

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 40-F**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13(a) OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended: December 31, 2017 Commission File Number: 001-35297

**FORTUNA SILVER MINES INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of Registrant's name into English (if applicable))

**British Columbia, Canada**

(Province or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**1040**

(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number (if applicable))

N/A

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number (if applicable))

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(Name, address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code)  
of agent for service in the United States)

**Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.**

**Title of each class**  
Common Shares

**Name of each exchange on which registered**  
New York Stock Exchange

**Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.**

**None**

(Title of Class)

**Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.**

**None**

(Title of Class)

**For annual reports, indicate by check mark the information filed with this Form:**

Annual information form     Audited annual financial statements

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

There were 159,636,983 common shares with no par value outstanding as of December 31, 2017.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the Registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards \* provided pursuant Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

\*The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to the Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

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## DISCLOSURE REGARDING CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

### Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Disclosure controls and procedures are defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”) as those controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the annual filings and interim filings and other reports filed or submitted by Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the “**Company**”) under the Exchange Act is duly recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in rules and forms of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”). Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company’s reports and filings is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer (“**CEO**”) and Chief Financial Officer (“**CFO**”) as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

The Company evaluated, with the participation of its CEO and CFO, the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2017. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and the CFO have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this annual report on Form 40-F, the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the Company’s annual filings and interim filings and other reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures will detect or uncover every situation involving the failure of persons within the Company and its subsidiaries to disclose material information otherwise required to be set forth in the Company’s periodic reports. The Company’s disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objective of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act is communicated to management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and Rule 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) and has designed such internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

In designing and evaluating the Company’s internal control over financial reporting, the Company’s management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its reasonable judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Because of its inherent limitations, internal controls over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risks that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

Management of the Company, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, had conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, using the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)*. Based on the evaluation performed, management concluded that material weaknesses existed as of December 31, 2016. Management subsequently took actions to address the material weaknesses, including (i) hiring a Vice-President of Finance and Accounting, an Internal Controls Manager, a Corporate Tax Manager, and local internal controls analysts at each of its operations; (ii) engaging external specialists to assist in the documentation and review of its internal controls; (iii) completing a fraud risk assessment; and (iv) redesigning general information technology controls over user access privileges, unauthorized access, and segregation of duties.

Following these remediation activities, management assessed the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)*. Based on this assessment, management concluded that, as of December 31, 2017, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

See “Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting” in the Management’s Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, included as Exhibit 99.3 to this annual report on Form 40-F. The Company’s auditors have issued an attestation report on management’s assessment of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. See “Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm” below.

Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm. The required disclosure is included in the “Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” that accompanies the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, filed as part of this annual report on Form 40-F in Exhibit 99.2.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, other than as described in “Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting” above in response to the material weaknesses identified at December 31, 2016, there were no changes in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

### **NOTICES PURSUANT TO REGULATION BTR**

None.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act. The members of the audit committee are: Robert Gilmore, Alfredo Sillau and Kylie Dickson. The board of directors has determined that each of Robert Gilmore, Alfredo Sillau and Kylie Dickson is independent, as that term is defined in Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and the Listed Company Manual of the New York Stock Exchange.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT**

The board of directors of the Company has determined that each of Robert Gilmore and Kylie Dickson, members of the Company’s audit committee, qualifies as an audit committee financial expert for purposes of paragraph (8) of General Instruction B to Form 40-F. The SEC has indicated that the designation of Robert Gilmore and Kylie Dickson as an audit committee financial expert does not make them an “expert” for any purpose, impose any duties, obligations or liabilities on them that are greater than those imposed on members of the audit committee and the board of directors who do not carry this designation or affect the duties, obligations or liabilities of any other member of the audit committee or the board of directors.

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

The Company has adopted a “code of ethics” (as that term is defined in Form 40-F), entitled the “Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Whistle-Blower Policy”, that applies to all of its directors, officers, employees, and consultants including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, and persons performing similar functions.

The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Whistle-Blower Policy is available for viewing on the Company’s website at [www.fortunasilver.com](http://www.fortunasilver.com) under “About Fortuna / Our Governance”.

### **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

Deloitte LLP served as the Company’s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and for a portion of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Effective July 13, 2017, KPMG LLP was appointed in the place of Deloitte LLP as the Company’s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. Aggregate fees (in Canadian dollars) billed to the Company for professional services rendered by Deloitte LLP and KPMG LLP during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	<b>2017 (Deloitte)</b>	<b>2017 (KPMG)</b>	<b>2017 Total</b>	<b>2016 (Deloitte)</b>
Audit Fees	\$793,098	\$876,169	\$1,669,267	\$915,813
Audit-Related Fees	\$262,150	Nil	\$262,150	\$126,742
Tax Fees	\$36,113	Nil	\$36,113	\$142,746
All Other Fees	Nil	\$4,935	\$4,935	Nil
	<b>\$1,091,361</b>	<b>\$881,104</b>	<b>\$1,972,465</b>	<b>\$1,185,301</b>

“Audit Fees” are the aggregate fees billed for the audit of the Company’s consolidated annual financial statements, and review of the interim financial statements.

“Audit-Related Fees” are fees charged for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company’s financial statements and are not reported under “Audit Fees”. The fees charged by Deloitte LLP include services for securities and prospectus engagements.

“Tax Fees” are fees for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice on actual or contemplated transactions, and tax planning.

“All Other Fees” are for amounts not included in the categories above. The amount for 2017 relates to services performed by KPMG LLP prior to their being appointed auditors for the Company.

### **PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The auditors of the Company obtain, as necessary, the pre-approval of the Audit Committee for any anticipated additional services required of the auditors for the coming fiscal year. If other service requirements arise during the year, the Audit Committee will pre-approve such services at that time, prior to the commencement of such services. Of the total aggregate fees paid by the Company to its auditors during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, \$nil or 0% of the fees were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the de minimus exception provided by Section (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The required disclosure is included under the heading “Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements” in the Company’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, filed as part of this annual report on Form 40-F in Exhibit 99.3.

### **TABULAR DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

The required disclosure is included under the heading “Contractual Obligations” of the Company’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, filed as part of this annual report on Form 40-F in Exhibit 99.3.

### **MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE**

The Company is not required to disclose the information required by Section 1503(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

### **NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is a “foreign private issuer” as defined in Rule 3b-4 under the Exchange Act and Rule 405 under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Company’s common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”). Sections 103.00, 303A.00 and 303A.11 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual permit foreign private issuers to follow home country practices in lieu of certain provisions of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. A foreign private issuer that follows home country practices in lieu of certain provisions of the NYSE Listed Company Manual must disclose any significant ways in which its corporate governance practices differ from those followed by domestic companies either on its website or in the annual report that it distributes to shareholders in the United States. A description of the significant ways in which the Company’s governance practices differ from those followed by domestic companies pursuant to NYSE standards is disclosed on the Company’s website at [www.fortunasilver.com](http://www.fortunasilver.com) under “About Fortuna / Our Governance / NYSE”.

The Company’s corporate governance practices, as described on its website, are consistent with the laws, customs and practices in Canada.

### **INTERACTIVE DATA FILE**

The Company is submitting as Exhibits 101 to this annual report on Form 40-F, and posting to its corporate website at [www.fortunasilver.com](http://www.fortunasilver.com), its first Interactive Data File.

### **UNDERTAKING**

The Company undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the SEC staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the SEC staff, information relating to: the securities registered pursuant to Form 40-F; the securities in relation to which the obligation to file an annual report on Form 40-F arises; or transactions in said securities.

### **CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS**

A Form F-X signed by the Company and its agent for service of process has been previously filed with the SEC together with the Company's Registration Statement on Form 40-F (File No. 001-35297) in connection with its securities registered on such form.

Any changes to the name or address of the agent for service of process of the Company shall be communicated promptly to the SEC by an amendment to the Form F-X referencing the file number of the Company.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Company certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 2, 2018

**FORTUNA SILVER MINES INC.**

By: “Jorge Ganoza Durant”

Name: Jorge Ganoza Durant

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer & Director

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2017
99.2	Audited Consolidated Financial Statements as at and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, including the Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms with respect thereto
99.3	Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016
99.4	Consent of KPMG LLP
99.5	Consent of Deloitte LLP
99.6	Consent of Eric Chapman
99.7	Consent of Edwin Gutierrez
99.8	Consent of Geoff Allard
99.9	Consent of Denys Parra Murrugarra
99.10	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
99.11	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
99.12	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
99.13	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS	XBRL Instance
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase



**EXHIBIT 99.1**

**ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM**



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# **ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**DATED: March 26, 2018**

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## **PRELIMINARY NOTES**

### **Cautionary Statement – Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in this Annual Information Form (“AIF”) and any documents incorporated by reference into this AIF constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, “**forward-looking statements**”). All statements included herein, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements and are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this AIF include, without limitation, statements relating to:

- cash cost estimates and all-in sustaining cash cost estimates for 2018 at the Caylloma Mine and San Jose Mine;
- Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources, as they involve implied assessment, based on estimates and assumptions that the Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources described exist in the quantities predicted or estimated and can be profitably produced in the future;
- timing for delivery of materials and equipment for the Company’s properties;
- the sufficiency of the Company’s cash position and its ability to raise equity capital or access debt facilities;
- the Company’s planned processing and estimated capital investments for sustaining capital expenditures and exploration at the San Jose Mine;
- the Company’s planned processing and estimated capital investments for sustaining and non-sustaining capital expenditures and exploration at the Caylloma Mine;
- the Company’s plans for development of the Lindero Project and funding therefor;
- the Company’s plans for exploration at the Lindero Project;
- the maturities of the Company’s financial liabilities, finance leases and other contractual commitments;
- the expiry dates of bank letters of guarantee;
- estimated mine closure costs; and
- management’s expectation that any investigations, claims, and legal, labor and tax proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business will not have a material effect on the results of operations or financial condition of the Company.

Often, but not always, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as “anticipates”, “believes”, “plans”, “estimates”, “expects”, “forecasts”, “scheduled”, “targets”, “possible”, “strategy”, “potential”, “intends”, “advance”, “goal”, “objective”, “projects”, “budget”, “calculates” or statements that events, “will”, “may”, “could” or “should” occur or be achieved and similar expressions, including negative variations.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such uncertainties and factors include, among others:

- operational risks associated with mining and mineral processing;
- uncertainty relating to Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates;
- uncertainty relating to capital and operating costs, production schedules and economic returns;
- risks associated with the Company’s mineral exploration, project development and infrastructure;
- risks associated with environmental matters, including the Company’s compliance with environmental laws and regulations and potential liability claims against the Company;
- uncertainty relating to nature and climate conditions;
- risks associated with changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments in countries in which the Company does or may carry on business;
- risks associated with political instability and changes to the regulations governing the Company’s business operations;
- risks relating to the termination of the Company’s mining concessions in certain circumstances;
- risks related to International Labour Organization (“ILO”) Convention 169 compliance;
- risks related to opposition of the Company’s exploration, development and operational activities;
- risks related to the Company’s ability to obtain adequate financing for planned exploration and development activities;

- risks associated with the Company's substantial reliance on the Caylloma Mine and the San Jose Mine for revenues;
- risks associated with property title matters;
- risks related to the integration of businesses and assets acquired by the Company;
- risks associated with the Company's reliance on key personnel;
- risks associated with the Company's reliance on local counsel and advisors and its management and board of directors in foreign jurisdictions;
- uncertainty relating to potential conflicts of interest involving the Company's directors and officers;
- risks associated with the adequacy of the Company's insurance coverage;
- risks related to the Company's compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act;
- risks related to the foreign corrupt practices regulations and anti-bribery laws;
- uncertainty related to potential legal proceedings involving the Company;
- uncertainty relating to general economic conditions;
- risks associated with competition in the mining industry;
- uncertainty relating to fluctuations in metal prices and the marketability of metals acquired by the Company;
- risks associated with entering into commodity forward and option contracts for base metals production;
- uncertainty relating to fluctuations in currency exchange rates and the Company's operating expenses;
- uncertainty relating to concentrate treatment charges and transportation costs;
- uncertainty relating to the sufficiency of monies allotted by the Company for land reclamation;
- risks related to the volatility of the trading price of the Company's common shares ("**Common Shares**");
- risks related to shareholder dilution as a result of future equity financings;
- risks related to future insufficient liquidity resulting from a decline in the price of the Common Shares;
- uncertainty relating to the Company's ability to pay dividends in the future; and
- uncertainty relating to the enforcement of U.S. judgments against the Company;

as well as those factors referred to in the "Risk Factors" section in this AIF.

Forward-looking Statements contained in this AIF are based on the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and opinions of management, including but not limited to:

- all required third party contractual, regulatory and governmental approvals will be obtained for the exploration, development, construction and production of its properties;
- there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether relating to labor, supply, power, damage to equipment or other matter;
- permitting, construction, development and expansion proceeding on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations;
- expected trends and specific assumptions regarding metal prices and currency exchange rates;
- prices for and availability of fuel, electricity, parts and equipment and other key supplies remaining consistent with current levels;
- production forecasts meeting expectations; and
- the accuracy of the Company's current Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates.

Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this AIF. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Except as required by law, the Company does not assume the obligation to revise or update these forward looking-statements after the date of this document or to revise them to reflect the occurrence of future unanticipated events.

## **NOTICE REGARDING NON-IFRS MEASURES**

This AIF includes certain terms or performance measures that are not defined under International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“**IFRS**”), including but not limited to cash costs and all-in sustaining costs. The Company believes that, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, certain investors use this information to evaluate the Company’s performance. The data presented is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. These non-IFRS measures should be read in conjunction with the Company’s financial statements and management’s discussion and analysis incorporated by reference herein. See “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” in the Company’s management’s discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 regarding the Company’s use of non-IFRS measures.

## **CAUTIONARY NOTE TO UNITED STATES INVESTORS**

The Company is a Canadian “foreign private issuer” as defined in Rule 3b-4 under the Exchange Act, and is permitted to prepare the technical information contained herein in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ from the requirements of U.S. securities laws.

Canadian standards, including National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“**NI 43-101**”), differ significantly from the requirements of the Exchange Act, and Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource information contained or incorporated by reference in this AIF may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by United States companies. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term Mineral Resource does not equate to the term “reserve”. Under United States standards, mineralization may not be classified as a “reserve” unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. Among other things, all necessary permits would need to be in hand or issuance imminent in order to classify mineralized material as reserves under standards of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”). The SEC’s current disclosure standards normally do not permit the inclusion of information concerning Measured Mineral Resources, Indicated Mineral Resources or Inferred Mineral Resources or other descriptions of the amount of mineralization in mineral deposits that do not constitute “reserves” by United States standards in documents filed with the SEC.

United States investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of Measured Mineral Resources or Indicated Mineral Resources will ever be converted into reserves. United States investors should also understand that Inferred Mineral Resources have an even greater amount of uncertainty as to their existence and as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an Inferred Mineral Resource will ever be upgraded to a category having a higher degree of certainty. Under Canadian rules, estimates of Inferred Mineral Resources may not form the basis of Feasibility or Pre-Feasibility Studies except in rare cases. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an Inferred Mineral Resource exists or is economically or legally mineable.

Disclosure of “contained tonnes” in a Mineral Resource estimate is permitted disclosure under NI 43-101 provided that the grade or quality and the quantity of each category is stated; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute “reserves” by SEC standards as in place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. The requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of Mineral Reserves are also not the same as those of the SEC, and Mineral Reserves reported in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as “reserves” under SEC standards. Accordingly, information contained in this AIF and the documents incorporated by reference herein containing descriptions of mineral deposits may not be comparable to similar information made public by U.S. companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements under the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder.

## Documents Incorporated by Reference

The information provided in this AIF is supplemented by disclosure contained in the documents listed below which are incorporated by reference into this AIF. These documents must be read together with the AIF in order to provide full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (referred to herein as the “Company” or “Fortuna”). The documents listed below are not contained within or attached to this document. The documents may be accessed on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under the Company’s profile, Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.:

Document	Effective Date / Period Ended	Date Filed on SEDAR website	Document Category on the SEDAR website
Management Information Circular	May 24, 2017	May 29, 2017	Management Proxy / Information Circular - English
Technical Report, Caylloma Property, Peru	August 31, 2016	February 1, 2017	Technical Report(s)
Technical Report, San Jose Property, Mexico	August 20, 2016	February 1, 2017	Technical Report(s)
Technical Report, Lindero Property, Argentina	October 31, 2017	November 2, 2017	Technical Report(s)

## Date of Information

This AIF is dated March 26, 2018. Except as otherwise indicated, the information contained herein is as at December 31, 2017, being the date of the Company’s most recently completed financial year end.

## Currency

Unless otherwise noted, all references to “\$” in this AIF refer to United States dollars.

## CORPORATE STRUCTURE

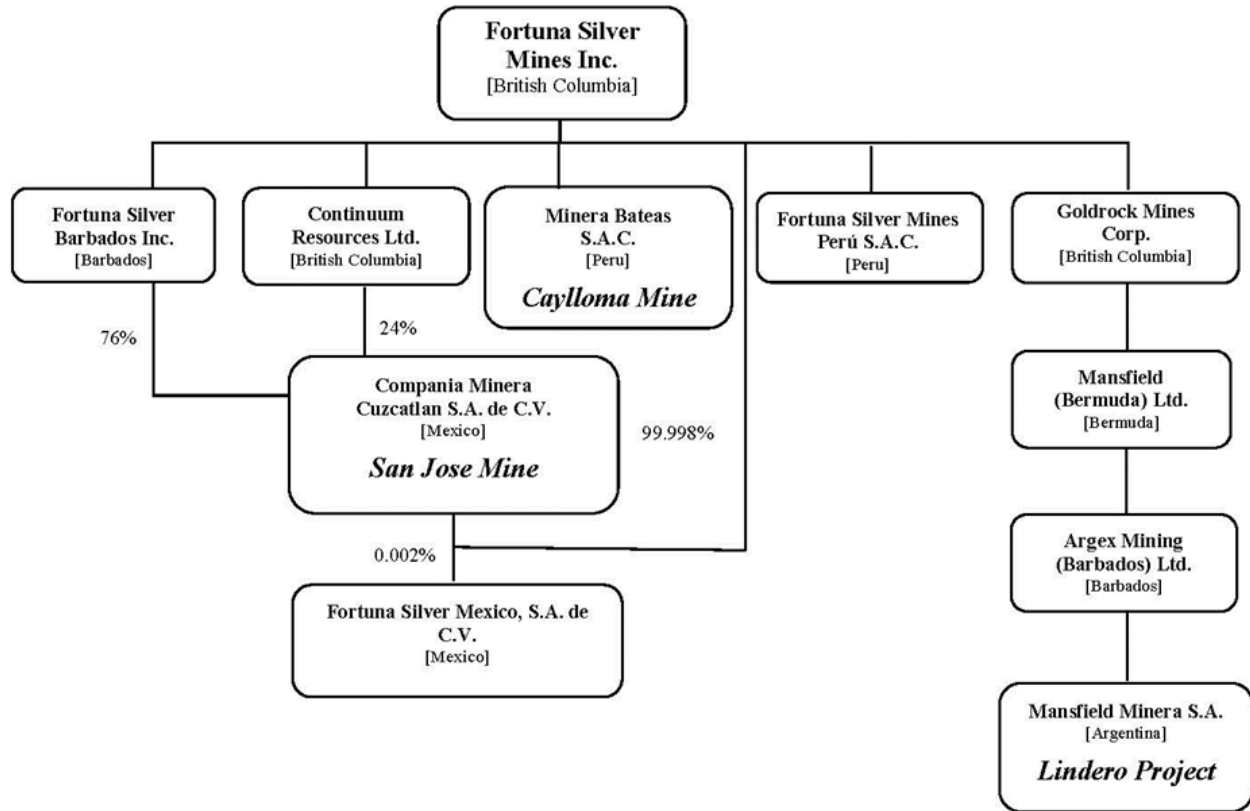
### Name, Address and Incorporation

The Company was incorporated on September 4, 1990 pursuant to the Company Act (British Columbia) under the name Jopec Resources Ltd. and subsequently transitioned under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia). On February 3, 1999, the Company changed its name to Fortuna Ventures Inc. and on June 28, 2005 to Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

The management head office of the Company is located at Piso 5, Av. Jorge Chávez #154, Miraflores, Lima, Peru. The corporate head and registered office of the Company is located at 200 Burrard Street, Suite 650, Vancouver, BC V6C 3L6.

### Intercorporate Relationships

The Company carries on a significant portion of its business through a number of 100%-owned subsidiaries, held either directly or indirectly, as follows:



## GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

Fortuna is engaged in precious and base metals mining and related activities, including exploration, extraction, and processing. Fortuna operates the Caylloma zinc, lead and silver mine (the “**Caylloma Mine**”) in southern Peru and the San Jose silver and gold mine (the “**San Jose Mine**”) in southern Mexico. The Company is also developing its Lindero gold project (the “**Lindero Project**”) in Argentina.

### **Three-Year History and Recent Developments**

#### *San Jose Mine, Mexico*

Located in the state of Oaxaca in southern Mexico, the 100% owned San Jose Mine covers a high-grade silver-gold bearing epithermal vein system.

In 2015, the Company produced at the San Jose Mine 4.9 million ounces of silver and 38,526 ounces of gold, an increase over 2014 of 12% and 15%, respectively. The increase in metal production is the result of 6% higher throughput; 4% and 6% higher head grades for silver and gold, respectively; and 2% higher metallurgical recovery for both silver and gold. Annual average head grades for silver and gold were 234 g/t and 1.83 g/t or 9 percent and 10 percent above plan.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore at the San Jose Mine for 2015 was \$58.83/t, or 7% below the cost in the prior year and 6% below the annual guidance of \$62.70/t. The devaluation of the Mexican peso throughout the year had a positive effect of \$4.43/t on costs. Excluding this effect, cash cost was 1% above 2014. All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits for 2015, was \$12.86 or 21% below the annual guidance of \$16.27/oz, as a result of lower unit costs and lower sustaining capital expenditures.



In 2016, the Company produced at the San Jose Mine 6.1 million ounces of silver and 46,018 ounces of gold, an increase over 2015 of 24% and 19%, respectively. The increases were the result of higher throughput of 26% and higher recoveries of 1 percentage point for both silver and gold offset by lower head grades of 3% for silver and 6% for gold. Silver and gold annual production were 4% and 10% above 2016 guidance. Annual average head grades for silver and gold were 228 g/t and 1.72 g/t or 1% below plan and 3% above plan respectively. Increased silver and gold production was the result of higher contributions in ore tonnage and grade from Level 1,100 relative to the mine plan.

The expansion of the mill capacity to 3,000 tpd from 2,000 tpd was completed successfully on time and under budget. As of July 1, 2016, the processing plant and mine were fully operational at 3,000 tpd, allowing for an anticipated annual production rate of 7-8 million ounces of silver and 50-53 thousand ounces of gold. The capital expenditure of the plant expansion was \$27.5 million, 16% below budget.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for 2016 was \$56.90, or 3% below the cost in 2015. Cash cost in the second half of 2016 was \$55.0 compared to \$59.8 in the first half of the year reflecting the positive impact on unit costs of the expanded plant capacity commissioned in July. The cash cost per tonne for 2016 was in line with guidance for the year as a result of an average exchange rate of the Mexican peso to United States dollars being 19% above our assumption for cost guidance, offset by higher costs related to the filtration plant. Excluding this effect, the cash cost would have been 7% above guidance. All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$7.6 for 2016, and below the annual guidance of \$9.10 as a result of higher by-product credits.

Silver and gold annual production at the San Jose Mine for 2017 increased 23% and 22% respectively, to 7,526,556 and 55,950 ounces which was above the prior year's production. The increases were the result of 18% higher throughput as well as 4% and 3% higher head grades of gold and silver over the comparative 2016 year. Silver and gold annual production were 6% and 8% above 2017 guidance, respectively. The processing plant treated 1,070,790 tonnes during 2017.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for 2017 was \$59.70, or 5% above the cost in the prior year. Cash cost per tonne for 2017 was 5% above guidance due to higher mine support costs and local inflation on the cost of energy and materials. All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$7.11 for 2017, and below the annual guidance of \$8.40 as a result of higher gold prices.

During 2018, the Company plans to process at the San Jose Mine 1,050,000 tonnes of ore averaging 240 g/t Ag and 1.56 g/t Au. Capital investments for 2018 are estimated to be \$16.9 million, including \$8.5 million for sustaining capital expenditures and \$8.4 million for exploration programs. Major capital investments are anticipated to include \$3.5 million for mine development, and \$4.1 million for equipment and infrastructure.

#### *Caylloma Mine, Peru*

The Company owns a 100% interest in the Caylloma Mine and related mining concessions located in southern Peru.

In 2015, the Company produced at the Caylloma Mine 1.7 million ounces of silver and 1,163 ounces of gold. Silver production was 23% below production in the prior year due to the decision to shift mining to base metal-rich zones in the polymetallic Animas Vein. Mining at the high-grade Bateas Vein stopped in the fourth quarter of 2015. Decrease in silver production was the result of lower production from the Bateas high-grade silver vein and from Level 6 of the Animas Vein. Zinc and lead production increased 31% and 48%, respectively, year-over-year. The Caylloma Mine's silver production was 11% below the revised guidance of 1.9 million ounces.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore at the Caylloma Mine for 2015 was \$85.76/t, or 5% below the cost in the prior year and 5% below the annual guidance of \$90.30/t, due to lower indirect costs related to headcount, lower distribution costs related to zinc concentrate transport tariffs, and a 14% devaluation of the Peruvian Nuevo Sol. All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, for 2015 was \$13.56/oz, above the annual guidance of \$12.78/oz.

In 2016, the Company produced at the Caylloma Mine 1.3 million ounces of silver and 533 ounces of gold. Silver production was 26% below production in the prior year due to the decision to shift mining to base metal-rich zones in the polymetallic Animas Vein. Mining at the Bateas high-grade silver vein stopped at the beginning of the fourth

quarter of 2015. Decrease in silver production was the result of lower production from the Bateas high-grade silver vein and from Level 6 of the Animas Vein. Lead and zinc production increased 37% and 21%, respectively, year-over-year.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore at Caylloma for 2016 was \$71.89, a decrease of 16% from 2015 resulting from lower mining costs due to the cessation of mining in the narrow high grade silver veins, lower indirect costs related to headcount, and the plant optimization. The cash cost per tonne for 2016 was 9% below our guidance, as a result of lower mining costs and lower distribution costs related to lower lead concentrate production. All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$4.3 for 2016, and below the annual guidance of \$12.50 as a result of higher by-product credits and lower unit cash cost.

Total lead production at the Caylloma Mine for 2017 decreased 8% from 2016 to 29.9 million pounds while zinc production increased 3% to 44.3 million pounds, over 2016. Silver production decreased 25% to 943,038 ounces compared to 2016 production of 1,255,981 ounces. Head grades for lead, zinc, and silver were 8%, 1%, and 27% lower than in 2016, respectively; however, this decline in head grades was partially offset by a 3% increase in ore processed. Silver, zinc, and lead annual production were 6% below, 8% above, and in line with 2017 guidance. The processing plant treated 1,488 tpd during 2017.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for 2017 was \$79.11 or 10% higher than in 2016 and 5% above guidance. The increase in cash costs was due mainly to higher mining, energy, and labour costs. All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$(13.04) per ounce for 2017, and below the annual guidance of \$10.80 per ounce.

During 2018, the Company plans to process at the Caylloma Mine 535,000 tonnes averaging 57 g/t silver, 2.41% Pb and 4.21% Zn. Capital investments for 2018 are estimated to be \$21.3 million, including \$16.4 million for sustaining capital expenditures, \$2.8 million for non-sustaining capital expenditures, and \$2.2 million for Brownfields exploration programs. Major capital investments are anticipated to include \$6.4 million for mine development, \$4.3 million for equipment and infrastructure, and \$5.7 million for tailings dam expansion.

#### *Health and Safety*

In the past year, both of our operations achieved significant reductions in incapacitating accidents. In 2017 there were seven at the Caylloma Mine (down from 17 in 2016) and seven at the San Jose Mine (down from 11 in 2016). The frequency and severity ratios of accidents also declined at both operations. At the Caylloma Mine, the frequency ratio for 2017 was 2.93 (8.3 in 2016) and the severity ratio was 432 (554 in 2016). The San Jose Mine had a frequency ratio for 2017 of 2.48 (3.3 in 2016) and 138 for severity (172 in 2016).

However, these achievements in improving workplace safety were overshadowed at the Caylloma Mine by two workplace fatalities, one in a highway accident and the other in the industrial area of the mine. After the accidents, management conducted an in-depth analysis of the accidents and, based on the findings, took targeted actions to remedy shortcomings that contributed to the accident. Beyond these focused actions, the Company made structural changes to improve safety throughout our operations. We are increasing our investment in infrastructure; improved the quality of supervision of the operations, which includes creating the position of corporate head of health, safety, security and environment (HSSE) to work with our subsidiaries; and the mechanization of some unit operations at the mines.

#### *Acquisition of Goldrock Mines Corp. / Lindero Project, Argentina*

In July 2016, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Goldrock Mines Corp. (“**Goldrock**”) by way of plan of arrangement (the “**Arrangement**”). Goldrock is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortuna. Pursuant to the Arrangement, Goldrock shareholders received 0.1331 of a Common Share for each common share of Goldrock held. Outstanding warrants to purchase Goldrock common shares became exercisable for Common Shares based on the same exchange ratio. The Company has filed a Form 51-102F4, Business Acquisition Report, on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

As a result of the Arrangement, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the Lindero Project, a porphyry gold deposit located in northwestern Argentina, 260 km due west of Salta City. Mineralization at the Lindero Project was

initially discovered in September 1999. An independent resource estimate was calculated in 2003, followed by a Prefeasibility Study completed in 2010 and a Feasibility Study completed in 2013. Goldrock filed on SEDAR a technical report dated February 23, 2016 in order to update the 2013 Feasibility Study.

In early November 2017, the Company filed on SEDAR an updated feasibility study technical report on the Lindero Project.

### *Financing*

On February 9, 2017, the Company completed a bought-deal public financing (the “**Financing**”) with a syndicate of underwriters co-led by Raymond James Ltd., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and Scotia Capital Inc., and including CIBC World Markets Inc. and National Bank Financial Inc. (together the “**Underwriters**”), pursuant to which the Company issued 11,873,750 Common Shares at a price of \$6.30 per Common Share, for gross proceeds of \$74.8 million. Net proceeds were \$70.9 million after deduction of underwriting fees and expenses. The proceeds from the Financing were added to the Company’s existing cash position, to be used for general working capital purposes.

### *Lindero Project – Construction Decision*

In September 2017, the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) approved the construction of a mine at the Lindero Project. The initial capital cost is estimated at \$239 million which is expected to be funded primarily from the Company’s current cash position, expansion of the Company’s credit facility (see *Credit Facilities* below), and future operating cash flows. For 2018, capital expenditures are estimated at \$201 million, representing 84% of the overall construction budget.

Selected milestones from the construction schedule were released in December 2017 (see [Fortuna news release dated December 21, 2017](#)) and include:

#### 2018

- February: Start mass earthworks
- April: First concrete for permanent installations
- August: Start of equipment installation, including HPGR tertiary crusher
- November: Construction of roads and platforms in preparation for initiation of mining activities

#### 2019

- January: Commissioning of power plant
- March: Placing of first ore on the leach pad
- May: First doré poured as part of commissioning

Start of mass earthworks has been re-scheduled for April to allow local contractors to participate via a consortium in this large and significant activity of the Lindero Project. This was a strategic consideration for the Project and bears no impact on our critical path for commissioning in Q2 2019.

### *Changes in Board and Management*

In mid-2016, Michael Iverson and Thomas Kelly retired from the Board. On September 26, 2016, David Laing was appointed as an independent member of the Board and the audit committee. Alfredo Sillau was appointed as an independent member of the Board on November 29, 2016. On December 21, 2016, Mr. Sillau was appointed to the audit committee in the place of Mr. Laing, and Mr. Laing was appointed to the Company’s compensation committee.

David Volkert was appointed as Vice-President, Exploration as of August 8, 2016 to replace Thomas Vehrs following Mr. Vehrs’ retirement in July 2016. Effective January 1, 2017, Eric Chapman, Corporate Head of Technical Services of Fortuna, was promoted to the new position of Vice-President of Technical Services. Effective April 5, 2017, Gordon Jang was appointed to the new position of Vice-President of Finance and Accounting.

On August 16, 2017, Kylie Dickson was appointed as an independent member of the Board, and she was appointed to the audit committee in the place of David Farrell. As well, Mr. Farrell was appointed Chair of the Corporate Governance & Nominating Committee in the place of Mario Szotlender.

### *Credit Facilities*

In March 2015, the Company entered into a second amended and restated credit agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia for a \$60 million senior secured financing (the “**2015 Credit Facility**”) consisting of a \$40 million credit facility with a 4 year term and a \$20 million revolving credit facility for a two year period. The 2015 Credit Facility was secured by a first ranking lien on the Company’s material subsidiaries and their assets, and bears interest and fees at prevailing market rates. The Company drew down the \$40 million credit facility on April 1, 2015, so that the funds could be used for corporate working capital.

Along with the \$40 million term loan, the Company entered into an interest rate swap of \$40 million and notional amount of \$40 million which expires at the same time as the maturity of the bank loan. The interest rate swap was entered into to hedge the variable interest rate risk on the bank loan, and is designated as a cash flow hedge for forecasted variable interest rate payments.

In January 2018, the Company entered into a third amended and restated credit agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia (the “**2018 Credit Facility**”). The Amended Credit Facility consists of a \$40 million non-revolving credit facility and an \$80 million revolving credit facility, both having with a 4-year term from closing of the 2018 Credit Facility. The 2018 Credit Facility is secured by a first ranking lien on the Company’s material subsidiaries and their assets. The Company must comply with the terms in the amended agreement related to reporting requirements, conduct of business, insurance, notices, and must maintain certain covenants. The proceeds of the 2018 Credit Facility are intended to be used primarily to finance the mine construction at the Lindero Project.

In conjunction with the closing of the 2018 Credit Facility, the 2015 hedging of interest rates on the \$40 million term loan set to expire in 2019 was unwound, and a new hedging arrangement through an interest rate swap contract was entered into for a 4-year term coinciding with the 2018 \$40 million term loan.

### *Updated Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource Estimates*

During the past three years, the Company has released updated Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource estimates for its properties as follows:

- for Caylloma and San Jose as at December 31, 2014 - released in March 2015;
- for Caylloma and San Jose as at December 31, 2015 - released in March 2016;
- for Caylloma and San Jose as at December 31, 2016, combined with Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource estimates for the Lindero Project - released in February 2017;
- for Lindero as at September 9, 2017 - released in September 2017; and
- for Caylloma, San Jose and Lindero as at December 31, 2017 - released in February 2018.

A summary of the December 31, 2017 estimates is as follows:

#### Highlights of Reserve and Resource Update

- Combined Proven and Probable Reserves for the Caylloma and San Jose mines are reported at 6.6 Mt containing 44.8 Moz silver and 273 koz gold, representing year-over-year decreases of 2 percent and 7 percent in contained silver and gold ounces
- Combined Inferred Resources for the Caylloma and San Jose mines are reported at 8.3 Mt containing an estimated 39.6 Moz silver and 193 koz gold, reflecting a year-over-year increase of 6 percent in contained silver ounces and a 17 percent decrease in contained gold ounces
- Lindero Proven and Probable Reserves are reported at 88.3 Mt containing 1.7 Moz of gold, representing a year-over-year increase of 4 percent in contained gold ounces
- Lindero Inferred Resources are reported at 5.7 Mt containing 0.07 Moz of gold, representing a year-over-year decrease of 89 percent in contained gold ounces. The optimization of the ultimate pit shell to schedule only material defined as Mineral Reserves has significantly impacted the reported Mineral Resources due to the exclusion of material at the periphery of the pit.

Mineral Reserves - Proven and Probable								Contained Metal	
Property		Classification	Tonnes (000)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (Moz)	Au (koz)
Mines	Caylloma, Peru	Proven	116	92	0.29	1.97	3.05	0.3	1
		Probable	1,487	91	0.23	2.27	3.62	4.4	11
		Proven + Probable	1,603	91	0.23	2.25	3.58	4.7	12
	San Jose, Mexico	Proven	24	151	1.22	N/A	N/A	0.1	1
		Probable	5,013	248	1.61	N/A	N/A	39.9	260
		Proven + Probable	5,037	247	1.61	N/A	N/A	40.1	261
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Proven + Probable</b>	<b>6,640</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1.28</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>273</b>
Projects	Lindero, Argentina	Proven	26,009	N/A	0.74	N/A	N/A	0.0	618
		Probable	62,263	N/A	0.57	N/A	N/A	0.0	1,131
		<b>Proven + Probable</b>	<b>88,272</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,749</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Proven + Probable</b>						<b>44.8</b>	<b>2,022</b>

Mineral Resources - Measured and Indicated								Contained Metal	
Property		Classification	Tonnes (000)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (Moz)	Au (koz)
Mines	Caylloma, Peru	Measured	510	78	0.32	1.19	2.29	1.3	5
		Indicated	1,386	90	0.32	1.36	2.23	4.0	14
		Measured + Indicated	1,896	87	0.32	1.32	2.24	5.3	20
	San Jose, Mexico	Measured	34	71	0.55	N/A	N/A	0.1	1
		Indicated	287	63	0.47	N/A	N/A	0.6	4
		Measured + Indicated	321	64	0.48	N/A	N/A	0.7	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>25</b>
Projects	Lindero, Argentina	Measured	610	N/A	0.24	N/A	N/A	0.0	5
		Indicated	11,897	N/A	0.24	N/A	N/A	0.0	92
		<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>12,507</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>						<b>6.0</b>	<b>121</b>	

Mineral Resources – Inferred								Contained Metal	
Property		Classification	Tonnes (000)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (Moz)	Au (koz)
Mines	Caylloma, Peru	Inferred	5,751	105	0.35	2.82	4.07	19.5	66
	San Jose, Mexico	Inferred	2,596	241	1.53	N/A	N/A	20.1	128
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Inferred</b>	<b>8,347</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>193</b>
Projects	Lindero, Argentina	<i>Inferred</i>	<b>5,700</b>	N/A	<b>0.36</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>0.0</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>Inferred</b>						<b>39.6</b>	<b>258</b>

1. Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources are as defined by CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves
2. Mineral Resources are exclusive of Mineral Reserves
3. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability
4. There are no known legal, political, environmental, or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of the Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves
5. Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves are estimated as of June 30, 2017 for San Jose and as of September 30, 2017 for Caylloma and reported as of December 31, 2017 taking into account production-related depletion for the period through December 31, 2017. Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves for Lindero are reported as of September 9, 2017
6. Mineral Reserves for San Jose are estimated using a break-even cut-off grade of 117 g/t Ag Eq based on assumed metal prices of US\$19/oz Ag and US\$1,250/oz Au; estimated metallurgical recovery rates of 92% for Ag and 91% for Au and actual operating costs. Mineral Resources are estimated at a 100 g/t Ag Eq cut-off grade with Ag Eq in g/t = Ag (g/t) + Au (g/t) \* ((US\$1,250/US\$19) \* (91/92)). Proven + Probable Reserves include 2.74 Mt containing 25.6 Moz of silver and 153 koz of gold reported at a 120 g/t Ag Eq cut-off grade and Inferred Resources totaling 1.36 Mt containing 11.3 Moz of silver and 62 koz of gold reported at a 100 g/t Ag Eq cut-off grade located in the Taviche Oeste concession and subject to a 2.5% royalty
7. Mineral Reserves for Caylloma are estimated using break-even cut-off grades based on estimated NSR values using assumed metal prices of US\$19/oz Ag, US\$1,250/oz Au, US\$2,200/t Pb and US\$2,500/t Zn; metallurgical recovery rates of 84% for Ag, 17% for Au, 93% for Pb and 90% for Zn with the exception of high zinc oxide areas that use metallurgical recovery rates of 57% for Ag, 17% for Au, 57% for Pb and 35% for Zn; and actual operating costs. Caylloma Mineral Resources are reported based on estimated NSR values using the same metal prices and metallurgical recovery rates as detailed for Mineral Reserves; and an NSR cut-off grade of US\$50/t for veins classified as wide (Animas, Animas NE, Nancy, San Cristobal) and US\$135/t for veins classified as narrow (all other veins)
8. Mineral Reserves for Lindero are reported based on open pit mining within designed pit shells based on variable gold cut-off grades and gold recoveries by metallurgical type. Met type 1 cut-off 0.27 g/t Au, recovery 75.4%; Met type 2 cut-off 0.26 g/t Au, recovery 78.2%; Met type 3 cut-off 0.26 g/t Au, recovery 78.5%; and Met type 4 cut-off 0.30 g/t Au, recovery 68.5%. The cut-off grades and pit designs are considered appropriate for long term gold prices of US\$1,250/oz. Lindero Mineral Resources are reported within the same conceptual pit shell above a 0.2 g/t Au cut-off grade using a long-term gold price of US\$1,250/oz, mining costs at US\$1.67 per tonne of material, with total processing and process G&A costs of US\$7.84 per tonne of ore and an average process recovery of 75%. The refinery costs net of pay factor were estimated to be US\$6.90 per ounce gold. Slope angles are based on 3 sectors (39°, 42°, and 47°) consistent with geotechnical consultant recommendations
9. Eric Chapman, P.Geo. (APEGBC #36328) is the Qualified Person for resources and Edwin Gutierrez (SME Registered Member #4119110RM) is the Qualified Person for reserves, both being current or former employees of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.
10. Totals may not add due to rounding procedures
11. N/A = Not Applicable

#### San Jose Mine, Mexico

As of December 31, 2017, the San Jose Mine has Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves of 5.0 Mt containing 40.1 Moz of silver and 261 koz of gold, in addition to Inferred Resources of 2.6 Mt containing a further 20.1 Moz of silver and 128 koz of gold.

Year-over-year, Mineral Reserves remained unchanged in terms of tonnes and contained silver, while contained gold decreased by 6 percent after net changes resulting from production-related depletion and the upgrading and conversion of Inferred Resources to Mineral Reserves due to a successful infill drill program focused primarily on the Stockwork zones adding 0.7 Mt of new reserves averaging 286 g/t Ag and 1.44 g/t Au. Silver grade decreased 1 percent to 247 g/t and gold grade decreased 6 percent to 1.61 g/t.

Measured and Indicated Resources exclusive of Mineral Reserves decreased year-over-year from 0.8 Mt to 0.3 Mt due to a decrease in operating costs and better commercial terms resulting in the breakeven cut-off grade for reserves decreasing from 127 g/t to 117 g/t Ag Eq.

Year-over-year, Inferred Resources decreased 20 percent and 23 percent in contained silver and gold ounces, respectively. Silver grade decreased 4 percent and gold grade decreased 8 percent. The net variation is due to reductions resulting from the upgrading of Inferred Resources by infill drilling in the Trinidad North and Stockwork zones.

Brownfields exploration program budget for 2018 at the San Jose Mine is US\$8.4 million, which includes 45,500 meters of diamond drilling and 340 meters of underground development for drilling access and platforms. Exploration drilling will focus on the Trinidad Central and Trinidad North zones and on the sub-parallel Victoria vein.

An infill drilling program of 6,485 meters for the upgrading of Inferred Resources into Measured or Indicated Resources is underway at the San Jose Mine. The budget of the infill drill program for 2018 is US\$0.84 million.

#### Caylloma Mine, Peru

As of December 31, 2017, the Caylloma Mine has Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves of 1.6 Mt containing 4.7 Moz of silver and 12 koz of gold, in addition to Inferred Resources of 5.8 Mt containing 19.5 Moz of silver and 66 koz of gold.

Year-over-year, Mineral Reserve tonnes remained unchanged while silver grade decreased 16 percent to 91 g/t, lead grade decreased 6 percent to 2.25%, and zinc grade increased 10 percent to 3.58%. Changes are primarily due to mining related depletion and the upgrading and conversion of Inferred Resources to Mineral Reserves due to a successful infill drill program focused on the Animas NE vein.

Measured and Indicated Resources, exclusive of Mineral Reserves, decreased by 6 percent year-over-year to 1.9 Mt.

Inferred Resources increased by 2.7 Mt or 92 percent year-over-year. Silver grade decreased by 17 percent, whereas lead and zinc grades increased 69 percent and 37 percent, respectively. The increase in Inferred Resources is primarily due to a successful Brownfields exploration drill program of the Animas NE vein that discovered 2.5 Mt of new resources averaging 81 g/t Ag, 3.82% Pb, and 5.42% Zn.

Brownfields exploration program budget for 2018 at the Caylloma Mine is US\$2.2 million, which includes 10,250 meters of diamond drilling. Drilling will focus on a previously unexplored area between ore shoots on the Animas NE vein that were discovered in 2017 (see Fortuna news release dated [October 11, 2017](#)).

An infill drilling program of 6,150 meters for the upgrading of Inferred Resources into Measured or Indicated Resources is being presently conducted at the Caylloma Mine. The budget of the infill drill program for 2018 is US\$0.71 million.

#### Lindero Project, Argentina

The Lindero Project has Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves of 88.3 Mt containing 1.7 Moz of gold, in addition to Inferred Resources of 5.7 Mt containing 0.07 Moz of gold (see Fortuna news release dated [September 21, 2017](#)).

Year-over-year, Mineral Reserve tonnes increased 7 percent while gold grade decreased 2 percent to 0.62 g/t. Changes are primarily due to increases in the expected metallurgical recoveries based on updated testwork

conducted in 2017, adjustments in projected processing and refining costs, and the conversion of Inferred Resources to Mineral Reserves due to the metallurgical infill drill program conducted in late 2016.

Measured and Indicated Resources exclusive of Mineral Reserves decreased year-over-year from 34.8 Mt to 12.5 Mt due to the application of updated metallurgical recoveries and the optimization of the ultimate pit shell.

Year-over-year, Inferred Resources decreased 88 percent in tonnes and 89 percent in contained gold ounces. The net variation is primarily due to the optimization of the ultimate pit shell to schedule only material defined as Mineral Reserves, resulting in the exclusion of 34.2 Mt or 0.47 Moz of Inferred Resources located at the periphery of the updated pit design. In addition, 6.6 Mt or 0.07 Moz of Inferred Resources was upgraded to Mineral Reserves as a consequence of the metallurgical infill drill program and adjustments in the geological interpretation.

The 2018 Brownfields exploration budget at Lindero is US\$321,000 which includes investigating the economic potential of including the Arizaro gold-copper porphyry target that lies within the concession block into the existing Lindero resource through additional surface mapping and 2,000 meters of core drilling targeting shallow, high-grade copper-gold mineralization.

An infill drilling program of 2,000 meters is to be conducted at the Lindero Project in the second quarter of 2018 to improve the grade estimates of material planned for mining in Year 1 and collect additional metallurgical samples for testwork in the second half of 2018. The budget of the infill drill program for 2018 is US\$460,000.

#### *Qualified Persons*

The Mineral Resource estimates have been prepared under the supervision of Eric Chapman, Vice President of Technical Services of Fortuna Silver Mines. The Mineral Reserve estimate and the Mineral Resource estimate exclusive of Mineral Reserves were prepared under the supervision of Edwin Gutierrez, formerly the Technical Services Corporate Manager for Fortuna Silver Mines.

E. Chapman and E. Gutierrez are Qualified Persons as defined by the National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Chapman is a Professional Geoscientist of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia (Registration Number 36328) and is responsible for ensuring that the information contained in this AIF is an accurate summary of the original reports and data provided to or developed by Fortuna Silver Mines.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS**

### **General**

**Summary.** The Company is engaged in silver and gold mining and related activities, including exploration, extraction, and processing. The Company operates the Caylloma Mine in Peru and the San Jose Mine in Mexico, and is developing the Lindero Project in Argentina.

The lead-silver, zinc, and gold-silver concentrates produced by the Company at its Caylloma Mine and its San Jose Mine are sold to international metals traders who in turn deliver the products to different clients around the world. The material sources of revenue for 2017 and 2016 are as follows:



	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
By type of concentrate:		
Silver-lead concentrate	16%	19%
Zinc concentrate	17%	13%
Silver-gold concentrate	67%	68%
By metal contained in concentrate:		
Silver	50%	55%
Lead	10%	10%
Zinc	17%	13%
Gold	23%	22%

**Production Methods.** The method of production both at Caylloma and San Jose consists of underground mining principally through cut and fill mechanized operations. Extracted ore is trucked to a conventional crushing, milling and flotation processing plant which consists of zinc, and lead-silver flotation circuits for Caylloma, and a gold-silver circuit for San Jose.

**Specialized Skill and Knowledge.** All aspects of the Company's business require specialized skills and knowledge. Such skills and knowledge include the areas of geology, mining, metallurgy, engineering, environment issues, permitting, social issues, and accounting. While competition in the resource mining industry can make it difficult to locate and retain competent employees in such fields, the Company has been successful in finding and retaining personnel for the majority of its key processes. Management considers training and re-training of its staff to be a priority.

**Competitive Conditions.** The Company competes with other mining companies, some of which have greater financial resources and technical facilities, for the acquisition of mineral property interests, as well as for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees.

**Environmental Protection.** The Company is currently in compliance with all material environmental regulations applicable to its exploration, development, construction and operating activities. The financial and operational effects of environmental protection requirements on the Company's capital expenditures, earnings, and competitive position during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 were not material. The Company has recorded in its financial statements for the year 2017 a provision for closure and rehabilitation liabilities which reflects future environmental obligations associated with the Company's mines and development sites.

**Employees.** The Company and its subsidiaries have 847 direct employees and 1,242 indirect employees through contractors.

**Foreign Operations.** The Company's material mineral resource properties are located in Peru, Mexico and Argentina, each of which has a stable government, and a mature mining industry and regulatory environment.

**Health and Safety, Social and Environmental Policies.** The Company is committed to maintaining the health and safety of its personnel by minimizing hazards and providing training and safe equipment. A strong safety culture is encouraged so that all employees are empowered to report and address safety issues.

The Company has built strong relationships with the communities in which it operates, and is dedicated to innovative, sustainable projects and partnerships that build company engagement in local communities while respecting their values, customs and traditions.

The Company is committed to complying in all material respects with all environmental laws and regulations applicable to its activities. It interacts proactively with authorities and communicates openly about its activities. The Company works directly and collaboratively with local communities to protect and preserve the environment.

## **Risk Factors**

The Company's ability to generate revenues and profits from its natural resource properties is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties including, without limitation, the following:

### Risks Relating to the Company's Business Operations

#### ***The Company's operations are subject to operating hazards and risks incidental to mining operations.***

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. Operations in which the Company has a direct or indirect interest, including the Caylloma Mine, the San Jose Mine and the Lindero Project, will be subject to all of the hazards and risks normally incidental to exploration, development and operational activities, including fire, explosions, floods, structural collapses, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected geological conditions, ground control problems, power outages, pollution, industrial water shortages, inclement weather, cave-ins and mechanical equipment failure. Any such hazards could result in work stoppages, damage to or destruction of mines and other producing facilities, damage to life and property, environmental damage and possible legal liability for any or all damages. The Company may become subject to liability for hazards against which it cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure. Any compensation for such liabilities may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position.

#### ***Mineral Resources, Mineral Reserves and precious metal recoveries are estimated.***

There is a degree of uncertainty attributable to the estimation of Mineral Resources, Mineral Reserves and expected mineral grades. The Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates included or incorporated by reference in this AIF have been determined and valued based on assumed future prices, cut-off grades and operating costs. However, until mineral deposits are actually mined and processed, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves must be considered as estimates only. Any such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling results and industry practices.

Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves may require revision based on actual production experience. Market fluctuations in the price of metals, as well as increased production costs and reduced recovery rates, may render certain Mineral Reserves uneconomic and may ultimately result in a restatement of Mineral Resources and/or Mineral Reserves. Short-term operating factors relating to the Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, such as the need for sequential development of ore bodies, may adversely affect the Company's profitability in any accounting period. Estimates of operating costs are based on assumptions including those relating to inflation and currency exchange, which may prove incorrect. Estimates of mineralization can be imprecise and depend upon geological interpretation and statistical inferences drawn from drilling and sampling analysis, which may prove to be unreliable. In addition, the grade and/or quantity of precious metals ultimately recovered may differ from that indicated by drilling results. There can be no assurance that precious metals recovered in small scale tests will be duplicated in large scale tests under onsite conditions or in production scale. Amendments to mine plans and production profiles may be required as the amount of Mineral Resources changes or upon receipt of further information during the implementation phase of the project. Extended declines in market prices for gold, silver and other metals may render portions of the Company's mineralization uneconomic and result in reduced reported mineralization. Any material reduction in estimates of mineralization, or in the Company's ability to develop its properties and extract and sell such minerals, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

#### ***The Company's capital and operating costs, production schedules and economic returns are based on certain assumptions which may prove to be inaccurate.***

The Company's expected capital and operating costs, production estimates, anticipated economic returns and other projections, estimates and forecasts for its mineral properties that are included or incorporated by reference in this AIF or included in any technical reports, scoping studies, pre-feasibility studies and feasibility studies prepared for or by the Company are based on assumed or estimated future metals prices, cut-off grades, operating costs, capital costs, metallurgical recoveries, environmental considerations, labour volumes, permitting and other factors, any of which may prove to be inaccurate. As a result, technical reports, scoping studies, pre-feasibility studies and feasibility studies prepared for or by the Company may prove to be unreliable.

