

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

# Pan American Silver Completes the Sale of La Arena

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Pan American Silver Corp. (NYSE: PAAS) ("Pan American") yesterday completed the previously announced divestment of its 100% interest in La Arena S.A. ("La Arena"), which owns the La Arena gold mine as well as the La Arena II project in Peru, to Jinteng (Singapore) Mining Pte. Ltd., a subsidiary of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd. (collectively, "Zijin").

Under the terms of the agreement, Zijin paid US\$245 million in cash consideration and granted Pan American a life-of-mine gold net smelter return royalty of 1.5% for the La Arena II project. Upon commencement of commercial production from the La Arena II project, the agreement provides for an additional contingent payment from Zijin of US\$50 million in cash.

As part of the approval received from the Government of Canada under the Investment Canada Act, Pan American and La Arena entered into an offtake agreement in respect of the La Arena II project, which will enable Pan American to secure up to 60% of the future copper concentrate supply from the La Arena II project on commercial terms for sale in North American markets, following the commencement of commercial production.

### About Pan American Silver

Pan American Silver is a leading producer of silver and gold in the Americas, operating mines in Canada, Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina. We also own the Escobal mine in Guatemala that is currently not operating, and we hold interests in exploration and development projects. We have been operating in the Americas for three decades, earning an industry-leading reputation for sustainability performance, operational excellence and prudent financial management. We are headquartered in Vancouver, B.C. and our shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "PAAS".

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These forward-looking statements and information reflect Pan American's current views with respect to future events and are necessarily based upon a number of assumptions that, while considered reasonable by Pan American, are inherently subject to significant operational, business, economic and regulatory uncertainties and contingencies. These assumptions include: whether commercial production from the La Arena II project will be achieved, and the timing for any such commercial production; the benefits and value, if any, of the gold net smelter return royalty granted in connection with the transaction; tonnage of ore to be mined and processed from the La Arena II project, if any; future anticipated prices for gold, copper and other metals and assumed foreign exchange rates; ore grades and recoveries from the La Arena II project; capital costs for the La Arena II project and the availability of capital for development and construction; all necessary permits, licenses and regulatory approvals for the La Arena II project are received; and the amount, if any, of supply of copper concentrates from the La Arena II project and, if available, the future sales of any such copper concentrates within North American markets. The foregoing list of assumptions is not exhaustive.

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