

Golden Queen announces December operational results and positive reconciliation of ore tonnage and grade in the East Pit

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 18, 2018 /CNW/ - [Golden Queen Mining Co. Ltd.](#) (TSX:GQM | OTCQX:GQMNF) ("Golden Queen" or "the Company") today announces its operating results for December 2017, including total gold production of 2,939 ounces and revenue of US\$4.1 m from its Soledad Mountain gold-silver mine (the "Mine") located south of Mojave, California. All amounts herein are in US dollars and reflect 100% of the operating results of Golden Queen Mining Company, LLC ("GQM LLC"), the Company's 50%-owned subsidiary that holds the Mine, unless otherwise stated.

Golden Queen advised in its third quarter Form 10-Q that management was accelerating the East Pit development to seek to access higher-grade ore tons as soon as possible to compensate for the shortfall in the ore supplied and the lower than expected gold ore grades from the North-West and Main (Phase 1) Pits. Since November 2017, five benches have been mined out in the East Pit and the Company is pleased to report the following positive reconciliation between Ore Control (production) and Reserves:

Ore Control v. Reserves

	Grade oz/ton	Au oz	Ag oz/ton	Ag oz
Bench 3800				
Reserves	0.11567	941	0.318	18,309
Ore Control	0.11237	1,372	0.319	36,437
Variance OC-Reserves				
Reserves	97%	46%	0%	99%
Bench 3780				
Reserves	0.11353	1,225	0.287	23,253
Ore Control	0.11673	2,638	0.329	52,748
Variance OC-Reserves				
Reserves	97%	115%	15%	126%
Bench 3760				
Reserves	0.11065	1,887	0.279	35,121
Ore Control	0.11851	3,071	0.227	38,977

Variance OC-Reserves

Reserves	20%	63%	-18%	11%
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Bench 3740

Reserves	067,306	2,413	0.249	41,614
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Ore Control	099,890	3,664	0.295	58,963
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Variance OC-Reserves

Reserves	27%	52%	19%	42%
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Bench 3720

Reserves	003,653	3,141	0.252	51,200
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Ore Control	054,828	4,644	0.288	73,423
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Variance OC-Reserves

Reserves	28%	48%	14%	43%
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Cumulative

To date, the tonnage produced in the East Pit has consistently been better than expected due to the presence of ore blocks in the Patience vein structure area that had been classified as possible or simply un-modeled. In addition, the gold grade was 13% higher than estimated for a total of 1.6 times the expected gold ounces. The silver grade was 8% higher than estimated for a total of 1.5 times the predicted number of silver ounces.

Variance OC-Reserves

On January 22nd, the Company's drill program comprising up to 20 holes and approximately 20,000 feet of reverse circulation drilling at a projected cost of US\$1.0 m will commence. This drilling is designed to increase confidence in the currently modelled ore grades and tonnage associated with the Golden Queen vein structure, to improve the Company's understanding of the Patience vein structure with the objective of adding additional ounces to the reserves with immediate impact to the mine plan, and to investigate the Silver Queen vein structure in the South-East section where historical underground development appears on historic maps but has not been evidenced in historic extraction reports.

Upcoming Event

Mr. Thomas M. Clay, Chairman and CEO will be a speaker at the 2018 Vancouver Resource Investment Conference. The presentation will take place on Sunday, January 21st at 11:20am in the Vancouver Convention Centre West.

About Golden Queen Mining Co. Ltd.:

Golden Queen is a gold and silver producer holding a 50% interest in an open pit, heap leach mining operation on the Soledad Mountain property, located just outside the town of Mojave in Kern County in Southern California. The mine also produces aggregate rock.

Technical Information:

The scientific and technical content of this news release was reviewed, verified, and approved by Tim Mazanek, SME; a qualified person as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators National Instrument 43-101 "Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects and the Mine Manager of Golden Queen Mining Company, LLC.

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