	10,840	57.16	267.01	83.45
Total Proven & Probable		12.30	0.07	240	3.75	1.27	27,270	95.02	460.96	155.69
	Proven	-11%	10%	22%	17%	16%	-3%	9%	4%	3%
Ying % Change	Probable	3%	-20%	17%	34%	42%	-11%	20%	38%	46%
Total Proven & Pro	bable	-3%	0%	18%	25%	26%	-6%	15%	21%	22%

Some significant aspects of the comparison are:

• 3% decrease in total Ying Mineral Reserve tonnage.

- Increase in total Ying Mineral Reserve silver, lead and zinc grades of 18%, 25%, and 26% respectively.
- Increase in total Ying Mineral Reserve metal content for silver, lead and zinc of 15%, 21% and 22% respectively.
- SGX continues being the leading contributor to the Ying Mineral Reserves, now accounting for 45% of tonnes, 48% of silver, 60% of lead and 83% of zinc, compared to respective values of 38%, 36%, 43% and 67% in 2013.
- Decrease in TLP Mineral Reserve tonnes of 25% but increase in silver, lead and zinc grades of 30%, 24% and 33% respectively.
- Decrease in HPG Mineral Reserve tonnes of 17%.
- Increase in LM (combined LME and LMW) Mineral Reserve metal content for silver, lead and zinc of 12%, 43% and 42% respectively.

## Mining Operations

The Ying mine complex is a viable operation with a projected LOM through to 2036 based on Proven and Probable Reserves. The potential exists for an extended LOM via further exploration and development, particularly in areas of Inferred Resources.

The annual ore production is anticipated to be maintained at between 650 kt and 749 kt from 2017 to 2025; then from 2026 to 2036 ore production is projected to gradually fall to around 370 kt per annum as HZG, HPG and LME mines are phased out of production. Development and infrastructure to allow access to, and mining in, the necessary number of working places is either in place, in development or is planned. AMC considers that the projected production can be achieved but that there is a degree of risk associated with having sufficient skilled mining labour consistently available. AMC also notes that a continuing high degree of focus will be necessary throughout the Ying operation for planned development targets to be achieved.

Projected metal grades through to around 2023 are largely in-line with reported production grades in Fiscal 2016. The current focus on dilution and grade control will need to be diligently maintained if Mineral Reserve mining grades are to be achieved.

The Ying mines safety is governed by Chinese statutory requirements and AMC understands that, in certain areas, those requirements are exceeded. AMC advises, however, that Silvercorp should continue with a focus on safety improvement, including implementation of a policy where the more stringent of either Chinese or Canadian safety standards are employed.

The generally good ground conditions, and the regularity and sub-vertical nature of the Ying district veins, may provide an opportunity to effectively employ more bulk-mining methods such as long-hole benching, and still with reasonable dilution.

## **Processing and Recovery Operations**

Silvercorp runs two processing plants, Plants 1 and 2, at the Ying Mine with a total current design capacity of 2,600 tpd. The two plants are situated within 2 km of each other. Both were designed based on the lab tests completed by HNMRI in 2005. The overall processes of the two plants are similar and comprise crushing, grinding, flotation of lead and zinc concentrates, and concentrate dewatering. Plant 1 also has a lead / copper flotation separation circuit for use when treating high grade copper ore. In the LOM plan, the majority of ore tonnes will be processed through Plant 2, with Plant 1 being used as a backup to process low grade ore or development ore from LM, HZG, and part of TLP.

Both Plants 1 and 2 have been exceeding design throughput levels. Lead and silver recovery targets are being met or exceeded, although zinc recovery is lower than design, attributed to low zinc feed grades. Silver grade in lead concentrate meets the design targets, however, the lead grade has, on average, been below target since 2012. These statistics are consistent with an increasing proportion of production from lower grade mines such as TLP, LME and LMW.

Historically, higher-grade feed from SGX has enhanced plant performance but, with the proportion and grade of SGX ore decreasing, the challenge is to maintain similar metallurgical performance on lower grade feedstock.

Maintaining recovery seems reasonably achievable, but with a moderately adverse impact on concentrate lead grades, still marketable, but incurring higher treatment charges and lower % payables.

SGX / HPG ores also contain high grade, large-size galena lumps with characteristic specular silver-grey colour. These are hand-sorted at the mine sites, crushed, and then shipped by dedicated trucks to Plant 1. The lumps are milled in a dedicated facility, and then sold directly or mixed with flotation lead concentrate for sale.

### Infrastructure, Permitting and Compliance Activities

There are two tailings management facilities (TMF): TMF1, adjacent to and serving Plant 1, and TMF 2, adjacent to and serving Plant 2. TMF 2 was completed in July 2012, and put into service in April 2013. Each mine in the Ying Property has a number of mine waste dumps. Those for HZG and HPG are sufficient for the envisaged life of mine production, while additional waste dumps will be constructed at SGX, LME, LMW and TLP to ensure adequate capacity. Total current capacity is around 2.8 Mm<sup>3</sup>. Power for the Ying Property is drawn from Chinese National Grids with high-voltage lines to the different mine camps and mill plants.

Access to the SGX / HZG mine from Silvercorp's mill office complex is via a 7 km paved road to the Hedong wharf of the Guxian Reservoir, and then across the reservoir by boat to the mine site. Two large barges carry up to five 45 t ore trucks from the SGX / HZG and HPG mines to the plants. At the SGX mines, ore for hand-sorting is transported to a facility at the north side of the mine by diesel powered locomotive railcars in a 2.69 km long tunnel rail system. Silvercorp has constructed a 1.27 km long tunnel in order to transport ore from HZG to SGX, with completion achieved in December 2012. Ore from the TLP and LM mines is hauled to the Silvercorp central mill using 30 and 45 t truck fleets.

Silvercorp has all the required permits for its operations on the Ying Property. The existing mining permits cover all the active mining areas and, in conjunction with safety and environmental certificates, give Silvercorp the right to carry out full mining and mineral processing operations. Six safety certificates and six environmental certificates have been issued by the relevant government departments, for each of which there is a related mine development / utilization and soil / water conservation program, and rehabilitation plan.

There are no cultural minority groups within the area surrounding the general project and no records of cultural heritage sites exist within or near the SGX and HPG project areas. The mining areas do not cover any natural conservation, ecological forests or strict land control zones, current vegetation being mainly secondary, including farm plantings. Larger wild mammals have not been found in the region.

## Capital and Operating Costs

#### Summary of Capital Costs

The principal capital requirement in the Ying district is for mine development. Capital provision is also made for exploration drilling and for sustaining surface facilities and equipment in general. Specific processing plant capital requirements going forward are projected to be minimal as plant capacity has already been expanded to meet the forecast mine production. Projected LOM mining capital costs are summarized by mine in Table 11.

	Mine	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
	SGX	33.77	31.27	31.58	20.12	14.05	17.03	16.5	18.02	16.12	15.44	17.13	20.44	19.87	19.61	16.29	15.82	17.24	13.4	11.79	6.01	371.50
	HZG	9.06	7.09	5.48	6.76	5.95	4.61	4.65	3.08	1.32	0.4											48.40
	HPG	7.34	7.29	7.38	7.4	7.52	7.76	7.32	5.5	3.29												60.80
RMB (M)	TLP	9.04	9.21	9.04	9.12	8.9	9.03	9.14	9.02	8.78	8.67	7.25	7.15	7.27	7	6.73	5.64	4.1	3.03	2.28	0.55	140.95
	LM East	7.23	7.97	5.69	4.34	3.79	4.77	4.51	2.55	2.26	1.48	1.21		0.36								46.16
	LM West	11.54	12.12	12.18	12.04	10.84	10.44	13.69	12.51	9.68	9.63	9.59	9.17	9.23	8.69	7.89	7.85	7.71	7.16	7.34		189.30
	Total Mining	77.98	74.95	71.35	59.78	51.05	53.64	55.81	50.68	41.45	35.62	35.18	36.76	36.73	35.3	30.91	29.31	29.05	23.59	21.41	6.56	857.11
	SGX	4.89	4.53	4.58	2.92	2.04	2.47	2.39	2.61	2.34	2.24	2.48	2.96	2.88	2.84	2.36	2.29	2.50	1.94	1.71	0.87	53.84
	HZG	1.31	1.03	0.79	0.98	0.86	0.67	0.67	0.45	0.19	0.06											7.01
	HPG	1.06	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.09	1.12	1.06	0.80	0.48												8.81
	TLP	1.31	1.33	1.31	1.32	1.29	1.31	1.32	1.31	1.27	1.26	1.05	1.04	1.05	1.01	0.98	0.82	0.59	0.44	0.33	0.08	20.43
US\$ (M)	LM East	1.05	1.16	0.82	0.63	0.55	0.69	0.65	0.37	0.33	0.21	0.18		0.05								6.69
03\$ (M)	LM West	1.67	1.76	1.77	1.74	1.57	1.51	1.98	1.81	1.40	1.40	1.39	1.33	1.34	1.26	1.14	1.14	1.12	1.04	1.06		27.43
	Total Mining	11.30	10.86	10.34	8.66	7.40	7.77	8.09	7.34	6.01	5.16	5.10	5.33	5.32	5.12	4.48	4.25	4.21	3.42	3.10	0.95	124.22
	Drilling Program	2.02	2.03	1.93	1.75	1.54	3.59	1.23	1.09	1.01	0.97	0.74	0.62	0.62	0.59	0.63	0.52	0.48	0.41	0.25	0.13	22.18
	Surface Facilities	1.02	0.87	0.43	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.43	0.58	0.73	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.51	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.14	0.08	9.58
	Total	14.33	13.76	12.71	11.00	9.53	11.95	9.76	9.02	7.74	6.57	6.28	6.38	6.38	6.14	5.62	5.06	4.98	4.13	3.50	1.16	155.98

# Table 11 Total projected LOM capital cost - Ying Property

## Summary of Operating Costs

Operating costs are summarized by mine in Table 12. AMC considers these costs to be reasonable for the methods and technology used and the scale of the operations

Cost Item (US\$/t ore)	SGX	HZG	HPG	TLP	LME	LMW
Mining cost	48.27	50.97	41.84	46.26	43.60	58.74
Hauling cost	3.87	4.68	3.98	3.10	3.10	3.18
Milling cost	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90
G&A and other cost	8.76	8.76	8.76	8.76	8.76	8.76
Totals	69.80	73.32	63.48	67.03	64.36	79.54

### Table 12 Operating Cost Summary (2016 US\$)

Note: 1 US\$ = 6.9 RMB

The principal components of the milling costs are utilities (power and water), consumables (grinding steel and reagents) and labour, each approximately one-third of the total cost. "G&A and Other" cost includes an allowance for tailings dam and other environmental costs. The major capital expenditure on the two tailings storage facilities has already been expended and the ongoing costs associated with progressively raising the dam with tailings are regarded as an operating cost.

#### Smelter Contracts

Monthly sales contracts are in place for the lead concentrates with leading smelters, mostly located in Henan province. Among them are Henan Yuguang Gold and Lead Smelting Co. Ltd, Jiyuan Wanyang Smelting (Group) Co. Ltd, Jiyuan Jinli Smelting (Group) Co., and Luoning Yongning Gold and Lead Smelting Co. Ltd. For the zinc concentrate, sales contracts are in place with Henan Yuguang Zinc Industry Co. Ltd and Shaaxi Shangluo Zinc Smelting Co. Ltd.

All contracts have freight and related expenses to be paid by the smelter customers themselves.

The key elements of the smelter contracts are subject to change based on market conditions when the contracts are renewed each month. Table 13 shows terms most commonly applied.

