

TORONTO, ON--(Marketwired - January 14, 2016) - [Excellon Resources Inc.](#) (TSX: EXN) (OTC: EXLLF) ("Excellon" or the "Company"), Mexico's highest grade silver producer, reports fourth quarter and annual 2015 production results from the Platosa Mine in Durango, Mexico.

2015 Production Highlights (Compared to 2014)

- Silver equivalent ("AgEq") production of 1.4 million ounces (2014 - 2.05 million AgEq oz)
- Silver production of 794,289 ounces (2014 - 1.2 million oz)
- Lead production of 4.4 million lb (2014 - 7.5 million lb)
- Zinc production of 7.4 million lb (2014 - 10 million lb)

Q4 2015 Production Highlights (Compared to Q4 2014)

- AgEq production of 259,885 ounces (Q4 2014 - 366,272 AgEq oz)
- Silver production of 152,628 ounces (Q4 2014 - 206,343 ounces)
- Lead production of 0.8 million lb (Q4 2014 - 1.1 million lb)
- Zinc production of 1.3 million lb (Q4 2014 - 1.7 million lb)

"During 2015 we began the process of improving mining conditions at Platosa," stated Brendan Cahill, President and Chief Executive Officer. "While water management continued to present challenges throughout the year and limited access to the high grade 623 and Guadalupe South mantos, we began to see material improvements from our dewatering efforts late in Q4. Our mine planners and geologists also identified a new mineralized zone connecting the 623 and Guadalupe South mantos, which is being exploited in Q1 2016. We look forward to furthering these improvements as Platosa's optimization plan is implemented during 2016."

Q4 and 2015 Production Results

	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	2015	2014
Tonnes Mined	13,145	10,794	54,485	64,170
Tonnes Milled	12,999	11,671	56,849	64,206
<i>Grades</i>				
Silver (g/t)	406	632	491	603
Lead (%)	3.65	6.00	4.56	6.57
Zinc (%)	5.33	8.28	7.20	8.90
<i>Recoveries</i>				
Silver (%)	88.9	93.1	89.0	91.8
Lead (%)	79.8	75.7	77.7	81.9
Zinc (%)	81.3	79.6	81.6	81.8
<i>Metal Production*</i>				
Silver (oz)	152,628	206,343	794,289	1,162,929
Lead (lb)	837,903	1,136,853	4,387,358	7,515,720
Zinc (lb)	1,261,072	1,656,332	7,362,938	10,075,172
AgEq (oz)**	259,885	366,272	1,429,439	2,048,017

Ore production during the fourth quarter was primarily from the 6A, Guadalupe South and Guadalupe North mantos. During November and December, ore was primarily produced from remnant areas of the Guadalupe North manto, accounting for the relatively lower grades, as production in other mantos was limited by ordinary course water management and pump availability. In recent months, water levels in the 6A, Guadalupe North and Rodilla mantos have reduced significantly, with those areas now requiring minimal pumping. Consequently, the overall pumping rate of the dewatering system was relatively reduced during the period (along with the drawdown rate) as the operation began reconfiguring the pumping system to focus on the 623 and Guadalupe South mantos, which remain below the water table. This process was implemented through late Q4 and mining conditions began to improve and continue to improve into Q1 2016.

Mine development during Q4 focused on access to the Rodilla Manto and remnants of the N1 Manto, development around the 623 and Guadalupe South mantos, as well as development in support of the dewatering optimization plan. Of note, mining and development in Guadalupe South encountered a zone of mineralization not defined in Platosa resources that appears to connect the 623 and Guadalupe South manto. Development of this zone continues in Q1 2016.

Production from Platosa was below the Company's original forecasts as water management limited planned access to the 623 and Guadalupe South mantos and implementation of the optimization plan commenced later in the year than originally planned due to financing market conditions. The Company expects strong silver, lead and zinc production and cash flows to improve considerably in 2016, as the benefits of the water optimization plan are realized.

As announced on June 2nd and November 2nd, 2015, the Company has developed an optimization program to comprehensively

manage water at Platosa in the future through an enhanced pumping system. The first phase of the optimization plan is ongoing. Further updates on the progress of this program will be provided regularly during the implementation period.

The Company is currently accessing the periphery of the high-grade 623 Manto, hosting mineral resources of 83,000 tonnes at 1,231 g/t Ag (1,766 g/t AgEq), which is expected to reach full production during 2016 as ramps providing full access to the manto are completed.

The Company expects to release fourth quarter and 2015 financial results prior to market open on March 24, 2016.

About Excellon

Excellon's 100%-owned La Platosa Mine in Durango is Mexico's highest grade silver mine, with lead and zinc by-products making it historically one of the lowest cash cost silver mines in the country. The Company is positioning itself to capitalize on undervalued projects by focusing on increasing La Platosa's profitable silver production and near-term mineable resources.

Additional details on the La Platosa Mine and the rest of Excellon's exploration properties are available at www.excellonresources.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

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