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## SILVERCORP REPORTS PROVEN & PROBABLE RESERVES ESTIMATE AT YING MINING DISTRICT, HENAN PROVINCE, CHINA

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – March 1, 2010 – Silvercorp Metals Inc. (the “Company”) is pleased to report the results of a new Technical Report updating the resources and reserves at its silver-lead-zinc projects in the Ying Mining District in Henan Province, China. The report is the first to establish Proven and Probable reserves at the district of 63.4 million ounces of silver, 384,837 tonnes of lead and 117,559 tonnes of zinc. Inclusive of the mineral reserves, the updated *in-situ* mineral resource estimate at the district is 69.0 million ounces of silver, 419,332 tonnes of lead and 128,038 tonnes of zinc in the Measured & Indicated categories and an additional 87.7 million ounces of silver, 585,404 tonnes of lead and 185,238 tonnes of zinc in the Inferred category.

The National Instrument (“NI”) 43-101 Technical Update Report dated February 26, 2010 (the "Resource and Reserve Report") was prepared by Chris Broili, C.P. Geo. & L.P. Geo., and Mel Klohn, L.P. Geo., of BK Exploration Associates (both independent Qualified Persons); and Wenchang Ni, P.Eng., a Qualified Person and the engineer responsible for the reserve calculation. The Resource and Reserve Report will be made available for review on the SEDAR system and on the Company’s website at [www.silvercorp.ca](http://www.silvercorp.ca).

### Mineral Reserve Estimates

The mineral reserve estimates were established through the use of geological and mining data collected up to November 30, 2009. The reserve table from the Resource and Reserve Report appears below:

#### Ying Mining District – Mineral Reserves

	Mine Area	Wtd. avg. width (m)	Tonnes (t)	weighted avg. grade					Ag-equiv (g/t) [1]	In Situ Metal Reserve [2]					Ag-equiv (oz) [2]
				Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Cu (%)		Au (oz)	Ag (oz)	Pb (t)	Zn (t)	Cu (t)	
Proven	SGX	0.57	684,010		638	11.68	4.35	-	1,231	-	14,026,234	79,911	29,735	-	27,067,275
	TLP	1.53	480,244	-	129	3.29	-	-	219	-	1,986,219	15,813	-	-	3,384,743
	LM	0.62	117,651	-	267	2.05	-	-	324	-	1,009,946	2,412	-	-	1,226,722
	HPG	0.49	40,296	0.60	124	8.43	0.89	-	516	774	160,483	3,395	358	-	668,419
	HPG (Au)														
	HZG														
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>1,322,201</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>7.68</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>17,182,882</b>	<b>101,532</b>	<b>30,093</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,347,159</b>	
Probable	SGX	0.46	1,974,584		441	9.67	4.08	-	957	-	27,996,705	190,877	80,593	-	60,727,314
	TLP	1.22	1,856,756	-	165	3.48	-	-	256	-	9,862,766	64,579	-	-	15,293,848
	LM	1.04	287,349	-	298	3.23	-	-	397	-	2,753,065	9,281	-	-	3,667,578
	HPG	0.79	385,718	0.92	93	3.69	1.53	-	320	11,417	1,157,052	14,241	5,914	-	3,974,429
	HPG (Au)	0.62	27,000	4.11	24	0.56	0.44	-	224	3,565	20,790	152	118	-	194,096
	HZG	0.78	289,000	-	471	1.44	0.29	0.70	578	-	4,380,760	4,175	841	2,023	5,367,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>4,820,408</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>5.88</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>14,982</b>	<b>46,171,138</b>	<b>283,305</b>	<b>87,466</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>89,224,423</b>	
Prov. + Prob.	SGX	0.49	2,658,594		492	10.19	4.15	-	1,027	-	42,022,939	270,788	110,328	-	87,794,589
	TLP	1.29	2,337,000	-	158	3.44	-	-	249	-	11,848,985	80,393	-	-	18,678,591
	LM	0.92	405,000	-	289	2.89	-	-	376	-	3,763,011	11,693	-	-	4,894,300
	HPG	0.77	426,015	0.89	96	4.14	1.47	-	339	12,191	1,317,535	17,636	6,272	-	4,642,848
	HPG (Au)	0.62	27,000	4.11	24	0.56	0.44	-	224	3,565	20,790	152	118	-	194,096
	HZG	0.78	289,000	-	471	1.44	0.29	0.70	578	-	4,380,760	4,175	841	2,023	5,367,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>6,142,609</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>6.27</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>15,756</b>	<b>63,354,020</b>	<b>384,837</b>	<b>117,559</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>121,571,582</b>	