		Pb Co	ncentrate & Dir	ect Smelting	Ore			Zn Concentrate
	% Pb	Deduction RMB/t Pb	Ag (g/t)	% payable	Au (g/t)	% payable	% Zn	Deduction RMB/t Zn
Minimum Quality	35		500		1		40	
Payment Scales	>=60	1700	>=5000	91	>=20	87	>=45	Price = <rmb 15000="" t:4800<="" td=""></rmb>
	55-60	1800	4500-5000	90.5	15-20	86		Price > RMB 15000/t:4800+(price-15000)*80%
	50-55	1900	4000-4500	90	10-15	85	40-45	Price = <rmb %="" 15000="" 45%<="" lower="" per="" t:4800+45="" td="" than=""></rmb>
	45-50	2000	3500-4000	89.5	7-10	84		Price > RMB 15000/t:4800+(price- 15000)*80%+45 per % lower than 45%
	40-45	2100	3000-3500	89	5-7	83		
	35-40	2600	2500-3000	88.5	3-5	82	1	
			2000-2500	88	2-3	81	1	
			1500-2000	87.5	1-2	80	1	
			1000-1500	87			]	
			500-1000	86.5				

**Table 13 Key Elements of Smelter Contracts** 

With respect to lead and zinc terms, the above deductibles calculate out to 85-90% payable for the lead concentrate and approximately 70% for zinc, at long-term prices. AMC considers these to be favourable terms relative to global smelter industry norms. Silver payables of approximately 90% are similarly in accord with industry norms.

#### Economic analysis

Although Silvercorp is a producing issuer and, therefore, does not require an economic analysis for the purposes of this report, AMC believes it is reasonable to include a summary-level analysis to illustrate the potential economic impact relative to the latest Mineral Reserve estimations and to the associated production schedules.

The Ying District is largely a mature operation. A 20-year LOM is envisaged for the resource as currently understood, with average silver equivalent grades projected to be greater than or close to 400 g/t for the first 13 years and then to fall steadily through to the end of mine life. Operating costs and capital costs are anticipated to be reasonable. For the summary economic analysis, AMC has used the same metal prices as in the Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimation, namely:

- Gold US\$1,250/oz
- Silver US\$19/oz
- Lead US\$0.90/lb
- Zinc US\$1.00/lb

An exchange rate of 1US = 6.9RMB has been used for the economic analysis.

Based on the LOM production forecast and the metal price and other assumptions shown above, a base case pre-tax NPV at 8% discount rate of \$714M is projected (\$535M post-tax). Over the LOM, 63.1% of the net revenue is projected to come from silver, 31.4% from lead and 5.5% from zinc.

A simple economic sensitivity exercise, assuming a 20% adverse change in individual metal prices, operating cost or capital cost, has indicated that most sensitivity is seen in silver price. The NPV is moderately sensitive to lead price and operating cost, and only slightly sensitive to zinc price and capital cost.

#### Annual Production Schedule

The LOM ore production schedule by mine is shown in Table 14.

# Table 14 Ying Property LOM Production Schedule

SGX	2016 July-Dec	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
Production (kt)	154	263	263	261	266	272	271	271	264	291	298	293	296	295	298	260	264	265	253	236	180	5,514
Ag (g/t)	356	316	322	322	285	290	290	276	267	291	291	262	275	254	225	222	210	187	168	177	156.4	260
Pb (%)	7.36	5.51	6.28	5.87	5.96	5.54	5.54	5.29	5.80	5.22	5.03	4.82	5.01	4.87	3.83	4.69	4.37	3.91	3.66	4.25	4.30	5.06
Zn (%)	2.01	2.41	2.32	2.50	2.56	2.58	2.10	2.32	2.50	2.28	2.06	2.40	2.30	2.34	2.73	2.36	2.16	2.31	2.40	2.30	1.87	2.34
Eq-Ag(g/t)	647	556	585	576	543	535	524	506	518	517	506	479	495	470	416	433	406	371	346	372	343	483
HZG	2016 July-Dec	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027										Total
Production (kt)	26	50	55	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	33											586
Ag (g/t)	355	338	329	338	341	327	303	289	284	269	272											312
Pb (%)	1.22	1.04	1.19	0.81	0.54	0.65	0.98	1.17	0.78	0.93	0.47											0.89
Zn (%)		0.21	0.20	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.14											0.16
Eq-Ag(g/t)	393	371	367	364	358	348	334	327	309	299	287											340
HPG	2016 July-Dec	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026											Total
Production (kt)	36	72	74	80	82	82	84	87	83	83												763
Au (g/t)	1.13	1.08	0.93	1.57	1.18	1.23	1.14	1.37	0.82	0.79												1.12
Ag (g/t)	128.18	114	118	116	119	75	96	96	72	57												97
Pb (%)	4.21	4.80	4.90	3.57	3.68	3.71	3.32	2.47	3.27	2.29												3.55
Zn (%)	0.73	0.86	1.20	1.33	1.03	1.59	1.09	0.70	1.10	1.63												1.15
Eq-Ag(g/t)	347	353	357	349	329	298	292	268	249	208												301
TLP	2016 July-Dec	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
Production (kt)	64	123	124	120	123	130	129	124	128	126	123	119	120	118	123	117	117	116	119	111	100	2,476
Ag (g/t)	211.1	271	274	255	240	233	219	198	207	197	196	201	188	184	191	184	141	138	120	104	102	195
Pb (%)	2.4	3.84	3.18	2.80	2.70	3.00	3.69	3.17	3.84	3.16	3.00	3.41	3.39	2.99	3.42	2.89	2.66	2.78	2.66	2.40	2.73	3.08
Zn (%)		0.27	0.26	0.34	0.29	0.24	0.24	0.32	0.29	0.26	0.29	0.25	0.22	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.32	0.32	0.40	0.28	0.23	0.27
Eq-Ag(g/t)	291	402	382	351	332	336	345	306	338	305	299	317	303	286	308	283	232	233	211	186	195	300
LM East	2016 July-Dec	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029								Total
Production (kt)	21	52	70	81	81	79	85	85	83	83	78	78	76									953
Ag (g/t)	396	355	340	328	320	305	294	292	288	294	266	267	217									298
Pb (%)	1.87	1.88	1.60	1.90	1.86	2.05	2.10	1.97	2.27	1.83	2.23	2.46	1.55									1.98
Zn (%)		0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3									0.42
Eq-Ag(g/t)	460	419	394	392	383	375	365	359	365	356	342	351	270									365
LM West	2016 July-Dec	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
Production (kt)	49	91	90	100	99	98	98	99	100	105	102	100	99	100	100	104	99	110	105	103	90	2,042
Ag (g/t)	313	314	325	362	318	291	352	333	291	298	282	279	295	276	204	179	166	124	103	149	112	253
Pb (%)	3.64	3.71	3.69	2.46	3.30	3.89	2.08	2.25	3.28	2.61	2.94	3.02	2.44	1.90	3.02	3.16	2.40	2.71	2.76	1.76	1.54	2.76
Zn (%)		0.26	0.19	0.18	0.23	0.34	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.28	0.35	0.29	0.26	0.35	0.43	0.51	0.33	0.24	0.30	0.30	0.14	0.28
Eq-Ag(g/t)	439	443	453	447	433	426	424	411	405	388	385	384	379	342	309	289	250	217	199	210	166	349
Ying Mine	2016 July-Dec	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
Production (kt)	350	651	677	703	712	721	727	727	718	749	634	590	592	513	520	481	480	491	477	451	370	12,334
Au (g/t)	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.10	0.09												0.07
Ag (g/t)	303	289	293	295	272	260	265	252	241	249	267	253	253	242	213	204	184	161	142	153	131	241
Pb (%)	4.81	4.23	4.32	3.70	3.84	3.86	3.71	3.44	3.98	3.46	3.72	3.92	3.80	3.85	3.58	3.92	3.55	3.37	3.21	3.22	3.20	3.75
Zn (%)	0.96	1.07	1.03	1.08	1.07	1.16	0.91	0.95	1.05	1.07	0.97	1.19	1.15	1.34	1.56	1.27	1.19	1.25	1.27	1.21	0.91	1.12
Eq-Ag(g/t)	493	462	467	454	432	423	418	398	404	393	414	412	407	401	367	364	330	302	277	288	259	396

#### **Exploration and Development**

AMC recommends that Silvercorp continue exploration tunnelling and diamond drilling at the Ying Property. The exploration tunnelling is used to upgrade the drill-defined Resources to the Measured category, and the diamond drilling is used to expand and upgrade the previous drill-defined Resources, explore for new mineralized zones within the unexplored portions of vein structures, and test for the down-dip and along-strike extensions of the vein structures. The proposed exploration work is as follows:

### SGX

#### Exploration Tunnelling:

25,000 m exploration tunnelling on vein structures S1, S2, S2W, S4, S6, S6E1, S7, S7-1, S7-2, S7E2, S7W, S8, S8E, S10, S14, S14-1, S14-2, S16E, S19, S21, S21W, and S22 between levels 110 m and 710 m.

#### Diamond Drilling:

30,000 m underground diamond drilling on vein structures S2, S2W2, S7, S7-1, S8, S10, S11, S12, S16W, S18, S19, S21 and S29.

#### HZG

Exploration Tunnelling:

 $5{,}000$  m exploration tunnelling on vein structures HZ20, HZ20E, HZ22, HZ23, and HZ5 and H22 between levels 450 m and 810 m.

#### **Exploration Drilling:**

5,000 m underground exploration drilling on vein structures HZ5, HZ22 and HZ22E.

#### HPG

Exploration Tunnelling:

5,000 m exploration tunnelling on major vein structures H4, H5, H13, H14, H15, H16, H16E and H17 between levels 100 m and 700 m.

#### Underground Drilling:

9,000 m underground diamond drilling on vein structures H5, H5W, H16 and H17 as well as their subzones.

#### LMW

#### **Exploration Tunnelling:**

6,500 m on vein structures LM7, LM8, LM10, LM11, LM12, LM13, LM16, LM17 and LM19 as well as their parallel subzones between levels 500 m and 900 m. LM2, LM3, LM5 and LM6 between levels 500 m and 750 m at LME, and LM7, LM8, LM10, LM11, LM12, LM13, LM16, LM19, and LM20 between levels 650 m and 900 m at LMW.

#### Diamond Drilling:

5,000 m underground drilling on LMW6, LM17, LM19 and W6 and their parallel vein structures.

### LME

#### Exploration Tunnelling:

4,000 m on vein structures LM2, LM2-1, LM4, LM4W2, LM5, LM5E, LM5W, LM5W2, LM6, LM6W, LM6E and LM6E2 between levels 450 m and 790 m.

#### Diamond Drilling:

6,000 m underground diamond drilling on vein groups LM4, LM5, LM6 and LM21.

### TLP

Exploration Tunnelling:

7,500 m exploration tunnelling on vein structures T1 vein group, T2, T3E, T4, T5 vein group, T11 vein group, T14, T14branch, T15 vein group, T16 vein group, T17 vein group, T21 vein group, T22 vein group, T23, T27, T28E, T33 vein group, and T35 vein group between levels 500 m and 790 m.

#### Diamond Drilling:

12,000 m underground drilling on vein structures T11, T14, T16, T21 and T35E.

The estimated cost for all of the above exploration work is:

- Tunnelling: RMB 63,600,000 (US\$9.2M)
- Drilling: RMB 20,100,000 (US\$2.9M)

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#### Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors Concerning Estimates of Inferred Resources

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### 5.2 GC Mine

#### Current Technical Report

Except as otherwise stated, the information in this section is based on the technical report titled "*NI 43-101 Technical Report Update on the GC Ag-Zn-Pb Project in Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China*" (the "**GC Report**") effective June 30, 2018 prepared by AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd. by Dinara Nussipakynova, P.Geo., Herbert A. Smith, P.Eng., Alan Riles, MAIG, and Patrick R. Stephenson, P.Geo.

