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# SILVERCORP REPORTS ADJUSTED NET INCOME OF \$6.7 MILLION, \$0.04 PER SHARE, AND CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS OF \$14.1 MILLION FOR Q2 FISCAL 2023

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – November 3, 2022 – Silvercorp Metals Inc. ("Silvercorp" or the "Company") (TSX/NYSE American: SVM) reported its financial and operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2022 ("Q2 Fiscal 2023"). All amounts are expressed in US dollars, and figures may not add due to rounding.

# HIGHLIGHTS FOR Q2 FISCAL 2023

- Mined 290,981 tonnes of ore, milled 291,643 tonnes of ore, and produced approximately 1.8 million ounces of silver, 1,200 ounces of gold, 18.0 million pounds of lead, and 6.0 million pounds of zinc;
- Sold approximately 1.8 million ounces of silver, 1,200 ounces of gold, 17.3 million pounds of lead, and 5.9 million pounds of zinc, for revenue of \$51.7 million;
- Realized adjusted earnings attributable to equity shareholders of \$6.8 million, or \$0.04 per share. The adjustments were made to remove impacts from impairment charges, share-based compensation, foreign exchange, mark-to-market equity investments, and the share of associates' operating results;
- Reported net loss attributable to equity shareholders of \$1.7 million, or \$0.01 per share, with the loss mainly due to an impairment charge of \$20.2 million against the La Yesca Project;
- Generated cash flow from operating activities of \$14.1 million;
- Cash costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, of \$0.77;
- All-in sustaining costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, of \$8.25;
- Spent and capitalized \$2.9 million on exploration drilling, \$9.4 million on underground development, and \$1.2 million on construction of the new mill and tailings storage facility;
- Spent \$1.2 million to buy back 503,247 common shares of the Company under its Normal Course Issuer Bid; and
- Strong balance sheet with \$201.0 million in cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments. The Company holds further equity investment portfolio in associates and other companies with a total market value of \$111.0 million as at September 30, 2022.

## **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS**

	Three month	ns ended Sep	tember 30,	Six months ended September 30,			
	2022	2021	Changes	2022	2021	Changes	
Financial Results							
Revenue (in thousands of \$)	\$ <b>51,739</b> \$	58,435	-11%	\$ 115,331	\$ 117,254	-2%	
Mine operating earnings (in thousands of \$)	14,361	23,612	-39%	39,263	49,116	-20%	
Net income (loss) attributable to equity holders (in thousands of \$)	(1,712)	9,393	-118%	8,457	21,605	-619	
Earnings (loss) per share - basic (\$/share)	(0.01)	0.05	-120%	0.05	0.12	-58%	
Adjusted earnings attributable to equity holders (in thousands of \$)	6,747	13,609	-50%	20,276	29,380	-319	
Adjusted earning per share - basic (\$/share)	0.04	0.08	-50%	0.11	0.17	-35%	
Net cash generated from operating activities (in thousands of \$)	14,064	30,854	-54%	54,240	67,306	-19%	
Capitalized expenditures (in thousands of \$)	17,354	14,151	23%	32,882	25,323	30%	
Metals sold							
Silver (in thousands of ounces)	1,789	1,729	3%	3,704	3,371	10%	
Gold (in thousands of ounces)	1.2	0.8	50%	2.3	1.8	28%	
Lead (in thousands of pounds)	17,268	17,319	0%	36,393	34,129	79	
Zinc (in thousands of pounds)	5,940	7,626	-22%	12,868	14,881	-149	
Average Selling Price, Net of Value Added Tax and Smelter Charges							
Silver (\$/ounce)	15.50	18.97	-18%	16.78	19.82	-15%	
Gold (\$/ounce)	1,316	1,483	-11%	1,449	1,497	-39	
Lead (\$/pound)	0.85	0.89	-5%	0.88	0.87	19	
Zinc (\$/pound)	1.08	1.03	5%	1.16	1.02	149	
Financial Position							
Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments* (in thousands of \$)				200,968	212,925	-6%	
Working capital* (in thousands of \$)				170,936	186,270	-8%	

\* Comparative cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments, and working capital balance as at March 31, 2022.

