

Sierra Metals Reports Another Strong Quarter of Production Including Record Copper Equivalent Production at Bolivar

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- Bolivar's throughput in Q2 2023 was 405,987 tonnes, an increase of 36% from Q1 2023 and 58% from Q2 2022;
- Bolivar's historic record copper equivalent production of 10.7 million pounds in Q2 2023;
- Yauricocha's throughput in Q2 2023 increased 11% over Q1 2023;
- Consolidated production increased for all metals; Copper equivalent production increased 21% and 22% over Q1 2023 and Q2 2022, respectively.

(All metal prices reported in USD)

Sierra Metals Inc. (TSX: SMT) (OTC: SMTSF) ("Sierra Metals" or "the Company") announces second quarter 2023 production results from its three underground mines in Latin America: Yauricocha, a polymetallic mine in Peru and Bolivar a copper mine and Cusi a silver mine each in Mexico.

Consolidated Q2 2023 results will be released before market-open on Monday, August 14th followed with management hosting a conference call and webcast the same day at 11:00 AM EDT.

Ernesto Balarezo, CEO of Sierra Metals, commented, "As we complete our first half of 2023, we are pleased with the continued operational recovery at Bolivar. Q2 2023 marks the fourth sequential strong quarter for the mine, achieving production of more than 400,000 tonnes, a landmark amount not achieved by this mine since Q3 2020. These production numbers reinforce our confidence in Bolivar's potential to grow further.

The Yauricocha mine operated below its full capacity of 3,600 tonnes per day ("tpd"), which was in line with our expectations. We continue to believe that the Yauricocha mine can get back to its full production capacity of 3,600 tonnes on receipt of the permits to operate below the 1120 level."

Mr. Balarezo concluded, "With two strong quarters of production during this year, we have shown that with our focus on safe and efficient operations combined with the various organizational changes, we can achieve the desired results and unlock the potential of our two core mines."

Consolidated Production Results

Consolidated Production	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	% Var. Q2 2023	% Var. Q2 2022	Six months ended June 30,		
					2023	2022	
Tonnes processed	702,052	577,284	22 %	640,181	10 %	1,279,336	1,230,911
Daily throughput	8,023	6,598	22 %	7,316	10 %	7,310	7,034
Silver production (000 oz)	740	622	19 %	608	22 %	1,362	1,342
Copper production (000 lb)	10,459	8,285	26 %	8,334	26 %	18,744	14,658
Zinc production (000 lb)	12,228	10,579	16 %	10,426	17 %	22,807	20,918
Lead production (000 lb)	4,256						

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Gold Production (oz)	4,442	3,910	14 %	2,622	69 %	8,352	4,545
Copper equivalent pounds (000's) ⁽¹⁾	21,705	18,009	21 %	17,794	22 %	39,729	33,670

(1) Copper equivalent pounds were calculated using the following realized prices:

Q2 2023: \$24.17/oz Ag, \$3.99/lb Cu, \$1.16/lb Zn, \$0.96/lb Pb, \$1,977/oz Au;

Q1 2023: \$22.57/oz Ag, \$4.06/lb Cu, \$1.42/lb Zn, \$0.97/lb Pb, \$1,891/oz Au;

Q2 2022: \$22.65/oz Ag, \$4.30/lb Cu, \$1.79/lb Zn, \$1.00/lb Pb, \$1,872/oz Au;

6M 2023: \$23.37/oz Ag, \$4.02/lb Cu, \$1.29/lb Zn, \$0.96/lb Pb, \$1,934/oz Au;

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The Company achieved consolidated throughput from its three operating mines of 702,052 tonnes during the second quarter of 2023, which was 22% higher than Q1 2023 and 10% higher than the second quarter of 2022. The strong consolidated throughput for Q2 2023 was underpinned by the continued improvements at the Bolivar mine, which registered an increase in throughput for the fourth quarter in a row.

Consolidated copper equivalent production for Q2 2023 was 21.7 million pounds, an increase of 21% and 22% over Q1 2023 and Q2 2022, respectively. Consolidated production for all metals increased during the quarter despite lower copper and gold production from Yauricocha. Q2 2023 silver equivalent ounces production from the non-core Cusi mine was lower by or 5% and 15% lower than Q1 2023 and Q2 2022, respectively, and had little impact on consolidated copper equivalent production results of the Company in Q2 2023.

