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KOOTENAY SILVER RECOGNIZED AS A 2020 TSX VENTURE 50™ COMPANY

Kootenay Silver Inc. (TSXV: KTN) (the “Company” or “Kootenay”) is pleased to announce that it has been recognized in the 2020 TSX Venture 50™ as one of the top 50 performing companies on the TSX Venture Exchange (“TSXV”) and has been featured in a TSX Venture 50™ video that can be viewed [by clicking this link](#).

The TSX Venture 50™ are the top 10 companies listed on the TSXV, in each of the five major industry sectors – mining, oil & gas, clean technology & life sciences, diversified industries and technology – based on three equally weighted criteria: market capitalization growth, share price appreciation and trading volume for the year ending December 31, 2019.

Kootenay President and CEO, James McDonald stated: "We are pleased and honoured to be recognized as a top 50 performer in the 2020 TSX Venture 50™. This selection not only validates the quality silver assets assembled by the Company but also recognizes the hard work conducted by our talented technical and administrative teams in Mexico and Canada. The year 2020, is an exciting one for the Company and its shareholders with plans for extensive drilling to follow up on the excellent 2019 results at Columba and the first ever drill program at Copalito."

About Kootenay Silver Inc.

Kootenay Silver Inc. is an exploration company actively engaged in the discovery and development of mineral projects in the Sierra Madre Region of Mexico and in British Columbia, Canada. Supported by one of the largest portfolios of silver assets in Mexico, Kootenay continues to provide its shareholders with significant leverage to silver prices. The Company remains focused on the expansion of its current silver resources, new discoveries and the advancement of two of its existing silver resources located in the states of Sonora and Chihuahua, Mexico.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of

KOOTENAY SILVER INC.

“James McDonald”

President & CEO

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CAUTIONARY NOTES:

The sampling results disclosed in this news release are not necessarily indicative and drilling is required to confirm a mineral deposit.

*The information in this news release has been prepared as at **February 19, 2020**. This news release contains “forward-looking information” within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation and “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (collectively, “**forward-looking statements**”). All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that Kootenay Silver Inc. (“**Kootenay**” or the “**Company**”) believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future including, without limitation, the anticipated exploration program results from exploration activities, the discovery and delineation of mineral deposits and sampling results from the Columba Project and other properties, the anticipated content, commencement, and cost of exploration programs in respect of the Company's projects and mineral properties, the anticipated business plans and timing of future activities of the Company, future capital expenditures (including the amount and nature thereof), business strategies and measures to implement strategies, competitive strengths, goals, expansion and growth of the business and operations, plans and references to the future success of the Company, and such other matters, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect the current expectations or beliefs of the Company based on information currently available to Kootenay and often use words such as “expects”, “plans”, “anticipates”, “estimates”, “believes”, “intends”, “potential”, “may” or variations thereof or the negative of any of these terms.*

Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements and, even if such actual results are realized or substantially realized, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, Kootenay. Factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, among other things: the ability of the Company to obtain sufficient financing to fund its business activities and plans, operating and technical difficulties in connection with mineral exploration and development and mine development activities for Company's projects generally, actual results of exploration activities (including the estimation or realization of mineral reserves and mineral resources), the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, the costs and timing of the development of new deposits, the availability of a sufficient supply of water and other materials, requirements for additional capital, future prices of gold and silver, changes in general economic conditions, changes in the financial markets and in the demand and market price for commodities, possible variations in ore grade or recovery rates, possible failures of plants, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated, accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry, delays in obtaining governmental and regulatory approvals (including of the TSX Venture Exchange), permits or financing or in the completion of development or construction activities, changes in laws, regulations and policies affecting mining operations, hedging practices, currency fluctuations, title disputes or claims limitations on insurance coverage and the timing and possible outcome of pending litigation, environmental issues and liabilities, risks related to joint venture operations, and risks related to the integration of acquisitions, as well as those factors discussed under “Risk Factors” in the Company's most recent annual management's discussion and analysis and other filings of the Company with the Canadian Securities Administrators, copies of which can be found under the Company's profile on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it was made, and except as may be required by applicable securities laws, Kootenay disclaims any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise. Although Kootenay believes that the assumptions inherent in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and accordingly undue reliance should not be put on such statements due to their inherent uncertainty. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

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