**Net loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company** in Q2 Fiscal 2023 was \$1.7 million or \$0.01 per share, compared to net income of \$9.4 million or \$0.05 per share in the three months ended September 30, 2021 ("Q2 Fiscal 2022").

In Q2 Fiscal 2023, the Company's consolidated financial results were mainly impacted by i) an increase of 3%, and 50%, respectively, in silver and gold sold, and a decrease of 22% in zinc sold; ii) a decrease of 18%, 11%, and 5%, respectively, in the realized selling price for silver, gold, and lead, and an increase of 5%, in the realized selling prices for zinc; iii) a foreign exchange gain of \$4.3 million arising from the appreciation of the US dollar against the Company's functional currencies, mainly the Chinese yuan and Canadian dollar; iv) a loss of \$1.6 million on equity investments; and v) an impairment charge of \$20.2 million against the La Yesca Project.

**Revenue** in Q2 Fiscal 2023 was \$51.7 million, down 11% compared to \$58.4 million in Q2 Fiscal 2022. The decrease is mainly due to the decrease of net realized selling prices for silver, gold and lead.

**Income from mine operations** in Q2 Fiscal 2023 was \$14.4 million, down 39% compared to \$23.6 million in Q2 Fiscal 2022. Income from mine operations at the Ying Mining District was \$12.9 million, compared to \$19.3 million in Q2 Fiscal 2022. Income from mine operations at the GC Mine was \$1.5 million, compared to \$4.5 million in Q2 Fiscal 2022.

**Cash flow provided by operating activities** in Q2 Fiscal 2023 was \$14.1 million, down \$16.8 million compared to \$30.9 million in Q2 Fiscal 2022.

The Company ended Q2 Fiscal 2023 with \$201.0 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, down 6% or \$11.9 million, compared to \$212.9 million as at March 31, 2022. The decrease is mainly due to a negative translation impact of \$15.6 million on cash and cash equivalents arising from the appreciation of the US dollar against the Canadian dollar and Chinese yuan.

Working capital as at September 30, 2022 was \$170.9 million, down 8% compared to \$186.3 million as at March 31, 2022.

# **CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONAL RESULTS**

	Three mo	nths ended Sep	otember 30,	Six months ended September 30,			
	2022	2021	Changes	2022	2021	Changes	
Ore Production (tonne)							
Ore mined	290,981	292,468	-1%	591,085	523,703	13%	
Ore milled	291,643	271,816	7%	589,819	514,893	15%	
Metal Production							
Silver (in thousands of ounces)	1,798	1,696	6%	3,658	3,169	15%	
Gold (in thousands of ounces)	1.2	0.8	50%	2.3	1.8	28%	
Lead (in thousands of pounds)	17,983	17,613	2%	37,071	33,491	11%	
Zinc (in thousands of pounds)	5,986	7,483	-20%	12,912	14,681	-12%	
Cash Costs							
Production costs per tonne of ore processed (\$)	86.07	84.75	2%	84.50	81.60	4%	
All-in sustaining costs per tonne of ore processed (\$)	127.48	135.76	-6%	137.48	133.90	3%	
Cash costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	0.77	(1.65)	147%	(0.44)	(1.54)	71%	
All-in sustaining costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	8.25	7.35	12%	8.77	7.41	18%	

In Q2 Fiscal 2023, the Company mined 290,981 tonnes of ore, down 1% compared to 292,468 tonnes in Q2 Fiscal 2022. Ore milled in Q2 Fiscal 2023 was 291,643 tonnes, up 7% compared to 271,816 tonnes in Q2 Fiscal 2022.

In Q2 Fiscal 2023, the Company produced approximately 1.8 million ounces of silver, 1,200 ounces of gold, 18.0 million pounds of lead, and 6.0 million pounds of zinc, representing increases of 6%, 50% and 2%, respectively, in silver, gold and lead production, and a decrease of 20% in zinc production over Q2 Fiscal 2022.

