

Silvercorp Reports Adjusted Net Income of \$15.8 Million, \$0.09 Per Share, and Cash Flow From Operations of \$36.5 Million for Q1 Fiscal 2022

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VANCOUVER, Aug. 5, 2021 - [Silvercorp Metals Inc.](#) ("Silvercorp" or the "Company") (TSX: SVM) (NYSE American: SVM) reported its financial and operating results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2021 ("Q1 Fiscal 2022"). All amounts are expressed in US Dollars, and figures may not add due to rounding.

Q1 FISCAL 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Mined 231,235 tonnes of ore and milled 243,077 tonnes of ore, down 9% and 7% compared to the prior year quarter due primarily to slow downs during contract renewal negotiations with mining contractors, which were successfully completed as announced July 13, 2021;
- Sold approximately 1.6 million ounces of silver, 1,000 ounces of gold, 16.8 million pounds of lead, and 7.3 million pounds of zinc, representing decreases of 12%, 9%, and 20% in silver, gold and lead sold, and an increase of 4% in zinc sold, compared to the prior year quarter;
- Revenue of \$58.8 million, up 26% compared to \$46.7 million in the prior year quarter;
- Net income attributable to equity shareholders of \$12.2 million, or \$0.07 per share, compared to \$15.5 million, or \$0.09 per share in the prior year quarter;
- Adjusted earnings attributable to equity shareholders of \$15.8 million, or \$0.09 per share, compared to \$9.6 million, or \$0.05 per share in the prior year quarter. The adjustments were made to remove the impacts from non-recurring items, share-based compensation, foreign exchange, mark-to-market equity investments, and the share of associates' operating results.
- Income from mine operations in Q1 Fiscal 2022 was \$25.5 million, up 32% compared to \$19.3 million in prior year quarter.
- Cash flow from operations of \$36.5 million, up 21% or \$6.4 million compared to \$30.1 million in the prior year quarter;
- Cash cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, of negative \$1.43 compared to negative \$1.48 in the prior year quarter;
- All-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, of \$7.46, compared to \$5.61 in the prior year quarter;
- Paid \$2.2 million of dividends to the Company's shareholders;
- Invested \$5.0 million in Whitehorse Gold Corp. ("WHG") to increase the Company's ownership interest in WHG by 2.5% to 29.5%; and,
- Strong balance sheet with \$214.4 million in cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments, up \$15.3 million or 8% compared to \$199.1 million as at March 31, 2021. This does not include the investments in associates and equity investment in other companies, having a total market value of \$243.2 million as at June 30, 2021.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

	Three months ended June 30,		
	2021	2020	Changes
Financial			
Revenue (in thousands of \$)	\$ 58,819	\$ 46,705	26%
Mine operating earnings (in thousands of \$)	25,504	19,285	32%
Net income attributable to equity shareholders	12,212	15,491	-21%
Earnings per share - basic (\$/share)	0.07	0.09	-22%
Adjusted earnings attributable to equity shareholders	15,771	9,566	65%
Adjusted earning per share - basic (\$/share)	0.09	0.05	80%
Net cash generated from operating activities (in thousands of \$)	36,452	30,142	21%
Capitalized expenditures (in thousands of \$)	11,172	10,220	9%
Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments (in thousands of \$)	214,426	178,386	20%
Working capital (in thousands of \$)	188,905	153,732	23%
Metals sold			
Silver (in thousands of ounces)	1,642	1,872	-12%
Gold (in thousands of ounces)	1.0	1.1	-9%
Lead (in thousands of pounds)	16,810	20,885	-20%
Zinc (in thousands of pounds)	7,255	6,958	4%
Average Selling Price, Net of Value Added Tax and Smelter Charges			
Silver (\$/ounce)	20.70	13.99	48%
Gold (\$/ounce)	1,508	1,343	12%
Lead (\$/pound)	0.86	0.69	25%
Zinc (\$/pound)	1.02	0.60	70%

Net income attributable to equity shareholders of the Company in Q1 Fiscal 2022 was \$12.2 million or \$0.07 per share, compared to \$15.5 million or \$0.09 per share in three months ended June 30, 2020 ("Q1 Fiscal 2021").