The following is a summary from the GC Report and is based on the assumptions, qualifications and procedures which are not fully described herein. The full text of the GC Report which is available for review on SEDAR at www.sedar.com is incorporated by reference in this AIF.

#### **Project Description and Location**

The GC property is located in the vicinity of Gaocheng village, Gaocun Township, Yun'an District, Yunfu City, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China.

In 2008, Silvercorp acquired 100% of the shares of Yangtze Gold Ltd. (Yangtze Gold), a private British Virgin Island (BVI) company, which in turn wholly owns Yangtze Mining Ltd. (Yangtze Mining). Yangtze Mining owns a 95% interest in a Sino-Foreign joint venture company, Anhui Yangtze Mining Co. Ltd. (Anhui Yangtze). Anhui Yangtze's main asset was the GC exploration permit for the GC Mine, which was subsequently converted to a mining permit in November 2010.

Guangdong Found Mining Co. Ltd. (China), (Guangdong Found), is the designated joint venture operating company of the GC Mine. Yangtze Mining (H.K.) Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Yangtze Mining, owns 95% of Guangdong Found. Guangdong Found has a 100% beneficial interest in the GC Mine. The boundaries of the mining permit were surveyed, and the boundary markers were staked in the ground by the Bureau of Land and Resources of Guangdong Province before issuing the mining permit to Guangdong Found in 2010.

On 14 June 2010 Silvercorp announced that it had been issued an Environmental Permit for the project from the Department of Environmental Protection of Guangdong Province, an essential document required for a mining permit application.

A Mining Permit was issued by the Ministry of Land and Resources of China on 24 November 2010. The permit is valid for 30 years to 24 November 2040, covers the entire 5.5238 km<sup>2</sup> area of the GC Mine and permits mining

from 315 m to minus 530 m elevations. The permit was issued on the terms applied for and allows for the operation of an underground mine to produce silver, lead, and zinc.

Currently, GC Mine is subject to Mineral Resources taxes, levied at 3% of sales. This tax together with other government fees totals around 5% of net revenue. AMC is not aware of any additional royalties, back-in rights, payments, agreements, environmental liabilities, or encumbrances particular to the property other than those stated above.

#### Accessibility, Climate, Local Resources, Infrastructure and Physiography

The GC project is located in the vicinity of Gaocheng Village of Gaocun Township, Yun'an District, Yunfu City, Guangdong Province, China. Altitudes in the region range from 78 m to 378 m above sea level (ASL), usually 150 to 250 m ASL, with relative differences of 50 to 150 m. Vegetation is in the form of secondary forests of pine and hardwoods, bushes and grasses. Top soil covers most of the ground. Outcrops of bedrocks can only be observed in valleys.

The GC project is located west of the metropolitan city of Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong Province. Guangzhou is located about 120 km northwest of Hong Kong and has a population of almost 14 million registered residents and temporary migrant inhabitants, as of December 2016, according to an economic report released by the Guangzhou Academy of Social Science. It is serviced by rail and daily flights from many of China's larger population centres. Access to the GC project from Guangzhou is via 178 km of four-lane express highway to Yunfu, then 48 km of paved road to the project site. A railway connection from Guangzhou to Yunfu is also available.

The region belongs to a sub-tropical monsoon climate zone with average annual temperature of  $20 - 22^{\circ}$ C. Rainfall is mainly concentrated in spring and summer from March to August. Winters feature short periods of frosting. The GC project is able to operate year-round.

Streams are well developed in the district, with the Hashui Creek flowing in the GC project area. There is a reservoir upstream of the GC project area. Small hydro power stations are developed in the region that are connected to the provincial electrical grid. There is a 10 kV power line that crosses through the project area.

A power supply system consisting of a 5.8 km power line, a 110 kV substation, and a 10 kV safety backup-circuit was completed in 2013. This system has sufficient capacity to support the current production and any envisaged future production expansion.

The economy of Yun'an District mainly relies upon agriculture and some small township industrial enterprises. Labour is locally available, and technical personnel are available in Yunfu and nearby cities. The Gaocheng village is located within the GC project area.

#### History

Various state-sponsored Chinese Geological Brigades and companies have conducted geological and exploration work in the project area. Systematic regional geological surveys covering the area started in 1959. The following is a brief history of the exploration work in the area:

- During 1959 to 1960, No. 763 Geological Brigade of Guangdong Bureau of Geology conducted a 1:200,000 regional geological survey and mapping, and regional prospecting of Mineral Resources in the area. A geological map and geological reports were published.
- From 1964 to 1967, the Comprehensive Study Brigade of Guangdong Bureau of Geology conducted general prospecting and 1:50,000 geological mapping in the area, including the current project area, and submitted a geological report.
- In 1983, the Geophysical Survey Brigade of Guangdong Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources conducted a 1:200,000 airborne magnetic survey covering the project area.

- In 1988, the Regional Geological Survey Brigade of Guangdong Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources conducted a 1:200,000 stream sediment survey, which covers the project area.
- In 1991, the Geophysical Survey Brigade of Guangdong Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources conducted a 1:200,000 gravity survey covering the project area.
- In 1995, the Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources completed the compilation and interpretation of 1:1,000,000 geochemical, geophysical and remote sensing surveys covering the area.
- During 1995 and 1996, the Geophysical Survey Brigade of Guangdong Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources conducted a 1:50,000 soil survey, and defined some large and intensive Pb, Zn, Ag, Sn, W, and Bi geochemical anomalies, which cover the project area.
- During 1990 and 2000, the Guangdong Provincial Institute of Geological Survey (GIGS) conducted a 1:50,000 stream sediment survey, which covers the project area, and defined several intensive anomalies of Pb-Zn-Ag-Sn-Mn, leading to the discovery of the GC deposit.
- During 2001 and 2002, and again in 2004 and 2005, GIGS conducted general prospecting at the GC project area, and defined some mineralized bodies and estimated Mineral Resources for the GC deposit.
- During 2006 and 2007, contracted by Yangtze Mining, GIGS conducted detailed prospecting at the GC project area, and completed a 36-hole, 11,470 m surface diamond drilling program and 1,964 m3 of trenching and surface stripping, to update and upgrade the Mineral Resources of the GC deposit.
- In 2008, Silvercorp completed a 22-hole, 10,083 m drilling program, which resulted in the discovery of an additional 15 mineralized veins.

### History of Mining

Prior to Yangtze Mining acquiring the GC Property, illegal mining activity resulted in the excavation of several tunnels and small scale mining of veins V2, V2-2, V3, V4, V5, V6, and V10. GIGS reported that a total of 1,398 m of excavation comprised of 10 adits and tunnels had been completed on the property through the illegal activity.

In 2002, GIGS developed 66 m of tunnel to crosscut veins V5 and V5-1. GIGS sampled and mapped adits ML1 to ML5, ML6, ML7, ML9, and PD12.

Yangtze Mining, after its purchase of the property in 2005, mapped and sampled the accessible tunnels ML5 and ML8. Tunnel ML5 had exposure to vein V10 and tunnel ML8 had exposure to vein V2-2. Assay results of tunnel samples were used in resource estimation.

#### History of Mineral Resources

GIGS prepared a resource estimate for nine mineralized veins for the GC project after the 2004 – 2005 exploration season. GIGS has its own classification system of Mineral Resources / Reserves, which is different from CIM Standards. AMC does not believe that the GIGS estimation of resources is material to this report.

Prior to this current report, three resource estimates for the GC project have been reported:

Technical Report by SRK Consulting (SRK), dated April 2008 (entitled "Technical Report on Gaocheng Ag-Zn-Pb Project and Shimentou Au-Ag-Zn-Pb Project, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China").

AMC June 2009 Technical Report (entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report Update on the GC Ag-Zn-Pb Project in Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China").

AMC Technical Report (entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report on the GC Ag-Zn-Pb Project in Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China") dated January 2012.

## **Geological Setting**

The GC Project is located at the intersection between the Wuchuan-Sihui Deep Fault zone and Daganshan Arc-ring structural zone.

Basement rocks within the GC Project area encompass quartz sandstone, meta-carbonaceous siltstone, carbonaceous phyllite, calcareous quartzite and argillaceous limestone of the Sinian Daganshan Formation; quartz sandstone and shale of the Triassic Xiaoyunwushan Formation, and sandy conglomerate and conglomerate of the Cretaceous Luoding Formation. These rocks are intruded by Palaeozoic gneissic, medium-grained biotite granite, and Mesozoic fine- to medium grained adamellite, brownish, fine grained, biotite mylonite, granite porphyry, quartz porphyry, diabase, and aplite. The Mesozoic intrusives intruded along the south and southwest contacts of the Palaeozoic granites. The majority of Ag-Zn-Pb mineralization is hosted by the Mesozoic granite. The granite dips south and strikes west northwest, parallel to the majority of mineralized veins on the GC property.

### Mineralization

Ag-Zn-Pb mineralization at the GC deposit can be divided into two types: primary and oxidized. The primary mineralization is mainly composed of galena-sphalerite-silver minerals which occur sparsely, as disseminations, veinlets and lumps. Primary mineralization accounts for 95% of the entire mineral resource. Oxide mineralization occurs on and near the surface.

Mineralized veins in the GC area occur in relatively permeable fault-breccia zones. These zones are extensively oxidized from the surface to depths of about 40 m. Veins in this zone exhibit open space and boxwork lattice textures resulting from the leaching and oxidation of sulphide minerals. Secondary minerals present in varying amounts in this zone include kaolinite, hematite and limonite.

The dominant sulphide mineral is pyrite, typically comprising a few percent to 13% of the vein. Other constituents are a few percent of sphalerite, galena, pyrrhotite, arsenopyrite, magnetite, and less than a percentage of chalcopyrite and cassiterite. Metallic minerals in much smaller amounts include argentite, native silver, bornite, wolframite, scheelite, and antimonite. Metallic minerals occur in narrow massive bands, veinlets or as disseminations in the gangue. Gangue minerals include chlorite, quartz, fluorite, feldspar, mica, hornblende, with a small amount or trace amount of kaolinite, tremolite, actinolite, chalcedony, garnet, zoisite, apatite, and tourmaline.

Alteration minerals associated the GC vein systems include quartz, sericite, pyrite, and chlorite, together with clay minerals and limonite. Silicification commonly occurs near the centre of the veins. Chlorite and sericite occur near and slightly beyond the vein margins.

Quartz, pyrite, fluorite, and chlorite are closely related to the mineralization.

## Deposit Types

The poly-metallic mineralization of the GC deposit belongs to the mesothermal vein infill style of deposit and exhibits the following characteristics:

- The mineralization occurs as veins which are structurally controlled within broader alteration zones. The alteration can reach more than a few meters along the faults distributing in both hanging wall and footwall.
- The veins have a sharp contact with the host rocks and steeply dip at angles between  $60 85^{\circ}$ .

In general, the Ag-Zn-Pb mineralization occurs along the strike of the faults. The veins have true widths varying from just over 0.1 m to over 10 m. They have been traced for over 1,250 m along the strike, and approximately 550 m down dip.

## Exploration

The section describes surface and underground exploration activities carried out by Silvercorp between 2008 and 2017.

Surface-based exploration occurred primarily during 2008. This work included soil sampling, geological mapping and trenching (Table 9.1).

Program	Unit	Work completed
Trenching (pitting)	m <sup>3</sup>	740
Soil samples	Samples	535
	Line km	19

Table 9.1Surface exploration programs completed in 2008

Source: Silvercorp Metals Inc.

In addition to surface samples Silvercorp also completed more than 40 km of underground tunnelling and sampling at the property between 2012 and 2017.

Details of drill programs completed between 2008 and 2017 are presented in Section 10 of this report.

