

Metalla Royalty & Streaming To Acquire Strategic Silver Focused Royalty Portfolio From First Majestic Silver

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VANCOUVER, Nov. 28, 2022 - [Metalla Royalty & Streaming Ltd.](#) ("Metalla" or the "Company") (TSXV: MTA) (NYSE American: MTA) is pleased to announce that on November 26, 2022 it signed a royalty purchase agreement with First Majestic Silver Corp. ("First Majestic") (NYSE: AG) (TSX: FR), pursuant to which Metalla will acquire eight royalties for \$20 million of common shares of Metalla (the "Transaction"). First Majestic holds and will originate a portfolio of royalties in Mexico as described below.

TRANSACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Immediate Cash Flow:** The addition of the producing La Encantada gold royalty will provide immediate cash flow to Metalla.
- **Near Term Development:** The portfolio adds four near term silver development royalties, most of which are fully permitted, have existing infrastructure and mine development for a lower capex and faster timeline to restart production.
- **Highly Prospective Properties:** The combined land package covers more than 175,000 hectares across some of the most prolific silver camps in Mexico.
- **Accretive Growth and Increased Size and Scale:** The addition of eight royalties from First Majestic will expand Metalla's portfolio to 79 royalties and streams, increase cash flow, and significantly enhance Metalla's industry leading development pipeline.
- **Counterparty Diversification:** Counterparties include First Majestic, [Sierra Madre Gold and Silver Ltd.](#) ("Sierra Madre"), GR Silver Mining Ltd. ("GR Silver") and Silver Dollar Resources Inc. ("Silver Dollar").
- **Substantial Leverage to Silver:** The royalty portfolio is predominantly silver and will add approximately 1.7Moz of attributable silver in the measured and indicated categories, and 5.2Moz of attributable silver in the inferred category to Metalla⁹.
- **Adds New Major Shareholder:** We are excited to partner with First Majestic, one of the world's leading silver producers with a market cap of ~\$2.5 billion, which will become our largest shareholder at approximately 8.5%.

Brett Heath, President, and CEO of Metalla, commented, "This transaction marks another important milestone in our continued growth at Metalla. It provides shareholders with eight new royalties that have a significant amount of exposure and leverage to silver. It adds immediate cash flow from one producing royalty, bolsters our near-term development pipeline with four development royalties, and three advanced exploration royalties. It also adds a significant amount of exploration upside with over 175,000 hectares of royalty coverage across the most prolific silver trends in Mexico. We want to thank First Majestic for entrusting the Metalla team with unlocking additional value from their royalty assets and welcome them to our registry."

The aggregate consideration payable by Metalla for the purchase of the royalties will be satisfied by Metalla issuing \$20 million of common shares based on the 25-day volume-weighted average price of shares traded on the NYSE American LLC ("NYSE") prior to this announcement at a price of US\$4.7984 (representing an aggregate of 4,168,056 common shares of Metalla) to be issued upon closing. The Transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and exchange approvals and is expected to close in Q1 2023.

The portfolio comprises of a total of eight royalties, including one producing gold royalty, four development silver royalties, and three advanced exploration silver royalties. The royalties cover 100% of all the concessions on the eight properties.

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Asset	Operator	State	Stage	Terms
La Encantada	First Majestic	Coahuila	Production	100% Au GVR
Del Toro	First Majestic	Zacatecas	Development	2% NSR
La Guitarra	Sierra Madre*	Mexico State	Development	2% NSR
Plomosas	GR Silver	Sinaloa	Advanced Exploration	2% NSR
San Martin	First Majestic	Jalisco	Development	2% NSR
La Parrilla	First Majestic	Durango	Development	2% NSR
La Joya	Silver Dollar	Durango	Advanced Exploration	2% NSR
La Luz	First Majestic	San Luis Potosi	Advanced Exploration	2% NSR

*Assuming completion of sale by First Majestic to Sierra Madre La Encantada (100.0% GVR)^{1,2,7,8}

The producing La Encantada Silver Mine in Coahuila, Mexico is 100% owned by First Majestic and has become one of the First Majestic's largest producing silver mines with 2021 production of 3.2 Moz of silver and 460 ounces of gold over its 4,076 ha land package. The underground silver mine has been in production under First Majestic's tenure since 2006, and through various improvements, the processing plant was upgraded to 4,000 tons per day ("tpd") and includes a roasting circuit to further enhance recoveries and recover tailings. In the first three quarters of 2022, La Encantada produced 305 ounces of gold. In late 2021, First Majestic announced the successful completion of a land surface agreement on the 4,076 ha property package which opened up a significant amount of near mine exploration opportunities. First Majestic expects to complete 19,000 meters of exploration on the mine in 2022 and expects 2022 production guidance to be in the range of 2.9 - 3.2 Moz silver.

