

# Discovery Reports First Quarter 2024 Financial Results

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TORONTO, May 14, 2024 - [Discovery Silver Corp.](#) (TSX: DSV, OTCQX: DSVSF) ("Discovery" or the "Company") today announced financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2024 ("Q1 2024"). The Company also provided a summary of key events since the beginning of 2024, including the release on February 20, 2024, of the feasibility study results (the "Feasibility Study" or "Study") for Discovery's 100%-owned Cordero silver project ("Cordero" or the "Project") in Chihuahua State, Mexico. All figures are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

Tony Makuch, CEO, commented: *"During Q1 2024, we achieved a major milestone with the release of the Feasibility Study for our Cordero Project. The Study results clearly establish Cordero as one of the world's largest silver development projects both in terms of reserves and estimated production. The Project will average 37 million silver equivalent ("AgEq")<sup>1</sup> ounces ("Moz") annually over the first 12 years with low unit costs that will generate attractive economic returns. Very importantly, the Project will deliver substantial socio-economic benefits in Mexico in the form of job creation, skills training, direct investment, the purchasing of local goods and services and tax revenue, and will be developed and operated in a manner that achieves best practice in responsible mining. In addition, we will be bringing valuable technology and infrastructure as part of the Project that will provide important benefits in key areas like water treatment and purification. We will also be continuing our work to build Cordero's presence in the community around Parral, and in Chihuahua State, through ongoing direct participation in, and support for, local initiatives, organizations and institutions.*

*"Another key feature of the Cordero project is the tremendous leverage it provides to the price of silver. The Project's robust economic returns were estimated using a silver price of US\$22 per ounce. To date in 2024, the price of silver has increased close to 20%, to over US\$28 per ounce, fueled largely by favourable market fundamentals with the silver market expected to be in deficit for the fourth consecutive year in 2024 reflecting record demand in key sectors like electric vehicles, solar and other forms of green energy. At current spot metal prices<sup>2</sup>, the Project's after-tax net present value ("NPV5%") increases by 70%, from US\$1.2 billion to US\$2.0 billion and reaches US\$3.0 billion in Year 4 when the Project reaches final completion to 51,000 tonnes per day. This significant leverage does not include the potential benefit of growth in reserves that could occur at higher prices, with there being 240 million tonnes of Measured and Indicated Resource situated outside the Feasibility Study reserve pit that was estimated using a silver price of US\$24 per ounce.*

*"Looking ahead, our work program in 2024 is aimed at further de-risking Cordero, continuing to advance permitting, acquiring or leasing additional surface access rights and making further progress with our community relations program as we work towards completing permitting and financing for the Project."*

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM Q1 2024:

- 2024 Work Program: Highlights of the 2024 work program were released in January 2024 and included plans to complete Front-End Engineering Design ("FEED") work to permit the ordering of long lead-time items; additional permitting, including a target to submit the Change of Land Use ("Cambio de Uso de Suelo" or "CUS") during the third quarter; engineering and permitting work related to power generation and transmission and water treatment; further progress acquiring or leasing land surface rights; and continuing to advance community relations work in support of the permitting process.

- **Feasibility Study:** Results of the Feasibility Study for Cordero were released on February 20, 2024. The results position Cordero as a world-leading silver development project with large-scale, long-life, low-cost production that will generate attractive returns, deliver substantial benefits for Mexico and achieve best practice in responsible mining.
    - Large-scale, long-life, low-cost production: 19-year life-of-mine ("LOM") with average annual production of 33 Moz AgEq LOM and average all-in sustaining costs<sup>3</sup> under US\$13.50 per AgEq ounce.
    - Attractive returns: Two-stage development plan contributes to favourable economics, with a LOM NPV5% of US\$1.2 billion at US\$22 per ounce silver, which increases to US\$2.2 billion in Year 4 when the Project reaches final completion.
    - Substantial benefits for Mexico: Total investment of US\$1.4 billion (including a US\$606 million initial investment), 2,500 direct jobs created during construction, peak employment of over 1,000 direct jobs during operation, an estimated US\$4 billion of goods and services purchased and expected tax payments of approximately US\$1.4 billion within Mexico.
    - Industry-leading environmental standards: Third-party reviews of proposed environmental practices completed to ensure compliance with industry-leading standards; US\$130 million budgeted for site restoration and rehabilitation; significant investment included for infrastructure and technology to recycle wastewater with treated water to be the primary source of water for the Project.
  - **Land access agreement reached:** The Company finalized a land access agreement for the use of 600 hectares of land adjacent to the Project in March 2024, which will be used for the access road to the mine as well as for water storage. The agreement was reached with Ejido Cordero, a local land cooperative, and is part of the Company's ongoing efforts to advance and de-risk the Cordero project.
  - **Increase in silver prices:** Spot silver prices have increased close to 20% year to date in 2024 (as of May 13, 2024) to US\$28.39 per ounce. Higher silver prices largely reflected continued strong market fundamentals, with the Silver Institute<sup>4</sup> projecting a market deficit in 2024 of over 200 million ounces, the fourth consecutive year of market deficits and the second highest deficit in over 20 years. According to the Silver Institute, market deficits are being driven by record levels of industrial demand for silver, largely related to the use of silver in electric vehicles, solar panels and other forms of green energy, as well as the emerging use of silver in many artificial intelligence applications. Mine production of silver declined by 1% in 2023, with another slight reduction expected in 2024.
1. Please see the Technical Disclosure section of this news release for more information related to AgEq production.
  2. Current spot metal prices as at May 13, 2024 include silver: US\$28.39 per ounce; gold: US\$2,346 per ounce, zinc: US\$1.34 per pound and lead: US\$1.02 per pound versus Feasibility Study prices of silver: US\$22.00 per ounce; gold: US\$1,600 per ounce; zinc: US\$1.20 per pound; lead: US\$1.00 per pound.
  3. Non-GAAP Measure. Please see the Technical Disclosure and Non-GAAP Measures sections of this news release.
  4. Please see the Silver Institute's World Silver Survey 2024, and related news release, available at [www.silverinstitute.org](http://www.silverinstitute.org).

