

# **NEWS RELEASE**

# Endeavour Silver Reports First Quarter, 2017 Financial Results; Conference Call at 9am PDT (12pm EDT) Today

*Vancouver*, *Canada* – *May 3, 2017* - Endeavour Silver Corp. (NYSE: EXK; TSX: EDR) released today its financial results for the period ended March 31, 2017. Endeavour owns and operates three underground silver-gold mines in Mexico: the Guanaceví mine in Durango state, and the Bolañitos and El Cubo mines in Guanajuato state.

The Company's financial performance in the First Quarter, 2017 improved compared to the First Quarter, 2016. Revenue and cost of sales were down due to lower production but earnings were up as a result of higher precious metal prices, foreign exchange gains and tax recoveries.

#### **Highlights of First Quarter 2017 (Compared to First Quarter 2016)**

#### **Financial**

- Net earnings increased 230% to \$6.0 million (\$0.05 per share) compared to \$1.8 million (\$0.02 per share)
- EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> increased 4% to \$9.0 million
- Cash flow from operations before working capital changes increased 19% to \$8.9 million
- Mine operating cash flow before taxes<sup>(1)</sup> increased 4% to \$12.0 million
- Revenue decreased 12% to \$36.4 million
- Realized silver price increased 17% to \$17.79 per ounce (oz) sold (2% above average spot price)
- Realized gold price increased 5% to \$1,280 per oz sold (5% above average spot price)
- Cash costs<sup>(1)</sup> rose 2% to \$7.81 per oz silver payable (net of gold credits)
- All-in sustaining costs<sup>(1)</sup> rose 64% to \$18.24 per oz silver payable (net of gold credits)
- Cash and cash equivalents dipped 2.5% to \$70.5 million
- Working capital was flat at \$81.7 million compared to \$81.6 million at year end

#### **Operations**

- Silver production decreased 29% to 1,076,974 oz
- Gold production decreased 27% to 11,724 oz
- Silver equivalent production was 1.9 million oz (at a 70:1 silver: gold ratio)
- Silver oz sold down 18% to 1,235,594 oz
- Gold oz sold down 26% to 11,290 oz
- Bullion inventory at quarter-end included 116,108 oz silver and 292 oz gold
- Concentrate inventory at quarter-end included 32,995 oz silver and 764 oz gold
- Appointed new VP Operations Tomas Iturriaga
- Announced high grade drill results for Terronera and La Luz veins on Terronera project
- Announced a robust Preliminary Economic Assessment on the El Compas project and made a decision to develop the mine to production
- Announced a robust Pre-Feasibility Study on the Terronera project and continuing work to facilitate a decision to develop the mine to production
- (1) EBITDA, mine operating cash flow, cash costs and all-in sustaining costs are non-IFRS measures. Please refer to the definitions in the Company's Management Discussion & Analysis.

Endeavour CEO Bradford Cooke commented, "We are pleased to report significantly higher first quarter earnings for 2017, especially in light of our lower production compared to Q1, 2016 and our increased investments on exploration and development. Our plan to increase production throughout the year bodes well for our financial outlook on the year.

"We recently made a decision to develop El Compas into our fourth mine and we look forward to giving the green light soon to develop Terronera into our fifth mine. The high grade drill results from Terronera released during the first quarter were not included in our recent resource estimate and pre-feasibility study and represent a future opportunity to optimize our mine plan at Terronera."

#### **Financial Results**

For the first quarter ended March 31, 2017, the Company generated revenue totaling \$36.4 million (2016 - \$41.5 million). During the quarter, the Company sold 1,235,594 silver ounces and 11,290 gold ounces at realized prices of \$17.79 and \$1,280 per ounce respectively, compared to sales of 1,511,319 silver ounces and 15,255 gold ounces at realized prices of 15.18 and \$1,219 per ounce respectively in Q1 2016.

After cost of sales of \$28.6 million (2016 - \$35.2 million), mine operating earnings amounted to \$7.8 million (2016 - \$6.3 million) from mining and milling operations in Mexico. The 19% decrease in cost of sales was primarily due to reduced production levels, and a lower Mexican peso against the U.S. dollar. Excluding depreciation and depletion of \$4.1 million (2016 - \$5.2 million) mine operating cash flow before taxes was \$12.0 million (2016 - \$11.5 million) in the first quarter of 2017.

Net earnings were \$6.0 million (2016 –\$1.8 million) after exploration, general and administrative, foreign exchange, other income and taxes. Exploration activities increased to \$3.3 million (2016 – \$1.2 million) as a result of management's renewed focus on exploration and development due to rising metal prices.