The Company's capital and operating costs are affected by the cost of commodities and goods such as steel, cement, explosives, fuel, electrical power and supplies, including reagents. Significant declines in market prices for gold, silver and other metals could have an adverse effect on the Company's economic projections. Management assumes

that the materials and supplies required for operations will be available for purchase and that the Company will have access to the required amount of sufficiently skilled labour. As the Company relies on certain third-party suppliers and contractors, these factors can be outside its control and an increase in the costs of, or a lack of availability of, commodities, goods and labour may have an adverse impact on the Company's financial condition. The Company may experience difficulty in obtaining the necessary permits for its exploration, development or operational activities, if such permits are obtained at all, and may face penalties as a result of violations of permits or other environmental laws, which may cause delays and increases to projected budgets. Any of these discrepancies from the Company's expected capital and operating costs, production schedules and economic returns could cause a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The development of the Company's properties requires substantial exploration, expenditure and the development of infrastructure.***

Development of the Company's non-producing properties, including the Lindero Project, will only follow upon obtaining satisfactory exploration and engineering results that confirm economically recoverable and saleable volumes of minerals and metal as well as the legality of such development. The business of mineral exploration and development is speculative in nature and involves a high degree of risk, as few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. There is no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration and development activities will result in any discoveries of Mineral Reserves. The long-term profitability of the Company's operations will be in part directly related to the cost and success of its exploration programs, which may be affected by a number of factors.

Development of the Company's non-producing projects will require the construction and operation of mines, processing plants and related infrastructure. As a result, the Company is and will continue to be subject to all of the risks associated with establishing new mining operations, including:

- the timing and cost, which can be considerable, of the construction of mining and processing facilities;
- the availability and cost of skilled labour, mining equipment and principal supplies needed for operations;
- the availability and cost of appropriate smelting and refining arrangements;
- the need to maintain necessary environmental and other governmental approvals and permits;
- the availability of funds to finance construction and development activities;
- potential opposition from non-governmental organizations, environmental groups, local groups or other stakeholders which may delay or prevent development activities; and
- potential increases in construction and operating costs due to changes in the cost of labour, fuel, power, materials and supplies.

Substantial expenditures are required to establish Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves through drilling and development and for mining and processing facilities and infrastructure. No assurance can be given that minerals will be discovered in sufficient quantities to justify commercial operations or that the funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. Economic feasibility of a project is based on several other factors including anticipated metallurgical recoveries, environmental considerations and permitting, future metal prices, and timely completion of the development plan.

Completion of the development of the Company's advanced projects is subject to various requirements, including the availability and timing of acceptable arrangements for power, water, transportation, access and facilities. The lack of, or delay in, availability of any one or more of these items could prevent or delay development of the Company's advanced projects. There can be no assurance that adequate infrastructure, including road access, will be built, that it will be built in a timely manner or that the cost of such infrastructure will be reasonable or that it will sufficiently satisfy the requirements of the advanced projects. As well, accidents or sabotage could affect the provision or maintenance of adequate infrastructure.

The Company's operations require water, and the San Jose Mine is located in a region where water is scarce. While the Company believes it holds sufficient water rights to support its current operations, future developments could limit the amount of water available to the Company. New water development projects, or climatic conditions such as extended drought, could adversely affect the Company. There can be no guarantee that the Company will be successful in maintaining adequate supplies of water for its operations.

***The Company's operations are subject to extensive environmental regulation.***

All phases of the Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which it operates. These laws address emissions into the air, discharges into water, management of waste, management of

hazardous substances, protection of natural resources, antiquities and endangered species and reclamation of lands disturbed by mining operations. The Company's operations generate chemical and metals depositions in the form of tailings. The Company's ability to obtain, maintain and renew permits and approvals and to successfully develop and operate mines may be adversely affected by real or perceived impacts associated with the Company's activities or of other mining companies that affect the environment, human health and safety. Environmental hazards may exist on the Company's properties which are unknown to the Company at present and were caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties, for which the Company could be held liable.

Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. Compliance with environmental laws and regulations may require significant capital outlays on behalf of the Company and may cause material changes or delays in the Company's intended activities. Failure to comply with applicable environmental laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities, causing operations to cease or be curtailed. Such enforcement actions may include the imposition of corrective measures requiring capital expenditure, installation of new equipment or remedial action. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations.

***The Company's business is sensitive to nature and climate conditions.***

The Company and the mining industry are facing continued geotechnical challenges, which could adversely impact the Company's production and profitability. Unanticipated adverse geotechnical and hydrological conditions, such as landslides, floods, seismic activity, droughts and pit wall failures, may occur in the future and such events may not be detected in advance. Geotechnical instabilities and adverse climatic conditions can be difficult to predict and are often affected by risks and hazards outside of the Company's control, such as severe weather and considerable rainfall. Geotechnical failures could result in limited or restricted access to mine sites, suspension of operations, government investigations, increased monitoring costs, remediation costs, loss of ore and other impacts, which could cause one or more of the Company's projects to be less profitable than currently anticipated and could result in a material adverse effect on the Company's business results of operations and financial position.

***The Company's operations are subject to political and other risks in the countries in which it operates.***

The Company currently conducts, or plans to conduct, exploration, development and production activity in a number of countries, including Peru, Mexico and Argentina. There are uncertainties in these regions regarding future changes in applicable laws related to exploration, development and mining operations. For instance, in January 2014, amendments to the Mexican federal corporate income tax law required titleholders of mining concessions to pay annually a 7.5% duty on their mining related profits and a 0.5% duty on revenues obtained from the sale of gold, silver and platinum, effective March 2015. Additionally, the State of Oaxaca in Mexico has a history of social conflicts and political agitation which can lead to public demonstrations and blockades that can from time to time affect the Company's operations. On December 7, 2016, the House of Representatives in Argentina approved a package of bills to introduce a series of amendments to the income tax law. Among the new taxes imposed, the House of Representatives restored export duties to minerals which had been abrogated by the recently elected government of President Mauricio Macri. The Senate approved certain amendments to the package of bills but in particular did not approve the restoration of export duties to minerals. There is no guarantee that future attempts to restore such export duties will not be made. The Company is not able to determine the impact of other potential political and country risks on its future financial position, which include:

- cancellation or renegotiation of contracts;
- changes in foreign laws or regulations;
- changes in tax laws;
- royalty and tax increases or claims by governmental entities;
- retroactive tax or royalty claims;
- expropriation or nationalization of property;
- inflation of costs that is not compensated by a currency devaluation;
- restrictions on the remittance of dividend and interest payments offshore;
- environmental controls and permitting;
- opposition from local community members or non-governmental organizations;
- civil strife, acts of war, guerrilla activities, insurrection and terrorism; and

- other risks arising out of foreign sovereignty over the areas in which the Company's operations are conducted.

Such risks could potentially arise in any country in which the Company operates. The Company may also evaluate business opportunities in other jurisdictions where such risks may exist. Furthermore, in the event of a dispute arising from such activities, the Company may be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts outside North America or may not be successful in subjecting persons to the jurisdiction of the courts in North America, which could adversely affect the outcome of a dispute.

***The Company is subject to extensive government regulations and permit requirements.***

Operations, development and exploration on the Company's properties are affected to varying degrees by political stability and government regulations relating to such matters as environmental protection, health, safety and labour, mining law reform, restrictions on production, price controls, tax increases, maintenance of claims, tenure, and expropriation of property. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations may result in fines or administrative penalties or enforcement actions, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities enjoining or curtailing operations or requiring corrective measures, installation of additional equipment or remedial actions, any of which could result in the Company incurring significant expenditures.

The activities of the Company require licences and permits from various governmental authorities. The Company currently has been granted the requisite licences and permits to enable it to carry on its existing business and operations. The Company has also been granted the principal licenses and permits necessary for exploration and construction of the Lindero Project. Pending licences for the Lindero Project are standard municipal permits to initiate earthworks and construction activities. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain all the necessary licences and permits which may be required to carry out exploration, development and mining operations for its projects in the future. The Company might find itself in situations where the state of compliance with regulation and permits can be subject to interpretation and challenge from authorities that could carry risk of fines or temporary stoppage.

***The Company's mining concessions may be terminated in certain circumstances.***

Under the laws of the jurisdictions where the Company's operations, exploration and development projects and prospects are located, Mineral Resources belong to the state and governmental concessions are required to explore for, and exploit, Mineral Reserves. The Company holds mining, exploration and other related concessions in each of the jurisdictions where it is operating and where it is carrying on development projects and prospects. The concessions held by the Company in respect of its operations, exploration and development projects and prospects may be terminated under certain circumstances, including where minimum production levels are not achieved by the Company (or a corresponding penalty is not paid), if certain fees are not paid or if environmental and safety standards are not met. Termination of any of the Company's concessions could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***Risks related to International Labour Organization ("ILO") Convention 169 Compliance***

The Company may, or may in the future, operate in areas presently or previously inhabited or used by indigenous peoples. As a result, the Company's operations are subject to national and international laws, codes, resolutions, conventions, guidelines and other similar rules respecting the rights of indigenous peoples, including the provisions of ILO Convention 169. ILO Convention 169 mandates, among other things, that governments consult with indigenous peoples who may be impacted by mining projects prior to granting rights, permits or approvals in respect of such projects.

ILO Convention 169 has been ratified by most Latin American countries including Argentina, Peru and Mexico. It is possible however that these governments may not (i) have implemented procedures to ensure their compliance with ILO Convention 169 or (ii) have complied with the requirements of ILO Convention 169 despite implementing such procedures.

Government compliance with ILO Convention 169 can result in delays and significant additional expenses to the Company arising from the consultation process with indigenous peoples in relation to the Company's exploration, mining or development projects. Moreover, any actual or perceived past contraventions, or potential future actual or perceived contraventions, of ILO Convention 169 by ratifying governments in the countries in which the Company operates create a risk that the permits, rights, approvals, and other governmental authorizations that the Company has relied upon, or may in the future rely upon, to carry out its operations or plans in such countries could be challenged by or on behalf of indigenous peoples in such countries.

Such challenges may result in, without limitation, additional expenses with respect to the Company's operations, the suspension, revocation or amendment of the Company's rights or mining, environmental or export permits, a delay or stoppage of the Company's development, exploration or mining operations, the refusal by governmental authorities to grant new permits or approvals required for the Company's continuing operations until the settlement of such challenges, or the requirement for the responsible government to undertake the requisite consultation process in accordance with ILO Convention 169.

As a result of the inherent uncertainty in respect of such proceedings, the Company is unable to predict what the results of any such challenges would be; however, any ILO Convention 169 proceedings relating to the Company's mining and exploration operations in Mexico or Peru, or its development of the Lindero Project and exploration of other properties in Argentina, may have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, and financial condition of the Company.

***Opposition of the Company's exploration, development and operational activities may adversely affect the Company's reputation, its ability to receive mining rights or permits and its current or future activities.***

Maintaining a positive relationship with the communities in which the Company operates, including with respect to the Caylloma Mine, the San Jose Mine and the Lindero Project, is critical to continuing successful exploration and development. Community support for operations is a key component of a successful exploration or development project. Various international and national laws, codes, resolutions, conventions, guidelines and other materials relating to corporate social responsibility (including rights with respect to health and safety and the environment) may also require government consultation with communities on a variety of issues affecting local stakeholders, including the approval of mining rights or permits.

The Company may come under pressure in the jurisdictions in which it explores or develops to demonstrate that other stakeholders benefit and will continue to benefit from its commercial activities. Local stakeholders and other groups may oppose the Company's current and future exploration, development and operational activities through legal or administrative proceedings, protests, roadblocks or other forms of public expression against the Company's activities. Opposition by such groups may have a negative impact on the Company's reputation and its ability to receive necessary mining rights or permits. Opposition may also require the Company to modify its exploration, development or operational plans or enter into agreements with local stakeholders or governments with respect to its projects, in some cases causing considerable project delays. Any of these outcomes could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and Common Share price.

***The Company is faced with uncertainty of funding for exploration and development.***

The Company's operating cash flow from the Caylloma Mine and the San Jose Mine may not be sufficient to cover the current and future costs of exploration and development of the Company's other, non-producing properties, including the Lindero Project. Exploration and development activities may be dependent upon the Company's ability to obtain financing through joint ventures, equity or debt financing or other means. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain additional financing or that the terms of such financing will be favorable. Failure to obtain such additional financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of some of its projects.

***The Company is substantially reliant on the Caylloma Mine and the San Jose Mine.***

All of the Company's revenues were generated by the Caylloma Mine until September 2011, when commercial production commenced at the San Jose Mine. For 2017, the Company anticipates that all of its revenue will come from the Caylloma Mine and the San Jose Mine. Unless the Company develops the Lindero Project or acquires or develops additional properties or projects, the Company will remain largely dependent upon the operation of the Caylloma Mine and the San Jose Mine for its future revenue and profits, if any. If for any reason production at either mine was reduced or stopped, the Company's revenues and profits would decrease significantly.

***The title to the Company's properties could be challenged or impugned.***

Although the Company has or will receive title opinions for any properties in which it has a material interest, there is no guarantee that title to such properties will not be challenged or impugned. The Company has not conducted surveys of the claims in which it holds direct or indirect interests and, therefore the precise area and location of the properties may be in doubt. The Company's properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers or native land claims and title may be affected by unidentified or unknown defects. Title insurance is generally not available for mineral properties and the Company's ability to ensure that it has obtained secure claims to individual mineral properties or mining concessions may be constrained. A successful challenge to the Company's title to a

property or to the precise area and location of a property could cause delays or stoppages to the Company's exploration, development or operating activities without reimbursement to the Company. Any such delays or stoppages could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Additional businesses and assets that the Company acquires may not be successfully integrated.***

The Company undertakes evaluations from time to time of opportunities to acquire additional mining assets and businesses. In particular, the Company completed its acquisition of Goldrock in July 2016. Any such acquisitions may be significant in size, may change the scale of the Company's business, may require additional capital, and/or may expose the Company to new geographic, political, operating, financial and geological risks. The Company's success in its acquisition activities depends on its ability to identify suitable acquisition candidates, acquire them on acceptable terms, and integrate their operations successfully. Any acquisitions would be accompanied by risks such as:

- a significant decline in the relevant metal price after the Company commits to complete an acquisition on certain terms;
- the quality of the mineral deposit acquired proving to be lower than expected;
- the difficulty of assimilating the operations and personnel of any acquired companies;
- the potential disruption of the Company's ongoing business;
- the inability of management to realize anticipated synergies and maximize the financial and strategic position of the Company;
- the failure to maintain uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies;
- the impairment of relationships with employees, customers and contractors as a result of any integration of new management personnel; and
- the potential unknown liabilities associated with acquired assets and businesses.

There can be no assurance that any assets or business acquired will prove to be profitable or that the Company will be able to integrate the required businesses successfully, which could slow the Company's rate of expansion and cause the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition to suffer.

The Company may need additional capital to finance future acquisitions. There can be no assurance that such financing would be available, on favourable terms or at all. If the Company obtains further debt financing, it will be exposed to the risk of leverage and its operations could become subject to restrictive loan and lease covenants and undertakings. If the Company obtains equity financing, existing shareholders may suffer dilution. There can be no assurance that the Company would be successful in overcoming these risks or any other problems encountered in connection with such financings.

***The Company is dependent on key personnel.***

The Company is dependent on a number of key management and employee personnel. The Company's ability to manage its exploration, development, construction and operating activities, and hence its success, will depend in large part on the ability to retain current personnel and attract and retain new personnel, including management, technical and unskilled employees. The loss of the services of one or more key management personnel, as well as a prolonged labor disruption, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to successfully manage and expand its affairs.

The Company will be required to recruit additional personnel and to train, motivate and manage its employees. The international mining industry is very active and the Company is facing increased competition for personnel in all disciplines and areas of operation, including geology and project management, and there can be no assurance that it will be able to retain current personnel and attract and retain new personnel. Incentive provisions for the Company's key executives include the granting of stock options and various share units that vest over time, which are designed to encourage such individuals to stay with the Company. However, a low Common Share price, whether as a result of disappointing progress in the Company's exploration, development, construction or operating activities or as a result of market conditions generally, could render such agreements of little value to the Company's key executives. In such event, the Company's key executives could be susceptible to being hired away by the Company's competitors who could offer a better compensation package. If the Company is unable to attract and retain key personnel, its business, financial conditions and results of operations may be adversely affected.

***The Company relies on local counsel and advisors and the experience of its management and board of directors in foreign jurisdictions.***

The Company's material mining or exploration property interests are located in Peru, Mexico and Argentina. The legal and regulatory requirements in certain of these countries with respect to mineral exploration and mining activities, as well as local business customs and practices, are different from those in Canada and the United States. The officers and directors of the Company must rely, to a great extent, on the Company's local legal counsel and local consultants retained by the Company in order to keep abreast of material legal, regulatory and governmental developments as they pertain to and affect the Company's business operations, and to assist the Company with its governmental relations. The Company must rely, to some extent, on those members of management and the Company's board of directors who have previous experience working and conducting business in these countries in order to enhance its understanding of and appreciation for the local business customs and practices. The Company also relies on the advice of local experts and professionals in connection with current and new regulations that develop in respect of banking, financing, labour, litigation and tax matters in these countries. There can be no guarantee that reliance on such local counsel and advisors and the Company's management and board of directors will result in compliance at all times with such legal and regulatory requirements and business customs and practices. Any such violations could result in a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Certain of the Company's directors and officers may have conflicts of interest.***

Certain of the directors and officers of the Company also serve as directors and/or officers of other companies involved in natural resource exploration and development and consequently there exists the possibility for such directors and officers to be in a position of conflict. To the extent that such other companies may participate in ventures that the Company may also participate in, or in ventures that the Company may seek to participate in, the Company's directors and officers may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the extent of such participation. As a result of these potential conflicts of interests, the Company may miss the opportunity to participate in certain transactions. In all cases where the Company's directors and officers have an interest in other companies, such other companies may also compete with the Company for the acquisition of mineral property investments. Such conflicts of the Company's directors and officers may result in a material and adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The insurance coverage on the Company's operations may be inadequate.***

Insurance against certain environmental risks, including potential liability for pollution and other hazards as a result of the disposal of waste products occurring from production, is not generally available to companies within the mining industry. As well, the Company does not currently have any insurance that specifically covers its activities involving the Lindero Project. There is no assurance that the Company's insurance will be adequate to cover all liabilities or that it will continue to be available and at terms that are economically acceptable. Losses from uninsured or under-insured events may cause the Company to incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect on its business and financial condition.

***The Company must comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.***

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act ("SOX") requires an annual assessment by management of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Beginning with the Company's 2016 fiscal year, its auditors are also required to attest to the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company may fail to maintain the adequacy of its internal control over financial reporting as such standards are modified, supplemented or amended from time to time. If this occurs, the Company may not be able to conclude, on an ongoing basis, that it has effective internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404 of SOX and the Company's auditors may issue an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting. The Company's failure to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of SOX on an ongoing, timely basis could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of the Company's financial statements, which in turn could harm its business and negatively impact the trading price or the market value of its securities. In addition, any failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm the Company's operating results or cause it to fail to meet its reporting obligations. Future acquisitions of companies, if any, may provide the Company with challenges in implementing the required processes, procedures and controls in its acquired operations. No evaluation can provide complete assurance that the Company's internal control over financial reporting will detect or uncover all failures of persons within the Company to disclose material information otherwise required to be reported. The effectiveness of the Company's processes, procedures and controls could also be limited by simple errors or faulty judgments. As the Company continues to expand, the



challenges involved in implementing appropriate internal control over financial reporting will increase and will require that the Company continue to monitor its internal control over financial reporting. Although the Company intends to expend substantial time and incur substantial costs, as necessary, to ensure ongoing compliance, it cannot be certain that it will be successful in complying with Section 404 of SOX.

***The Company may be responsible for corruption and anti-bribery law violations.***

The Company's business is subject to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA") and the Corrupt Foreign Public Officials Act (the "CFPOA"), which generally prohibit companies and company employees from engaging in bribery or other prohibited payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. The FCPA also requires companies to maintain accurate books and records and internal controls, including at foreign-controlled subsidiaries. Since all of the Company's presently held interests are located in Peru, Mexico and Argentina, there is a risk of potential FCPA violations. In addition, the Company is subject to the anti-bribery laws of Peru, Mexico, and Argentina and of any other countries in which it conducts business in the future. The Company's employees or other agents may, without its knowledge and despite its efforts, engage in prohibited conduct under the Company's policies and procedures and the FCPA, the CFPOA or other anti-bribery laws for which the Company may be held responsible. If the Company's employees or other agents are found to have engaged in such practices, the Company could suffer severe penalties and other consequences that may have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The Company may be subject to legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business.***

Due to the nature of its business, the Company may be subject to regulatory investigations, claims, lawsuits and other proceedings in the ordinary course of its business. The Company's operations are subject to the risk of legal claims by employees, unions, contractors, lenders, suppliers, joint venture partners, shareholders, governmental agencies or others through private actions, class actions, administrative proceedings, regulatory actions or other litigation. Plaintiffs may seek recovery of very large or indeterminate amounts, and the magnitude of the potential loss relating to such lawsuits may remain unknown for substantial periods of time. Defense and settlement costs can be substantial, even with respect to claims that have no merit. The results of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty due to the uncertainty inherent in litigation, including the effects of discovery of new evidence or advancement of new legal theories, the difficulty of predicting decisions of judges and juries and the possibility that decisions may be reversed on appeal. The litigation process could, as a result, take away from the time and effort of the Company's management and could force the Company to pay substantial legal fees or penalties. There can be no assurances that the resolutions of any such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***General economic conditions could impact the Company's business.***

Turmoil in global financial markets in recent years has had a profound impact on the global economy. Many industries, including the precious and base metals mining industry, have been impacted by these market conditions. Some of the key impacts have included contraction in credit markets resulting in a widening of credit risk, devaluations and high volatility in global equity, commodity, foreign exchange and precious metal markets, and a lack of market liquidity. The sovereign debt crisis in Europe and the recent economic slowdown in China have been some of the most visible risks to world financial stability. A continued or worsened slowdown in economic conditions, including, but not limited to, consumer spending, employment rates, business conditions, inflation, fuel and energy costs, consumer debt levels, lack of available credit, the state of the financial markets, interest rates, and tax rates may adversely affect the Company's growth and profitability. Specifically:

- a new global credit/liquidity crisis could impact the cost and availability of financing and the Company's overall market liquidity;
- the volatility of metal prices could impact the Company's revenues, profits, losses and cash flow;
- volatile energy prices, commodity and consumables prices and currency exchange rates could impact the Company's production costs or projected economic returns; and
- the devaluation and volatility of global stock markets, which are not related to the Company's operations or assets, could impact the valuation of the Company's equity and other securities.

These factors could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

***The Company faces intense competition.***

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all of its phases. Much of the Company's competition is from larger mining companies with greater liquidity, greater access to credit and other financial resources, and that may have newer or more efficient equipment, lower cost structures, more effective risk management policies and procedures and/or greater ability than the Company to withstand losses. The Company's competitors may be able to respond more quickly to new laws, regulations or emerging technologies, or devote greater resources to the expansion of their operations, than the Company can. In addition, current and potential competitors may make strategic acquisitions or establish cooperative relationships among themselves or with third parties. Competition could adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire suitable new producing properties or properties for exploration and development in the future. Competition could also affect the Company's ability to raise financing to fund the exploration and development of its properties or to hire qualified personnel. The Company may not be able to compete successfully against current and future competitors, and any failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***Metal prices and the marketability of metals acquired or discovered by the Company may be affected by factors beyond the Company's control.***

The marketability of metals acquired or discovered by the Company may be affected by numerous factors which are beyond the Company's control and which cannot be accurately foreseen or predicted, such as market fluctuations, the global marketing conditions for precious and base metals, the proximity and capacity of milling facilities, metal markets and processing equipment and government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting metals and environmental protection.

The price of silver, gold or other metals fluctuates widely and is affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, such as the sale or purchase of metals by various central banks and financial institutions, interest rates, exchange rates, inflation or deflation, fluctuation in the value of the United States dollar and foreign currencies, global and regional supply and demand, the political and economic conditions of major metal-producing countries throughout the world, and the cost of substitutes, inventory levels and carrying charges.

The price of the Common Shares and the Company's financial results and exploration, development and mining activities may in the future be significantly adversely affected by declines in the price of silver, gold or other metals. Declining metal prices can impact operations by requiring a reassessment of the feasibility of a particular project. Such a reassessment may be the result of a management decision or may be required under financing arrangements related to a particular project. The continued exploration and development of or commercial production from the Company's properties may no longer be economically viable if serious price declines in the market value of silver, gold or other metals occur. Even if exploration, development or production is ultimately determined to be economically viable, the need to conduct such a reassessment may cause substantial delays or may interrupt operations until the reassessment can be completed. Depending on the price of silver, gold and other metals, cash flow from mining operations may not be sufficient and the Company's financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected. The Company may lose its interest in, or may be forced to sell, some of its properties as a result. If any such circumstances occur, the price of the Common Shares may be significantly adversely affected.

***The Company may suffer adverse effects arising from fixed price commodity forward and option contracts for base metals production.***

From time to time the Company may enter into agreements to receive fixed prices on any metal production to offset the risk of revenue losses if commodity prices decline; however, if commodity prices increase beyond the levels set in such agreements, the Company will not benefit from such increases and could suffer adverse effects to its business, financial position and results of operations as a result.

***The Company may be adversely affected by operating expense exchange rate fluctuations.***

The Company's activities and operations in Mexico, Peru and Argentina make it subject to foreign currency fluctuations. Although the Company uses U.S. dollars as the currency for the presentation of its financial statements, the Company's operating expenses are incurred in Mexican and Argentine Pesos and Peruvian Sol in proportions that will typically range between 40% and 60% of total expenses, depending on the country. The fluctuation of these currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar will consequently have an impact upon the profitability of the Company's mineral properties and therefore its ability to continue to finance its exploration, development and operations. Such fluctuations may also affect the value of the Company's assets and shareholders' equity. Future exploration, development and operational plans may need to be altered or abandoned if actual exchange rates for these currencies are less than or more than the rates estimated in any such future plans. To date, the Company has not entered into

any agreements or purchased any instruments to hedge possible currency risks. The Company cannot be sure that any hedging techniques it may implement in the future will be successful or that its business, financial condition, and results of operations will not be materially adversely affected by exchange rate fluctuations.

***The Company is subject to fluctuating concentrate treatment charges and transportation costs.***

The Company has entered into agreements to sell its concentrate production from the Caylloma Mine and the San Jose Mine for 2018. Smelting and refining rates are similar to contract rates established for 2017. There is no assurance that the Company will be able to enter into smelting and refining contracts at similar competitive terms beyond 2018. The cost of transporting concentrate from the mines to the smelters is dependent on, among other things, the concentrate destination. Transportation-related costs have been volatile over the last several years and could continue to be volatile due to a number of factors, including changes in the price of oil or a shortage in the number of vessels available to ship concentrate to smelters. Increases in these rates would have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

***The Company may not have reserved sufficient monies to cover the costs associated with reclamation.***

Land reclamation requirements are generally imposed on companies with mineral exploration, development and operations activity in order to minimize long-term effects of land disturbance. Reclamation may include requirements to treat ground and surface water to drinking water standards, control dispersion of potentially deleterious effluent and reasonably re-establish pre-disturbance land forms and vegetation. In order to carry out reclamation obligations imposed on the Company in connection with exploration, development and production activities, the Company must allocate financial resources that might otherwise be spent on further exploration and development programs. The actual costs of reclamation and mine closure are uncertain and planned expenditures may differ from the actual expenditures required. There is a risk that monies allotted for land reclamation may not be sufficient to cover all risks, due to changes in the nature of the waste rock or tailings and/or revisions to government regulations. Therefore, additional funds, or reclamation bonds or other forms of financial assurance, may be required over the tenure of any of the Company's projects to cover potential risks. These additional costs may have material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

**Risks Relating to the Common Shares**

***The market price of the Company's Common Shares is volatile.***

In recent years, the securities markets in the United States and Canada have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market prices of securities of many mining companies have experienced wide fluctuations in price which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. In particular, the price of the Common Shares on the TSX and NYSE fluctuated significantly during the past year. There can be no assurance that continual fluctuations in price will not occur.

There are many factors that may influence such volatility. Macroeconomic conditions in North America, Peru, Mexico or Argentina and changes in the laws and regulations of these regions may have a negative effect on the development prospects, timelines or relationships for the Company's properties. Negative changes in the public's perception of the Company's prospects or of mining companies in general could cause the price of the Company's securities, including the price of the Common Shares, to decrease dramatically. The price of the Common Shares is also likely to be affected by short-term changes in precious metal prices or other mineral prices, currency exchange fluctuations, the Company's financial condition or results of operations and the extent of research analyst coverage of its securities.

Securities class action litigation often has been brought against companies following periods of volatility in the market price of their securities. The Company may in the future be the target of similar litigation. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and damages and divert management's attention and resources.

***Shareholders may suffer dilution as a result of future offerings of the Common Shares or securities convertible into Common Shares.***

The Company may sell equity securities in future offerings (including through the sale of securities convertible into equity securities) and may issue additional equity securities to finance operations, exploration, development, acquisitions or other projects. The Company may also issue Common Shares as a result of exercises of the Company's outstanding stock options or Common Share purchase warrants, or the vesting of the Company's outstanding share units. The Company cannot predict the size of future issuances of equity securities or the size and terms of future issuances of debt instruments or other securities convertible into equity securities. The board of directors of the Company has the authority to authorize certain offers and sales of additional securities without the

vote of, or prior notice to, shareholders. It is likely that the Company will issue additional securities to provide capital to fund expected expenditures and growth. Any transaction involving the issuance of previously authorized but unissued Common Shares, or securities convertible into Common Shares, would result in potentially substantial dilution to shareholders.

***The market price of the Common Shares could decline as a result of future issuances or sales of the Company's securities, which could result in insufficient liquidity.***

The market price of the Common Shares could decline as a result of issuances of securities by the Company or sales by its existing shareholders of Common Shares in the market, or the perception that these sales could occur. The issuance of Common Shares upon the exercise of the Company's outstanding stock options and Common Share purchase warrants or the vesting of the Company's outstanding share units may also reduce the market price of the Common Shares. Additional Common Shares, stock options, Common Share purchase warrants and share units may be issued in the future. A decrease in the market price of the Common Shares could adversely affect the liquidity of the Common Shares on the TSX and the NYSE. The Company's shareholders may be unable, as a result, to sell significant quantities of the Common Shares into the public trading markets. The Company may not, as a result, have sufficient liquidity to meet the continued listing requirements of the TSX and the NYSE. Sales of the Common Shares by shareholders might also make it more difficult for the Company to sell equity securities at a time and price that it deems appropriate, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial conditions and results of operations.

***The Company has never paid, and does not currently anticipate paying, dividends.***

The Company has paid no dividends on the Common Shares since incorporation and does not anticipate paying dividends in the immediate future. The payment of future dividends, if any, will be reviewed periodically by the Company's board of directors and will depend upon, among other things, conditions then existing including earnings, financial conditions, cash on hand, financial requirements to fund its commercial activities, development and growth, and other factors that the Company's board of directors may consider appropriate in the circumstances.

***U.S. investors may find it difficult to enforce U.S. judgments against the Company.***

The Company is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, Canada and the majority of the Company's directors and officers are not residents of the United States. Because all or a substantial portion of the Company's assets and the assets of these persons are located outside of the United States, it may be difficult for U.S. investors to effect service of process within the United States upon the Company or upon such persons who are not residents of the United States, or to realize in the United States upon judgments of U.S. courts predicated upon civil liabilities under U.S. securities laws. A judgment of a U.S. court predicated solely upon such civil liabilities may be enforceable in Canada by a Canadian court if the U.S. court in which the judgment was obtained had jurisdiction, as determined by the Canadian court, in the matter. There is substantial doubt whether an original action could be brought successfully in Canada against any of such persons or the Company predicated solely upon such civil liabilities.

## **Material Mineral Properties**

The Company has three 100% owned material mineral projects, described below. In 2017, the Company filed updated technical reports on each of the San Jose Mines, the Caylloma Mine and the Lindero Project, each of which are summarized below.

For a complete description of the Caylloma Mine, see the technical report entitled *Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: Caylloma Property, Caylloma District, Peru*, dated effective August 31, 2016, as amended January 30, 2017 (the "**Caylloma Technical Report**"), and for a complete description of the San Jose Mine, see the technical report entitled *Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: San Jose Property, Oaxaca, Mexico*, dated effective August 20, 2016, as amended January 30, 2017 (the "**San Jose Technical Report**"), each prepared by Eric Chapman, P.Geol, and Edwin Gutierrez, SME Registered Member.

For a complete description of the Lindero Project, see the technical report entitled *Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: Lindero Property, Salta Province, Argentina*, dated effective October 31, 2017 (the "**Lindero Technical Report**"), prepared by Eric Chapman, P.Geol, Edwin Gutierrez, SME Registered Member, Geoff Allard, PE, and Denys Parra Murrugarra, SME Registered Member.

The Caylloma Technical Report, the San Jose Technical Report and the Lindero Technical Report (together, the “**Technical Reports**”) have each been filed with Canadian securities regulatory authorities on SEDAR (available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) and with the SEC on EDGAR (available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

Defined terms and abbreviations used in this section and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Technical Reports. The information contained in this section regarding the Caylloma Mine, the San Jose Mine and the Lindero Project has been derived from the Technical Reports, is subject to certain assumptions, qualifications and procedures described in the Technical Reports and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Technical Reports. Reference should be made to the full text of the Technical Reports.

#### Caylloma Mine, Peru

##### ***Property Description, Location and Access***

The Caylloma Mine is an operating underground mine located in the Caylloma mining district, 14 kilometers northwest of the town of Caylloma at the Universal Transverse Mercator (“**UTM**”) grid location of 8192263E, 8321387N, (WGS84, UTM Zone 19S). The Caylloma Mine consists of mineral rights for 75 mining concessions covering a total of 35,022.24 hectares, of which six concessions, that contain no known Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves, are subject to an earn-in agreement with Buenaventura. Sixty concessions are subject to a US\$60 million lien in favour of Scotiabank Peru S.A.A. In addition to these mineral rights, the Huayllacho mill-site (processing plant) is a granted concession covering 91.12 hectares.

In Peru, a mining concession does not have an expiration date but an annual fee must be paid to maintain the concession in good standing. All of the Caylloma Mine concessions are in good standing. Pursuant to the General Mining Law approved by Supreme Decree N° 014-92-EM, Minera Bateas S.A.C. (“**Minera Bateas**”) has six years from the date of grant of the mining concessions title to reach the minimum annual production (US\$100 per hectare, per year). If Minera Bateas does not reach the minimum annual production within the six-year period, Minera Bateas is required to make a payment of US\$6 per hectare, per year, in addition to the fees required to keep the mineral concessions in good standing in each additional year where the minimum annual production requirement is not met.

Minera Bateas hold surface rights to the Caylloma Mine via agreements with various landowners. Access to the Caylloma Mine is an approximate 5 hour drive from Arequipa, Peru over a combination of sealed and gravel roads covering a driving distance of 225 road kilometers.

The Caylloma Mine is subject to the following royalty rights:

- (a) Pursuant to a royalty contract signed in May 2005, Minera Bateas granted to Compania Minera Arcata, S.A. (“**CMA**”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Hochschild Mining plc, a 2.0% NSR royalty which will apply after not less than a total of 21 million ounces of silver have been recovered from the Huayllacho beneficio (mill site) concession right. In June 2016, CMA assigned its NSR royalty to Lemuria Royalties Corp. As of June 30, 2016, Minera Bateas has produced a total of 15.6 million troy ounces of silver; therefore, this royalty condition has not yet been met.
- (b) Government royalty payments are set at a base rate of 1% up to US\$60 million, 2% on the excess of US\$60 million and up to US\$120 million and 3% on the excess of US\$120 million. Fortuna is on the scales of 1% and 2% and is current on payment of royalties. Additionally, and in accordance with *Mining Special Royalty Act* approved by Peruvian Law No. 29790 (the “*Mining Special Royalty Act*”) in 2011, royalties are determined by applying quarterly rates ranging from 4% to 12% (scales provided by the regulations of the *Mining Royalty Act* approved by Peruvian Law No. 28258 (the “*Mining Royalty Act*”) on operating income. Any royalties due resulting from the application of the *Mining Special Royalty Act* are only paid in excess of royalties already paid under the original *Mining Royalty Act*.

Minera Bateas is in compliance with environmental regulations and standards set in Peruvian law and has complied with all material laws, regulations, norms and standards at every stage of operation of the mine. To the extent known, all permits that are required by Peruvian law for the mining operation have been obtained.

##### ***History***

The earliest documented mining activity in the Caylloma district dates back to that of Spanish miners in 1620. English miners carried out activities in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Numerous companies have been involved in mining the district of Caylloma but limited records are available to detail these activities. The Caylloma Mine was acquired by CMA in 1981. Fortuna acquired the property from CMA in 2005.

CMA focused its exploration activities at the Caylloma Mine on identifying high-grade silver vein structures. Exploration was concentrated in the northern portion of the district and focused on investigating the potential of numerous veins including Bateas, El Toro, Paralel, San Pedro, San Cristobal, San Carlos, Don Luis, La Plata, Apostles and Trinidad.

Extensive exploration and development were conducted on the Bateas vein due to its high silver content; however, exploration did not extend to the northeast due to the identification of a fault structure that was thought to truncate the mineralized vein. Animas was one of the first vein structures identified by CMA, however the mineralization style was identified as polymetallic in nature, rather than the high-grade silver veins CMA were hoping to exploit. Subsequently, no further exploration or development was undertaken of this vein until Fortuna took ownership in 2005.

The most recent Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource estimate prior to Fortuna's purchase of the property was conducted in June 2004. Since Minera Bateas took ownership of the property, three independent NI 43-101 technical reports have been published reporting Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves in 2005, 2006 and 2009.

Production at the Caylloma Mine prior to 2005 came primarily from the San Cristobal vein, as well as from the Minera Bateas, Santa Catalina and the northern silver veins (including Paralela, San Pedro and San Carlos) with production focused on silver ores and no payable credits for base metals. During CMA management production parameters fluctuated during the late 1990's as reserves were depleted. Owing to low metal prices, funds were not available to develop the Mineral Resources at depth or extend along the strike of the veins. Ultimately, this resulted in production being halted in 2002.

The Caylloma Mine was reopened in October 2006 and production under Minera Bateas management focused on the development of polymetallic veins producing lead and zinc concentrates with silver and gold credits. Production rates increased in 2011 from 1,000 tpd to 1,300 tpd, and again in May 2016 to approximately 1,430 tpd.

### ***Geology***

The Caylloma district is located in the Neogene volcanic arc that forms part of the Cordillera Occidental of southern Peru. The volcanic belt in the Caylloma district contains large, locally superimposed calderas of early Miocene to Pliocene age comprised of calc-alkaline andesitic to rhyolitic flows, ignimbrites, laharic deposits, and volcanic domes that unconformably overlie a folded marine sequence of quartzite, shale, and limestone of the Jurassic Yura Group.

The mining district of Caylloma is located northwest of the Caylloma caldera complex. The host rock of the mineralized veins is volcanic in nature, belonging to the Tacaza Group. The volcanics of the Tacaza Group lie unconformably over a sedimentary sequence of orthoquartzites and lutites of the Jurassic Yura Group. Portions of the property are covered by variable thicknesses of post-mineral Pliocene-Pleistocene volcanics of the Barroso Group and recent glacial and alluvial sediments.

The Caylloma Mine is within the historical mining district of Caylloma, northwest of the Caylloma caldera complex and southwest of the Chonta caldera complex. Host rocks at the Caylloma Mine are volcanic in nature, belonging to the Tacaza Group. Mineralization is in the form of low to intermediate sulfidation epithermal vein systems.

Epithermal veins at the Caylloma Mine are characterized by minerals such as pyrite, sphalerite, galena, chalcopyrite, marcasite, native gold, stibnite, argentopyrite and silver-bearing sulfosalts (tetrahedrite, polybasite, pyrargyrite, stephanite, stromeyerite, jalpita, miargyrite and bournonite). These are accompanied by gangue minerals, such as quartz, rhodonite, rhodochrosite, johannsenite (manganese-pyroxene) and calcite.

### ***Mineralization***

There are two different types of mineralization at the Caylloma Mine; the first is comprised of silver-rich veins with low concentrations of base metals and includes the Bateas, Bateas Techo, La Plata, Cimoide La Plata, San Cristobal, San Pedro, San Carlos, Paralela and Ramal Paralela veins. The second type of vein is polymetallic in nature with elevated lead, zinc, copper, silver and gold grades and includes the Animas, Animas NE, Santa Catalina, Soledad, Silvia, Pilar, Patricia and Nancy veins.

Mineralization in these vein systems occurs in steeply dipping ore shoots ranging up to several hundred meters ("m") long with vertical extents of over 400 m. Veins range in thickness from a few centimeters ("cm") to 20 m, averaging approximately 1.5 m for silver veins and 2.5 m for polymetallic veins.

### ***Deposit Types***

The Caylloma Mine polymetallic and silver-gold rich veins are characteristic of a typical low sulfidation epithermal deposit having formed in a relatively low temperature, shallow crustal environment.

The characteristics described above have resulted in the Caylloma Mine veins being classified as belonging to the low sulfidation epithermal group of precious metals in quartzadularia veins similar to those at Creede, Colorado; Casapalca, Peru; Pachuca, Mexico and other volcanic districts of the late Tertiary period. They are characterized by Ag sulfosalts and base metal sulfides in a banded gangue of colloform quartz, adularia with carbonates, rhodonite and rhodochrosite. Host rock alteration adjacent to the veins is characterized by illite and widespread propylitic alteration.

### ***Exploration***

In 2007, induced polarization (“IP”) and resistivity studies were conducted over the Nancy and Animas NE veins covering an area of seven square kilometers. The survey was performed using an IRIS ELREC Pro receptor with a symmetrical configuration poly pole array with spacing of 50 m between electrodes. Results of the geophysical studies identified three coincident zones of low IP potential associated with high chargeability and resistivity. The three geophysical anomalies were investigated through a targeted drilling campaign.

In 2012, magnetometry, IP and resistivity studies were carried out over Cerro Vilafro and Vilafro South, covering an area of 17 square kilometers in IP/resistivity studies with a pole-dipole array configuration with spacing of 50 m between electrodes and 31.6 line kilometers in magnetometry studies. The surveys successfully identified coincident chargeability and resistivity anomalies in the Cerro Vilafro area.

In 2015, Controlled-source Audio-frequency Magnetotellurics (“CSAMT”) geophysical surveys were completed covering the northeastern projection of the San Pedro and Paralela veins. Similar CSAMT geophysical surveys were completed in 2016 covering the Pisacca exploration target area. In both areas, the CSAMT surveys were successful in identifying resistivity anomalies spatially associated with the projections of mapped vein structures.

Extensive surface channel samples have been taken along all principal mineralized structures identified in the Caylloma district. Exploration has focused on the delineation of major vein structures such as the Animas, Bateas, Santa Catalina, Soledad and Silvia veins. Additional exploration has also been conducted to define the mineral potential of other veins on the property such as the Carolina, Don Luis and Nancy veins. Surface channel samples are not used for Mineral Resource estimation but as a guide for exploration drilling and to identify the vein structure on surface.

Extensive mapping activities have been conducted by Fortuna since 2006 focusing on mapping the surface structures associated with the Animas, Antimonio, Bateas, Silvia, Soledad, San Cristobal, Nancy, La Plata, Vilafro, Cerro Vilafro, Vilafro Sur and Cailloma 6 veins.

### ***Drilling***

Exploration and definition drilling has been conducted at the Caylloma Mine by both CMA and Minera Bateas. Diamond drilling has been the preferred methodology.

Minera Bateas was able to recover and validate information on 43 diamond drill holes totaling 7,159.32 m drilled by CMA between 1981 and 2003. As of June 30, 2015, Minera Bateas completed 879 drill holes on the Caylloma Mine totaling 141,100.65 m since Fortuna took ownership in 2005. All holes are diamond drill holes and include 424 from the surface totaling 101,608.55 m, and 455 from underground totaling 39,492.10 m. The extent of drilling varies for each vein with those having the greatest coverage having drill holes extending over 4,000 m of the vein’s strike length (Animas), to the least having only a couple of drill holes extending over 50 m (Antimonio).

As of the effective date of the Caylloma Technical Report an additional 67 infill drill holes totaling 9,792.95 m have been completed after the June 30, 2015 cut-off date. All of the drill holes were designed for purposes of upgrading of Inferred Mineral Resources of the Animas and Animas NE veins.

### ***Sample Preparation and Analysis***

All samples at the Caylloma Mine are collected by geological staff of Minera Bateas with sample preparation and analysis being conducted either at the onsite Minera Bateas laboratory (channel samples and underground development drill core) or the ALS Chemex laboratory in Lima (exploration drill core). The Minera Bateas on-site laboratory is not a certified laboratory. Therefore, pulp splits and preparation duplicates, along with reference

standards and blanks are routinely sent to the International Organization for Standardization (“ISO”) certified ALS Chemex laboratory in Lima to monitor the performance of the Minera Bateas laboratory.

#### *Channel Chip Sampling*

Since February 2011 the location of each channel has been surveyed using Total Station equipment. Surveyors use an underground survey reference point to locate the starting coordinates of each channel.

Sampling is carried out at 2 m intervals within the drifts of all veins and 3 m intervals in stopes (except for Bateas and Soledad, where due to the thickness of the vein sampling is carried out every 2 m in stopes).

Sample collection is normally performed by two samplers, one using the hammer and pick while the other holds the receptacle (cradle) to collect rock and ore fragments. A sample mass of between 3 kilograms (“kg”) and 6 kg is generally collected.

Since August 2012, the entire sample is placed in a plastic sample bag with a sampling card and assigned sample ID and taken to the laboratory for homogenization and splitting.

#### *Core Sampling*

A geologist is responsible for determining and marking the intervals to be sampled, selecting them based on geological and structural logging. The sample length must not exceed 1 m or be less than 10 cm.

Splitting of the core is performed by diamond saw. Once the core has been split, half the sample is placed in a sample bag. A sampling card with the appropriate information is inserted with the core.

#### *Bulk Density Determination*

Samples for density analysis are collected underground using a hammer and chisel to obtain a single large sample of approximately 6 kg. The sample is always taken of mineralized material in the same locality as a channel sample. The coordinates of the closest channel sample are assigned to the density sample. The sample is brought to the surface and delivered to the core cutting shed where each side of the sample is cut using a diamond saw to produce a smooth sided cube. The sample is labeled and bagged prior to being stored in the storage facilities to await transportation with other samples to the ALS Chemex laboratory in Arequipa.

Density tests are performed at the ALS Chemex laboratory in Lima.

#### *Sample Dispatch*

Once samples have been collected they are assigned a batch number and either submitted to the Minera Bateas onsite laboratory, or sent to the mine warehouse to await transportation (three times a week) to the ALS Chemex facility in Arequipa, and then on to the ALS Chemex laboratory in Lima for analysis.

#### *Sample Preparation*

Upon receipt of a sample batch, the laboratory staff immediately verifies that sample bags are sealed and undamaged. Sample numbers and identifications are checked to ensure they match that as detailed in the submittal form provided by the geology department. If any damaged, missing or extra samples are detected the sample batch is rejected and the geology department is contacted to investigate the discrepancy. If the sample batch is accepted, the samples are sequentially coded and registered as received.

Accepted samples are then transferred to individual stainless steel trays with their corresponding sample identifications for drying.

Once samples have been dried, they are transferred to a separate ventilated room for crushing using a two stage process. Firstly, the sample is fed into a terminator crusher to reduce the original particle size so that approximately 90% passes ½ inch mesh sieve size. The entire sample is then fed to the secondary Rhino crusher so that the particle size is reduced to approximately 85% passing a 10 mesh sieve size. The percent passing is monitored daily to ensure these specifications are maintained. The crushing equipment is cleaned using compressed air and a barren quartz flush after each sample.

Once the sampling has been crushed it is reduced in size to 150 grams (“g”) ± 20 g using a single tier Jones riffle splitter. The reduced sample is returned to the sampling tray for pulverizing whereas the coarse reject material is returned to a labeled sample bag and temporarily placed in a separate storage room for transferal to the long term storage facilities located adjacent to the core logging facilities.



Crushed samples are pulverized using a Rocklab standard ring mill so that 90% of particles pass a 200 mesh sieve size. The pulp sample is carefully placed in an envelope along with the sample identification label. Envelopes are taken to the balance room where they are checked to ensure the samples registered as having being received and processed match those provided in the envelopes.

#### Assaying of Gold, Silver, Lead, Copper and Zinc

Upon receipt of samples in the analytical laboratory, all pulps are re-checked to ensure they match the list in the submittal form.

The elements of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc are assayed using atomic absorption techniques. An initial and duplicate reading is taken and an internal standard is inserted every ten samples to monitor and calibrate the equipment.

#### *Sample Security*

Core boxes are sealed and carefully transported to the core logging facility constructed in 2012 where there is sufficient room to layout and examine several holes at a time. The core logging facility is located at the mine site and is locked when not in use. Once logging and sampling have been performed, the remaining core is transferred to the core storage facilities located adjacent to the logging facilities. The storage facility is managed by the Brownfields Exploration Manager and the Superintendent of Geology and any removal of material must receive their approval.

#### *Quality Control Measures*

Minera Bateas routinely inserts certified standards, blanks and field duplicates to the Minera Bateas laboratory and regularly sends preparation (coarse reject) and pulp duplicates along with standards and blanks to the umpire ALS Chemex laboratory.

#### Standard Reference Material

Standard reference material (“**SRM**”) are samples that are used to measure the accuracy of analytical processes and are composed of material that has been thoroughly analyzed to accurately determine its grade within known error limits. SRMs are inserted by the geologist into the sample stream, and the expected value is concealed from the laboratory, even though the laboratory will inevitably know that the sample is a SRM of some sort. By comparing the results of a laboratory’s analysis of a SRM to its certified value, the accuracy of the result is monitored.

#### Minera Bateas Laboratory

This analysis focuses on the submission of 8,093 standards submitted with 183,694 channel samples as of June 30, 2015 to the Minera Bateas laboratory which represents a submission rate of 1 in 23 samples. As described above, the Minera Bateas laboratory employs a four acid digestion methodology with atomic absorption (“**AA**”) for assaying silver, lead and zinc, unless the grade is greater than 1,500 grams per metric tonne (“**g/t**”) for silver, or 13% for lead or 13% for zinc. If the silver grade was found to be greater than 1,500 g/t, it was re-assayed by fire assay using a gravimetric finish (“**FA-GRAV**”). If the lead or zinc grades were found to be higher than their upper limits, they were re-assayed by volumetric methods. For gold, the sample is assayed using fire assay with atomic absorption finish (“**FA-AA**”) unless the gold grade is greater than 5 g/t Au, in which case the sample is re-assayed with a FA-GRAV.

Submitted certified standards indicate the Minera Bateas laboratory has acceptable levels of accuracy for silver, lead, zinc, and gold with all elements reporting greater than 99% pass rates. The assay results for most standards demonstrate little or no bias.

#### ALS Chemex Laboratory

Drill core (exploration and infill) is sent to ALS Chemex for assaying. Silver, zinc and lead are assayed by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (“**ICP-AES**”), unless the grade is greater than 100 g/t for silver, or 1% for lead or zinc, in which case the sample is re-assayed by aqua regia digestion with an ICP-AES or atomic absorption finish up to a maximum of 1,500 g/t silver, 30% lead or 60% zinc. If the silver grade was found to be greater than 1,500 g/t it was re-assayed by fire assay using a gravimetric finish. If the lead or zinc grades were found to be higher than their upper limits, they were re-assayed by titration. A total of 1,560 standards have been submitted by Minera Bateas with drill core as of June 30, 2015 to the ALS Chemex facilities representing a submission rate of 1 in 19 samples.

Results for SRMs submitted to the ALS Chemex laboratory indicate a reasonable level of accuracy is maintained by the laboratory for the four elements of interest with all reporting a pass rate of greater than 93%.

#### Blanks

Field blank samples are composed of material that is known to contain grades that are less than the detection limit of the analytical method in use (or, in the case of Pb and Zn, that are known to be very low) and are inserted by the geologist in the field. Blank sample analysis is a method of determining sample switching and cross-contamination of samples during the sample preparation or analysis processes. Minera Bateas uses coarse quartz sourced from outside the area and provided by an external supplier as their blank sample material. The blank is tested to ensure the material does not contain elevated values for the elements of interest.

#### Minera Bateas Laboratory

The analysis focuses on the submission of 7,045 blanks with channel samples as of June 30, 2015 representing a submission rate of 1 in 26 samples.

The results of the blanks submitted indicate that cross contamination and mislabeling are not material issues at the Minera Bateas laboratory.

#### ALS Chemex Laboratory

A total of 1,521 blanks were submitted with drill core as of June 30, 2015 to the ALS Chemex facilities representing a submission rate of 1 in 19 samples.

The results of blanks used to monitor the ALS Chemex preparation and analytical facilities are regarded as acceptable and indicate that contamination and sample switching is not a significant issue at the laboratory.

#### Duplicates

The precision of sampling and analytical results can be measured by re-analyzing the same sample using the same methodology. The variance between the measured results is a measure of their precision. Precision is affected by mineralogical factors such as grain size and distribution and inconsistencies in the sample preparation and analysis processes. There are a number of different duplicate sample types which can be used to determine the precision for the entire sampling process.

Numerous plots and graphs, such as absolute relative difference (“**ARD**”) are used on a monthly basis to monitor precision and bias levels as part of an extensive quality assurance program with results regarded as demonstrating acceptable levels of precision.

#### Minera Bateas Laboratory

Minera Bateas inserts field, preparation and laboratory duplicates as part of a comprehensive quality assurance/quality control (“**QAQC**”) program. Reject assays and check assays are sent to the certified laboratory of ALS Chemex to provide an external monitor to the precision of the Minera Bateas laboratory. Standards and blanks are also submitted with the reject and check assays to monitor the accuracy of the ALS Chemex results.