Metalla will be granted a 100% gross value royalty on the gold produced at the La Encantada mine limited to 1,000 ounces annually.

Reserve & Resource Estimate			
	Tonnes (000's)	Ag-Equivalent	
		(g/t)	(Koz)
Probable Reserves	2,260	170	12,350
Proven & Probable Reserves	2,260	170	12,350
Indicated Resources	4,308	169	23,410
Indicated Resources (Tailings)	2,459	119	9,410
Measured & Indicated Resources	6,767	151	32,820
Inferred Resources	3,470	170	18,930
Inferred Resources (Tailings)	428	118	1,620

Del Toro (2.0% NSR)^{1,2,7,8}

Del Toro is an underground silver mine and processing facility located in Zacatecas, Mexico, which was

operated by First Majestic from 2013 until 2020 when it was placed on temporary suspension subject to further exploration in order to improve overall operating cash flows and profit margins. Exploration at Del Toro has been primarily focused on the investigation of two areas: the San Juan and Perseverancia areas within the project's holdings. Both the San Juan and Perseverancia were historic mines; Perseverancia was mined for high grade silver rich sulphide ore and San Juan is believed to be the oldest mine in the district, possibly dating back 500 years. More recently, the San Nicolas and Dolores areas that consist of breccia chimney and vein deposits have been receiving attention.

In 2018, silver equivalent production totaled 1.4 Moz silver, meanwhile 2017 silver equivalent production totaled 2.2 Moz. The operation is in close vicinity and similar in nature to Pan American Silver Corp.'s (NASDAQ: PAAS) La Colorada mine. The mine infrastructure includes a 2,000 tpd flotation circuit, as well as a 2,000 tpd cyanidation circuit with a 3,815 ha property package.

Reserve & Resource Estimate			
	Tonnes	Ag-Equivalent	
	(000's)	(g/t)	(Koz)
Indicated Resources	440	414	5,850
Indicated Resources (Transitional)	153	351	1,720
Measured & Indicated Resources	592	398	7,570
Inferred Resources	496	322	5,130
Inferred Resources (Transitional)	690	273	6,050
Total Inferred	1,186	293	11,180

San Martin (2.0% NSR)^{1,2,7,8}

San Martin is an underground silver mine and 1,300 tpd cyanidation processing facility in Jalisco State, Mexico with a 38,512-ha property package. The 1,300 tpd mill and processing plant consists of crushing, grinding and conventional cyanidation by agitation in tanks and a Merrill-Crowe doré production system. At full capacity of 1,300 tpd, San Martin's annual silver production has reached over 2 million ounces of silver in the form of doré bars. In 2018, First Majestic produced 2.2 Moz AgEq from the mine and in 2017, produced 2.3 Moz AgEq. First Majestic operated the mine from 2006 until 2019 when it was placed on temporary suspension. First Majestic continues to work with government authorities to secure the mine site for a potential reopening. Drilling has been focused on deeper ore shoots of the Rosario vein for continuation of mineralization. Since the acquisition of the mine, First Majestic completed 195,628 meters in 1,125 diamond drill-holes on the property.

Reserve & Resource Estimate			
	Tonnes	Ag-Equivalent	
	(000's)	(g/t)	(Koz)
Measured Resources	70	255	580
Indicated Resources	958	321	9,890
Measured & Indicated Resources	1,028	317	10,470
Inferred Resources	2,533	256	20,870

La Parrilla (2.0% NSR)^{1,2,7,8}

La Parrilla is an underground mine complex owned by First Majestic consisting of multiple inter-connected mines within a 69,478-ha land package. The property has known mineralization throughout, with a complex of five underground mines surrounding the mill including Los Rosarios, La Rosa, San Jose, Quebradillas and San Marcos. Full production from the mine for 2018 totaled 2.3 Moz AgEq meanwhile 2017 production totaled 2.5 Moz AgEq. The mine was placed on care and maintenance in 2019 to complete exploration and development work. The mine has a 2,000 tpd processing plant and all associated infrastructure. In 2021, First Majestic completed discussions to continue the long-term land use agreement at La Parrilla and expected to complete a 19,000-meter drill program to test near mine, brownfield, and greenfield targets.