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA:

The following selected financial data is summarized from the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto (the "Financial Statements") and the Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for the quarter ended March 31, 2024.

The Company's Financial Statements and MD&A are available at [www.discoverysilver.com](http://www.discoverysilver.com) or on SEDAR at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

	Q1 2024	Q1 2023
Net Loss	\$ (680,805)	\$ (3,999,718)
Basic and diluted per share	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.01)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 1,118,080	\$ (3,344,648)
Total weighted average shares outstanding	395,973,316	352,071,321

March 31, 2024 December 31, 2023

Cash and cash equivalents \$ 50,704,880 \$ 58,944,459

Total assets	\$ 147,418,451	\$ 146,065,998
Total current liabilities	\$ 11,443,293	\$ 12,168,225
Working capital <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 42,866,483	\$ 49,691,371
Total Shareholders' equity	\$ 131,420,682	\$ 129,421,106

(1) Defined as current assets less current liabilities from the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## About Discovery

Discovery's flagship project is its 100%-owned Cordero project, one of the world's largest undeveloped silver deposits. The Feasibility Study completed in February 2024 demonstrates that Cordero has the potential to be developed into a large-scale, long-life project with low unit costs and attractive economic returns that offers the combination of margin, size and scalability. Cordero is located close to infrastructure in a prolific mining belt in Chihuahua State, Mexico.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,  
Tony Makuch, P.Eng  
President, CEO & Director

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## Qualified Person

Gernot Wober, P.Geo, VP Exploration, [Discovery Silver Corp.](#) and Pierre Rocque, P.Eng., an independent consultant to the Company, both "Qualified Persons" as such term is defined in NI 43-101, are the Company's designated Qualified Persons for this news release within the meaning of National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). Mr. Wober and Mr. Rocque have reviewed and validated that the information contained in this news release is accurate.

## Technical Disclosure

- The Feasibility Study project team was led by Ausenco Engineering Canada ULC ("Ausenco"), with support from AGP Mining Consultants Inc. ("AGP"), WSP USA Inc. ("WSP") and RedDot3D Inc.
- Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- A full technical report has been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and was filed on SEDAR on March 28, 2024.
- AgEq produced is metal recovered in concentrate. AgEq payable is metal payable from concentrate. AgEq produced and AgEq payable are calculated as  $Ag + (Au \times 72.7) + (Pb \times 45.5) + (Zn \times 54.6)$ ; these factors are based on metal prices of Ag - \$22/oz, Au - \$1,600/oz, Pb - \$1.00/lb and Zn - \$1.20/lb.
- AISC is calculated as: [Operating costs (mining, processing and G&A) + Royalties + Concentrate Transportation + Treatment & Refining Charges + Concentrate Penalties + Sustaining Capital (excluding \$37M of capex for the initial purchase of mining fleet in Year 1)] / Payable AgEq ounces.

## NON-GAAP MEASURES:

*The Company has included certain non-GAAP performance measures and ratios as detailed below. In the mining industry, these are common performance measures and ratios but may not be comparable to similar measures or ratios presented by other issuers and the non-GAAP measures and ratios do not have any standardized meaning. Accordingly, these measures and ratios are included to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards. Total cash costs per ounce, all-in sustaining costs, and free cash flow, are all forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures or ratios. As the Cordero Project is not in*

*production, these prospective non-GAAP financial measures or ratios may not be reconciled to the nearest comparable measure under IFRS and there is no equivalent historical non-GAAP financial measure or ratio for these prospective non-GAAP financial measures or ratios. Each non-GAAP financial measure and ratio used herein is described in more detail below.*