Note: [1] Ag-equiv grades and [2] contained metal quantities consider the planning metallurgical metal recoveries

The parameters used in the reserve calculation are listed in the table below. The silver equivalent and silver equivalent cut-off grades for the reserve calculation were determined using an economic model which includes average metal sales prices for the last three years; actual mill metal recoveries adjusted for direct shipping ore; and operational costs, mining dilution and mining recovery rates in 2009.

### Parameters Used in Reserve Calculation

Items	Units	SGX	HZG	HPG	TLP, LM
Ag Price	US\$/oz	13.42	13.42	13.42	13.42
Pb Price	US\$/lb	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
Zn Price	US\$/lb	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02
Resource Tax	%	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mining Cost	US\$/t	41.00	41.00	32.00	29.00
Sustaining Capital	US\$/t	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Hauling Cost	US\$/t	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.00
Milling Cost	US\$/t	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.27
G&A Cost	US\$/t	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.83
Ag Milling	%	92.5	90.0	86.0	88.0
Pb Milling	%	96.5	88.0	93.5	90.0
Zn Milling	%	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
Cutoff Grade	Ag. Equiv.(g/t)	159.0	159.0	143.0	114.0

### Mineral Resource Estimates

The technical report also presents updated Mineral Resources for Silvercorp's Ying District projects. The estimated "Measured" and "Indicated" mineral resources tabled below are *inclusive* of mineral reserves.

### Ying Mining District - Measured & Indicated Mineral Resources (Inclusive of Mineral Reserves)

	mine area	wtd. avg. width (m)	Tonnes (t)	weighted avg. grade					Ag-equiv (g/t) [1]	In Situ Metal Resource [2]				
				Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Cu (%)		Au (oz)	Ag (oz)	Pb (t)	Zn (t)	Cu (t)
MEASURED	SGX	0.57	561,328	-	845	15.48	5.76	-	1,631	0	15,250,789	86,901	32,330	-
	TLP	1.53	418,260	-	166	4.38	-	-	288	0	2,237,120	18,336	-	-
	LM	0.62	95,253	-	344	2.64	-	-	403	0	1,053,957	2,512	-	-
	HPG	0.49	33,526	0.84	160	10.82	1.19	-	639	902	172,224	3,627	398	-
	HPG (Au)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	HZG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>total</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>1,108,367</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>10.05</b>	<b>2.95</b>		<b>988</b>	<b>901.81</b>	<b>18,714,091</b>	<b>111,375</b>	<b>32,728</b>	
INDICATED	SGX	0.46	1,619,839	-	584	12.81	5.41	-	1,267	0	30,431,201	207,475	87,602	-
	TLP	2.12	1,564,172	-	216	4.49	-	-	333	0	10,839,890	70,206	-	-
	LM	1.40	231,781	-	385	4.17	-	-	497	0	2,868,024	9,670	-	-
	HPG	0.79	322,414	1.23	125	4.93	2.05	-	422	12,776	1,294,758	15,882	6,620	-
	HPG (Au)	0.62	31,676	5.41	32	0.75	0.58	-	382.22	5,512	32,089.27	237.51	184.56	-
	HZG	0.78	248,484	-	598	1.81	0.36	0.88	730.13	-	4,777,173	4,486.80	903.10	2,181
	<b>total</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>4,018,367</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>7.66</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>18,288</b>	<b>50,243,135</b>	<b>307,957</b>	<b>95,309</b>	<b>2,181</b>
MEAS. + IND.	SGX	0.49	2,181,168	-	651	13.50	5.50	-	1,361	0	45,681,990	294,376	119,931	-
	TLP	2.00	1,982,432	-	205	4.47	-	-	323	0	13,077,011	88,541	-	-
	LM	1.17	327,034	-	373	3.72	-	-	470	0	3,921,981	12,182	-	-
	HPG	0.76	355,940	1.20	128	5.48	1.97	-	442	13,678	1,466,981	19,509	7,018	-
	HPG (Au)	0.62	31,676	5.41	32	0.75	0.58	-	382.22	5,512	32,089.27	237.51	184.56	-
	HZG	0.78	248,484	-	598	1.81	0.36	0.88	730.13	-	4,777,173	4,486.80	903.10	2,181
	<b>total</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>5,126,734</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>8.18</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>19,190</b>	<b>68,957,225</b>	<b>419,332</b>	<b>128,037</b>	<b>2,181</b>