In general, precision levels are reasonable with the majority of ARD values being greater than 90%. Field duplicate results are generally slightly lower than the accepted 90% threshold level but have improved over time through closer supervision of the sampling process, increasing the sampling mass and estimation of the fundamental sampling error. With the implementation of these measures, the ARD values of field duplicates have generally been greater than 90% over the last few years.

It should also be noted that precision levels for gold assays are lower than for the other elements, particularly for the duplicate assays. This is because gold concentrations are much lower and variability is higher. Gold is not an economic driver in the operation and therefore the cost associated with increasing sample mass to ensure higher precision levels is not justified.

Duplicates sent to the umpire laboratory showed reasonable levels of precision between the two laboratories. Quality control samples included with the duplicates sent to the umpire laboratory showed acceptable levels of accuracy and no issues with sample switching or contamination.

#### ALS Chemex Laboratory

Prior to 2013, Minera Bateas relied only on the insertion of preparation and laboratory duplicates by ALS Chemex to monitor precision levels of drill core samples submitted to the ALS Chemex facilities. The QAQC policy was

revised in late 2012 and brownfields exploration have since submitted the full array of blind duplicates with drill core since January 2013. The high levels of accuracy, precision and lack of contamination indicate that grades reported from the Minera Bateas and ALS Chemex laboratories are suitable for Mineral Resource estimation.

Results for duplicates submitted with drill core to the ALS Chemex laboratory that show acceptable levels of precision are maintained at the laboratory, with the exception of the field duplicates, which are slightly below the acceptance levels and tend to be related to the insertion of low grade or low mass samples.

### ***Data Verification***

Data used for Mineral Resource estimation are stored in three databases. Minera Bateas information is stored in two of these databases, one storing data relating to the mine (including channel samples) and the other for storing drilling results.

The databases are fully validated annually by Fortuna as part of the Mineral Resource estimation process. The database storing CMA information was not validated in 2015 based on the fact that no new information has been acquired since the previous validation in 2010.

Both databases were then reviewed and validated by Mr. Eric Chapman, P. Geo. The data verification procedure involved the following:

- Inspection of selected drill core to assess the nature of the mineralization and to confirm geological descriptions;
- Inspection of geology and mineralization in underground workings of the Animas and Bateas veins;
- Verification that collar coordinates coincide with underground workings or the topographic surface;
- Verification that downhole survey bearing and inclination values display consistency;
- Evaluation of minimum and maximum grade values;
- Investigation of minimum and maximum sample lengths;
- Randomly selecting assay data from the databases and comparing the stored grades to the original assay certificates;
- Assessing for inconsistencies in spelling or coding (typographic and case sensitivity errors);
- Ensuring full data entry and that a specific data type (collar, survey, lithology, and assay) is not missing; and
- Assessing for sample gaps or overlaps.

After correcting all inconsistencies, the databases were accepted as validated on June 30, 2015. Based on the data verification detailed above, Fortuna's Corporate Head of Technical Services Mr. Eric Chapman, P. Geo., considers the Minera Bateas and CMA data to be suitable for the estimation of classified Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves.

### ***Mineral Processing and Metallurgical Testing***

Metallurgical recoveries for 2015 were 83.03%, 93.98% and 90.79% for silver, lead and zinc respectively, an important improvement compared to those achieved in 2012 (77.33%, 88.12% and 85.77%, respectively). Minera Bateas continues to work on optimizing the mineral processing operation focusing on metallurgical recoveries and processing capacity. The studies or tests developed to achieve these goals include:

#### **1. Plant test work for oxides**

Until 2012 ore identified as containing high lead oxide and zinc oxide ("ZnOx") content was classified as oxides not amenable for flotation processing.

Different plant and laboratory tests were carried out during 2012. The maximum metallurgical recoveries achieved during the plant test work were 63.98% for silver, 46.45% for lead and 32.35% for zinc.

More laboratory and plant tests were conducted in 2013 including the metallurgical testing of the different levels of the Animas vein. The main conclusion was that ZnOx contents greater than 0.20% within the ore were related to the lower metallurgical recoveries. In order to include this type of ore without affecting the metallurgical recoveries, blending has to be performed to limit the high ZnOx ore content.

## 2. Mineralogical balancing of products for the lead circuit

Based on the studies and testing developed between 2013 and 2015 for the different stages of the process some changes or adjustments have been implemented in the processing plant aimed at improving the metallurgical performance including:

- Adjustments to the grinding medium and size selection were made in order to achieve 60% passing 75 microns as the final grinding product;
- The Z-11 and Z-6 collectors in the lead flotation circuit, which were previously added as a mixed solution, are now added independently ensuring a superior effect and avoiding alteration in their properties;
- The Sodium cyanide consumption, which is used as a Fe and Zn depressor in the Ag-Pb flotation circuit, is reduced from 20 to 10 g/t aiming to promote the Ag and Au flotation;
- The Denver mill critical speed was increased from 69% to 76% increasing the reduction ratio, resulting in an increase in the treatment capacity of 10 tpd;
- The Magensa (6 foot by 6 foot) mill steel shell liners were changed to rubber increasing the reduction ratio from 1.20 to 1.60; and
- Automatic pH control was installed to stabilize the process, particularly in the Zn circuit, reducing lime consumption by 200 g/t.

## 3. Processing plant optimization

Aiming to reduce the recirculating load within the grinding circuit by improving the size selection, pilot tests to replace cyclones with high frequency vibrating wet screens were run in November 2014.

Results indicated a circulating load reduction from 250 to 170% thanks to a more efficient size classification thereby allowing improved grinding, and ultimately, an increase in the plant processing capacity.

To achieve that goal and based on laboratory testing, the flotation time was increased from 14 to 38 minutes by increasing the Ag-Pb flotation circuit capacity. In March 2015, the processing plant optimization project was initiated. The optimization project was aimed at increasing the processing capacity from 1,300 to a potential maximum of 1,500 tpd by improvements in the grinding and flotation circuits. The total investment in the project was US\$4.6 million with project completion in March 2016.

### ***Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserve Estimates***

Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates for the Caylloma Mine are reported as of December 31, 2015 in the following tables:

**Caylloma Mineral Reserves as of December 31, 2015**

Category	Tonnes (000)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Contained Metal	
						Ag (Moz)	Au (koz)
<b>Proven</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>2.34</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Probable</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>15.4</b>
<b>Proven + Probable</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>2.83</b>	<b>3.55</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>19.3</b>

**Notes:**

- There are no known legal, political, environmental or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of the Mineral Reserves.
- Mineral Reserves are estimated as of June 30, 2015 and reported as of December 31, 2015, taking into account production-related depletion for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
- Mineral Reserves are reported above a Net Smelter Return (“NSR”) breakeven cut-off value of US\$82.73/t for Animas, US\$82.53/t for Animas NE, US\$97.07/t San Cristóbal and US\$173.74/t for Bateas, Cimoide La Plata, La Plata, and Soledad.
- Metal prices used in the NSR evaluation are US\$19/oz for silver, US\$1,140/oz for gold, US\$2,150/t for lead and US\$2,300/t for zinc.
- Metallurgical recovery values used in the NSR evaluation are 84.5% for silver, 39.5% for gold, 92.6% for lead, and 89.9% for zinc with the exception of the Ramal Piso Carolina vein that uses metallurgical recovery rates of 84% for Ag and 75% for Au.
- Operating costs were estimated based on actual operating costs incurred from July 2014 through June 2015.
- Tonnes are rounded to the nearest thousand.
- Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Caylloma Mineral Resources as of December 31, 2015**

Category	Tonnes (000)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Contained Metal	
						Ag (Moz)	Ag (Moz)
<b>Measured</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<b>Indicated</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>12.7</b>
<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>19.3</b>
<b>Inferred</b>	<b>3,392</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>64.7</b>

**Notes:**

- Mineral Resources are exclusive of Mineral Reserves.
- Mineral Resources which are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- There are no known legal, political, environmental or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of the Mineral Resources.
- Mineral Resources are estimated as of June 30, 2015 and reported as of December 31, 2015, taking into account production-related depletion for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
- Mineral Resources are reported based on a NSR cut-off grade of US\$50/t for wide veins and US\$100/t for narrow veins.
- Metal prices used in the NSR evaluation are US\$19/oz for silver, US\$1,140/oz for gold, US\$2,150/t for lead and US\$2,300/t for zinc.
- Metallurgical recovery values used in the NSR evaluation are 84.5% for silver, 39.5% for gold, 92.6% for lead, and 89.9% for zinc with the exception of the Ramal Piso Carolina vein that uses metallurgical recovery rates of 84% for Ag and 75% for Au.
- Operating costs were estimated based on actual operating costs incurred from July 2014 through June 2015.
- Tonnes are rounded to the nearest thousand.
- Totals may not add due to rounding.

***Mining Operations***

The mining method applied in the exploitation of the two main veins (Animas and Bateas) at the Caylloma Mine is overhand cut-and-fill using either mechanized, semi-mechanized or conventional extraction methods. The cut-and-fill method is used in mining steeply dipping orebodies in stable rock masses. Cut-and-fill is a bottom up mining method that consists of removing ore in horizontal slices, starting from a bottom undercut and advancing upwards.

Breakeven cut-off values were determined for each vein based on actual operating costs incurred in the period July 2014 to June 2015. These include exploitation and treatment costs, general expenses and administrative and commercialization costs (including concentrate transportation). As operations are not centralized, each vein has a different operating cost, mainly due to the mining method employed, transportation (mine to plant), support and power consumption. Breakeven cut-off values used for Mineral Reserve estimation are detailed in the following table.

**Breakeven Cut-off Values Applied to each Vein**

<b>Mining Method</b>	<b>Vein</b>	<b>Breakeven cut-off value(US\$/t)</b>
Mechanized	Animas	82.40
	Animas NE	82.40
Conventional	Bateas, Bateas Piso, Bateas Techo	173.74
	Soledad	173.74
	La Plata, Cimoide La Plata	173.74
	Silvia	173.74
	Santa Catalina	173.74
Semi-mechanized	Animas	95.63
	Animas NE	97.63
	San Cristóbal	97.07

NSR values depend on various parameters including metal prices, metallurgical recovery, price deductions, refining charges and penalties. NSR values used for Mineral Reserve estimation are detailed in the following table.

**NSR Values**

<b>Metal</b>	<b>NSR Value</b>
Silver (US\$/g)	0.45
Gold (US\$/g)	13.53
Lead (US\$/%)	14.85
Zinc (US\$/%)	12.68

Blocks whose NSR values are higher than the operating cost (breakeven cut-off value) after the application of appropriate dilution and recovery factors are reported as Mineral Reserves and are regarded as being amenable to the proposed method of mining. Measured Mineral Resources are converted to Proven Mineral Reserves and Indicated Mineral Resources to Probable Mineral Reserves.

***Processing and Recovery Operations***

The Caylloma Mine processing plant is a typical flotation operation and consists of five stages: crushing; milling; flotation; thickening and filtering and tailings disposal. Each of the main stages is comprised of multiple sub-stages.

The Caylloma Mine concentrator plant resumed operations in September 2006, treating 600 tpd of polymetallic mineral. Capacity increased progressively, with the installation of a 1.8 m by 2.4 m ball mill in 2009 the plant reached a treatment capacity of 1,300 tpd, and with the installation of two Derrick Stack Sizer vibrating wet screens the plant achieved a treatment capacity of 1,500 tpd at the end of March 2016, although this has since been reduced to 1,430 tpd for the rest of 2016. The treatment process is differential flotation. Initially, two concentrates were obtained: lead-silver and zinc. From late 2009 to January of 2011, a copper-silver concentrate was also produced, but due to unfavorable commercial terms the production of copper concentrate was suspended and the copper circuit put on standby.

***Infrastructure, Permitting and Compliance Activities***

The Caylloma Mine has a well-established infrastructure used to sustain the operation. The infrastructure includes a main access road from the city of Arequipa, property access roads, tailing storage facilities, mine waste storage facilities, mine ore stockpiles, camp facilities, concentrate transportation, power generation and communications systems.

Minera Bateas is in compliance with environmental regulations and standards set in Peruvian law and has complied with all laws, regulations, norms and standards at every stage of operation of the mine. Minera Bateas obtained its ISO 14001 Environmental Management Certification in 2008 and continues to maintain this designation. The mine works continually to improve its operational standards.

The Company has a very strong commitment to the development of neighboring communities of the Caylloma Mine. In this respect, the Company is committed to sustainable projects, direct support and partnerships that build company engagement in local communities while respecting local values, customs and traditions. The Company

aims to develop projects or programs based on respect for ethno-cultural diversity, open communication and effective interaction with local stakeholders that improve education, health and infrastructure.

**Capital and Operating Costs**

Minera Bateas capital and operating cost estimates for the Caylloma Mine (summarized in the following tables) are based on 2015 costs. The analysis includes forward estimates for sustaining capital. Inflation is not included in the cost projections and exchange rates were estimated at S/3.30 (Peruvian Soles) to US\$1. Capital costs include all investments in mine development, equipment and infrastructure necessary to upgrade the mine facilities and sustain the continuity of the operation.

As disclosed in the Caylloma Technical Report, a total of US\$9.39 million was budgeted for 2016 to sustain the operation. Capital costs are split into two areas, 1) mine development and 2) equipment and infrastructure, as set out in the following table:

**Caylloma Summary of Projected Major Capital Budget for 2016**

<b>Capital Item</b>	<b>Cost (US\$ in millions)</b>
<b>Mine Development</b>	
Development & Infrastructure	6.39
<b>Total Mine Development</b>	<b>6.39</b>
<b>Equipment and Infrastructure</b>	
Mine	0.64
Plant	0.98
Maintenance & Energy	0.85
IT	0.04
Logistics, Camp, Geology, Exploration, Planning	0.11
Laboratory	0.17
Environment	0.47
<b>Total Equipment and Infrastructure</b>	<b>3.00</b>
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>9.39</b>

As disclosed in the Caylloma Technical Report, projected operating costs for 2016 included the cash costs (US\$67.47/t) and mine operating expenses (US\$12.16/t) for the operation, as set out in the following table:

**Caylloma Summary of Projected Major Operating Costs for 2016**

<b>Operating Item</b>	<b>Cost US\$/t</b>
<b>Cash Cost</b>	
Mine ( <i>calculated using extracted ore</i> )	<b>40.17</b>
Plant	<b>12.48</b>
General Services	<b>9.07</b>
Administration	<b>5.75</b>
<b>Total Cash Cost</b>	<b>67.47</b>
<b>Mine Operating Expenses</b>	
Distribution	<b>11.54</b>
Management Fees	<b>0.21</b>
Community Support Activities	<b>0.41</b>
<b>Total Mine Operating Expenses</b>	<b>12.16</b>
<b>Total Cash Cost and Mine Operating Expenses</b>	<b>79.63</b>

### ***Exploration, Development, and Production***

Minera Bateas continues to successfully manage the Caylloma Mine operation, mining 466,286 tonnes of ore from underground to produce 1.7 Moz of silver, 1.2 koz of gold, 23.8 million pounds (“**MIbs**”) of lead and 35.8 MIbs of zinc in 2015 while continuing to improve the mine infrastructure.

Fortuna believes there is good potential for a significant increase of the Mineral Resources at the Caylloma Mine particularly from the continuity of the current veins in operation as well as from the discovery of new veins. Minera Bateas continues to investigate cost effective ways to improve productivity and reduce costs. As disclosed in the Caylloma Technical Report, work programs conducted in 2016 to improve the operation included the following:

1. **Brownfields exploration.** Fortuna assigned US\$2.9 million in 2016 for Brownfields exploration of the Caylloma district. This was planned to include 17,000 m of diamond drilling focused on testing new exploration targets in the northern portion of Pisacca prospect area located a short distance to the southwest of the mine plant as well as further exploring the northeastern extension of the Animas vein.
2. **Underground development.** The most important recommended project for the Caylloma Mine was the integration of the different levels of the Animas vein with underground ramps. An important effort in 2012 was made to improve ventilation which has allowed the operation to introduce the use of ammonium nitrate/fuel oil for stoping and drifting. The mine plan for 2016 proposed 1,053 m of raise boring in order to comply with the ventilation requirements, 1,904 m horizontal and 5,158 m decline drift associated with the development of the mine especially in the case of the Animas vein. The budgeted cost of this work program in 2016 was US\$9.29 million.
3. **Metallurgical studies to improve silver recovery.** Important efforts were made in 2015 in order to optimize the metallurgical performance and throughput capacity of the plant, especially to increase silver recovery. It was recommended that an expansion to the lead flotation capacity be considered with the objective of increasing silver recovery by 2% to 4%. The budgeted cost for these metallurgical studies in 2016 was US\$1 million.
4. **Metallurgical studies to improve oxide recovery.** The response of “oxide” material to the flotation process required additional testwork. The plant test conducted in 2012 demonstrated this material could be processed through flotation albeit at reduced recoveries. Results could help to adjust plant operating parameters to improve metallurgical response.
5. **Metallurgical studies in gold recovery.** Mineral Bateas applies a higher gold metallurgical recovery for the calculation of the NSR values for the estimate of blocks in the Ramal Piso Carolina vein based on metallurgical testwork conducted in the plant. There are, however, other veins that have elevated gold grades that could benefit from the application of a higher metallurgical gold recovery including the San Carlos, San Pedro, Don Luis II, La Plata and Cimoide La Plata veins. It was recommended that Minera Bateas conduct metallurgical testwork on mineralized samples from these veins to ascertain if the gold recoveries could be improved.

#### San Jose Mine, Mexico

### ***Property Description, Location and Access***

The San Jose Mine is located in the central portion of the state of Oaxaca, Mexico (latitude 16<sup>o</sup>41'39.10" N, longitude 96<sup>o</sup>42'06.32" W; UTM coordinates NAD27, UTM Zone 14N: 745100E, 1846925N). The San Jose Mine is 47 km by road from the city of Oaxaca and 12 km from Ocotlan de Morelos, a town of approximately 10,000 people and the nearest commercial center.

The San Jose Mine consists of mineral rights for mining concessions held by Compania Minera Cuzcatlan S.A. de C.V. (“**Minera Cuzcatlan**”), covering a total surface area of approximately 51,300 hectares with an additional 13,128 hectares under options. The concessions have expiry dates ranging from 2023 to 2061. Minera Cuzcatlan has signed 39 usufruct contracts with land owners to cover the surface area needed for the operation of the San Jose Mine, with some of these contracts pending registration with the local authority. Minera Cuzcatlan has also applied



for additional concessions in the region of the San Jose Mine and has the right to acquire additional concessions in the region of the San Jose Mine under option agreements with third parties.

The San Jose Mine is subject to the following royalty rights:

- (a) Royalty agreement between Minera Cuzcatlan and Beremundo Tomas de Aquino Antonio granting a 1% NSR royalty to a maximum of US\$800,000 in regard to the mining concession “El Pochotle”. To date, no mineralized material has been extracted from the El Pochotle concession and no Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves have been identified on the El Pochotle concession. Minera Cuzcatlan has a buyout provision where it can purchase this royalty right for US\$200,000.
- (b) Royalty agreement between Minera Cuzcatlan and Underwood y Calvo Compania, S.N.C granting a 1% NSR royalty to a maximum of US\$2,000,000 in regard to the mining concessions “La Voluntad”, “Bonita Fraccion I” and “Bonita Fraccion II”. To date, no mineralized material has been extracted from these concessions and no Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves have been identified on these concessions. Minera Cuzcatlan has a buyout provision where it can purchase this royalty right for US\$400,000.
- (c) Royalty agreement between Minera Cuzcatlan and Pan American Silver Corp., which was transferred from Pan American Silver Corp. to Maverix Minerals Inc. on July 12, 2016, whereby Maverix Minerals Inc. holds a 1.5% NSR royalty; and Mexican Geological Service holds a 1% royalty as a discovery royalty in regard to the mining concession “Reduccion Taviche Oeste”.

Minera Cuzcatlan is in compliance with environmental regulations and standards as set out in Mexican law and has complied with all material laws, regulations, norms and standards at every stage of operation of the mine.

### *History*

The earliest recorded activity in the San Jose del Progreso area dates to the 1850’s when the mines were exploited on a small scale by the local hacienda. By the early 1900’s, a large number of silver and gold-bearing deposits were being exploited in the San Jeronimo Taviche and San Pedro Taviche areas, aided by a new mining law enacted in 1892 and with support from foreign investment capital. Mining activity in the district diminished drastically with the onset of the Mexican Revolution in 1910, only to resume sporadically in the 1920’s. Mining in the San Jose area was re-activated on a small scale in the 1960’s and again in 1980 when the San Jose Mine was acquired by Ing. Ricardo Ibarra. The mine was worked intermittently by Ibarra through his company, Minerales de Oaxaca S.A. (“MIOXSA”), through the end of 2006 when the property was purchased by Minera Cuzcatlan.

In 1999, the San Jose Mine was optioned by Pan American Silver Corp., who completed surface and underground mapping and sampling and drilled five diamond drill holes totaling 1,093.5 m in the San Jose Mine vein system. In March 2004, Continuum Resource Ltd (“Continuum”) signed an option agreement with MIOXSA covering 19 concessions in the San Jose and San Jeronimo Taviche areas. Continuum completed detailed mapping of the surface, extensive chip-channel sampling in the underground workings of the Trinidad deposit as well as 15 surface diamond drill holes totaling 4,877 m. In November 2005, Fortuna reached an agreement with Continuum to earn a 70% interest in Continuum’s interests in the properties optioned from MIOXSA, and assumed management of the project.

During 2006, Fortuna completed the drilling of 38 diamond drill holes totaling 12,182 m in the San Jose Mine area, with 25 of the drill holes being located in the Trinidad zone and 13 of the drill holes being located in the San Ignacio area. The drilling in the Trinidad area confirmed the results of the prior drilling and expanded the mineralization along strike and to depth. Drilling in the San Ignacio area by Fortuna identified significant zones of silver-gold mineralization over generally narrow vein widths. In November of 2006, Fortuna and Continuum purchased a 100% interest in the properties from MIOXSA and simultaneously restructured their joint operating agreement to a 76% interest for Fortuna and a 24% interest for Continuum.

During 2007, Fortuna (operating via Minera Cuzcatlan) drilled 67 diamond drill holes totaling 26,605 m. Drilling in the Trinidad area continued to confirm the potential of the deposit and further expanded the mineralization along strike to the south and to depth. Drilling continued throughout 2008 and 2009, and in March 2009, Fortuna completed the acquisition of all issued and outstanding shares of Continuum, thereby acquiring a 100% ownership in the San Jose Mine.

From 1980 through 2004, production by MIOXSA was intermittent and came primarily from existing stopes and from development of the fourth and fifth levels of the San Jose Mine. In 2005 and 2006, the sixth level was developed and mined with grades reported to range between 350 to 500 g/t Ag and 1.8 to 3.5 g/t Au. The ore was mined primarily from the Bonanza and Trinidad veins, and extracted at rates of approximately 100 tpd through the Trinidad shaft. Reliable estimates of the total production during MIOXSA's tenure are not available.

In March 2006, a technical report prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 was filed summarizing the results of the exploration completed by Continuum and reporting an initial Mineral Resource estimate. At a 5 g/t gold equivalent cut-off, Inferred Mineral Resources were estimated at 527,283 tonnes with an average grade of 3.50 g/t Au and 396 g/t Ag. In March 2007, an updated Mineral Resource estimate prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 was filed. At a 150 g/t Ag Eq cut-off, Indicated Mineral Resources were estimated at 1.47 million metric tonnes ("Mt") averaging 263 g/t Ag and 2.19 g/t Au and Inferred Mineral Resources were estimated at 3.9 Mt averaging 261 g/t Ag and 2.57 g/t Au.

Following extensive exploration drilling in 2007, 2008 and 2009, Fortuna filed, in December, 2009, an updated technical report prepared in accordance with NI 43-101. In June 2010, a Pre-Feasibility Study was prepared, and updated Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves were reported. Subsequently, Fortuna has conducted annual updated Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimations. Commercial production commenced under the management of Minera Cuzcatlan on September 1, 2011. Underground mining has focused on the Bonanza, Trinidad and Stockwork primary veins.

### ***Geological Setting, Mineralization and Deposit Types***

The San Jose Mine is hosted by an andesitic to dacitic effusive volcanic sequence of presumed Paleogene age. Further to the east, these andesites and dacites are overlain by silicic crystalline and lithic tuffs and ignimbrites corresponding to the Mitla Tuff Formation of Miocene age. The San Jose Mine area is underlain by a thick sequence of presumed Paleogene-age andesitic to dacitic volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks, which in turn discordantly overlie units ranging from orthogneisses and paragneisses of Mesoproterozoic age, limestones and calcareous sedimentary rocks of Cretaceous age and continental conglomerates of the Early Tertiary Tamazulapan Formation. These units have been significantly displaced along major north and northwest-trending extensional fault systems, with the precious metal mineralization being hosted in hydrothermal breccias, crackle breccias and sheeted stockwork-like zones of quartz/carbonate veins emplaced within zones of high paleo permeability associated with the extensional structures.

In general, the upper 650 to 700 m of the volcanic sequence is characterized by a series of distinct effusive andesitic to dacitic lava flow units intercalated with thin but laterally extensive horizons of reddish-brown to grayish-brown volcanoclastic rocks. The lower 250 to 300 m of the volcanic sequence is characterized by a sequence of intercalated pyroclastic deposits, stratified volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks and local coherent facies lava flows.

Precious metal mineralization at the San Jose Mine is hosted by hydrothermal breccias, crackle breccias, quartz-carbonate veins and zones of sheeted and stockwork-like quartz-carbonate veins emplaced along steeply dipping north and north-northwest trending fault structures. The mineralized structural corridor extends for greater than 3 km in a north-south direction and has been divided into two parts: the Trinidad deposit area and the San Ignacio area. The major mineralized structures or vein systems recognized in the Trinidad deposit area are the Trinidad and Bonanza structures and the Stockwork system. To date, drilling has defined the Trinidad and Bonanza mineralized structures over a strike length of approximately 1,300 m and to depths exceeding 600 m from the surface.

Acanthite and silver-rich electrum are the primary silver and gold-bearing minerals in the Trinidad deposit. These minerals, along with pyrite, are discontinuously interlayered with distinctively banded crustiform and colloform textured quartz, calcite and locally adularia. Principal gangue minerals are quartz and calcite, locally accompanied by iron or iron/magnesium-bearing carbonates. Amethyst and chalcedonic quartz are commonly present as late infillings of the veins and hydrothermal breccias. Pale greenish-colored fluorite is present locally as vein and breccia fillings. Hydrothermal alteration at the Trinidad deposit is characterized by a well-developed alteration zonation with well crystallized kaolinite being present in the mineralized zones grading outwards to kaolinite-illite, illite, and illite-smectite-chlorite assemblages. Locally Fe-carbonates and Fe/Mg-carbonates are also present as a halo to the mineralized zones. Regionally, the andesitic volcanics and volcanoclastic units are weakly to moderately propylitically altered to epidote-chlorite-smectite assemblages.

The Trinidad vein system is emplaced in the footwall fault zone of the extensional system hosting the mineralized vein systems at the San Jose Mine. The Trinidad vein system strikes 355° and dips 70° to 80° to the east-northeast. The vein system ranges from less than 1 m to locally over 15 m in true width, with higher grade mineralization

generally being present in zones with greater widths. Significant portions of the Trinidad structure are characterized by late black matrix silicified fault breccias with only trace to weak mineralization. Higher grade precious metal zones in the Trinidad vein system range up to approximately 1,300 g/t Ag Eq across the width of the vein. The Trinidad hanging wall splays and the Trinidad footwall veins are considered to be part of the Trinidad mineralized structure.

The Bonanza vein system is emplaced in the hanging wall zone of the structural corridor hosting the mineralized vein systems in the Trinidad deposit. The Bonanza vein system generally strikes 350° and dips steeply to the east to sub-vertical. Mineralization within the Bonanza vein system is present in the form of shoots plunging shallowly to moderately to the north-northwest, reflecting the dominant dip-slip movement of the controlling fault structures. Combined copper, lead and zinc values for the Bonanza vein range from negligible in the upper portions of the vein system to approximately 0.1% to 0.5% at depth.

The main Stockwork Zone is located between 1846550N to 1847200N and 1,000 meters above sea level (“masl”) to 1,300 masl (the “**Stockwork Zone**”) and located in an extensional environment between the principal Bonanza and Trinidad structures. The main Stockwork Zone is present over 650 horizontal m and 300 vertical m, being elliptical in shape, with a variable thickness ranging to greater than 50 m. The primary silver bearing mineral in the Stockwork Zone is acanthite, usually in association with traces of pyrite. Secondary minerals accompanying the acanthite are silver-rich electrum, fine grained galena, sphalerite, chalcopyrite and gangue minerals including hyaline quartz, white quartz and calcite along with minor concentrations of adularia and fluorite.

The mineralization at the San Jose Mine is hosted by structurally controlled hydrothermal breccias, crackle breccias and quartz-carbonate veins. Epithermal-style alteration and mineralization are widespread within the Middle to Late Tertiary volcanic package exposed throughout the central portion of the state of Oaxaca. Host structures to the mineralization are normal faults and subsidiary structural features common to extension-related pull-apart basins.

### ***Exploration***

For exploration work completed prior to 2007, see “Technical Information – San Jose Mine – History”.

Subsequent to 2007, the principal exploration conducted by Fortuna at the San Jose Mine has been surface and underground drilling, both to extend the deposit to the north and to depth, and for infill purposes to increase the confidence level of the Mineral Resources. The results of a Pre-Feasibility Study of the San Jose Mine were filed in June of 2010 and included an estimate of Probable Mineral Reserves of 3.5 Mt averaging 205 g/t Ag and 1.5 g/t Au. As of December 31, 2012, Proven Mineral Reserves were estimated at 0.05 Mt averaging 246 g/t Ag and 2.31 g/t Au and Probable Mineral Reserves were estimated at 3.3 Mt averaging 189 g/t Ag and 1.57 g/t Au at a 96 g/t Ag Eq cut-off and Inferred Mineral Resources were estimated at 4.3 Mt averaging 185 g/t Ag and 1.58 g/t Au at a 70 g/t Ag Eq cut-off.

Subsequent to the cut-off date for the *Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: San Jose Property, Oaxaca, Mexico* technical report dated November 22, 2013, Fortuna acquired the Taviche Oeste concession from Pan American Silver Corp. The acquisition of the 6,254 hectare Taviche Oeste concession allowed for the continued brownfields exploration of the northern extension of the Trinidad deposit and the discovery of the Trinidad North zone. As of the date of the San Jose Technical Report, Fortuna’s current brownfields exploration continues to explore the northern projections of the Trinidad mineralized system.

### ***Drilling***

For drilling completed prior to 2007, see “Technical Information – San Jose Mine - History”.

As of June 30, 2015, a total of 510 drill holes totaling 182,294.75 m have been completed in the San Jose Mine area (see Table below) with the drilling being concentrated in the Trinidad deposit area and extensions to the south of the mineralized structural system. Wide-spaced exploration drilling has also been completed in the San Ignacio area along the southern extension of the structurally controlled mineralized corridor and the Trinidad North discovery located north of 1847200N. All of the drilling was conducted by diamond core drilling methods with the exception of 1,476 m of reverse circulation pre-collars in six of the 510 diamond drill holes.

### Drilling of the Trinidad Deposit

Company	Period	Trinidad Area		San Ignacio Area	
		Drill Holes	Meters	Drill Holes	Meters
Pan American Silver Corp.	2001	3	851.50	2	242.00
Continuum	2004/05	13	4,370.00	2	506.85
Fortuna	2006	25	8,392.10	13	3,790.30
Minera Cuzcatlan	2007	44	17,694.35	23	8,910.20
Minera Cuzcatlan	2008/09	113	32,925.50	0	0.00
Minera Cuzcatlan	2011	0	0.00	17	8,307.25
Minera Cuzcatlan	2012	15	8,574.30	9	3,970.60
Minera Cuzcatlan	2013	69	27,552.65	0	0.00
Minera Cuzcatlan	2014	96	36,650.65	0	0.00
Minera Cuzcatlan	2015*	66	19,556.50	0	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	2001-2015*	444	156,567.55	66	25,727.20

\*as of June 30, 2015

The majority of the diamond core holes drilled in the Trinidad deposit area were drilled from the east to the west to cross-cut the steeply east-dipping mineralized zone at high angles. Of the 444 holes, 250 have been drilled from the surface while 194 drill holes were drilled from underground. The diamond drilling typically commences with HQ-diameter core and continues to the maximum depth allowable based on the mechanical capabilities of the drill equipment. Once this point is reached, or poor ground conditions are encountered, the hole is cased and further drilling is undertaken with a smaller diameter drilling tools with the core diameter being reduced to NQ2 or NQ-size to completion of the hole. In five of the drill holes, a further reduction to BQ-size drill core was required in order to complete the drill holes to the target depths.

Based on the combined results of the drilling completed in the Trinidad deposit area through 2007 and on the results of preliminary Mineral Resource classification studies, an infill drill program was designed and carried out to permit conversion of a majority of the Inferred Mineral Resources above the 1,300 m elevation to Indicated Mineral Resources. The majority of the drilling from the 2008/2009 campaign was directed towards the upper portions of the Trinidad deposit. The results of the infill drilling confirmed the presence of high-grade silver-gold mineralization in the Trinidad deposit area, and led to the development of a detailed geologic and mineralization model of the deposit. While some of the 2011 drill holes located in the San Ignacio area encountered significant mineralized intervals, additional drilling is required in this area in order to demonstrate the continuity of mineralization. 2012 drilling completed in the Trinidad North discovery area was successful in demonstrating the extension of significant silver and gold mineralization to the north and to depth, and resulted in the continuation of the drill program into 2013. Underground drilling commenced at the end of 2012 with the completion of a single drill hole intersecting the Stockwork Zone.

From January 1, 2013 to the data cut-off date of June 30, 2015, Minera Cuzcatlan completed 231 drill holes totaling 83,759.80 m in the Trinidad deposit area. Surface and underground exploration drilling, focused on expanding the Trinidad North discovery, comprised 117 drill holes totaling 54,310.55 m. Underground infill drilling focused on upgrading Inferred Mineral Resources and refining geologic interpretations in the Central Stockwork Zone and in the Trinidad North area comprised 114 drill holes totaling 29,449.25 m. As of the effective date of the San Jose Technical Report, an additional 22 exploration drill holes totaling 14,411.25 m have been completed after the June 30, 2015 cut-off date with two additional drill holes being in-progress. All drilling was carried out from underground drill stations. Twelve of the exploration drill holes are located in the Trinidad North Extension area and ten are located in the Trinidad Central Deep area. All twenty-two of the drill holes are located beyond the influence of the resource and reserve estimates.

#### **Sampling, Analysis and Data Verification**

##### *Sample Preparation Methods Prior to Dispatch*

Channel chip samples are generally collected from the face of newly exposed underground workings. Samples, comprised of fragments, chips and mineral dust, are extracted using a chisel and hammer along the channel's length on a representative basis. Sample collection is normally performed by two samplers, one using the hammer and

chisel, and the other holding the receptacle (cradle) to collect rock and ore fragments. Fragments greater than 6 cm in diameter are not accepted. The obtained sample is deposited into a plastic sample bag with a sampling card and the assigned sample ID. Once all the samples in the channel have been collected, the sample bags are transported to the surface and sorted with quality control samples being inserted at industry standard insertion rates prior to delivery to the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory.

A geologist is responsible for determining and marking the drill core intervals to be sampled. The sample length must not exceed 2 m or be less than 20 cm. Splitting of the core is performed by diamond saw. The core cutting process is performed in a separate building adjacent to the core logging facilities. Once the core has been split, half the sample is placed in a sample bag. A sampling card with the appropriate information is inserted with the core.

Bulk density samples have been primarily sourced from drill core, with a limited number being sampled from underground workings. Density tests are performed at the ALS Chemex laboratory in Vancouver.

Following sample collection, samples were placed in polyethylene sample bags with a sample tag detailing a unique sample identifier. The same sample identifier is marked on the outside of the bag and it is sealed with a cable tie. Secured sample bags are then placed in rice sacks and stored in a secure, dry, clean location. If the samples are from the underground channels they are delivered each day to the onsite Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory for preparation and analyses. If the samples are drill core, the rice sacks are subsequently transported by authorized company personnel to commercial freight shipment offices in Oaxaca for air transport to the independent ALS Chemex sample preparation facility in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

#### *Analytical Procedures Used at the Laboratories*

Upon receipt of a sample batch at the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory, the laboratory staff immediately verifies that the sample bags are sealed and undamaged. If any damaged, missing or extra samples are detected, the sample batch is rejected and the geology department is contacted immediately to investigate and resolve the discrepancy. Accepted samples are then transferred to individual stainless steel trays for drying.

Once samples have been dried, they are transferred to a separate ventilated room for crushing. Each sample is fed into a terminator crusher, in turn, to reduce the original particle size so that 75% passes a 10 mesh sieve size (2 millimeters ("mm")). Once the sample has been crushed, it is homogenized and reduced in size to approximately 1,000 g using a single tier Jones riffle splitter. The reduced sample is returned to the sampling tray for pulverizing, whereas the coarse reject material is returned to a labeled sample bag. Crushed samples are pulverized so that 85% of particles pass a 200 mesh sieve size. The pulp sample is carefully placed in envelopes, which are taken to the balance room where they are checked to ensure the samples registered as having being received and processed match those provided in the envelopes.

Upon receipt of samples in the analytical laboratory, two samples from the pulp envelope are taken. One sample is analyzed using atomic absorption spectroscopy and the other by fire assay with gravimetric finish. Atomic absorption results are recorded when silver grades are less than 500 g/t or when gold grades are less than 6.5 g/t, otherwise the gravimetric results are recorded.

All exploration core samples are sent to the ALS Chemex sample preparation facility in Guadalajara, Mexico. Following drying, the samples are weighed and the entire sample is crushed to a minimum of 70%, passing a 10 mesh sieve size. The crushed sample is then reduced in size by passing the entire sample through a riffle splitter until a 250 g split is obtained. The 250 g split is then pulverized to a minimum of 85%, passing a 200 mesh sieve size. The pulverized samples are subsequently grouped by sample lot and shipped by commercial air freight to ALS Chemex's analytical facility in Vancouver, British Columbia for analysis.

Analysis at ALS Chemex's analytical facility in Vancouver, British Columbia includes analysis for silver by ALS-Chemex Methods with Aqua regia digestion and ICP-AES finish; fire assay for gold with gravimetric finish and absorption spectroscopy in some cases.

#### *Sample Security*

Sample collection and transportation of drill core and channel samples is the responsibility of brownfields exploration and the Minera Cuzcatlan mine geology departments. Exploration core boxes are sealed and carefully transported to the core logging facilities located adjacent to the mine offices where there is sufficient room to layout and examine several holes at a time. Once logging and sampling have been performed, the core is transferred to the permanent storage facility at the mine site. The drill core from the infill drilling program is stored in the same

warehouse as the exploration core. Any removal of material must receive the approval of the Minera Cuzcatlan geology department.

Coarse reject material from exploration and infill drill core is presently being stored securely in a separate warehouse. Pulps from the exploration and infill drill programs are stored in a secure and dry pulp storage facility. Coarse reject material from channel samples are collected from the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory every day and stored in a storage facility located in a secure building 0.5 km from the main operation. Pulps of channel samples analyzed by ALS Chemex are also stored in the same storage facility as the coarse reject material. Pulps of channel samples analyzed by the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory are stored in a secure storage facility at the operation.

All drill core, coarse rejects and pulps from the drill core are stored for the LOM. Disposal of coarse rejects from surface samples is performed after 90 days and is controlled by the exploration department. Disposal of coarse rejects from underground channel samples is performed after 90 days and is the responsibility of the Geology Superintendent.

### *Quality Control Measures*

#### Standard Reference Material

SRMs are samples that are used to measure the accuracy of analytical processes and are composed of material that has been thoroughly analyzed to accurately determine its grade within known error limits. SRMs are inserted by the geologist into the sample stream, and the expected value is concealed from the laboratory, even though the laboratory will inevitably know that the sample is a SRM of some sort. By comparing the results of a laboratory's analysis of a SRM to its certified value, the accuracy of the result is monitored. SRMs have been used to assess the accuracy of the assay results from both the Minera Cuzcatlan and the independent ALS Chemex laboratories, having been placed into the sample stream by Minera Cuzcatlan geologists to monitor the accuracy of the analytical process.

The analysis at the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory involved the submission of 2,231 standards with 34,640 channel samples (submission rate of 1 in 16 samples) between February, 2012 and June 30, 2015 to the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory, corresponding to the majority of channel samples taken at the operation. Nine of the twelve different SRMs used since February 2012 have been generated from in-house coarse reject material. In addition to statistical analysis, graphical analysis of the results was also conducted to assess for trends and bias in the data.

Pass rates reported for standards submitted with channel samples since mining commenced to the data cut-off date for silver and gold values are 97% and 94% respectively. The accuracy levels for silver and gold can be regarded as acceptable.

A total of 2,306 standards to monitor the accuracy of silver assays were submitted to the ALS Chemex laboratories with 52,966 drill core samples, representing a submission rate of 1 in 23 samples between 2006 and June 30, 2015, of which 1,163 were submitted for assaying by ICP-AES. Of the 2,306 standards, 1,143 were submitted for assaying by FA-GRAV.

SRMs inserted to assess silver grades using ICP-AES returned a pass rate of 89%, whereas SRMs assessing silver grades using FA-GRAV had a pass rate of 95%. It should be noted that many of the failures (83 of the 126) observed in the ICP-AES can be attributed to standard CDN-HC-2, which was thought to be compromised and insertion ceased. If this standard is ignored the silver accuracy levels can be regarded as reasonable.

Gold is assayed by fire assay with atomic absorption finish unless the gold is greater than 10 g/t Au, in which case the sample is re-assayed with a FA-GRAV. A total of 2,861 standards to monitor the accuracy of gold assays were submitted with 52,966 drill core samples, representing a submission rate of 1 in 19 samples between 2006 and June 30, 2015, of which 2,784 were submitted for assaying by FA-AA. Of the 2,861 standards, 77 were submitted for assaying by FA-GRAV.

SRMs inserted to assess gold grades using FA-AA returned a pass rate of 93%, whereas SRMs assessing gold grades using FA-GRAV had a pass rate of 92%. It should be noted that the standards that tended to fail at a higher rate were those inserted at the beginning of the monitoring program, with results improving as time has progressed. The gold accuracy levels can be regarded as reasonable for estimation purposes.

#### Blanks

Field blank samples are composed of material that is known to contain grades that are less than the detection limit of the analytical method in use and are inserted by the geologist in the field. Blank sample analysis is a method of determining sample switching and cross-contamination of samples during the sample preparation or analysis

processes. Minera Cuzcatlan uses coarse marble sourced from a local quarry and provided by an external supplier as their blank sample material.

At the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory, 2,222 blanks have been submitted since February 2012, representing a submission rate of 1 in 16 samples. Results of the blanks submitted indicate that cross contamination and mislabeling are not material issues at the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory. Of the 2,222 blank samples submitted, six exceeded the fail line (set at two times the lower detection limit) for silver assays and fourteen for gold assays indicating an excellent result with pass rates greater than 99%.

A total of 2,755 blanks were submitted with core samples to the ALS Chemex laboratory by Fortuna and Minera Cuzcatlan covering all core submitted since 2006, representing a submission rate of 1 in 18 samples. Of the 2,755 blank samples submitted, 31 exceeded the fail line (set at two times the lower detection limit) for silver and 10 exceeded the fail line for gold assays. This represents a pass rate of greater than 99% for both silver and gold blank submissions. If two blanks failed in succession, all assay results for the batch were automatically reviewed and re-analyzed if deemed necessary. Blank results from ALS Chemex are regarded as acceptable indicating no significant sample switching or contamination.

#### Duplicates

Duplicates were submitted to both the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory (with channel samples) and the ALS Chemex laboratory (with drill core). The ALS Chemex laboratory also acts as the umpire laboratory, analyzing reject assays and check assays (pulps) from the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory.

Minera Cuzcatlan inserts field duplicates with channel samples as part of its QAQC program. Preparation and laboratory duplicates are inserted by the laboratory, whereas reject assays and duplicate assays are inserted blind by the geology department. Check assays (both coarse rejects and pulps) from the Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory are sent to the certified laboratory of ALS Chemex to provide an external monitor of precision. Standards and blanks are also submitted with the check assays to ensure the accuracy of the ALS Chemex results.

In general, precision levels are reasonable with the majority of ARD values being greater than 80%. However, field duplicate results are poor for both silver and gold. The operation has tested numerous practices to improve the sampling procedure, such as including closer supervision of the sampling process, increasing the sampling mass and trying alternative sampling methods, with limited success. In addition, several adjustments have been made by the laboratory to improve the gold analytical techniques, with improvements seen over the years. Results from the umpire laboratory also indicate reasonable precision levels suggesting the issue with the field duplicates is not a Minera Cuzcatlan laboratory issue. The poor precision levels for the field duplicates have been attributed to the heterogeneous nature of the mineralization with the presence of a moderate to high nugget effect. It is worth noting that the results observed for the precision levels for the channel samples is similar to that of the drill core, suggesting that sampling error is not the problem.

Minera Cuzcatlan has primarily relied on the insertion of field duplicates, reject assays (coarse rejects) and duplicate assays (pulps) to assess the precision of drill core results from the ALS Chemex laboratory. The operation also monitors the results of the in-house preparation and laboratory duplicates inserted by ALS Chemex. Minera Cuzcatlan also regularly sends check assays (both coarse rejects and pulps) to the umpire laboratory of SGS Mineral Services in Oaxaca to provide an external monitor of precision. Standards and blanks are also submitted with the check assays to ensure the accuracy of the SGS laboratory.

Precision results for exploration core samples evaluated by ALS Chemex demonstrate the highly variable nature of the mineralization, with poor precision results for the field duplicates, reject assays and duplicate assays. However, it was discovered during an audit of the results that the exploration team had been tending to insert low grade samples (<60 g/t Ag) and that this has had a detrimental effect on the results. When higher grade values were assessed, the precision levels improved and were seen to be acceptable, which is reflected in the superior results observed for the samples assayed with a gravimetric finish.

Precision levels of field duplicates for infill and exploration drill core samples submitted to ALS Chemex are poor. The results are indicative of the highly variable, 'nuggety' nature of the mineralization that reduces precision levels. The operation is attempting to assess and remove the nugget effect by crushing and splitting the core to obtain a 'field split' prior to submission to ALS Chemex rather than using the other half of the core. Minera Cuzcatlan continues to monitor and attempt to improve the precision of the sampled drill core, however the results indicate the difficulty the variable grades present for grade estimation, particularly for gold.

### ***Data Verification***

Minera Cuzcatlan staff follow a stringent set of procedures for data storage and validation, performing verification of data on a monthly basis. The operation employs a database manager who is responsible for overseeing data entry, verification and database maintenance.

Both databases were reviewed and validated by Mr. Eric Chapman, P. Geo. The data verification procedure involved the following:

- Inspection of selected drill core to assess the nature of the mineralization and to confirm geological descriptions;
- Inspection of geology and mineralization in the underground workings of the Trinidad and Bonanza veins;
- Verification that collar coordinates coincide with underground workings or the topographic surface;
- Verification that downhole survey bearing and inclination values display consistency;
- Evaluation of minimum and maximum grade values;
- Investigation of minimum and maximum sample lengths;
- Randomly selecting assay data from the databases and comparing the stored grades to the original assay certificates;
- Assessing for inconsistencies in spelling or coding (typographic and case sensitivity errors);
- Ensuring full data entry and that a specific data type (collar, survey, lithology, and assay) is not missing; and
- Assessing for sample gaps or overlaps.

Based on the data verification detailed above, Fortuna's Vice President of Technical Services, Mr. Eric Chapman, P. Geo., considers the Minera Cuzcatlan data to be suitable for the estimation of classified Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves.

### ***Mineral Processing and Metallurgical Testing***

Initial metallurgical test work to assess the optimum processing methodology for treating ore from the Trinidad deposit was conducted in 2009 and reported in the Pre-Feasibility Study. The metallurgical study was conducted on ten composite samples representing a variety of potential ore types. The following provides a summary of the metallurgical work conducted and includes comments regarding the most recent studies and findings from the processing plant. The test work included the following:

- Whole rock analysis – demonstrated that (SiO<sub>2</sub>) quartz is the main gangue mineral and that the samples are amenable to gold and silver recoveries by the flotation process;
- Bond ball mill work index – indicates that the average bond work index (“**BWI**”) is lower than the plant design and should result in less power being required than was predicted, and that there are some cases where BWI is equal to the design so that the plant is prepared to treat all material without any losses in the process;
- Grind calibration;
- Rougher flotation test work with three stages of cleaning;
- Locked cycle flotation test work – produced average recovery results of 90.6% gold and 91.9% silver, allowing the technical department to predict estimated recoveries of 89% for both elements of the LOM plan; and



- Rougher kinetics flotation.

A further difference between the plant design and functionality has been in the amount of flocculent required for the thickening and filtering process of the tailings and concentrate. The Pre-Feasibility Study had recommended the usage of 40 g/t to 60 g/t of the reagent HychemAF304 for thickening of tailings to achieve solid content of 47% to 51%. Minera Cuzcatlan has performed the thickening of tailings using the reagent Magnafloc 336 at the lower concentrations of 15 g/t to 25 g/t and producing tailings with approximately 55% solid content.

The reagent HychemAF304 (recommended at 25 g/t to 40 g/t concentrations) was also replaced with Magnafloc 336 (5 g/t to 10 g/t concentrations) for thickening the concentrate with no detrimental effect to the solid content percentage. In this way, the plant has made significant cost savings by reducing the quantity of flocculants used in the plant.

For additional information, see “Technical Information – San Jose Mine – Processing and Recovery Methods”.

#### **Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves**

Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates for the San Jose Mine are reported as of December 31, 2015 in the following tables:

**San Jose Mineral Reserves as of December 31, 2015**

Classification	Tonnes (000)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Contained Metal	
				Ag (Moz)	Au (koz)
<b>Proven</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>
<b>Probable</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>193.3</b>
<b>Proven + Probable</b>	<b>3,780</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>209.9</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no known legal, political, environmental or other risks that could materially affect the estimate of the Mineral Reserves at the San Jose Mine.</li> <li>• Mineral Reserves are estimated as of June 30, 2015 and reported as of December 31, 2015, taking into account production related depletion for the period through December 31, 2015.</li> <li>• Mineral Reserves are estimated using break-even cut-off grades based on assumed metal prices of US\$19.00/oz Ag and US\$1,140.00/oz Au, estimated metallurgical recovery rates of 89% for Ag and 89% for Au and projected operating costs.</li> <li>• Mining, processing and administrative costs were estimated based on first half of 2015 actual costs.</li> <li>• Totals may not add due to rounding.</li> </ul>					

**San Jose Mineral Resources as of December 31, 2015**

Classification	Tonnes (000)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Contained Metal	
				Ag (Moz)	Au (koz)
<b>Measured</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Indicated</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>19.6</b>
<b>Inferred</b>	<b>6,561</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>339.9</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mineral Resources are exclusive of Mineral Reserves.</li> <li>• Mineral Resources which are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.</li> <li>• There are no known legal, political, environmental or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of the Mineral Resources.</li> <li>• Mineral Resources are estimated as of June 30, 2015 and reported as of December 31, 2015, taking into account production related depletion for the period through December 31, 2015.</li> <li>• Mineral Resources are estimated at a silver equivalent (“Ag Eq”) cut-off grade of 100 g/t, with Ag Eq in g/t = Ag (g/t) + Au (g/t) x ((US\$1,140/US\$19) x (89/89)).</li> <li>• Mining, processing and administrative costs were estimated based on first half of 2015 actual costs.</li> <li>• Totals may not add due to rounding.</li> </ul>					

Mineral Resource estimation involved the usage of drill hole and channel samples in conjunction with underground mapping to construct three-dimensional wireframes to define individual vein structures. Samples were selected inside these wireframes, coded, composited and top cuts were applied, if applicable. Boundaries were treated as hard, with statistical and geostatistical analysis conducted on composites identified in individual veins. Silver and gold grades were estimated into a geological block model consisting of 4 m x 4 m x 4 m selective mining units

("SMUs") representing each vein. Primary veins including Bonanza, Trinidad, Fortuna and the Stockwork Zone, were estimated by Sequential Gaussian Simulation. Secondary veins were estimated by inverse power of distance. Estimated grades were validated globally, locally, visually and through production reconciliation prior to tabulation of the Mineral Resources.

The Mineral Reserve estimation procedure for the San Jose Mine is defined as follows:

- Review of Mineral Resources in longitudinal sections and grade tonnage curves;
- Evaluate location and dimensions of potential bridges and pillars based on mining methodology;
- Identification of accessible Mineral Resources using current mining practices and based on the mine architecture;
- Removal of inaccessible areas and material identified as pillars or bridges;
- Removal of Inferred Mineral Resources;
- Dilution of tonnes and grades based on factors estimated by the San Jose Mine planning department and determined from the six to twelve months of production preceding the Mineral Reserve estimation;
- After obtaining the resources with diluted tonnages and grades, the value per tonne of each SMU is determined based on metal prices and metallurgical recoveries for each metal;
- A breakeven cut-off grade is determined based on operational costs of production, processing, administration, commercial and general administrative costs (total operating cost in US\$/t) and converted into a silver equivalent grade. If the silver equivalent grade of a SMU is higher than the breakeven cut-off grade, the SMU is considered as part of the Mineral Reserve; otherwise, the SMU is regarded as part of the Mineral Resource;
- Depletion of Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources exclusive of reserves relating to operational extraction between July 1 and December 31, 2015; and
- Reconciliation of the reserve block model against mine production between July 1 and December 31, 2015 to confirm estimation parameters.

