



SilverCrest Commences Drilling at El Zapote

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VANCOUVER, B.C. May 25, 2004 – SilverCrest Mines Inc. (the “Company”) is pleased to announce it has commenced drilling on its 100% owned El Zapote Project in El Salvador. The first hole in a series of 17 proposed reverse circulation and diamond drill holes totaling approximately 2000 metres has been collared on the Cerro Colorado III deposit. The holes are relatively shallow with planned depths of 100 to 200 metres. This program will complete 10 holes in the Cerro Colorado III deposit and 7 holes in the adjacent San Casimiro deposit primarily for verification and expansion of current resources and conversion of inferred resources to indicated resources.

Both the deposits are potentially amenable to open pit mining and present considerable potential for resource expansion. There is a possibility of additional deposits along the Cerro Colorado III – San Casimiro trend but these are conceptual in nature and there has been insufficient sampling to identify or define a mineral resource. There are also additional exploration targets of known mineralization within the 4,200 hectare concession which require further exploration.

Current Indicated Resources at El Zapote are estimated at 2.29 million tonnes grading 163.4 g/t Ag, 0.13 g/t Au, 1.35% Zn, 0.36% Pb and contain 12.0 million ounces of silver based on a 34 g/t silver cut-off grade. Inferred Resources are estimated at 743,000 tonnes grading 95.8 g/t Ag, 0.12 g/t Au, 1.44% Zn, 0.37% Pb and contain 2.28 million ounces of silver. The deposits also contain a significant amount of zinc. The Indicated Resources contain 68 million pounds of zinc and the Inferred Resources contain 17.6 million pounds zinc. This resource estimate was prepared by Tim Sadler-Brown, P. Geo, Independent Qualified Person and N. Eric Fier, CPG, P. Eng., Qualified Person and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Details of the El Zapote resource were set out in a news release dated April 6, 2004 and are supported by a detailed Technical Report dated April 6, 2004 that was filed on SEDAR on May 6, 2004.

The Qualified Person, as defined by National Policy 43-101, responsible for the preparation of the technical information included in this press release and for supervision of field activities related to the Company’s projects is N. Eric Fier, CPG, P. Eng., Qualified Person and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

Verification and further definition of the El Zapote resources is considered an important milestone in the Company’s goal of becoming a major silver asset based company by acquiring high grade, low cost silver resources and properties with expansion and exploration potential. SilverCrest’s immediate initiative is to continue to acquire and develop substantial silver resources and ultimately to operate high grade silver mines throughout North, Central and South America.

This news release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to various risks and uncertainties. The Company’s actual results could differ materially from those

anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of numerous factors that may be beyond the Company's control. Forward-looking statements are based on the expectations and opinions of the Company's management on the date the statements are made.

***On Behalf of the Board of Directors of
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