Direct production costs per tonne and cash costs in Q1, 2017 were relatively flat compared with Q1, 2016. Cost reductions and the benefits of a lower Mexican peso were offset by reduced mining activity. Both the cost per tonne and cash costs per ounce rose 2% to \$75.77 and \$7.81, respectively. Guanaceví is currently underperforming the mine plan as a result of operating issues experienced in 2016 but productivity is expected to return to historical levels and cost metrics are expected fall over the course of 2017. All-in sustaining costs rose as a result the aforementioned renewed focus on exploration and development to extend mine lives, primarily at Guanaceví and El Cubo.

The Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements and Management's Discussion & Analysis can be viewed on the Company's website at <a href="www.edrsilver.com">www.edrsilver.com</a>, on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and EDGAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and <a href=

#### **Conference Call**

A conference call to discuss the results will be held today, Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 9am PDT (12pm EDT). To participate in the conference call, please dial the numbers below. No pass-code is necessary.

Toll-free in Canada and the US: 1-800-319-4610

Local Vancouver: 604-638-5340

Outside of Canada and the US: + 604-638-5340

A replay of the conference call will be available until May 17, 2016 by dialing 1-800-319-6413 in Canada and the US (toll-free) or + 604-638-9010 outside of Canada and the US. The required pass-code is 1087#. The replay will also be available on the Company's website at www.edrsilver.com.

**About Endeavour Silver** – Endeavour Silver is a mid-tier precious metals mining company that owns three high grade, underground, silver-gold mines in Mexico. Since start-up in 2004, Endeavour has grown its mining operations organically to produce 9.7 million ounces of silver and equivalents in 2016. We find, build and operate quality silver mines in a sustainable way to create real value for all stakeholders. Endeavour Silver's shares trade on the TSX (EDR) and the NYSE (EXK).

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#### Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States private securities litigation reform act of 1995 and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Such forward-looking statements and information herein include but are not limited to statements regarding Endeavour's anticipated performance in 2017 including changes in mining and operations and the timing and results of various activities. The Company does not intend to, and does not assume any obligation to update such forward-looking statements or information, other than as required by applicable law.

Forward-looking statements or information involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of Endeavour and its operations to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, among others, changes in national and local governments, legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments in Canada and Mexico; financial risks due to precious metals prices, operating or technical difficulties in mineral exploration, development and mining activities; risks and hazards of mineral exploration, development and mining; the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development, risks in obtaining necessary licenses and permits, and challenges to the Company's title to properties; as well as those factors described in the section "risk factors" contained in the Company's most recent form 40F/Annual Information Form filed with the S.E.C. and Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

Forward-looking statements are based on assumptions management believes to be reasonable, including but not limited to: the continued operation of the Company's mining operations, no material adverse change in the market price of commodities, mining operations will operate and the mining products will be completed in accordance with management's expectations and achieve their stated production outcomes, and such other assumptions and factors as set out herein. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements or information, there may be other factors that cause results to be materially different from those anticipated, described, estimated, assessed or intended. There can be no assurance that any forward-looking statements or information will prove to be accurate as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements or information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements or information.

### **COMPARATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

O1 2017 Highlights	Three Mo	onths Ended Ma	rch 31
Q1 2017 Highlights	2017	2016	% Change
Production			
Silver ounces produced	1,076,974	1,510,065	(29%)
Gold ounces produced	11,724	15,960	(27%)
Payable silver ounces produced	1,054,110	1,473,682	(28%)
Payable gold ounces produced	11,459	15,518	(26%)
Silver equivalent ounces produced (1)	1,897,654	2,627,265	(28%)
Cash costs per silver ounce <sup>(2)</sup>	7.81	7.63	2%
Total production costs per ounce <sup>(2)</sup>	11.62	10.95	6%
All-in sustaining costs per ounce <sup>(2)</sup>	18.24	11.12	64%
Processed tonnes	303,222	408,553	(26%)
Direct production costs per tonne <sup>(2)</sup>	75.77	74.26	2%
Silver co-product cash costs (2)	11.96	10.87	10%
Gold co-product cash costs (2)	861	873	(1%)
Financial			
Revenue (\$ millions)	36.4	41.5	(12%)
Silver ounces sold	1,235,594	1,511,319	(18%)
Gold ounces sold	11,290	15,255	(26%)
Realized silver price per ounce	17.79	15.18	17%
Realized gold price per ounce	1,280	1,219	5%
Net earnings (loss) (\$ millions)	6.0	1.8	230%
Mine operating earnings (loss) (\$ millions)	7.8	6.3	25%
Mine operating cash flow <sup>(2)</sup> (\$ millions)	12.0	11.5	4%
Operating cash flow before working capital changes (2)	8.9	7.5	19%
Earnings before ITDA (2)	9.0	8.6	4%
Working capital (\$ millions)	81.7	29.3	179%
Shareholders			
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	0.05	0.02	150%
Operating cash flow before working capital changes per share (2)	0.07	0.07	0%
Weighted average shares outstanding	127,095,764	104,646,404	21%