#### TOTAL CASH COSTS

*The Company calculated total cash costs per ounce by dividing the sum of operating costs, royalty costs, production taxes, refining and shipping costs, net of by-product silver credits, by payable ounces. While there is no standardized meaning of the measure across the industry, the Company believes that this measure is useful to external users in assessing operating performance.*

#### ALL-IN SUSTAINING COSTS

*The Company has provided an all-in sustaining costs performance measure that reflects all the expenditures that are required to produce an ounce of silver from operations. While there is no standardized meaning of the measure across the industry, the Company's definition conforms to the all-in sustaining cost definition as set out by the World Gold Council in its updated Guidance Note issued in 2018. The Company believes that this measure is useful to external users in assessing operating performance and the Company's ability to generate free cash flow from current operations. Subsequent amendments to the guidance have not materially affected the figures presented.*

#### FREE CASH FLOW

*Free Cash Flow is a non-GAAP performance measure that is calculated as cash flows from operations net of cash flows invested in mineral property, plant, and equipment and exploration and evaluation assets. The Company believes that this measure is useful to the external users in assessing the Company's ability to generate cash flows from its mineral projects.*

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capacity, average annual metal production, average process recoveries, concession renewal, permitting of the Project, anticipated mining and processing methods, feasibility study production schedule and metal production profile, anticipated construction period, anticipated mine life, expected recoveries and grades, anticipated production rates, infrastructure, social and environmental impact studies, the completion of key de-risking items, including the timing of receipt permits, availability of water and power, availability of labour, job creation and other local economic benefits, tax rates and commodity prices that would support development of the Project, and other statements that express management's expectations or estimates of future performance, operational, geological or financial results. Information concerning mineral resource/reserve estimates and the economic analysis thereof contained in the results of the feasibility study are also forward-looking statements in that they reflect a prediction of the mineralization that would be encountered, and the results of mining, if a mineral deposit were developed and mined. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts which address events, results, outcomes or developments that the Company expects to occur. Forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs, estimates and opinions of the Company's management on the date the statements are made and they involve a number of risks and uncertainties.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements include fluctuations in market prices, including metal prices, continued availability of capital and financing, and general economic, market or business conditions, the actual results of current and future exploration activities; changes to current estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources; conclusions of economic and geological evaluations; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development; risks in obtaining and maintaining necessary licenses, permits and authorizations for the Company's development stage and operating assets; operations may be exposed to new diseases, epidemics and pandemics, including any ongoing or future effects of COVID-19 (and any related ongoing or future regulatory or government responses) and its impact on the broader market and the trading price of the Company's shares; provincial and federal orders or mandates (including with respect to mining operations generally or auxiliary businesses or services required for operations) in Mexico, all of which may affect many aspects of the Company's operations including the ability to transport personnel to and from site, contractor and supply availability and the ability to sell or deliver mined silver; changes in national and local government legislation, controls or regulations; failure to comply with environmental and health and safety laws and regulations; labour and contractor availability (and being able to secure the same on favourable terms); disruptions in the maintenance or provision of required infrastructure and information technology systems; fluctuations in the price of gold or certain other commodities such as, diesel fuel, natural gas, and electricity; operating or technical difficulties in connection with mining or development activities, including geotechnical challenges and changes to production estimates (which assume accuracy of projected ore grade, mining rates, recovery timing and recovery rate estimates and may be impacted by unscheduled maintenance); changes in foreign exchange rates (particularly the Canadian dollar, U.S. dollar and Mexican peso); the impact of inflation; geopolitical conflicts; employee and community relations; the impact of litigation and administrative proceedings (including but not limited to mining reform laws in Mexico) and any interim or final court, arbitral and/or administrative decisions; disruptions affecting operations; availability of and increased costs associated with mining inputs and labour; delays in construction decisions and any development of the Project; changes with respect to the intended method of mining and processing ore from the Project; inherent risks and hazards associated with mining and mineral processing including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formations, pressures and cave-ins; the risk that the Company's mines may not perform as planned; uncertainty with the Company's ability to secure additional capital to execute its business plans; contests over title to properties; expropriation +or nationalization of property; political or economic developments in Canada and Mexico and other jurisdictions in which the Company may carry on business in the future; increased costs and risks related to the potential impact of climate change; the costs and timing of exploration, construction and development of new deposits; risk of loss due to sabotage, protests and other civil disturbances; the impact of global liquidity and credit availability and the values of assets and liabilities based on projected future cash flows; risks arising from holding derivative instruments; and business opportunities that may be pursued by the Company. There can be no assurances that such statements will prove accurate and, therefore, readers are advised to rely on their own evaluation of such uncertainties. Discovery does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements except as required under applicable laws. The risks and uncertainties that may affect forward-looking statements, or the material factors or assumptions used to develop such forward-looking information, are described under the heading "Risks Factors" in the Company's Annual Information Form dated March 28, 2024, which is available under the Company's issuer profile on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

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