The grid system used for the GC project is Xi'an Geodetic Coordinate System1980. The altitude referred to is the Yellow Sea 1956 Elevation System. The project survey control points were generated from three nearby national survey control points. The control points were surveyed using four NGS-9600 GPS receivers. Survey machines used for topographical survey and geological points, trenches, adits, and drillhole collars were Topcon GTS-Serial Total Station Instrument – XJ0747 and one NX2350 and Sokkia SET-230PK Total Station Instrument.

## Soil Geochemical Program

In 2008, a 1:10,000 scale soil geochemical survey was completed by Silvercorp on the southern portion of the property. The soil sampling program comprised 20 m spaced samples along 200 m spaced lined covering a 2.22 km<sup>2</sup> area where no previous drilling had occurred. A total of 535 soil samples were collected from C-horizon soils. Samples were analysed by aqua regia digestion and ICP analysis for Au, Ag, Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo, and As.

Three significant Ag-Zn-Pb geochemical anomalies were identified.

- AS1 anomaly: encompasses an area 500 m in length and 50 to 100 m in width and includes peak values of 2.1 ppm Ag, 0.19% Pb, and 0.03% Zn at the eastern extent of V4 vein along F4 fault. Trenching was subsequently carried out over this anomaly.
- AS2 anomaly: encompasses an area 500 m length and 20 to 200 m in width and includes maximum values of 14.5 ppm Ag, 0.11% Pb, and 0.02% Zn.
- AS3 anomaly: is approximately 500 m in length and between 20 and 50 m wide (between Exploration Lines 28 44). The anomaly increases to 250 m in width to the east (between Lines 36 to 44).

## **Topographic and Geological Mapping**

The GIGS conducted 1:10,000, 1:5,000, and 1:2,000 geological mapping programs, and a 1: 2,000 topographic survey covering the GC project area in 2008. The geological mapping programs established stratigraphic sequences, and size and distributions of intrusions and faults, which was used as a framework for exploration targeting.

## **Trenching and Pitting**

Based on the soil geochemical and surface mapping, Silvercorp conducted trenching and pitting programs on the GC property. The program exposed the mineralized veins on the surface and at shallow depth. A total of seven pits and one trench were dug by Silvercorp exposing three veins.

Trench/pit	Section#	Azimuth	Volume (m3)	Vein exposed
BT08-1	40	240°	224	0.80m wide V5-1, containing 25 g/t Ag
BT08-2	44	235°	24	0.95m wide V7-0, containing 21 g/t Ag
BT08-3	52	210°	32.4	No vein intersected
BT08-4	52	310°	24	No vein intersected
BT08-5	52	340°	52.8	0.80m wide V7-0, containing 61 g/t Ag
BT08-6	44	230°	33.6	0.65m wide V5-1, containing 98 g/t Ag
BT08-7	30	340°	118.8	0.75m wide V5-1, containing 18 g/t Ag
TC5201	52	185°	230.4	1.00m wide V4, containing 0.31% Pb and 0.13% Zn

 Table 16 Trenches and Pits Completed by Silvercorp in 2008

The trenches or pits were dug perpendicular to striking direction of a soil geochemical anomaly or alteration zone. The trenching or pitting was undertaken by digging into bedrock approximately 0.3 to 0.5 m.

## Drilling

Silvercorp completed its first phase of diamond drilling on the GC property in 2008. Detailed systematic drilling commenced on the property in 2011 and continued through to 2017. All Silvercorp drilling was completed as NQ sized core.

All drill programs were managed by Silvercorp. Drillhole collars were surveyed using a total station. Down hole surveys were completed every 50 m downhole using a Photographical Inclinometer manufactured by Beijing Beizheng Weiye Science and Technology Co. Ltd (Chinese made equivalent of a Sperry-Sun downhole survey tool). Surface drillhole collars were cemented after completion and locations of drillholes were marked using 50 x 30 x 20 cm concrete blocks.

Core recoveries from Silvercorp drilling programs varied between 41.67% and 99.96% averaging 96.85%. AMC reviewed the relationship between grade and core recovery and found no bias.

All drill core was stored in a clean and well-maintained core shack in the GC camp complex. This core shack is locked when unattended and monitored by two security personnel 24 hours a day.

## Sampling and Security

Drill core processing is completed by Guangdong Found employees in accordance with the following procedure:

- Geologists check metre marking and completeness of core at the drill site.
- Core is transported to the core shack at the surface in the camp complex.
- Geologists assess core recovery. This is completed by measuring the length of core recovered and comparing to the length of the drilled interval.
- Geologists complete detailed logging of core. Lithological, vein and mineralization contacts are identified and recorded. Angles to core axis are recorded for mineralized veins. Mineralized veins typically contain massive sulphide or significant quantities of sulphide and are visually distinct from non-mineralized wallrock.

- Geologists photograph and sample core.
- Drill core is sampled on 1.5 m maximum intervals and at geological or mineralization contacts
- Core is cut in half with a rock saw. One half is placed in a cotton bag which is labelled with the sample number. The other half is placed back in core tray for future reference.
- Sample bags are sealed.
- Individual samples are placed into rice bags and secured for shipment to the laboratory.

Sampling of underground workings is completed by Guangdong Found employees as follows:

- Sampling of tunnels:
  - Channel samples are collected along sample lines perpendicular to the mineralized vein structure. Individual channel samples comprise a composite of chips comprising 5 m intervals across visible mineralization and increasing to 15 – 25 m across non-mineralized sections of the vein structure. Samples include vein material and associated wallrock.
- Cross cuts, tunnels, and bottom of trenches:
  - Channel samples are collected from walls of cross cut tunnels and bottom of trenches. In general, samples are limited to the thickness of the mineralized structure which can vary from 20 cm to 1.5 m wide.
- Samples are placed in a cotton bag which is labelled with the sample number. Sample bags are secured closed.
- Individual sample bags are placed into rice bags and secured for shipment to the laboratory.

### Security of Samples

Samples were shipped from Gaocheng site to an ALS Laboratory in Guangzhou between 2008 and 2014. Commencing in 2012 Silvercorp shipped samples to the Gaocheng onsite laboratory in addition to ALS. GC became the primary laboratory in 2014. Samples were transported as follows:

- ALS Laboratories (2008 2014): Samples were transported in a pickup truck escorted by Guangdong Found employees and then couriered to ALS laboratories in Guangzhou.
- Gaocheng onsite laboratory (2012 present): Samples are transported to the Gaucheng onsite laboratory escorted by a geologist from Guangdong Found.

## Sampling, Analysis and Data Verification

#### ALS Chemex Guangzhou

Between 2008 and 2014 samples were prepared and analysed by ALS Chemex in Guangzhou (ALS Guangzhou), Gaungdong Province, China. ALS Guangzhou is accredited with International Standards Organization (ISO) 9001:2015 and China National Accreditation Service (CNAS). The accreditation covers General requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories.

At ALS Ghangzhou, samples were dried, and then crushed to greater than 70% passing <2 mm. The crushed sample was then split using a riffle splitter and up to 250 g pulverized to achieve 85% passing 75 microns.

Prepared samples were digested using ALS assay procedure ME-OG62. In the process samples are digested with nitric, perchloric, hydrofluoric and hydrochloric acids, evaporated, have hydrochloric acid and de-ionized water added, and then are heated for an allotted time. The cooled sample is then diluted to volume with de-ionized water, homogenized and analysed by inductively coupled plasma – atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) or atomic absorption spectrometry (ICP-MS).

Detection ranges for ME-OG62 are shown in Table 11.1.

Table 11.1ALS Chemex lab method and detection limits

Element	Symbol	Units	Lower limit	Upper limit
Silver	Ag	ppm	1	1,500
Lead	Pb	%	0.001	20
Zinc	Zn	%	0.001	30

Source: Compiled by AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd. from data provided by Silvercorp Metals Inc.

Silver samples returning assays greater than 1,500 g/t Ag were subsequently analysed by ALS fire assay (method AG GRA-21). This method has a lower detection of 5 g/t and an upper limit of 10,000 g/t.

#### **Gaocheng Mine Laboratory**

The Gaocheng Mine Site Laboratory (GC Lab) is owned and operated by Silvercorp. It is not certified by any standards association.

At the GC Lab, samples are dried for 12 hours at  $75 - 80^{\circ}$ C. Dried samples are crushed to 2 - 5 mm with a jaw crusher, then further crushed to 0.84 - 1.0 mm with a roll crushing machine. The crushed sample is split through a riffle splitter resulting in a subsample of 300 g. This sample is ground with a pulverizer made in Jiangxi, China to 0.125 - 0.074 mm. The pulverizer is cleaned regularly by grinding quartz sand, then cleaned with high pressure air.

Prepared samples (0.5 g) are digested using two acid digests. Ag, Pb, and Zn are analysed using atomic-absorption spectrometry (AAS). Detection limits for the GC Lab analytical process are:

Element	Symbol	Units	Lower limit	Upper limit
Silver	Ag	Ppm	1	500
Lead	Pb	%	0.001	3
Zinc	Zn	%	0.001	3

 Table 11.2
 Silvercorp GC lab detection limits

Source: Silvercorp Metals Inc.

Lead and zinc reporting above the detection limit (3%) are analysed using a separate titration process. This process has a lower detection limit of 2% and an upper detection limit of 80% for Pb and Zn.

Fire assay is used to analyse high grade silver. This process has an upper detection limit of 5,000 ppm Ag.

Channel samples are collected along sample lines perpendicular to the mineralized vein structure as well as from walls of cross-cut tunnels and bottom of trenches. Samples include vein material and associated wallrock.

All data for the GC Project is stored within a central Access Database which is managed by two designated database administrators. All data collection and storage are standard with most data including the laboratory data being uploaded from Excel into the Access database.

QA/QC protocols are fairly industry standard. Certified Reference Materials (CRMs) have been routinely inserted since 2011. Blank (uncrushed) samples and coarse duplicates have been inserted since 2012 (drilling) and 2014 (underground sampling). Umpire samples (pulp duplicates) have been sent to a different laboratory since 2011.

Data verification was carried out by the QP with 5% of the samples being verified in the database. Of the 11,171 samples contained within the vein domains, 612 samples were verified, 6 errors were found, and 18 assay certificates not located. The six errors represent around 1%. Further validation of the database is recommended to identify and correct any remaining errors.

The QP does not consider these issues to have a material impact on Mineral Resource estimates and considers the assay database to be acceptable for Mineral Resource estimation.

### Mineral Processing and Metallurgical Testing

Since the 2012 Technical Report no further metallurgical testing has been done, but the mill functioned in a trial mode up to 2014 and, from that point (FY2015 starting Q2 2014), has been in commercial production.

Metallurgical testing for the GC project was carried out by the Hunan Research Institute of Non-Ferrous Metals and reported in May 2009 in the report "Development and Research of the Comprehensive Recovery Test of Lead Zinc Silver Tin Sulphur for the Lead Zinc Ore Dressing in GC Mine Area". This report was made available to AMC in English translation by Silvercorp. The testwork was also summarized in the January 2011 GMADI report as part of the "Design Instructions" for the plant design.

The objectives of the testwork were, following on from previous testwork of 2007 on samples from artisanal mining dumps, to i) maximize silver recovery to the lead concentrate, ii) investigate the potential for tin recovery, iii) develop a process flow sheet with appropriate operating parameters as a basis for the industrial scale implementation of lead, zinc, sulphur (and possibly tin) recovery, and iv) determine the product quality characteristics relative to the relevant national standards.

Since the start of trial operations in 2013 and commercial production in 2014, lead and zinc concentrates have been produced in commercial quantities at the Gaocheng mill. The overall process consists of crushing, grinding, sequential flotation of lead, zinc and pyrite concentrates, and concentrate dewatering by disc filtration. An experimental tin recovery gravity separation circuit is installed on pyrite flotation tails.

