

IMPACT Silver Announces Fourth Quarter and Year-end 2017 Financial and Production Results

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VANCOUVER, March 12, 2018 /CNW/ - [Impact Silver Corp.](#) ("IMPACT" or the "Company") announces its financial and results for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Fred Davidson, President and CEO, stated, "Earlier in the year, IMPACT was named to the 2017 TSX Venture 50. We 2018 with a clean balance sheet and no debt. Currently working capital remains strong at \$5.6 million. IMPACT continues to expand its in-mine exploration and development to provide additional tonnage throughput at the mill. We also have in place ongoing exploration plans for high potential targets and continue to evaluate strategic transactions to grow value for our shareholders."

In 2016, IMPACT raised \$7.1 million (net) through private placements. These funds have allowed the Company to accelerate exploration and re-start drilling on higher priority targets. The initial results have led to the San Felipe discovery, the discovery of a new extension at the San Ramon mine and the start of field work on the gold/copper target of Santa Teresa as detailed in our respective news releases.

Financial Overview

- Revenue for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$15.4 million (2016 -\$16.7 million). Marginally lower grades and lower silver prices impacted results for the year.
- Operating expenses increased to \$14.9 million (2016 - \$13.0 million) mainly as a result of increased throughput at the mill.
- Mine operating loss for 2017 was \$1.7 million compared to earnings of \$1.4 million in 2016. Mine operating earnings before amortization and depletion were \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$3.7 million in 2016.
- Net loss for 2017 was \$4.6 million which included \$0.6 million of foreign exchange loss and \$3.5 million of non-cash expenses for amortization, depletion, share based compensation and deferred income taxes. This compares to a net loss for 2016, which included \$0.5 million of foreign exchange loss and non-cash expenses of \$3.3 million for amortization, depletion, share based compensation and deferred income taxes.
- Loss before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) was \$1.9 million for 2017 compared to earnings of \$1.4 million in the previous year.
- The Company's cash position at December 31, 2017 was \$4.7 million with net working capital of \$5.6 million.
- In June 2017, the Company completed the sale of its non-active Zacatecas assets (200 tpd mill, 14 hectares surface and 10 mineral concessions) to [Endeavour Silver Corp.](#) (TSX:EDR, NYSE:EXK) for 154,321 common shares valued at \$0.3 million. The Company recorded a gain of \$0.3 million on the transaction.

Production Overview

- Silver production decreased slightly to 907,848 ounces in 2017 from 952,768 ounces in 2016.
- Average mill feed grade for silver was 172 grams per tonne (g/t) in 2017, down 4% from 2016.
- Throughput at the Guadalupe mill was increased 6% to 194,266 tonnes milled in 2017 from 183,032 in 2016.

- Production at the Guadalupe mill during the fourth quarter of 2017 came primarily from the San Ramon Deeps Mine (35% of total mill feed), the Cuchara Mine (35% of mill feed), the San Patricio (Chivo) Mine (19% of mill feed). The grade at the San Ramon is highly variable and provided lower grades than in the comparable quarter of 2016. The mining grades at the San Patricio (Chivo) Mine had lower grades than the Mirasol mine that closed towards the beginning of Q3. These factors contributed to a slightly lower grade mill feed in the fourth quarter of 2017.

Health and Safety Awards

During the year, the Company's mine rescue team competed in a safety and rescue competition for the first time and placed first overall among teams. In 2016, IMPACT's mining team received the recognition of The Award for Excellence in health and safety standards by the Secretary of Labour and Social Welfare in Mexico. This recognition acknowledges the Company's efforts in creating a safe working environment, strong relationships with its employees, and reduced workplace accidents, illnesses and absenteeism.

This award and others like it are testaments to IMPACT's dedication to an industry leading standard in the health and safety of its staff and contractors.

Exploration

The Company is continuing exploration with the goal of putting some of the 4,500+ compiled old mine workings in the Zacualpan and Capire districts on a faster track to drilling and potential production and building mineral inventories for mining. The Company will be continuing surface and underground drilling programs to build resources.

IMPACT has control of the majority of two entire mineral districts in central Mexico: the Royal Mines of Zacualpan Silver District and the Capire-Mamatla Mineral District adjacent to and southwest of Zacualpan. IMPACT has a track record of successful exploration and rapid mine development. The Company's long-term vision sees potential for establishing mills throughout these districts, each fed by multiple mines producing silver-lead-zinc as well as gold and copper.

The Company continues to look for expansion through ongoing exploration programs and/or strategic acquisitions and transactions.

A recorded conference call reviewing the financial and production results of the fourth quarter of 2017 will be available on the Company website on March 13, 2018, at www.impactsilver.com/s/ConferenceCalls.asp.

The information in this news release should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis, available on the Company website at www.impactsilver.com and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. All amounts are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified.

Additional information about the Company and its operations can be found on the website, www.impactsilver.com.

On behalf of the Directors of [Impact Silver Corp.](http://www.impactsilver.com),

"Frederick W. Davidson"
President & CEO

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The Company's decision to place a mine into production, expand a mine, make other production related decisions or to carry out mining and processing operations, is largely based on internal non-public Company data and reports based on exploration, development and mining work by the Company's geologists and engineers. The results of this work are evidence of discovery and building of multiple mines for the Company and in the track record of mineral production and financial returns of the Company since 2006. Under National Instrument 43-101, the Company is required to disclose that it has not based its decisions on NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource or reserve estimates, preliminary economic assessments or feasibility studies, and historically such projects have increased uncertainty and risk.

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