

MAG Silver Corporation - Reports First Quarter 2013 Financial Results

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VANCOUVER, 05/15/13 -- [MAG Silver Corp.](#) (TSX: MAG) (NYSE MKT: MVG) ("MAG" or the "Company") announces the Company's unaudited financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2013. For complete details of the first quarter unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis, please see the Company's filings on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) or on EDGAR (www.sec.gov). All amounts herein are reported in United States dollars unless otherwise specified.

At March 31, 2013, the Company had working capital of \$37,917,231 including cash of \$37,790,974. The primary use of cash during the three months ended March 31, 2013 was for exploration and evaluation expenditures totaling \$1,559,977 and an additional \$77,536 for project oversight expenditures on the Juanicipio property. Accounts receivable at March 31, 2013 totaled \$752,732 and was comprised primarily of value added taxes repayable to the Company by the Government of Mexico. Current liabilities at September 30, 2012 amounted to \$1,222,865 and are attributable to accrued exploration expenditures and legal, audit, and other administrative expenses.

The Company's net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2013 amounted to \$1,658,073 (March 31, 2012: \$754,371). The prior period's loss included a deferred tax recovery of \$840,052 which did not apply this quarter. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 management and consulting fees increased to \$616,890 (March 31, 2012: \$390,398) primarily due to recruitment and placement fees and to an additional director compared to the prior year. The foreign exchange gain of \$548,271 (March 31, 2012: \$53,582) was a result of holding US\$ in MAG corporately while the US\$ strengthened against the C\$. During the quarter ended March 31, 2013, the Company recorded \$636,600 (March 31, 2012: \$375,856) of share based payment expense (a non cash item) relating to stock options both granted and vesting to employees in the period. The Company also recognized a further impairment of \$175,944 (March 31, 2012: Nil) on certain marketable securities held where the decrease in value was determined to be prolonged and significant.

Juanicipio Project

Based on a National Instrument 43-101 compliant Updated Preliminary Economic Assessment entitled "Minera Juanicipio Property, Zacatecas State, Mexico, Technical Report for Minera Juanicipio S.A de C.V", authored by AMC Mining Consultants (Canada) Ltd. (the "AMC Study"), filed on SEDAR on July 16, 2012, Minera Juanicipio has approved an 18 month mine permitting and underground development budget of \$25.4 million (the "Initial Development Budget"). To December 31, 2012, a total of \$1.3 million of the Initial Development Budget had been incurred, with the remaining \$24.1 million now designated for 2013 and early 2014. Fresnillo plc ("Fresnillo"), the operator is in the process of preparing a revised timeline for the remaining work which is expected to be completed by early to mid-2014.

The Mexican environmental authorities now require an "Estudio Tecnico Justificativo" or a Technical Justification Study to be approved prior to commencing ramp construction. The required documents have been filed with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, and Fresnillo reports that it expects the underground decline ground breaking to commence late in the second quarter of 2013. Five different contractors from North and South America have been asked to tender for the decline construction and proposals are currently being reviewed with a decision still pending.

The AMC Study indicated a project development and production schedule of approximately 3.5 years, specifically: "Following satisfactory completion of further studies, and subject to the application and grant of the necessary permits and licenses, it is estimated that it will take approximately three and a half years to develop the project from the start of the box cut and portal to mill startup." Although Minera Juanicipio has not formally made a 'production decision,' Fresnillo, the operator, is reporting publically that Juanicipio will be in production in 2017. The Company believes this timeline is consistent with that laid out in the AMC Study.

Cinco de Mayo

In the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company incurred exploration and evaluation costs of

\$746,989 (2012: \$1,956,914) on its 100% owned Cinco de Mayo property. The principal focus of work was in preparation for negotiations for renewed surface access and surface rights purchase with the Ejido Benito Juarez (the "Ejido"). Further drilling on the Cinco de Mayo property can only resume upon obtaining the Soil Use Change Permit (which requires a surface access agreement with the local Ejido) and drill permits. Activities in the first quarter included meetings with Chihuahua State and Mexican Federal authorities and Community Public Relations and legal advisors in Mexico. The process was protracted due to the political transition period as the new party and Presidency assumed operation of the Mexican government. The Company believes the Ejido access issue is a temporary delay and is working to resolve the issue on a permanent basis with the Ejido, with the expectation of resuming drilling on the property late in 2013.

About MAG Silver Corp. (www.magsilver.com)

MAG is focused on district scale projects located within the Mexican Silver Belt. Our mission is to become one of the premier companies in the silver mining industry. MAG is conducting ongoing exploration of its portfolio of 100% owned properties in Mexico including a silver, lead and zinc discovery and a moly-gold discovery at its 100% owned Cinco de Mayo property in Chihuahua State. MAG and Fresnillo plc are jointly developing the Valdecanas Vein and delineating the Desprendido and Juanicipio discoveries on the Juanicipio Joint Venture in Zacatecas State. MAG is based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Its common shares trade on the TSX under the symbol MAG and on the NYSE MKT under the symbol MVG.

On behalf of the Board of MAG SILVER CORP.

Larry Taddei
Chief Financial Officer

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