In Q2 Fiscal 2023, the consolidated production costs were \$86.07 per tonne, up 2% compared to \$84.75 per tonne in Q2 Fiscal 2022. The all-in sustaining production costs per tonne of ore processed in Q2 Fiscal 2023 were \$127.48, down 6% compared to \$135.76 in Q2 Fiscal 2022.

In Q2 Fiscal 2023, the consolidated cash costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, were \$0.77, compared to negative \$1.65 in the prior year quarter. The increase was mainly due to a \$1.6 million decrease in by-product credits and a \$2.6 million increase in expensed production costs.

The consolidated all-in sustaining costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, were \$8.25 compared to \$7.35 in Q2 Fiscal 2022. The increase was mainly due to the increase in cash costs per ounce of silver offset by a decrease of \$2.2 million in administrative expenses, mineral resources tax, and sustaining capital expenditures.

				Capita	lize	d Developmen	t and Expend	iture	es					Expensed Tunneling	Expensed Drilling
	Ran	np Developn	nent	Exploration and Development Tunnels		Capitalized Exploration Drilling					al	Mining Preparation	Exploration Drilling		
	(Metres)	(\$ Thousa	ind)	(Metres)	(	\$ Thousand)	(Metres)	(\$ T	housand)	(\$	Thousand)	(\$1	Thousand)	(Metres)	(Metres)
Q2 Fiscal 2023															
Ying Mining District	1,744	\$ 1,4	439	16,122	\$	6,934	31,642	\$	1,374	\$	4,558	\$	14,305	8,912	33,446
GC Mine	-		-	3,321		985	5,974		173		536		1,694	1,428	11,919
Corporate and other	-		-	-		-	5,525		1,344		11		1,355	-	
Consolidated	1,744	\$ 1,4	439	19,443	\$	7,919	43,141	\$	2,891	\$	5,105	\$	17,354	10,340	45,365
Q2 Fiscal 2022															
Ying Mining District	1,726	\$ 1,:	175	14,950	\$	5,962	30,061	\$	2,808	\$	1,977	\$	11,922	7,528	72,844
GC Mine	356	:	396	3,469		754	-		-		24		1,174	2,425	19,126
Corporate and other	-		-	-		-	2,513		962		93		1,055	-	-
Consolidated	2,082	\$ 1,	571	18,419	\$	6,716	32,574	\$	3,770	\$	2,094	\$	14,151	9,953	91,970
Variances (%)															
Ying Mining District	101%	1	22%	108%		116%	105%		49%		231%		120%	118%	46%
GC Mine	-		-	96%		131%	-		-		2233%		144%	59%	62%
Corporate and other	-		-	-		-	220%		140%		12%		128%	-	-
Consolidated	84%		92%	106%		118%	132%		77%		244%		123%	104%	49%

### **EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

In Q2 Fiscal 2023, on a consolidated basis, a total of 88,506 metres or \$4.2 million worth of diamond drilling were completed (Q2 Fiscal 2022 – 124,544 metres or \$6.2 million), of which approximately 45,365 metres or \$1.3 million worth of underground drilling were expensed as part of mining costs (Q2 Fiscal 2022 – 91,970 metres or \$2.4 million) and approximately 43,141 metres or \$2.9 million worth of drilling were capitalized (Q2 Fiscal 2022 – 32,574 metres or \$3.8 million). In addition, approximately 10,340 metres or \$4.0 million worth of

preparation tunnelling were completed and expensed as part of mining costs (Q2 Fiscal 2022 – 9,953 metres or \$3.4 million), and approximately 21,187 metres or \$9.4 million worth of tunnels, raises, ramps and declines were completed and capitalized (Q2 Fiscal 2022 – 20,501 metres or \$8.3 million).

