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## SILVERCORP REPORTS 24% YEAR OVER YEAR M&I SILVER-EQUIVALENT RESOURCE GROWTH

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – July 11, 2011 – Silvercorp Metals Inc. (the “Company”) reports the Company’s total *in situ* Measured and Indicated silver-equivalent metal resources have increased by 24%, and now stands at 153 million silver ounces based on results of National Instrument 43-101 technical reports for its BYP Project, in Hunan Province China, the Ying Mining District mines, in Henan Province China, and the Silvertip project in British Columbia, Canada as announced on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively.

### Summary of 2011 Mineral Resource Estimates

Project	RESOURCE CATEGORY	Resource (Tonnes)	Contained Metal Resources (Inclusive of Reserves)				
			Ag (oz)	Au (oz)	Pb (t)	Zn (t)	Ag Equiv.* (oz)
Ying Mining District, Henan Province	M & I	5,929,546	76,467,887	32,469	416,564	148,776	78,091,337
	Inferred	6,271,461	94,036,380	24,988	579,505	213,814	95,285,780
BYP Project, Hunan Province	Indicated	2,141,750	-	225,400	-	-	11,270,000
	Inferred	2,819,830	-	208,000	111,272	283,964	10,400,000
GC Project, Guangdong Province	M&I	6,408,000	28,487,400	-	95,560	214,150	28,487,400
	Inferred	7,892,000	30,774,200	-	114,570	213,380	30,774,200
Silvertip, BC, Canada	Indicated	4,168,557	35,013,681	-	203,050	354,327	35,013,681
	Inferred	907,830	8,121,216	-	43,358	87,406	8,121,216
Consolidated	M&I	18,647,853	139,968,968	257,869	715,174	717,253	152,862,418
	Inferred	17,891,121	132,931,796	232,988	848,705	798,564	144,581,196

\* Only Au converted to Ag Equiv. at the rate of 1:50. (excludes Pb & Zn). Ying Mining District includes SGX (Ying), HPG, TLP-LM, 43-101 reports filed in June 2011. GC 43-101 report filed June 2009. BYP and Silvertip Project 43-101 reports filed June 2011.

Consolidated 2011 Measured and Indicated *in situ* metal resources inclusive of Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves are 140 million silver ounces, 257,869 ounces of gold, 715,174 tonnes of lead, and 717,253 tonnes of zinc, up 14% for silver 1,200% for gold, 7% for lead, and 31% for zinc compared to the 2010 consolidated figure. In addition, consolidated 2011 Inferred *in situ* metal resources are 133 million ounces of silver, 232,988 ounces of gold, 848,705 tonnes of lead, and 798,564 tonnes of zinc, which are up 8% for silver, 879% for gold, 17% for lead, and 82% for zinc. The significant gold resources increase is primarily a result of the acquisition of the BYP project in Hunan Province, China. The consolidated Measured and Indicated silver ounce equivalent resource, which includes gold using a 1:50 ratio calculation, (but excludes all other metals) increased by 24% to 153 million ounces compared to 123 million ounces last year.

The 24% year over year increase in Measured and Indicated silver ounce equivalent resource marks the seventh consecutive year of resource growth for Silvercorp after 5 years of profitable mining operations with continuing silver production growth. Silvercorp is carrying out over 50,000 metres of tunneling and a 241,000 metre surface and underground drilling program at the Ying District, BYP, GC, and Silvertip projects during the current fiscal year to further expand current resources with a view to increase current production capacity. Silvercorp produced 5.3 million ounces of silver, 69 million pounds of lead and 16 million pounds of zinc, and 3,200 ounces of gold in its latest fiscal year ended March 31, 2011.

Myles Gao, P.Ge., 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, 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 of the four silver-lead-zinc mines at the Ying Mining Camp, Henan Province, China. Silvercorp is currently building the GC silver-lead-zinc project in Guangdong Province as its second China production base, and is developing the third production foothold in China at the recently acquired BYP gold-lead-zinc project in Hunan Province. In Canada, Silvercorp is working to apply for a Small Mine Permit for the high grade Silvertip silver-lead-zinc project in northern British Columbia, which will provide a further 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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