## **NEWS RELEASE**

# **IMPACT Silver Corp.**

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# **IMPACT Silver Announces First Quarter 2017 Financial and Production Results**

IMPACT Silver Corp. ("IMPACT" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its financial and production results for the first quarter of 2017.

Fred Davidson, President and CEO, stated, "We started 2017 with a clean balance sheet and no debt along with news that IMPACT was named to the 2017 TSX Venture 50. Operationally, revenues increased by 22% to \$4.6 million in Q1-2017 from \$3.8 million. The Company continues to improve its mine operating earnings, achieving income of \$0.5 million in Q1-2017 compared to \$0.3 million in Q1-2016. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)<sup>1</sup> improved to \$0.3 million in Q1-2017 from \$0.2 million in Q1-2016. While we cannot control the price of silver, we are committed to maximizing efficiencies and cost control through managing our operations in a disciplined manner. Building on a successful 2016, we have ongoing exploration plans at high potential targets and continue to evaluate strategic transactions to continue growing value for our shareholders."

## **Financial Overview**

- Mine operating earnings increased to \$0.5 million in Q1-2017 from \$0.3 million in Q1-2016.
- Revenues increased 22% to \$4.6 million in the first quarter of 2017 from \$3.8 million in the same period in 2016, due mainly to higher silver prices throughout the quarter.
- Net loss for the quarter was \$0.4 million which included \$0.7 million of non-cash items in amortization, depletion and share based compensation. This compared to a \$0.3 million net loss in the first quarter of 2016, which included \$0.5 million of non-cash items in amortization and depletion. Excluding non-cash items, adjusted net earnings in Q1-2017 were \$0.3 million compared to \$0.2 million in Q1-2016.
- EBITDA improved 44% to \$0.3 million for the first three months of 2017 from \$0.2 million in the same period of 2016.
- The Company's cash position at March 31, 2017 remains strong at \$7.6 million, with net working capital of \$9.8 million (Q1-2016 \$2.0 million).

## **Production Overview**

• Production at the Guadalupe mill during the first quarter of 2017 came primarily from the San Ramon Deeps Mine (40% of the mill feed), the Cuchara Mine (39% of the mill feed), and the Mirasol Mine (17% of the total mill feed). The grade at San Ramon is highly variable and Mirasol is experiencing declining grade as it is reaching the end of its mine life. Both of these factors contributed to a lower grade mill feed in Q1-2017 compared to Q1-2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) is a non-IFRS measure which the Company believes provides meaningful information about the Company's financial performance.

- Average mill feed grade for silver was 177 grams per tonne (g/t) in the first three months of 2017, down from 185 g/t in the same period of 2016.
- Silver production decreased slightly to 230,299 ounces in first quarter of 2017 from 240,414 ounces in first quarter of 2016 due to lower grade coming from the Cuchara and Mirasol Mines, and temporarily lower silver recovery during the quarter.
- The ongoing upgrades at Gaudalupe production center has increased throughput to 542 tonnes per day (TPD) from 496 TPD a year ago.

Revenues in 2017 were positively impacted by stronger silver prices, which resulted in revenue per tonne of \$94.13 in the first quarter of 2017, a 7% increase from \$88.14 in the first quarter of 2016.

### Health and Safety Awards

IMPACT's mining team recently received recognition The Award for Excellence in health and safety standards by the Secretary of Labour and Social Welfare in Mexico. This recognition acknowledges the Company's effective working environment, strong relationships with its employees, and reduced workplace accidents, illnesses and absenteeism.

This award and others like it are testaments to IMPACT's dedication to an industry leading standard in health and safety of our staff and contractors.

### Exploration

The Company will continue exploration with the goal of putting some of the 4,800+ compiled old mine workings in the Zacualpan and Capire districts on a faster track to potential production and build mineral inventories for mining. Fieldwork in the form of detailed geological mapping and rock sampling in old mine workings was mainly focused on larger and higher grade target areas at Guadalupe South, Alacran North and San Felipe. Utilizing new funds received in Q2-2016, the Company has initiated surface and underground drilling programs to expand resources. Surface drilling is currently in progress at the Cuchara Mine extensions. Drilling will also commence later this year at the San Felipe vein and other prospects, located near the Guadalupe plant access road.

IMPACT has control of the majority of two entire mineral districts in central Mexico: the Royal Mines of Zacualpan Silver District and the Capire-Mamatla Mineral District adjacent to and southwest of Zacualpan.

IMPACT has a track record of successful exploration and rapid mine development. The Company's long term vision sees potential for establishing mills throughout the two districts, each fed by multiple mines producing silver-lead-zinc as well as gold and copper.

The Company continues to look for expansion either through ongoing exploration programs and/or strategic acquisitions and transactions.

A recorded conference call reviewing the financial and production results of the first quarter of 2017, will be available on the Company website on May 29, 2017, at <u>www.impactsilver.com/s/ConferenceCalls.asp</u>.

The information in this news release should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis, available on the Company website at <u>www.impactsilver.com</u> and on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. All amounts are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified.

Additional information about the Company and its operations can be found on the website, <u>www.impactsilver.com</u>.

On behalf of the Directors of IMPACT Silver Corp.,

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The Company's decision to place a mine into production, expand a mine, make other production related decisions or otherwise carry out mining and processing operations, is largely based on internal non-public

Company data and reports based on exploration, development and mining work by the Company's geologists and engineers. The results of this work are evident in the discovery and building of multiple mines for the Company and in the track record of mineral production and financial returns of the Company since 2006. Under National Instrument 43-101, the Company is required to disclose that it has not based its production decisions on NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource or reserve estimates, preliminary economic assessments or feasibility studies, and historically such projects have increased uncertainty and risk.

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