### ***Mining Operations***

The method chosen for underground mining at the San Jose Mine is overhand cut-and-fill which removes ore in horizontal slices starting from the bottom undercut and advancing upwards. When ore widths are greater than 8 m, a combination of overhand cut-and-fill and room-and-pillars has been selected as the best method for the conditions encountered. Mechanized mining is regarded as the only methodology suitable in all veins based on the geological structure and geotechnical studies, and utilizes a jumbo drill rig to drill blast holes, scoop trams for loading and trucks for ore haulage. Rock support is provided through rock bolts and shotcrete.

A break-even cut-off grade for the deposit was determined as 137 g/t Ag Eq based on existing operating costs (including exploitation and treatment costs, general expenses and administrative and commercialization costs), projected metal prices (gold at US\$1,140/oz and silver at US\$19/oz) and metallurgical recoveries (gold and silver recovery at 89%) and expected commercial terms. For the Taviche Oeste concession, an extra royalty was applied resulting in a cut-off grade of 140 g/t Ag Eq.

Applying the above cut-off grades, Datamine's Movable Shape Optimizer ("MSO") was used to develop indicative mineable envelopes to identify economically viable areas amenable to the proposed mining method. MSO utilizes key inputs to generate stope shape whereby the mined metal in relation to tonnage is optimized. The optimization is driven by the cut-off grade, mining extents, minimum and maximum stope widths, level spacing and minimum and maximum dip angles.

The stope design is optimized through the generation of minable areas, based on the following inputs:

- (a) Height of the operational slice; 6 m high has been considered for the optimization;
- (b) Width of the operational slice; a minimal operational width of 4 m was applied;
- (c) A breakeven cut-off equivalent to US\$67.10/t;
- (d) Dip and strike of the vein; and
- (e) The resource block model.

MSO outputs were imported into Datamine's 5D planner to evaluate and remove extraneous satellite stopes that are not conducive to practical and/or economic extraction. A mineable tonnage at a specific cut-off grade and three-dimensional wireframe are obtained which represent the mineable Mineral Reserves to be extracted. The result is used as an input for production and related development infrastructure planning and sequencing.

### ***Processing and Recovery Operations***

Expansion of the concentrate plant was successfully completed in June of 2016, taking the ore throughput capacity from 2,000 dry tpd to 3,000 dry tpd. The principal stages are as follows:

- i Crushing - Ore extracted from the mine is reduced in size to be fed to the mill. The ore is fed from the bottom of the hopper via a plate feeder into a jaw crusher that crushes the ore prior to it being transported via conveyors to the primary screen deck. Ore is continually crushed until it is fine ore capable of passing through 12.7 mm mesh, and is then sent to fine ore storage where it is stockpiled before being fed into the milling circuit.
- ii Milling – The fine ore is sent to ball mills used to further reduce the ore size. The ore is then classified using hydro-cyclones, generating fine ore and coarse ore. Coarse ore is recycled back into the mills for further grinding until it is finely ground.
- iii Flotation – Fine ore is put through two floatation stages which generate primary concentrate. Primary concentrate is cleaned in several stages to remove impurities before passing to the thickening stage.
- iv Thickening, filtering and shipping – Cleaned concentrate is sent to a thickening tank where particles are agglomerated and sediment is generated. The thickened solid is then pumped into a two-press type pressure filter where part of the water is eliminated and re-circulated into the process. The remaining concentrate cake is discharged into the concentrate storage for transportation. The underflow of the final bank of the second flotation (exhaustion) is sent to a thickening tank where a solid-liquid separation is performed through the application of a flocculating reagent that agglomerates fine particles into sediment. The pulp is pumped to a three press-type pressure filter where most of the water is eliminated and re-circulated back into the process. The remaining tailings cake is discharged to the tailings stock for transportation to the dry stack disposal area.

### ***Project Infrastructure***

The operation has a relatively small surface infrastructure consisting primarily of the concentration plant, electrical power station, water storage facilities, filtered dry stack tailings facility, stockpiles and workshop facilities, all connected by unsealed roads. Additional structures located at the property include offices, a dining hall, a laboratory and core logging and core storage warehouses. The tailings storage facility is located approximately 1,500 m to the southwest of the concentration plant.

Experienced underground miners live in the nearby towns of Ocotlan and Oaxaca, in addition to other local towns in the district, and are transported to the property by bus. Water for the process plant and mining operations is sourced from the tailings storage facility and, since 2010, from a waste water treatment plant operated by Minera Cuzcatlan, located in the town of Ocotlan de Morelos.

Minera Cuzcatlan is in compliance with environmental regulations and standards set in Mexican law, and has complied with all laws, regulations, norms and standards at every stage of operation of the mine. Minera Cuzcatlan

has an environmental commitment related to the remediation of the current mining facilities located on the Progreso and Reduccion Taviche Oeste concessions. Minera Cuzcatlan is obligated to set aside US\$6.7 million over a 10-year period to cover remediation and closure requirements. These programs are ongoing with funds assigned to various projects on an annual basis. To the extent known, all permits that are required by Mexican law for the mining operation have been obtained.

Minera Cuzcatlan's Community Relations department promotes the sustainable development of the San Jose Mine's neighboring communities. From 2011 to 2015, Minera Cuzcatlan has signed an economic agreement with the community of San Jose del Progreso in which US\$3.8 million has been invested in sustainable development, health and nutrition, education, culture, communication and dialogue.

### ***Capital and Operating Costs***

Minera Cuzcatlan capital and operating cost estimates for 2016 for the San Jose Mine were based on predictions of costs for 2016 and the long term. Capital costs include all investments in mine development, equipment and infrastructure necessary to upgrade the mine facilities and sustain the continuity of the operation. Projected capital costs for 2016, as set out in the San Jose Technical Report, are summarized in the table below.

As disclosed in the San Jose Technical Report, a total of US\$37.40 million was estimated for 2016 in order to improve the mine facilities and sustain the operation. The capital costs beyond 2016 are expected to decrease significantly to ranges between US\$5 million and US\$10 million annually. The capital costs are split into three areas: 1) mine development, 2) equipment and infrastructure, and (3) principal projects, as set out in the following table:

**San Jose Summary of Projected Major Capital Costs for 2016**

<b>Capital Item</b>	<b>Cost (MUS\$)*</b>
Development	5.30
Mine Geology	2.30
<b>Mine Development</b>	<b>7.60</b>
Mine	2.33
Plant	0.49
Maintenance & Energy	0.01
Safety	0.01
Planning and Geology	0.16
Laboratory	0.18
Other Investment	0.28
<b>Equipment and Infrastructure</b>	<b>3.45</b>
Plant Expansion	21.86
Tailing Filtration Plant	0.30
Paste Fill Plant	0.70
Dry Tailing Deposit	3.50
<b>Principal Projects</b>	<b>26.36</b>
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>37.40</b>
*Numbers may not total due to rounding	

Operating costs include the site costs and other operating expenses for the operation. The site costs relate to activities that are performed on the property including mine, plant, general services and administrative service costs. The other operating expenses include costs associated with distribution, general and administrative services and community support activities. As disclosed in the San Jose Technical Report, projected operating costs for 2016 are set out in the following table:

**San Jose Summary of Projected Major Operating Costs for 2016**

<b>Operating Item</b>	<b>Cost US\$/t</b>
Mine	31.14
Plant	14.38
General Services	4.85
Administration Mine	1.84
<b>Site Costs</b>	<b>52.22</b>
Concentrate Transportation	4.24
Sales and Administration Expenses	5.74
Community Support Activities	0.97
<b>Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>10.94</b>
<b>Total Site Cost &amp; Operating Expenses</b>	<b>63.16</b>

Based on a mineable Proven and Probable Mineral Reserve of 3.78 million tonnes, a project life of over four years is projected. The estimates of metal production, capital costs and operating costs are combined into the discounted cash flow evaluation. The economic evaluation is treated on a project basis using a silver price of US\$19 per troy ounce and a gold price of US\$1,140 per troy ounce. Income taxes have been accounted for in the cash flow analysis.

The start date for the economic analysis was January 1, 2016. The financial results are presented based on future metal production, operating expenses and capital expenditure to completion basis from this date. This represents the total project costs without the production and expenditures to that date. The economic analysis is based on an annual production plan for the life of mine (“**LOM**”) and associated operating and capital costs. The results of the cash flow evaluation are summarized in the following table:

**San Jose Economic Evaluation Summary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Value</b>
Payable Silver	24.0 Moz
Payable Gold	181.0 koz
Undiscounted Free Cash Flow (After-tax)	US\$181 M
Pre-tax Net Present Value at 5%	US\$291 M
After-tax Net Present Value at 5%	US\$180 M
Pre-tax Internal Rate of Return*	N/A
After-tax Internal Rate of Return*	N/A

\* Internal Rate of Return cannot be estimated since all cash flows from the evaluation day onwards are positive

It should be noted that the economic analysis is performed utilizing only Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources, which have been converted to Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves; however, Inferred Mineral Resources which are not included in the cash flow estimate, can potentially have a positive impact on the project economics and the LOM.

***Exploration, Development, and Production***

Since September 2011, Minera Cuzcatlan has successfully managed the operation of the San Jose Mine, processing over 2.7 Mt of ore from its underground mining operation and producing 16.8 Moz of silver and 132 koz of gold. During this period considerable investment was made to expand the processing plant and increase the capacity of the tailings dam.

Minera Cuzcatlan continues developing sustainable annual programs for the benefit of local communities, including educational, nutritional and economic programs. The above mentioned social and environmental responsibilities

support a good relationship between the company and local communities. This will aid the development and continuity of the mining operation and improve the standard of living and economies of local communities.

Short-term mine plans must be developed in accordance with long-term plans to ensure the mine's production results are consistent with its budget. As disclosed in the San Jose Technical Report, recommended work programs for 2016 included:

- 1) **Plant expansion.** This project involved the expansion of the production plant, consisting of equipment and construction to increase production to 3,000 tpd. The estimated cost of this project was US\$21.86 million.
- 2) **Mine Development Program.** This activity was designed to prepare the high-grade mineralized Stockwork Zone at the 1,100 level in order to sustain production in 2016. Additionally, the development will aim to reach the 1,100 and 1,000 level to complete the access and to commence the required infrastructure in the Trinidad North discovery area at the 1,100 level.
- 3) **Tailings handling facility.** This project was divided into three areas: (i) the paste fill plant, (ii) the tailing filtration plant and (iii) the dry tailing deposit. The purpose of the paste fill plant is to re-utilize part of the tailings (comprising 30% of the fill) in order to backfill the mine. The tailing filtration plant will mainly serve two purposes: (i) to help recover approximately 86% of the water from the tailings to be re-used in the plants flotation cycle and (ii) to create a better quality of dry tailings which will have a lesser impact on the environment. The dry tailings deposit will consist of platforms at different levels, for the stacking, laying and compaction of dry tailings. The project was budgeted to cost US\$4.5 million.
- 4) **Delineation (infill) drilling.** In 2016, Minera Cuzcatlan planned to continue the delineation drilling from underground mainly in the Trinidad North area. The goal of the program was to convert a total of 1.6 Mt of Inferred Mineral Resource to the category of Indicated Mineral Resource, representing an estimated 21 Moz Ag Eq. To achieve this, 64 drill holes totaling 11,000 m were planned at a budgeted cost of US\$1.7 million.
- 5) **Brownfields exploration.** Fortuna assigned US\$8.2 million in 2016 for brownfields exploration of the San Jose district. This was planned to include 22,000 m of diamond drilling and the development of a 1,500 m underground exploration drift that will allow better access to explore the northern extension of the Trinidad North vein system.

#### Lindero Project, Argentina

##### ***Property Description, Location and Access***

The Lindero Project is in the Argentine puna, a cool, arid zone with a minimum elevation of approximately 3,500 to 4,000 m. The climate is generally dry and windy; it can be cold and snowy during storms.

The Lindero Project is located 260 km due west of Salta, Argentina, the main service center of the region, at latitude 25° 05' south and longitude 67° 47' west. Drive time from Salta to the Project is approximately 7 to 7.5 hours, over a road distance of 420 km. The nearest town to the Lindero Project is Tolar Grande (population 250) located 75 km to the northeast.

Access to the Lindero Project is via National Route 51, which passes through the towns of San Antonio de Los Cobres and Olacapato; and Provincial Route 27, via Pocitos and Tolar Grande.

The Lindero Project contains two known porphyry gold-copper deposits. The Lindero Deposit is the focus of the Feasibility Study and the Lindero Technical Report; whereas the Arizaro Deposit, located 3.2 km southeast of the Lindero Deposit, is described only in terms of exploration conducted to date.

The mineral tenement holdings cover 3,500 ha, and comprise 35 pertenencias, each of 100 ha, which are constrained by Gauss Kruger Posgar co-ordinates generated by survey. Tenure is held in the name of Mansfield Minera S.A. ("Mansfield"), an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. There is no expiry date on the pertenencias, providing Mansfield meets expenditure and environmental requirements, and pays the appropriate annual mining fees.

A 3 % provincial royalty “boca mina” is payable on revenue after deduction of direct processing, commercial, general and administrative costs. There are no royalties payable to any other third party.

Surface rights are owned by the provincial state (Propiedad Fiscal) of Salta. There are no reservations, restrictions, rights-of-way or easements on the Lindero Project to any third-party. Mansfield holds a registered camp concession, and a granted and surveyed access right-of-way. Water permits and rights of access to the Lindero Project are guaranteed through water and access licenses granted by the Mining Court of Salta.

Surface rights for construction of a mining operation and plant have not been granted from the Provincial authorities. Development of such infrastructure will require additional negotiation and potentially, supporting studies. Mansfield does not foresee any issues with obtaining the necessary permits for construction.

### ***History***

Gold-copper mineralization associated with potassic alteration was first discovered at the Lindero Project by Goldrock geologists in November 1999, and led to claim staking.

The area was explored using reconnaissance and detailed geological mapping, soil geochemistry (talus fines), trench sampling and mapping during 2000 and early 2001. As a result of this work, mineralization at what is now the Lindero Deposit was identified in September 2000.

From April 2002 to March 2003, Rio Tinto had an option on the property with Goldrock, during which time additional exploration including drilling and metallurgical testwork was conducted. An inhouse preliminary Mineral Resource estimate for the Lindero Deposit was performed. As the tonnage and grade estimate did not meet Rio Tinto’s corporate targets, the option was not exercised.

Goldrock resumed as project operator, and between 2005 and 2013 completed additional exploration and drilling. Based on this, a Pre-Feasibility Study for the Lindero Deposit was completed by AMEC in 2010, assuming a production throughput of 30,000 tonnes of ore per day (AMEC Americas Ltd., 2010a; 2010b). In 2012, Goldrock commissioned Kappes, Cassidy & Associates (KCA) to complete a Feasibility Study using a reduced throughput of 18,750 tpd.

In 2015, Goldrock commissioned KCA to work with local engineering firms in advancing the engineering design for the Project to a basic engineering level, and update the 2013 Feasibility Study. A new Feasibility Study incorporating these design changes, additional metallurgical testwork, and updated costs and gold price assumptions was filed by KCA in 2016 (KCA, 2016a).

In July 2016, the Company completed the acquisition of all issued and outstanding shares of Goldrock, making Mansfield a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortuna. Upon completion of the transaction, Fortuna continued to advance the optimization of the 2016 Feasibility Study through additional drilling as well as conducting tradeoff metallurgical tests and detailed engineering revisions with the objective of reaching a construction decision for the Lindero Project.

### ***Geology and Mineralization***

In the Central Andes, the altiplano or puna is a high plateau of more subdued relief between the Eastern Cordillera, a rugged region usually rising to between 3 km and 4.5 km, and the Western Cordillera, which is a high spine of mountains that may reach as much as 5 km in height. The Arizaro Volcanic Complex consists of two superimposed concentric volcanic centers, the Arizaro and the Lindero cones, located in the Archibarca volcanic arc at the southern margin of the Salar de Arizaro basin. Basement rocks crop out to the north of the Lindero Deposit, and consist of coarse-grained Ordovician granites unconformably overlain by Early Tertiary red bed sandstones. The Lindero-Arizaro complex, a series of diorite to monzonite porphyritic stocks, intrudes these units.

Mineralized zones at the Lindero Deposit form a semi-circular shape about 600 m in diameter which extends to a depth of 600 m, consisting of four different zones at the surface. The distribution of gold-copper mineralization at Lindero shows a strong relationship to lithology, stockwork veinlets, and alteration assemblages. Gold values average 0.70 g/t Au and copper values are typically about 0.11 % Cu. Higher grades of gold-copper (approximately 1 g/t Au and 0.1 % Cu) are commonly associated with sigmoidal quartz, quartz-magnetite-sulfide, biotite-magnetite-chalcopyrite, magnetite-chalcopyrite and quartz-limonite-hematite stockworks that are strongly associated with K-feldspar alteration. This association is very common in the east zone of the deposit, where the highest gold grades occur. At other locations where one or more stockwork types are missing or the intensity of fracturing is lower, mineralization tends to be weaker and the grades of gold tends to be lower (approximately 0.4 g/t Au).

Gold mineralization at the Lindero Project is characterized by native, free-milling gold associated with chalcopyrite and/or magnetite grains with rare interstitial quartz.

The weathered oxidation zone at the Lindero Project is generally poorly developed and averages 44 m in thickness.

The Arizaro volcanic center is characterized by fine- to medium-grained hornblende diorite to monzonite porphyritic stocks. The Arizaro Deposit is dominated by a main, moderately to strongly mineralized intrusive unit that crops out in the central part of the prospect area. It consists of fine hornblende porphyritic diorite intruded by several stocks, dikes, igneous-cemented breccias and hydrothermal breccias. Smaller stocks are exposed in a few areas. Dikes of andesitic and dacitic composition are generally distributed radially to the main intrusive unit.

Several alteration assemblages are noted in the Arizaro Deposit area. Alteration patterns are semi-concentric and asymmetric, with a core of moderate to strong potassic alteration including zones of K-feldspar-rich magnetite-silica alteration. An incomplete rim of chloritic alteration is developed outboard of the potassic alteration. In the southeast part of the deposit, intermediate argillic alteration has formed and overprints potassic alteration. Sericitic and very weak argillic alteration (hydrolytic alteration) has developed in the volcanic tuffs. To the south and west of the deposit, chloritic alteration passes directly to propylitic alteration. An actinolite-magnetite alteration assemblage forms in the eastern part of the deposit area.

Arizaro gold-copper mineralization is hosted in one body which has a semi-oval shape at the surface. In the center there is a high-grade body with a semi-ellipsoidal form, extending north-south for 480 m and about 50 m wide. The Arizaro Deposit has mineralization styles with copper-gold grades that are strongly correlated with different alteration assemblages. Mineralization is mainly associated with potassic alteration. This occurs generally in multi-directional veins, vein stockworks and disseminations. In some areas, the vein density is high, forming vein stockworks in the intrusive rocks. These vein stockworks are limited to magnetite-biotite veinlets, quartz-magnetite-chalcopyrite veinlets, late magnetite breccias and in late-stage mineralization events, anhydrite-sulfide veinlets. Chalcopyrite and bornite are the main copper minerals. Coarse gold was observed and confirmed with X-ray diffraction analysis in the University of Neuquen, Argentina, laboratory.

Lindero and Arizaro are examples of gold-rich porphyry copper deposits as described by Sillitoe (2000). More specifically, they show affinities with the porphyry gold deposit model (Rytuba and Cox, 1991; also termed dioritic porphyry gold deposits by Seedorff et al., 2005). These are exemplified by the Refugio, Cerro Casale, Marte, and Lobo gold deposits of the Miocene-age Maricunga belt, Chile, approximately 200 km south of Lindero. Vila and Sillitoe (1991) and Muntean and Einaudi (2000, 2001) described those deposits in detail.

The deposits of the Project area are considered to be examples of porphyry-style deposits, in particular gold-rich porphyries based on the following:

- High level (epizonal) stock emplacement levels in magmatic arc
- High-level stocks and related dikes intrude their coeval and cogenetic volcanic piles. Intrusions range from fine through coarse-grained, equigranular to coarsely porphyritic
- Mineralization in or adjoining porphyritic intrusions of quartz diorite/monzonite composition
- Mineralization is spatially, temporally, and genetically associated with hydrothermal alteration of the intrusive bodies and host rocks
- Gold-copper mineralization formed during intrusion of multiple phases of similar composition intrusive rocks
- Large zones of quartz veining, stockwork mineralization, and disseminated pyrite
- Tenor of gold and copper grades, i.e., large tonnage but low grade

At the Lindero Deposit, native gold and electrum are finely disseminated in subparallel to stockwork quartz + sulfide ± magnetite ± anhydrite veins and in some cases in matrices of hydrothermal breccias. Magnetite is common to abundant in mineralized zones. These mineralized stockworks and potassic alteration are interpreted to have formed as the result of degassing of the early intrusive bodies. Fluid pressures during degassing triggered fracturing of the intrusions and wall rock, allowing gold-rich fluids to circulate and precipitate, forming a gold-copper orebody. Later intrusions resulted in weak to moderate gold-copper mineralization forming mostly along and immediately fringing these intrusive contacts. Finally, post mineralized intrusives were overprinted onto the north and west of the deposit.



Understanding of the geological setting and model concept of the Lindero and Arizaro is adequate to provide guidance for exploration and development of the deposits.

### ***Exploration, Drilling and Sampling***

The Lindero Deposit was discovered in late 2000. Several exploration programs have been conducted by Rio Tinto, Goldrock and the Company on the Lindero Project:

- Goldrock campaign: August 2000 to October 2001, which included geologic mapping, soil sampling, and trench sampling
- Rio Tinto Campaign: May 2002 to February 2003, which included road sampling, geophysics (43 km of ground magnetics and 11 km of induced polarization (IP)), and drilling (10 holes for a total of 3,279 m)
- Goldrock campaign: October 2005 to January 2008, which included geologic mapping and modeling, trenching, and a significant drilling program (106 holes for a total of 30,024 m)
- Goldrock campaign: September 2008 and August 2010 to November 2010, which consisted of additional drilling (23 holes) for the Pre-Feasibility Study
- The Company's campaign: September 2016 to December 2016 consisting of 8 holes for metallurgical samples, 2 holes for geologic interpretation and 2 twin holes

Drilling completed at the Lindero Project comprises 151 diamond drill holes totaling 42,598 m at the Lindero Deposit, as well as 29 diamond drill holes totaling 8,855 m at the Arizaro Deposit. Mineral Resources are only estimated at the Lindero Deposit. Ground conditions were good, and core recovery was generally above 90 %. Drill hole collars were marked with PVC pipes introduced in the hole at surface and then cemented. All holes drilled since 2005 as well as the 10 holes drilled during the 2002 campaign were surveyed by Servicios Topograficos with a differential GPS. Coordinates are projected on the WGS 84 Datum ellipsoid and calibrated according to the position of Geodetic point IGM N° PR-02-015, located a few kilometers from the Project. The results are available in geographic co-ordinates and in metric co-ordinates (UTM and Gauss Kruger), using the WGS 84 datum.

During Rio Tinto's exploration drilling campaign in 2002, undertaken by Connors Drilling, no downhole surveys were completed despite the fact that many of the holes extended beyond 300 m in depth. Holes drilled during the first Goldrock campaign were not originally downhole surveyed either. In June 2006 GEC-Geophysical Exploration & Consulting S.A. (GEC) was contracted by Goldrock to perform borehole surveying services with a Reflex Maxibor II System 3™ Probe (Maxibor™), which is not affected by magnetism. In 2008, Goldrock detected that the Maxibor™ surveys showed an unacceptably large deviation in the drill holes and a decision was made to re-survey all holes that showed a deviation of more than 5 %. Comprobe Chile Ltd. (Comprobe) was contracted to re-survey the holes considered by Goldrock as having incorrect downhole deviations. A surface-recording gyroscopic instrument was used, and orientation and dip parameters were recorded every 10 m. For the 2016 drilling campaign, Fortuna retained the services of Construcción & Minería S.A., based out of Mendoza, Argentina, to complete downhole surveys for each hole upon completion. Downhole surveys were conducted using Reflex™ gyroscopic equipment with readings taken at 5-m intervals.

All core was logged for geology and geotechnical characteristics. All logging was digital, and was incorporated daily into the Maxwell DataShed™ database system. Data were recorded initially with Excel™ templates, and later with Maxwell LogChief™ application using essentially the same structure. Separate pages were designed to capture metadata, lithology, alteration, veins, sulfide-oxide zones, sulfide-oxide surfaces, minerals (sulfides, oxides, and limonite), sulfates, structures (contacts, fractures, veins, and faults with attitudes to core axis), magnetic susceptibility, and special data (samples collected for geochemistry, thin section examinations, the core library, skeleton core, etc.). Intensity of alteration phases was recorded using a numeric 1 to 4 scale (weak, moderate, strong, complete); abundance of veins and most other minerals were estimated in volume percent.

The Lindero Deposit is a gold-rich porphyry with low-grade mineralization permeating throughout the deposit, making the calculation of true thickness impossible as no definitive across strike direction exists. The mineralization appears to be annular in shape at surface due to the intrusion of barren to low-grade intrusive rocks into the core of the system, but this circular shape is not representative of true thickness.

Core samples are marked and collected on 2 m intervals that honor lithological boundaries. Samples weigh between 4 and 8 kg depending on core diameter and recovery. Channel samples were collected using a rock saw to cut a 2 x 3 cm channel in exposed bedrock in trenches and road cuts. The material was removed from the channel with a chisel. Sample preparation for most samples consisted of crushing to 70 % passing 10 mesh and pulverization to 95 %

passing 150 mesh. Density samples are routinely collected by Mansfield from drill core on approximate 10-m intervals. Samples consist of pieces of core approximately 7 cm in length and weighing between 93 g and 408 g.

All samples collected by Mansfield were assayed for gold using a 30 g fire assay–atomic absorption (FA-AA) finish and a second aliquot was selected for copper analysis using aqua regia digestion and AA analyses. For the drill samples only, a full suite of trace elements was analyzed using an aqua regia digestion followed by inductively-coupled plasma (ICP) analysis. Assay results and certificates were reported electronically by e-mail.

Fortuna samples were sent to the ALS Global sample preparation facility in Mendoza, Argentina. Following drying at 55°C, the samples were weighed and the entire sample crushed using a two-stage method, first with a jaw crusher to 1 cm, and then by cone crusher to 70 % passing 10 mesh. The entire crushed sample was then pulverized to a minimum of 95 % passing 80 mesh. Pulverized samples were then split using a riffle splitter to generate a 300 g subsample that was pulverized to 95 % passing 150 mesh. This subsample was then split again using a riffle splitter to generate three 100 g samples.

All samples were sent to accredited laboratories independent of Mansfield, Rio Tinto, and Fortuna.

Implementation of a quality assurance/quality control (“QAQC”) program is current industry best practice and involves establishing appropriate procedures and the routine insertion of standard reference material (SRMs), blanks, and duplicates to monitor the sampling, sample preparation and analytical process. The Company implemented a full QAQC program to monitor the sampling, sample preparation and analytical process for the 2016 drilling campaign in accordance with its companywide procedures. The program involved the routine insertion of SRMs, blanks, and duplicates. Evaluation of the QAQC data indicate that the data are sufficiently accurate and precise to support Mineral Resource estimation.

#### ***Data Verification***

In 2009 an independent audit of the information used for the estimation of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves at the time was conducted by AMEC, and summarized in the KCA (2016a) Technical Report. The work included independent audits of the database, collar and downhole surveys, drill logs, assays, bulk density measurements, core recovery, and QAQC results.

The 2009 audit concluded that the data verification programs undertaken on the data collected from the Lindero Deposit up to 2009 supported the geologic interpretations, and the analytical and database quality, and therefore the data could support Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimation.

Fortuna reviewed the work performed by AMEC and concurs with their opinion. Fortuna has conducted additional audits and verification of historical information used in prior Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates as well as verifying new data generated during the 2016 drilling campaign to support assumptions for a construction decision and the Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates reported in Section 14 and Section 15 of the Lindero Technical Report. The verification process focused on the database; collars and downhole surveys; lithologic logs; assays; metallurgical results; and geotechnical parameters. The Company checked all collar and downhole survey information for each campaign against source documentation and completed a hand-held GPS survey of randomly selected drill hole collars. The results showed a good agreement with locations in the database. In August 2016, the Company initiated a comprehensive program of relogging to verify the original lithologic descriptions.

The Company contracted Call & Nicholas Inc. (CNI) to validate all geotechnical data, data collection methods, slope stability analysis methods, and slope angle recommendations presented previously by other consultants to determine feasibility-level slope angle recommendations for design of the planned Lindero final pit.

The Lindero Technical Report author is of the opinion that the data verification programs performed on the data collected from the Project are adequate to support the geological interpretations, the analytical and database quality, and Mineral Resource estimation at the Lindero Project.

#### ***Mineral Processing and Metallurgical Testing***

The Lindero Project has an extensive body of metallurgical investigation comprising several phases of testwork as indicated in the KCA (2016a) Technical Report, and summarized in Section 13 of the Lindero Technical Report. In general, the testwork was done to industry standards. However, some leach conditions set for the testwork made interpretation difficult. Reinterpretation of the raw test data provided the basis for advancing the metallurgical knowledge base for Fortuna.

Since September 2016, the Company has performed complementary metallurgical testwork in the areas of comminution, heap permeability and cement agglomeration, gold extraction in column tests, and copper removal with sulfidization-acidification-recycle-thickening (SART) technology with the purpose of confirming and optimizing process design criteria.

Table 1.1 shows key gold extraction results for 10-m columns from laboratory testwork, carried out in the first semester of 2017, on material cured in a cyanide solution and agglomerated. A 4 % deduction (absolute) has been used in the design to allow for the differences between laboratory and expected operational results.

Table 1.1 Key gold extraction results for 10-m columns

Met Type	Met Type Description	Met Type as Percentage of Reserve	Gold Extraction	
			Laboratory	Field
			(%)	(%)
1	Fresh Intrusive	63	79.4	75.4
2	Oxide Porphyry	20	82.2	78.2
3	Fresh porphyry	9	82.5	78.5
4	Sediments	8	72.5	68.5
<b>Weighted average</b>			<b>79.7</b>	<b>75.7</b>

Optimization of the process design has confirmed the benefit of the use of a high-pressure-grinding-roll (HPGR), the inclusion of cyanide cure of ore, and copper removal/cyanide recovery with a SART plant. Results indicate that these components allow for improved gold leaching kinetics and effective extraction of copper from the pregnant solution.

Ore will be crushed at a nominal rate of 18,750 tpd using a three-stage crushing system including a HPGR in the tertiary stage. A final crush size of P<sub>80</sub> 6.0 mm is projected. The crushed product will be agglomerated and cured with a cyanide solution and then conveyed to the leach pad. A mobile conveying and stacking system will be used to stack ore in 10-m-high lifts. The life-of-mine (LOM) leach pad area is projected at 105 ha with a maximum height of 110 m. Leaching will be carried out in two stages with a first stage of 30 days and a second stage of 60 days.

The gold pregnant solution will be pumped at a rate of 400 m<sup>3</sup>/hr to a SART plant, where copper in solution will be precipitated to maintain copper levels below 400 ppm in the solution. The Project contemplates an expansion of the pregnant solution flow rate from 400 m<sup>3</sup>/hr to 600 m<sup>3</sup>/hr in year four with the objective of reducing gold ounce inventory in the heap at the end of mining.

Following the SART plant, the pregnant solution will go to an adsorption, desorption, recovery (ADR) plant and then to electrowinning and refining where gold will be poured in doré bars. LOM recovery is estimated at 75 %.

It is the opinion of the Lindero Technical Report author that the Lindero samples tested represent the orebody with respect to grade and metallurgical response. The differences between metallurgical lithologies are minimal with regard to extraction. Cyanide consumptions are higher with the more oxidized Met 2 samples as would be expected. Minimal metallurgical differences were expected after review of the historical work.

Physical differences appear to have greater impact on the processing of the Lindero met types. Of significant importance is the ability of the agglomerated ore to support the planned heap height.

No significant deleterious materials such as mercury or clays were noted in the samples tested.

A high level of metallurgical and process risk mitigation is incorporated in the process design with HPGR crushing, agglomeration and the SART plant. With these installations any expected short-term variation in ore composition (i.e. elevated soluble copper content) or physical properties (i.e. elevated gypsum levels or increased ore hardness at depth) can be accommodated in the normal course of operations.

### ***Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves***

Mineral Resource estimation of the Lindero Deposit involved the use of drill hole and channel sample data in conjunction with surface mapping to construct three-dimensional (3-D) wireframes to define individual lithologic structures and oxide-mixed-sulfide horizons. Drill hole samples were selected inside these wireframes, coded, composited and grade top cuts applied if applicable. Boundaries were treated as either soft, firm or hard with statistical and geostatistical analysis conducted on composites identified in individual lithologic units. Gold and copper grades were estimated into a geological block model consisting of 10 m x 10 m x 4 m selective mining units

(SMUs). Grades were estimated using dynamic anisotropy by ordinary kriging (OK) and constrained within an ultimate pit shell based on estimated metal prices, costs, geotechnical constraints, and metallurgical recoveries to fulfill the expectation of reasonable prospects of eventual economic extraction. Estimated grades were validated globally, locally, and visually prior to tabulation of the Mineral Resources.

Mineral Reserves are exclusive of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserve estimates have considered only Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources as only these categories can be considered Mineral Reserves (CIM, 2014). Subject to the application of modifying factors, Measured Resources may become Proven Reserves and Indicated Resources may become Probable Reserves.

Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources exclusive of Mineral Reserves as of September 9, 2017 are reported in Table 1.2 and Table 1.3 respectively:

Table 1.2 Mineral Reserves as of September 9, 2017

Classification	Tonnes (000)	Au (g/t)	Cu (%)	Contained Metal
				Au (koz)
Proven	26,009	0.74	0.11	618
Probable	62,263	0.57	0.11	1,131
<b>Proven + Probable</b>	<b>88,272</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>1,749</b>

Table 1.3 Mineral Resources as of September 9, 2017

Classification	Tonnes (000)	Au (g/t)	Cu (%)	Contained Metal
				Au (koz)
Measured	610	0.24	0.06	5
Indicated	11,897	0.24	0.07	92
<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>12,507</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Inferred</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>65</b>

Notes:

- Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources are as defined by CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves
- Mineral Resources are exclusive of Mineral Reserves
- Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability
- There are no known legal, political, environmental, or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of the Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves at Lindero
- Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves are estimated and reported as of September 9, 2017
- Eric Chapman, P.Geol. (APEGBC #36328) is the Qualified Person for resources and Edwin Gutierrez (SME Registered Member #4119110RM) is the Qualified Person for reserves, both being current or former employees of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.
- Mineral Reserves for Lindero are reported based on open pit mining within designed pit shells based on variable gold cut-off grades and gold recoveries by metallurgical type. Met type 1 cut-off 0.27 g/t Au, recovery 75.4 %; Met type 2 cut-off 0.26 g/t Au, recovery 78.2 %; Met type 3 cut-off 0.26 g/t Au, recovery 78.5 %; and Met type 4 cut-off 0.30 g/t Au, recovery 68.5 %. The cut-off grades and pit designs are considered appropriate for long-term gold prices of US\$ 1,250/oz. Assumptions used in the pit design are the same as those for the resources
- Lindero Mineral Resources are reported within a conceptual pit shell above a 0.2 g/t Au cut-off grade using a long-term gold price of US\$ 1,250/oz, mining costs at US\$ 1.67 per tonne of material, with total processing and process G&A costs of \$7.84 per tonne of mineralized material and an average process recovery of 75 %. The refinery costs net of pay factor were estimated to be US\$ 6.90 per ounce gold. Slope angles are based on 3 sectors (39°, 42°, and 47°) consistent with geotechnical consultant recommendations
- Totals may not add due to rounding

Mineral Reserves are estimated at 88.3 Mt as of September 9, 2017 which is sufficient for a thirteen-year LOM considering 350 days in the year for production and a capacity rate of 18,750 tpd. Expectation based on an optimized production schedule is for an annual average production of 129,000 troy ounces of gold.

Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves are estimated to contain 1.75 Moz gold, reflecting a 12 % decrease in contained gold ounces relative to the October, 2015 Mineral Reserve estimate. Variations are the result of:

- A smaller ultimate pit shell based on updated metal prices, mining costs, and metallurgical recoveries resulting in a decrease in the Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources
- 2016 drilling which upgraded 12 Mt to Indicated Mineral Resources with a loss of that amount of Inferred Mineral Resources
- Adjustments to the geological interpretation and estimation methodology

### ***Mining methods***

The Lindero Project will be an owner-operated conventional open pit mining operation with a nominal rate of 18,750 tpd of ore and a life of pit operations of 13 years using existing reserves. The ratio of waste to ore over the LOM is 1.2 to 1. The key mining fleet equipment will be initially composed of six 91 tonne (100-ton) trucks and two 17 cubic yard wheel loaders.

In the initial two years, the operation will benefit from mining the higher-grade, outcropping portion of the deposit, with an average head grade of 0.90 g/t Au, and a low strip ratio of 0.77 to 1. For the initial four years, the average head grade is projected at 0.77 g/t Au, and a strip ratio of 1 to 1.

Mining costs benefit from short haul distances from the pit to the primary crusher and waste dumps. Maximum distances are in the range of 2 km. The LOM direct mining cost is estimated at US\$ 1.1 per tonne moved.

The Lindero Technical Report author is of the opinion that:

- The mining method being used is appropriate for the deposit being mined
- The open pit, heap leach pad, waste dump designs, and equipment fleet selection are appropriate to reach production targets
- The mine plan is based on successful mining philosophy and planning, and presents low risk
- Inferred Mineral Resources are not included in the mine plan and are considered as waste
- The mobile equipment fleet presented is based on simulations and bench marks to similar operations achieving similar production targets
- All mine infrastructure and supporting facilities meet the needs of the current mine plan and production rate
- Major planned maintenance of the main equipment, such as loaders and trucks, have been covered in sustaining capital by purchasing additional equipment that can replace any possible lost production hours and not impact production targets
- The ancillary equipment appears to be undersized, especially dozers, but this would be covered by renting additional equipment as necessary

### ***Recovery methods***

Most of the major process concepts presented in the 2016 Technical Report such as: high pressure grind roll (HPGR)-crushing, cyanide heap leaching and carbon adsorption recovery, remain unchanged for the updated 2017 Lindero Technical Report. Additional physical and metallurgical understanding, developed by the testwork conducted by the Company in 2016 and 2017, resulted in modifications in the approach to these major process concepts for the Lindero Project as follows.

- A concentrated cyanide cure was added to shorten the leach cycle and increase extraction
- Agglomeration with cement was added to support a 110-m-high heap with the HPGR-crushed ore
- Conveyor stacking was included from startup
- Two-stage leaching was included to increase preg grades and reduce overall flowrate to the ADR plant

- A SART plant was included to control the copper in solution
- Leach solution flow will be increased 150 % in Year 4 to reduce in-heap gold inventory

Unit operations for the Lindero process were selected based on the physical and metallurgical needs of the Lindero ore to achieve maximum extraction of gold. No novel or untried technology will be employed in the process.

### ***Project infrastructure***

The Lindero Technical Report author is confident that all mine and process infrastructure and supporting facilities have been included in the general layout to ensure that they meet the needs of the mine plan and production rate and notes that:

- The Project will have good year-round access with significant road improvements planned for stretches of road between Tolar Grande and the Fortuna camp
- The Project site infrastructure has a compact layout footprint of approximately 60 ha
- Power will be generated on-site by a contractor through an 8 MW capacity diesel oil plant
- Electrical power will be generated on site under a contract power supply arrangement with a local company who specializes in such services
- Total water requirements are 97.7 m<sup>3</sup>/hr and will be primarily sourced from two existing wells located 13 km southeast of the Project site, along with an additional well to be drilled as part of construction activities
- Most of the process buildings for the Lindero Project have been primarily designed as steel frame buildings with modular thermo-acoustic panels; in general, these are pre-engineered and pre-fabricated steel buildings which include all structural members, exterior doors and windows, roofs, insulation, interior and exterior wall panels and all connectors required to erect and assemble the buildings on-site
- A permanent accommodation camp for 320 beds will be built for the LOM operation. For the construction period, temporary accommodations will be implemented to accommodate the peak of construction manpower estimated at 600 people

### ***Market studies and contracts***

No market studies are currently relevant as the Lindero Project will produce a readily-saleable commodity in the form of doré.

As of the effective date of the Lindero Technical Report, the Company has not entered into any material contracts required for the development of the Lindero Project including mining, concentrating, smelting, refining, transportation, handling, sales and hedging, and forward sales contracts or arrangements.

The gold price used for the base case cash flow analysis is \$1,250/oz. Sensitivities with variable price projections have also been considered. The Lindero Project, like most gold projects, is highly sensitive to changes in the gold price.

The Lindero mine product will be doré bars containing an estimated gold content averaging 84 % for the Project life. Overall gold extraction in respect to ore placed on the heap leach is estimated to be approximately 75 %.

The Lindero Technical Report author has reviewed the information provided by Fortuna on marketing, contracts, metal price projections and exchange rate forecasts and notes that the information provided is consistent with the source documents used, and that the information is consistent with what is publicly available regarding industry norms. The information can be used in mine planning and economic analyses for the Lindero Project in the context of the Lindero Technical Report.

### ***Environmental studies and permitting***

In November 2010, Mansfield submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Lindero Project, and in November 2011 received approval through the issue of the Declaración de Impacto Ambiental (DIA). Approval of the EIA represents formal approval for mine construction, allowing excavation to proceed. Environmental law requires that the EIA be updated biannually with the current report submitted in December 2015 and an updated report planned for submission in March 2018.

Mansfield received a mine permit to build a heap-leach gold mine at up to 30,000 tpd as detailed in the Pre-Feasibility Study (AMEC, 2010b).

The Salta Provincial authorities have approved the building and electrical permits that Mansfield requires to commence construction at Lindero. Electrical, structural, building and seismic plans have been reviewed and approved by COPAIPA (Dec 2013), the professional engineering institution that overlooks all construction in Salta Province. Mansfield is planning to submit additional information to COPAIPA in 2017 to obtain the permits for construction of the agglomeration and SART plants that have been added to the process design. Mansfield does not foresee any issues in obtaining the necessary permits to complete construction and commence operation at the Lindero Project.

In addition, a formal public declaration of support for the Lindero development has been issued by the provincial government, recognizing the Lindero Project as the priority development project for the Salta Province.

Environmental risks during the closure stage will be reduced by remediation and monitoring work. At the closure stage, soil will be contoured by heavy machinery to minimize the long-term impact of mining activity, and return the topology of the land to resemble prior conditions. However, the movement of soil, and thus the risk, will be significantly less than in the mining operations stage.

One social-environmental risk will be the completion of contracts of employment directly, or indirectly, through contractors, and the surrounding communities. It will be imperative to implement measures to mitigate this impact during the whole period of mine operation.

A significant environmental risk will also be present during the closure of facilities, which will cause significant production of non-hazardous industrial waste and hazardous products from the movement of heavy machinery. It will be essential to establish clear environmental policies with the contractors during this process.

It is the opinion of the Lindero Technical Report authors that the appropriate environmental, social and community impact studies have been conducted to date at the Lindero Project. Mansfield has maintained all necessary environmental permits that are the prerequisites for the granting of construction permits that will need to be obtained upon completion of detailed engineering designs for the Project infrastructure.

#### ***Capital and operating costs***

Capital and operating costs for the Lindero Project were estimated by the Company with the assistance of Elbow Creek, Allard Engineering Services, and Saxum Engineered Solutions (Saxum), a local engineering firm. These costs are based on the design outlined in the Lindero Technical Report, and are considered to have an accuracy of +/-15 %. All costs are in second and third quarter 2017 US dollars (US\$). No escalation factors have been applied to any costs, present or future capital. The total mine capital cost is estimated to be US\$ 282 million.

Expansion (future) capital for the Project includes the Phase 2 leach pad construction in Year 3, and expansion of the ADR plant and solutions handling in the leach pad area in Year 3. The total future capital is estimated at US\$ 113 million.

Closure and reclamation costs are estimated at US\$ 35 million, incurred in Year 13 through Year 17.

The total LOM operating cost for the Lindero Project is US\$ 10.32 per tonne of ore processed.

Costs were estimated primarily by the Company for mine pre-production and mine equipment costs. Saxum provided cost estimates for major and secondary equipment, buildings, infrastructure and major contracts. All equipment and material requirements are based on the design information described in the Lindero Technical Report. Capital cost estimates have been made primarily using budgetary supplier quotes for all major and most minor equipment items, and major construction contract unit rates. Where supplier quotes were not available for minor items, a reasonable cost estimate was made based on supplier quotes in Saxum's project files. All capital cost estimates are based on the purchase of equipment quoted new from the manufacturer, or estimated to be fabricated new.

#### ***Economic analysis***

The results of the economic analysis discussed in the Lindero Technical Report represent forward-looking information as defined under Canadian securities law. The results depend on inputs that are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those presented here. Such uncertainties and factors include, among others, changes in general economic conditions and financial markets; changes in prices for gold and other metals; technological and operational hazards during the development of the project; risks inherent in mineral exploration; uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral reserves, mineral resources, and metal recoveries; the timing and availability of financing; governmental and other approvals; political unrest or instability; labor relations issues; as well as those factors discussed under "Risk

Factors” in the Company’s Annual Information Form for fiscal 2016. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in the Lindero Technical Report, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended.

The Lindero Project economics were evaluated using a discounted cash flow (DCF) method, which estimates the net present value (NPV) of future cash flow streams. The final economic model was developed by Fortuna using the following assumptions:

- Period of analysis of 16 years (includes one year of pre-production and investment), 13 years of production, and two years for closure and reclamation
- Gold price of US\$ 1,250/oz
- Processing rate of 18,750 tpd ore
- Metallurgical recovery of 75 %
- Initial capital and operating costs as developed in Section 16.5 and 21 of the Lindero Technical Report
- Closure capital costs as outlined in Section 20 of the Lindero Technical Report

The Lindero Project shows an NPV of US\$ 130 million after tax using a discount rate of 5 %, with an internal rate of return (IRR) of 18 %, and a payback period of 3.6 years, based on the LOM production plan, assumed metal prices, and integrated leaching treatment of gold and copper.

NPV and IRR display the greatest sensitivity to gold metal prices and metallurgical recoveries according to the sensitivity analysis.

The Lindero Technical Report author considers the financial model to be a reasonable estimate of the economic situation at Lindero and based on the assumptions in the Lindero Technical Report, the Lindero Project shows a positive DCF over the LOM and supports the Mineral Reserve estimate. The mine plan is achievable under the set of assumptions and parameters presented.

#### ***Other Relevant Data and Information***

Goldrock commissioned Vector Argentina SA (Ausenco; 2009a, b) and Conhidro (2013) to conduct a hydrologic study of the Project area, during the detailing of the environment base line map and EIA study. As part of the study, the Rio Grande hydrologic basin was defined through the evaluation of various field parameters and review of satellite images. The basin was determined to be 1,687 km<sup>2</sup> in size. Exploration for groundwater resources was undertaken, and successfully identified possible sources.

A number of geotechnical studies were performed at the Lindero Project and reviewed by CNI. Those studies form the basis for the pit slope estimates used in the mining model. Included in the studies were geotechnical surveys for heap leach and waste dumps. These studies are considered by the Lindero Technical Report to be consistent with industry practices and adequate to support mine design.

#### ***Conclusions, Risks, and Opportunities***

The Lindero Technical Report represents the most accurate interpretation of the Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource available as of the effective date of the Lindero Technical Report. The conversion of Mineral Resources to Mineral Reserves was undertaken using industry-recognized methods, and estimated operational costs, capital costs, and plant performance data. Thus, it is considered to be representative of future operational conditions. The Lindero Technical Report has been prepared with the latest information regarding environmental and closure cost requirements.

A number of opportunities and risks were identified by the Lindero Technical Report authors during the evaluation of the Lindero Project.



Opportunities include:

- Once mining commences there is an opportunity to collect additional geotechnical data from the open pit that could support an increase in final pit slope angles, potentially decreasing stripping ratios and/or increasing Mineral Reserves.
- The Arizaro porphyry system is not included in the current mine plan. However, it represents upside opportunity for the Project if a satellite operation can be developed on the deposit.
- Infill drilling could support the conversion of Inferred Resources to Measured or Indicated Resources and, with the appropriate studies, to Mineral Reserves. This represents additional upside potential for the planned operation.
- The Lindero porphyry gold system remains open at depth below the pit shell constrained reported reserves and resources. An area of interest has been identified by Fortuna during the drilling campaign carried out in 2016 with drill hole LDH-126 encountering 0.97 g/t Au over a 38 m interval (refer to discussion in Section 10). This is supported by historical drilling from 2007 including drill hole LDH-86 averaging 1.06 g/t Au over a 52 m interval which bottomed in mineralization. These intercepts warrant follow-up drill testing.
- There are a number of local exploration targets within the concession boundary, that with further work, represent upside opportunity to identify mineralization that can potentially add to the resource base.
- If historical samples are assayed for cyanide-soluble copper, there is an opportunity to construct a metallurgical model and incorporate this into the scheduling and process design. This would support optimization of blending strategies and better understanding of recoverable copper as a by-product from the SART plant. Improved copper recoveries could have a minor positive impact on the mine economics.
- Performance of the equipment can be tracked with the implementation of a fleet management system to record the main key performance indicators (KPI's) which will provide an opportunity to improve utilization and time loss productivity.
- Once mining commences there is an opportunity to conduct additional blasting fragmentation analysis so as to improve mining productivity and optimize mining costs.

Risks include:

- Local behavior of cyanide-soluble copper is not fully understood, and cannot be modeled due to a lack of assays from historical core. Levels of soluble copper could be higher than anticipated in certain areas of the deposit requiring adjustments to mine plans and schedules to reduce the impact in the plant. The introduction of a SART plant has greatly reduced the potential impact of soluble copper at the Project.
- Delaying the acquisition of fleet equipment could cause delays in the execution of certain activities. It is therefore imperative that a clear schedule of lead times is established, and equipment purchased in a timely manner to ensure on time delivery.
- Fortuna calculates that two loaders are needed from Year 3 onwards, but simulations indicate that three may be required in Year 2. Once mining commences and data on loader productivity is collected, a new fleet simulation should be performed to confirm if a third loader is required in Year 2 and if so how this will affect sustaining capital expenditure.
- There is a risk that two dozing machines in the original capital estimate are insufficient. Fortuna plans to mitigate this risk by renting additional ancillary equipment as required.
- There is a risk that haul truck tire life of 8,500 hours is higher than can be achieved at the operation, which could lead to marginally higher operating costs than anticipated.

### ***Recommendations***

Recommendations for the next phase of work have been broken into those related to ongoing exploration activities and those related to additional technical studies. Recommended work programs are independent of each other and can be conducted concurrently unless otherwise stated and include:

- Continued work at Arizaro that focuses on the controls of lithology, structure, and alteration on mineralization so as to determine the suitability of material as a potential feed for the Lindero plant and to support the estimation of Mineral Resources. It is recommended that a 2,000-m reverse circulation (RC)

drill program (approximately 100 holes at a 75 m spacing) is conducted at a cost of approximately US\$ 500,000.

- An infill drill program involving the drilling of approximately 3,000-m of RC drill holes is recommended to improve the geological understanding of material planned for extraction in Years 1 and 2 of the mine. The cost of such a program is estimated at approximately US\$ 750,000.
- Exploration work to date on the Lindero concession has been focused on outcropping porphyry mineralization. It is recommended that the Company evaluate the property for mineralization beyond the two known porphyry systems at Lindero and Arizaro. For example, alteration zones and silica structures located within the concession, 2.5 km due south of the Lindero Project site, remain open for evaluation. Exploration work would primarily involve mapping and carry no additional cost to the Lindero Project.
- It is recommended that a drill hole spacing study be conducted to establish the density of sampling that is required to reduce the grade variability to acceptable levels for specified extraction time frames in respect to infill and blast control drilling. This will be used to support the estimated meters of infill drilling. The study can be conducted either inhouse (at no cost) or by external consultants, at an estimated cost of US\$ 25,000.
- Additional analysis is recommended into the mine operating and ore control process, in particular, the usage of optimum dig lines for open pit grade control, with the objective of minimizing ore loss and maximizing profit. The cost of licenses and implementing such software is estimated at US\$ 276,000.
- A fleet management system should be considered for KPI purposes, which will provide an opportunity to improve utilization and time loss productivity. The cost of licenses and implementing such software is estimated at US\$ 1.5 million.
- The cement in each lift on the heap will cure for several months before another lift is placed. It may be several years before any block of agglomerated ore receives 110 m of loading. It is recommended that a long-term stacking test be conducted to see if ageing will improve the ability of the ore to support the 110-m height with less cement. The estimated cost of the testwork is US\$ 20,000.
- The high static holdup (adsorbed moisture) in the heap makes the secondary leach at 6 l/hr/m<sup>2</sup> inefficient when the heap height increases. There is a possibility that a surface tension modifier may reduce the amount of adsorbed moisture in the heap reducing the inventory. The estimated cost of the testwork is US\$ 20,000.

## **DIVIDENDS**

The Company has not to date paid any dividends on its Common Shares nor does it intend to pay any dividends on its shares in the immediate future as management anticipates that all available funds will be invested to finance further acquisition, exploration and development of its mineral properties.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

The Company's authorized share capital is an unlimited number of Common Shares without par value. All Common Shares of the Company rank equally as to dividends, voting powers and participation in assets and in all other respects.

***Voting.*** The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at any meeting of the shareholders of the Company. Each Common Share carries one vote per share.