Reserve & Resource Estimate			
	Tonnes	Ag-Equivalent	
	(000's)	(g/t)	(Koz)
Measured Resources	15	250	120
Indicated Resources (Sulphides)	1,028	277	9,160
Indicated Resources (Oxides)	76	278	680
Measured & Indicated Resources	1,119	277	9,960
Inferred Resources	393	207	2,610
Inferred Resources (Sulphides)	1,028	299	9,890
Total Inferred	1,421	274	12,500

La Joya (2% NSR)^{2,3,7,8,9}

La Joya is a large silver-copper-gold advanced exploration project in Durango, Mexico currently operated by Silver Dollar (CSE: SLV) near Grupo Mexico's (BMV: GMEXICOB) San Martin Mine. In 2013, a Preliminary Economic Assessment on the first stage of the project proposed a low strip, open pit mine with an initial nine-year life of mine plan with a 5,000 tpd conventional mine and flotation plant producing an average of 3.9 Moz AgEq per year with an IRR of 30.5%. Since assuming ownership of the project, Silver Dollar announced the discovery of the Brazo Zone, ~1 km west of the bulk of the historical resource. Significant intercepts from the discovery include 2,369 g/t AgEq over 1.01 meters and 815 g/t AgEq over 5 meters.

Historical Reserve & Resource Estimate			
	Tonnes	Ag-Equivalent	
	(000's)	(g/t)	(Koz)
Inferred Resources	71,204	70	159,750

Plomosas (2% NSR)^{1,2,4,7,8}

Plomosas is a permitted, advanced exploration stage silver project in Sinaloa, Mexico owned and operated by GR Silver (TSXV: GRSL). After assuming ownership of the project, GR Silver announced an updated resource estimate at the Plomosas mine and began an infill drill program to add new zones into the resource model. GR Silver is targeting an updated resource estimate in Q1 2023. Significant results from the infill drilling program at Plomosas include 518 g/t AgEq over 44.5 meters, 1,146 g/t AgEq over 12.5 meters and 471 g/t AgEq over 24.9 meters.

The Plomosas royalty is subject to a 1% buyback for \$1 million.

Reserve & Resource Estimate			
	Tonnes	Ag-Equivalent	
	(000's)	(g/t)	(Koz)
Indicated Resources (OP)	300	114	1,300
Indicated Resources (Underground)	2,100	136	9,100
Measured & Indicated Resources	2,400	133	10,300
Inferred Resources (OP)	1,400	103	4,800
Inferred Resources (Underground)	4,400	116	16,200
Total Inferred	5,800	113	21,000

La Guitarra (2% NSR)^{1,5,7,8,9}

La Guitarra is a fully permitted underground silver mine in Temascaltepec, Mexico, 100% owned by First Majestic and subject to a binding purchase agreement with Sierra Madre (TSXV: SM). The mine was in production in 2018 where production averaged between 1 million to 1.5 million AgEq ounces annually between 2015 and 2018. Sierra Madre has announced a fast-track restart strategy for the mine whereby a district-scale exploration and mine development program will be initiated, thereafter a resource report is planned with mine restart studies and finally, reprocessing the tailings. The potential target for tailings at La Guitarra is 2-2.5 Mt at 0.4-0.6 g/t gold and 35 - 40 g/t silver where initial metallurgical tests show 80% gold recovery and 70% silver recovery.

La Guitarra is subject to a 1% buyback for \$2 million.

Historical Reserve & Resource Estimate			
	Tonnes	Ag-Equivalent	
	(000's)	(g/t)	(Koz)
Measured Resources	57	347	640
Indicated Resources	644	328	6,800
Measured & Indicated Resources	701	330	7,440
Inferred Resources	1,044	299	10,030

La Luz (2% NSR)^{1,2,6,7,8,9}

La Luz is a silver advanced exploration project owned by First Majestic in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The project is located within Real de Catorce, a historically significant mining district with an estimate historical production of 230 Moz of silver between 1773 and 1990.

Historical Resource Estimate (Including Tailings)			
	Tonnes	Ag-Equivalent	
	(000's)	(g/t)	(Koz)
Inferred Resources			

5,005

204

32,008

SECURITY RIGHTS HOLDER AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the Transaction, First Majestic and Metalla will enter into the Security Holder Rights and Obligations Agreement in respect of the common shares of Metalla being issued to First Majestic, which will include certain transfer restrictions, a customary shareholder lockup and voting rights.

ADVISORS

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted as legal counsel to Metalla, and Bennett Jones LLP acted as legal counsel to First Majestic for the Transaction.

No finder's fee or other commission is payable by Metalla in connection with the Transaction.

QUALIFIED PERSON

The technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Charles Beaudry, geologist M.Sc., member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario and the Ordre des Géologues du Québec and a consultant to Metalla. Mr. Beaudry is a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43?101").

ABOUT METALLA

Metalla is a precious metals royalty and streaming company. Metalla provides shareholders with leveraged precious metal exposure through a diversified and growing portfolio of royalties and streams. Our strong foundation of current and future cash-generating asset base, combined with an experienced team gives Metalla a path to become one of the leading gold and silver companies for the next commodities cycle. For further information, please visit our website at www.metallaroyalty.com.