Two-stage crushing is carried out, with the second stage in closed circuit. Run of mine ore at -350 mm is reduced to crusher product at -10 mm. This is followed by two-stage grinding in ball mills to a product size of 80% passing 75  $\mu$ m (P80 of 75  $\mu$ m).

The flotation process consists of a standard flotation of lead, with three-stage cleaning of the lead concentrate, then flotation of zinc concentrate with three-stage cleaning; leaving pyrite tailings as S concentrate. Concentrates are dewatered by conventional thickening and filtration.

Trucks under escort by security personnel are used to transport lead and zinc concentrates from the mine site to refineries. A front-end loader is used to load the concentrate from storage sheds near filters at the mill site to the concentrate shipping trucks.

Since completion of commissioning, the plant has processed approximately the same amount of ore each year (approximately 250 ktpa).

There is a laboratory on site equipped with the customary sample preparation, wet chemistry, and basic photometric analytical equipment; as well as crushing, grinding, flotation, and gravity-separation metallurgical testing equipment.

#### Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates

#### Mineral Resource Estimates

The Mineral Resources for the GC deposit have been prepared by Mr Shiping Yin, Resource Geologist of Silvercorp. Ms Dinara Nussipakynova, P.Geo., of AMC, has reviewed the methodologies and data used to prepare the Mineral Resource estimates and, after changes to the Mineral Resource classification, she is satisfied that they comply with reasonable industry practice. Ms Nussipakynova takes responsibility for these estimates.

AMC is not aware of any known environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socioeconomic, marketing, political, or other similar factors that could materially affect the stated Mineral Resource estimates.

The data used in the Mineral Resource estimation includes results of all drilling carried out on the Property to 31 December 2017. The estimation was carried out in Micromine<sup>TM</sup> software. Interpolation was carried out using inverse distance cubed  $(ID^3)$  for all the veins.

Resource classification	Tonnes (Mt)	$\Lambda \propto (\alpha/t)$	Pb (%)	<b>7</b> m (9/)	Contained metal				
Resource classification	Tonnes (MIL)	Ag (g/t)	PD (70)	Zn (%)	Ag (koz)	Pb (Mlbs)	Zn (Mlbs)		
Measured	2.735	101	1.4	3.2	8,840	84	195		
Indicated	3.638	92	1.2	2.7	10,818	98	217		
Measured and Indicated	6.374	96	1.3	2.9	19,658	181	412		
Inferred	7.481	107	1.2	2.6	25,662	196	429		

 Table 5.2
 Summary of Mineral Resources as of 31 December 2017

Notes: CIM Definition standards (2014) were used for reporting the Mineral Resources

Mineral Resource are reported at a cut-off grade of 100 g/t AgEq.

The equivalency formula is Ag g/t+44.6\*Pb%+43.5\*Zn% using prices of \$19/oz Ag, \$1.00/lb Pb and \$1.25/lb Zn and estimated recoveries of 77% Ag, 86% Pb, and 83% Zn.

Drilling results up to 31 December 2017.

Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

The numbers may not compute exactly due to rounding.

Source: Silvercorp, reproduced as a check by AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd.

The GC deposit consists of 89 veins, each of which has a separate block model. Approximately 16,000 m of channel samples and 27,800 m of core samples from 1,050 drillholes form the basis of the estimate. Capping is employed on the raw data and the composite length equals the vein thickness.

The parent block size for all veins was 1 m by 2 m by 2 m (x, y, z) with block percentages employed. In order to check the estimates AMC imported all 89 block models and, based on provided wireframes, created sub-celled models for better representation of the mined-out volumes.

Interpolation was carried out using the inverse distanced cubed (ID<sup>3</sup>) method. Mining depletion and write-offs based on survey information to 31 December 2017 were coded into the block models by Silvercorp.

On review of the classification, AMC revised the classification system using an assessment of mineralization continuity, data quality and data density, with data density being the main criterion. Mineral Resources were classified as Measured, Indicated, and Inferred.

The block models were validated by AMC in four ways. First, visual checks were carried out to ensure that the grades respected the raw assay data. Secondly, swath plots were reviewed. Thirdly, the estimate was statistically compared to the composited assay data, with satisfactory results. Lastly, eight block models were re-estimated using independent parameters and ordinary kriging. The results of the OK estimate compared favourably with the  $ID^3$  estimates.

#### Mineral Reserve Estimates

To convert Mineral Resources to Mineral Reserves, mining cut-off grades have been applied, mining dilution has been added and mining recovery factors assessed on an individual vein mining block basis. Only Measured and Indicated Resources have been used for Mineral Reserves estimation.

The Mineral Reserve estimates for the Gaocheng property were prepared by Silvercorp under the guidance of independent Qualified Person, Mr H. Smith, P.Eng., who takes QP responsibility for those estimates.

The Mineral Reserve estimation is based on the assumption that stoping practices will continue to be shrinkage stoping with a relatively small amount of cut and fill resuing. Minimum mining widths of 1.0 m for shrinkage and 0.5 m for resuing, and dilution of 0.20 m total for shrinkage and 0.10 m for resuing cut and fill stopes are assumed. Cut off grades used are 180 g/t AgEq for shrinkage and 245 g/t AgEq for resuing.

Table 1.2 summarizes the Mineral Reserves estimate for the Gaocheng mine. 47% of the Mineral Reserve tonnage is categorized as Proven and 53% is categorized as Probable.

Reserve classification	Tannas (Mt)	A = (a t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Contained metal					
	Tonnes (Mt)	Ag (g/t)	FD (70)	ZII (70)	Ag (koz)	Pb (Mlbs)	Zn (Mlbs)			
Proven	1.691	96	1.4	3.2	5,219	53	120			
Probable	1.873	97	1.4	2.9	5,841	58	121			
Proven and Probable	3.564	96	1.4	3.1	11,000	112	240			

 Table 1.2
 Gaocheng mine Mineral Reserves estimate at 31 December 2017

Notes to Mineral Reserve Statement:

Full breakeven cut-off grades: Shrinkage = 180 g/t AgEq: Resuing = 245 g/t AgEq.

Marginal material cut-off grade: 145 g/t AgEq.

Dilution (zero grade) assumed as 0.1 m on each wall of a shrinkage stope and 0.05 m on each wall of a resuing stope.

Mining recovery factors assumed as 95% for resuing and 92% for shrinkage.

Metal prices: Silver US\$19/troy oz, lead US\$1.00/lb, zinc US\$1.25/lb.

Processing recovery factors: Ag - 77%, Pb - 86%, Zn - 83%.

Effective date 31 December 2017.

Exchange rate assumed is RMB 6.50: US\$1.00.

Rounding of some figures may lead to minor discrepancies in totals.

Since the start of mining operations through to the end of 2017, a total of 988,000 tonnes has been milled from preand post-commercial production mined at Gaocheng. The comparison of the head grades to date with the current Mineral Reserve estimates shows a reduction in silver grade of 2%, a reduction in lead grade of 5%, and an increase in zinc grade of 13% in the Mineral Reserves.

Mining to date has been conducted in two stages. Stage 1 targeted bringing the project into production as soon as practicable using mobile, rubber-tired, diesel-powered equipment (development jumbo, loader and truck) with surface declines access down to -50 mRL. Stage 2 development from -50 mRL down to -300 mRL employs conventional tracked equipment (battery powered locomotives, rail cars, electric rocker shovels and pneumatic hand-held drills) via a surface shaft access. In-stope rock movement is by gravity to draw points or hand-carting to steel-lined passes.

The rock mass condition is categorized as Fair to Good and it is anticipated that the vein and host rocks in the mine area will continue to be largely competent and require minimal ground support other than in weaker ground areas.

A pillar is maintained around the Main Shaft. Development may occur within the pillar zone, however stope production will not be allowed. The shaft pillar is an expanding cone with a dip from the collar elevation of 80°. The pillar radius at surface (248 mRL) is 13 m and the Main Shaft radius is 3 m.

Relative to the Mineral Reserve estimates in the previous Technical Report (2012 Technical Report - preoperations), there is a 264% increase in Proven Mineral Reserve tonnes and a 56% decrease in Probable Mineral Reserve tonnes, with a decrease in Mineral Reserve total tonnes of 25% (1,186,000 t).

#### Mine Production Commercial production to end-2017

Table 16.6 shows reported GC production from start of commercial operations in FY2015 (Q2 2014) to end of December 2017.

Fiscal year	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018 (Q2 to Q4 2017)	Totals
Ore mined (tonnes)	253,321	257,575	260,746	216,342	987,984
Head grades					
Silver (g/t)	107	94	94	99	98
Lead (%)	1.35	1.76	1.44	1.50	1.51
Zinc (%)	2.65	2.53	2.81	2.80	2.69
S grade, %	9.29	9.19	10.55	9.94	9.74

Table 16.6GC production FY2015 - FY2018

#### LOM plan production

Projected LOM production is the combination of development ore and stope ore and is summarized in Table 16.7.

Quarter / F-year	Ore tonnes		Mined ore grade			Pla	anned met	als
		AgEq	Ag (g∕t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (t)	Pb (t)	Zn (t)
FY2018Q4	30,632	298	96	1.15	3.46	2.94	352	1,059
FY2018-total	30,632	298	96	1.15	3.46	3	352	1059
FY2019Q1	59,940	296	96	1.31	3.26	5.76	783	1,953
FY2019Q2	64,444	300	96	1.22	3.44	6.19	785	2,214
FY2019Q3	71,445	298	104	1.36	3.06	7.44	971	2,185
FY2019Q4	47,288	322	136	1.42	2.82	6.42	672	1,333
FY2019-total*	243,118	303	106	1.32	3.16	26	3210	7686
FY2020Q1	68,007	320	105	1.56	3.32	7.17	1,063	2,258
FY2020Q2	65,856	346	110	2.06	3.30	7.26	1,358	2,171
FY2020Q3	85,508	348	113	1.91	3.46	9.64	1,632	2,960
FY2020Q4	63,420	339	139	1.61	2.95	8.80	1,021	1,873
FY2020-total	282,790	339	116	1.79	3.28	33	5073	9262
FY2021	294,124	351	132	1.65	3.36	38.77	4,850	9,873
FY2022	314,030	335	110	1.90	3.23	34.50	5,960	10,157
FY2023	329,479	321	102	1.57	3.41	33.70	5,166	11,234
FY2024	332,924	317	104	1.57	3.30	34.51	5,227	10,975
FY2025	335,778	303	95	1.62	3.12	31.87	5,441	10,475
FY2026	321,470	289	107	1.26	2.89	34.45	4,058	9,298
FY2027	323,713	255	79	1.12	2.88	25.60	3,628	9,338
FY2028	299,861	247	75	1.10	2.81	22.59	3,300	8,425
FY2029	251,114	208	56	1.00	2.47	14.09	2,503	6,204
FY2030	204,791	206	58	0.96	2.42	11.84	1,963	4,952
Total	3,563,826	293	96	1.42	3.06	344	50,732	108,938

Table 16.7LOM production summary

Note: Excludes 6,882 t of exploration tunneling material anticipated to be ore in 2019 budgeting.

The life-of-mine (LOM) production duration is planned for 12 years with currently defined Mineral Resources. The average production rate will be 300 ktpa of ore from 2019 to 2030 inclusive. A steady state mine production rate of approximately 330 ktpa is projected from 2023 to 2027 inclusive.

#### **Mining Operations**

Mining to date has been conducted in two stages, with a general description as follows:

- 1. Stage 1 +150 mRL to -50 mRL between local Mine Sections 10 to 36 for development and 12 to 32 for production. West side of project.
- 2. Stage 2 +100 mRL to -50 mRL between Mine Sections 36 to 54 for development and 32 to 54 for production. For -50m RL to -300 mRL between Mine Sections 12 to 50 for both development and production.