***Dividends.*** The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive on a pro-rata basis such dividends as the Board from time to time may declare, out of funds legally available therefor.

***Rights on Dissolution.*** In the event of a liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary or for the purpose of a reorganization or otherwise or upon any distribution of capital, the holders of

the Common Shares have the right to receive on a pro-rata basis all of the assets of the Company remaining after payment of all of the Company's liabilities.

**Pre-emptive, Conversion and Other Rights.** No pre-emptive, redemption, retraction, exchange, sinking fund or conversion rights are attached to the Common Shares, and the Common Shares, when fully paid, will not be liable to further call or assessment. No other class of shares may be created without the approval of the holders of the Common Shares.

## **MARKET FOR SECURITIES**

The Company's Common Shares were listed and posted for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") until January 18, 2010 when the Company graduated to the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"). On September 19, 2011, the Company's Common Shares were listed and posted for trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). The Company's shares currently trade on the NYSE under the symbol "FSM", on the TSX under the symbol "FVI", and on the Frankfurt Open Market, the unofficial market organized by Deutsche Börse in Germany, under the symbol "F4S". On May 14, 2015, the Company voluntarily delisted its Common Shares from the Lima Stock Exchange as a very limited amount of trading of the Company's Common Shares occurred on such Exchange.

### **Trading Prices and Volume**

The following table sets forth the high and low sale prices and trading volumes of the Common Shares on the TSX and the NYSE during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017:

#### **Toronto Stock Exchange**

<b>Month</b>	<b>High (C\$)</b>	<b>Low (C\$)</b>	<b>Volume</b>
December 2017	6.79	5.28	10,703,400
November 2017	5.66	5.13	5,788,500
October 2017	6.09	5.38	6,429,400
September 2017	6.38	5.42	8,427,000
August 2017	6.24	5.44	7,716,700
July 2017	6.42	5.66	8,268,800
June 2017	7.00	6.07	17,630,000
May 2017	6.62	5.65	12,029,100
April 2017	7.44	5.96	10,389,600
March 2017	7.79	6.43	13,654,500
February 2017	9.04	7.04	13,186,800
January 2017	9.18	7.61	14,539,600

#### **New York Stock Exchange**

<b>Month</b>	<b>High (US\$)</b>	<b>Low (US\$)</b>	<b>Volume</b>
December 2017	5.34	4.14	26,002,700
November 2017	4.46	4.03	20,922,400
October 2017	4.88	4.16	22,973,500
September 2017	5.27	4.35	21,696,100
August 2017	5.01	4.29	24,149,600
July 2017	5.15	4.39	23,479,300
June 2017	5.20	4.56	51,453,500
May 2017	4.93	4.11	40,474,300
April 2017	5.58	4.37	37,019,500
March 2017	5.85	4.84	42,351,000
February 2017	6.87	5.34	36,809,500
January 2017	6.92	5.66	36,947,100

**DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

**Name, Occupation and Shareholding**

The Board presently consists of eight directors. The directors will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company or until their successor is elected or appointed, unless their office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Articles of the Company, or with the provisions of the British Columbia *Business Corporations Act*.

The following are the full name, place of residence, position with the Company, and principal occupation within the preceding five years of each of the directors and executive officers of the Company:

<b>Name, Position and Residency <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Principal Occupation or Employment <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Period as a Director of the Company</b>
JORGE GANOZA DURANT President, Chief Executive Officer & Director Lima, Peru	President & CEO of the Company.	December 2, 2004 to present
SIMON RIDGWAY Chairman and Director British Columbia, Canada	Chairman of the Company; President & CEO of Radius Gold Inc. (mineral exploration).	January 25, 2005 to present
MARIO SZOTLENDER <sup>(3)(4)</sup> Director Caracas, Venezuela	Independent Consultant and Director of several public mineral exploration companies.	June 16, 2008 to present
ROBERT GILMORE <sup>(2)(4)</sup> Director Colorado, USA	Certified Public Accountant (retired); Independent Financial Consultant; Director (and Chairman until December 2017) of Eldorado Gold Corporation (mining); Director of Layne Christensen Company (diversified water and mineral services).	June 23, 2010 to present
DAVID FARRELL <sup>(3)(4)</sup> Director British Columbia, Canada	President of Davisa Consulting (a private consulting company).	July 15, 2013 to present
DAVID LAING <sup>(3)</sup> Director British Columbia, Canada	Mining Engineer; Chief Operating Officer of Equinox Gold Corp. and predecessors (mining), August 2016 to present; Chief Operating Officer of True Gold Mining Inc. (mining), June 2015 to April 2016; Chief Operating Officer of Quintana Resources Inc. (resource industry management) from 2014 to 2015; Executive at Endeavour Mining Corporation (mining), October 2010 to February 2014.	September 26, 2016 to present
ALFREDO SILLAU <sup>(2)</sup> Director Lima, Peru	Managing Partner, CEO and Director of Faro Capital (investment management).	November 29, 2016 to present

KYLIE DICKSON <sup>(2)</sup> Director British Columbia, Canada	Vice-President, Business Development of Equinox Gold Corp. and predecessors (mining), April 2017 to present; Chief Financial Officer of JDL Gold Corp. until its acquisition of Luna Gold Corp. (mining), October 2016 to April 2017; Chief Financial Officer of Anthem United Inc. (mining), March 2014 to October 2016; Chief Financial Officer of Esperanza Resources Corp. (mineral exploration), June 2012 to September 2013.	August 16, 2017 to present
LUIS GANOZA DURANT Chief Financial Officer Lima, Peru	Chief Financial Officer of the Company.	N/A
MANUEL RUIZ-CONEJO Vice-President of Operations Lima, Peru	Vice-President of Operations of the Company.	N/A
JOSE PACORA Vice-President of Project Development Lima, Peru	Vice-President of Project Development of the Company, November 2014 to present; Corporate Project Manager of the Company, February 2012 to November 2014.	N/A
DAVID VOLKERT Vice-President of Exploration British Columbia, Canada	Vice-President of Exploration of the Company, August 2016 to present; President / Chief Executive Officer of Paget Minerals Corp. (mineral exploration), January 2010 to August 2016.	N/A
ERIC CHAPMAN Vice-President of Technical Services British Columbia, Canada	Vice-President of Technical Services of the Company, January 2017 to present; Corporate Head of Technical Services of the Company, July 2016 to December 2016; Mineral Resource Manager of the Company, April 2011 to July 2016.	N/A
GORDON JANG Vice-President of Finance & Accounting British Columbia, Canada	Vice-President of Finance and Accounting of the Company, April 2017 to present; Consultant, Hudbay Minerals Inc. (mining), July 2014 to March 2017; Vice-President, Corporate Controller of Augusta Resource Corporation (mining), February 2009 to July 2014.	N/A

As at December 31, 2017, the directors and executive officers of the Company beneficially owned or had control or direction over, directly or indirectly, an aggregate of 738,676 Common Shares, representing approximately 0.46% of the issued Common Shares of the Company.

Notes:

- (1) The information as to country of residence, principal occupation, and Common Shares held is not within the knowledge of the management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective individuals.
- (2) Member of the Audit Committee of the Company.
- (3) Member of the Compensation Committee of the Company.
- (4) Member of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of the Company.

### **Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies**

On April 3, 2017, a management cease trade order (“**MCTO**”) was issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission and other Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities pursuant to National Policy 12-203 Management Cease Trade Orders in connection with the late filing of the Company’s annual audited financial statements and related MD&A for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the AIF for the year ended December 31, 2016 (the “**Annual Documents**”). The MCTO prohibited the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company from trading in securities of the Company until the Company completed the required filing of the Annual Documents as well as its interim financial documents for the first quarter of 2017, and the regulator revokes the MCTO.

The Annual Documents were filed on May 15, 2017. Due to the delay in finalizing the Annual Financial Documents, the Company was delayed in filing its interim financial statements and related MD&A for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 (together, the “**Interim Financial Documents**”). The Company filed the Interim Financial Documents on May 24, 2017, and the MCTO was revoked by the British Columbia Securities Commission on May 25, 2017.

Other than as set forth above, as at the date of the AIF and during the 10 years prior to the date of the AIF, none of the directors or executive officers of the Company or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company:

- (a) is or has been a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company), that while that person was acting in that capacity:
  - (i) was the subject of a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, other than as disclosed above;
  - (ii) was subject to an event that resulted, after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director or executive officer, in the company being the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
  - (iii) within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (b) has become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director, officer and shareholder.

### **Penalties or Sanctions**

As at the date of the AIF and during the 10 years prior to the date of the AIF, none of the directors or officers of the Company or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company has been subject to:

- (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor making an investment decision.

**Conflicts of Interest**

There are no existing or potential material conflicts of interest between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and a director or officer of the Company or any subsidiary.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to the provisions of National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* (“**NI 52-110**”), the Company’s Audit Committee has adopted a written charter (the “**Charter**”) that sets out its mandate and responsibilities. The Charter is attached hereto as Schedule “A”.

The Audit Committee is presently comprised of Robert Gilmore, Alfredo Sillau and Kylie Dickson. All members of the Committee are “independent” and “financially literate”, within the meanings given to those terms in NI 52-110.

The education and experience of the Audit Committee members that is relevant to the performance of their responsibilities as audit committee members is as follows:

<b>Audit Committee Member</b>	<b>Education and Experience</b>
Robert Gilmore	Mr. Gilmore is a Certified Public Accountant and independent financial consultant with more than 35 years’ experience working with resource companies. He is a graduate of the University of Denver with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Accounting. He is a Director and member of the Audit and Compensation Committees of Eldorado Gold Corporation, and is a director and Audit Committee Chairman of Layne Christensen Company. Mr. Gilmore has also served as Chairman of the Audit Committees of Global Med Technologies, MK Resources, Inc., Frontera Copper Corporation and Ram Power Corporation.
Alfredo Sillau	Mr. Sillau is Managing Partner, CEO and Director of Faro Capital, an investment management firm that manages private equity and real estate funds. Previously, he headed the business development in Peru for Compass Group, a regional investment management firm, until late 2011. As CEO of Compass, Mr. Sillau actively took part in the structuring, promoting and management of investment funds with approximately US\$500 million in assets under management. Mr. Sillau is a Harvard graduate. His background has given him the required experience to understand and assess the general application of the accounting principles used by the Company and to understand internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.
Kylie Dickson	Ms. Dickson is a Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant with more than 13 years’ experience working with publicly traded resource companies. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Simon Fraser University. She is currently Vice-President, Business Development of Equinox Gold Corp. and previously held the position of Chief Financial Officer of several mineral exploration and mining companies. Prior to her work with public companies, Ms. Dickson was an audit manager in the mining group of a major audit firm.

The auditors of the Company obtain, as necessary, the pre-approval of the Audit Committee for any anticipated additional services required of the auditors for the coming fiscal year. If other service requirements arise during the year, the Audit Committee pre-approves such services at that time, prior to the commencement of such services.

Effective July 13, 2017, KPMG LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, (the “**Current Auditors**”) was appointed as auditors of the Company in the place of Deloitte LLP (the “**Former Auditors**”).

During the Company’s most recently completed fiscal year, no services were performed by the Former Auditors or the Current Auditors pursuant to the *De-Minimus Non-audit Services* exemption contained in NI 52-110.

During the Company’s most recently completed fiscal year, the Former Auditors and Current Auditors performed certain non-audit services. Fees charged (in Canadian dollars) by the Former Auditors and Current Auditors during the last two fiscal years are as follows:

	<b>2017 (Deloitte)</b>	<b>2017 (KPMG)</b>	<b>2017 Total</b>	<b>2016 (Deloitte)</b>
Audit Fees	\$793,098	\$876,169	\$1,669,267	\$915,813
Audit-Related Fees	\$262,150	Nil	\$262,150	\$126,742
Tax Fees	\$36,113	Nil	\$36,113	\$142,746
All Other Fees	Nil	\$4,935	\$4,935	Nil
	\$1,091,361	\$881,104	\$1,972,465	\$1,185,301

“Audit Fees” are the aggregate fees billed for the audit of the Company’s consolidated annual financial statements, and review of the interim financial statements.

“Audit-Related Fees” are fees charged for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company’s financial statements and are not reported under “Audit Fees”. The fees charged by Deloitte LLP include services for securities and prospectus engagements.

“Tax Fees” are fees for professional services rendered for tax compliance and tax advice on actual or contemplated transactions.

“All Other Fees” are amounts not included in the categories above. The amount for 2017 relates to services performed by KPMG LLP prior to their being appointed auditors for the Company.

## **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

There are no known legal proceedings involving an amount exceeding 10% of the current assets of the Company to which the Company is a party or which any of its properties is the subject during the most recently completed financial year, or any such proceedings known to the Company to be contemplated.

## **TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR**

The Company’s transfer agent and registrar is Computershare Trust Company, at its offices in Vancouver, BC and Toronto, ON. The Company’s co-transfer agent and registrar in the United States is Computershare Trust Company, N.A. at its office in Golden, Colorado.

## **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

In connection with the Financing described in this AIF under the heading “General Development of the Business – Three-Year History and Recent Developments”, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement dated January 24, 2017 with the Underwriters, pursuant to which the Underwriters agreed to buy Common Shares on a bought-deal basis. The Company paid a commission to the Underwriters of US\$0.29925 per Common Share issued in the Financing, and reimbursed certain expenses of the Underwriters incurred in connection with the Financing.



Other than as disclosed in this AIF and other than those entered into in the ordinary course of the Company's business, there are no contracts that are material to the Company and that were entered into during the most recently completed fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 or before the most recently completed financial year, but are still in effect as of the date of this AIF.

## **INTERESTS OF EXPERTS**

### **Names of Experts**

The updated Mineral Resource estimates for the Caylloma Mine, the San Jose Mine and the Lindero Project as at December 31, 2017 described in this AIF under the heading "General Development of the Business – Three-Year History and Recent Developments" were prepared under the supervision of Eric Chapman, Vice President of Technical Services of the Company. The Mineral Reserve estimate and the Mineral Resource estimate exclusive of Mineral Reserves were prepared under the supervision of Edwin Gutierrez, formerly the Technical Services Corporate Manager of the Company.

Eric Chapman and Edwin Gutierrez, each a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, are the authors of the Caylloma Technical Report and the San Jose Technical Report. Eric Chapman, Edwin Gutierrez, Geoff Allard and Denys Parra Murrugarra, each a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, are the authors of the Lindero Technical Report.

Eric Chapman is responsible for ensuring that the technical information contained in this AIF is an accurate summary of the original reports and data provided to or developed by the Company.

### **Interests of Experts**

To the knowledge of the Company, the experts named above did not have any registered or beneficial interest, direct or indirect, in any securities or other property of the Company when the experts prepared their reports, other than Eric Chapman, the Vice-President of Technical Services of the Company, who holds 19,000 Common Shares, stock options to purchase up to 83,458 Common shares, and share units entitling him to receive up to 110,006 Common Shares.

KPMG LLP is the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company and is independent within the meaning of the relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the relevant professional bodies in Canada and any applicable legislation or regulations and also that they are independent accountants with respect to the Company under all relevant U.S. professional and regulatory standards.

Deloitte LLP was the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company until July 13, 2017, and during the period it served as the Company's auditor was independent within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company is available for viewing on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Information regarding directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of the Company's securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, if applicable, is contained in the Company's Information Circular pertaining to its Annual General Meeting held on July 5, 2017. Additional financial information is provided in the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and the management's discussion and analysis thereon.

## **SCHEDULE “A”**

### **FORTUNA SILVER MINES INC.** (the “Company”)

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

##### **PURPOSE**

The primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial information to be provided to the shareholders and others, the systems of internal controls and management information systems established by the senior officers of the Company (“Management”) and the Company’s internal and external audit process and monitoring compliance with the Company’s legal and regulatory requirements with respect to its financial statements.

The Audit Committee is accountable to the Board. In the course of fulfilling its specific responsibilities hereunder, the Audit Committee is expected to maintain an open communication between the Company’s external auditors and the Board.

The Audit Committee does not plan or perform audits or warrant the accuracy or completeness of the Company’s financial statements or financial disclosure or compliance with generally accepted accounting procedures as these are the responsibility of Management.

##### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Subject to the powers and duties of the Board, the Board hereby delegates to the Audit Committee the following powers and duties to be performed by the Audit Committee on behalf of and for the Board. Nothing in this Charter is intended to or does confer on any member a higher standard of care or diligence than that which applies to the directors as a whole.

##### ***External Auditors***

The Audit Committee has primary responsibility for the selection, appointment, dismissal, compensation and oversight of the external auditors, subject to the overall approval of the Board. For this purpose, the Audit Committee may consult with Management.

The external auditors shall report directly to the Audit Committee.

Also, the Audit Committee:

- a. recommends to the Board:
  - i. whether the current external auditors should be nominated for reappointment for the ensuing year and if applicable, select and recommend a suitable alternative for nomination; and
  - ii. the amount of compensation payable to the external auditors;
- b. resolves disagreements, if any, between Management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting;
- c. provides the Board with such recommendations and reports with respect to the financial statements of the Company as it deems advisable;
- d. takes reasonable steps to confirm the independence of the external auditors, including but not limited to pre-approving any non-audit related services provided by the external auditors to the Company or the Company’s subsidiaries, if any;

- e. confirms that the external auditors are a 'participating audit' firm for the purpose of National Instrument 52-108 *Auditor Oversight* and are in compliance with governing regulations;
- f. reviews the plan and scope of the audit to be conducted by the external auditors of the Company;
- g. reviews and evaluates the performance of the external auditors; and
- h. reviews and approves the Company's hiring policy regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the Company's present and former external auditors.

### ***Audit and Review Process and Results***

The Audit Committee has a duty to receive, review and make any inquiry regarding the completeness, accuracy and presentation of the Company's financial statements to ensure that the financial statements fairly present the financial position and risks of the organization and that they are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. To accomplish this, the Audit Committee:

- a. considers the scope and general extent of the external auditors' review, including their engagement letter and major changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices;
- b. consults with management regarding the sufficiency of the Company's internal system of audit and financial controls, internal audit procedures and results of such audits;
- c. ensures the external auditors have full, unrestricted access to required information and have the cooperation of management;
- d. reviews with the external auditors the audit process and standards, as well as regulatory or Company-initiated changes in accounting practices and policies and the financial impact thereof, and selection or application of appropriate accounting principles;
- e. reviews with the external auditors and, if necessary, legal counsel, any litigation, claim or contingency, including tax assessments, that could have a material effect upon the financial position of the Company and the manner in which these matters are being disclosed in the financial statements;
- f. reviews the appropriateness and disclosure of any off-balance sheet matters;
- g. reviews disclosure of related-party transactions;
- h. receives and reviews with the external auditors, the external auditors' audit report and the audited financial statements;
- i. makes recommendations to the Board respecting approval of the audited financial statements;
- j. meets with the external auditors separately from management to review the integrity of the Company's financial reporting, including the clarity of financial disclosure and the degree of conservatism or aggressiveness of the accounting policies and estimates, any significant disagreements or difficulties in obtaining information, adequacy of internal controls over financial reporting, adequacy of disclosure controls and procedures, and the degree of compliance by the Company with prior recommendations of the external auditors;
- k. directs management to implement such changes as the Audit Committee considers appropriate, subject to any required approvals of the Board arising out of the review; and
- l. meets at least annually with the external auditors, independent of management, and reports to the Board on such meetings.

### ***Interim Financial Statements***

The Audit Committee:

- a. reviews and determines the Company's practice with respect to review of interim financial statements by the external auditors;
- b. conducts all such reviews and discussions with the external auditors and Management as it deems appropriate; and
- c. makes recommendations to the Board respecting approval of the interim financial statements.

### ***Involvement with Management***

The Audit Committee has primary responsibility for overseeing the actions of management in all aspects of financial management and reporting. The Audit Committee:

- a. reviews the Company's annual and interim financial statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis and earnings press releases, if any, before the Company publicly discloses this information;
- b. reviews all of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted from the Company's financial statements, if such financial statements have not previously been reviewed by the Committee, prior to such information being made public by the Company and for such purpose, the CFO assumes responsibility for providing the information to the Audit Committee for its review;
- c. reviews material financial risks with Management, the plan that Management has implemented to monitor and deal with such risks and the success of Management in following the plan;
- d. consults annually and otherwise as required with the Company's CEO and CFO respecting the adequacy of the internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures and reviews any breaches or deficiencies;
- e. obtains such certifications of annual and interim filings by the CEO and CFO attesting to internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures as deemed advisable;
- f. reviews Management's response to significant written reports and recommendations issued by the external auditors and the extent to which such recommendations have been implemented by Management;
- g. reviews with Management the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations respecting financial reporting matters, and any proposed regulatory changes and their impact on the Company; and
- h. reviews as required with Management and approves disclosure of the Audit Committee Charter, and Audit Committee disclosure required in the Company's Annual Information Form, Information Circular and on the Company's website.

### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The Audit Committee:

- a. invites the Company's external auditors, the CFO, and such other persons as deemed appropriate by the Audit Committee to attend meetings of the Audit Committee;
- b. reports material decisions and actions of the Audit Committee to the Board, together with such recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate;
- c. has the power to conduct or authorize investigations into any matter within the scope of its responsibilities;

- d. has the right to engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties and the right to set the compensation for any advisors employed by the Audit Committee;
- e. has the right to communicate directly with the CFO and other members of Management who have responsibility for the internal and external audit process, as well as to communicate directly with the internal and external auditors; and
- f. pre-approves non-audit services to be performed by the external auditors.

## **COMPOSITION**

The Audit Committee is composed of a minimum of three directors, all of whom are independent and have relevant skills and/or experience in the Audit Committee's areas of responsibility as may be required by the securities laws applicable to the Company, including those of any stock exchange on which the Company's securities are traded.

### ***Appointment of Committee Members and Vacancies***

Members of the Audit Committee are appointed or confirmed by the Board annually and hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The Board fills any vacancy on, or any additional members to, the Audit Committee.

### ***Committee Chair***

The Board appoints a Chair for the Audit Committee.

## **STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS**

### ***Meetings***

The Chair of the Audit Committee or the Chair of the Board or any two of its members may call a meeting of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee meets at least four times each fiscal year, and at such other times during each year as it deems appropriate.

### ***Quorum***

A majority of the members appointed to the Audit Committee constitutes a quorum.

### ***Notice of Meetings***

The Chair of the Audit Committee arranges to provide notice of the time and place of every meeting in writing (including by electronic means) to each member of the Audit Committee at least two (2) business days prior to the time fixed for such meeting, provided, however, that a member may in any manner waive a notice of a meeting. Attendance of a member at a meeting constitutes a waiver of notice of the meeting, except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called. The Chair also ensures that an agenda for the meeting and all required materials for review by the members of the Audit Committee are delivered to the members with sufficient time for their review, or that such requirement is waived.

### ***Absence of Committee Chair***

If the Chair of the Audit Committee is not present at any meeting of the Audit Committee, the other members of the Audit Committee will choose a Chair to preside at the meeting.

### ***Secretary of Committee***

At each meeting the Audit Committee appoints a secretary who need not be a director of the Company.

### ***Attendance of the Company's Officers at Meetings***

The Chair of the Audit Committee or any two members of the Audit Committee may invite one or more officers of the Company to attend any meeting of the Audit Committee.

### ***Delegation***

The Audit Committee may, in its discretion and where permitted by National Instrument 52-110 – Audit Committees, delegate all or a portion of its duties and responsibilities to a subcommittee, management or, to the extent otherwise permitted by applicable plans, laws or regulations, to any other body or individual.

### ***Procedure and Records***

Subject to any statute or constating documents of the Company, the Audit Committee determines its own procedures at meetings and may conduct meetings by telephone and keeps records of its proceedings.

### **COMPLAINTS**

The Audit Committee has established a Whistle Blower Policy which sets out the procedures for:

- a. the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and
- b. the confidential, anonymous submission to the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

The Audit Committee reviews the Whistle Blower Policy annually.

### **REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT**

The Audit Committee reports to the Board of Directors, and on an annual basis, presents to the Board a Committee Annual Report consisting of the Audit Committee's review of its charter, the Committee's and its Chair's performance over the past year, and any recommendations the Audit Committee makes in respect thereto.

**EXHIBIT 99.2**

**AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**F O R T U N A**  
S I L V E R M I N E S I N C .

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

(Presented in thousands of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated)



## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the "Company") ("we", "us" or "our") have prepared the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and the accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") and are responsible for their content. The financial information presented in the MD&A is consistent with the information that is contained in the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements include, where necessary, amounts based on our estimates and judgement.

In order to discharge our responsibility for the integrity of the financial statements, the Company maintains a system of Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Disclosure Controls and Procedures. These controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the Company's assets are safeguarded, transactions are executed and recorded in accordance with our authorization, proper records are maintained and relevant and reliable financial information is produced. These controls include maintaining quality standards in the hiring and training of employees, policies and procedures manuals, a corporate code of conduct and ensuring that there is proper accountability for performance within appropriate and well defined areas of responsibility.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the performance of our responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control over Financial Reporting and Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Audit Committee, which is composed of non-executive directors, meets with us as well as the external auditors to ensure that we are properly fulfilling our financial reporting responsibilities to the Directors who approve the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have full and unrestricted access to the Audit Committee to discuss the scope of their audits, and the adequacy of the system of internal controls, and to review financial reporting issues.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

/s/ Jorge Ganoza Durant  
President and Chief Executive Officer

/s /Luis Ganoza Durant  
Chief Financial Officer

Vancouver, Canada  
March 15, 2018



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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

### ***Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the “Company”), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017, the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in equity for the year then ended, and the related notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2017, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

### ***Comparative Information***

The consolidated financial statements of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. as at and for the year ended December 31, 2016 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified (unqualified) opinion on those financial statements on May 12, 2017.

### ***Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated March 15, 2018 expressed an unqualified (unmodified) opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

#### **A - Management’s Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



**B - Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Those standards also require that we comply with ethical requirements, including independence. We are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB.

An audit includes performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatements of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures to respond to those risks. Such procedures included obtaining and examining, on a test basis, audit evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies and principles used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our audit opinion.

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We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Vancouver, Canada  
March 15, 2018



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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

### ***Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

We have audited Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.'s (the "Company") internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

### ***Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements***

We also have audited, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the consolidated financial statements of the Company, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017, the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in equity for the year then ended, and the related notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"), and our report dated March 15, 2018 expressed an unmodified (unqualified) opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, under the heading Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting in the accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB and in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design

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and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

***Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

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Chartered Professional Accountants

Vancouver, Canada  
March 15, 2018

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016, and the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity, and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. and subsidiaries as at December 31, 2016, and their financial performance and their cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

/s/ Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants  
May 12, 2017  
Vancouver, Canada

# Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

## Consolidated Income Statements

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

(Presented in thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts)

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Sales (note 25)	\$ 268,111	\$ 210,255
Cost of sales (note 26)	158,551	129,649
Mine operating income	109,560	80,606
Other expenses (income)		
Selling, general and administration (note 27)	24,911	31,117
Exploration and evaluation	1,534	177
Share of loss of equity-accounted investee	192	-
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	2,034	(649)
Impairment reversal (note 14)	(31,119)	-
Other expenses (note 28)	1,681	1,420
	(767)	32,065
Operating Income	110,327	48,541
Finance items		
Interest income	(1,950)	(328)
Interest expense	1,674	2,147
Accretion of provisions	684	665
Loss (gain) on financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value	4,968	(1,053)
	5,376	1,431
Income before taxes	104,951	47,110
Income tax (note 29)		
Current income tax expense	34,863	29,063
Deferred income tax expense	3,783	189
	38,646	29,252
Net income for the year	\$ 66,305	\$ 17,858
Earnings per share (note 24)		
Basic	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.13
Diluted	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.13
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year (000's)		
Basic	158,036	136,888
Diluted	158,312	138,053

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**  
For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016  
(Presented in thousands of US dollars)

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Net income for the year	\$ 66,305	\$ 17,858
Items that may in the future be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Change in fair value of hedging instruments, net of \$nil tax (note 10b)	369	85
Change in fair value of marketable securities, net of \$nil tax (note 6)	(307)	334
Total other comprehensive income for the year	62	419
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>\$ 66,367</b>	<b>\$ 18,277</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**  
As at December 31, 2017 and 2016  
(Presented in thousands of US dollars)

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 183,074	\$ 82,484
Short term investments (note 5)	29,500	41,100
Marketable securities (note 6)	556	1,579
Derivative assets (note 10)	140	973
Accounts and other receivables (note 8)	36,370	24,987
Income tax receivable	130	72
Inventories (note 9)	17,753	13,572
Prepaid expenses	3,231	2,145
Assets held for sale (note 11)	1,701	-
	272,455	166,912
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets (note 13)	296,612	263,535
Plant and equipment (note 15)	133,664	130,863
Investment in associate (note 7)	2,694	-
Other non-current receivables (note 12)	1,223	562
Deferred tax assets (note 29)	-	471
Deposits on non-current assets	-	572
Total assets	\$ 706,648	\$ 562,915
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables (note 16)	\$ 41,476	\$ 40,160
Current portion of closure and rehabilitation provisions (note 21)	1,656	1,121
Income taxes payable	14,237	14,447
Current portion of finance lease obligations (note 19)	906	2,128
Derivative liabilities (note 10)	2,328	254
	60,603	58,110
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank loan (note 18)	39,871	39,768
Other liabilities (note 20)	1,356	3,544
Closure and rehabilitation provisions (note 21)	12,577	12,091
Deferred tax liabilities (note 29)	28,657	25,345
Lease obligations (note 19)	-	906
Total liabilities	143,064	139,764
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Share capital (note 23)	418,168	343,963
Reserves	16,015	16,092
Retained earnings	129,401	63,096
Total equity	563,584	423,151
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 706,648	\$ 562,915

*/s/ Jorge Ganoza Durant*  
Jorge Ganoza Durant  
Director

*/s/ Robert R. Gilmore*  
Robert R. Gilmore  
Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

## Consolidated Statements of Cashflows

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

(Presented in thousands of US dollars)

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income for the year	\$ 66,305	\$ 17,858
Items not involving cash		
Depletion and depreciation	42,522	33,024
Accretion of provisions	684	665
Income taxes	38,646	29,252
Share based payments (recovery) expense, net of cash settlements	(36)	8,430
Share of loss of equity-accounted investee (note 7)	192	-
Impairment reversal of mineral properties, plant and equipment (note 14)	(31,119)	-
Impairment charges	2,637	1,423
Unrealized foreign exchange loss	910	-
Unrealized loss (gain) on financial assets carried at fair value	3,386	(1,053)
Other	14	(86)
	124,141	89,513
Accounts and other receivables	(11,782)	(18,521)
Prepaid expenses	(899)	(630)
Inventories	(4,744)	(2,922)
Trade and other payables	542	4,861
Rehabilitation payments	(793)	(349)
Cash provided by operating activities	106,465	71,952
Income taxes paid	(36,190)	(17,513)
Interest paid	(1,796)	(2,028)
Interest income	1,723	289
Net cash provided by operating activities	70,202	52,700
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of Lindero Project, net of cash received (note 13(b))	-	(4,876)
Purchase of short term investments	(150,759)	(46,914)
Redemption of short term investments	160,636	41,845
Investment in marketable securities (notes 6 and 7)	(2,153)	(1,165)
Purchases of mineral properties, plant and equipment	(47,060)	(40,229)
Proceeds from sale of assets	47	10
Cash used in investing activities	(39,289)	(51,329)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of common shares	76,686	10,025
Share issuance costs	(5,018)	-
Repayments of finance lease obligations	(2,128)	(1,219)
Cash provided by financing activities	69,540	8,806
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	137	89
Increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year	100,590	10,266
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	82,484	72,218
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ 183,074	\$ 82,484
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:		
Cash	\$ 80,054	\$ 78,029
Cash equivalents	103,020	4,455
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ 183,074	\$ 82,484

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

### Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

(Presented in thousands of US dollars, except for shares amounts)

	Share capital		Reserves					Retained earnings	Total equity
	Number of common shares	Amount	Equity reserve	Hedging reserve	Fair value reserve	Foreign currency reserve			
Balance at January 1, 2016	129,240,567	\$ 203,953	\$ 14,169	\$ (307)	\$ -	\$ 1,115	\$ 45,238	\$ 264,168	
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>									
Net income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,858	17,858	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	85	334	-	-	419	
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	-	85	334	-	17,858	18,277	
<b>Transactions with owners of the Company</b>									
Issuance of shares for mineral property	14,569,045	122,813	-	-	-	-	-	122,813	
Issuance of warrants	-	-	7,401	-	-	-	-	7,401	
Exercise of stock options	2,236,861	8,464	(2,621)	-	-	-	-	5,843	
Exercise of warrants	931,700	8,733	(4,552)	-	-	-	-	4,181	
Share-based payments (note 22)	-	-	468	-	-	-	-	468	
	17,737,606	140,010	696	-	-	-	-	140,706	
Balance at December 31, 2016	146,978,173	\$ 343,963	\$ 14,865	\$ (222)	\$ 334	\$ 1,115	\$ 63,096	\$ 423,151	
Balance at January 1, 2017	146,978,173	\$ 343,963	\$ 14,865	\$ (222)	\$ 334	\$ 1,115	\$ 63,096	\$ 423,151	
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>									
Net income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,305	66,305	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	369	(307)	-	-	62	
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	-	369	(307)	-	66,305	66,367	
<b>Transactions with owners of the Company</b>									
Issuance of common shares	11,873,750	74,804	-	-	-	-	-	74,804	
Share issuance costs	-	(5,018)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,018)	
Exercise of warrants (note 23c)	238,515	2,168	(1,084)	-	-	-	-	1,084	
Exercise of stock options	307,160	1,123	(325)	-	-	-	-	798	
Issuance of shares for mineral property (note 13a)	239,385	1,128	-	-	-	-	-	1,128	
Share-based payments (note 22)	-	-	1,270	-	-	-	-	1,270	
	12,658,810	74,205	(139)	-	-	-	-	74,066	
Balance at December 31, 2017	159,636,983	\$ 418,168	\$ 14,726	\$ 147	\$ 27	\$ 1,115	\$ 129,401	\$ 563,584	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

(Presented in thousands of US dollars – unless otherwise noted)

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### 1. Reporting Entity

Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") is a publicly traded company incorporated and domiciled in British Columbia, Canada.

The Company is engaged in precious and base metal mining and related activities in Latin America, including exploration, extraction, and processing. The Company operates the Caylloma silver, lead, and zinc mine ("Caylloma") in southern Peru and the San Jose silver and gold mine ("San Jose") in southern Mexico, and is developing the Lindero Gold Project in northern Argentina.

Its common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol FSM, and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol FVI.

The Company's registered office is located at Suite 650, 200 Burrard Street, Vancouver, Canada, V6C 3L6.

### 2. Basis of Presentation

#### Statement of Compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management of the Company in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS") effective as of December 31, 2017. On March 15, 2018, the Company's Board of Directors approved these financial statements for issuance.

#### Presentation and Functional Currency

These financial statements are presented in United States Dollars ("\$" or "US\$"), which is the functional currency of the Company. Reference to C\$ are to Canadian dollars. All amounts in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand US dollars, unless otherwise stated.

#### Basis of measurement

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for those assets and liabilities that are measured at fair values (Note 31) at the end of each reporting period.

### 3. Significant Accounting Policies

The Company has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

#### (a) Basis of Consolidation

These financial statements include the accounts of the Company. All significant intercompany transactions, balances, revenues, and expenses have been eliminated upon consolidation.

Subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial results of the Company from the effective date of acquisition or control and up to the effective date of disposition or loss of control. Control is achieved when the Company has power over the investee, is exposed to or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with an investee, and had the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee.

Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. is the ultimate parent entity of the group. At December 31, 2017, the principal subsidiaries of the Company, their geographic locations, and the ownership interests held by the Company, were as follows:

# Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

(Presented in thousands of US dollars – unless otherwise noted)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Principal Activity</b>
Minera Bateas S.A.C. ("Bateas")	Peru	100%	Caylloma Mine
Compania Minera Cuzcatlan S.A. de C.V. ("Cuzcatlan")	Mexico	100%	San Jose Mine
Mansfield Minera S.A. ("Mansfield")	Argentina	100%	Mine under construction

### (b) Foreign Currency Translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange at each financial position date. Foreign exchange gains or losses on translation to the functional currency of an entity are recorded in profit or loss. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate as at the date of the initial transaction.

### (c) Financial Instruments

#### i. Financial Assets

The Company classifies all financial assets as either fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"), held-to-maturity ("HTM"), loans and receivables, or available-for-sale ("AFS"). The classification is determined at initial recognition and depends on the nature and purpose of the financial asset.

#### Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss ("FVTPL")

Financial Assets are classified as FVTPL when the financial asset is held-for-trading or it is a designated FVTPL on initial recognition. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term.

Financial assets classified as FVTPL are stated at fair value with any resulting gain or loss recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Transaction costs related to financial assets classified as FVTPL are recognized immediately in profit or loss.

#### Held-to-Maturity ("HTM")

HTM investments are recognized on a trade-date basis and are initially measured at fair value including transaction costs. The Company does not have any assets classified as HTM investments.

#### Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs and are classified as current or non-current assets based on their maturity date, and subsequently measured at amortized cost, using the effective interest method, less any impairment. The impairment loss of receivables is based on a review of all outstanding amounts at each reporting period. Interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate.

#### Available-For-Sale ("AFS")

AFS financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories.

AFS financial assets are measured at fair value, determined by published market prices in an active market, except for investments in equity instruments that do not have quoted market prices in an active market which are measured at cost. Changes in fair value are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) until realized through disposal or impairment. Investments classified as AFS are written down to fair value through profit or loss whenever it is necessary to reflect prolonged or significant decline in the value of the assets. Realized gains and losses on the disposal of AFS securities are recognized in profit or loss.

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### Impairment of Financial Assets

Financial assets, other than those at FVTPL are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting period. Financial assets are impaired when there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted.

For financial assets carried at amortized cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of all financial assets carried at amortized cost, excluding trade receivables, is directly reduced by the impairment loss. The carrying amount of trade receivables is reduced through the use of an allowed allowance. Subsequent recoveries of accounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognized in profit or loss.

With the exception of AFS equity instruments, if in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease relates to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss. On the date of impairment reversal, the carrying amount of the financial asset cannot exceed its amortized cost had an impairment not been recognized.

### Derecognition of Financial Assets

A financial asset is derecognized when:

- the contractual right of the asset's cash flows expires; or
- if the Company transfers the financial asset and substantially all risks and reward of ownership to another entity.

#### ii. *Financial Liabilities*

Long term debt and other financial liabilities are recognized initially at the fair value, net of transaction costs incurred, and are subsequently stated at amortized cost. Any difference between the amounts originally received (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in profit or loss over the period to maturity using the effective interest method.

#### iii. *Derivative Instruments*

Derivative instruments are recorded at fair value, including those derivatives that are embedded in financial or non-financial contracts that are not closely related to the host contracts. Changes in the fair values of derivative instruments are recognized in profit or loss with the exception of derivatives designated as effective cash flow hedges.

Derivatives not being accounted for as hedges are categorized as held-for-trading. Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value.

Fair value of the Company's recognized commodity-based derivatives are based on the forward prices of the associated market index. Gains or losses are recorded in profit and loss.

For cash flow hedges that qualify under the hedging requirements of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement ("IAS39"), the effective portion of any gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognized in other comprehensive income ("OCI") and the ineffective portion is reported as a gain (loss) on derivatives in profit or loss.

Hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively when:

- the hedge instrument expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised;
- the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting; and,
- the Company revokes the designation.

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The Company considers derecognition of a cash flow hedge when the related forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur. If the Company revokes the designation, the cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument that has been recognized in OCI from the period when the hedge was expected to occur. Otherwise, the cumulative gain or loss on the hedge instrument that has been recognized in OCI from the period when the hedge was effective is reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

Derivatives are carried as financial assets when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative.

### iv. *Effective Interest Method*

The effective interest method calculates the amortized cost of a financial instrument and allocates the interest income or expense over the corresponding period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash receipts or payments over the expected life of the financial instrument, or where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Income or expense is recognized on an effective interest basis for instruments other than those financial instruments classified as FVTPL.

### (d) *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents are designated as loans and receivables. Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and money market instruments with maturities from the date of acquisition of 90 days or less, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant changes in value.

### (e) *Inventories*

Inventories include metal contained in concentrates, stockpiled ore, materials and supplies. Costs allocated to metal inventories are based on average costs, which include direct mining costs, direct labor and material costs, mine site overhead, depletion and amortization. Costs allocated to materials and supplies are based on weighted average costs and include all costs of purchase and other costs in bringing these inventories to their existing location and condition. If carrying value exceeds net realizable amount, a write down is recognized. The write down may be reversed in a subsequent period if the circumstances which caused it no longer exist, to the extent that the related inventory has not been sold. Net realizable value is calculated as the estimated price at the time of sale based on prevailing metal prices less estimated future costs to convert the inventories into saleable form and estimated costs to sell.

### (f) *Investment in Associates*

Associates are those entities in which the Company has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over the entity's financial and operating policies. Interests in associates are accounted for using the equity method. They are initially recognized at cost, which includes transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the consolidated financial statements include the Company's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of equity-accounted investees, until the date on which significant influence ceases.

### (g) *Exploration and Evaluation Assets*

Significant payments related to the acquisition of land and mineral rights are capitalized as incurred. Prior to acquiring such land or mineral rights, the Company makes a preliminary evaluation to determine that the property has significant potential to develop an economic ore body. The time between initial acquisition and a full evaluation of a property's potential is dependent on many factors including, but not limited to, location relative to existing infrastructure, the property's stage of development, geological controls and metal prices.

The Company defers the cost of acquiring, maintaining its interest and exploring mineral properties as exploration and evaluation assets when future inflow of economic benefits from the properties is probable and until such time as the properties are placed into development, abandoned, sold, or considered to be impaired in value.

If a mineable ore body is discovered, exploration and evaluation costs are reclassified to mining properties. The Company uses the following criteria in its assessment:

- the property has mineral reserves as referred to in Canadian National Instrument 43-101, and
- when legal, permitting and social matters have been resolved sufficiently to allow mining of the body.

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If no mineable ore body is discovered, all previously capitalized costs are expensed in the period in which it is determined the property has no economic value.

Proceeds received from the sale of interests in exploration and evaluation assets are credited to the carrying value of the mineral properties, plant and equipment. Exploration costs that do not relate to any specific property are expensed as incurred.

### (h) Mineral Properties, and Plant and Equipment

#### i. *Operational Mining Properties and Mine Development*

For operating mines, all mineral property expenditures are capitalized and amortized based on the unit-of-production method considering the expected production to be obtained over the life of the mineral property. The expected production includes proven and probable reserves and the portion of inferred resources expected to be extracted economically as part of the production cost.

Costs of producing properties are amortized on a unit-of-production basis over proven and probable reserves and the portion of inferred resources where it is considered highly probable that those resources are expected to be extracted economically.

The expected production to be obtained over the life of the mineral property is based on our life-of mine production plans which typically include a portion of inferred resources, and therefore differ from the life-of-mine plans we publish as part of our 43-101 compliant technical reports which are based on reserves only. The decision to use inferred resources, and the portion of inferred resources to be included varies for each operation and is based on the geological characteristics of the ore body, the quality and predictability of inferred resources, and the conversion of inferred resources into measured and indicated ("M&I") that we have historically achieved in the past.

Many factors are taken into account during resource classification including; the quality of drilling and sampling, drill/sample spacing, sample preparation and analysis, geological logging and modelling, database construction, geological interpretation and modelling, statistical/geostatistical analysis, interpolation method, local estimation, engineering studies, economic parameters, and reconciliation with actual results.

Once the integrity of the data has been established, two important considerations around classification of resources are geologic continuity and possible variation of thickness and grade between samples. For our inferred resources at San Jose and Caylloma we are able to achieve a significant level of confidence on the existence of mineable material as geological continuity has been established by consistent drill hole intercepts both along strike and down-dip which provides us with reasonable confidence in the location of the structures. The vast majority of the inferred resources are interpolated, estimated between existing drill hole intercepts, as opposed to extrapolated where the grades are estimated beyond the furthest sample point, adding to our confidence in the geologic continuity of the veins. Furthermore, San Jose and Caylloma are not structurally complex deposits where faulting has disrupted geologic continuity.

With regards to the variation of thickness and grade between samples, we use statistical means to calculate the probability that tonnage and grade content falls within a certain accuracy over a given timeframe. If the potential variation is estimated to be within  $\pm 25\%$  at 90 percent confidence globally, we classify it as an inferred resource. This is equivalent to stating that we have 95 percent confidence that greater than 75 % of the inferred tonnes, grade, and metal content will ultimately be recovered by the mine and hence that the same percentage or higher will be converted from an inferred resource to an indicated resource through infill drilling as per our policy of upgrading prior to production.

As part of our process to include inferred resources into our life-of-mine production plans we apply an economic cut-off to identify only the material that can be considered profitable to mine within our mine designs and at this time we apply a conversion or "risk" factor to the mining blocks comprised of inferred resources we include in such mine production plans. This conversion factor is based on the predictability of conversion derived from statistical estimates of confidence as described above and the support from historic conversion rates of inferred resources into M&I at each of our mines. The conversion factors used in our 2017 and 2016 life-of-mine plans were 90% at San Jose and between 80% and 87% at Caylloma, depending on the veins being mined.

The percentage of inferred resources included as a component of the total mineable inventory (reserve + resource) considered in the 2018 life-of-mine evaluation for each operation as of December 31, 2017, was San Jose 23% (2016 and 2015: 28% and 53%); Caylloma 60% (2016 and 2015: 38% and 33%).



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The Company reviews the conversion factors including past experience in assessing the future expected conversion of inferred resources to be used in the life-of-mine plans for inclusion of inferred resources once a year in light of new geologic information and conversion data and when events or circumstances indicate that a review should be made. The Company continually monitors expected conversion and any changes in estimates that arise from this review are accounted for prospectively.

Significant estimation is involved in determining resources and in determining the percentage of resources ultimately expected to be converted to reserves, which we determine based on careful consideration of both internal and external technical and economic data. Estimation of future conversion of resources is inherently uncertain and involves significant judgment and actual outcomes may vary from these judgments and estimates and such outcomes may have a material impact on the results. Revisions to these estimates are accounted for in the period in which the change in estimate arises.

Costs of abandoned properties are written-off.

### *Commercial Production*

Capital work in progress consists of expenditures for the construction of future mines and includes pre-production revenues and expenses prior to achieving commercial production. Commercial production is a convention for determining the point in time in which a mine and plant has completed the operational commissioning and has operational results that are expected to remain at a sustainable commercial level over a period of time, after which production costs are no longer capitalized and are reported as operating costs. The determination of when commercial production commences is based on several qualitative factors including but not limited to the following:

- all major capital expenditures to bring the mine to the condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management have been completed; and
- the ability to sustain ongoing production of ore at a steady or increasing level.

On the commencement of commercial production depletion of each mining property will be provided on a unit-of-production basis. Any costs incurred after the commencement of production are capitalized to the extent they give rise to a future economic benefit.

### *ii. Plant and Equipment*

Completed property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and impairments. Costs directly related to construction projects are capitalized to work in progress until the asset is available for use in the manner intended by management. Assets, other than capital works in progress, are depreciated to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

#### Land and buildings

Land	Not depreciated	
Mineral properties	Units of production	Declining balance
Buildings, located at the mine	Units of production	Declining balance
Buildings, others (1)	6-10 years	Straight line
Leasehold improvements (1)	4-8 years	Straight line

#### Plant and equipment

Machinery and equipment (1)	3-15 years	Straight line
Furniture and other equipment (1)	2-13 years	Straight line
Transport units	4-5 years	Straight line
Capital work in progress	Not depreciated	

(1) The lesser of useful life or life of mine.

Equipment under finance lease is initially recorded at the present value of minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or useful life. Spare parts and components included in machinery and equipment, depending on the replacement period of the initial component, are depreciated over 8 to 18 months.

Borrowing costs attributed to the construction of qualifying assets are capitalized to mineral properties, plant and equipment, and are included in the carrying amounts of related assets until the asset is available for use in the manner intended by management.

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Costs associated with commissioning activities on constructed plants are deferred from the date of mechanical completion of the facilities until the date the assets are ready for use in the manner intended by management.

On an annual basis, the depreciation method, useful economic life, and residual value of each component asset is reviewed with any changes recognized prospectively over its remaining useful economic life.

### (i) Asset Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Company makes an assessment of impairment indicators and if there are such indicators, then the Company performs a test of impairment.

For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows or cash generating units. These are typically individual mines or development projects. Brownfields exploration projects, located close to existing mine infrastructure, are assessed for impairment as part of the associated mine cash generating unit.

An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less cost of disposal ("FVLCD") and value in use.

When the recoverable amount is assessed using pre-tax discounted cash flow techniques, the resulting estimates are based on detailed mine and/or production plans. For value in use, recent cost levels are considered, together with expected changes in costs are compatible with the current condition of the business. The cash flow forecasts are based on best estimates of the expected future revenues and costs, including the future cash costs of production, sustaining capital expenditures, and reclamation and closure costs.

Where a FVLCD model is used the cash flow forecast includes net cash flows expected to be realized from extraction, processing, and sale of mineral resources that do not currently qualify for inclusion in proven or probable reserves and the portion of resources expected to be extracted economically.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset or cash-generating unit is increased to the revised estimate of recoverable amount but not beyond the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset or cash-generating unit in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized into earnings immediately.

### (j) Borrowing Costs

Interest and other financing costs incurred that are attributable to acquiring and developing exploration and development stage mining properties and constructing new facilities. ("qualifying assets") are capitalized and included in the carrying amounts of qualifying assets until those qualifying assets are ready for their intended use.

Capitalization of borrowing costs incurred commences on the date the following three conditions are met:

- expenditures for the qualifying asset are being incurred;
- borrowing costs are being incurred; and,
- activities that are necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use are being undertaken.

Borrowing costs incurred after the qualifying assets are ready for their intended use are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Transaction costs, comprised of legal fees and upfront commitment fee, associated with the credit facility for general working capital and for future capital projects are recorded as a debit to the bank loan and are amortized over the term of the credit facility using the effective interest rate method.

All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

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### (k) Assets Held for Sale

A non-current asset is classified as held for sale when it meets the following criteria:

- The non-current asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such assets; and,
- The sale of the non-current asset is highly probable. For the sale to be highly probable:
  - The appropriate level of management must be committed to a plan to sell the asset;
  - An active program to locate a buyer and complete the plan must have been initiated;
  - The non-current asset or disposal group must be actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current fair value;
  - The sale should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification as held for sale (with certain exceptions); and
  - Actions required to complete the plan should indicate that it is unlikely that significant changes to the plan will be made or that the plan will be withdrawn.

Assets held for sale are not depreciated and are recorded at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

### (l) Leases

A lease is classified as a finance lease when substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased asset are transferred from the lessor to the lessee by the agreement. At the commencement of the lease term, finance leases are recognized as assets and liabilities at the lower of the fair value of the leased asset and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The assets are depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful lives and the term of the lease. Interest on the lease instalments is recognized as interest expense over the lease term using the effective interest method. Leases for land and buildings are recorded separately if the lease payments can be allocated accordingly.

Leases that do not transfer all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as operating leases. Payments are recorded in profit or loss using the straight line method over their estimated useful lives.

### (m) Income Taxes

Income tax expense consists of current and deferred tax expense.

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at period end adjusted for amendments to tax payable with regards to previous years.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for deferred tax consequences attributable to unused tax loss carry forwards, unused tax credits, and differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted or substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply when the asset is realized or the liability is settled.

The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in profit or loss in the period that substantive enactment occurs.

A deferred tax asset is recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable income will be available against which the asset can be utilized. To the extent that the Company does not consider it probable that a deferred tax asset will be recovered, the deferred tax asset is reduced.

The following temporary differences do not result in deferred tax assets or liabilities:

- the initial recognition of assets or liabilities, not arising in a business combination, that does not affect accounting or taxable income;
- goodwill; and
- investments in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities where the timing of reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and reversal in the foreseeable future is not probable.

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Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities, and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

### (n) Provisions

#### *i. Closure and Rehabilitation Provisions*

Future obligations to retire an asset, including dismantling, remediation and ongoing treatment and monitoring of the site related to normal operation are initially recognized and recorded as a liability based on estimated future cash flows discounted at the risk-free rate.

The closure and reclamation provision (“CRP”) is adjusted at each reporting period for changes to the expected amount of cash flows required to discharge the liability, the timing of such cash flows and the risk-free discount rate.

The liability is accreted to full value over time through periodic charges to profit or loss.

The amount of the CRP initially recognized is capitalized as part of the related asset’s carrying value and amortized to profit or loss. The method of amortization follows that of the underlying asset. The costs related to a CRP are only capitalized to the extent that the amount meets the definition of an asset and can bring about future economic benefit. For a closed site or where the asset which generated a CRP no longer exists, there is no longer future benefit related to the costs and as such, the amounts are expensed. For operating sites, a revision in estimates or a new disturbance will result in an adjustment to the CRP with an offsetting adjustment to the capitalized closure and rehabilitation costs.

#### *ii. Environmental Disturbance Restoration Provisions*

During the operating life of an asset, events such as infractions of environmental laws or regulations may occur. These events are not related to the normal operation of the asset and are referred to as environmental disturbance restoration provisions (“EDRP”). The costs associated with an EDRP are accrued and charged to earnings in the period in which the event giving rise to the liability occurs. Any subsequent adjustments to an EDRP due to changes in estimates are also charged to earnings in the period of adjustment. These costs are not capitalized as part of the long-lived asset’s carrying value.