ON BEHALF OF [Metalla Royalty & Streaming Ltd.](http://www.metallaroyalty.com)

(signed) "Brett Heath"

President and CEO

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Notes:

- (1) For details please refer to First Majestic's Annual Information Forms dated March 31, 2022 and March 31, 2021 or First Majestic's 2021 and 2020 Annual Reports and asset specific First Majestic Silver Website Landing Pages.
- (2) For details on the estimation of mineral resources and reserves, including the key assumptions, parameters and methods used to estimate the Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, investors should refer to the most recent NI 43-101 Technical Reports for the La Encantada, Del Toro, San Martin, La Parrilla, La Joya, Plomosas and La Luz on file at www.sedar.com.
- (3) See Silver Dollar's Q3 MD&A dated May 31, 2022, First Majestic La Joya Website Landing Page, Based on a historical estimate for La Joya prepared for Silvercrest Mines, a previous owner of the property, in a report titled "Preliminary Economic Assessment for The La Joya Property, Durango, Mexico" dated 5 December 2013, While Metalla considers these historical estimates to be relevant to investors as it may indicate the presence of mineralization, a qualified person for Metalla has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimates as current mineral resources as defined by NI 43-101 and Metalla is not treating these historical estimates as a current mineral resource.
- (4) See GR Silver's Q3 MD&A Dated August 29, 2022, GR Silver's Presentation dated November 2022 and GR Silver's Press Release Dated October 31, 2022.
- (5) See Sierra Madre's Corporate Presentation dated November 2022 and Sierra Madre's Press Release dated May 25, 2022. Based on a historical estimate for La Guitarra prepared by First Majestic, a previous owner of the property, in a report titled "First Majestic 2021 Annual Information Form" dated 31 March 2022. While Metalla considers these historical estimates to be relevant to investors as it may indicate the presence of mineralization, a qualified person for Metalla has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimates as current mineral resources as defined by NI 43-101 and Metalla is not treating these historical estimates as a current mineral resource.
- (6) See First Majestic La Luz Website Landing Page. Based on a historical estimate for La Luz prepared by Normabec Mining Resources, a previous owner of the property, in a report titled "Updated NI 43-101 Technical Report And Mineral Resource Estimate For The Real De Catorce Property" dated July 25, 2008. While Metalla considers these historical estimates to be relevant to investors as it may indicate the presence of mineralization, a qualified person for Metalla has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimates as current mineral resources as defined by NI 43-101 and Metalla is not treating these historical estimates as a current mineral resource.
- (7) Numbers may not add due to rounding.
- (8) Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Information contained on any website or document referred to or hyperlinked in this press release shall not be deemed to be a part of this press release.
- (9) Including mineral resources.

TECHNICAL AND THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION

Except where otherwise stated, the disclosure in this press release relating to La Encantada, Del Toro, La Guitarra, Plomosas, San Martin, La Parrilla, Ja Joya and La Luz are based on information publicly disclosed by the current or former owners or operators of the respective properties and information/data available in the public domain as at the date hereof and none of this information has been independently verified by Metalla. Specifically, as a royalty holder, Metalla has limited, if any, access to the property subject to the royalties. Although Metalla does not have any knowledge that such information may not be accurate, there can be no assurance that such third party information is complete or accurate. Some information publicly reported by the operators may relate to larger properties than the areas covered by Metalla's royalty interests. Similarly, Metalla's royalty interests often cover less than 100% and sometimes only a portion of the publicly reported mineral reserves, mineral resources and production of a property.

The disclosure was prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, which differs significantly from the current requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") applicable to U.S. domestic issuers. Unless otherwise indicated, the technical and scientific disclosure contained or referenced in this press release, including any references to mineral resources or mineral reserves, was prepared in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"),

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Forward-looking statements and information include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to: the completion of the conditions required for the closing of the Transaction; the closing of the Transaction; the authorization by the TSX Venture Exchange and NYSE of the issuance of common shares in connection with the Transaction; commencement of an exploration program at La Encantada; the potential reopening of San Martin; the completion of the drill program at La Parilla; the potential target for tailings at La Guitarra; future high-grade discoveries, development, production, recoveries, cash flow, and other anticipated or possible future developments at La Encantada, Del Toro, La Guitarra, Plomosas, San Martin, La Parrilla, Ja Joya and La Luz and the properties on which the Company currently holds royalty and stream interests or relating to the companies owning or operating such properties; and current and potential future estimates of mineral reserves and resources. Forward-looking statements and information are based on forecasts of future results, estimates of amounts not yet determinable and assumptions that, while believed by management to be reasonable, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. 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