[1] Ag-equiv grades and [2] contained metal quantities consider estimated average metallurgical metal recoveries but do not consider mining dilution.

## Ying Mining District - Inferred Mineral Resources

	mine area	wtd. avg. width (m)	Tonnes (t)	weighted avg. grade					Ag-equiv (g/t) [1]	In Situ Metal Resource [2]					
				Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Cu (%)		Au (oz)	Ag (oz)	Pb (t)	Zn (t)	Cu (t)	
<b>INFERRED</b>	SGX	0.50	2,619,972	-	814	18.00	6.64	-	1,738	-	68,557,693	471,605	173,933	511	
	TLP	1.27	2,827,622	0.09	135	2.96	-	-	213	8204	12,295,419	83,575	-	-	
	LM	0.88	84,677	-	265	2.45	-	-	326	-	721,590	2,075	-	-	
	HPG	1.02	365,450	1.69	114	6.37	2.86	-	516	19,878	1,343,649	23,285	10,441	-	
	HPG (Au)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	HZG	0.62	271,042	-	552	1.43	0.32	0.66	645	-	4,806,976	3,864	864	1,791	
	<b>total</b>		<b>6,168,763</b>							<b>28,082</b>	<b>87,725,328</b>	<b>584,404</b>	<b>185,238</b>	<b>2,302</b>	

[1] Ag-equiv grades and [2] contained metal quantities consider estimated average metallurgical metal recoveries but do not consider mining dilution

Chris Broili, C.P. Geo. & L.P. Geo., Mel Klohn, L.P. Geo., and Wenchang Ni, P. Eng., Qualified Persons as defined by NI 43-101, have reviewed and consented to this press release and that it fairly and accurately represents the information in the Technical Report that supports the disclosure.

Myles Gao, P.Geo., President and Chief Operating Officer of Silvercorp, is the Qualified Person for Silvercorp under NI 43-101 and has reviewed and given consent to this press release.

### About Silvercorp Metals Inc.

Silvercorp Metals Inc. is engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development and mining of high-grade silver-related mineral properties in China and Canada. Silvercorp is the largest primary silver producer in China through the operation and development of four silver-lead-zinc mines at the highly profitable Ying Mining Camp in the Henan Province of China. The company is also applying for a mining permit at the GC property in the Guangdong Province to establish a second base for production in China. Additionally, Silvercorp recently acquired the Silvertip project in northern British Columbia, Canada, as an additional platform for growth and geographic diversification. The Company's shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and Toronto Stock Exchange and are included as a component of the S&P/TSX Composite and the S&P/TSX Global Mining Indexes.

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Silvercorp's most recently filed Annual Information Form and Form 40-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended March 31, 2009. Accordingly, undue reliance should not be placed on forward looking statements or information. We do not expect to update forward-looking statements or information continually as conditions change, except as may be required by law, and you are referred to the full discussion of Silvercorp's business contained in Silvercorp's reports filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada and the United States.

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