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Kootenay President and CEO James McDonald , stated, "*We are excited to start our drill program at La Cigarra, which will begin with the first ever drill test of the high-grade RAM silver target. The primary objectives of the program are to test this high priority target and to expand the existing La Cigarra resource which is open in three directions with particular attention to intercepting higher-grade silver. These are the first steps toward a new resource estimate and to proceeding with a Preliminary Economic Assessment on the project*."

Initial drilling will focus on the RAM Zone, where the first 8 holes are planned to target a potential high-grade silver area within a large structurally controlled anomalous silver trend measuring 3.8 kilometres in length. A program of re-logging aimed at gaining a deeper understanding of what controls the high grades is well advanced and will guide drilling along the extensions of the La Cigarra resource where several underlying high-grade silver zones have been identified. An example is at the southern boundary of the Las Carolinas Zone where hole 155 returned 23 metres of 138 g/t silver (See Northair News Release dated Dec 15, 2014) and remains open down dip and along strike to the southeast. Anomalous silver mineralization and alteration indicate an additional two kilometres of strike potential.

Results from the drill program will be announced as soon as the assays are received and interpreted by the Company. A larger drill program will be designed as progress and results of re-logging to assess the potential to model the high-grade zones and the 3,000 metre program are made and received.

Sampling and QA/QC

All technical information for the La Cigarra exploration program is obtained and reported under a formal quality assurance and quality control (“QA/QC”) program. Samples are taken under the direction of qualified geologists and stored in sealed bags. Samples are delivered by the Company via courier to ALS Minerals (“ALS”) in Chihuahua. The samples are dried, crushed and pulverized with the pulps being sent airfreight for analysis by ALS in Vancouver, B.C. Systematic assaying of standards is performed for precision and accuracy. Analysis for silver, zinc, lead and copper and related trace

elements was done by ICP four acid digestion, with gold analysis by 30 gram fire assay with an AA finish. All drilling will be with HQ core and has been contracted to BD Drilling from Guadalajara, Mexico . Further Quality Assurance and Control procedures and details on assays procedures and laboratories used are disclosed on the Kootenay Silver Inc. website.

Qualified Persons

The Kootenay technical information in this news release has been prepared in accordance with the Canadian regulatory requirements set out in National Instrument 43-101 (Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects) and reviewed on behalf Kootenay by James McDonald , P.Geo, President, CEO & Director for Kootenay, a Qualified Person.

About Kootenay Silver Inc.

Kootenay Silver Inc. is an exploration company actively engaged in the discovery and development of mineral projects in Mexico and in British Columbia, Canada . The Company’s top priorities are the advancement of the La Cigarra silver project and the Promontorio Mineral Belt, in Chihuahua, Mexico and Sonora, Mexico , respectively. The La Cigarra property is 26 kilometres from the historic mining city of Parral and boasts nearby power, good road access, gentle topography, and established infrastructure. La Cigarra currently hosts a resource estimate of 18.54 million tonnes containing 51.47 million ounces of silver in the Measured & Indicated categories grading 86.3 g/t silver and 4.45 million tonnes containing 11.46 million ounces of silver in the Inferred category grading 80 g/t silver. The mineralized system at La Cigarra has been traced over 6.5 kilometres and is defined at surface as a silver soil anomaly and by numerous historic mine

workings.

The La Cigarra silver deposit is open along strike and at depth and is approximately 25 kilometres north, and along strike, of Grupo Mexico’s Santa Barbara mine and Minera Frisco’s San Francisco del Oro mine. The Promontorio Mineral Belt includes the Company’s La Negra high-grade silver discovery and its Promontorio Silver Resource. The Promontorio Mineral Belt is under option to Pan American Silver whereby they can earn a 75% interest in the project with US$16 million of expenditures and payments with Kootenay retaining a 25% carried to production interest (see news release February 16 and March 4, 2016).

The Promontorio Silver Resource currently hosts a resource estimate of 44.5 million tonnes containing 92 million ounces of silver equivalent in the Measured & Indicated categories grading 64.3 g/t silver equivalent and 14.6 million tonnes containing 24.3 million ounces of silver equivalent in the Inferred category grading 52 g/t silver equivalent. The Company’s core objective is to create value by acquiring silver resources through discovery and acquisition and testing those resources with the ultimate goal of developing them into silver production if they are proven to be economically viable.