Adjusted earnings attributable to equity shareholders of the Company in Q1 Fiscal 2022 was \$15.8 million, or \$0.09 per share, compared to \$9.6 million, or \$0.05 per share Q1 Fiscal 2021. The adjustments were made to remove the impacts from non-cash and unusual items, including elimination of share-based compensation, foreign exchange loss, share of loss in associates, gain or loss on mark-to-market equity investments, and one-time items.

In Q1 Fiscal 2022, the Company's consolidated financial results were mainly impacted by i) an increase of 48%, 12%, 25%, and 70%, respectively, in the realized selling prices for silver, gold, lead and zinc; offset by ii) a decrease of 12%, 9%, and 20%, respectively, in silver, gold, and lead sold; iii) lower production; and iv) the depreciation of the US dollar against the Company's functional currencies, mainly the Chinese yuan and the Canadian dollar.

Revenue in Q1 Fiscal 2022 was \$58.8 million, up 26% or \$12.1 million compared to \$46.7 million in Q1 Fiscal 2021. The increase was mainly due to i) an increase of \$19.3 million arising from the increase in the net realized selling metal prices; ii) an increase of \$1.3 million arising from the increase in the quantities of zinc sold; offset by iii) a decrease of \$8.5 million arising from the decrease in the quantities of silver, gold, and lead sold. Revenues from silver, gold, and base metal were \$34.0 million, \$1.5 million, and \$23.3 million, respectively, up 30%, 2%, and 22%, respectively, compared to \$26.2 million, \$1.5 million, and \$19.0 million in Q1 Fiscal 2021. Revenue from the Ying Mining District was \$47.4 million, up 19%, compared to \$39.7 million in Q1 Fiscal 2021. Revenue from the GC Mine was \$11.4 million, up 62%, compared to \$7.0 million in Q1 Fiscal 2021.

Income from mine operations in Q1 Fiscal 2022 was \$25.5 million, up 32% compared to \$19.3 million in prior year quarter. Income from mine operations at the Ying Mining District was \$21.2 million, up 20% compared to \$17.6 million in Q1 Fiscal 2021. Income from mine operations at the GC Mine was \$4.4 million, up 144% compared to \$1.8 million in Q1 Fiscal 2021.

Cash flow provided by operating activities in Q1 Fiscal 2022 was \$36.5 million, up 21% or \$6.3 million, compared to \$30.1 million in Q1 Fiscal 2021.

The Company ended the quarter with \$214.4 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, up 8% or \$15.3 million, compared to \$199.1 million as at March 31, 2021.

Working capital as at June 30, 2021 was \$188.9 million, up 3% or \$4.9 million, compared to \$184.0 million as at March 31, 2021.

Consolidated OPERATIONAL RESULTS

	Three months ended June 30,		
	2021	2020	Changes
Ore Production (tonne)			
Ore mined	231,235	254,555	-9%
Ore milled	243,077	262,326	-7%
Metal Production			
Silver (in thousands of ounces)	1,474	1,752	-16%
Gold (in thousands of ounces)	1.0	1.1	-9%
Lead (in thousands of pounds)	15,878	20,077	-21%
Zinc (in thousands of pounds)	7,198	7,533	-4%
Cash Costs			
Cash cost per ounce of Silver, net of by-product credits(\$)	(1.43)	(1.48)	3%
All-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	7.46	5.61	33%
Cash production cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	77.55	67.05	16%
All-in sustaining cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	131.48	112.59	17%

In Q1 Fiscal 2022, on a consolidated basis, the Company mined 231,235 tonnes of ore, down 9% or 23,320 tonnes, compared to 254,555 tonnes in Q1 Fiscal 2021. Ore milled in Q1 Fiscal 2022 was 243,077 tonnes, down 7% or 19,249 tonnes, compared to 262,326 tonnes in Q1 Fiscal 2021. The decrease was primarily a result of the Company's mining contract renewal negotiation at the Ying Mining District as reported in the

Company's news releases dated July 13 and April 28, 2021. Contracts were renewed for an additional 2 years in mid May 2021, and the Company expects to increase production in the remaining three quarters and meet its annual guidance.

