

# Santacruz Silver Produces 4,046,328 Silver Equivalent Ounces in Q2; Bolivian Operations Make Strong Contribution to Growth

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Vancouver, July 20, 2022 - [Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd.](#) (TSXV: SCZ) ("Santacruz" or "the Company") reports production of 4,046,328 silver equivalent ounces from the Zimapan Mine in Mexico ("the Mexican Operations") and its Sinchi Wayra, Illapa and San Lucas companies ("the Bolivian Operations") which consists of a 45% interest in the Bolivar and Porco Mines, a 100% interest in the Tres Amigos, Reserva and Colquechaquita Mines (together "the Caballo Blanco Mines"), in addition to a 100% interest in the San Lucas ore sourcing and trading company.

## Consolidated Q2 2022 Highlights:

- Silver equivalent produced of 4,046,328 ounces (+190.8% vs Q1 2022 and +406.4% vs Q2 2021);
- Silver production of 1,410,485 ounces (+200.2% vs Q1 2022 and +328.2% vs Q2 2021);
- Zinc production of 20,928 tonnes (+230.9% vs Q1 2022 and +592.2% vs Q2 2021);
- Lead production of 3,321 tonnes (+122.4% vs Q1 2022 and +327.0% vs Q2 2021);
- Copper production of 568 tonnes (+35.5% vs Q1 2022 and +17.9% vs Q2 2021);
- Average head grade (silver equivalent) 333 g/t (+41.6% vs Q1 2022 and +73.6% vs Q2 2021).

Carlos Silva, CEO of Santacruz, stated; "The second quarter was the first full quarter of results from the recently acquired Bolivian Operations. At our Mexican Operations, commencing Q3 we expect to see increased production from new stopes and a reduction in lower grade mineralized material from development works, which should positively impact AISC at the Zimapan Mine. During Q2, a new automation processes on the primary crusher and milling circuit was completed in addition to installation and commissioning of a new zinc column flotation cell. As a result, we look forward to improved metallurgical recoveries."

Mr. Silva continued; "In regard to our Bolivian Operations, the transition process is proceeding smoothly and with a strong and committed management team. Our aim is to improve production and efficiencies across all mines, in addition to ensuring the strategic operation of the San Lucas ore sourcing and trading business."

## CONSOLIDATED (Mexican and Bolivian Operations\*)

|  | Q2 2022   | Q1 2022   | Q2 2021 |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Silver Equivalent Produced (ounces) <sup>(1)</sup> | 4,046,328 | 1,391,590 | 799,057 |
| Silver Production (ounces)                         | 1,410,485 | 469,829   | 329,398 |
| Gold Production (ounces)                           | -         | -         | 53      |
| Lead Production (tonnes)                           | 3,321     | 1,493     | 778     |
| Zinc Production (tonnes)                           | 20,928    | 6,325     | 3,023   |
| Copper Production (tonnes)                         | 568       | 419       | 481     |
| Material Processed (tonnes milled)                 | 435,119   | 227,570   | 172,324 |
| Average Head Grade (g/t AgEq)                      | 333       | 235       | 192     |
| Development (metres)                               | 9,807     | 3,572     | 2,480   |

\* the Bolivian Operations were acquired on March 18, 2022 hence only 13 days of production results are included in Q1 2022. The net assets of the Rosario Project were disposed of in December 2021.

## Q2 2022 Mine by Mine Production Table

| Mine            | Tonnes Milled | Head Grade |       |      |      | Recovery (%) | Ounces Produced | Tonnes Produced |       |     |           | AgEq Oz Produced <sup>(1)</sup> |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|-------|------|------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-----|-----------|---------------------------------|
|                 |               | g/t        | %     |      |      |              |                 | Ag              | Zn    | Pb  | Cu        |                                 |
| Zimapan         | 200,014       | 72         | 2.05  | 0.61 | 0.39 | 69.0         | 317,086         | 3,055           | 1,043 | 568 | 914,524   |                                 |
| Bolivar         | 49,333        | 193        | 7.41  | 0.60 | n/a  | 90.3         | 276,518         | 3,503           | 272   | n/a | 661,879   |                                 |
| Porco           | 44,744        | 128        | 7.31  | 0.66 | n/a  | 91.1         | 167,465         | 3,143           | 256   | n/a | 514,146   |                                 |
| Caballo Blanco* | 75,748        | 170        | 6.27  | 1.65 | n/a  | 89.7         | 371,662         | 4,440           | 1,125 | n/a | 923,508   |                                 |
| San Lucas       | 65,280        | 159        | 11.08 | 1.18 | n/a  | 83.4         | 277,754         | 6,787           | 625   | n/a | 1,032,271 |                                 |
| Total           |               |            |       |      |      |              |                 |                 |       |     | 4,046,328 |                                 |

\* The Caballo Blanco Mines consist of the Tres Amigos, Reserva and Colquechaquita Mines.

(1) Silver Equivalent Produced (ounces) in 2022 have been calculated using prices of \$25.60/oz, \$0.94/lb, \$1.20/lb and \$4.01/lb for silver, lead, zinc and copper respectively applied to the metal production divided by the silver price plus the respective concentrate produced by the Zimapan, Bolivar, Porco, Tres Amigos, Reserva and Colquechaquita Mines multiplied by the respective silver content. Silver Equivalent Produced (ounces) in 2021 have been calculated using prices of \$25.00/oz, \$0.85/lb, \$1.05/lb and \$3.00/lb for silver, lead, zinc and copper respectively applied to the metal production divided by the silver price plus the respective concentrate produced by the Zimapan Mine and the Rosario Project, multiplied by the respective silver content.

About Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd.

The Company is engaged in the operation, acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties in Latin America, with a primary focus on silver and zinc, but also including lead and copper. The Company currently has six producing projects, the Zimapan Mine, Bolivar Mine (45% interest), Porco Mine (45% interest), Tres Amigos, Reserva and Colquechaquita Mines, holds two exploration properties in its mineral property portfolio, the La Pechuga Property (Mexico) and the Santa Gorgonia Prospect (Mexico), and one development project, the Soracaya Project (Bolivia) in addition to the San Lucas ore sourcing and trading business.

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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. Project failure may adversely impact the Company's future profitability.

#### Bolivian Operations

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