<sup>1)</sup> Silver equivalents are calculated using a 70:1 ratio. 2016 Silver equivalents have been restated from 75:1 to 70:1 for comparative purposes

<sup>2)</sup> Cost metrics, EBITDA, mine operating cash flow, operating cash flow before working capital changes are non-IFRS measures. Please refer to the definitions in the Company's Management Discussion & Analysis.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(unaudited – prepared by management) (expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

		Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		March 31,	
		2017		2016
Operating activities				
Net earnings (loss) for the period	\$	6,035	\$	1,829
Items not affecting cash:	•	2,022	-	-,
Share-based compensation		337		457
Depreciation and depletion		4,182		5,222
Deferred income tax expense (recovery)		(1,665)		(103)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)		(462)		(242)
Loss on available for sale assets		-		269
Finance costs		236		63
Write off of exploration property		233		_
Net changes in non-cash working capital		771		(10,324)
Cash from operating activities		9,667		(2,829)
Investing activites				
Property, plant and equipment expenditures		(9,368)		(3,087)
Proceeds from disposition of available for sale assets		(2,500)		448
Redemption of long term deposits		_		133
		(0.269)		
Cash used in investing activities		(9,368)		(2,506)
Financing activities				
Repayment of credit facility		(2,500)		(3,000)
Repayment of obligation under finance lease		-		(226)
Debt issuance costs		-		(304)
Interest paid		<b>(167)</b>		(174)
Public equity offerings		-		9,098
Exercise of options		74		31
Share issuance costs		-		(278)
Cash used in financing activites		(2,593)		5,147
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents		462		160
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(2,294)		(188)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		72,317		20,413
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	70,485	\$	20,385

This statement should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2017 and the related notes contained therein.

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(unaudited – prepared by management)

(expressed in thousands of US dollars, except for shares and per share amounts)

		Three Months Ended			
	M	March 31,		March 31,	
		2017		2016	
Revenue	\$	36,441	\$	41,541	
Cost of sales:					
Direct production costs		24,048		29,844	
Royalties		440		209	
Share-based compensation		-		56	
Depreciation and depletion		4,113		5,154	
		28,601		35,263	
Mine operating earnings		7,840		6,278	
Expenses:					
Exploration		3,336		1,199	
General and administrative		1,955		2,028	
		5,291		3,227	
Operating earnings (loss)		2,549		3,051	
Finance costs		236		287	
Other income (expense):					
Foreign exchange		2,147		514	
Investment and other		77		(141)	
		2,224		373	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes		4,537		3,137	
Income tax expense (recovery):					
Current income tax expense		299		1,411	
Deferred income tax expense (recovery)		(1,797)		(103)	
		(1,498)		1,308	
Net earnings (loss) for the period		6,035		1,829	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				_	
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale financial assets		17		162	
Total other comprehensive income (loss) for the period		17		162	
Comprehensive income (loss) for the period	\$	6,052	\$	1,991	
Basic earnings (loss) per share based on net earnings	\$	0.05	\$	0.02	
Diluted earnings (loss) per share based on net earnings	\$	0.05	\$	0.02	
Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding		27,095,764		104,646,404	
Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding		28,523,833		105,071,404	

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(unaudited – prepared by management) (expressed in thousands of US dollars)

	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	70,485	\$	72,317
Investments		102		85
Accounts receivable		26,633		25,560
Inventories		12,688		13,431
Prepaid expenses		1,774		2,037
Total current assets		111,682		113,430
Non-current deposits		659		659
Deferred income tax asset		1,042		183
Mineral properties, plant and equipment		70,990		66,238
Total assets	\$	184,373	\$	180,510
Current liabilities  Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  Income taxes payable	\$	20,179 3,307	\$	18,229 4,631
Credit facility  Total current liabilities		6,500 29,986		9,000 31,860
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Provision for reclamation and rehabilitation		7,867		7,846
Deferred income tax liability		6,739		7,545
Total liabilities		44,592		47,251
Shareholders' equity				
Common shares, unlimited shares authorized, no par value, issued				
and outstanding 127,108,264 shares (Dec 31, 2016 - 127,080,264 shares)		449,703		449,594
Contributed surplus		7,050		6,689
Accumulated comprehensive income (loss)		61		44
		(317,033)		(323,068)
Retained earnings (deficit)				
Retained earnings (deficit)  Total shareholders' equity		139,781		133,259

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