In Q2 Fiscal 2023, a total of 5,525 metres or \$0.5 million worth of drilling were completed and capitalized at the Kuanping Project. The application for a mining permit is pending review and approval by the relevant provincial government authorities.

As of September 30, 2022, a total of \$2.5 million in expenditures have been incurred on the construction of the new 3,000 tonnes per day flotation mill (the "New Mill") and the new tailings storage facility (the "TSF"). A total of 645 metres of drainage tunnels were completed, and the site preparation for the New Mill was also substantially completed. The first batch of \$4.1 million (RMB¥29.3 million) of milling equipment was ordered. The environmental and safety assessment study report was revised and is pending government approval.

The Company also spent approximately \$1.5 million to upgrade most roads to concrete and upgrade certain environmental protection facilities at the Ying Mining District as part of our continued commitment to build green mines.

Ying Mining District	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Six months ended	led September	
	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021	2022	2021	
Ore Production (tonne)								
Ore mined	215,927	214,038	130,612	200,946	206,933	429,965	349,840	
Ore milled	216,262	212,055	131,731	214,982	182,173	428,317	337,580	
Head grades								
Silver (grams/tonne)	257	267	271	258	283	262	281	
Lead (%)	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.1	
Zinc (%)	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	
Recovery rates								
Silver (%)	95.5	95.7	95.2	95.1	95.4	95.6	95.1	
Lead (%)	94.1	95.4	96.1	95.2	95.5	94.8	95.6	
Zinc (%)	62.5	58.1	57.4	64.0	56.0	60.3	57.8	
Cash Costs								
Cash production cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	95.23	93.04	102.49	99.24	96.59	94.14	95.10	
All-in sustaining cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	127.89	156.07	172.63	143.72	141.26	141.84	140.27	
Cash cost per ounce of Silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	1.86	0.28	1.21	1.19	0.71	1.05	0.75	
All-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	6.82	8.60	10.76	8.36	6.88	7.73	6.71	
Metal Production								
Silver (in thousands of ounces)	1,657	1,696	1,062	1,647	1,517	3,353	2,800	
Gold (in thousands of ounces)	1.2	1.1	0.5	1.1	0.8	2.3	1.8	
Lead (in thousands of pounds)	16,201	16,718	10,542	16,392	14,671	32,919	27,949	
Zinc (in thousands of pounds)	1,976	1,928	1,317	2,347	1,584	3,904	3,103	
GC Mine	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Six months ended	Sentember 3	
	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021	2022	202	
Dre Production (tonne)								
Ore mined	75,054	86,066	49,893	91,126	85,535	161,120	173,86	
Ore milled	75,381	86,121	50,939	89,790	89,643	161,502	177,31	

# INDIVIDUAL MINE OPERATING PERFORMANCE

GC Mine	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Six months ended September 30		
	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021	2022	2021	
Ore Production (tonne)								
Ore mined	75,054	86,066	49,893	91,126	85,535	161,120	173,863	
Ore milled	75,381	86,121	50,939	89,790	89,643	161,502	177,313	
Head grades								
Silver (grams/tonne)	72	71	62	78	73	72	77	
Lead (%)	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.6	
Zinc (%)	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.3	2.8	3.3	
Recovery rates								
Silver (%)	81.0	83.4	82.4	83.5	84.4	82.3	84.2	
Lead (%)	88.5	89.8	88.7	89.0	89.5	89.3	89.4	
Zinc (%)	89.6	90.4	89.8	89.8	89.6	90.0	89.5	
Cash Costs								
Cash production cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	59.84	57.92	67.33	56.10	55.81	58.81	54.33	
All-in sustaining cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	78.31	81.68	100.13	81.50	73.76	80.10	72.69	
Cash cost per ounce of Silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	(12.13)	(22.42)	(16.59)	(25.84)	(22.51)	(17.55)	(20.12)	
All-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	(0.73)	(7.48)	(0.39)	(9.81)	(11.61)	(4.29)	(9.70)	
Metal Production								
Silver (in thousands of ounces)	141	164	84	187	179	305	369	
Lead (in thousands of pounds)	1,782	2,370	1,420	2,586	2,942	4,152	5,542	
Zinc (in thousands of pounds)	4,010	4,998	2,784	5,683	5,899	9,008	11,578	

