

Silver Bull Enters Into an Option Agreement to Acquire the Beskauga Copper-Gold Project in Kazakhstan

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VANCOUVER, Aug. 17, 2020 - [Silver Bull Resources Inc.](#) (OTCQB: SVBL, TSX: SVB) (Silver Bull) is pleased to announce it has entered into an option to purchase agreement with Copperbelt AG (Copperbelt), a private mineral exploration company registered in Zug, Switzerland, to acquire a 100% interest in their Beskauga copper-gold project located in North Eastern Kazakhstan.

Highlights of the Agreement

- On execution of the agreement Silver Bull paid Copperbelt US\$30,000. An additional US\$40,000 will be paid to Copperbelt after due diligence on the Beskauga property is completed to Silver Bull's satisfaction. Silver Bull will have a 60 day due diligence period which will commence after the Company has been able to access the Beskauga property in a manner that complies with governmental recommendations and advisories with respect to the global COVID-19 pandemic, among other conditions.
- Silver Bull will then have 4 years to conduct exploration on the property. Exploration expenditures on Beskauga and certain other licenses required to keep the option in good standing are US\$2 million in year one, US\$3 million in year two, US\$5 million in year three and US\$5 million in year four, for a total exploration spend of US\$15 million over four years.
- After completing US\$15 million in cumulative exploration expenditures Silver Bull can acquire the Beskauga property for a US\$15 million cash payment.
- In addition Copperbelt may receive a bonus payment of up to US\$32 million should Silver Bull publish a Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) with a resource of up to 10 million gold equivalent ounces on the main Beskauga prospect and 5 million gold equivalent ounces on an additional prospect. 20% of the bonus is payable 60 days after publishing a BFS, with the remaining 80% payable on the commencement of mine construction. Up to 50% of the bonus is payable in common shares of Silver Bull at Silver Bull's election.
- Silver Bull will pay a finders fee to a third party upon the satisfaction of certain conditions.

Tim Barry, President, CEO and director of Silver Bull states, "We are extremely pleased to enter into this agreement with Copperbelt. We believe the Beskauga copper-gold Project represents one of the best exploration opportunities in the world. The high quality work that has been completed on the project to date indicates Beskauga is a huge mineralizing system that has considerable upside that has yet to be explored. We will be working closely with our partners from Copperbelt to quickly and efficiently explore these areas. In addition to the exploration potential at Beskauga, the project has excellent infrastructure. Paved road access and, 1100 KVA power lines, heavy rail, and a highly trained workforce all lie within a 10 kilometer radius. As a mining jurisdiction Kazakhstan is fast becoming a go to place due to its recently updated mining law and incredible geological prospectivity. In June 2018 the Kazakhstan government implemented a new mining code based on the mining code used in Western Australia. Unlike many Governments around the world today, the Kazakh Government is very supportive of the mining sector, a view which is highlighted by the fact that numerous major mining companies have recently set up an office in the country and acquired exploration licenses. We expect to provide more details about the Beskauga project itself as soon as we complete our due diligence on the project."

About Kazakhstan

Size: Kazakhstan is the ninth largest country in the world, covering 2,717,300 km², and has a population of 18.2 million people.

Capital City: The capital city is Nur-Sultan which is located 300 kilometers from the project. Nur-Sultan has a major international airport allowing for easy access and administration of the Beskauga Project.

Mining Law: Kazakhstan adopted a new mining code titled "Code on Surface and Subsoil Use" (the "SSU Code") on 27 December 2017, and became effective on 29 June 2018. The SSU Code is based on the Western Australian model where Kazakhstan moved from a contractual regime to a licensing regime for solid minerals (except for uranium). Coincident with the updated SSU law, the Kazakhstan government also reduced a considerable amount of the administrative burdens for subsoil users.

Tax: Summary of pertinent taxes related to exploration in Kazakhstan are as follows;

- 20% corporate tax
- 12% VAT is refundable for exploration companies
- 4.7% royalty for Copper
- 5% royalty for gold and silver

Geological Prospectivity: Kazakhstan is one of the most prospective countries in the world for a number of metals. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Kazakhstan is;

1st in the world for Uranium production (41% of world output)
2nd in the world for chromite production (18% of world output)
4th in the world for titanium production (6% of world output)
10th in the world for copper production

In addition, Kazakhstan has also has significant proven reserves (as yet unmined) of gold, silver, lead, zinc, tin, iron ore, nickel, cobalt, and bauxite

The Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies in 2017, ranked Kazakhstan 24th best mining jurisdiction in the world.

