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KOOTENAY REPORTS PRIORITY TARGETS ON THE CERVANTES PORPHYRY GOLD-COPPER PROJECT IN SONORA, MEXICO

Kootenay Silver Inc. (TSXV: KTN) (the “Company” or “Kootenay”) announces its partner on the Cervantes project, Aztec Minerals Corp. (“Aztec”), has provided an updated review in anticipation of signing the joint venture agreement and developing the first joint venture exploration program. Aztec reports that an ‘integrated review of the geological, geochemical, and geophysical data on Cervantes has identified 11 targets in total of which 7 are ready for drilling.’

Drilling conducted during 2017 successfully discovered and partially outlined an oxide gold cap to a significant new porphyry gold-copper discovery at the California Zone. Mineralization within the California Zone remains open in all directions. Highlights from the 2017 drilling program include the following intercepts:

- 160m @ 0.77 gpt gold incl 80m @ 1.04 gpt gold, 0.11% copper in 18CER010
- 139m @ 0.71 gpt gold incl 20m @ 2.10 gpt gold, 0.16% copper in 17CER005
- 118m @ 0.63 gpt gold incl 43m @ 1.18 gpt gold, 0.16% copper in 17CER003
- 122m @ 0.60 gpt gold incl 62m @ 0.88 gpt gold, 0.06% copper in 18CER007
- 170m @ 0.42 gpt gold incl 32m @ 0.87 gpt gold, 0.06% copper in 18CER006

Preliminary metallurgical tests on California drill cores show very promising recoveries for heap leach gold. Testing was conducted on drill core samples grouped into 4 separate types of mineralization: Oxide 1, Oxide 2, Mixed Oxide/Sulfide and Sulfide. Results of bottle roll tests showed excellent potential for heap leach gold recovery, as follows:

- 85.1% recovery on 2.0mm material and 94.3% on 75-micron material in sample Oxide 1
- 87.7% recovery on 2.0mm material and 94.2% on 75-micron material in sample Oxide 2
- 77.9% recovery on 2.0mm material and 89.0% on 75-micron material in sample Mixed Oxide/Sulphide
- 51.2% recovery on 2.0mm material and 78.7% on 75-micron material in sample Sulphide

Additional Target Highlights

Purisima East – outcropping gossans, altered and mineralized diatreme breccias and porphyry intrusions marked by a 700m by 600m geochemical soil anomaly in 193 samples that average 0.25 gpt gold, a small historic ‘glory hole’ mine where rock chip sampling returned high-grade mineralization up to 44.6 gpt gold.

Estrella - outcrops of gossan and sulfides in silicified Paleozoic sediments near quartz porphyry dikes with rock chip samples up to 3.9 gpt gold and 2,010ppm copper.

Purisima West - a mirror image of Purisima East in size and type of gossans, altered and mineralized breccias and intrusions in association with gold and copper soil anomalies.

Jasper – 2017 trenching returned skarn/replacement-type mineralization up to 0.52% copper and 0.62 gpt gold over a 92.4 m length.

The full news release issued by Aztec Minerals can be found at: <http://aztecminerals.com/>. Aztec have fulfilled their obligations under the earn-in option agreement and the parties are in the process of finalizing a joint venture agreement for the Cerventes project with Kootenay holding a 35% interest.

Qualified Persons

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