In Q1 Fiscal 2022, the Company produced approximately 1.5 million ounces of silver, 1,000 ounces of gold, 15.9 million pounds of lead, and 7.2 million pounds of zinc, compared to 1.8 million ounces of silver, 1,100 ounces of gold, 20.1 million pounds of lead, and 7.5 million pounds of zinc sold in Q1 Fiscal 2021.

Compared to Q1 Fiscal 2021, the Company's consolidated per tonne costs in the current quarter were mainly impacted by i) 9% appreciation of the Chinese yuan against the US dollar resulting in higher costs presented in the US dollar; ii) an average 7% increase in frontline workers' pay rate, iii) lower production at the Ying Mining District resulting in higher per tonne fixed cost allocation, and iv) an overall of 14.5% increase in mining contractors' fee rate at the Ying Mining District as reported previously in the Company's news release dated May 20, 2021. The consolidated cash production cost and all-in sustaining production cost per tonne of ore processed were \$77.55 and \$131.48, up 16% and 17%, respectively, compared to \$67.05 and \$112.59 in Q1 Fiscal 2021, but both were in line with the Company's Fiscal 2022 annual guidance.

In Q1 Fiscal 2022, the consolidated cash cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was negative \$1.43, compared to negative \$1.48 in the prior year quarter. The increase was mainly due to the increase in per tonne cash production costs as discussed above, offset by an increase of \$4.16 in by-product credits per ounce of silver. Sales from lead and zinc in Q1 Fiscal 2022 amounted to \$21.8 million, up \$3.3 million, compared to \$18.5 million in Q1 Fiscal 2021.

The consolidated all-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$7.46, compared to \$5.61 in Q1 Fiscal 2021. The increase was mainly due to the increase in per tonne all-in sustaining production cost, offset by an increase of \$4.16 in by-product credits per ounce of silver.

In Q1 Fiscal 2022, on a consolidated basis, a total of 107,913 metres or \$4.6 million worth of diamond drilling were completed (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 36,697 metres or \$1.1 million), of which approximately 50,666 metres or \$1.3 million worth of underground drilling were expensed as part of mining costs (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 36,697 metres or \$1.1 million) and approximately 57,247 metres or \$3.3 million worth of exploration drilling were capitalized (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - nil). In addition, approximately 6,955 metres or \$2.8 million worth of preparation tunnelling were completed and expensed as part of mining costs (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 10,142 metres or \$2.6 million), and approximately 17,263 metres or \$6.6 million worth of tunnels, raises, ramps and declines were completed and capitalized (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 26,375 metres or \$9.0 million).

INDIVIDUAL MINE OPERATING PERFORMANCE

Ying Mining District	Q1 2022	Q4 2021	Q3 2021
	June 30, 2021	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Ore Production (tonne)			
Ore mined	142,907	112,561	182,268
Ore milled	155,407	131,725	162,905
Head grades			
Silver (gram/tonne)	279	280	297
Lead (%)	4.2	3.9	4.3
Zinc (%)	0.8	0.8	0.8
Recovery rates			
Silver (%)	94.7	93.7	93.9
Lead (%)	95.7	95.1	96.4
Zinc (%)	59.7	65.0	63.3
Cash Costs			
Cash cost per ounce of Silver, net of by-product credits(\$)	0.80	1.20	(1.12)
All-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	6.54	10.00	5.24
Cash production cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	92.79	98.13	83.09
All-in sustaining cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	138.55	155.14	133.07
Metal Production			
Silver (in thousands of ounces)	1,283	1,083	1,464
Gold (in thousands of ounces)	1.0	0.3	0.9
Lead (in thousands of pounds)	13,278	10,504	14,361
Zinc (in thousands of pounds)	1,519	1,496	1,857

