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Bowdens Silver Project Update

Silver Mines Limited (“Silver Mines” or “the Company”) is pleased to provide the following update in relation to its Bowdens Silver Project (“Project”).

Despite the NSW Supreme Court, Court of Appeal (“Court of Appeal”) upholding the appeal by Bingman Catchment Landcare Group Incorporated (“Appeal”), the Company advises that it is fully committed to the progression of the Project including obtaining all relevant permits and development consents required to develop and commence production at the Project.

It is very important to highlight that the Appeal proceedings challenged the administrative process taken by the IPC in deciding to grant the development consent for the Project. The Appeal was primarily centred on whether the IPC failed to fully consider the impacts of a potential transmission line to power the Project, which was proposed to be approved via an alternate approval pathway.

Silver Mines is urgently working towards the preparation and the submission of a new development application for the Project (“New Development Application”). The New Development Application will include a defined power supply option.

The Optimisation Study (“Optimisation”) for the Project, which was commenced in 2023, remains on track for completion this year. Importantly, the Optimisation study is demonstrating that the Project can potentially be developed and operated with even less environmental impact than the 2018 Feasibility Study design, with current plans considering a reduced development footprint across the open pit mine, waste rock emplacement and the tailings storage facility.

The NSW minerals sector is an engine industry for the regional economy, generating thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in investment. The NSW Government has stated a firm commitment to further activating the State’s potential in critical minerals and high-tech metals. Both silver and zinc are included in the NSW Government’s Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Strategy.

The 2018 Feasibility Study indicated the Project’s development will produce a total of 52.9 million ounces of silver, 108 kilotonnes of zinc and 79.3 kilotonnes of lead over an initial 16.5 year mine life.¹

¹ Silver Mines Limited (ASX:SVL) release “*Feasibility Study – Bowdens Silver Project*” dated 14 June 2018.

The Board of Silver Mines is very aware that the decision handed down by the Court of Appeal may create significant uncertainty within the broader, supportive community throughout the Mid-Western region. As such, the Company will be in regular consultation with key community stakeholders to reaffirm its support across all areas of community engagement and existing sponsorship programs. The Company notes that from the exhibition process of its initial Bowdens Silver Project Development Application and associated Environmental Impact Statement to the New South Wales Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in May 2020, the Company received no objections to the Project from any Government agencies and received resounding public support with 79% of all organisation and general public submissions in favour of the Project.

The Company believes it is very important to reiterate that the Project will create over 320 direct jobs during construction and over 220 full-time direct jobs, delivering significant long-term economic and social benefits for the State of New South Wales and the local communities across the Mid-Western Regional Council area.

The Company will continue to provide regular updates as it progresses the New Development Application and the Optimisation.

This document has been authorised for release to the ASX by the Company's Board of Directors.

Yours faithfully
Silver Mines Limited



Trent Franklin
Company Secretary