Yauricocha Mine, Peru

Throughput at the Yauricocha Mine for Q2 2023 was 244,315 tones, 11% higher than in Q1 2023, but 23% lower than in Q2 2022. This anticipated decline was due to the continued depletion of the ore above the 1120 level. Copper equivalent pound production for Q2 2023 was 21% lower than Q2 2022 as the reduced throughput was partially offset by higher grades of lead, zinc and silver coming from the high-grade small ore bodies. Copper and gold grades declined due to the lower contribution from the Esperanza zone.

When compared to Q1 2023, there was a 6% increase in the copper equivalent production during Q2 2023, as the higher throughput was partially offset by the impact of lower copper grades, and recoveries for copper and silver.

A summary of production from the Yauricocha Mine for Q2 2023 is provided below:

Yauricocha Production	Six months ended June 30,						
	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	% Var. Q2 2022	% Var. 2023	2022		
Tonnes processed	244,315	219,145	11 %	317,087	-23 %	463,460	632,337
Daily throughput	2,792	2,505	11 %	3,624	-23 %	2,648	3,613
Silver grade (g/t)	54.83	46.45	18 %	44.65	23 %	50.86	42.03
Copper grade	0.72	0.79	-9 %	0.93	-23 %	0.75	0.86 %
Lead grade	0.87	0.70	24 %	0.58	50 %	0.79	0.62 %
Zinc grade	2.65	2.54	4 %	1.88	41 %	2.60	1.86 %
Gold Grade (g/t)	0.40	0.46	-13 %	0.54	-26 %	0.43	0.53
Silver recovery	73.25	76.16	-4 %	58.64	25 %	74.58	61.30 %
Copper recovery	72.21						

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Lead recovery	83.88	% 81.66	% 3	% 75.81	% 11	% 82.67	% 78.28	%
Zinc recovery	85.54	% 86.18	% -1	% 79.21	% 8	% 85.82	% 80.12	%
Gold Recovery	20.33	% 23.39	% -13	% 21.62	% -6	% 21.82	% 20.84	%
Silver production (000 oz)	316	249	27	% 267	18	% 565	523	
Copper production (000 lb)	2,808	2,895	-3	% 5,127	-45	% 5,703	9,406	
Lead production (000 lb)	3,930	2,778	41	% 3,060	28	% 6,708	6,888	
Zinc production (000 lb)	12,228	10,579	16	% 10,426	17	% 22,807	20,918	
Gold Production (oz)	633	754	-16	% 1,179	-46	% 1,387	2,236	
Copper equivalent pounds (000's) ⁽¹⁾	9,525	9,003	6	% 12,105	-21	% 18,567	22,969	

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Bolivar Mine, Mexico

Operating at 4,640 tpd during Q2 2023, the Bolivar Mine achieved 405,987 tonnes of throughput, an increase of 36% and 58% over Q1 2023 and Q2 2022 respectively, attributable to substantial improvements in ventilation and drainage, which allowed for more meters of production drilling and better access to the mining zones. Grades were higher for all metals in comparison with Q1 2023 and Q2 2022, except for a slight decrease in gold grades as compared to Q1 2023. The increase in grades was effectively the direct result of mining in the Bolivar NW zone.

In Q2 2023, copper equivalent production was a record 10.7 million pounds, as the mine recorded an increased production for all metals. Copper, silver and gold production for Q2 2023 were up 139%, 149% and 187%, respectively, as compared to Q2 2022.

A summary of production for the Bolivar Mine for Q2 2023 is provided below:

Bolivar Production	Six months ended June 30,							
	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	% Var. Q2 2022	% Var. 2023	2023	2022		
Tonnes processed (t)	405,987	299,017	36 %	256,372	58 %	705,004	443,928	
Daily throughput	4,640	3,417	36 %	2,930	58 %	4,029	2,537	
Copper grade	0.92	% 0.87	% 6	% 0.63	% 46	% 0.90	% 0.61	%
Silver grade (g/t)	19.65	17.39	13 %	12.36	59 %	18.69	11.77	
Gold grade (g/t)	0.42	0.45	-7 %	0.24	75 %	0.44	0.20	
Copper recovery	92.92	% 94.25	% -1	% 90.61	% 3	% 93.51	% 88.35	%
Silver recovery	80.45	% 83.99	% -4	% 80.99	% -1	% 82.06	% 84.11	%
Gold recovery	66.38							