#### *iii. Other Provisions*

Provisions are recognized when a present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of past events, and it is probable that an outflow of resources that can be reliably estimated will be required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material the provision is discounted using an appropriate current market based pre-tax discount rate.

### (o) Share Capital

Common shares are classified as equity. Costs directly attributable to the issuance of common share are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds.

### (p) Revenue Recognition

Revenue arising from the sale of metal concentrates is recognized when all significant risks and rewards of ownership of the concentrates have been transferred to the buyer. The passing of risk and rewards to the customer is based on the terms of the sales contract. Final commodity prices are set in a period subsequent to the date of sale based on a specified quotational period either one, two, or three months after delivery. The Company’s metal concentrates are provisionally priced at the time of sale based on the prevailing market price.

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Variations between the price recorded at the delivery date and the final price set under the sales contracts are caused by changes in market prices, and result in an embedded derivative in accounts receivable. The embedded derivative is recorded at fair value each period until final settlement occurs, with changes in fair value classified as provisional price adjustments and included in sales in the consolidated income statement. Sales of metal concentrates are net of refining and treatment charges.

Revenues from metal concentrate sales are also subject to adjustment upon final settlement of weights and assays as of a date that is typically one, two, or three months after the delivery date. Typically, the adjustment is based on an inspection of the concentrate by the customer and in certain cases, an inspection by a third party. Adjustments for weights and assays are recorded when results are determinable or on final settlement.

### (q) Share-Based Payments

The fair value method of accounting is used for share-based payment transactions. Under this method, the cost of stock options and other equity-settled share-based payment arrangements are recorded based on the estimated fair value at the grant date and charged to earnings over the vesting period. Where awards are forfeited because non-market based vesting conditions were not satisfied, the expense previously recognized are reversed in the period the forfeiture occurs.

Share-based payment expenses relating to cash-settled awards, including deferred and restricted share units are accrued and expensed over the vesting period based on the quoted market value of Company's common shares. As these awards will be settled in cash, the expense and liability are adjusted at each reporting period for changes in the underlying share price.

Equity settled share-based payment transactions with parties other than employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, except where that fair value cannot be estimated reliably, in which case they are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted, measured at the date the Company obtains the goods or the counter party renders the services.

#### *i. Stock Option Plan*

The Company applies the fair value method of accounting for all stock option awards. Under this method, the Company recognizes a compensation expense for all stock options awarded to employees, based on the fair value of the options on the date of grant which is determined by using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The fair value of the options is expensed over the graded vesting period of the options

#### *ii. Deferred Share Unit ("DSU") Plan*

Deferred share units are typically granted to non-executive directors of the Company. They are payable in cash upon resignation, retirement, removal, failure to achieve re-election, or upon a change of control of the Company. The DSU compensation liability is accounted for based on the number of DSUs outstanding and the quoted market value of the Company's common shares at the financial position date. The year-over-year change in the DSU compensation liability is recognized in profit or loss.

#### *iii. Share Unit Plans*

The Company's amended and restated share unit plan (the "SU Plan") covers all restricted share units ("RSUs") and performance share units ("PSUs") granted by the Company on and after March 1, 2015. All RSUs granted prior to March 1, 2015 are governed by the restricted share unit plan dated November 12, 2010.

#### **Restricted Share Units ("RSUs")**

The Company's RSUs are settled in either cash or equity, as determined by the Company's Board of Directors at the grant date and typically vest over three years, in tranches of 20%, 30%, and 50%. For cash-settled RSUs the compensation liability is accounted for based on the number of RSUs outstanding and the quoted market value of the Company's common shares at the financial position date. The Company recognizes a compensation cost in profit or loss for cash settled RSUs granted equal to the quoted market value of the Company's common shares at the date of which RSUs are awarded to each participant over the vesting period on a graded vesting basis and adjusts for the changes in the fair value until the end of the term of the RSUs. The cumulative effect of the change in fair value is recognized in profit or loss in the period of change.

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The fair value of equity settled RSUs are determined based on the quoted market value of the Company's common shares at the date of grant and the compensation expense is recognized over the vesting period on a graded vesting basis with a corresponding amount recorded as reserves.

### Performance Share Units ("PSUs")

Performance Share Units ("PSUs") are performance-based awards for the achievement of specified performance metrics by specified deadlines, which are settled in cash and vest over a three-year period in tranches of 20%, 30% and 50%. The Company's PSUs are settled in cash. The fair value of the estimated number of PSUs awarded that will eventually vest, determined as the date of grant is recognized as share-based payments expense within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated income statement over the vesting period with a corresponding amount recorded as a liability. Until the liability is settled, the fair value of the PSUs is re-measured at the end of each reporting period. Any changes in fair value up to the settlement date are recognized as share-based payments expense or recovery. The fair value of PSUs is estimated for each PSUs granted equal to the quoted market value, up to a maximum of two times the grant price of the Company's common shares.

PSUs for which the performance metrics have not been achieved are forfeited and cancelled.

### (r) Related Party Transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability directly, or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control. Related parties may be individuals or corporate entities, and include key management personnel of the Company. A transaction is considered to be a related party transaction when there is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties.

### (s) Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing the net income for the year by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year.

The diluted earnings per share calculation is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year, plus the effects of dilutive common share equivalents. This method requires that the dilutive effect of outstanding options issued should be calculated using the treasury stock method. This method assumes that all common share equivalents have been exercised at the beginning of the year (or at the time of issuance, if later), and that the funds obtained thereby were used to purchase common shares of the Company at the average trading price of the common shares during the year, but only if dilutive.

### (t) Segment Reporting

The Company's operating segments are based on the reports reviewed by the senior management group that are used to make strategic decisions. The Chief Executive Officer, as chief operating decision maker, considers the business from a geographic perspective considering the performance of the Company's business units.

A geographical segment is a distinguishable component of the entity that is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment and is subject to risks and returns that are different than those of segments operating in other economic environments.

The business operations comprise the mining and processing of silver-lead, zinc, and silver-gold and the sale of these products.

### (u) Significant Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the period end date and reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Such judgements and estimates are, by their nature, uncertain. Actual outcomes could differ from these estimates.



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The impacts of such judgements and estimates are pervasive throughout the financial statements, and may require accounting adjustments based on future occurrences. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and are accounted for prospectively.

In preparing these consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company applied the critical judgements and estimates as disclosed in note 4.

### (v) Adoption of New Accounting Standards

The following standards or amendments were adopted effective January 1, 2017. They had no significant impact on the financial position, results of operations, or cash flows of the Company previously reported.

Amendments to IAS 12, Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealized Losses. On January 19, 2016, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 12 to clarify how to account for deferred tax assets related to debt instruments measured at fair value. The Company applied this amendment on January 1, 2017 with no change to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 7, Statement of Cash Flow, Disclosure Initiative. On January 29, 2016, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 to provide investors with additional information to better understand changes in financial liabilities arising from both cash and non-cash items. The Company applied this amendment on January 1, 2017. As a result of applying this amendment, the Company presents new disclosures relating to the changes in financial liabilities arising from financing activities (Note 33).

### (w) New Accounting Standards issued but not yet effective

In 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (“IFRS 9”), which will replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The standard includes requirements for recognition and measurement, impairment, derecognition and general hedge accounting. The IASB completed its project to replace IAS 39 in phases, adding to the standard as it completed each phase. The version of IFRS 9 issued in 2014 supersedes all previous versions and is mandatorily effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 with early adoption permitted. IFRS 9 does not replace the requirements for portfolio fair value hedge accounting for interest rate risk (often referred to as the “macro hedge accounting” requirements) since this phase of the project was separated from the IFRS 9 project due to the longer-term nature of the macro hedging project which is currently at the discussion paper phase of the due process.

The Company expects the following impact of this standard upon adoption on January 1, 2018:

- the Company does not expect to apply hedge accounting to its metal forward and collar contracts, and intends to continue to apply hedge accounting to its interest rate swap; and
- the Company does not expect a material impact to the measurement of its financial instruments from any of the other changes to this standard, including the new expected credit loss model for calculating impairment of financial assets.

The Company is continuing to evaluate its disclosure obligations under IFRS 9.

In 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (“IFRS 15”), which provides guidance on the nature, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from a contract with a customer. The effective date of this standard is January 1, 2018, with earlier adoption permitted.

We have performed an assessment on the impact of the implementation of IFRS 15 and concluded it will not change the timing of revenue recognition or amounts of revenue to be recognized compared to how we recognize revenue under current accounting policies.

Our revenues involve a relatively limited number of contracts and customers. Revenues from concentrates are recognized as provisional sales, at the time the control of the concentrate is obtained by the customer. Our concentrate sales are subject to change in metal prices between the time of delivery and their final settlement. However, we are able to reasonably estimate the transaction price for the concentrate sale at the time control is transferred and then we adjust the values each period using forward prices until final settlement.

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We will revise our disclosures under IFRS 15 and will present additional disclosure of revenue from contracts with customers in the notes to the financial statements.

In 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 Leases (“IFRS 16”), which requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for most leases. Application of the standard is mandatory for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with earlier adoption permitted. The new standard is likely to result in increases to both the asset and liability positions of lessees, as well as affect the reported depreciation expense and finance costs of these entities in the statement of profit or loss. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the new standard will have on its financial results.

### (x) Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted for the year ended December 31, 2017.

## 4. Use of Judgements and Estimates

### (a) Critical Accounting Estimates and Assumptions

Many of the amounts included in the consolidated financial statements require management to make judgements and/or estimates. These judgements and estimates are continuously evaluated and are based on management’s experience and knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. Areas where critical accounting estimates and assumptions have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements include:

#### *Mineral Reserves and Resources and the Life of Mine Plan*

We estimate our mineral reserves and mineral resources in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects requirements. Estimates of the quantities of the mineral reserves and mineral resources from the basis for our life of mine plans, which are used for the calculation of depletion expense under the units of production method, impairment tests, and forecasting the timing of the payments related to the environmental rehabilitation provision.

Significant estimation is involved in determining the reserves and resources included within our life of mine plans. Changes in forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs or recovery rates may result in our life of mine plan being revised and such changes could impact depletion rates, asset carrying values and our environmental rehabilitation provision. As at December 31, 2017 we have used the following long term prices for our reserve and resource estimations: Gold \$1,250/oz, Silver \$19/oz, Lead \$2,200/t and Zinc \$2,500/t.

In addition to the estimates above, estimation is involved in determining the percentage of resources ultimately expected to be converted to reserves and hence included in our life of mine plans. Our life of mine plans include a portion of inferred resources as we believe this provides a better estimate of the expected life of mine for certain types of deposits, in particular for vein type structures. The percentage of inferred resources out of the total tonnage included in the life of mine plans is based on site specific geological, technical, and economic considerations. Estimation of future conversion of resources is inherently uncertain and involves judgement and actual outcomes may vary from these judgements and estimates and such changes could have a material impact on the financial results. Some of the key judgements of the estimation process include geological continuity, stationarity in the grades within defined domains, reasonable geotechnical and metallurgical conditions, treatment of outlier (extreme) values, cut-off grade determination and the establishment of geostatistical and search parameters. Revisions to these estimates are accounted for prospectively in the period in which the change in estimate arises. See note 3(g)(i).

#### *Valuation of Mineral Properties and Exploration Properties*

The Company carries its mineral properties at cost less accumulated depletion and any accumulated provision for impairment. The costs of each property and related capitalized expenditures are depleted over the economic life of the property on a units-of-production basis. Costs are charged to the consolidated statement of income (loss) when a property is abandoned or when there is a recognized impairment in value.



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The Company undertakes a review of the carrying values of mining properties and related expenditures whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying values may exceed their estimated net recoverable amounts determined by reference to estimated future operating results and discounted net cash flows. Where previous impairment has been recorded the Company analyzes any impairment reversal indicators. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying value of those assets is not recoverable. In undertaking this review, management of the Company is required to make significant estimates of, amongst other things, future production and sales volumes, metal prices, foreign exchange rates, mineral resource and reserve quantities, future operating and capital costs to the end of the mine's life, and reclamation costs. These estimates are subject to various risks and uncertainties which may ultimately have an effect on the expected recoverability of the carrying values of the mining properties and related expenditures.

The Company, from time to time, acquires exploration and development properties. When properties are acquired, the Company must determine the fair value attributable to each of the properties. When the Company conducts exploration on a mineral property and the results from the exploration do not support the carrying value, the property is written down to its new fair value which could have a material effect on the consolidated statement of financial position and the consolidated statement of income (loss).

### *Reclamation and Other Closure Provisions*

The Company has obligations for reclamation and other closure activities related to its mining properties. The future obligations for mine closure activities are estimated by the Company using mine closure plans or other similar studies which outline the requirements that will be carried out to meet the obligations. Because the obligations are dependent on the laws and regulations of the countries in which the mines operate, the requirements could change as a result of amendments in the laws and regulations relating to environmental protection and other legislation affecting resource companies. As the estimate of the obligations is based on future expectations, a number of estimates and assumptions are made by management in the determination of closure provisions.

### *Revenue Recognition*

Revenue from the sale of concentrate is recorded at the time the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the buyer using monthly average metal prices on the expected date of final settlement at which time the final sale prices will be fixed. Variations between the prices at initial recognition and final settlement may occur due to changes in the market metal prices and result in an embedded derivative in the accounts receivable. The embedded derivative is recorded at fair value each period until final settlement occurs with changes in the fair value classified as revenue. For changes in metal quantities upon receipt of new information and assay, the provisional sale quantities are adjusted.

### *Contingencies*

Contingencies can be either possible assets or possible liabilities arising from past events which, by their nature, will only be resolved when one or more future events not within our control occur or fail to occur. The assessment of such contingencies inherently involves the exercise of significant judgement and estimates of the outcome of future events. In assessing loss contingencies related to legal proceedings that are pending against the Company or unasserted claims that may result in such proceedings or regulatory or government actions that may negatively impact our business or operations, the Company with assistance from its legal counsel evaluates the perceived merits of any legal proceedings or unasserted claims or actions.

A liability is recognized in the consolidated financial statements when the outcome of the legal proceedings is probable and the estimated settlement amount can be estimated reliably. Contingent assets are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements until virtually certain.

### *(b) Critical Accounting Judgements in Applying the Entity's Accounting Policies*

Judgements that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements are as follows:

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### *Income Taxes*

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement carrying values of assets and liabilities and their respective income tax bases (“temporary differences”) and losses carried forward. The determination of the ability of the Company to utilize tax loss carry-forwards to offset deferred tax liabilities requires management to exercise judgement and make certain assumptions about the future performance of the Company.

Management is required to assess whether it is “probable” that the Company will benefit from these prior losses and other deferred tax assets. Changes in economic conditions, metal prices and other factors could result in revisions to the estimates of the benefits to be realized or the timing of utilization of the losses.

### *Assessment of Impairment and Reversal of Impairment Indicators*

Management applies significant judgement in assessing whether indicators of impairment or reversal of impairment exist for an asset or a group of assets which could result in a testing for impairment. Internal and external factors such as significant changes in the use of the asset, commodity prices, life of mines, tax laws or regulations in the countries that our mines operate in and interest rates are used by management in determining whether there are any indicators of impairment or reversal of previous impairments.

### *Functional Currency*

The functional currency for the Company and its subsidiaries is the currency of the primary economic environment in which each operates. The Company has determined that its functional currency and that of its subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar. The determination of functional currency may require certain judgements to determine the primary economic environment. The Company reconsiders the functional currency used when there is a change in the events and conditions which determined the primary economic environment.

## 5. Short Term Investments

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Term deposits and similar instruments	\$ 29,500	\$ 41,100

The term deposits have maturities in excess of 90 days and less than one year on the date of acquisition.

## 6. Marketable Securities

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Common shares of Medgold Resources Corp.	\$ -	\$ 1,266
Warrants of Medgold Resources Corp.	-	313
Common shares of Prospero Silver Corp.	555	-
Warrants of Prospero Silver Corp.	1	-
	\$ 556	\$ 1,579

In June 2016, the Company acquired 10 million common shares and 10 million common share purchase warrants of Medgold Resources Corp. ("Medgold"). In February 2017, the Company exercised all of the Medgold warrants it held. Upon exercise, the Company held 24.0% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Medgold (20.4% on a fully diluted basis) and reclassified the amounts to investment in associate (note 7).

In May 2017, the Company acquired by way of a private placement 5,357,142 units of Prospero Silver Corp. ("Prospero") at a price of C\$0.28 per unit for cash consideration of C\$1.5 million. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one common share purchase warrant exercisable at C\$0.35 per share until May 2020. Following the transaction, the Company owned approximately 15% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Prospero and would own 25.95% if all of the warrants were exercised. The Board of Directors of Prospero is required to approve an increase in the Company's ownership above 19.9%. As at December 31, 2017, the Company owned approximately 15% of the issued common shares of Prospero.

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During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recognized an unrealized loss of \$85 (2016 – \$80 unrealized gain) related to fair value adjustments on its marketable securities through the income statement and an unrealized loss of \$555, related to fair value adjustments on its marketable securities through other comprehensive income (2016 – \$334 unrealized gain).

### 7. Investment in Associate

Medgold is a Canadian public company which trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the ticker symbol MED and is quoted in Canadian dollars ("C\$"). Medgold's principal business activity is the acquisition and exploration of resource properties in Serbia.

On February 7, 2017, the Company exercised its common share purchase warrants to purchase 10 million common shares of Medgold (note 6) which resulted in the Company increasing its interest to 24.0%. As a result, the Company has significant influence over Medgold commencing on February 7, 2017, and accounts for its investment using the equity method. As at December 31, 2017, the Company owned a 22% interest in Medgold. The market value of the Company's investment in Medgold as at December 31, 2017 was \$3,200.

The Company is related to Medgold by virtue of a director in common.

Medgold shares and warrants presented as marketable securities, January 1, 2017	\$	1,579
Cash paid upon exercise of warrants		1,372
Fair value adjustments prior to February 7, 2017		(65)
Balance of Medgold investment at February 7, 2017		2,886
Share of Medgold's loss for the period February 7, 2017 to December 31, 2017		(192)
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$	2,694

### 8. Accounts and Other Receivables

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Trade receivables from concentrate sales	\$ 34,250	\$ 23,185
Advances and other receivables	1,249	1,095
Value added taxes recoverable	871	707
Accounts and other receivables	\$ 36,370	\$ 24,987

The Company's trade receivables from concentrate sales are expected to be collected in accordance with the terms of the existing concentrate sales contracts with its customers and no amounts were past due at December 31, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

### 9. Inventories

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Concentrate stockpiles	\$ 2,594	\$ 1,285
Ore stockpiles	4,144	2,659
Materials and supplies	11,015	9,628
Inventories	\$ 17,753	\$ 13,572

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company expensed \$156,614 (2016 – \$127,984), of inventories to cost of sales and wrote down \$985 (2016 - \$nil) of spare parts inventory to their net realizable value.

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### 10. Derivative Assets and Derivative Liabilities

	December 31,		December 31,	
	2017		2016	
<b>Assets</b>				
Interest rate swap	\$	140	\$	-
Commodity derivative contracts		-		973
Derivative assets	\$	140	\$	973
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Interest rate swap	\$	-	\$	254
Commodity derivative contracts		2,328		-
Derivative liabilities	\$	2,328	\$	254

#### (a) Commodity derivative contracts

In December 2016, the Company entered into two sets of zinc forward sales contracts with Scotiabank, to mitigate its commodity price risks. The zinc forward sales contracts consist of a total of 3,900 tonnes of zinc at a price of \$2,650 per tonne and 3,900 tonnes of zinc at a price of \$2,750 per tonne which settled, on average, 650 tonnes per month through to the end of December 2017.

In January 2017, the Company entered into a set of lead forward sales contracts with Scotiabank, to mitigate its commodity price risks. The lead forward sales contracts consist of 2,965 tonnes of lead at a price of \$2,340 per tonne which settled, on average, 270 tonnes per month through to the end of December 2017.

In July 2017, the Company entered into zero cost collars for an aggregate 7,500 tonnes of lead with a floor price of \$2,100 per tonne and a cap price of \$2,500 per tonne, maturing from August 2017 to June 2018. In 2017, the Company also entered into zero cost collars for an aggregate 6,500 tonnes of zinc with a floor price of \$2,500 per tonne and a cap price of \$2,965 per tonne, maturing during the first half of 2018.

The zinc and lead contracts are derivative financial instruments and are not accounted for as designated hedges under IAS 39. They were initially recognized at fair value on the date on which the related derivative contracts were entered into and are subsequently re-measured to estimated fair value. Any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the derivatives are credited or charged to profit or loss.

The following table summarizes the gains (losses) from the settlement of and the open positions for the zinc and lead forward sales contracts as at December 31, 2017:

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	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
<b>Realized</b>		
<b>Zinc Contracts</b>		
Tonnes settled	7,803	-
Average settlement price per tonne	\$ 2,894	\$ -
Settlement gains (losses)	\$ (1,521)	\$ -
<b>Lead Contracts</b>		
Tonnes settled	4,465	-
Average settlement price per tonne	\$ 2,361	\$ -
Settlement gains (losses)	\$ 19	\$ -
<b>Unrealized</b>		
<b>Zinc Contracts</b>		
Open positions - tonnes	6,500	7,803
Price per tonne	\$ 2,500 - 3,190	\$ 2,650 - 2,750
Unrealized gains (losses)	\$ (2,957)	\$ 973
<b>Lead Contracts</b>		
Open positions - tonnes	6,000	-
Price per tonne	\$ 2,100 - 2,689	\$ -
Unrealized gains (losses)	\$ (344)	\$ -

### (b) Interest rate swap

Effective April 1, 2015, the Company entered into an interest rate swap ("Swap") on a notional amount of \$40,000, which expires on March 25, 2019 and matches the maturity of the bank loan. The swap has been designated as a hedge for accounting purposes. The swap was entered into to hedge the variable interest rate risk on the Company's bank loan. The fixed interest rate on the swap is 1.52% and the floating amount is based on the one-month LIBOR rate. The swap is settled on a monthly basis, with settlement being the net difference between the fixed and floating interest rates.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recognized unrealized gain of \$369 (2016 – \$85), related to fair value adjustments through other comprehensive income. The Swap was determined to be an effective hedge for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Subsequent to December 31, 2017, the Company terminated the Swap and received a \$214 settlement payment.

### 11. Assets held for sale

During the year ended December 31, 2017, it was determined that certain plant and equipment were no longer be required for mining operations at the San Jose Mine and became available for immediate sale. As a result, the Company wrote-down the carrying amount of these assets by \$901 to their estimated fair value of \$1,701 and transferred the balance from property, plant and equipment to assets held for sale.

### 12. Other non-current receivables

As at December 31, 2017, there were \$1,223 (2016 - \$562) of value added tax recoverable from expenditures on the development of the Lindero Gold Project in Argentina. The Company expects recovery of these amounts to commence once the Lindero Gold Project reaches commercial production.

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#### 13. Mineral Properties and Exploration and Evaluation Assets

	Depletable		Not depleted		Total
	Caylloma	San Jose	Lindero	Other	
<b>COST</b>					
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$ 100,630	\$ 151,259	\$ 130,590	\$ 1,844	\$ 384,323
Additions	10,599	13,888	9,234	2,508	36,229
Change in rehabilitation provision	1,448	(931)	301	-	818
Disposals	-	-	-	(202)	(202)
Reclassifications	(8)	(18)	29	-	3
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 112,669	\$ 164,198	\$ 140,154	\$ 4,150	\$ 421,171
<b>ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT</b>					
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$ 31,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,900
Impairment reversal (note 14)	(31,900)	-	-	-	(31,900)
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPLETION</b>					
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$ 42,059	\$ 46,829	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,888
Impairment reversal (note 14)	13,038	-	-	-	13,038
Depletion	5,956	16,677	-	-	22,633
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 61,053	\$ 63,506	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,559
NET BOOK VALUE, December 31, 2017	\$ 51,616	\$ 100,692	\$ 140,154	\$ 4,150	\$ 296,612

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	Depletable		Not depleted		Total
	Caylloma	San Jose	Lindero	Other	
<b>COST</b>					
Balance, January 1, 2016	\$ 92,973	\$ 136,666	\$ -	\$ 1,533	\$ 231,172
Acquisition of subsidiary	-	-	128,687	-	128,687
Additions	7,060	14,643	1,795	942	24,440
Change in rehabilitation provision	597	(414)	108	-	291
Disposals	-	(512)	-	(631)	(1,143)
Reclassifications	-	876	-	-	876
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 100,630	\$ 151,259	\$ 130,590	\$ 1,844	\$ 384,323
<b>ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT</b>					
Balance, January 1, 2016	\$ 31,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,900
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 31,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,900
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPLETION</b>					
Balance, January 1, 2016	\$ 37,552	\$ 33,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,552
Depletion	4,507	13,829	-	-	18,336
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 42,059	\$ 46,829	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,888
NET BOOK VALUE, December 31, 2016	\$ 26,671	\$ 104,430	\$ 130,590	\$ 1,844	\$ 263,535

The assets of Bateas (Caylloma) and Cuzcatlan (San Jose), and their holding companies, are pledged as security under the Company's credit facility.

### a) Exploration and Evaluation Assets

Included in mineral properties are exploration and evaluation assets which are categorized as not depleted other in the above tables. The Company is currently conducting exploration and evaluation activities on the following properties:

#### (i) Tlacolula Property

On August 2, 2017, the Company completed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Radius Gold Inc. to acquire the Tlacolula gold property (the "Property") for total consideration of \$1,328, comprising of \$150 cash and the issuance of 239,385 common shares valued at \$1,128. Radius was granted a 2% NSR royalty on the Property, of which one-half of the royalty can be purchased for \$1,500.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company spent \$158 on the Property, which has been capitalized as part of mineral properties.

#### (ii) Northwest Nevada Initiative

In December 2016, the Company entered into an option agreement with an unrelated party to acquire 6,756 mineral claims in north west Nevada, USA, totaling 239,128 acres (96,773 hectares).

To maintain this agreement, the Company is required to make cash payments totaling \$2,300, a combination of cash and shares of \$4,100 and spend \$2,000 in exploration expenditures by December 6, 2020. A further success payment is required if the Company completes an economic study on a potential mine if certain minimum technical parameters based on resource size and rate of return are met.

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During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company completed a drilling program with less than encouraging results and decided to terminate the option agreement and wrote-off the carrying value of the Property.

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$	200
Exploration expenditures during the year		1,410
		1,610
Less: charged to exploration expenses		(1,301)
Less: transferred to accounts receivable		(109)
		200
Less: write-off		(200)
Balance December 31, 2017	\$	-

#### b) Lindero Gold Project

On July 28, 2016, Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. acquired all the issued and outstanding common shares of Goldrock Mines Corp. ("Goldrock"), a public company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, by issuing 14,569,045 common shares and 1,514,677 warrants, exercisable at C\$6.01 per common share and expiring on October 31, 2018. Goldrock's principal asset is the 100% owned Lindero Gold Project located in Salta Province, Argentina. This acquisition has been accounted for as an asset purchase, as Goldrock Mines Corp. and its subsidiaries did not meet the definition of a business as defined in IFRS 3 «Business Combinations».

The following summarizes the consideration paid and estimates of fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed:

<b>Consideration:</b>		
14,569,045 common shares of the Company	\$	122,813
1,514,677 warrants		7,401
Costs of the transaction	8,226	
Cash of Goldrock received	(528)	
Costs of the transaction paid by Goldrock prior to closing	(2,822)	4,876
	\$	135,090
<b>Assets acquired and liabilities assumed:</b>		
Accounts receivable	\$	249
Machinery and Equipment		6,954
Accounts payable		(700)
Closure and rehabilitation provisions		(100)
Lindero Gold Project		128,687
	\$	135,090

The cash used for the purchase of the Lindero Gold Project was as follows:

Total consideration	\$	135,090
less: Non-cash issuance of common shares		(122,813)
less: Non-cash issuance of warrants		(7,401)
	\$	4,876
<b>Comprising:</b>		
Cash transaction costs	\$	5,404
less: Cash of Goldrock received		(528)
	\$	4,876



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The consideration was determined based on the fair value of the Company's shares at the closing date of the acquisition, plus the estimated fair value of warrants issued and transaction costs incurred. The warrants were accounted for under IFRS 2 «Share-based Payment», and are treated as equity settled share-based payments. The corresponding credit has been recorded in equity. The purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed on a relative fair value basis.

On September 21, 2017, the Board of Directors approved the construction of the Lindero Gold Project, and the expenditures related to this project are no longer classified as an exploration and evaluation asset.

### 14. Impairment Reversal

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recognized an impairment reversal of \$31,119 with respect to the Caylloma Mine. The impairment reversal was due to the significant increase in resources from the successful exploration drill program at the Animas NE vein and increases in the estimated zinc and lead prices. With the increase in resources, as well as increases in estimated prices, management updated its mine plan for the Caylloma mine. The new mine plan significantly improved the production profile and the associated cash flows compared with the Company's previous estimates and accordingly, was considered to be an indicator of impairment reversal.

The impairment charges recorded during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2013 were \$55,000 before tax. The amount of impairment reversal is limited to the carrying amount had no impairment been recognized in prior periods, net of depletion and amortization which would have been recognized.

The recoverable amount of the Caylloma Mine was determined based on its fair value less costs of disposal estimated utilizing a discounted cash flow model. The projected cash flows used are significantly affected by changes in assumptions for metal prices, changes in the amount of recoverable reserves and resources, production cost estimates, future capital expenditures and discount rates. The discounted cash flow model is a Level 3 measurement in the fair value hierarchy.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company's impairment testing incorporated the following key assumptions in addition to the increase in the estimated life of the mine:

a) Weighted average cost of capital

As at December 31, 2017, projected cash flows were discounted using a real after-tax discount rate of 4.1% which represented the estimated weighted average cost of capital.

b) Metal Price assumptions

<b>Metal Price Assumptions</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022 -2025</b>
Silver price (\$ per ounce)	\$ 17.56	\$ 18.44	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 18.40
Gold price (\$ per ounce)	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,342	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,325
Lead price (\$ per tonne)	\$ 2,469	\$ 2,403	\$ 2,315	\$ 2,205	\$ 2,205
Zinc price (\$ per tonne)	\$ 3,175	\$ 3,031	\$ 2,756	\$ 2,756	\$ 2,425

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### 15. Plant and Equipment

	Machinery and equipment	Land, buildings and leasehold improvements	Furniture and other equipment	Transport units	Equipment under finance lease	Capital work in progress	Total
<b>COST</b>							
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$ 57,685	\$ 132,067	\$ 15,848	\$ 1,095	\$ 7,810	\$ 941	\$ 215,446
Additions	3,290	276	726	108	-	10,812	15,212
Disposals	(3,461)	(1,184)	(3,006)	(110)	(515)	(730)	(9,006)
Reclassifications	4,703	579	(7,253)	70	-	1,898	(3)
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 62,217	\$ 131,738	\$ 6,315	\$ 1,163	\$ 7,295	\$ 12,921	\$ 221,649
<b>ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT</b>							
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$ 3,776	\$ 16,154	\$ 2,365	\$ -	\$ 475	\$ -	\$ 22,770
Disposals	(1)	-	-	-	(75)	-	(76)
Impairment reversal (note 14)	(3,775)	(16,154)	(2,365)	-	(400)	-	(22,694)
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>							
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$ 17,864	\$ 33,479	\$ 6,748	\$ 576	\$ 3,146	\$ -	\$ 61,813
Disposals	(2,549)	(448)	(1,507)	(101)	(440)	-	(5,045)
Reclassifications	3,907	-	(3,920)	13	-	-	-
Impairment reversal (note 14)	2,449	6,484	1,253	-	251	-	10,437
Depreciation	5,899	12,838	1,316	174	553	-	20,780
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 27,570	\$ 52,353	\$ 3,890	\$ 662	\$ 3,510	\$ -	\$ 87,985
NET BOOK VALUE, December 31,	\$ 34,647	\$ 79,385	\$ 2,425	\$ 501	\$ 3,785	\$ 12,921	\$ 133,664

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	Machinery and equipment	Buildings and leasehold improvements	Furniture and other equipment	Transport units	Equipment under finance lease	Capital work in progress	Total
<b>COST</b>							
Balance, January 1, 2016	\$ 28,462	\$ 94,872	\$ 15,476	\$ 711	\$ 5,215	\$ 38,792	\$ 183,528
Acquisition of subsidiary	6,954	-	-	-	-	-	6,954
Additions	1,627	258	368	181	2,013	21,849	26,296
Disposals	(211)	-	(106)	(64)	(75)	-	(456)
Reclassifications	20,853	36,937	110	267	657	(59,700)	(876)
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 57,685	\$ 132,067	\$ 15,848	\$ 1,095	\$ 7,810	\$ 941	\$ 215,446
<b>ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT</b>							
Balance, January 1, 2016	\$ 3,784	\$ 16,154	\$ 2,405	\$ -	\$ 483	\$ -	\$ 22,826
Disposals	(8)	-	(40)	-	(8)	-	(56)
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 3,776	\$ 16,154	\$ 2,365	\$ -	\$ 475	\$ -	\$ 22,770
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>							
Balance, January 1, 2016	\$ 14,816	\$ 24,466	\$ 4,387	\$ 505	\$ 2,845	\$ -	\$ 47,019
Disposals	(199)	-	(64)	(60)	(67)	-	(390)
Reclassifications	12	2	(14)	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	3,235	9,011	2,439	131	368	-	15,184
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 17,864	\$ 33,479	\$ 6,748	\$ 576	\$ 3,146	\$ -	\$ 61,813
NET BOOK VALUE, December 31,	\$ 36,045	\$ 82,434	\$ 6,735	\$ 519	\$ 4,189	\$ 941	\$ 130,863

### 16. Trade and Other Payables

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Trade accounts payable	\$ 13,576	\$ 15,251
Refundable deposits to contractors	686	1,514
Payroll payable	13,894	10,755
Mining royalty	1,023	755
Value added taxes payable	1,285	1,866
Interest payable	137	114
Due to related parties (note 17(a))	-	10
Other payables	411	354
	31,012	30,619
Deferred share units payable	5,094	4,992
Restricted share units payable	2,679	2,870
Performance share units payable	2,691	1,679
Total current share units payable (note 22)	10,464	9,541
Total trade and other payables	\$ 41,476	\$ 40,160

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### 17. Related Party Transactions

In addition to the related party transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements, the Company entered into the following related party transactions during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

#### a) Purchase of Goods and Services

During the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company entered into the following related party transactions with Gold Group Management Inc. and Mill Street Services Ltd., companies with directors in common with the Company.

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Personnel costs	\$ 138	\$ 121
General and administrative expenses	175	103
	\$ 313	\$ 224

The Company has outstanding balances payable with Gold Group Management Inc. of \$nil as at December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2016 - \$10). Amounts due to related parties are due on demand, and are unsecured.

#### b) Key Management Personnel

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Salaries and short term employee benefits	\$ 4,704	\$ 3,987
Directors fees	594	357
Consulting fees	138	127
Share-based payments	3,672	13,527
	\$ 9,108	\$ 17,998

### 18. Bank Loan

In April 2015, the Company drew down \$40,000 of the \$60,000 available under its credit facility agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia ("Credit Facility"). The Credit Facility is secured by a first ranking lien on the assets of Bateas, Cuzcatlan, and their holding companies. Interest on the Credit Facility is calculated using the one, two, three, or six month US\$ LIBOR rates plus a graduated margin based on the Company's leverage ratio, as defined in the Credit Facility. Interest is payable one month in arrears. The Credit Facility is repayable with a balloon payment on the maturity date of April 1, 2019.

While the Credit Facility remains drawn, the Company is required to maintain the following financial covenants:

- Total debt to EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Facility) of not greater than 3:1 calculated on a rolling four fiscal quarter basis and measured at the end of each fiscal quarter of the Company; and,
- Minimum tangible net worth (as defined in the Credit Facility) in an amount equal to the sum of (a) 85% of the tangible net worth as at June 30, 2014, (b) 50% of positive quarterly net income earned after June 30, 2014, and (c) 50% of the value of any equity interests issued by the Company after June 30, 2014.

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As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facility. Other than interest, no payments are required until April 2019.

On January 26, 2018, the Company entered into an amended and restated credit facility with the Bank of Nova Scotia (“Amended Credit Facility”). The Amended Credit Facility consists of a \$40,000 non-revolving credit facility and an \$80,000 revolving credit facility. The Amended Credit Facility is secured by a first ranking lien on the assets of Bateas, Cuzcatlan, Mansfield and their holding companies. The Company must comply with the terms in the amended agreement related to reporting requirements, conduct of business, insurance, notices, and must maintain certain covenants.

#### 19. Finance Lease Obligations

	Minimum lease payments	
	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Less than one year	\$ 912	\$ 2,189
Between one and five years	-	912
	912	3,101
Less: future finance charges	(6)	(67)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 906	\$ 3,034
Presented as:		
Current portion	\$ 906	\$ 2,128
Non-current portion	-	906

#### 20. Other Liabilities

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Restricted share units (note 22)	\$ 1,256	\$ 1,619
Performance share units (note 22)	-	1,866
Other non-current liabilities	100	59
	\$ 1,356	\$ 3,544

#### 21. Closure and Rehabilitation Provisions

	Closure and rehabilitation provisions			
	Caylloma Mine	San Jose Mine	Lindero Gold Project	Total
Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 8,182	\$ 4,822	\$ 208	\$ 13,212
Changes in estimate	1,761	(1,152)	301	910
Incurred and charged against the provision	(623)	(170)	-	(793)
Accretion expense	304	380	-	684
Effect of foreign exchange changes	-	220	-	220
Balance December 31, 2017	9,624	4,100	509	14,233
Current portion	1,533	123	-	1,656
Non-current portion	\$ 8,091	\$ 3,977	\$ 509	\$ 12,577

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Closure and reclamation provisions represent the present value of rehabilitation costs relating to mine and development sites. There have been no significant changes in requirements, laws, regulations, operating assumptions, estimated timing and amount of closure and rehabilitation obligations during year ended December 31, 2017, except for the timing caused by the extended Caylloma life of mine.

	Closure and rehabilitation provisions			Total
	Caylloma Mine	San Jose Mine	Lindero Gold Project	
Anticipated settlement date	2022 - 2029	2025 - 2037	2019 -2032	
Undiscounted uninflated estimated cash flow	\$ 9,726	\$ 5,016	\$ 444	\$ 15,186
Discount rate	3.76%	7.22%	5.91%	
Inflation rate	2.00%	3.87%	6.58%	

## 22. Share Based Payments

### (a) Deferred Share Units

	Number of Deferred Share Units	Fair Value
Outstanding, December 31, 2015	1,016,416	\$ 2,279
Grants	201,319	781
Units paid out in cash	(238,027)	(1,721)
Units transferred to trade payables	(96,640)	(902)
Change in fair value	-	4,555
Outstanding, December 31, 2016	883,068	\$ 4,992
Grants	91,108	429
Change in fair value	-	(327)
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	974,176	\$ 5,094

### (b) Restricted Share Units

	Number of Restricted Share Units	Fair Value
Outstanding, December 31, 2015	1,015,846	\$ 2,179
Grants to executive directors	317,276	1,161
Grants to officers	389,991	1,509
Grants to employees	82,679	323
Units paid out in cash	(419,019)	(2,104)
Forfeited or cancelled	(49,053)	-
Change in fair value and vesting	-	1,421
Outstanding, December 31, 2016	1,337,720	\$ 4,489
Grants to officers	406,499	1,919
Grants to employees	38,037	181
Units paid out in cash	(406,022)	(2,114)
Forfeited or cancelled	(5,007)	(5)
Change in fair value and vesting	-	1,310
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	1,371,227	\$ 5,780
Less: Equity grants to officers	(390,751)	(1,845)
Cash settled restricted share units, December 31, 2017	980,476	\$ 3,935

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### (c) Performance Share Units

	Number of Performance Share Units	Fair Value
Outstanding, December 31, 2015	1,236,620	\$ 1,194
Units paid out in cash	(247,324)	(961)
Forfeited or cancelled	(103,761)	-
Change in fair value and vesting	-	3,312
Outstanding, December 31, 2016	885,535	\$ 3,545
Units paid out in cash	(332,076)	(1,770)
Change in fair value and vesting	-	916
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	553,459	\$ 2,691

## 23. Share Capital

### (a) Authorized share capital

The Company has an unlimited number of common shares without par value authorized for issue.

In February 2017, the Company closed a private placement by issuing an aggregate of 11,873,750 common shares at a price of US\$6.30 per common share for gross proceeds of \$74,804, or net proceeds of \$70,497 after share issuance costs.

### (b) Stock Options

The Company's Stock Option Plan, as amended and approved from time to time, permits the Company to issue up to 12,200,000 stock options. As at December 30, 2017, a total of 2,222,905 common shares were available for issuance under the plan.

	Number of stock options	Weighted average exercise price
		Canadian dollars
Outstanding, December 31, 2015	3,105,355	\$ 3.66
Exercised	(2,236,861)	\$ 3.45
Forfeited	(23,501)	\$ 4.79
Outstanding, December 31, 2016	844,993	\$ 4.19
Exercised	(307,160)	\$ 3.39
Granted	617,694	\$ 6.35
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	1,155,527	\$ 5.56
Vested and exercisable, December 31, 2016	459,578	\$ 3.68
Vested and exercisable, December 31, 2017	537,833	\$ 4.64

During the year ended December 31, 2017, 617,694 options (2016 - nil) were granted.

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The assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the stock options granted during the year ended December 31, 2017 were a risk-free interest rate of 0.77%, expected volatility of 63.02%, expected life of 3 years, expected forfeiture rate of 5.57%, and an expected dividend yield of nil. The fair value, as determined using the Black-Scholes model, was \$2.61 per option granted in the period.

During year ended December 31, 2017, the Company expensed a total of \$674, in share-based payments related to the vesting of stock options (2016 – \$468).

#### (c) Warrants

	Number of warrants	Weighted average exercise price
		Canadian dollars
Outstanding, December 31, 2015	-	\$ -
Granted	1,514,677	\$ 6.01
Exercised	(931,700)	\$ 6.01
Outstanding, December 31, 2016	582,977	\$ 6.01
Exercised	(238,515)	\$ 6.01
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	344,462	\$ 6.01

#### 24. Earnings per Share

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Basic		
Net income for the year	\$ 66,305	\$ 17,858
Weighted average number of shares ('000's)	158,036	136,888
Earnings per share - basic	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.13

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Diluted		
Net income for the year	\$ 66,305	\$ 17,858
Weighted average number of shares ('000's)	158,036	136,888
Incremental shares from options	250	236
Incremental shares from warrants	26	929
Weighted average diluted number of shares ('000's)	158,312	138,053
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.13

As at December 31, 2017, there were no anti-dilutive options or warrants excluded from the above calculation (2016 – Nil).



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### 25. Sales

#### (a) By product and geographical area

	Year ended December 31, 2017				
	Canada	Peru	Mexico	Argentina	Total
Silver-gold concentrates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,996	\$ -	\$ 179,996
Silver-lead concentrates	-	42,202	-	-	42,202
Zinc concentrates	-	45,913	-	-	45,913
Sales to external customers	\$ -	\$ 88,115	\$ 179,996	\$ -	\$ 268,111

	Year ended December 31, 2016				
	Canada	Peru	Mexico	Argentina	Total
Silver-gold concentrates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143,151	\$ -	\$ 143,151
Silver-lead concentrates	-	40,442	-	-	40,442
Zinc concentrates	-	26,662	-	-	26,662
Sales to external customers	\$ -	\$ 67,104	\$ 143,151	\$ -	\$ 210,255

#### (b) By major customer

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Customer 1	\$ 106,850	\$ 71,184
Customer 2	73,146	71,967
Customer 3	79,523	18,238
Customer 4	8,508	40,646
Other Customers	84	8,220
	\$ 268,111	\$ 210,255

### 26. Cost of Sales

	Year ended December 31, 2017		
	Caylloma	San Jose	Total
Direct mining costs	\$ 35,476	\$ 58,187	\$ 93,663
Salaries and benefits	6,013	5,286	11,299
Workers' participation	1,545	5,805	7,350
Depletion and depreciation	9,175	32,929	42,104
Royalties	1,283	2,852	4,135
	\$ 53,492	\$ 105,059	\$ 158,551

	Year ended December 31, 2016		
	Caylloma	San Jose	Total
Direct mining costs	\$ 32,047	\$ 46,574	\$ 78,621
Salaries and benefits	5,399	4,697	10,096
Workers' participation	973	4,742	5,715
Depletion and depreciation	7,958	24,759	32,717
Royalties	873	1,627	2,500
	\$ 47,250	\$ 82,399	\$ 129,649

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#### 27. Selling, General, and Administrative

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 19,320	\$ 15,616
Workers' participation	1,750	1,363
	21,070	16,979
Share-based payments	3,841	14,138
	\$ 24,911	\$ 31,117

#### 28. Other expenses

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	\$ 1,450	\$ (3)
Write off of inventories	985	280
Write off of mineral properties	202	1,143
Other income	(956)	-
	\$ 1,681	\$ 1,420

#### 29. Income Taxes

##### (a) Reconciliation of effective tax rate

Income tax expense differs from the amount that would be computed by applying the applicable Canadian statutory income tax rate to income before income taxes. The significant reasons for the differences are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Net income before tax	\$ 104,951	\$ 47,110
Statutory tax rate	26.0%	26.0%
Anticipated income tax at statutory rates	27,287	12,249
Non-deductible expenditures	1,082	514
Differences between Canadian and foreign tax rates	5,804	2,995
Change in estimate	88	(511)
Effect of change in tax rates	(1,576)	(622)
Inflation adjustment	(2,242)	(933)
Impact of foreign exchange	(666)	5,328
Change in deferred tax assets not recognized	4,194	4,839
Mining taxes	4,568	2,738
Withholding taxes	649	2,760
Other items	(542)	(105)
Total income tax expense	\$ 38,646	\$ 29,252
Total income tax represented by:		
Current income tax expense	\$ 34,863	\$ 29,063
Deferred tax expense	3,783	189
	\$ 38,646	\$ 29,252

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In 2015, Peru underwent a tax reform that included an announced decrease in tax rates over a four year period. In December of 2016 the future decreases were halted and the tax rate was increased. The Company's Peruvian operating subsidiary, Minera Bateas, had an agreement with Peruvian government that stabilized its tax rate until December 31, 2017. The Company will be subject to a Peruvian income tax rate of 29.5% in 2018 and thereafter.

On December 27, 2017, the Argentine Congress passed the proposed tax reform which became effective on January 1, 2018. The changes included an immediate transitional reduction in corporate income tax rate from 35% to 30% for the two taxation years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Effective 2020 and thereafter, the Argentine corporate income tax rate will reduce from 30% to 25%.

Effective January 1, 2018, the British Columbia provincial tax rate will increase from 11% to 12%, resulting in an increase in the combined Canadian Federal and Provincial statutory tax rate of 27% starting 2018 and thereafter.

### (b) Tax amounts recognized in profit or loss

	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
<b>Current tax expense</b>		
Current taxes on profit for the year	\$ 34,940	\$ 29,791
Changes in estimates related to prior years	(77)	(728)
	\$ 34,863	\$ 29,063
<b>Deferred tax expense</b>		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences and foreign exchange rate	\$ 5,194	\$ 594
Changes in estimates related to prior years	165	217
Effect of changes in tax rates	(1,576)	(622)
	\$ 3,783	\$ 189
<b>Total Tax expense</b>	<b>\$ 38,646</b>	<b>\$ 29,252</b>

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### (c) Deferred tax balances

The significant components of the recognized deferred tax assets and liabilities are:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Reclamation and closure cost obligation	\$ 3,996	\$ 3,940
Other	6,268	2,898
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,264</b>	<b>\$ 6,838</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Mineral properties	\$ (30,413)	\$ (14,858)
Mining taxes	(3,376)	(3,336)
Equipment and buildings	(4,658)	(5,363)
Other	(474)	(8,155)
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (38,921)</b>	<b>\$ (31,712)</b>
<b>Net deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (28,657)</b>	<b>\$ (24,874)</b>
Classification:		
	2017	2016
Deferred tax assets	\$ -	\$ 471
Deferred tax liabilities	(28,657)	(25,345)
<b>Net deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (28,657)</b>	<b>\$ (24,874)</b>

The Company's movement of net deferred tax liabilities is described below:

	2017	2016
At January 1	\$ 24,874	\$ 24,685
Deferred income tax expense through income statement	3,783	189
<b>At December 31</b>	<b>\$ 28,657</b>	<b>\$ 24,874</b>

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### (d) Unrecognized deferred tax assets and liabilities

The Company recognizes tax benefits on losses or other deductible amounts where it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will be realized. The Company's unrecognized deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses for which no deferred tax asset is recognized consists of the following amounts:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Unrecognized deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses:		
Non capital losses	\$ 73,994	\$ 55,500
Provisions and other	11,720	13,074
Share issue costs	4,473	624
Mineral properties, plant and equipment	762	1,801
Derivative liabilities	-	254
Capital losses	906	846
<b>Unrecognized deductible temporary differences</b>	<b>\$ 91,855</b>	<b>\$ 72,099</b>

As at December 31, 2017, the Company has temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries for which an income tax liability has not been recognized as the Company can control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and the Company plans to reinvest in its foreign subsidiaries. The temporary difference associated with investments in subsidiaries aggregate to:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Mexico	\$ 69,044	\$ 66,035
Peru	98,070	58,017

### (e) Tax loss carryforwards

Tax losses have the following expiry dates:

	Year of expiry	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Canada	2025 – 2037	\$ 74,300	\$ 55,500
Argentina	2018 – 2022	3,700	-
Mexico	2021 – 2025	332	450
Barbados	2022 – 2024	266	185

In addition, at December 31, 2017, the Company has accumulated Canadian resource-related expenses of \$5,773 (2016 - \$3,271) for which the deferred tax benefit has not been recognized.

## 30. Segmented Information

The following summary describes the operations of each reportable segment:

- Bateas – operates the Caylloma silver, lead, and zinc mine
- Cuzcatlan – operates the San Jose silver-gold mine
- Lindero – development of the Lindero Gold Project
- Corporate – corporate stewardship

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	Year ended December 31, 2017				
	Corporate	Bateas	Cuzcatlan	Lindero	Total
Revenues from external customers	\$ -	\$ 88,115	\$ 179,996	\$ -	\$ 268,111
Cost of sales	-	(53,492)	(105,059)	-	(158,551)
Selling, general, and administration	(15,662)	(3,251)	(5,998)	-	(24,911)
Impairment reversal of mineral properties, plant, and equipment	-	31,119	-	-	31,119
Other expenses	(1,626)	(116)	(3,699)	-	(5,441)
Finance items	(867)	(4,620)	111	-	(5,376)
Segment profit (loss) before taxes	(18,155)	57,755	65,351	-	104,951
Income taxes	(643)	(17,136)	(20,927)	60	(38,646)
Segment profit (loss) after taxes	\$ (18,798)	\$ 40,619	\$ 44,424	\$ 60	\$ 66,305

	Year ended December 31, 2016				
	Corporate	Bateas	Cuzcatlan	Lindero	Total
Revenues from external customers	\$ -	\$ 67,104	\$ 143,151	\$ -	\$ 210,255
Cost of sales	-	(47,250)	(82,399)	-	(129,649)
Selling, general, and administration	(23,684)	(2,616)	(4,817)	-	(31,117)
Other income (expenses)	195	(767)	(376)	-	(948)
Finance items	(1,847)	718	(302)	-	(1,431)
Segment profit (loss) before taxes	(25,336)	17,189	55,257	-	47,110
Income taxes	(2,728)	(4,411)	(21,935)	(178)	(29,252)
Segment profit (loss) after taxes	\$ (28,064)	\$ 12,778	\$ 33,322	\$ (178)	\$ 17,858

	December 31, 2017				
	Corporate	Bateas	Cuzcatlan	Lindero	Total
Total assets	\$ 82,978	\$ 156,513	\$ 316,692	\$ 150,465	\$ 706,648
Total liabilities	\$ 57,889	\$ 35,169	\$ 48,441	\$ 1,565	\$ 143,064
Capital expenditures	\$ 540	\$ 13,184	\$ 22,577	\$ 10,757	\$ 47,058

	December 31, 2016				
	Corporate	Bateas	Cuzcatlan	Lindero	Total
Total assets	\$ 40,351	\$ 105,001	\$ 279,316	\$ 138,247	\$ 562,915
Total liabilities	\$ 57,132	\$ 23,622	\$ 57,962	\$ 1,048	\$ 139,764
Capital expenditures	\$ 283	\$ 8,996	\$ 36,773	\$ 2,009	\$ 48,061

### 31. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions (an exit price) regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique.

The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels to classify the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices in markets that are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (interest rate, yield curves), or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated observable market data or other means. Level 3 inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity). The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

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The following sets up the methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of Level 2 and Level 3 financial instruments.

