

CHICAGO, Jan. 11, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Coeur Mining Inc.](#) (the "Company" or "Coeur") (NYSE:CDE) today announced fourth quarter production of 4.0 million ounces of silver and 91,551 ounces of gold, or 9.5 million silver equivalent<sup>1</sup> ounces.

Full-year 2015 production was 15.9 million silver ounces, at the high-end of Company guidance of 15.2 - 16.1 million ounces, and 327,908 gold ounces, in-line with Company guidance of 309,000 - 338,000 ounces. Full-year silver equivalent<sup>1</sup> production totaled 35.6 million ounces, at the high-end of Company guidance of 33.7 - 36.4 million ounces.

In 2016, Coeur expects to produce 14.6 - 16.0 million ounces of silver and 320,000 - 347,000 ounces of gold, or 33.8 - 36.8 million silver equivalent<sup>1</sup> ounces.

#### Quarterly Production Results

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#### 2015 Production Results

Coeur's 2015 silver and gold production results are shown below, along with the Company's most recent production guidance as of November 2, 2015.

	<i>(silver ounces in thousands)</i> Silver		Gold		Silver Equivalent <sup>1</sup>	
	2015 Guidance	2015 Result	2015 Guidance	2015 Result	2015 Guidance	2015 Result
Palmarejo	4,700 - 5,000	5,149	65,000 - 70,000	70,922	8,600 - 9,200	9,404
San Bartolomé	5,300 - 5,500	5,436	&mdash;	&mdash;	5,300 - 5,500	5,436
Rochester	4,700 - 5,000	4,631	55,000 - 65,000	52,588	8,000 - 8,900	7,786
Endeavor	500 - 600	629	&mdash;	&mdash;	500 - 600	629
Kensington	&mdash;	&mdash;	115,000 - 125,000	126,266	6,900 - 7,500	7,576
Wharf	&mdash;	56	74,000 - 78,000	78,132	4,440 - 4,680	4,744
Total	15,200 - 16,100	15,901	309,000 - 338,000	327,908	33,740 - 36,380	35,575

#### 2016 Production Outlook

Coeur's 2016 silver and gold production guidance is shown below.

	<i>(silver and silver equivalent ounces in thousands)</i> Silver	Gold	Silver Equivalent <sup>1</sup>
Palmarejo	3,800 - 4,300	67,000 - 72,000	7,820 - 8,620
San Bartolomé	5,700 - 6,000	&mdash;	5,700 - 6,000
Rochester	4,700 - 5,200	48,000 - 55,000	7,580 - 8,500
Endeavor	350 - 400	&mdash;	350 - 400
Kensington	&mdash;	115,000 - 125,000	6,900 - 7,500
Wharf	80 - 100	90,000 - 95,000	5,480 - 5,800
Total	14,630 - 16,000	320,000 - 347,000	33,830 - 36,820

#### 4Q 2015 Operational Results

Fourth quarter operational highlights for each of Coeur's operations are provided below.

	4Q 2015	3Q 2015	2Q 2015	1Q 2015	4Q 2014
Palmarejo, Mexico					
<i>Underground Operations:</i>					
Tons mined	189,383	190,399	172,730	149,150	187,729
Average silver grade (oz/t)	3.96	4.11	3.90	4.34	4.49
Average gold grade (oz/t)	0.06	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.06
<i>Surface Operations:</i>					

Tons mined	102,019	247,071	257,862	281,481	320,802
Average silver grade (oz/t)	3.86	3.56	3.47	3.79	2.90
Average gold grade (oz/t)	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03
<i>Processing:</i>					
Total tons milled	301,274	427,635	435,841	451,918	510,813
Average recovery rate &ndash; Ag	95.4	% 87.9	% 78.5	% 78.7	% 80.2
Average recovery rate &ndash; Au	88.8	% 84.7	% 76.2	% 73.9	% 78.7
Silver production ounces (000's)	1,126	1,422	1,247	1,354	1,444
Gold production ounces	14,326	22,974	18,127	15,495	15,237
Silver-equivalent <sup>1</sup> production ounces (000's)	1,986	2,800	2,335	2,284	2,358

- Transition to higher-grade, higher-margin underground operations from two ore sources - Guadalupe and Independencia - remains on-track.
- Full-year 2015 production of 5.1 million silver ounces and 70,922 gold ounces (9.4 million silver equivalent<sup>1</sup> ounces) exceeded the high-end of the Company's guidance range.
- Achieved mining rate of 2,000 tons per day from the Guadalupe deposit, and averaged a mining rate of approximately 1,700 tons per day over the entire quarter.
- Reached the Independencia deposit in early January as planned and expect to achieve first production from the ore body later in the first quarter.
- Recovery rates continue to climb as a result of several process enhancements that were implemented during 2015 and due to a higher amount of ore coming from underground operations.
- Open-pit operations are expected to end in the first quarter of 2016 and mining in the legacy Palmarejo underground is expected to cease in mid-2016.

Rochester, Nevada	4Q 2015	3Q 2015	2Q 2015	1Q 2015	4Q 2014
Tons placed	4,411,590	4,128,868	3,859,965	4,013,879	3,876,944
Average silver grade (oz/t)	0.60	0.59	0.61	0.74	0.60
Average gold grade (oz/t)	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.004
Silver production ounces (000's)	1,107	1,086	1,294	1,144	1,170
Gold production ounces	11,564	10,892	16,411	13,721	15,764
Silver equivalent <sup>1</sup> production ounces (000's)	1,800	1,740	2,279	1,967	2,116

- Full-year silver equivalent<sup>1</sup> production of 7.8 million ounces increased 13% over 2014, the second year of double-digit production growth, and was slightly below the Company's 2015 guidance range due to numerous snow storms in December and timing of leaching on the Stage III leach pad.
- Placed an average of 47,000 tons per day on the leach pad in the fourth quarter, and expect to average 50,000 tons per day by mid-2016, once ramp up of the recently expanded crusher is complete.