As previously disclosed in the Company's news release dated October 13, 2022, the mining operations at the GC Mine were partially affected in August and September 2022 as the Company worked on improving ventilation and electric power facilities to comply with several new safety production regulations issued by the National Mine Safety Administration of China. The improvements were completed in October 2022 and the Company

expects that mining operations at the GC Mine will return to normal operating levels for the remainder of the year.

### **CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS**

A conference call to discuss these results will be held tomorrow, Friday, November 4, at 9:00 am PDT (12:00 pm EDT). To participate in the conference call, please dial the numbers below.

Canada/USA TF: 888-664-6383

International Toll: 416-764-8650

Conference ID: 07271204

Participants should dial-in 10 – 15 minutes prior to the start time. A replay of the conference call and transcript will be available on the Company's website at <u>www.silvercorp.ca</u>.

Mr. Guoliang Ma, P.Geo., Manager of Exploration and Resources of the Company, is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and has reviewed and given consent to the technical information contained in this news release.

#### About Silvercorp

Silvercorp is a Canadian mining company producing silver, gold, lead, and zinc with a long history of profitability and growth potential. The Company's strategy is to create shareholder value by 1) focusing on generating free cashflow from long life mines; 2) organic growth through extensive drilling for discovery; 3) ongoing merger and acquisition efforts to unlock value; and 4) long term commitment to responsible mining and ESG. For more information, please visit our website at www.silvercorp.ca.

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#### **ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE (NON-IFRS) MEASURES**

This earnings release should be read in conjunction with the Company's Management Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A"), the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and related notes contains therein for the three and six months ended September 30, 2022, which have been posted on SEDAR under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com and are also available on the Company's website at <u>www.silvercorp.ca</u> under the Investor section. This earnings release refers to various alternative performance (non-IFRS) measures, such as adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per share, cash costs and all-in sustaining costs per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, production costs and all-in sustaining production costs per tonne of ore processed and working capital. These measures are widely used in the mining industry as a benchmark for performance, but do not have standardized meanings under IFRS as an indicator of performance and may differ from methods used by other companies with similar description. The detailed description and reconciliation of these alternative performance (non-IFRS) Measures in the MD&A for the three and can be found on page 28, section 11 – Alternative Performance (Non-IFRS) Measures in the MD&A for the three and six months ended September 30, 2022.

### **CAUTIONARY DISCLAIMER - FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain of the statements and information in this news release 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 (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). 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. Forward-looking statements relate to, among other things: the price of silver and other metals; the accuracy of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates at the Company's material properties; the sufficiency of the Company's capital to finance the Company's operations; estimates of the Company's revenues and capital expenditures; estimated production from the Company's mines in the Ying Mining District and the GC Mine; timing of receipt of permits and regulatory approvals; availability of funds from production to finance the Company's operations; and access to and availability of funding for future construction, use of proceeds from any financing and development of the Company's properties.

Forward-looking statements 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, including, without limitation, risks relating to: global economic and social impact of COVID-19; fluctuating commodity prices; calculation of resources, reserves and mineralization and precious and base metal recovery; interpretations and assumptions of mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates; exploration and development programs; feasibility and engineering reports; permits and licences; title to properties; property interests; 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 and Canada; environmental risks; foreign exchange rate fluctuations; insurance; risks and hazards of mining operations; key personnel; conflicts of interest; dependence on management; internal control over financial reporting; and bringing actions and enforcing judgments under U.S. securities laws.

This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of the Company's forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements 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 due to a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors, including, without limitation, those referred to in the Company's Annual Information Form under the heading "Risk Factors" and in the Company's Annual Report on Form 40-F, and in the Company's other filings with Canadian and U.S. securities regulators. 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.

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