<u>Financial asset or liability</u>	<u>Methods and assumptions used to estimate fair value</u>
Trade receivables	Trade receivables arising from the sales of metal concentrates are subject to provisional pricing, and the final selling price is adjusted at the end of a quotational period. We mark these to market at each reporting date based on the forward price corresponding to the expected settlement date.
Interest rate swaps, and metal contracts	Fair value is calculated as the present value of the estimated contractual cash flows. Estimates of future cash flows are based on quoted swap rates, futures prices and interbank borrowing rates. These are discounted using a yield curve, and adjusted for credit risk of the Company or the counterparty.
Marketable securities - warrants	The Company determines the value of the warrants using a Black-Scholes valuation model which uses a combination of quoted prices and market-derived inputs, such as volatility and interest rate estimates. Fair value changes on the warrants are charged to profit and loss.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, and 2016, there were no transfers of amounts between Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The following tables show the carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy. Fair value information for financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value is not presented if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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December 31, 2017	Carrying value						Fair value			Carrying value approximates Fair Value
	Available for sale	Fair value through profit or loss	Fair Value (hedging)	Loans and receivables	Other liabilities	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<b>Financial assets measured at Fair Value</b>										
Marketable securities - shares	\$ 555	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 555	\$ 555	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Marketable securities - warrants	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Trade receivables concentrate sales	-	34,250	-	-	-	34,250	-	34,250	-	-
Interest rate swap asset	-	-	140	-	-	140	-	140	-	-
	\$ 555	\$ 34,251	\$ 140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,946	\$ 555	\$ 34,391	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Financial assets not measured at Fair Value</b>										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183,074	\$ -	\$ 183,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183,074
Term deposits	-	-	-	29,500	-	29,500	-	-	-	29,500
Other receivables	-	-	-	1,251	-	1,251	-	-	-	1,251
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213,825	\$ -	\$ 213,825	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213,825
<b>Financial liabilities measured at Fair Value</b>										
Metal forward sales contracts	\$ -	\$ (2,328)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,328)	\$ -	\$ (2,328)	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ (2,328)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,328)	\$ -	\$ (2,328)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Financial liabilities not measured at Fair</b>										
Trade payables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (13,576)	\$ (13,576)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (13,576)
Payroll payable	-	-	-	-	(13,894)	(13,894)	-	-	-	(13,894)
Share units payable	-	-	-	-	(11,720)	(11,720)	-	(11,720)	-	-
Finance lease obligations	-	-	-	-	(906)	(906)	-	-	-	(906)
Bank loan payable	-	-	-	-	(39,871)	(39,871)	-	(40,000)	-	-
Other payables	-	-	-	-	(1,671)	(1,671)	-	-	-	(1,671)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (81,638)	\$ (81,638)	\$ -	\$ (51,720)	\$ -	\$ (30,047)



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December 31, 2016	Carrying value						Fair value			Carrying value approximates Fair Value
	Available for sale	Fair value through profit or loss	Fair Value (hedging)	Loans and receivables	Other liabilities	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<b>Financial assets measured at Fair Value</b>										
Marketable securities - shares	\$ 1,266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,266	\$ 1,266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Marketable securities - warrants	-	313	-	-	-	313	-	313	-	-
Trade receivables concentrate sales	-	23,185	-	-	-	23,185	-	23,185	-	-
Zinc forward contracts	-	973	-	-	-	973	-	973	-	-
	\$ 1,266	\$ 24,471	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,737	\$ 1,266	\$ 24,471	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Financial assets not measured at Fair Value</b>										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,484	\$ -	\$ 82,484	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,484
Term deposits	-	-	-	41,100	-	41,100	-	-	-	41,100
Other receivables	-	-	-	72	-	72	-	-	-	72
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,656	\$ -	\$ 123,656	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,656
<b>Financial liabilities measured at Fair Value</b>										
Interest rate swap liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (254)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (254)	\$ -	\$ (254)	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (254)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (254)	\$ -	\$ (254)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Financial liabilities not measured at Fair</b>										
Trade payables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15,251)	\$ (15,251)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15,251)
Payroll payable	-	-	-	-	(10,755)	(10,755)	-	-	-	(10,755)
Share units payable	-	-	-	-	(13,026)	(13,026)	-	(13,026)	-	-
Finance lease obligations	-	-	-	-	(3,034)	(3,034)	-	-	-	(3,034)
Bank loan payable	-	-	-	-	(39,768)	(39,768)	-	(40,000)	-	232
Other payables	-	-	-	-	(17,605)	(17,605)	-	-	-	(17,605)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (99,439)	\$ (99,439)	\$ -	\$ (53,026)	\$ -	\$ (46,413)

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### 32. Management of Financial Risk

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis.

The Company is exposed to certain financial risks, including credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk, metal price risk, and interest rate risk.

#### (a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a customer or third party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. All of our trade accounts receivables from concentrate sales are held with large international metals trading companies.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents and short term investments are held through large financial institutions. These investments mature at various dates within one year.

The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk as at December 31, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 183,074	\$ 82,484
Short term investments	29,500	41,100
Marketable securities	556	1,579
Derivative assets	140	973
Accounts receivable and other assets	36,370	24,987
Income tax receivable	130	72
Other non-current receivables	1,223	562
	\$ 250,993	\$ 151,757

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk. We limit our exposure to counterparty credit risk on cash and term deposits by only dealing with financial institutions with high credit ratings and through our investment policy of purchasing only instruments with a high credit rating. Almost all of our concentrate are sold to large well-known concentrate buyers.

#### (b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that we will not be able to meet our financial obligations as they come due. We manage our liquidity risk by continually monitoring forecasted and actual cash flows. We have in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support our normal operating requirements and our development plans. We aim to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet our short term business requirements, taking into account our anticipated cash flows from operations, our holdings of cash and cash equivalents, and our committed and anticipated liabilities.

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The following are the remaining contractual maturities of financial liabilities at the reporting date. The tables include cash flows associated with both interest and principal payments.

	Expected payments due by year as at December 31, 2017					Total
	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 5 years	After 5 years		
Trade and other payables	\$ 41,476	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,476
Bank loan	-	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Derivative liabilities	2,328	-	-	-	-	2,328
Income tax payable	14,237	-	-	-	-	14,237
Finance lease obligations	906	-	-	-	-	906
Other liabilities	-	1,356	-	-	-	1,356
Operating leases	653	1,025	634	-	-	2,312
Provisions	1,708	4,690	5,465	3,323	-	15,186
	\$ 61,308	\$ 47,071	\$ 6,099	\$ 3,323	\$ -	\$ 117,801

	Expected payments due by year as at December 31, 2016					Total
	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 5 years	After 5 years		
Trade and other payables	\$ 40,160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,160
Bank loan	-	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Derivative liabilities	254	-	-	-	-	254
Income tax payable	14,447	-	-	-	-	14,447
Finance lease obligations	2,189	912	-	-	-	3,101
Other liabilities	-	3,544	-	-	-	3,544
Operating leases	431	360	82	-	-	873
Provisions	1,154	2,728	5,172	5,174	-	14,228
	\$ 58,635	\$ 47,544	\$ 5,254	\$ 5,174	\$ -	\$ 116,607

Operating leases includes leases for office premises, computer equipment and other equipment used in the normal course of business.

#### (c) Currency risk

The functional and reporting currency for all entities within the consolidated group is the US dollar. We are exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates as a portion of our expenses are incurred in Canadian dollars, Peruvian soles, Argentinean pesos and Mexican pesos. A significant change in the foreign exchange rates between the United States dollar relative to the other currencies could have a material effect on the Company's profit or loss, financial position, or cash flows. We have not hedged our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations.

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As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company was exposed to currency risk through the following assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies:

	December 31, 2017			
	Canadian Dollars	Peruvian Soles	Mexican Pesos	Argentinian Pesos
Cash and cash equivalents	4,511	693	27,842	12,186
Marketable securities	697	-	-	-
Accounts receivable and other assets	292	4,428	3,018	33
Income tax receivable	-	421	-	-
Investments in associates	3,685	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	(14,950)	(17,244)	(253,702)	(7,814)
Provisions, current	-	-	(2,418)	-
Income tax payable	-	(6,631)	(176,977)	-
Other liabilities	(1,576)	-	(1,967)	-
Provisions	-	-	(78,567)	-
<b>Total foreign currency exposure</b>	<b>(7,341)</b>	<b>(18,333)</b>	<b>(482,771)</b>	<b>4,405</b>
<b>US\$ equivalent of foreign currency exposure</b>	<b>(5,852)</b>	<b>(5,650)</b>	<b>(24,462)</b>	<b>236</b>

	December 31, 2016			
	Canadian Dollars	Peruvian Soles	Mexican Pesos	Argentinian Pesos
Cash and cash equivalents	9,436	4,098	7,788	16,502
Marketable securities	2,300	-	-	-
Accounts receivable and other assets	343	3,810	3,369	115
Income tax receivable	-	243	-	-
Deposits on non-current assets	-	-	4,325	8,419
Trade and other payables	(14,581)	(13,666)	(208,364)	(3,891)
Due to related parties	(14)	-	-	-
Provisions, current	-	(2,765)	(6,169)	-
Income tax payable	-	(7,564)	(202,804)	509
Other liabilities	(4,679)	-	(1,220)	-
Provisions	-	(24,719)	(93,520)	(7,283)
<b>Total foreign currency exposure</b>	<b>(7,195)</b>	<b>(40,563)</b>	<b>(496,595)</b>	<b>14,371</b>
<b>US\$ equivalent of foreign currency exposure</b>	<b>(5,359)</b>	<b>(12,072)</b>	<b>(24,032)</b>	<b>904</b>

Currency	Change		Effect on foreign denominated items
Mexican Peso	+/- 10%	\$	2,351
Peruvian Soles	+/- 10%	\$	739
Argentinian Peso	+/- 10%	\$	52
Canadian Dollar	+/- 10%	\$	509

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#### (d) Metal Price Risk

We are exposed to metal price risk with respect to our sales of silver, gold, zinc, and lead concentrates. A 10% change in metal prices from the prices used at December 31, 2017 would result in the following change to sales and accounts receivable for sales which are still based on provisional prices as at December 31, 2017. As a matter of policy, we do not hedge our silver production.

Metal	Change		Effect on Sales
Silver	+/- 10%	\$	6,708
Gold	+/- 10%	\$	3,483
Lead	+/- 10%	\$	279
Zinc	+/- 10%	\$	453

We mitigate the price risk of our base metal production from time to time by committing a portion of such production under forward sales and collar contracts. We have entered into a series of lead and zinc forward sales and collar swaps representing approximately 50% of our expected lead and zinc production to June 2018 (note 10(a)).

#### (e) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Currently, our interest rate exposure mainly relates to interest earned on our cash, cash equivalent, and short term investment balances, and the mark-to-market value of derivative instruments which depend on interest rates. We have entered into an interest rate swap to mitigate the interest rate risk on our bank loan.

### 33. Supplemental cashflow information

The changes in liabilities arising from financing activities, including both changes arising from cash flows and non-cash changes were as follows:

	Bank Loan	Finance lease obligation	Interest rate swaps
As at January 1, 2016	\$ 39,486	\$ 1,884	\$ 351
Additions	-	2,362	-
Amortization of transaction costs	282	-	-
Principal payments	-	(1,212)	-
Interest accrued	-	-	(14)
Change in fair value	-	-	(84)
As at January 1, 2017	39,768	3,034	253
Amortization of transaction costs	103	-	-
Principal payments	-	(2,128)	-
Interest accrued	-	-	(25)
Change in fair value	-	-	(368)
As at December 31, 2017	\$ 39,871	\$ 906	\$ (140)

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### 34. Contingencies and Capital Commitments

#### (a) Bank Letter of Guarantee

The Caylloma Mine closure plan was updated in March 2017, with total undiscounted closure costs of \$9,230 consisting of progressive closure activities of \$3,646, final closure activities of \$4,971, and post-closure activities of \$613. Pursuant to the closure regulations, the Company is required to place the following guarantees with the government:

- 2017 – \$3,179
- 2018 – \$4,990
- 2019 – \$6,928

The Company has established a bank letter of guarantee in the amount of \$4,990 (2016 – \$3,179), on behalf of Bateas in favor of the Peruvian mining regulatory agency, in compliance with local regulation and to collateralize Bateas' mine closure plan. This bank letter of guarantee expires on December 31, 2018.

#### (b) Other Commitments

As at December 31, 2017, the Company had capital commitments of \$5,715 for civil work, equipment purchases and other services at the Lindero Gold Project expected to be expended within one year.

Operating leases includes leases for office premises, computer and other equipment used in the normal course of business.

The expected payments due by period, as at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

		Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 5 years	Total
Office premises	\$	563	\$ 988	\$ 634	\$ 2,185
Computer equipment		89	37	-	126
Machinery		1	-	-	1
Total operating leases	\$	653	\$ 1,025	\$ 634	\$ 2,312

#### (c) Tax Contingencies

##### *Peru*

The Company has been assessed \$1,750 by SUNAT, the Peruvian tax authority, including interest and penalties of \$573, for tax years 2010 and 2011. The Company is appealing these assessments and has provided a guarantee by way of a letter bond in the amount of \$838.

No amounts have been accrued as at December 31, 2017 or December 31, 2016 in respect of these tax assessments as the Company believes it is more likely than not that the Company's appeal will be successful.

##### *Mexico*

During 2015, the Company's foreign trade operations for tax years 2011 to 2014 were reviewed by the Mexican Tax Administration Service ("SAT") and was subject to an administrative customs procedure ("PAMA") for specific temporary import documents (pediments). On October 27, 2015, the SAT issued an assessment regarding the Company's foreign trade operations for tax years 2011 to 2014, and denied certain claims, which resulted in the following assessments totaling \$198 (the "tax credit"):

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- \$30 in general import tax, \$90 in VAT, and \$5 custom management tax, and
- associated fines of \$94

On December 11, 2015, the Company established a security bond in the amount of \$211 in favor of PAMA to collateralize this tax credit of \$198. On January 21, 2016, the Company presented its arguments before the Mexican Federal Court for the nullification and voidance of the tax credit (the “Company claim”). On August 18, 2016, the Mexican Federal Court issued a first instance resolution declaring the nullity and voidance of the tax assessment, which the tax authority appealed.

On April 6, 2017, the Mexican Federal Court issued a ruling to reinstate the tax credits in dispute and ordered the tax authority to settle the tax credits. The ruling is final and unappealable. In October 2017, the security bond was released and fully recovered.

#### **(d) Other Contingencies**

The Company is subject to various investigations, royalties and other claims, legal, labor, and tax proceedings covering matters that arise in the ordinary course of business activities. Each of these matters is subject to various uncertainties, and it is possible that some of these matters may be resolved unfavorably for the Company. Certain conditions may exist as of the date the financial statements are issued that may result in a loss to the Company. None of these matters is expected to have a material effect on the results of operations or financial conditions of the Company.

**EXHIBIT 99.3**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**





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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

As of March 15, 2018

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## Business of the Company

Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. ("Fortuna" or the "Company") is engaged in precious and base metal mining and related activities in Latin America, including exploration, extraction, and processing. The Company

- operates the Caylloma silver, lead, and zinc mine ("Caylloma") in southern Peru,
- operates the San Jose silver and gold mine ("San Jose") in southern Mexico, and
- is developing the Lindero Gold Project ("Lindero Project") in northern Argentina.

Fortuna is a publicly traded company incorporated and domiciled in British Columbia, Canada. Its common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol FSM, on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol FVI, and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the trading symbol F4S.F.

The Company's registered office is located at Suite 650, 200 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 3L6.

The consolidated financial statements include wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company; the most significant of which at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are presented in the following table:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Principal Activity</b>
Minera Bateas S.A.C. ("Bateas")	Peru	100%	Caylloma Mine
Compania Minera Cuzcatlan S.A. de C.V. ("Cuzcatlan")	Mexico	100%	San Jose Mine
Mansfield Minera S.A. ("Mansfield")	Argentina	100%	Mine under construction

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to help readers understand the significant factors that affect the performance of Fortuna and its subsidiaries, and those that may affect future performance. This MD&A has been prepared as of March 15, 2018 and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

The Company reports its annual financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS").

In this MD&A, we refer to various non-GAAP financial measures. These measures are used by us to manage and evaluate the operating performance of our mines and their ability to generate cash flows and are widely reported in the mining industry as benchmarks for performance. Refer to the discussion under the heading "Non-GAAP Financial Measures".

Additional information about the Company, including our Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)

*This document contains Forward-Looking Statements. Refer to the cautionary language under the heading "Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Statements."*

## Full Year Financial and Operational Highlights

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$66.3 million or \$0.42 per share, compared to net income of \$17.9 million, or \$0.13 per share for 2016. Adjusted net income (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures) was \$48.6 million compared to \$18.1 million for 2016. Net cash provided from operating activities was \$70.2 million compared to \$52.7 million for 2016.

Silver production approximated 8.5 million ounces with all-in sustaining cost (“AISC”) (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures) of \$6.36 per ounce, compared to approximately 7.4 million ounces and \$8.38 AISC per ounce for 2016.

The Company commenced construction at the Lindero Gold Project in Salta Province, Argentina in 2017. Total construction capital expenditures are expected to be \$239.0 million with commercial gold production expected in the third quarter of 2019.

### Operating Highlights

Consolidated Metrics	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	% Change	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% Change
<b>Key Indicators</b>						
<b>Silver</b>						
Metal produced (oz)	2,310,176	2,120,098	9%	8,469,594	7,380,217	15%
Metal sold (oz)	2,332,172	2,126,723	10%	8,416,326	7,377,509	14%
Realized price (\$/oz)	16.7	17.1	-2%	17.0	17.2	-1%
<b>Gold</b>						
Metal produced (oz)	15,283	13,812	11%	56,441	46,551	21%
Metal sold (oz)	15,333	13,803	11%	55,592	45,958	21%
Realized price (\$/oz)	1,273	1,217	5%	1,257	1,253	0%
<b>Lead</b>						
Metal produced (000's lbs)	7,846	7,290	8%	29,878	32,673	-9%
Metal sold (000's lbs)	8,054	7,361	9%	29,508	33,187	-11%
<b>Zinc</b>						
Metal produced (000's lbs)	11,676	11,006	6%	44,347	43,204	3%
Metal sold (000's lbs)	11,803	10,537	12%	44,315	43,041	3%
All-in sustaining cash cost (US\$/oz Ag)*	5.16	7.33	-30%	6.36	8.38	-24%

\*(net of by-product credits from gold, lead, and zinc)

\*(refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures)

Silver and gold production for the three months ended December 31, 2017 increased 9% and 11% to 2,310,176 ounces and 15,283 ounces, respectively, over the comparable period in 2016. The increase was a result of higher production from the strongly mineralized Trinidad North area at our San Jose Mine. Lead and zinc production at Caylloma increased 8% and 6%, respectively, over the comparable period in 2016 as a result of higher zinc and lead head grades.

Silver and gold production for the year ended December 31, 2017 increased 15% and 21% to 8,469,594 ounces, and 56,441 ounces respectively, over the comparable year in 2016. The increase was a result of a full year’s production at the San Jose Mine following completion of a 50% plant expansion at the end of the second quarter in 2016. Zinc production increased 3% while lead production decreased 9% as a result of lower head grade. Silver and gold production were 5% and 8% above our guidance for the 2017 year.

Consolidated all-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$6.36 per ounce or 24% below the prior year, and below our annual guidance of \$9.80 per ounce for 2017. The lower cost per ounce compared to guidance was due primarily to higher by-product credits.

## Financial Highlights

Consolidated Financial Metrics	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	% Change	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% Change	YTD 2015
<b>(Expressed in \$ millions except per share information and all-in sustaining cash cost)</b>							
Sales	\$ 75.4	\$ 57.9	30%	\$ 268.1	\$ 210.3	27%	\$ 154.7
Mine operating income	35.2	20.7	70%	109.6	80.6	36%	43.6
Operating income	57.7	17.6	228%	110.3	48.5	127%	(1.7)
Net income	34.1	6.5	425%	66.3	17.9	270%	(10.6)
Earnings per share (basic)	0.21	0.04	425%	0.42	0.13	223%	(0.08)
Earnings per share (diluted)	0.21	0.04	425%	0.42	0.13	223%	(0.08)
Adjusted net income*	12.3	7.1	73%	48.6	18.1	169%	6.7
Adjusted EBITDA*	34.9	29.4	19%	122.0	83.1	47%	50.4
Cash provided by operating activities	29.0	25.8	12%	70.2	52.7	33%	54.8
Cash generated by operating activities before changes in working capital	30.4	20.4	49%	87.9	70.3	25%	30.6
Capex (sustaining)	8.0	5.3	51%	28.0	19.8	41%	43.0
Capex (non-sustaining)	3.1	2.0	54%	11.4	23.0	-50%	11.7
Capex (Brownfield)	2.2	2.2	0%	10.1	7.9	27%	4.0
All-in sustaining cash cost*	5.2	7.3	-30%	6.4	8.4	-24%	18.0
				<b>Dec 31, 2017</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2016</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2015</b>
Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments	\$	\$		212.6	123.6	72%	\$ 72.2
Total assets	\$	\$		706.6	562.9	26%	\$ 379.7
Non-current bank loan	\$	\$		39.9	39.8	0%	\$ 39.5

\*(refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures)

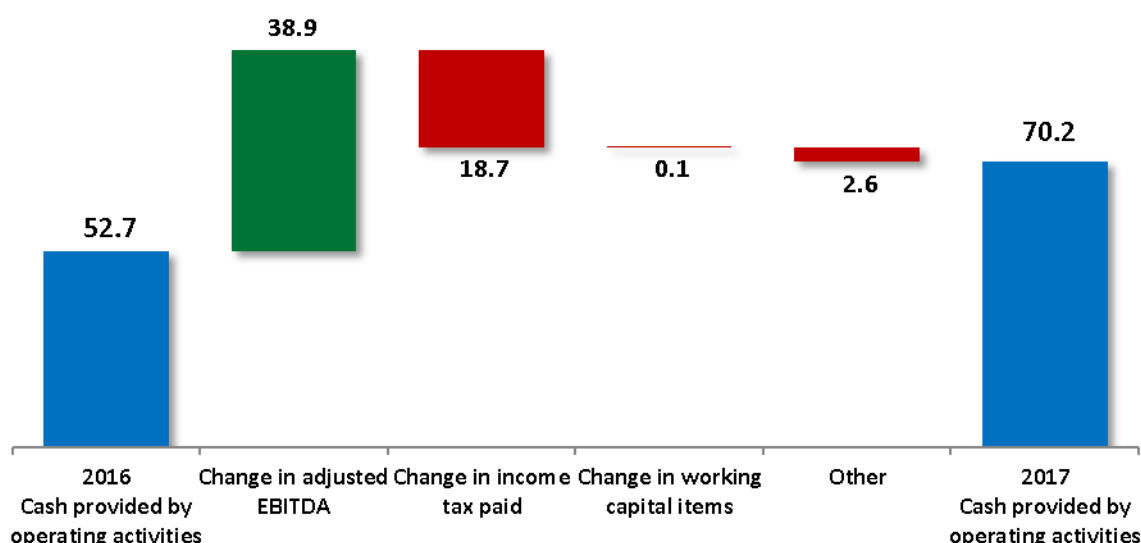
Certain figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation

Net income for the three months ended December 31, 2017 was \$34.1 million or \$0.21 per share compared to \$6.5 million or \$0.04 per share for the comparable period in 2016. Net income in the quarter was positively impacted by an after-tax reversal of impairment of \$21.9 million. Adjusted net income was \$12.3 million compared to \$7.1 million for 2016.

The increase in adjusted net income during the quarter was due primarily to higher sales and was partially offset by higher selling, general, and administrative expenses of \$6.4 million related mainly to the mark-to-market effects from share-based payments. Additional items impacting the quarter were \$1.5 million of realized losses on derivative contracts, \$1.3 million in exploration and evaluation expenses, and partially offset by foreign exchange gains of \$1.3 million. A \$1.2 million drilling program on the Northwest Nevada property under option did not result in any significant mineralization and the Company terminated its option and wrote-off the \$0.2 million carrying value of the property. Adjusted EBITDA (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures) was \$34.9 million compared to \$29.4 million in the comparable period in 2016 due to increased sales.

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$66.3 million or \$0.42 per share compared to \$17.9 million or \$0.13 per share for the comparable year in 2016. Net income for the year was positively impacted by a reversal of impairment of \$31.1 million (\$21.9 million net of tax). Adjusted net income increased to \$48.6 million from \$18.1 million in 2016 as a result of higher sales. Also contributing to higher adjusted net income was lower selling, general and administrative expenses by \$6.2 million related primarily to mark-to-market effects from share-based payments. Adjusted net income was negatively impacted by \$2.0 million in foreign exchange losses from the strengthening of the Mexican Peso against the US dollar, and \$1.6 million realized losses on derivative contracts. Adjusted EBITDA (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures) was \$122.0 million compared to \$83.1 million in 2016.

## Net cash provided by operating activities 2017 vs. 2016 (in \$ M)



For the year ended December 31, 2017, net cash provided by operating activities was \$70.2 million, 33% higher than the \$52.7 million in 2016. This increase was due primarily to a \$38.9 million increase in adjusted EBITDA and partially offset by higher income taxes paid of \$18.7 million.

For the three months ended December 31, 2017, net cash provided by operating activities was \$29.0 million, 12% higher than the \$25.8 million in 2016 due primarily to higher adjusted EBITDA offset by changes in working capital items.

At December 31, 2017, the Company had cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments of \$212.6 million (December 31, 2016 – \$123.6 million), an increase of \$89.0 million since the beginning of the year. The increase was due primarily to an equity financing in the first quarter of 2017 for net proceeds of \$70.9 million and free cash flows from operations during the period.

### Corporate Highlights

During the year ended December 31, 2017 the Company:

- completed a \$74.8 million equity financing, issuing 11,873,750 common shares at \$6.30 per share for net proceeds of \$70.9 million;
- the Board of Directors approved the construction of the 100% owned Lindero Gold Project. Initial capital of \$239.0 million will be funded primarily from our cash position, the expansion of the existing loan facility by \$80.0 million, and from future operating cash flows. Detailed engineering and site preparation activities have commenced, with commissioning expected in the second quarter of 2019. In the first full year of production, Lindero is expected to increase Fortuna's annual production to approximately 9 million ounces of silver and 190,000 ounces of gold, or

340,000 gold equivalent ounces (gold equivalent ounces calculated using a gold to silver ratio of 1 to 60). (See Fortuna news release dated September 21, 2017.); and

- a successful drilling program at San Jose and Caylloma Mines replenished the reserves mined during 2017 and yielded a 92% increase in tonnes of inferred resources at Caylloma.
- appointed Kylie Dickson to the Board of Directors. Ms. Dickson is an executive with over 14 years of experience in the mining industry and has worked with companies at various stages of the mining lifecycle including exploration, mine development and operations, as well as playing a key role in multiple financings and M&A transactions. Ms. Dickson is a Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant with a BBA in Accounting from Simon Fraser University;
- Gordon Jang, Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant was appointed Vice President of Finance and Accounting on April 4, 2017.

## Lindero Project

On September 21, 2017, the Board of Directors approved the construction of the Lindero Project located in the Province of Salta, Argentina. The Lindero Project was acquired in July 2016 through the acquisition of Goldrock Mines Corp, whose principle asset was the Lindero Project. The Lindero Gold Project has an approved environmental impact study and has received all the major permits for the construction of an 18,750 tpd open pit, heap leach gold mine.

The Lindero Project is expected to contribute low cost gold production over a 15-year mine life and has a base case IRR of 18% with a 3.6 years payback. The initial capital cost for the construction is \$239 million, including \$19 million for an owner operated mining fleet and \$24 million for contingencies. Sustaining capital costs over the life of the mine are estimated at \$105 million. The construction will be funded from our cash position of \$212.6 million, expansion of the existing loan facility and future operating cash flows. The Company does not envision accessing capital markets or taking hedge positions for this project. The optimization work conducted over the past year has identified opportunities for improved metallurgical recovery and reduced leach time. At the same time, technical risks have been mitigated on the process side by adding a SART plant, ore agglomeration and a conveyor stacking system in year one. Detailed engineering and site activities are currently in process with commissioning expected in the second quarter of 2019.

Production	
Mine life <sup>1</sup> (years)	15
Annual ore placed in leach pad (Mt)	6.75
Strip ratio (waste to ore)	1.2
Head grade (g/t)	0.62
Recovery (%)	75
Gold recovered to doré (Moz)	1.3
Average annual gold recovered to doré <sup>2</sup> (koz)	96
Peak annual gold recovered to doré (koz)	138
AISC <sup>3</sup> (\$/oz Au)	802
Initial capital (\$M)	239
Sustaining capital (\$M)	105
Base Case Economics	
Gold price (\$)	1,250
Exchange rate (ARS <sup>4</sup> :USD)	17.8
After-tax NPV <sup>5</sup> @5% (\$M)	130
After-tax IRR <sup>6</sup> (%)	18
Payback period <sup>7</sup> (years)	3.6

Notes:

1. Includes 20 months of heap rinsing of gold inventory
2. Average over years 1 – 13. Does not include gold from heap rinsing.
3. All-In Sustaining Cash Cost
4. Argentine Peso
5. Net Present Value; considers initial capital in one single annual period; excludes High-Pressure-Grinding-Roller (HPGR) acquired upon the acquisition of Goldrock Mines Corp.
6. Considers initial capital in one single annual period; excludes High-Pressure-Grinding-Roller (HPGR) acquired upon the acquisition of Goldrock Mines Corp.
7. Payback based on undiscounted cash flow

Gold Price (\$/oz)	NPV @ 5% (\$ M)	IRR (%)	Payback Period (Years)
1,150	68	12	4.7
1,250	130	18	3.6
1,350	192	23	3.1
1,450	253	28	2.4

## Mineral Reserves and Resources

Mineral Reserves and Resources for the Lindero Project are reported as of September 9, 2017 based on 132 diamond drill holes totaling 37,897 meters and the addition of 12 new holes drilled by Fortuna in 2016 totaling 4,462 meters. The estimates incorporate a revised geological interpretation and updated metallurgical recoveries, metal prices and estimated operating costs.

Mineral Resource estimation involved the usage of drill hole samples in conjunction with surface mapping to construct three-dimensional wireframes defining lithologic, alteration, and grade domains. Samples were selected inside these wireframes, coded, composited and top cut. Boundaries were treated as hard, firm or soft based on statistical and geostatistical analysis. Gold and copper grades were estimated by ordinary kriging into a geological block model consisting of 10 m x 10 m x 4 m selective mining units representing each domain. Estimated grades were validated globally, locally, and visually prior to classification and are reported above a 0.20 g/t Au cut-off grade within a conceptual pit shell.

Mineral Reserve estimates have considered only Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources as only these categories have sufficient geological confidence to be considered Mineral Reserves. Subject to the application of certain modifying factors, Measured Resources may become Proven Reserves and Indicated Resources may become Probable Reserves.

Mineral Reserves - Proven and Probable					Contained Metal
Property	Classification	Tonnes (000)	Au (g/t)	Cu (%)	Au (koz)
<b>Lindero, Argentina</b>	Proven	26,009	0.74	0.11	618
	Probable	62,263	0.57	0.11	1,134
	<b>Proven + Probable</b>	<b>88,272</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>1,749</b>

Mineral Resources					Contained Metal
Property	Classification	Tonnes (000)	Au (g/t)	Cu (%)	Au (koz)
<b>Lindero, Argentina</b>	Measured	610	0.24	0.06	5
	Indicated	11,897	0.24	0.07	92
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>12,507</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>97</b>
	<b>Inferred</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>65</b>



Notes:

1. Mineral Reserves and Resources are as defined by CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves
2. Mineral Resources are exclusive of Mineral Reserves
3. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability
4. There are no known legal, political, environmental, or other risks that could materially affect potential development of the Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves at Lindero
5. Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves for Lindero are reported as of September 9, 2017
6. Mineral Reserves for Lindero are reported based on open pit mining within designed pit shells based on variable gold cut-off grades and gold recoveries by metallurgical type. Met type 1 cut-off 0.27 g/t Au, recovery 75.4%; Met type 2 cut-off 0.26 g/t Au, recovery 78.2%; Met type 3 cut-off 0.26 g/t Au, recovery 78.5%; and Met type 4 cut-off 0.30 g/t Au, recovery 68.5%. The cut-off grade and pit designs are considered appropriate for long term gold prices of \$1,250/oz.
7. Lindero Mineral Resources are reported within a conceptual pit shell above a 0.2 g/t Au cut-off grade using a long-term price of \$1,250/oz. mining costs at \$1.67 per tonne of material, with total processing and process G&A costs of \$7.84 per tonne of ore and an average process recovery of 75%. The refinery costs, net of pay factor, were estimated to be \$6.90 per ounce of gold. Slope angles are based on 3 sectors (39°, 42° and 47°) consistent with geotechnical consultant recommendations
8. Eric Chapman, P. Geo. (APEGBC #36328) is the Qualified Person for resources and Edwin Gutierrez (SME Registered Member #411910RM) is the Qualified Person for reserves, both being employees of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.
9. Totals may not add due to rounding procedures

## Greenfield Exploration

### Mexico

In May 2017, the Company entered into an equity investment agreement with Prospero Silver Corp whereby the Company can earn a 70% interest in certain selected properties by spending \$8.0 million over six years and completing a Preliminary Economic Analysis of the selected properties as described below.

#### *Matorral Project*

Three drill holes (1,371 meters) were completed on three different targets in August testing for potential epithermal precious metal mineralization beneath extensive surface outcrops of jasperoid. Sporadic anomalous silver from trace up to 32 ppm was intersected and the project is on hold until completion of the entire drill program (see Prospero Silver news release dated August 24, 2017).

#### *Petate Project*

Eleven drill holes (1,502 meters) were completed on four different targets through December 2017 testing for potential epithermal precious metal mineralization beneath surface outcrops of jasperoid and zones of extensive alteration typical of that associated with historic precious metal mines in Mexico. The project is the most advanced in the Prospero Silver portfolio with high level epithermal alteration exposed over a 5-kilometer by 4-kilometer area with highly anomalous gold and silver mineralization hosted in extensive outcrops and float of strata-bound jasperoid. Surface sampling by Prospero at the Apartadero target at Petate returned a best continuous channel sample of 67.5m at 0.93 g/t Au (see Prospero Silver news release dated August 24, 2017).

Seven of the eleven drill holes intersected gold-silver mineralization with the best intervals in the Apartadero SE target (16 meters at 0.75g/t Au, including 3.0 meters at 1.2g/t Au and 1.6 meters at 1.6g/t Au) and the Tajo target (3.7 meters at 1.9g/t Au and 72g/t Ag, including 0.8 meters at 1.2g/t Au and 271g/t Ag)

#### *Pachuca SE Project*

Drilling was initiated in January 2018 with approximately 1,850 meters of diamond drilling planned on three different epithermal, precious metal targets.

#### *Bermudez Project*

Drilling will follow in order after completion of the drilling at Pachuca SE.

### Serbia

In June 2016, the Company entered into an equity investment agreement with Medgold Resources Corp. whereby the Company can earn a 70% interest in the Tiamino Project, and the Barje and Karamanica prospects by spending \$8.0 million over six years and completing a Preliminary Economic Analysis on these prospects. These prospects are located in Southern Serbia. Diamond drilling of the Barje prospect is planned for April-May 2018, pending receipt of final drill permits (approximately 1,200 meters in 11 holes). (See Medgold Resources news releases for exploration update.)

### Argentina

In December 2017, the Company signed two separate option agreements with local Argentine claim holders for the Nueva Esperanza and Incachule epithermal, precious metal properties. Each agreement allows for the Company to earn a 100% undivided interest in the respective properties through annual, escalating cash payments and a first-year work commitment. The contract for the Nueva Esperanza property calls for, cash payments of \$3.0 million over five years, while the contract for the Incachule property calls for, cash payments of \$2.0 million over four years, both contracts have a work commitment of \$0.5 million in year one, and a first year payment of \$0.05 million. The owners of the properties will each carry a minimal NSR.

## 2018 Guidance and Outlook

### 2018 Production Guidance

<b>Mine</b>	<b>Silver (Moz)</b>	<b>Gold (koz)</b>	<b>Lead (Mlbs)</b>	<b>Zinc (Mlbs)</b>	<b>Cash Cost** (\$/t)</b>	<b>AISCC ** (\$/ oz Ag)</b>
San Jose, Mexico	7.5	48.3	NA	NA	61.2	6.6
Caylloma, Peru	0.8	-	25.8	44.8	81.3	(5.2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>44.8</b>	-	-

\*\* Non-GAAP Financial Measures

- 2018 silver equivalent production guidance of 11.4 million ounces
- Silver equivalent production does not include lead or zinc and is calculated using a silver to gold ratio of 65 to 1

### 2018 All-In-Sustaining Cash Cost Per Silver Ounce Guidance

<b>\$/oz Ag</b>	<b>San Jose</b>	<b>Caylloma</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Cash cost, net of by-product credits	\$ 1.4	\$ (40.3)	\$ (2.7)
Adjustments:			
Commercial and government royalties and mining tax	1.2	4.1	1.5
Worker's participation	0.9	2.4	1.1
Selling, general and administrative expenses (operations)	0.7	4.7	1.1
	4.2	(29.1)	1.0
Selling, general and administrative expenses (corporate)	-	-	1.4
Sustaining capital expenditures	1.2	21.1	3.1
Brownfield exploration expenditures	1.2	2.8	1.3
All-in-sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver	\$ 6.6	\$ (5.2)	\$ 6.8

### 2018 Capital Expenditure and Exploration Guidance

	<b>San Jose</b>	<b>Caylloma</b>	<b>Lindero</b>	<b>Total</b>
Equipment and infrastructure	\$ 4.1	\$ 4.3	\$ -	\$ 8.4
Mine development	3.5	6.4	-	9.9
Tailings dam expansion	-	5.7	-	5.7
Brownfield exploration	8.4	2.2	-	10.6
Other sustaining capex	0.9	-	-	0.9
Non-sustaining capex	-	2.7	-	2.7
Initial capital construction costs 2018 portion	-	-	201.0	201.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16.9</b>	<b>\$ 21.3</b>	<b>\$ 201.0</b>	<b>\$ 239.2</b>

For 2018, capital expenditures at the Lindero Gold Project, Argentina are estimated at \$201.0 million, representing 84% of the construction budget.

Subsequent to December 31, 2017, the Company has expanded its existing loan facility by \$80.0 million to ensure the Company has sufficient liquidity to fund the construction of the Lindero Gold Project.

## Financial Results

### Sales

	QUARTERLY RESULTS			YEAR TO DATE RESULTS		
	Three months ended December 31,			Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	% Change	2017	2016	% Change
Provisional sales (\$ million)	74.9	60.5	24%	267.9	209.1	28%
Caylloma	25.2	18.2	38%	87.4	65.8	33%
San Jose	49.7	42.3	17%	180.5	143.3	26%
Adjustments (\$ million) *	0.5	(2.6)	119%	0.2	1.2	-83%
Sales (\$ million)	75.4	57.9	30%	268.1	210.3	27%
<b>Silver</b>						
Provisional sales (\$ million)	36.2	32.8	10%	133.4	114.4	17%
Metal produced (oz)	2,310,176	2,120,098	9%	8,469,594	7,380,217	15%
Provisional Sales (oz)	2,332,172	2,126,723	10%	8,416,326	7,377,509	14%
Realized Price (\$/oz)**	16.69	17.10	-2%	17.04	17.23	-1%
Net Realized Price (\$/oz)***	15.52	15.42	1%	15.85	15.51	2%
<b>Gold</b>						
Provisional sales (\$ million)	17.2	13.9	24%	61.3	47.6	29%
Metal produced (oz)	15,283	13,812	11%	56,441	46,551	21%
Provisional Sales (oz)	15,333	13,803	11%	55,592	45,958	21%
Realized Price (\$/oz)**	1,273	1,217	5%	1,257	1,253	0%
Net Realized Price (\$/oz)***	1,122	1,004	12%	1,103	1,035	7%
<b>Lead</b>						
Provisional sales (\$ million)	8.5	5.7	49%	27.9	21.4	30%
Metal produced (000's lbs)	7,846	7,290	8%	29,878	32,673	-9%
Provisional Sales (000's lbs)	8,054	7,361	9%	29,508	33,187	-11%
Realized Price (\$/lb)**	1.13	0.97	16%	1.05	0.84	25%
Net Realized Price (\$/lb)***	1.06	0.77	37%	0.95	0.64	47%
<b>Zinc</b>						
Provisional sales (\$ million)	13.0	8.1	60%	45.3	25.8	76%
Metal produced (000's lbs)	11,676	11,006	6%	44,347	43,204	3%
Provisional Sales (000's lbs)	11,803	10,537	12%	44,315	43,041	3%
Realized Price (\$/lb)**	1.47	1.15	28%	1.32	0.95	39%
Net Realized Price (\$/lb)***	1.10	0.77	43%	1.02	0.60	71%

\* Adjustments consists of mark to market, final price adjustments, and final assay adjustments

\*\* Based on provisional sales before final price adjustments

\*\*\* Net after payable metal deductions, treatment, and refining charges

Treatment charges are allocated to base metals at Caylloma and to gold at San Jose

**Sales** for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2017 were \$75.4 million, a 30% increase over the comparable period in 2016 which was due mainly to increases in silver and gold sales volume, combined with increases in realized prices for zinc and lead as well as improved treatment and refining charges across all of our concentrate products. Sales at Caylloma were 41% higher than the comparable quarter in 2016 due to a 16%, and 28% increase in realized prices for lead and zinc, and a 12% increase in zinc sales volume. Sales at San Jose were 26% higher than the comparable quarter in 2016 due to a 14% and 12% increase in silver and gold sales volume, a 5% increase in realized price for gold and partially offset by 2% decrease in realized price for silver.

**SALES AND REALIZED PRICES**

Three months ended December 31,

	2017			2016		
	Caylloma	San Jose	Consolidated	Caylloma	San Jose	Consolidated
Provisional Sales (\$ million)	25.2	49.7	74.9	18.2	42.3	60.5
Adjustments (\$ million) *	0.1	0.4	0.5	(0.2)	(2.4)	(2.6)
Sales (\$ million)	25.3	50.1	75.4	18.0	39.8	57.9
<b>Silver</b>						
Provisional Sales (oz)	243,051	2,089,121	2,332,172	294,425	1,832,298	2,126,723
Realized Price (\$/oz)**	16.70	16.69	16.69	17.11	17.10	17.10
Net Realized Price (\$/oz)***	15.05	15.58	15.52	14.93	15.50	15.42
<b>Gold</b>						
Provisional Sales (oz)	-	15,333	15,333	57	13,746	13,803
Realized Price (\$/oz)**	-	1,273	1,273	1,277	1,216	1,217
Net Realized Price (\$/oz)***	-	1,122	1,122	38	1,008	1,004
<b>Lead</b>						
Provisional Sales (000's lbs)	8,054	-	8,054	7,361	-	7,361
Realized Price (\$/lb)**	1.13	-	1.13	0.97	-	0.97
Net Realized Price (\$/lb)***	1.06	-	1.06	0.77	-	0.77
<b>Zinc</b>						
Provisional Sales (000's lbs)	11,803	-	11,803	10,537	-	10,537
Realized Price (\$/lb)**	1.47	-	1.47	1.15	-	1.15
Net Realized Price (\$/lb)***	1.10	-	1.10	0.77	-	0.77

\* Adjustments consists of mark to market, final price adjustments, and final assay adjustments

\*\* Based on provisional sales before final price adjustments

\*\*\* Net after payable metal deductions, treatment, and refining charges

Treatment charges are allocated to base metals at Caylloma and to gold at San Jose

**Sales** for the year ended December 31, 2017 were \$268.1 million or 27% higher than in 2016. The increase was due primarily to the San Jose Mine operating at full production for 2017 compared to in 2016 when the San Jose Mine was operating at full production for the second half of 2016 after the completion of the 50% plant expansion to 3,000 tpd at the end of the second quarter in 2016. Sales also increased as a result of an increase in realized prices for lead and zinc of 25% and 39% respectively, during the year.

SALES AND REALIZED PRICES

Year ended December 31,

	2017			2016		
	Caylloma	San Jose	Consolidated	Caylloma	San Jose	Consolidated
Provisional Sales (\$ million)	87.4	180.5	267.9	65.8	143.3	209.1
Adjustments (\$ million) *	0.7	(0.5)	0.2	1.3	(0.1)	1.2
Sales (\$ million)	88.1	180.0	268.1	67.1	143.2	210.3
<b>Silver</b>						
Provisional Sales (oz)	934,710	7,481,616	8,416,326	1,274,842	6,102,667	7,377,509
Realized Price (\$/oz)**	17.06	17.03	17.04	16.96	17.29	17.23
Net Realized Price (\$/oz)***	15.17	15.93	15.85	14.67	15.69	15.51
<b>Gold</b>						
Provisional Sales (oz)	180	55,412	55,592	57	45,901	45,958
Realized Price (\$/oz)**	1,271	1,257	1,257	1,277	1,253	1,253
Net Realized Price (\$/oz)***	242	1,106	1,103	38	1,036	1,035
<b>Lead</b>						
Provisional Sales (000's lbs)	29,508	-	29,508	33,187	-	33,187
Realized Price (\$/lb)**	1.05	-	1.05	0.84	-	0.84
Net Realized Price (\$/lb)***	0.95	-	0.95	0.64	-	0.64
<b>Zinc</b>						
Provisional Sales (000's lbs)	44,315	-	44,315	43,041	-	43,041
Realized Price (\$/lb)**	1.32	-	1.32	0.95	-	0.95
Net Realized Price (\$/lb)***	1.02	-	1.02	0.60	-	0.60

\* Adjustments consists of mark to

\*\* Based on provisional sales before final price adjustments

\*\*\* Net after payable metal deductions, treatment, and refining charges

Treatment charges are allocated to base metals at Caylloma and to gold at San Jose

Operating income (loss) and Adjusted EBITDA

	Three months ended December 31,				Year ended December 31,			
	2017	%*	2016	%*	2017	%*	2016	%*
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>								
Caylloma (see below) <sup>1</sup>	\$ 41.4	164%	\$ 4.5	25%	\$ 62.4	71%	\$ 16.5	25%
San Jose	23.3	47%	13.7	34%	65.2	36%	55.6	39%
Corporate	(7.0)		(0.6)		(17.3)		(23.6)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 57.7</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>\$ 17.6</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>\$ 110.3</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>\$ 48.5</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA**</b>								
Caylloma	\$ 10.8	43%	\$ 7.4	41%	\$ 39.0	44%	\$ 25.2	38%
San Jose	31.0	62%	22.5	57%	99.9	56%	81.1	57%
Corporate	(6.9)		(0.5)		(16.9)		(23.2)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 34.9</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>\$ 29.4</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>\$ 122.0</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>\$ 83.1</b>	<b>39%</b>

Note: figures may not add due to rounding

\* as a percentage of Sales

\*\* refer to Non-GAAP financial measures

<sup>1</sup> excluding the pre-tax \$31.1 million reversal of impairment, operating income would have been \$10.3 million with an operating margin of 41% for the fourth quarter of 2017 and \$31.3 million with an operating margin of 35% for the year 2017.

**Operating Income** for the three months ended December 31, 2017 was \$57.7 million or \$40.1 million higher than the comparable quarter in 2016. Operating income in the quarter was positively impacted by a \$31.1 million reversal of impairment at the Caylloma Mine. Excluding the reversal of impairment, operating income increased \$9.0 million as a result of higher sales volume of silver and gold of 10% and 11% respectively, higher zinc and lead prices, and reduced treatment and refining charges. The following items, in order of magnitude, had a negative impact on operating income in the quarter: a \$6.4 million increase in selling, general, and administrative expenses relating to higher share-based payments over the same period in 2016 due to mark-to-market effects on liability-classified awards, higher unit cash costs of 5% and 15% at San Jose and Caylloma, respectively, and increased exploration and evaluation costs,

**Operating Income** for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$110.3 million compared to \$48.5 million in 2016. Operating income in the year was positively impacted by a \$31.1 million reversal of impairment at the Caylloma Mine. Excluding the reversal of impairment, operating income increased \$30.7 million due to a 14% and 21% increase in silver and gold sales volume, higher zinc and lead prices, and reduced treatment and refining charges. Also contributing to higher operating income was a \$6.2 million decrease in selling, general, and administrative expenses relating to lower share-based payments. The following items, in order of magnitude, had a negative impact on operating income in the quarter: higher unit cash costs of 5% and 10% at San Jose and Caylloma respectively, a foreign exchange loss of \$2.0 million and higher exploration and evaluation costs of \$1.5 million. The San Jose Mine was operating at capacity for the full year in 2017 compared to 2016 when it was operating at full capacity for the second half of 2016, after the completion of the 3,000 tpd plant expansion.

**Adjusted EBITDA** for the three months ended December 31, 2017 was \$34.9 million compared to \$29.4 million for the comparable period in 2016. Excluding the following non-cash items relating to the reversal of impairment at Caylloma, the write downs of obsolete inventories, and unrealized losses on commodity derivative contracts, the same items affecting operating income also affected adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA at Caylloma increased 46% to \$10.8 million driven by increases in zinc and lead metal prices of 28% and 16% respectively, as well as reduced treatment and refining charges over the comparative period in 2016. This was partially offset by higher unit cash cost and a \$1.5 million realized loss on commodity derivative contracts. Adjusted EBITDA at San Jose increased 38% to \$31.0 million driven mostly by higher silver and gold sales volume of 14% and 12%, respectively, as well as reduced treatment and refining charges.

**Adjusted EBITDA** for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$122.0 million compared to \$83.1 million in 2016. At the San Jose Mine, adjusted EBITDA increased 23% to \$99.9 million over 2016 as San Jose operated at full capacity compared to 2016 when the San Jose Mine operated at full capacity starting in the second half of 2016. Adjusted EBITDA at Caylloma increased 55% to \$39.0 million driven by a \$26.0 million increase in lead and zinc sales to \$73.2 million, higher realized prices for lead (25%) and zinc (39%), as well as reduced treatment and refining charges over the comparative period in 2016. This increase was partially offset by higher unit cash costs and \$3.3 million of unrealized loss on commodity derivative contracts.

### Selling, General, and Administration

	Three months ended December 31,			Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	% Change	2017	2016	% Change
Operating mines SG&A	\$ 2.2	\$ 1.2	83%	\$ 7.5	\$ 6.1	23%
Corporate SG&A	2.6	2.6	0%	11.8	9.5	24%
Share-based payments	3.0	(2.2)	236%	3.8	14.1	-73%
Workers' participation	0.6	0.4	50%	1.8	1.4	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8.4</b>	<b>\$ 2.0</b>	<b>320%</b>	<b>\$ 24.9</b>	<b>\$ 31.1</b>	<b>-20%</b>

**Selling, general and administrative (“SG&A”) expenses** for the three months ended December 31, 2017 increased 320% to \$8.4 million compared to \$2.0 million for the comparable period in 2016. The increase was due primarily to higher share-based payments and increased operating mine SG&A costs. The Company’s share price increased 17% in the fourth quarter of 2017 which increased share-based payment expense compared to 2016 when the share price declined 20% and resulted in a share-based payment recovery.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased 20% to \$24.9 million compared to \$31.1 million in 2016. The decrease was due primarily to the lower mark-to-market effects on cash settled share-based payments compared to 2016 when the share price increased 59%, year-over-year, resulting in share-based payment expense

of \$14.1 million. SG&A at our operating mines increased by \$1.4 million and SG&A at Corporate increased by \$2.3 million which includes \$2.1 million of non-recurring expenses related to legal and accounting fees to address the Securities and Exchange Commission enquiries on the use of inferred resources in the determination of the Caylloma Mine and San Jose Mine life of mine plans and internal control remediation efforts.

**Exploration and evaluation spending** for the three months ended December 31, 2017 was \$1.3 million compared to \$nil for the comparable period in 2016. A \$1.3 million drilling program on the Northwest Nevada property under option did not result in any significant mineralization and the Company terminated its option and wrote-off the cost of the drilling program against exploration and evaluation expenses.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, exploration and evaluation spending increased \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million compared to \$0.2 million in 2016 for the reasons described above.

**Foreign exchange gain** for the three months ended December 31, 2017 was \$1.3 million compared to \$0.3 million gain for the comparative period in 2016. Approximately \$1.1 million of the foreign exchange gain was due to an 8.6% decline in the Mexican Peso against the US dollar which impacted our Mexican Peso denominated working capital accounts.

For the year ended December 31, 2017 the foreign exchange loss totaled \$2.0 million compared to a \$0.6 million foreign exchange gain in 2016. The loss was due almost entirely to movements in the Mexican Peso against the US dollar whereby the Peso increased 15% during the first half of 2017 and decreased 10% in the second half of 2017 for a net 5% increase for the year.

**Reversal of impairment** of \$31.1 million (after-tax - \$21.9 million) was recognized during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2017 at the Caylloma Mine. The reversal was the result of increases in metal prices, as well as a successful infill drilling program at the Caylloma Mine which yielded a 92% increase in inferred resources, which resulted in the extension of the estimated mine life by an additional 2.5 years.

#### Other Expenses

	Three months ended		Year ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Loss on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	\$ 0.3	\$ -	\$ 1.5	\$ -
Write off of inventories	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.3
Write off of mineral properties	0.1	1.1	0.2	1.1
Other income	(0.7)	-	(1.0)	-
	\$ 0.1	\$ 1.4	\$ 1.7	\$ 1.4

**Other expenses** for the three months ended December 31, 2017 were \$0.1 million compared to \$1.4 million for the comparable quarter in 2016. This is comprised of other operating income of \$0.7 million (Q4 2016 - \$nil) offset by the write off of inventories of \$0.4 million (Q4 2016 - \$0.3 million), loss on disposal of property, plant, and equipment \$0.3 million Q4 2016 (\$nil) and write off of mineral properties \$0.1 million (Q4 2016 - \$1.1 million).

**Other expenses** for the year ended December 31, 2017 were \$1.7 million compared to \$1.4 million in 2016. This is comprised of a loss on disposal of property, plant, and equipment of \$1.5 million (2016 - \$nil), write off of inventories and mineral property of \$1.0 million (2016 - \$0.3 million) and \$0.2 million (2016 - \$1.1 million), respectively and offset by other operating income of \$1.0 million (2016 - \$nil).