Kensington, Alaska	4Q 2015	3Q 2015	2Q 2015	1Q 2015	4Q 2014
Tons milled	161,927	165,198	170,649	164,951	167,417
Average gold grade (oz/t)	0.22	0.19	0.18	0.24	0.21
Average recovery rate	96.0	% 93.9	% 94.9	% 94.8	% 94.2
Gold production ounces	33,714	28,799	29,845	33,909	33,533

- Full-year gold production of 126,266 ounces was 7% higher than 2014 production and represents highest level since operations began in 2010. Record operating results were due to a 16% increase in the average grade as well as a higher recovery rate.
- Development of the Jualin decline has advanced approximately 1,500 feet and remains on-schedule. Underground drilling of the high-grade Jualin deposit, which is designed to increase confidence levels of existing resources and to expand the size of the ore body, is expected to begin during the first quarter of 2016.

Wharf, South Dakota	4Q 2015	3Q 2015	2Q 2015	1Q 2015	4Q 2014
Tons placed	1,147,130	1,149,744	887,409	415,996	&ndash;
Average gold grade (oz/t)	0.032	0.035	0.025	0.020	&ndash;
Average plant recovery rate - Au	97.3	% 92.8	% 76.7	% 85.9	% &ndash;
Gold production ounces	31,947	23,104	16,472	6,609	&ndash;

Silver production ounces	17,043	19,365	19,336	&mdash;	&mdash;
Gold equivalent <sup>1</sup> production ounces	32,231	23,427	16,794	6,609	&mdash;

- Full-year production of 79,061 gold equivalent<sup>1</sup> ounces exceeded the Company's guidance range and reflects Coeur's ownership since February of 2015.
- Strong crushing rates and process plant improvements led to a 38% increase in gold equivalent production during the fourth quarter compared with the third quarter.
- Improved process plant efficiencies have led to a significant increase in the average plant recovery rate since acquiring the operation in early 2015.
- Full-year 2016 production is expected to be approximately 20% higher than 2015 production.

San Bartolomé, Bolivia	4Q 2015	3Q 2015	2Q 2015	1Q 2015	4Q 2014
Tons milled	475,695	373,201	457,232	406,951	454,136
Average silver grade (oz/t)	3.84	3.76	3.73	3.65	3.77
Average recovery rate	84.9	% 84.0	% 87.6	% 81.6	% 88.0
Silver production ounces (000's)	1,551	1,178	1,495	1,213	1,506

- Fourth quarter production increased 32% compared with the third quarter.
- Coeur recently increased its purchases of higher-grade ore from local sources to supplement tonnage from ongoing mining activities. Approximately 15% of fourth quarter production was derived from third-party ore purchases.
- Full-year 2016 production is expected to be 5-10% higher than 2015 full-year production of 5.4 million silver ounces, with approximately 30% expected to be attributable to third-party ore purchases.

Endeavor, Australia	4Q 2015	3Q 2015	2Q 2015	1Q 2015	4Q 2014
Silver production ounces (000's)	172	121	204	133	191

- Silver production received from the Company's silver stream on the Endeavor mine in Australia increased by 42% compared to the third quarter and totaled 629,000 ounces for the full-year.

1. Silver and gold equivalence calculated using a 60:1 silver to gold ratio.

## Financial Results and Conference Call

Coeur will report its full operational and financial results for the fourth quarter and full-year 2015 on February 10, 2016 after the New York Stock Exchange closes for trading. There will be a conference call on February 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time.

Dial-In Numbers: (855) 560-2581 (US)  
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Conference ID: Coeur Mining

The conference call and presentation will also be webcast on the Company's website [www.coeur.com](http://www.coeur.com). Hosting the call will be Mitchell J. Krebs, President and Chief Executive Officer of Coeur, who will be joined by Peter C. Mitchell, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Frank L. Hanagarne, Jr., Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Hans Rasmussen, Senior Vice President of Exploration, and other members of management.

A replay of the call will be available through February 25, 2016.

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## About Coeur

Coeur Mining is the largest U.S.-based primary silver producer and a significant gold producer with five precious metals mines in

the Americas employing approximately 2,000 people. Coeur produces from its wholly owned operations: the Palmarejo silver-gold mine in Mexico, the San Bartolomé silver mine in Bolivia, the Rochester silver-gold mine in Nevada, the Kensington gold mine in Alaska, and the Wharf gold mine in South Dakota. The Company also has a non-operating interest in the Endeavor mine in Australia in addition to royalties on the Cerro Bayo mine in Chile, the El Gallo complex in Mexico, the Zaruma mine in Ecuador, and the Correnso mine in New Zealand. In addition, the Company has two silver-gold exploration projects - the La Preciosa project in Mexico and the Joaquin project in Argentina. The Company also conducts ongoing exploration activities in Alaska, Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, and Nevada. The Company owns strategic investment positions in several silver and gold development companies with projects in North and South America.

#### Cautionary Statement

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Dana Willis, Coeur's Director, Resource Geology and a qualified person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101, supervised the preparation of the scientific and technical information concerning Coeur's mineral projects in this news release. For a description of the key assumptions, parameters and methods used to estimate mineral reserves and resources, as well as data verification procedures and a general discussion of the extent to which the estimates may be affected by any known environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing or other relevant factors, Canadian investors should refer to the Technical Reports for each of Coeur's properties as filed on SEDAR at [sedar.com](http://sedar.com).

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