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Copper production (000 lb)	7,651	5,390	42 %	3,207	139 %	13,041	5,252
Silver production (000 oz)	207	140	48 %	83	149 %	347	141
Gold production (oz)	3,678	3,037	21 %	1,283	187 %	6,715	1,875
Copper equivalent pounds (000's) ⁽¹⁾	10,721	7,588	41 %	4,199	155 %	18,282	6,788

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Cusi Mine, Mexico

The non-core Cusi Mine had a lower Q2 2023 throughput and was negatively impacted by the availability of mining equipment and frequent flooding during the quarter. Operating at 591 tpd, the Cusi mine processed 51,750 tonnes, which was 12% lower than Q1 2023 and 22% lower than Q2 2022. Higher silver and lead grades combined with improved gold recoveries partially offset the impact of lower throughput resulting in silver equivalent production of 241 koz during Q2 2023, which was 5% and 15% below the silver equivalent production achieved in Q1 2023 and Q2 2022 respectively.

A summary of production for the Cusi Mine for Q2 2023 is provided below:

Cusi Production	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	% Var.	Q2 2022	% Var.	Six months ended June 30,		
						2023	2022	% Var.
Tonnes processed (t)	51,750	59,122	-12 %	66,722	-22 %	110,872	154,646	
Daily throughput ⁽²⁾	591	676	-12 %	763	-22 %	634	884	
Silver grade (g/t)	160.18	141.80	13 %	146.34	9 %	150.38	162.04	
Gold grade (g/t)	0.14	0.13	8 %	0.17	-18 %	0.13	0.18	
Lead grade	0.33	0.24	38 %	0.23	43 %	0.28	0.24	%
Silver recovery (flotation)	81.67 %	86.30 %	-5 %	82.07 %	0 %	83.86 %	83.93 %	%
Gold recovery (lixiviation)	58.06 %	46.57 %	25 %	43.64 %	33 %	52.90 %	47.17 %	%
Lead recovery	86.54 %	88.67 %	-2 %	80.78 %	7 %	86.77 %	77.86 %	%
Silver production (000 oz)	217	233	-7 %	258	-16 %	450	678	
Gold production (oz)	131	119	10 %	160	-18 %	250	434	
Lead production (000 lb)	326	282	16 %	273	19 %	608	661	
Silver equivalent ounces (000's) ⁽¹⁾	241	255	-5 %	283	-15 %	496	742	

(1) Silver equivalent ounces were calculated using the following realized prices:

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Conference Call and Webcast

Management will host a conference call and webcast to discuss Q2 2023 financial and operating results on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 11:00 AM EDT. Details are as follows:

Webcast: <https://services.choruscall.ca/links/sierrametalsq22023.html>

Dial-in: Canada/USA Toll Free: 1-800-319-4610

Other: +1-416-915-3239

Participants are asked to dial in 5-10 minutes before the scheduled start time and ask to join the Sierra Metals Second Quarter 2023 Consolidated Financial Results call.

About Sierra Metals

[Sierra Metals Inc.](#) a diversified Canadian mining company with green metal exposure including increasing copper production and base metal production with precious metals byproduct credits, is focused on the production and development of its Yauricocha Mine in Peru, and Bolivar Mine in Mexico. The Company is focused on safely increasing production volume and growing mineral resources. Sierra Metals has recently had several new key discoveries and still has many more exciting brownfield exploration opportunities at all three mines in Peru and Mexico that are within close proximity to the existing mines. Additionally, the Company also has large land packages at all three mines with several prospective regional targets providing longer-term exploration upside and mineral resource growth potential.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation, including statements with respect to the timing of the Company's Q2 2023 results and the capacity at the Yauricocha Mine. Forward-looking information relates to future events or the anticipated performance of Sierra and reflect management's expectations or beliefs regarding such future events and anticipated performance based on an assumed set of economic conditions and courses of action. In certain cases, statements that contain forward-looking information can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates", "believes" or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might", or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved" or the negative of these words or comparable terminology. By its very nature forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual performance of Sierra to be materially different from any anticipated performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking information.

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