Stage 1 essentially targeted bringing the project into production as soon as practicable using mobile rubber-tired diesel-powered equipment (development jumbo, loader and truck) with surface declines access down to -50 mRL.

Stage 2 development from -50 mRL down to -300 mRL employs conventional tracked equipment (battery powered locomotives, rail cars, electric rocker shovels and pneumatic hand held drills) via a surface shaft access. Selective stoping methods - shrinkage and resuing - are employed with stope production drilling conducted with pneumatic jackleg drilling. In-stope rock movement is by gravity to draw points or hand-carting to steel-lined passes.

Stage 1 production mucking used load-haul-dump loaders (LHD) with trucks hauling ore to the surface ROM stockpile, and ore was re-handled from the ROM stockpile to the primary crusher feed bin using a ROM front-end-loader (FEL).

Stage 2 and ongoing production mucking uses electric-powered over-throw rail loaders with rail cars and battery powered locomotives transporting ore to level ore passes at each level. Ore is hoisted using a double-story cage (holding four cars, i.e. two cars each story) to a surface stock pile where a loader conveys ore to the surface crusher feed bin.

#### **Production Rate**

Mine operations are conducted 365 days of the year but mine production is currently scheduled on the basis of 330 days per year at approximately 800 tpd for approximately 264 ktpa. An increase to a steady state rate from 2023 to 2027 of around 330 ktpa is planned. The remaining production life is estimated to be 12 years.

The average production is approximately 65 tonnes per day per stope for Shrinkage stopes and 15 tonnes per day per stope for Resue stopes with production per level capped at approximately 25% of the available stopes and up to 30 stopes concurrently working over all active levels.

The actual production rate from each stope is dependent on the vein width, and as such, the production rate and schedule assume a balance of wider and narrower vein stopes (generally Shrinkage and Resue respectively).

#### Mining Methods

Shrinkage stoping and Resue stoping are the methods employed.

To support AMC's understanding of the Silvercorp application of stoping methods and also their suitability for the GC Mine environment, AMC previously observed the application of these stoping methods at Silvercorp's Ying mine operation during May 2016. The Ying mine is located in Luoning County, in the Henan Province, about 10 km South-East of Xiayu and about 60 km South-East of Luoning. AMC considers the methods employed to be appropriate for the GC Mine environment.

#### Mine Development

The mine design is now based on Mineral Resources above 100 g/t AgEq, with the addition of vein exploration development (which in some part, is also used for stope access). Vein exploration development is categorized as development that occurs outside of the mineral resource categorization. Vein exploration development is reported as development waste and, for planning purposes, is assigned zero grade irrespective of its actual resource grade.

The mine levels are located at 50 m vertical intervals. Levels are graded at 0.3% from either the Ramp or Main Shaft access, however the mine design provided does not incorporate this feature. AMC does not consider this to be material with respect to estimates for development quantities.

Thus far, Phase 1 and Phase 2 development has all been completed. The production and ventilation systems consist of Main Shaft, Main Ramp, Exploration Ramp, and Phase 1 and 2 ventilation shafts.

The Main Shaft (from +248 mRL to -370 mRL) is used for hoisting of ore, waste rock, equipment and materials, personnel, and for intake airflow for -100 RL and below levels.

The Main Ramp (portal elevation +176 mRL, bottom elevation -67 mRL) is used for transportation of ore, waste rock, equipment and materials, personnel, and for intake airflow for -500 mRL and above levels.

The Exploration Ramp is used for transportation of ore, waste rock, equipment and materials, personnel, and for intake airflow for +100 RL and +50 mRL levels.

At present, GC mine is extending the Main Ramp from -50 mRL to -300 mRL. There is a plan to extend the main ramp to -530 mRL for transportation of ore, waste rock, equipment and materials, personnel, and for intake airflow for -300 RL level and below.

## Market Studies and Contracts

AMC understands that the Gaocheng concentrates are marketed to existing smelter customers in Henan province and appropriate terms have been negotiated as detailed in Section 19.2 below.

In the 2012 Technical Report, AMC had expressed some concerns about potential arsenic levels in concentrates (0.5% As in the lead and zinc concentrates), which would potentially pose concentrate marketing problems to western smelters. AMC had also previously been able to verify from direct experience of Chinese smelter contracts that, notwithstanding the various grades within the national standards, arsenic levels up to 2 - 3% are in fact acceptable in precious metals bearing pyrite concentrate. AMC now understands that an acceptable arsenic level in base metal concentrates, without penalty, for Chinese smelters is of the order of 1.0% and notes that the GC lead and zinc concentrates are acceptable to those smelters. AMC also notes the Silvercorp concentrate selling arrangements whereby:

- Should the As level ever be higher than 1.0% in zinc concentrates, the payable Zn content would be discounted by 0.5% Zn for every 1% As above the 1.0% As level.
- For instances where the pyrite concentrate has an As content above 1.0%, a penalty is paid on a case by case basis.

#### Smelter and Concentrate Sales Contracts

Sales contracts are in place for the lead concentrates with Shandong Humon Smelting Co. Ltd., and for the zinc concentrate with Chenzhou Qiantai Industrial Co. Ltd. and Henan Yuguang Zinc Industry Co. Ltd.

All contracts have an effective period of one year, with key elements of the contracts subject to change based on market conditions when monthly supplemental agreements to the annual contracts are negotiated. AMC had previously indicated that a preferable arrangement would have been to see contracts as part of a life-of-mine frame agreement; however, it also understands that these contracts should be viewed in the context of the existing operations and concentrate sales to these smelters and therefore does not view the apparently short term of the contracts as a material issue.

Arsenic levels in the concentrates are acceptable to the Chinese smelters. All contracts have freight and related expenses to be paid by the customers.

The key elements of the contracts are summarized in Table 19.1.

	Pb concentrate				Zn concentrate					
	%Pb	Deduction RMB / T Pb	Ag (g∕t)	% payable	%Zn	Deduction RMB / T Zn	Ag (g/t)	Payable RMB / g Ag		
Minimum quality	35		500		35		150			
Payment Scales	>50	1200	>3000	91.0	>=45	Price <rmb 15000="" t:<br="">3800</rmb>	>=300	RMB1.0		
	45 - 50	1350	2500 - 3000	90		Price>RMB 15000/T: 3800 + (price - 15000)*20%	150-300	RMB0.8		
	40 - 45	1500	2000 - 2500	89	40 - 45	Price <rmb15000 t:<br="">3800+50 per % lower than 45%</rmb15000>				
	35 - 45	2000	1500 - 2000	88		Price>15000/T: 3800+(price- 15000)*20%+50 per % lower than 45%				
			1000 - 1500	87.0	35 - 40	Price <rmb15000 t:<br="">4050+100 per % lower than 40%</rmb15000>				
						Price>15000/T: 4050+(price- 15000)*20%+100 per % lower than 45%				
			500 - 1000	84.0						

Table 19.1Key elements of smelter contracts

With respect to lead and zinc terms, the above deductibles calculate out to 85 - 92% payable for the lead concentrate and approximately 70 - 78% for the zinc concentrate, at projected long-term prices. AMC considers these to be favourable terms relative to global smelter industry norms. Silver payables of approximately 90% are similarly in accord with industry norms.

At the time of the 2012 Technical Report, silver was seen as the likely major contributor to ore value at Gaocheng. Silver prices have remained at reasonable levels but the recent advance in base metal prices and, particularly that of zinc, have elevated the importance of those metals to the Gaocheng operation. At the time of writing of this report, spot metal prices are noted in the region of: Ag \$16.75/oz, Pb \$1.14/lb, and Zn \$1.45/lb.

## Exploration and Development

The following tasks are planned, as per recommendations made in the GC Report:

- For bulk density assessment and verification, collect additional samples to represent various mineralization types including low grade, medium grade, high grade and waste material.
- Assess ground conditions on a round by round basis in all development headings (ore and waste) to determine the requirement for ground support. Doing so will help prevent the occurrence of significant failures from backs and walls, which require timely rehabilitation and expose the work force to rock fall hazard.
- Ensure scaling of the development heading on a round by round basis.
- Maintain a focus on dilution and grade control.
- Conduct routine check scaling of all unsupported development at the mine. This process can help identify areas of the mine in which rock mass deterioration is occurring and allow rehabilitation works to be planned.
- Where possible, avoid mining development intersections in fault zones, and design drifts to cross fault zones at right angles (to minimize the exposure length within the drift).

- Assess specific rock mass conditions for critical underground infrastructure, including shafts and chambers, to determine ground support requirements to ensure serviceability of the excavation for the life of mine.
- Ensure that an assessment of crown pillar requirements has been incorporated into the detailed mine design with particular focus on surface pillar requirements in the vicinity of Hashui Creek valley, and any other streams (or drainage paths) that traverse the mine area.
- As part of ongoing operations at the mine, geotechnical and ground support aspects should be continuously reviewed in a formal and recordable manner, bearing in mind previous recommendations, local and mine-wide operating experience in all rock types encountered, any advisable data collection, and also looking to future mining development.
- With respect to the TMF, Silvercorp to continue to satisfy itself, as per best industry practice, that all fundamental aspects of the TMF design, construction and operation have been and continue to be satisfactorily addressed. This may include geotechnical drilling of the dam foundation area, as it is AMC's understanding that such activity has not specifically been undertaken.
- Continue with a focus on safety improvement, including implementation of a policy where the more stringent of either Chinese or Canadian safety standards are employed.
- Place a strong focus on stockpiling and record keeping procedures and ensure that the summation of individual ore car weights by stope and zone is, as far as practicable, fully integrated into the tracking and reconciliation process.
- Undertake periodic mill audits aimed at ensuring optimum process control and mill performance.
- Continue exploration tunnelling and diamond drilling at Gaocheng. The exploration tunnelling is used to upgrade the drill-defined Resources to the Measured category, and the diamond drilling is used to expand and upgrade the previous drill-defined Resources, explore for new mineralized zones within the unexplored portions of vein structures, and test for extensions of the vein structures.

As of March 31, 2019, the following exploration and development has occurred:

- 1. A total of 26,529 m underground drilling was completed to further define the previously drill-defined Mineral Resource blocks in the production areas.
- 2. A total of 12,713 m exploration tunneling was completed to upgrade the Indicated Mineral Resource blocks to the Measured category.
- 3. A total of 397 m of Decline development was completed. By March 31, 2019, there was a total of 4,158 m of inclines at the GC Mine, including 1,398 m of a Main Decline development and 1,777 m of an Exploration Decline development.
- 4. The construction of a dry tailing stowing TMF was commenced in March 2019 and expected to be completed by the end of September 2019.
- 5. A total of 7,960 m underground development was completed in addition to the aforementioned decline development.

Note: The preceding text that references exploration and development as of March 31, 2019 are subsequent to, and do not form part of, the GC Report.

#### Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors Concerning Estimates of Measured Resources and Indicated Resources:

This section uses the terms "measured resources" and "indicated resources". We advise U.S. investors that these terms are not recognized by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The estimation of measured resources and indicated resources involves greater uncertainty as to their existence and economic feasibility than the estimation of proven and probable reserves. U.S. investors are cautioned not to assume that mineral resources in these categories will be converted into reserves. See "Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors – Information Concerning Preparation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates".

#### Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors Concerning Estimates of Inferred Resources

This section uses the terms "inferred resources". We advise U.S. investors that this term is not recognized by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The estimation of inferred resources involves far greater uncertainty as to their existence and economic viability than the estimation of other categories of resources. U.S. investors are cautioned not to assume that estimates of inferred mineral resources exist, are economically minable, or will be upgraded into measured resources or indicated mineral resources. See "Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors – Information Concerning Preparation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates".