Sierra Mojada Update

Silver Bull's Sierra Mojada project remains under an illegal blockade organized by a Cooperative of local Miners called Sociedad Cooperativa de Exploraci3n Minera Mineros Norte3s, S.C.L. (Mineros Norte3s).

Silver Bull has an agreement with Mineros Norte3s on two small mineral licences which cover the eastern part of the Sierra Mojada deposit. These licences are subject to a 2% production royalty to Mineros Norte3s capped at US\$6.875 million (the Royalty) should a mine go into production.

Since 2014, Silver Bull has been fighting a law suit by Mineros Norte3s seeking payment of the Royalty, including interest at a rate of 6% per annum since August 30, 2004, even though no revenue has been produced from the applicable mining concessions. Mineros Norte3s also sought payment of wages to the Mineros Norte3s members since August 30, 2004 under this agreement, even though none of the individuals were hired or performed work for Silver Bull under this agreement and Silver Bull did not commit to hiring them. On October 4, 2017, the court ruled that Mineros Norte3s was time barred from bringing the case. On October 19, 2017, Mineros Norte3s appealed this ruling. On July 31, 2019, the Federal Appeal Court held the original ruling. This ruling was subsequently challenged by Mineros Norte3s and in March 2020 the Federal Appeals Court held the original ruling. Mineros Norte3s may challenge the ruling for a final time at the Federal Circuit Court. Due to COVID-19 the Mexican court system remains closed and the timing of reopening is uncertain. In an attempt to force Silver Bull into making a settlement, Mineros Norte3s has undertaken to illegally block access to the project since September 2019. To ensure the safety of all involved, Silver Bull has elected to halt all operations on the project until a resolution can be found.

Silver Bull remains committed to good faith dialogue with Mineros Norte3s, many of whom have worked for Silver Bull, to find a solution that is acceptable to both parties.

The joint venture option with South32 remains in good standing but under a force majeure pause.

South32 Joint Venture Option

In June 2018 Silver Bull signed an agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of South32 whereby Silver Bull has granted South32 an option to form a 70/30 joint venture with respect to the Sierra Mojada Project. To maintain the option in good standing, South32 must contribute minimum exploration funding of US\$10 million ("Initial Funding") during a 4 year option period with minimum aggregate exploration funding of US\$3 million, US\$6 million and US\$8 million to be made by the end of years 1, 2 and 3 of the option period respectively. South32 may exercise its option to subscribe for 70% of the shares of Minera Metalin S.A. De C.V. ("Metalin"), the wholly owned subsidiary of Silver Bull which holds the claims in respect of the Sierra Mojada Project, by contributing US\$100 million to Metalin for Project funding, less the amount of the Initial Funding contributed by South32 during the option period. During the period of force majeure the year 2 completion date has been extended by the period of force majeure.

About Silver Bull: Silver Bull is a mineral exploration company whose shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and trade on the OTCQB in the United States, and is based out of Vancouver, Canada. Silver Bull owns the Sierra Mojada Project which is located 150 kilometers north of the city of Torreon in Coahuila, Mexico, and is highly prospective for silver and zinc.

About the Sierra Mojada deposit: Sierra Mojada is an open pittable oxide deposit with a NI43-101 compliant measured and indicated "global" resource of 70.4 million tonnes grading 3.4% zinc and 38.6g/t silver at a \$13.50 NSR cutoff giving 5.35 billion pounds of zinc and 87.4 million ounces of silver. Included within the "global" resource is a measured and indicated "high grade zinc zone" of 13.5 million tonnes with an average grade of 11.2% zinc at a 6% cutoff, giving 3.336 billion pounds of zinc, and a measured and indicated "high grade silver zone" of 15.2 million tonnes with an average grade of 114.9g/t silver at a 50g/t cutoff giving 56.3 million ounces of silver. Mineralization remains open in the east, west, and northerly directions. Approximately 60% of the current 3.2 kilometer mineralized body is at or near surface before dipping at around 6 degrees to the east.

The technical information of this news release has been reviewed and approved by Tim Barry, a Chartered Professional Geologist (CPAusIMM), and a qualified person for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101.

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