**Income tax expense** for the three months ended December 31, 2017 was \$22.8 million compared to \$11.1 million for the comparable quarter in 2016 and is comprised of an \$11.4 million current income tax expense (Q4 2016 - \$11.3 million) and an \$11.4 million deferred income tax expense (Q4 2016 - \$0.2 million deferred income tax recovery). The effective tax rate ("ETR") for the fourth quarter of 2017 was 40.0% compared to 62.9% for the comparable quarter in 2016. The lower effective tax rate was due primarily to benefits of an unusually high inflation rate in Mexico (1.6% decrease to San Jose's ETR), and lower interest withholding tax in the fourth quarter as compared to Q4 2016.



**Income tax expense** for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$38.6 million compared to \$29.3 million for the comparable period in 2016 and is comprised of a \$34.8 million current income tax expense (2016 - \$29.1 million) and \$3.8 million deferred income tax expense (2016 - \$0.2 million deferred income tax expense). The ETR for the year ended December 31, 2017 was 36.8% compared to 62.1% for the comparative period in 2016. The appreciation of the Mexican Pesos against the US dollar, a high Mexico inflation rate in 2017, lower interest withholding taxes, and lower tax benefits not recognized for operating losses in Canada lowered the ETR.

## Results of Operations

### San Jose Mine Operating Results

San Jose is an underground silver-gold mine located in the state of Oaxaca in southern Mexico. The following table shows the main variables used to measure the operating performance of the mine – throughput, grade, recovery, gold and silver production and unit costs.

San Jose	QUARTERLY RESULTS		YEAR TO DATE RESULTS	
	Three months ended, December 31,		Year ended, December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Mine Production</b>				
Tonnes milled	271,370	273,036	1,070,790	905,467
Average tonnes milled per day	3,015	3,103	3,044	2,596
<b>Silver</b>				
Grade (g/t)	259	225	238	228
Recovery (%)	92	92	92	92
Production (oz)	2,071,762	1,828,110	7,526,556	6,124,235
Metal sold (oz)	2,089,121	1,832,298	7,481,616	6,102,667
Realized price (\$/oz)	16.69	17.10	17.03	17.29
<b>Gold</b>				
Grade (g/t)	1.89	1.69	1.77	1.72
Recovery (%)	92	92	92	92
Production (oz)	15,177	13,660	55,950	46,018
Metal sold (oz)	15,333	13,746	55,412	45,901
Realized price (\$/oz)	1,273	1,216	1,257	1,253
<b>Unit Costs</b>				
Production cash cost (US\$/oz Ag)*	0.04	1.85	0.95	1.77
Production cash cost (US\$/tonne)	57.91	55.09	59.70	56.90
Unit Net Smelter Return (US\$/tonne)	181.65	154.21	169.78	158.76
All-in sustaining cash cost (US\$/oz Ag)*	6.51	6.73	7.11	7.58

\* Net of by-product credits from gold

Production cash costs and All-in sustaining cash cost are Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Financial Information (expressed in \$000's)	QUARTERLY RESULTS		YEAR TO DATE RESULTS	
	Three months ended, December 31,		Year ended, December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Sales	\$ 50,087	\$ 39,843	\$ 179,996	\$ 143,151
Operating income	23,302	13,683	65,240	55,559
Adjusted EBITDA	31,012	22,524	99,899	81,145
Sustaining capital expenditures	5,115	2,522	18,385	12,260
Non-sustaining capital expenditures	-	206	-	17,808
Brownfield exploration expenditures	1,276	1,625	6,439	6,705



### *Annual Results*

Silver and gold annual production for 2017 increased 23% and 22% respectively, to 7,526,556 and 55,950 ounces which was above the prior year's production. The increases were the result of 18% higher throughput as well as 4% and 3% higher head grades of gold and silver over the comparative period in 2016. Silver and gold annual production were 6% and 8% above 2017 guidance, respectively. The processing plant treated 1,070,790 tonnes for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for 2017 was \$59.70 (refer to non-GAAP financial measures), or 5% above the cost in the prior year. Cash cost per tonne for 2017 was 5% above guidance due to higher mine support costs and local inflation on the cost of energy and materials.

All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$7.11 for 2017 (refer to non-GAAP financial measures), and below the annual guidance of \$8.40 as a result of higher gold price.

Cash cost per payable ounce of silver, cash cost per tonne of processed ore, and all-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce are non-GAAP financial measures (refer to Non-GAAP financial measures for the reconciliation of cash cost to the cost of sales).

### *Quarterly Results*

The San Jose Mine produced 2,071,762 ounces of silver and 15,177 ounces of gold in the fourth quarter, both were 17% above plan and 13% and 11% above the comparable period in 2016. Average head grades for silver and gold were 259 g/t and 1.89 g/t or 4% and 6% higher than plan and were 15% and 12% higher than the comparable period in 2016. Mine production was sourced from Trinidad Central and Trinidad North, with each area contributing 57% and 43% of ore, respectively.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore was \$57.91, being 5% above the \$55.09 cash cost for the comparable quarter in 2016.

Cash cost per payable ounce of silver, cash cost per tonne of processed ore, and all-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce are Non-GAAP Financial Measures (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for the reconciliation of cash cost to the cost of sales).

### **Brownfield Exploration**

Exploration drilling is currently underway at San Jose with five drill rigs. Two rigs are drilling the Magdalena area conducting step-out drilling to the north of the currently defined resource shell, two rigs are drilling on the sub-parallel Victoria vein (formerly the Ocotlan vein), a blind discovery made in 2015, located 350 meters to the east of current mine workings and one rig is exploring the San Ignacio target located approximately 1 kilometer south of the current mine workings. Refer to Fortuna news release dated October 11, 2017 for details of drill results.

## Caylloma Mine Operating Results

Caylloma is an underground silver, lead, and zinc mine located in the Arequipa Department in southern Peru. Its commercial products are silver-lead and zinc concentrates. The table below shows the main variables used to measure the operating performance of the mine.

Caylloma	QUARTERLY RESULTS		YEAR TO DATE RESULTS	
	Three months ended, December 31,		Year ended, December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Mine Production				
Tonnes milled	134,635	135,121	529,704	514,828
Average tonnes milled per day	1,513	1,501	1,488	1,438
Silver				
Grade (g/t)	65	82	66	90
Recovery (%)	85	82	84	84
Production (oz)	238,414	291,988	943,038	1,255,981
Metal sold (oz)	243,051	294,425	934,710	1,274,842
Realized price (\$/oz)	16.70	17.11	17.06	16.96
Lead				
Grade (%)	2.91	2.60	2.81	3.06
Recovery (%)	91	94	91	94
Production (000's lbs)	7,846	7,290	29,878	32,673
Metal sold (000's lbs)	8,054	7,361	29,508	33,187
Realized price (\$/lb)	1.13	0.97	1.05	0.84
Zinc				
Grade (%)	4.36	4.06	4.21	4.25
Recovery (%)	90	91	90	90
Production (000's lbs)	11,676	11,006	44,347	43,204
Metal sold (000's lbs)	11,803	10,537	44,315	43,041
Realized price (\$/lb)	1.47	1.15	1.32	0.95
Unit Costs				
Production cash cost (US\$/oz Ag)*	(44.43)	(14.59)	(34.56)	(6.78)
Production cash cost (US\$/tonne)	82.02	71.15	79.11	71.89
Unit Net Smelter Return (US\$/tonne)	184.09	136.92	166.18	126.91
All-in sustaining cash cost (US\$/oz Ag)*	(18.37)	1.72	(13.04)	4.34

\*Net of by-product credits from gold, lead and zinc

Production cash costs and All-in sustaining cash cost are Non-GAAP Financial Measures

	QUARTERLY RESULTS		YEAR TO DATE RESULTS	
	Three months ended, December 31,		Year ended, December 31,	
Financial Information (expressed in \$000's)	2017	2016	2017	2016
Sales	\$ 25,267	\$ 18,023	\$ 88,115	\$ 67,104
Operating income (loss)	41,413	4,458	62,375	16,470
Adjusted EBITDA	10,771	7,407	38,992	25,173
Sustaining capital expenditures	2,922	2,807	9,589	7,589
Non-sustaining capital expenditures	-	247	-	2,860
Brownfield exploration expenditures	955	605	3,614	1,216

### *Annual Results*

Total lead production for 2017 decreased 8% from 2016 to 29.9 million pounds while zinc production increased 3% to 44.3 million pounds, over 2016. Silver production decreased 25% to 943,038 ounces compared to 2016 production of 1,255,981 ounces. Head grades for lead, zinc, and silver were 8%, 1%, and 27% lower than in 2016, respectively. However, this decline in head grades was partially offset by a 3% increase in ore processed. Silver, zinc, and lead annual production were 6% below, 8% above, and in line with 2017 guidance. The processing plant treated 1,488 tpd for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for 2017 was \$79.11 (refer to non-GAAP financial measures) or 10% higher than in 2016 and 5% above guidance. The increase in cash costs was due mainly to higher mining, energy, and labour costs.

All-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce of silver, net of by-product credits, was \$(13.04) per ounce for 2017 (refer to non-GAAP financial measures), and below the annual guidance of \$10.80 per ounce.

Cash cost per payable ounce of silver, cash cost per tonne of processed ore, and all-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce are non-GAAP financial measures (refer to Non-GAAP financial measures for the reconciliation of cash cost to the cost of sales).

### *Quarterly Results*

The Caylloma Mine produced 7.8 million pounds of lead and 11.7 million pounds of zinc, which were 5% and 14% above plan as well as 8% and 6% higher than the comparable quarter in 2016. Average head grades for lead and zinc were 2.91% and 4.36% which were 3% and 9% higher than plan. Silver production was 238,414 ounces which was 5% below plan and 18% lower than the comparable period in 2016. Average silver head grade was 65 g/t or 8% below plan but was partially offset by a higher metallurgical recovery of 85% which was 5% above plan.

Mine production was sourced primarily from the Animas NE and the Animas Central areas, with each contributing 58% and 32% of ore respectively.

Cash cost per tonne of processed ore for the fourth quarter of 2017 was \$82.02, which was 15% higher than the \$71.15 cash cost for the comparable quarter in 2016. The increase over the fourth quarter of 2016 was due primarily to higher energy, ground support, and labour costs.

Cash cost per payable ounce of silver, cash cost per tonne of processed ore, and all-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce are Non-GAAP Financial Measures (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures for the reconciliation of cash cost to the cost of sales).

### **Brownfield Exploration**

A successful brownfield exploration drill program over 2017 at Caylloma has yielded an increase in Inferred Resources of 2.7 Mt or 92% year over year. Furthermore, lead and zinc grades increased 69% and 37%, respectively, whereas silver grade decreased by 17%.

Exploration drilling at Caylloma is scheduled to begin in April 2018 and will focus on extending previously discovered mineralization along the principal Animas NE vein. Surface exploration work at other targets with the Company's claim block to define additional drill targets on other veins is currently underway.

## Quarterly Information

The following table provides information for eight fiscal quarters up to December 31, 2017:

	Expressed in \$000's, except per share data							
	Quarters ended							
	Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q2 2017	Q1 2017	Q4 2016	Q3 2016	Q2 2016	Q1 2016
	Dec 31, 2017	Sep 30, 2017	Jun 30, 2017	Mar 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016	Sep 30, 2016	Jun 30, 2016	Mar 31, 2016
						(restated)		
Sales	75,354	64,012	63,911	64,834	57,866	65,212	44,485	42,692
Mine operating income	35,222	24,944	22,211	27,183	20,721	28,414	15,917	15,554
Operating income	57,666	18,888	14,214	19,556	17,607	21,160	3,641	6,134
Net income (loss)	34,137	10,268	8,898	12,999	9,273	10,157	(1,390)	2,578
Basic EPS	0.21	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.08	(0.01)	0.02
Diluted EPS	0.21	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.07	(0.01)	0.02
Total assets	706,648	652,889	637,805	638,285	562,914	543,356	387,713	392,165
Long term bank loan	39,871	39,845	39,820	39,794	39,768	39,633	39,568	39,531

During the fourth quarter of 2017, net income was positively impacted by increased sales volumes and an impairment reversal at our Caylloma Mine. In the third quarter of 2017, sales volumes increased, and operating costs decreased. In the second quarter of 2017, the Company experienced higher sales volumes offset by lower realized prices, and higher operating costs. In the first quarter of 2017, sales increased due to a decrease in mark-to-market spot price adjustments and assay adjustments of our provisional sales, which carried through to the increase in net income.

During the fourth quarter of 2016, the Company had determined that the warrants issued as part of the consideration for the Goldrock acquisition had been classified as a liability in error. The Company restated its third quarter 2016 financial statements reclassifying the warrants from liability to reserves, a component of shareholders equity and reduced its earnings by \$1.7 million relating to the reversal of unrealized gains on the warrants. Basic earnings per share decreased \$0.02 to \$0.07 per share.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments

The Company had cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments of \$212.6 million, an \$89.0 million increase from \$123.6 million at December 31, 2016. Cash reserves consist of \$183.1 million of cash and cash equivalent and short-term investments of \$29.5 million. The increase in cash and short-term investments was primarily due to a \$74.8 million bought deal equity financing which was completed in early February 2017 when the Company issued 11,873,750 common shares at a price of \$6.30 per share for net proceeds of \$70.9 million as well as cash generated by operations, net of capital expenditures.

### Working Capital

Working capital increased \$103.1 million to \$211.9 million at December 31, 2017 compared to \$108.8 million of working capital at December 31, 2016. The increased working capital was primarily due to the proceeds from the equity financing in the first quarter. Non-cash working capital balances increased approximately \$20.0 million during the year as concentrate sales receivables increased \$11.1 million and concentrate, ore, and supplies inventory increased \$4.2 million.

## Long-Term Debt

As of December 31, 2017, the Company had a \$40.0 million term credit facility due on April 1, 2019. Interest on the term credit facility is calculated from the one, two, three, or six-month LIBOR plus a graduated margin based on the Company's leverage ratio and is payable monthly in arrears. Subsequent to December 31, 2017, the Company negotiated an \$80.0 million increase to the credit facility, the proceeds of which will be used in part, to fund the construction of the Lindero Project.

Subject to the various risks and uncertainties, the Company believes it will generate sufficient cash flows and has sufficient available credit and cash on hand to finance on-going operations, contractual obligations, Lindero construction, and planned capital and exploration investment programs.

## Sensitivities

Sales are affected by fluctuations in metal prices beyond the Company's control. The following table illustrates the sensitivity of the Company's sales to a 10% change in metal prices:

Metal	Change		Effect on Sales (\$000's)
Silver	+/- 10%	\$	6,708
Gold	+/- 10%	\$	3,483
Lead	+/- 10%	\$	279
Zinc	+/- 10%	\$	453

The Company mitigates the price risk associated with its base metal production by entering into forward sale and collar contracts for some of its forecasted base metal production. The Board of Directors continually assesses the Company's strategy towards its base metal exposure, depending on market conditions. As at December 31, 2017, the Company has hedged 6,500 tonnes of zinc and 6,000 tonnes of lead representing approximately 43% of its Caylloma's production until June 2018.

The Company reports its financial statements in USD; however, the Company operates in jurisdictions that utilize other currencies. As a consequence, the financial results of the Company's operations as reported in USD are impacted by changes in the value of the USD relative to local currencies in the countries where the Company operates. Since the Company's sales are denominated in USD and a portion of the Company's operating costs and capital spending are in local currencies, the Company is negatively impacted by strengthening local currencies relative to the USD and positively impacted by the inverse.

The following table illustrate the Company's sensitivities to certain currencies and the impact the fluctuation in exchange rates, will have on foreign denominated financial assets and liabilities:

Currency	Change		Effect on foreign denominated items (\$000's)
Mexican Peso	+/- 10%	\$	2,351
Peruvian Soles	+/- 10%	\$	739
Argentinian Peso	+/- 10%	\$	52
Canadian Dollar	+/- 10%	\$	509

## Contractual Obligations

The Company expects the following maturities of its financial liabilities, finance leases, and other contractual commitments:

	Expected payments due by year as at December 31, 2017					Total
	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 5 years	After 5 years		
Trade and other payables	\$ 41.5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41.5
Bank loan	-	40.0	-	-	-	40.0
Derivative liabilities	2.3	-	-	-	-	2.3
Income tax payable	14.2	-	-	-	-	14.2
Finance lease obligations	0.9	-	-	-	-	0.9
Other liabilities	-	1.4	-	-	-	1.4
Operating leases	0.7	1.0	0.6	-	-	2.3
Provisions	1.7	4.7	5.5	3.3	-	15.2
	\$ 61.3	\$ 47.1	\$ 6.1	\$ 3.3	\$ -	\$ 117.8

Operating leases include leases for office premises and for computer and other equipment used in the normal course of business.

## Other Commitments

As at December 31, 2017, the Company had capital commitments of \$5,715 for civil work, equipment purchases and other services at the Lindero Gold Project expected to be expended within one year.

Operating leases includes leases for office premises, computer and other equipment used in the normal course of business.

The expected payments due by period, as at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

	Expressed in '\$000's			
	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	4 - 5 years	Total
Office premises	\$ 563	\$ 988	\$ 634	\$ 2,185
Computer equipment	89	37	-	126
Machinery	1	-	-	1
Total operating leases	\$ 653	\$ 1,025	\$ 634	\$ 2,312

## Related Party Transactions

### (a) Purchase of Goods and Services

The Company shares office space, personnel and other administrative services with Gold Group Management Inc. ("GGMI") and Mill Street Services Ltd for consulting services, related by a director in common. During the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, GGMI provided the following services to the Company:

(expressed in \$000's)	Three months ended December		Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Personnel costs	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 138	\$ 121
General and administrative expenses	24	14	175	103
	\$ 40	\$ 30	\$ 313	\$ 224

The Company has outstanding balances payable with Gold Group Management Inc. of \$nil as at December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2016 \$10). Amounts due to related parties are due on demand and are unsecured.

## (b) Acquisition of Tlacolula Silver Project (expressed in \$000's)

On August 2, 2017, the Company completed a purchase and sale agreement with Radius to acquire the Property for total consideration of \$1,328, comprising of \$150 cash, and the issuance of 239,385 common shares. In addition, Radius was granted a 2% NSR royalty on the Property. The Company has the right to purchase one-half of the royalty for \$1,500.

### Key Management Personnel

(expressed in \$000's)	Three months ended December		Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Salaries and short-term employee benefits	\$ 1,009	\$ 847	\$ 4,704	\$ 3,987
Directors fees	186	94	594	357
Consulting fees	35	34	138	127
Share-based payments	2,871	(2,189)	3,672	13,527
	\$ 4,101	\$ (1,214)	\$ 9,108	\$ 17,998

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements or commitments that are expected to have a current or future effect on the financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, or capital resources that are material to investors.

### New Accounting Standards issued but not yet effective

In 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (“IFRS 9”), which will replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The standard includes requirements for recognition and measurement, impairment, derecognition and general hedge accounting. The IASB completed its project to replace IAS 39 in phases, adding to the standard as it completed each phase. The version of IFRS 9 issued in 2014 supersedes all previous versions and is mandatorily effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 with early adoption permitted. IFRS 9 does not replace the requirements for portfolio fair value hedge accounting for interest rate risk (often referred to as the “macro hedge accounting” requirements) since this phase of the project was separated from the IFRS 9 project due to the longer-term nature of the macro hedging project which is currently at the discussion paper phase of the due process.

The Company expects the following impact of this standard upon adoption on January 1, 2018:

- the Company does not expect to apply hedge accounting to its metal forward and collar contracts, and intends to continue to apply hedge accounting to its interest rate swap; and
- the Company does not expect a material impact to the measurement of its financial instruments from any of the other changes to this standard, including the new expected credit loss model for calculating impairment of financial assets.

The Company is continuing to evaluate its disclosure obligations under IFRS 9.

In 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (“IFRS 15”), which provides guidance on the nature, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from a contract with a customer. The effective date of this standard is January 1, 2018, with earlier adoption permitted.

We have performed an assessment on the impact of the implementation of IFRS 15 and concluded it will not change the timing of revenue recognition or amounts of revenue to be recognized compared to how we recognize revenue under current accounting policies.

Our revenues involve a relatively limited number of contracts and customers. Revenues from concentrates are recognized as provisional sales, at the time the control of the concentrate is obtained by the customer. Our concentrate sales are subject to change in metal prices between the time of delivery and their final settlement. However, we are able to reasonably estimate the transaction price for the concentrate sale at the time control is transferred and then we adjust the values each period using forward prices until final settlement.

We will revise our disclosures under IFRS 15 and will present additional disclosure of revenue from contracts with customers in the notes to the financial statements.

In 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 Leases (“IFRS 16”), which requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for most leases. Application of the standard is mandatory for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with earlier adoption permitted. The new standard is likely to result in increases to both the asset and liability positions of lessees, as well as affect the reported depreciation expense and finance costs of these entities in the statement of profit or loss. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the new standard will have on its financial results.

### Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Many of the amounts included in the consolidated financial statements require management to make judgements and/or estimates. These judgements and estimates are continuously evaluated and are based on management’s experience and knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances. Areas where critical accounting estimates and assumptions have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements include:

#### Mineral Reserves and Resources and the Life of Mine Plan

We estimate our mineral reserves and mineral resources in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrator’s National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects requirements. Estimates of the quantities of the mineral reserves and mineral resources from the basis for our life of mine plans, which are used for the calculation of depletion expense under the units of production method, impairment tests, and forecasting the timing of the payments related to the environmental rehabilitation provision.

Significant estimation is involved in determining the reserves and resources included within our life of mine plans. Changes in forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs or recovery rates may result in our life of mine plan being revised and such changes could impact depletion rates, asset carrying values and our environmental rehabilitation provision. As at December 31, 2017 we have used the following long-term prices for our reserve and resource estimations and life of mine plans: Gold \$1,250/oz, Silver \$19/oz, Lead \$2,200/t and Zinc \$2,500/t.

In addition to the estimates above, estimation is involved in determining the percentage of resources ultimately expected to be converted to reserves and hence included in our life of mine plans. Our life of mine plans includes a portion of inferred resources as we believe this provides a better estimate of the expected life of mine for certain type of deposits, in particular for vein type structures. The percentage of inferred resources out of the total tonnage included in the life of mine plans is based on site specific geological, technical, and economic considerations. Estimation of future conversion of resources is inherently uncertain and involves judgement and actual outcomes may vary from these judgements and estimates and such changes could have a material impact on the financial results. Some of the key judgements of the estimation process include; geological continuity; stationarity in the grades within defined domains; reasonable geotechnical and metallurgical conditions; treatment of outlier (extreme) values; cut-off grade determination and the establishment of geostatistical and search parameters. Revisions to these estimates are accounted for prospectively in the period in which the change in estimate arises. See note 3(g)(i).

#### Valuation of Mineral Properties and Exploration Properties

The Company carries its mineral properties at cost less accumulated depletion and any accumulated provision for impairment. The costs of each property and related capitalized expenditures are depleted over the economic life of the property on a units-



of-production basis. Costs are charged to the consolidated statement of income (loss) when a property is abandoned or when there is a recognized impairment in value.

The Company undertakes a review of the carrying values of mining properties and related expenditures whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying values may exceed their estimated net recoverable amounts determined by reference to estimated future operating results and discounted net cash flows. Where previous impairment has been recorded the Company analyzes any impairment reversal indicators. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying value of those assets is not recoverable. In undertaking this review, management of the Company is required to make significant estimates of, amongst other things, future production and sales volumes, metal prices, foreign exchange rates Mineral Resource and Reserve quantities, future operating and capital costs, and reclamation costs to the end of the mine's life. These estimates are subject to various risks and uncertainties which may ultimately have an effect on the expected recoverability of the carrying values of the mining properties and related expenditures.

The Company, from time to time, acquires exploration and development properties. When properties are acquired, the Company must determine the fair value attributable to each of the properties. When the Company conducts exploration on a mineral property and the results from the exploration do not support the carrying value, the property is written down to its new fair value which could have a material effect on the consolidated statement of financial position and the consolidated statement of income (loss).

### Reclamation and Other Closure Provisions

The Company has obligations for reclamation and other closure activities related to its mining properties. The future obligations for mine closure activities are estimated by the Company using mine closure plans or other similar studies which outline the requirements that will be carried out to meet the obligations. Because the obligations are dependent on the laws and regulations of the countries in which the mines operate, the requirements could change as a result of amendments in the laws and regulations relating to environmental protection and other legislation affecting resource companies. As the estimate of the obligations is based on future expectations, a number of estimates and assumptions are made by management in the determination of closure provisions.

### Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of concentrate to independent smelters is recorded at the time the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the buyer using monthly average metal prices on the expected date of final settlement at which time the final sale prices will be fixed. Variations between the prices set under the smelting contracts may be caused by changes in the market prices and result in an embedded derivative in the accounts receivable. The embedded derivative is recorded at fair value each period until final settlement occurs with changes in the fair value classified as revenue. For changes in metal quantities upon receipt of new information and assay, the provisional sale quantities are adjusted.

### Contingencies

Contingencies can be either possible assets or possible liabilities arising from past events which, by their nature, will only be resolved when one or more future events not within our control occur or fail to occur. The assessment of such contingencies inherently involves the exercise of significant judgement and estimates of the outcome of future events. In assessing loss contingencies related to legal proceedings that are pending against the Company or unasserted claims that may result in such proceedings or regulatory or government actions that may negatively impact our business or operations, the Company with assistance from its legal counsel evaluates the perceived merits of any legal proceedings or unasserted claims or actions.

A liability is recognized in the consolidated financial statements when the outcome of the legal proceedings is probable, and the estimated settlement amount can be estimated reliably. Contingent assets are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements until virtually certain.

Judgements that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements are as follows:

### Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement carrying values of assets and liabilities and their respective income tax bases ("temporary differences") and losses carried forward. The determination

of the ability of the Company to utilize tax loss carry-forwards to offset deferred tax liabilities requires management to exercise judgement and make certain assumptions about the future performance of the Company.

Management is required to assess whether it is “probable” that the Company will benefit from these prior losses and other deferred tax assets. Changes in economic conditions, metal prices and other factors could result in revisions to the estimates of the benefits to be realized or the timing of utilization of the losses.

#### Assessment of Impairment and Reverse Impairment Indicators

Management applies significant judgement in assessing whether indicators of impairment or reverse impairment exist for an asset or a group of assets which could result in a testing for impairment. Internal and external factors such as significant changes in the use of the asset, commodity prices, tax laws or regulations in the countries that our mines operate in and interest rates are used by management in determining whether there are any indicators of impairment or reversal of previous impairments.

#### Functional Currency

The functional currency for the Company and its subsidiaries is the currency of the primary economic environment in which each operates. The Company has determined that its functional currency and that of its subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar. The determination of functional currency may require certain judgements to determine the primary economic environment. The Company reconsiders the functional currency used when there is a change in events and conditions which determined the primary economic environment.

#### Share Position and Outstanding Warrants and Options

The Company’s outstanding share position as at March 15, 2018 is 159,636,983 common shares. In addition, 1,890,740 incentive stock options, equity-settled restricted share units, and warrants are currently outstanding as follows:

<b>Type of Security</b>	<b>No. of Shares</b>		<b>Exercise Price (CAD\$)</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>
Warrants	344,462	\$	6.01	October 31, 2018
Incentive Stock Options:	20,000	\$	0.85	November 5, 2018
	517,833	\$	4.79	March 18, 2020
	617,694	\$	6.35	May 28, 2022
	<u>1,155,527</u>			
Equity-Settled RSUs:	390,751		n/a	May 29, 2020
<b>Total outstanding</b>	<u><u>1,890,740</u></u>			

## Controls and Procedures

### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures have been designed to provide reasonable assurance that all material information related to the Company is identified and communicated to management on a timely basis. Management of the Company, under the supervision of the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for the design and operation of disclosure controls and procedures in accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 52-109 of the Canadian Securities Administrators (“National Instrument 52-109”) and as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the U.S. Exchange Act).

Based on management’s evaluation, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures were effective as at December 31, 2017.

### Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Company’s internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. However, due to its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect all misstatements and fraud.

Management assesses the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting using the Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organization of the Treadway Commission. Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and concluded that it was effective as at December 31, 2017.

### Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During 2017 the Company completed the following remediation activities to address the material weaknesses identified during the testing of the operating effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting for the year ended December 31, 2016:

- Hired a Vice-President of Finance and Accounting, an Internal Controls Manager, and a Corporate Tax Manager, and local internal control analysts at each of its operations;
- Engaged external specialists to assist in the documentation and review of its internal controls;
- Completed a fraud risk assessment; and

- Redesigned general information technology controls over user access privileges, unauthorized access, and segregation of duties.

Other than those described above, there have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the year ended December 31, 2017, that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This MD&A refers to various non-GAAP financial measures, including cash cost per payable ounce of silver; cash cost per tonne of processed ore; total production cash cost per tonne; all-in sustaining cash cost; all-in sustaining cash cost per payable ounce; adjusted net (loss) income; income taxes, and interest income; and adjusted EBITDA.

These measures are used by the Company to manage and evaluate operating performance and ability to generate cash flow and are widely reported in the mining industry as benchmarks for performance. The Company believes that certain investors use these Non-GAAP Financial Measures to evaluate the Company's performance. However, the measures do not have a standardized meaning and may differ from measures used by other companies with similar descriptions. Accordingly, Non-GAAP Financial Measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("GAAP" or "IFRS"). To facilitate a better understanding of these measures as calculated by the Company, descriptions and reconciliations are provided here.

### Cash Cost per Payable Ounce of Silver and Cash Cost per Tonne of Processed Ore

Cash cost per payable ounce of silver and cash cost per tonne of processed ore are key performance measures that management uses to monitor performance. Management believes that certain investors also use these Non-GAAP Financial Measures to evaluate the Company's performance. Cash cost is an industry-standard method of comparing certain costs on a per unit basis; however, they do not have a standardized meaning or method of calculation, even though the descriptions of such measures may be similar. These performance measures have no meaning under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), and, therefore, amounts presented may not be comparable with similar data presented by other mining companies.

The following tables present a reconciliation of cash cost per tonne of processed ore and cash cost per payable ounce of silver to the cost of sales in the consolidated financial statements for the three months and year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Expressed in '\$000's, except unit costs	CONSOLIDATED MINE CASH COST				
	Q4 2017	YTD Q4 2017	Q4 2016	YTD Q4 2016	
Cost of sales	40,132	158,551	37,145	129,649	
Add (subtract):					
Change in concentrate inventory	87	1,308	245	(172)	
Depletion and depreciation in concentrate inventory	(14)	(435)	(92)	(9)	
Commercial and government royalties and mining taxes	(1,338)	(4,135)	(708)	(2,500)	
Workers participation	(2,556)	(7,350)	(1,637)	(5,715)	
Depletion and depreciation	(9,552)	(42,104)	(10,297)	(32,717)	
Cash cost	A	26,759	105,835	24,656	88,536
Cash cost	A	26,759	105,835	24,656	88,536
Add (subtract):					
By-product credits from gold, lead and zinc	(38,308)	(135,593)	(27,812)	(94,577)	
Refining charges	1,571	5,749	2,374	8,434	
Cash cost applicable per payable ounce	B	(9,978)	(24,008)	(782)	2,393
Payable ounces of silver production	C	2,244,861	8,219,463	2,044,674	7,108,170
Cash cost per ounce of payable silver (\$/oz)	=B/C	\$ (4.44)	\$ (2.92)	\$ (0.38)	0.34

SAN JOSE MINE CASH COST

Expressed in \$'000's, except unit costs	YTD				
	Q4 2017	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Q4 2016	
Cost of sales	26,268	105,059	24,883	82,399	
Add (subtract):					
Change in concentrate inventory	269	729	134	425	
Depletion and depreciation in concentrate inventory	(97)	(272)	(55)	(172)	
Commercial and government royalties and mining taxes	(815)	(2,852)	(435)	(1,627)	
Workers participation	(2,118)	(5,805)	(1,407)	(4,742)	
Depletion and depreciation	(7,791)	(32,929)	(8,078)	(24,759)	
Cash cost	A	15,716	63,930	15,042	51,524
Total processed ore (tonnes)	B	271,370	1,070,791	273,036	905,468
Cash cost per tonne of processed ore (\$/t)	=A/B	\$ 57.91	\$ 59.70	\$ 55.09	\$ 56.90
Cash cost	A	15,716	63,930	15,042	51,524
Add (subtract):					
By-product credits from gold, lead and zinc		(17,022)	(61,875)	(13,763)	(47,670)
Refining charges		1,390	4,899	1,986	6,623
Cash cost applicable per payable ounce	B	84	6,954	3,265	10,477
Payable ounces of silver production	C	2,018,368	7,323,578	1,767,286	5,914,989
Cash cost per ounce of payable silver (\$/oz)	=B/C	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.77
Mining cost per tonne		29.54	32.45	29.81	30.41
Milling cost per tonne		16.64	16.55	15.81	15.42
Indirect cost per tonne		6.48	6.12	6.15	6.67
Community relations cost per tonne		1.19	0.93	0.39	1.08
Distribution cost per tonne		4.06	3.65	2.93	3.32
Total production cost per tonne		\$ 57.91	\$ 59.70	\$ 55.09	\$ 56.90

CAYLLOMA MINE CASH COST

Expressed in \$'000's, except unit costs		YTD		YTD	
		Q4 2017	Q4 2016		Q4 2016
Cost of sales		13,864	53,492	12,262	47,250
Add (subtract):					
Change in concentrate inventory		(182)	579	111	(597)
Depletion and depreciation in concentrate inventory		83	(163)	(37)	163
Commercial and government royalties and mining taxes		(523)	(1,283)	(273)	(873)
Workers participation		(438)	(1,545)	(230)	(973)
Depletion and depreciation		(1,761)	(9,175)	(2,219)	(7,958)
Cash cost	A	11,043	41,905	9,614	37,012
Total processed ore (tonnes)	B	134635	529,704	135,121	514,829
Cash cost per tonne of processed ore (\$/t)	=A/B	\$ 82.02	\$ 79.11	\$ 71.15	\$ 71.89
Cash cost	A	11,043	41,905	9,614	37,012
Add (subtract):					
By-product credits from gold, lead and zinc		(21,286)	(73,718)	(14,049)	(46,907)
Refining charges		181	851	388	1,811
Cash cost applicable per payable ounce	B	(10,062)	(30,962)	(4,047)	(8,084)
Payable ounces of silver production	C	226,493	895,885	277,388	1,193,181
Cash cost per ounce of payable silver (\$/oz)	=B/C	\$ (44.43)	\$ (34.56)	\$ (14.59)	\$ (6.78)
Mining cost per tonne		41.00	40.39	34.76	35.34
Milling cost per tonne		13.71	13.76	12.64	12.51
Indirect cost per tonne		18.03	17.12	16.18	15.27
Community relations cost per tonne		2.02	0.60	0.23	0.20
Distribution cost per tonne		7.26	7.24	7.34	8.57
Total production cost per tonne		\$ 82.02	\$ 79.11	\$ 71.15	\$ 71.89

## All-in Sustaining Cash Cost and All-in Cash Cost per Payable Ounce of Silver

The Company believes that “all-in-sustaining cash cost” and “all-in cash cost” meet the needs of management, analysts, investors, and other stakeholders of the Company in understanding the costs associated with producing silver, the economics of silver mining, the Company’s operating performance and the Company’s ability to generate cash flow from current operations, and on an overall company basis.

The Company, in conjunction with an initiative undertaken within the gold mining industry, has adopted an all-in-sustaining cost performance measure; however, this performance measure has no standardized meaning. The Company conforms its all-in-sustaining cost definition to that set out in the guidance issued by the World Gold Council (“WGC,”), a non-regulatory market development organization for the gold industry whose members comprise global senior gold mining companies.

All-in-sustaining cash cost and all-in cash cost are intended to provide additional information only and do not have standardized definitions under IFRS and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. These measures are not necessarily indicative of operating profit or cash flow from operations as determined under IFRS. Although the WGC has published a standardized definition, companies may calculate these measures differently.

All-in sustaining cash cost includes total production cash costs incurred at the Company’s mining operations, less by-product credits to calculate the cash cost. Sustaining capital expenditures, corporate selling, general and administrative expenses, and brownfield exploration expenditures are added to the cash cost to calculate the all-in-sustaining cost. The Company believes that this measure represents the total costs of producing silver from operations and provides the Company and its stakeholders with additional information on the Company’s operational performance and the ability to generate cash flows. Certain cash expenditures such as new project spending, tax payments, dividends, and financing costs are not included. We report this measure on a silver ounce sold basis.

The following tables show a breakdown of the all-in sustaining cash cost per ounce for the three months and year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	CONSOLIDATED MINE ALL-IN CASH COST			
	YTD		YTD	
Expressed in \$'000's, except unit costs	Q4 2017	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Q4 2016
Cash cost applicable, net of by-product credits	(9,978)	(24,008)	(782)	2,393
Commercial and government royalties and mining tax	3,027	9,803	2,383	6,718
Workers' participation	3,190	9,119	2,036	7,085
Selling, general and administrative expenses (operations)	2,464	7,480	1,073	6,079
Adjusted operating cash cost	(1,297)	2,394	4,710	22,275
Selling, general and administrative expenses (corporate)	2,609	11,821	2,725	9,538
Sustaining capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>	8,037	27,974	5,329	19,849
Brownfield exploration expenditures <sup>1</sup>	2,231	10,053	2,230	7,921
All-in sustaining cash cost	11,580	52,242	14,994	59,583
Exploration and evaluation expenses	1,341	1,534	(17)	177
Non-sustaining capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>	3,070	11,389	1,997	22,959
All-in cash cost	15,991	65,165	16,974	82,719
Payable ounces of silver production	2,244,861	8,219,463	2,044,674	7,108,170
All-in sustaining cash cost per ounce of payable silver	\$ 5.16	\$ 6.36	\$ 7.33	\$ 8.38
All-in cash cost per ounce of payable silver	\$ 7.12	\$ 7.93	\$ 8.30	\$ 11.64

<sup>1</sup> presented on a cash basis

SAN JOSE MINE ALL-IN CASH COST

Expressed in \$'000's, except unit costs	YTD		YTD	
	Q4 2017	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Q4 2016
Cash cost applicable, net of by-product credits	84	6,954	3,265	10,477
Commercial and government royalties and mining tax	2,504	8,520	2,110	5,845
Workers' participation	2,646	7,256	1,765	5,934
Selling, general and administrative expenses (operations)	1,506	4,547	600	3,632
Adjusted operating cash cost	6,740	27,277	7,740	25,888
Selling, general and administrative expenses	-	-	-	-
Sustaining capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>	5,115	18,385	2,522	12,260
Brownfield exploration expenditures <sup>1</sup>	1,276	6,439	1,625	6,705
All-in sustaining cash cost	13,131	52,101	11,887	44,853
Exploration and evaluation expenses	-	65	-	5
Non-sustaining capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>	-	-	206	17,808
All-in cash cost	13,131	52,166	12,093	62,666
Payable ounces of silver production	2,018,368	7,323,578	1,767,286	5,914,989
All-in sustaining cash cost per ounce of payable silver	\$ 6.51	\$ 7.11	\$ 6.73	\$ 7.58
All-in cash cost per ounce of payable silver	\$ 6.51	\$ 7.12	\$ 6.84	\$ 10.59

<sup>1</sup> presented on a cash basis

CAYLLOMA MINE ALL-IN CASH COST

Expressed in \$'000's, except unit costs	YTD		YTD	
	Q4 2017	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Q4 2016
Cash cost applicable, net of by-product credits	(10,062)	(30,962)	(4,047)	(8,084)
Commercial and government royalties and mining tax	523	1,283	273	873
Workers' participation	544	1,863	268	1,142
Selling, general and administrative expenses (operations)	958	2,933	572	2,447
Adjusted operating cash cost	(8,037)	(24,883)	(2,934)	(3,622)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	-	-	-	-
Sustaining capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>	2,922	9,589	2,807	7,589
Brownfield exploration expenditures <sup>1</sup>	955	3,614	605	1,216
All-in sustaining cash cost	(4,160)	(11,680)	478	5,183
Exploration and evaluation expenses	-	-	-	-
Non-sustaining capital expenditures <sup>1</sup>	-	-	247	2,860
All-in cash cost	(4,160)	(11,680)	725	8,043
Payable ounces of silver production	226,493	895,885	277,388	1,193,181
All-in sustaining cash cost per ounce of payable silver	\$ (18.37)	\$ (13.04)	\$ 1.72	\$ 4.34
All-in cash cost per ounce of payable silver	\$ (18.37)	\$ (13.04)	\$ 2.61	\$ 6.74

<sup>1</sup> presented on a cash basis



## Adjusted Net Income

The Company uses the financial measure of “adjusted net income” to supplement information in its consolidated financial statements. The Company believes that in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, the Company and certain investors and analysts use this information and information obtained from conventional IFRS measures to evaluate the Company’s performance. The term “adjusted net income” does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS, and therefore the Company’s definitions are unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies.

	ADJUSTED NET INCOME			
	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net Income	\$ 34.1	\$ 6.5	\$ 66.3	\$ 17.9
Adjustments, net of tax:				
Unrealized (gain) loss on financial instruments	(0.5)	(0.4)	2.3	(0.7)
Impairment reversal of mineral properties	(21.9)	-	(21.9)	-
Write-off of mineral properties	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.8
Write-down of plant and equipment	0.2	-	1.0	-
Write-down of inventories	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.1
Adjusted Net Income (a non-GAAP measure)	\$ 12.3	\$ 7.1	\$ 48.6	\$ 18.1

## Adjusted EBITDA

The Company uses other financial measures whose presentation is not meant to be a substitute for other subtotals or totals presented in accordance with IFRS measures but that rather should be evaluated in conjunction with IFRS measures. The item described and presented below does not have standardized meanings prescribed by IFRS, and therefore the Company’s definitions are unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The Company believes that its presentation provides useful information for investors.

	ADJUSTED EBITDA			
	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net Income	\$ 34.1	\$ 6.5	\$ 66.3	\$ 17.9
Add back:				
Net finance items	-	0.8	0.4	2.5
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	9.6	10.4	42.5	33.0
Income taxes	22.8	11.0	38.6	29.3
Share of loss of equity-accounted investee	0.1	-	0.2	-
Impairment reversal of mineral properties	(31.1)	-	(31.1)	-
Other operating expenses	(0.6)	0.7	5.1	0.4
Adjusted EBITDA (a non-GAAP measure)	\$ 34.9	\$ 29.4	\$ 122.0	\$ 83.1

## Qualified Person

Eric Chapman, P. Geo (APEGBC #36328) is the Vice-President of Technical Services of the Company and is the Company’s Qualified Person (as defined by National Instrument 43-101). Mr. Chapman is responsible for ensuring that the technical information contained in this M&DA is an accurate summary of the original reports and data provided to or developed by the Company.

## Other Information, Risks and Uncertainties

For further information regarding the Company’s operational risks, please refer to the section entitled “Description of the Business - Risk Factors” in the Company’s most recent Annual Information Form available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and [www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml).

## Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Statements

This MD&A and any documents incorporated by reference into this MD&A contain forward-looking statements which constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, “Forward-looking Statements”). All statements included herein, other than statements of historical fact, are Forward-looking Statements and are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those reflected in the Forward-Looking Statements. The Forward-looking Statements in this MD&A include, without limitation, statements relating to:

- mineral “reserves” and “resources” as they involve the implied assessment, based on estimates and assumptions that the reserves and resources described exist in the quantities predicted or estimated and can be profitably produced in the future;
- production rates at the Company’s properties;
- cash cost estimates;
- timing for delivery of materials and equipment for the Company’s properties;
- the sufficiency of the Company’s cash position and its ability to raise equity capital or access debt facilities;
- the Company’s planned greenfield exploration programs;
- the Company’s planned capital expenditures and brownfield exploration at the San Jose Mine;
- the Company’s planned capital expenditures and brownfield exploration at the Caylloma Mine;
- the Company’s planned mine construction of the Lindero Project and the anticipated timing of commissioning of the mine;
- maturities of the Company’s financial liabilities, finance leases and other contractual commitments;
- expiry dates of bank letters of guarantee;
- estimated mine closure costs; and
- management’s expectation that any investigations, claims, and legal, labour and tax proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business will not have a material effect on the results of operations or financial condition of the Company.

Often, but not always, these Forward-looking Statements can be identified by the use of words such as “anticipates”, “believes”, “plans”, “estimates”, “expects”, “forecasts”, “scheduled”, “targets”, “possible”, “strategy”, “potential”, “intends”, “advance”, “goal”, “objective”, “projects”, “budget”, “calculates” or statements that events, “will”,

“may”, “could” or “should” occur or be achieved and similar expressions, including negative variations.

Forward-looking Statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the Forward-looking Statements. Such uncertainties and factors include, among others:

- uncertainty of mineral resource and reserve estimates;
- risks associated with mineral exploration and project development;
- operational risks associated with mining and mineral processing;
- uncertainty relating to concentrate treatment charges and transportation costs;
- uncertainty relating to capital and operating costs, production schedules, and economic returns;
- uncertainties relating to general economic conditions;
- competition;
- substantial reliance on the Caylloma and San Jose mines for revenues;
- risks related to the integration of businesses and assets acquired by the Company;
- risks associated with potential legal proceedings;
- changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments in countries in which the Company does or may carry on business;
- fluctuations in metal prices;
- risks associated with entering into commodity forward and option contracts for base metals production;
- environmental matters including potential liability claims;
- reliance on key personnel;
- potential conflicts of interest involving the Company’s directors and officers;
- property title matters;
- dilution from further equity financing;
- currency exchange rate fluctuations;
- adequacy of insurance coverage;
- sufficiency of monies allotted for land reclamation; and
- potential legal proceedings;

as well as those factors referred to in the “Risks and Uncertainties” section in this MD&A and in the “Risk Factors” section in our Annual Information Form filed with the Canadian Securities Administrators and available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as part of the Company’s Form 40-F and available at [www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml). Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in Forward-looking Statements, there may be other factors that cause actions,

events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended.

Forward-looking Statements contained in this MD&A are based on the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and opinions of management, including but not limited to:

- all required third party contractual, regulatory and governmental approvals will be obtained for the exploration, development, construction and production of its properties;
- there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether relating to labour, supply, power, damage to equipment or other matter;
- permitting, construction, development and expansion proceeding on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations;
- expected trends and specific assumptions regarding metal prices and currency exchange rates;
- prices for and availability of fuel, electricity, parts and equipment and other key supplies remaining consistent with current levels;
- production forecasts meeting expectations; and
- the accuracy of the Company's current mineral resource and reserve estimates.

These Forward-looking Statements are made as of the date of this MD&A. There can be no assurance that Forward-looking Statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on Forward-looking Statements. Except as required by law, the Company does not assume the obligation to revise or update these forward looking-statements after the date of this document or to revise them to reflect the occurrence of future unanticipated events.

#### [Cautionary Note to United States Investors Concerning Estimates of Reserves and Resources](#)

Reserve and resource estimates included in this MD&A have been prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators that establishes standards for public

disclosure by a Canadian company of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. Canadian standards, including NI 43-101, differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and reserve and resource information contained in this news release may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies. In particular, the term "resource" does not equate to the term "reserves". Under U.S. standards, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made.

The SEC's disclosure standards normally do not permit the inclusion of information concerning "measured mineral resources", "indicated mineral resources" or "inferred mineral resources" or other descriptions of the amount of mineralization in mineral deposits that do not constitute "reserves" by U.S. standards in documents filed with the SEC. Readers are cautioned not to assume that resources will ever be converted into reserves. Readers should also understand that "inferred mineral resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. Readers should also not assume that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimated "inferred mineral resources" may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies except in rare cases. Readers are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" exists or is economically or legally mineable. Disclosure of "contained ounces" in a resource is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute "reserves" by SEC standards as in-place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. The requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of "reserves" are also not the same as those of the SEC, and reserves reported in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as "reserves" under SEC standards. Accordingly, information concerning mineral deposits set forth in this news release may not be comparable with information made public by companies that report in accordance with U.S. standards.

## **EXHIBIT 99.4**

### **CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the use of our reports, each dated March 15, 2018, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. as at December 31, 2017 and for the year then ended and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, included in this annual report on Form 40-F.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants  
April 2, 2018  
Vancouver, Canada

## **EXHIBIT 99.5**

### **CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the use of our report dated May 12, 2017 relating to the consolidated financial statements of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as at and for the year ended December 31, 2016 appearing in this Annual Report on Form 40-F of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017.

/s/ Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Vancouver, Canada  
April 2, 2018

**EXHIBIT 99.6**

**CONSENT OF ERIC CHAPMAN**

**CONSENT OF AUTHOR / EXPERT**

I hereby consent to:

1. the use of my name, Eric Chapman, and reference to my name, the technical report entitled “Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: Caylloma Property, Caylloma District, Peru” dated effective August 31, 2016, as amended January 30, 2017 (the “**Caylloma Report**”), evaluating the Caylloma Property of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the “**Company**”), the technical report entitled “Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: San Jose Property, Oaxaca, Mexico” dated effective August 20, 2016, as amended January 30, 2017 (the “**San Jose Report**”), evaluating the San Jose Property of the Company, the technical report entitled “Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: Lindero Property, Salta Province, Argentina” dated effective October 31, 2017, evaluating the Lindero Property of the Company (together with the Caylloma Report and the San Jose Report, the “**Reports**”), and the information contained in the Reports described or incorporated by reference in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission;
2. the use of my name, Eric Chapman, and reference to my name, and the technical information relating to the updated Mineral Resource estimates for the Caylloma Mine, the San Jose Mine and the Lindero Property contained under the heading “General Development of the Business – Three-Year History and Recent Developments” in the Annual Information Form of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2017 included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and
3. the use of my name, Eric Chapman, and reference to my name, and the technical information contained in the Annual Information Form of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2017 included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dated: April 2, 2018

“Eric N. Chapman”  
Eric N. Chapman, P.Geo., C. Geol. (FGS)

**EXHIBIT 99.7**

**CONSENT OF EDWIN GUTIERREZ**

**CONSENT OF AUTHOR / EXPERT**

I hereby consent to:

1. the use of my name, Edwin Gutierrez, and reference to my name, the technical report entitled “Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: Caylloma Property, Caylloma District, Peru” dated effective August 31, 2016, as amended January 30, 2017 (the “**Caylloma Report**”), evaluating the Caylloma Property of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the “**Company**”), the technical report entitled “Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: San Jose Property, Oaxaca, Mexico” dated effective August 20, 2016, as amended January 30, 2017 (the “**San Jose Report**”), evaluating the San Jose Property of the Company, the technical report entitled “Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: Lindero Property, Salta Province, Argentina” dated effective October 31, 2017, evaluating the Lindero Property of the Company (together with the Caylloma Report and the San Jose Report, the “**Reports**”), and the information contained in the Reports described or incorporated by reference in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and
2. the use of my name, Edwin Gutierrez, and reference to my name, and the technical information relating to the updated Mineral Reserve estimate and the Mineral Resource estimate exclusive of Mineral Reserves for the Caylloma Mine, the San Jose Mine and the Lindero Property contained under the heading “General Development of the Business – Three-Year History and Recent Developments” in the Annual Information Form of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2017 included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dated: April 2, 2018

“Edwin Gutierrez”  
Edwin Gutierrez,  
Registered Member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Inc.

**EXHIBIT 99.8**

**CONSENT OF GEOFF ALLARD**

**CONSENT OF AUTHOR / EXPERT**

I hereby consent to the use of my name, Geoff Allard, and reference to my name and the technical report entitled “Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: Lindero Property, Salta Province, Argentina” dated effective October 31, 2017, evaluating the Lindero Property of the Company (the “**Report**”), and the information contained in the Report described or incorporated by reference in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dated: April 2, 2018

“Geoff Allard”

Geoff Allard, PE



**EXHIBIT 99.9**

**CONSENT OF DENYS PARRA MURRUGARRA**

**CONSENT OF AUTHOR / EXPERT**

I hereby consent to the use of my name, Denys Parra Murrugarra, and reference to my name and the technical report entitled “Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.: Lindero Property, Salta Province, Argentina” dated effective October 31, 2017, evaluating the Lindero Property of the Company (the “**Report**”), and the information contained in the Report described or incorporated by reference in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dated: April 2, 2018

“Denys Parra Murrugarra”  
Denys Parra Murrugarra,  
Registered Member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Inc.

**EXHIBIT 99.10**

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14 OR 15d-14 OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Jorge Ganoza Durant, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 40-F of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the “issuer”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the issuer as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The issuer’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the issuer and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the issuer, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the issuer’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the issuer’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the issuer’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The issuer’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the issuer’s auditors and the audit committee of the issuer’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the issuer’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the issuer’s internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: April 2, 2018

“Jorge Ganoza Durant”

Name: Jorge Ganoza Durant  
Title: President, Chief Executive Officer & Director  
(principal executive officer)

**EXHIBIT 99.11**

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14 OR 15d-14 OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Luis Ganoza Durant, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 40-F of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the “issuer”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the issuer as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The issuer’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the issuer and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the issuer, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the issuer’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the issuer’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the issuer’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The issuer’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the issuer’s auditors and the audit committee of the issuer’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the issuer’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the issuer’s internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: April 2, 2018

“Luis Ganoza Durant”  
Name: Luis Ganoza Durant  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
(principal financial officer)

**EXHIBIT 99.12**

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the annual report of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the “**Company**”) on Form 40-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “**Report**”), I, Jorge Ganoza Durant, President, Chief Executive Officer & Director of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: April 2, 2018

“*Jorge Ganoza Durant*”  
Name: Jorge Ganoza Durant  
Title: President, Chief Executive Officer & Director  
(principal executive officer)

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**EXHIBIT 99.13**

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the annual report of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc. (the “**Company**”) on Form 40-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “**Report**”), I, Luis Ganoza Durant, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: April 2, 2018

“Luis Ganoza Durant”  
Name: Luis Ganoza Durant  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
(principal financial officer)

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.