### ITEM 6 DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Company declared its first annual dividend of CAD\$0.05 per share in calendar year 2007 (fiscal year 2008) and has declared and paid dividends as set out in the table below. Dividends are in Canadian dollars for all years up to, but not including, Fiscal 2017. Dividends since Fiscal 2017 are in US dollars.

Fiscal Year ended March 31,	Dividends Declared per share	Total Dividends Paid per share
2008	\$0.05	\$0.05
2009	\$0.08	\$0.08
2010	\$0.08	\$0.08
2011	\$0.08	\$0.08
2012	\$0.10	\$0.10
2013	\$0.10	\$0.10
2014	\$0.02	\$0.02
2015	\$0.02	\$0.02
2016	N/A	N/A
2017	US\$0.01	US\$0.01
2018	US\$0.02	US\$0.02
2019	US\$0.025	US\$0.025

On May 28, 2018, the Board announced an increase in dividend payments, declaring semi-annual dividend of US\$0.0125 per share (US\$0.025 per share on an annual basis).

The declaration and payment of future dividends, if any, is at the discretion of the Board and will be based on a number of relevant factors including commodity prices, market conditions, financial results, cash flows from operations, and expected cash requirements.

## ITEM 7 DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE

#### General Description of Capital Structure

The Company has an authorized capital of an unlimited number of common shares without par value (the "**Common Shares**"), of which 170,007,152 Common Shares were issued and outstanding as of June 20, 2019. A further 6,215,816 Common Shares have been reserved for issuance upon the due and proper exercise of certain incentive options ("**Options**") outstanding as of June 20, 2019.

The following is a summary of the principal attributes of the Common Shares:

*Voting Rights.* The holders of the Common Shares are entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at any meeting of the shareholders of the Company. The Common Shares carry one vote per share. There are no cumulative voting rights, and directors do not stand for re-election at staggered intervals.

*Dividends*. The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive on a pro rata basis such dividends as may be declared by the Board out of available funds. There are no indentures or agreements limiting the payment of dividends.

*Rights on Dissolution.* In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of the Common Shares will be entitled to receive on a pro rata basis all of the assets of the Company remaining after payment of all of the Company's liabilities.

*Pre-Emptive, Conversion and Other Rights.* No pre-emptive, redemption, sinking fund or conversion rights are attached to the Common Shares, and the Common Shares, when fully paid, will not be liable to further call or assessment. There are no provisions discriminating against any existing or prospective holder of Common Shares as a result of such shareholder owning a substantial number of Common Shares.

The rights of holders of Common Shares may only be changed by a special resolution of holders of  $66^{2/3}$ % of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, in accordance with the requirements of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

Under the Company's stock option plan, the Company may grant options to purchase up to 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares outstanding from time to time, to directors, officers, employees and consultants. As of June 20, 2019, the Company has stock options outstanding to purchase 6,215,816 Common Shares at exercise prices ranging from CAD\$1.43 to CAD\$5.58 per share and with terms of between three and five years, with the last options expiring on November 16, 2021.

## ITEM 8 MARKET FOR SECURITIES

The Common Shares were initially listed for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "**TSX-V**") under the symbol "SVM". The Common Shares commenced trading on the TSX under the same symbol and delisted from the TSX-V on October 24, 2005. The Common Shares began trading on the NYSE Amex under the symbol "SVM" on February 17, 2009, and trading moved to the NYSE under the symbol of "SVM" on November 5, 2009. The Company voluntarily delisted its Common Shares from the NYSE in September 2015. The Common Shares commenced trading on the NYSE American (formerly NYSE MKT) on May 15, 2017.

The following table sets forth the high, low and month-end closing prices and average trading volume for the Common Shares on the TSX for the periods indicated (stated in Canadian dollars):

Date	High	Low	Close	Volume
March 2019	3.68	3.30	3.43	5,871,640
February 2019	3.69	2.88	3.42	4,907,093
January 2019	3.16	2.61	3.07	4,636,610
December 2018	2.89	2.52	2.85	5,130,786
November 2018	3.14	2.43	2.59	4,304,305
October 2018	3.21	2.86	2.87	5,198,402
September 2018	3.53	3.12	3.16	4,729,617
August 2018	3.73	3.27	3.53	4,836,252
July 2018	3.71	3.36	3.52	3,882,011
June 2018	3.88	3.46	3.47	5,483,812
May 2018	4.02	3.45	3.79	5,205,514
April 2018	3.75	3.28	3.50	6,915,741

The following table sets forth the high, low and month-end closing prices and average trading volume for the Common Shares on the NYSE American for the periods indicated (stated in United States dollars):

Date	High	Low	Close	Volume
March 2019	2.74	2.43	2.55	7,700,502
February 2019	2.80	2.18	2.58	7,786,339
January 2019	2.39	1.96	2.33	6,261,242
December 2018	2.13	1.87	2.10	6,277,473
November 2018	2.40	1.83	1.95	8,451,396
October 2018	2.46	2.19	2.19	8,435,889
September 2018	2.73	2.40	2.47	5,591,047
August 2018	2.86	2.50	2.70	8,908,506
July 2018	2.82	2.56	2.70	6,126,908
June 2018	2.98	2.61	2.67	6,099,971
May 2018	3.12	2.67	2.89	7,023,334
April 2018	2.97	2.57	2.74	6,894,155

### ITEM 9 ESCROWED SECURITIES

The Company has no securities currently held in escrow.

#### ITEM 10 DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

## Name, Occupation, and Security Holding

The following table sets out the names of the directors and officers of the Company, the current position and office held, each person's principal occupation, business or employment during the last five years, the period of time during which each has been a director or officer of the Company and the number of Common Shares beneficially owned by each, directly and indirectly, or over which each exercised control or direction as at June 20, 2019.

Name and Municipality of Residence <sup>(1)</sup>	Current Positions and Offices Held	Principal Occupations During the Last Five Years <sup>(1)</sup>	Date of Appointment as a Director or Officer	Common Shares Beneficially Owned <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Rui Feng</b> Beijing, China	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Director	Chairman of Silvercorp from September 2003 to present. Appointed President of New Pacific Metals Corp. (formerly, New Pacific Holdings Corp.) as at May 2010 and Director of New Pacific Metals Corp. as at May 2004.	September 4, 2003	5,228,000
<b>David Kong</b> <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Vancouver, BC, Canada	Director	Partner at Ernst & Young LLP from 2005 to 2010. Director of New Pacific Metals Corp., Uranium Energy Corp., and Gold Mining Inc.	November 24, 2011	100,000
<b>S. Paul</b> <b>Simpson</b> <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Vancouver, BC, Canada	Director	Solicitor at Armstrong Simpson, Barristers & Solicitors.	June 24, 2003	818,684
<b>Yikang Liu<sup>(3)</sup></b> Beijing, China	Director	Past Deputy Secretary General of China Mining Association.	July 24, 2006	118,000
<b>Marina Katusa</b> <sup>(2)</sup> Vancouver, BC Canada	Director	President/CEO of Canita Consulting Corporation 2010 to present. Member of the Board of Directors of Family Services of Greater Vancouver from 2016 to present. Director Corporate Development and Strategy, GCT Global Container Terminals Inc. from 2013 to 2017. Vice President Corporate Development, Exeter Resource Corporation from 2012 to 2013.	September 29, 2017	10,000
<b>Derek Liu</b> Burnaby , BC Canada	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer at Prophecy Development Corp. (formerly, Prophecy Resource Corp.) and Canickel Mining Ltd.	February 6, 2015	19,300
<b>Yong-Jae Kim</b> Vancouver, BC, Canada	General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	Lawyer at Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP from 2010 to 2018	October 1, 2018	Nil
Lon Shaver Surrey, BC Canada	Vice President	Senior Vice President (from 2011 to 2016) and Vice President (from 2005 to 2011), Investment Banking, Equity Capital Markets at Raymond James; Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Corporate Secretary at Diamondex Resources Ltd. from 2004 to 2005	October 1, 2018	Nil
Total				6,293,984

Notes:

1. The information as to municipality of residence and principal occupation of each nominee has been individually furnished by the respective director or officer.

2. Member of Audit Committee and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

3. Member of Compensation Committee.

4. The number of Common Shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised is based upon information furnished to the Company by each director or officer, as applicable, as at the date hereof.

The current term of office of each of the directors expires at the next annual general meeting of shareholders.

All of the directors and officers of the Company, as a group, beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control over 6,293,984 Common Shares representing approximately 3.7% of Common Shares issued and outstanding as of June 20, 2019.

#### Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

As at the date of this AIF and within the 10 years before the date of this AIF, no director or executive officer of the Company, is or has been a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company), that:

- (a) while that person was acting in that capacity, was subject to a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (b) was subject to a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued after that person ceased to be a director, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting as a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the company.

As at the date of this AIF and within the 10 years before the date of this AIF, no director or executive officer of the Company nor any shareholder holding sufficient number of securities of the Company to materially affect control of the Company, is or has been a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company), that:

- (a) while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (b) has within 10 years before the date of this AIF, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director, officers or shareholders.

No director or executive officer of the Company or any shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company, has, within the 10 years prior to the date of this AIF, been subject to:

- (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain directors and officers of the Company are also directors, officers or shareholders of other companies that are similarly engaged in the business of acquiring and exploiting natural resources properties. These associations to other companies in the resource sector may give rise to conflicts of interest from time to time.

Under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, the directors and officers of the Company are required by law to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company. In the event that such a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Board, a director who has such a conflict will disclose such interest in a contract or transaction and will abstain from voting on any resolution in respect of such contract or transaction. See also "Item 4.3 Risk Factors" and "Item 14 Interest of Management and Others in Material Transactions".

## ITEM 11 AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### Audit Committee Charter

A copy of the Charter of the Audit Committee is attached hereto as Schedule "A".

#### Composition of the Audit Committee

The current members of the Audit Committee are David Kong, Marina Katusa, and Paul Simpson, all of whom are considered independent and financially literate, pursuant to National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"). The Audit Committee will be re-constituted after the 2019 annual general meeting of shareholders.

#### **Relevant Education and Experience**

#### David Kong, Director

Mr. Kong holds a Bachelor in Business Administration and earned his Chartered Accountant designation in British Columbia in 1978 and U.S CPA (Illinois) designation in 2002. From 1981 to 2004, he was partner of Ellis Foster Chartered Accountants and from 2005 to 2010, a partner at Ernst & Young LLP. Currently, Mr. Kong is a director of New Pacific Metals Corp., Uranium Energy Corp., and Gold Mining Inc. Mr. Kong is a certified director (ICD.C) of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

#### Marina Katusa, Director

Ms. Katusa has over ten years of business experience in areas including mineral exploration, research analysis, strategic planning, and corporate development. She earned a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Geology/Earth & Ocean Science from the University of British Columbia.

#### Paul Simpson, Director

Mr. Paul Simpson is a Vancouver based corporate securities lawyer with the firm Armstrong Simpson. He has over 20 years of experience, predominately advising public companies with international natural resource property holdings. He has been a director and officer of a number of public companies, including companies with resource assets in China.

#### **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the exemption in sections 2.4, 3.2, 3.3(2), 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 or 3.8 of NI 52-110, or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110.

#### Audit Committee Oversight

During the last year, all recommendations of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor were adopted by the Board.

#### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has adopted a specific policy and procedure for the engagement of non-audit services as described in Section IV of the Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee must pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiary entities by the Company's external auditor.

