

# Santacruz Silver Reports Q3 2021 Production of 872,913 Silver Equivalent Ounces

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Vancouver, October 20, 2021 - [Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd.](#) (TSXV: SCZ) (the "Company" or "Santacruz") reports its operating results for the third quarter 2021 ("Q3") from the Zimapan Mine located in Zimapan, Hidalgo, Mexico and the Rosario Project located in Charcas, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

## Production Highlights:

- Consolidated silver equivalent production for Q3 2021 was 872,913 AgEq ounces; an increase of over 9% compared to Q2 2021
- Zimapan silver equivalent production for Q3 2021 was 867,215 AgEq ounces; an increase of over 14% compared to Q2 2021 that arose primarily as the result of a 20% increase in tonnes milled during the respective periods

Carlos Silva, Santacruz's CEO stated, "The production increase during Q3 arose mainly from the Carrizal and Monte mines as a result of development of new stopes at Lomo del Toro setting the stage for a strong year end." Mr. Silva added; "All underground equipment from the Rosario project is now working at Lomo de Toro and it is expected that with this additional equipment production will further increase during Q4."

## COVID-19 Update

The Company continues to take all appropriate measures to prevent COVID-19 among the work force and local communities and to monitor the effectiveness of these measures in mitigating any potential impact on business activities. The Company's actions have been successful to date and the pandemic has not had any material impact on the business.

## CONSOLIDATED PRODUCTION RESULTS

	2021 Q3	2021 Q2	2020 Q3
Material Processed (tonnes milled)	188,947	172,324	176,640
Silver equivalent ounce production	872,913	799,057	977,678
Silver production (ounces)	316,024	329,398	304,123
Gold production (ounces)	8	53	59
Lead production (tonnes)	1,012	778	1,080
Zinc production (tonnes)	3,767	3,023	3,041
Copper production (tonnes)	497	481	395
Average Head Grade (g/t Ag equivalent)	188	192	231
Development (metres)	2,394	2,480	2,103

## ZIMAPAN MINE PRODUCTION RESULTS

	2021 Q3	2021 Q2	2020 Q3
Material Processed (tonnes milled)	186,642	155,407	164,846
Silver equivalent ounce production	867,215	757,937	920,985
Silver production (ounces)	313,476	310,910	282,760
Silver head grade (g/t)	73	84	73
Gold head grade (g/t)	-	-	-
Lead head grade (%/t)	0.61	0.56	0.72
Zinc head grade (%/t)	2.53	2.54	2.40

Copper head grade (%/t)	0.35	0.38	0.33
Silver recovery (%)	71.5	74.2	72.3
Gold production (ounces)	-	-	-
Lead production (tonnes)	1,008	747	1,048
Zinc production (tonnes)	3,744	2,848	2,841
Copper production (tonnes)	497	481	395
Average Head Grade (g/t Ag equivalent)	189	202	234
Development (metres)	2,298	1,969	1,701

## ROSARIO MINE PRODUCTION RESULTS\*\*

	2021 Q3	2021 Q2	2020 Q3
Material Processed (tonnes milled)	2,306	16,917	11,794
Silver equivalent ounce production	5,698	41,120	56,693
Silver production (ounces)	2,548	18,488	21,363
Silver head grade (g/t)	41	45	66
Gold head grade (g/t)	0.15	0.16	0.24
Lead head grade (%/t)	0.24	0.25	0.31
Zinc head grade (%/t)	1.19	1.44	2.06
Copper head grade (%/t)	-	-	-
Silver recovery (%)	84.2	76.2	85.9
Gold production (ounces)	8	53	59
Lead production (tonnes)	4	31	32
Zinc production (tonnes)	24	176	200
Copper production (tonnes)	-	-	-
Average Head Grade (g/t Ag equivalent)	92	104	183
Development (metres)	96	511	402

\* In the above tables Ag Eq has been calculated as follows:

2021 Ag Eq was calculated using metal prices of: Ag \$25.00/oz, Au \$1,925/oz, Pb \$0.85/lb, Zn \$1.05/lb and Cu \$3.00/lb.

2020 Ag Eq was calculated using metal prices of: Ag \$17.85/oz, Au \$1,480/oz, Pb \$0.92/lb, Zn \$1.09/lb and Cu \$2.80/lb.

\*\* Rosario Mine was placed on care and maintenance during Q3 2021

## Silver Equivalent Comparative Production

As noted in the tables above, there is a significant increase in silver equivalent ounces produced in Q3 2021 as compared to that produced in Q2 2021. This positive change in production is due to increased silver equivalent production from the Zimapan Mine. The increase in silver equivalent ounces produced was primarily due to a 20% increase in tonnes processed at the Zimapan mine over the prior quarter offset by a slight reduction in silver head grade and silver recovery of 13% and 3% respectively. It should also be noted that if the Q3 2021 silver equivalent production had been calculated using the 2020 metal price deck the reported silver equivalent ounces produced from Zimapan would have been 1,103,943 Ag Eq, an increase of 27% over the current reported balance and a 20% increase as compared to Q3 2020. On a comparative basis within any particular fiscal year or between periods in different fiscal years where the metal price decks are relatively equivalent, the computation of silver equivalent is useful for comparing production from one period to another. When the price decks are not relatively equivalent, the usefulness of this production indicator is diminished.

## About Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd.

Santacruz is a Mexican focused silver company with two producing silver projects (Zimapan and Rosario) and two exploration properties, the La Pechuga property and Santa Gorgonia prospect. The Company is managed by a technical team of professionals with proven track records in developing, operating and discovering silver mines in Mexico. Our corporate objective is to become a mid-tier silver producer.

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#### Zimapan Mine

Production at the Zimapan Mine is not supported by a feasibility study on mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability or any other independent economic study under NI 43-101. Accordingly, there is increased uncertainty and economic and technical risks of failure associated with production operations at the Zimapan Mine. Production and economic variables may vary considerably due to the absence of a complete and detailed site analysis according to and in accordance with NI 43-101.

## Rosario Project

The decisions to commence production at the Rosario Mine and Membrillo Prospect were not based on a feasibility study of mineral reserves demonstrating economic and technical viability, but rather on a more preliminary estimate of inferred mineral resources. Accordingly, there is increased uncertainty and economic and technical risks of failure associated with this production decision. Production and economic variables may vary considerably, due to the absence of a complete and detailed site analysis according to and in accordance with NI 43-101.

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