In Q1 Fiscal 2022, a total of 89,189 metres or \$3.9 million worth of diamond drilling were completed (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 28,485 metres or \$0.8 million) at the Ying Mining District, of which approximately 31,942 metres or \$0.7 million worth of underground drilling were expensed as part of mining costs (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 28,485 metres or \$0.8 million) and approximately 57,247 metres or \$3.3 million worth of exploration drilling were capitalized (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - nil). In addition, approximately 6,501 metres or \$2.5 million worth of preparation tunnelling were completed and expensed as part of mining costs (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 6,207 metres or \$1.8 million), and approximately 12,973 metres or \$5.4 million worth of horizontal tunnels, raises, ramps, and declines were completed and capitalized (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 23,108 metres or \$7.8 million).

GC Mine	Q1 2022	Q4 2021	Q3 2021
	June 30, 2021	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Ore Production (tonne)			
Ore mined	88,328	50,511	97,177
Ore milled	87,670	48,949	97,743
Head grades			
Silver (gram/tonne)	80	87	82
Lead (%)	1.5	1.7	1.4
Zinc (%)	3.3	3.3	3.5
Recovery rates			
Silver (%)	84.1	81.9	82.6
Lead (%)	89.3	89.7	89.6
Zinc (%)	89.3	88.2	89.7
Cash Costs			
Cash cost per ounce of Silver, net of by-product credits(\$)	(17.96)	(12.80)	(14.43)
All-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits (\$)	(7.98)	0.52	(1.05)
Cash production cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	52.90	58.56	54.07
All-in sustaining cost per tonne of ore processed (\$)	71.67	87.69	78.63
Metal Production			
Silver (in thousands of ounces)	190	112	212
Lead (in thousands of pounds)	2,600	1,652	2,750
Zinc (in thousands of pounds)	5,679	3,176	6,816

In Q1 Fiscal 2022, approximately 18,724 metres or \$0.6 million worth of underground diamond drilling (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 8,212 metres or \$0.3 million) and 454 metres or \$0.3 million of tunnelling (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 3,458 metres or \$0.8 million) were completed and expensed as mining preparation costs at the GC Mine. In addition, approximately 4,290 metres or \$1.2 million of horizontal tunnels, raises, and declines were completed and capitalized (Q1 Fiscal 2021 - 3,267 metres or \$1.2 million).

CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS

A conference call to discuss these results will be held tomorrow, Friday, August 6, at 9:00 am PDT (12:00 pm EDT). To participate in the conference call, please dial the numbers below.

Canada/USA TF: 888-664-6383

International Toll: 416-764-8650

Conference ID: 22851634

Participants should dial-in 10 - 15 minutes prior to the start time. A replay of the conference call and transcript will be available on the Company's website at www.silvercorp.ca.

Mr. Guoliang Ma, P.Geo., Manager of Exploration and Resources of the Company, is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and has reviewed and consented to the technical information contained in this news release.

This earnings release should be read in conjunction with the Company's Management Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A"), Financial Statements and Notes to Financial Statements for the corresponding period, which have been posted on SEDAR under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com and are also available on the Company's website at www.silvercorp.ca. This earnings release refers to various alternative performance (non-IFRS) measures, such as adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per share, cash cost and all-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, cash production cost and all-in sustaining production cost per tonne of ore processed and working capital. These measures are widely used in the mining industry as a benchmark for performance, but do not have standardized meanings under IFRS as an indicator of performance and may differ from methods used by other companies with similar description. Accordingly, to facilitate a better understanding of these measures as calculated by the Company, please refer to section 10 - Alternative Performance (Non-IFRS) Measures of the corresponding MD&A for detailed description and reconciliation.

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