### **External Auditor Services Fees**

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 was Deloitte LLP. The Audit Committee has reviewed the nature and amount of the services provided by the principal accountants to ensure auditor independence of independent registered public accounting firm. Fees (stated in Canadian dollars) paid or billed for audit and other services provided by Deloitte LLP in the last two fiscal years are outlined below:

Nature of Services	Year Ended March 31, 2019	Year Ended March 31, 2018
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$900,000	\$773,000
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	\$120,000
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$37,450	Nil
All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	Nil	Nil
Total	\$937,450	\$893,000

Notes:

- 1. "Audit Fees" include the aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services of the principal accountant for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and the audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting for Fiscal 2019 and Fiscal 2018, or review services that are normally provided by the principal accountant in connection with interim filings or engagements for those fiscal years. As a result of changes in the funding model of the Canadian Public Accountability Board ("CPAB") during 2018, the Company has changed its interpretation of the classification of fees related to the review of interim filings from that in Fiscal 2018. For the year ended March 31, 2019, fees of \$125,000 related to the review of interim filings have been included as part of "Audit Fees", whereas these fees were included as "Audit-Related Fees" for the year ended March 31, 2018.
- 2. "Audit-Related Fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not reported under above note (1).
- 3. "Tax Fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning.
- 4. "All Other Fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in the above items.

## ITEM 12 PROMOTERS

No person or company has been a promoter of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company within the two most recently completed financial years or during the current financial year.

## ITEM 13 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

Except as disclosed herein, the Company is not aware of any other actual or pending material legal proceedings or any regulatory actions to which the Company is or was a party to, or is likely to be a party to, or of which any of its business or property is or was the subject of during Fiscal 2019.

• During the year ended March 31, 2016, an action was initiated by Luoyang Mining Group Co., Ltd. ("Luoyang Mining") at the Luoyang Luolong District People's Court (the "District Court") against Henan Found seeking payment of \$1.6 million (RMB10.0 million) plus interest related to the acquisition agreements Henan Found entered into in August 2012 to acquire the XHP Project. Henan Found did not make the final payment as certain commercial conditions were not fulfilled by Luoyang Mining. In April 2016, Henan Found filed a counterclaim in Luoyang Intermediate People's Court (the "Intermediate Court") against Luoyang Mining to have the original acquisition agreements nullified and sought repayment of the amount paid to date of \$9.7 million (RMB62.8 million) plus compensation of direct loss of \$2.5 million (RMB16.5 million) arising from the XHP Project. A trial was heard in March 2017 by the Intermediate Court. In July 2018, the Intermediate Court decided to combine Luoyang Mining's claim and Henan Found's counterclaim as one case. In September 2018, the Company reached mutual settlement agreement with Luoyang Mining and paid the \$1.6 million (RMB10.0 million) to Luoyang Mining and the case was closed. The settlement has no material impact on the Company's financial results as the \$1.6 million was accrued and included into the accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the consolidated statements of financial position of the Company in prior years.

### ITEM 14 INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No director or executive officer, person or company that beneficially owns and controls or directs, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the Common Shares, or any associate or affiliate of such person, company or director or executive officer, have had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any material transaction of Silvercorp within the Company's three most recently completed financial years or during the current financial year, which has materially affected or is reasonably expected to materially affect Silvercorp.

### ITEM 15 TRANSFER AGENTS AND REGISTRARS

The Company's transfer agent and registrar is Computershare Investor Services Inc. of 510 Burrard Street, 3rd Floor, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 3B9.

### ITEM 16 MATERIAL CONTRACTS

There are no contracts other than those entered into in the ordinary course of the Company's business, that are material to the Company and which were entered into in the most recently completed financial year ended March 31, 2019, or before the most recently completed financial year but are still in effect as of the date of this AIF.

## ITEM 17 INTERESTS OF EXPERTS

### Names of Experts

### **Ying Report**

AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd. ("AMC") was commissioned by the Company to prepare the latest technical report titled "*Ying NI 43-101 Technical Report, Silvercorp Metals Inc., Henan Province, China*" (the "**Ying Report**") dated effective December 31, 2016, and signed on February 15, 2017.

Persons who prepared, or contributed to, the Ying Report are identified in that report as follows:

Qualified Persons re	esponsible for the prep	aration of this	Fechnical Report	t		
Qualified Person	Position	Employer	Independent of Silvercorp	Date of last site visit	Professional designation	Sections of report
Mr P R Stephenson	Associate Principal Geologist	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd	Yes	13-16 July 2016	PGeo (BC), PGeo (Sask), BSc (Hons), FAusIMM (CP), MCIM	1-12, 20, 23, 24, 27 and parts of 1, 25 and 26.
Mr H A Smith	Senior Principal Mining Engineer	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd	Yes	13-16 July 2016	PEng (BC), PEng (Ontario), PEng (Alberta) MSc, BSc	15, 16,18, 21, 22 and parts of 1, 25 and 26
Dr A Ross	Principal Geologist	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd	Yes	13-20 July 2016	PGeo (BC), PGeo (AB), PhD	14
Mr H Muller	Principal Metallurgical Consultant	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd	Yes	none	FAusIMM	13, 17, 19, parts of 22,
Other experts who a	ssisted the Qualified P	ersons				

Expert	Position	Employer	Independent of Silvercorp	Visited site	Sections of report
Mr A Zhang, P.Geo	Vice-President, Exploration	Silvercorp Metals Inc.	No	Since February, 2015	General
Mr. Luke Liu	Vice President, China Operations	Silvercorp Metals Inc.	No	Since July, 2014	General
Mr R Jiang, P.Geo	Silvercorp consultant	Independent	No	Since January, 2012	General
Mr Z Li, P.Eng	Senior Mining Engineer	Silvercorp Metals Inc.	No	Since April, 2010	Parts of 15 to 21
Mr Y Wang	Chief Environment Engineer, Ying Mines	Silvercorp Metals Inc.	No	Since March, 2010	20
Mr JM Shannon	Geology Manager, Principal Geologist	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd	Yes	none	Overall compilation
Mr G Methven	Principal Mining Engineer	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd	Yes	No	15, 16
Mr A. Riles	Principal Metallurgical Consultant	Riles Integrated Resource Management Ltd	Yes	3-6 September 2013	13, 17, 19, parts of 22,

## **GC Report**

AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd. ("AMC") was commissioned by Silvercorp Metals Inc. (Silvercorp) to prepare an independent technical report titled "*NI 43-101 Technical Report Update on the GC Ag-Zn-Pb Project in Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China*" (the "**GC Report**") effective June 30, 2018 on the Gaocheng (GC) property, located in Gaocun Township, Yun'an County, Guangdong Province, China. Persons who prepared, or contributed to, the GC Report are set out as follows:

Qualified Persons	responsible for the prepa	aration of this Tech	nical Repo	ort					
Qualified Person	Position	Employer	Indepe Silvero	endent of corp?	Date o site vi		Professional designation		Sections of Report
Ms D. Nussipakynova	Principal Geologist	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd.	Yes		Janua	ry 2018	P.Geo.		12, 14, Part of 1, 25, and 26
Mr H. Smith	Senior Principal Mining Engineer	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd.	Yes	Yes Jam		ry 2018	B.Sc., M.Sc., P.Eng.		2 to 6, 15, 16, 18 to 22, 24, 27, Part of 1, 25, and 26
Mr A. Riles	Associate Principal Metallurgical Consultant	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd.	Yes		May 2011		B.Met. (Hons Grad Dipl Business Management, Econ. Geol, MAIG (QP)	,	13, 17, Part of 1, 25, and 26
Mr P. Stephenson	Associate Principal Geologist	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd.	Yes		No visit		P.Geo., B.Sc. FAusIMM (C MAIG, MCIN	P),	7 to 11, 23, Par of 1, 25, and 26
Other Experts who	assisted the Qualified P	ersons in the prepa	ration of t	his report					
Expert	Position	Employer		Independ Silvercor	VISITED SITE		d site	See	ctions of Report
Dr A. Ross	Geology Manager / Principal Geologist	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd.		Yes	No visit		it	12,	. 14
Mr S. Robinson	Senior Geologist	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd.		Yes	No vis		it	7 ta	o 11, 23

Mr Leon Ma	Senior Resources Geologist	Silvercorp Metals Inc. Inc.	No	January 2018	1 to 11
Mr Derek Liu	Chief Financial Officer	Silvercorp Metals Inc. Inc.	No	2015	15, 21
Mr Luke Liu	Vice President China Operations	Silvercorp Metals Inc. Inc.	No	Since July 2014	15, 16, 18
Mr L. Waldman	Senior Vice President	Silvercorp Metals Inc. Inc.	No	2014	4
Mr J. M. Shannon	General Manager / Principal Geologist	AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd.	Yes	No visit	1, 25, 26
Mr R. Chesher	Principal Metallurgical Consultant	AMC Consultants Pty. Ltd.	Yes	No visit	13, 17

### Interests of Experts

None of the independent consulting geologists and independent "Qualified Persons" named in "Item 16 Names of Experts", when or after they prepared the statement, report or valuation, has received any registered or beneficial interests, direct or indirect, in any securities or other property of the Company or of one of the Company's associates or affiliates or is or is expected to be elected, appointed or employed as a director, officer or employee of the Company or of any associate or affiliate of the Company except as disclosed below. This information has been provided to the Company by the individual experts.

The Qualified Persons who were responsible for the preparation of the Ying Report and GC Report beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, less than 1% of the Common Shares. The Company confirms that its personnel named herein are non-independent Qualified Persons.

#### Auditor

Deloitte LLP is the independent registered public accounting firm of Silvercorp and is independent with respect to the Company within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia.

## ITEM 18 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information on the Company can be found on the Company's website at www.silvercorp.ca or on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Additional information, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of the Company's securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, if applicable, is contained in the Company's information circular for its most recent annual meeting of shareholders that involved the election of directors. Additional information is provided in the Company's most recent financial statements and the management's discussion and analysis for its most recently completed financial year.

### **SCHEDULE "A"**

#### SILVERCORP METALS INC.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

### I. Purpose

The main objective of the Audit Committee is to act as a liaison between the Board and the Company's independent auditors (the "Auditors") and to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to (a) the financial statements and other financial information provided by the Company to its shareholders, the public and others, (b) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (c) the qualification, independence and performance of the Auditors and (d) the Company's risk management and internal financial and accounting controls, and management information systems.

Although the Committee has the powers and responsibilities set forth in this Charter, the role of the Committee is oversight. The members of the Committee are not full-time employees of the Company and may or may not be accountants or auditors by profession or experts in the fields of accounting or auditing and, in any event, do not serve in such capacity. Consequently, it is not the duty of the Committee to conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations.

### II. Organization

The Committee shall consist of three or more directors and shall satisfy the laws governing the Company and the independence, financial literacy, expertise and experience requirements under applicable securities law, stock exchange and any other regulatory requirements applicable to the Company.

The members of the Committee and the Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the members of the Committee shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Committee. Matters decided by the Committee shall be decided by majority votes.

Any member of the Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board and shall cease to be a member of the Committee as soon as such member ceases to be a director.

The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees when appropriate.

## III. Meetings

The Committee shall meet as frequently as circumstances require, but not less frequently than four times per year. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

The Committee may invite, from time to time, such persons as it may see fit to attend its meetings and to take part in discussion and consideration of the affairs of the Committee.

The Company's accounting and financial officer(s) and the Auditors shall attend any meeting when requested to do so by the Chair of the Committee.

### IV. Responsibilities

The Committee shall recommend to the Board of directors: the external auditor to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company; and the compensation of the external auditor.

The Committee shall be directly responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting.

The Committee must pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiary entities by the Company's external auditor.

The Committee must review the Company's financial statements, MD&A and annual and interim earnings press releases before the Company publicly discloses this information.

The Committee must be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements, other than the public disclosure referred to in subsection (4), and must periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures.

The Committee must establish procedures for:

- the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and
- the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

An audit committee must review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the issuer.

### V. Authority

The Committee shall have the following authority:

- (a) to engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties,
- (b) to set and pay the compensation for any advisors employed by the Committee, and
- (c) to communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.