



SilverCrest Reports Initial Drill Results at Santa Elena, Mexico

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VANCOUVER, B.C. April 12, 2006 – SilverCrest Mines Inc. (SVL, the “Company”) is pleased to announce it has received assay results from the first six drill holes of a completed 19 drill hole program at its Santa Elena Project located in Northern Mexico. The Santa Elena Project is located approximately 150 kilometres northeast of Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico and is easily accessible with excellent local infrastructure. The Company has the right to acquire a 100% interest in the Santa Elena property by making staged option payments over a period of 5 years.

The current drill program (see attached figure) is designed to test the extent of silver and gold mineralization previously identified by underground workings in an area approximately 800 metres long and 200 metres deep. The objective of this initial drill program is to identify a substantial silver and gold resource that is potentially open-pittable and heap leachable.

Four of the first six core holes show mineralized widths up to 36.13 metres (116.7 feet), which are significantly greater than the 10 metre widths (32.3 feet) previously noted underground. The silver and gold grades from the drill holes will be compared where possible with previous underground sampling results. Holes SE06-01, 02 and 03 all intersected underground workings and therefore represent only a portion of the mineralized zone. All reported intercepts are considered to be relatively shallow and test near-surface, potentially open-pittable mineralization. The most notable near surface intercept drilled to date is in hole SE06-06 which encountered **28.33 metres (91.5 feet) grading 2.58 g/t gold (0.075 opt) and 82.9 g/t silver (2.41 opt)** at a vertical depth of approximately 25 metres from surface.

The results for the first six core holes at Santa Elena are as follows;

Drill Hole Number (Angle)	From (metres)	To (metres)	Interval (metres)	Interval (feet)	Weighted Average Grades			
					Au (g/t)	Au (opt)	Ag (g/t)	Ag (opt)
SE06-01 (-45°)	37.44	43.34	5.90	19.1	0.64	0.018	85.1	2.48
SE06-02 (-90°)	81.08	89.53	8.45	27.3	1.00	0.029	73.8	2.15
SE06-03 (-45°)	26.88	57.42	30.54	96.6	1.10	0.032	40.5	1.18
SE06-04 (-70°)	80.95	117.08	36.13	116.7	0.29	0.008	29.8	0.86
SE06-05 (-70°)	114.38	131.94	17.56	56.7	4.33	0.126	151.0	4.40
includes	128.09	130.38	2.29	7.4	30.50	0.889	866.0	25.25
SE06-06 (-50°)	35.71	64.04	28.33	91.5	2.58	0.075	82.9	2.41
includes	37.11	58.65	21.58	69.7	3.21	0.093	85.4	2.49

Analysis for all samples was completed by ALS-Chemex in Hermosillo and North Vancouver, BC. The Qualified Person for this news release is N. Eric Fier, CPG, P.Eng. and Chief Operating Officer for SilverCrest Mines Inc.

The drilling to date has confirmed that the silver and gold mineralization is contained in a broad zone of quartz stockwork that appears to have an average width of approximately 20 metres (64.6 feet) and a vertical depth in excess of 200 metres (646 feet).

J. Scott Drever, President stated; "We are certainly encouraged by the results of these first six holes at Santa Elena. The remaining 13 holes of the program will further define the zone along strike and to depth and we expect that the results of this drill program, as well as the available surface and underground sampling, will provide a basis for the estimation of a NI 43-101 compliant resource. We will carry out preliminary metallurgical work as soon as the remaining assays are available and are planning a second round of drilling once the 15 drill hole program currently underway at the Company's nearby Cruz de Mayo silver property is completed."

SilverCrest Mines Inc. is a "pure silver" exploration and development company with a portfolio of high grade silver deposits and exploration properties located in El Salvador and Mexico. This property portfolio, which includes reported indicated and inferred silver resources and substantial exploration potential, provides an important base from which SilverCrest can develop its corporate objective of becoming a significant silver asset based company. The Company's immediate initiative is 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, which address future events and conditions, which are subject to various risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results, programs and financial position could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of numerous factors, some of which may be beyond the Company's control. These factors include: the availability of funds; the timing and content of work programs; results of exploration activities and development of mineral properties, the interpretation of drilling results and other geological data, the uncertainties of resource and reserve estimations, receipt and security of mineral property titles; project cost overruns or unanticipated costs and expenses, fluctuations in metal prices; currency fluctuations; and general market and industry conditions.

Forward-looking statements are based on the expectations and opinions of the Company's management on the date the statements are made. The assumptions used in the preparation of such statements, although considered reasonable at the time of preparation, may prove to be imprecise and, as such, undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements

**On Behalf of the Board of Directors of
SilverCrest Mines Inc.**

"J. Scott Drever"

J. Scott Drever, President

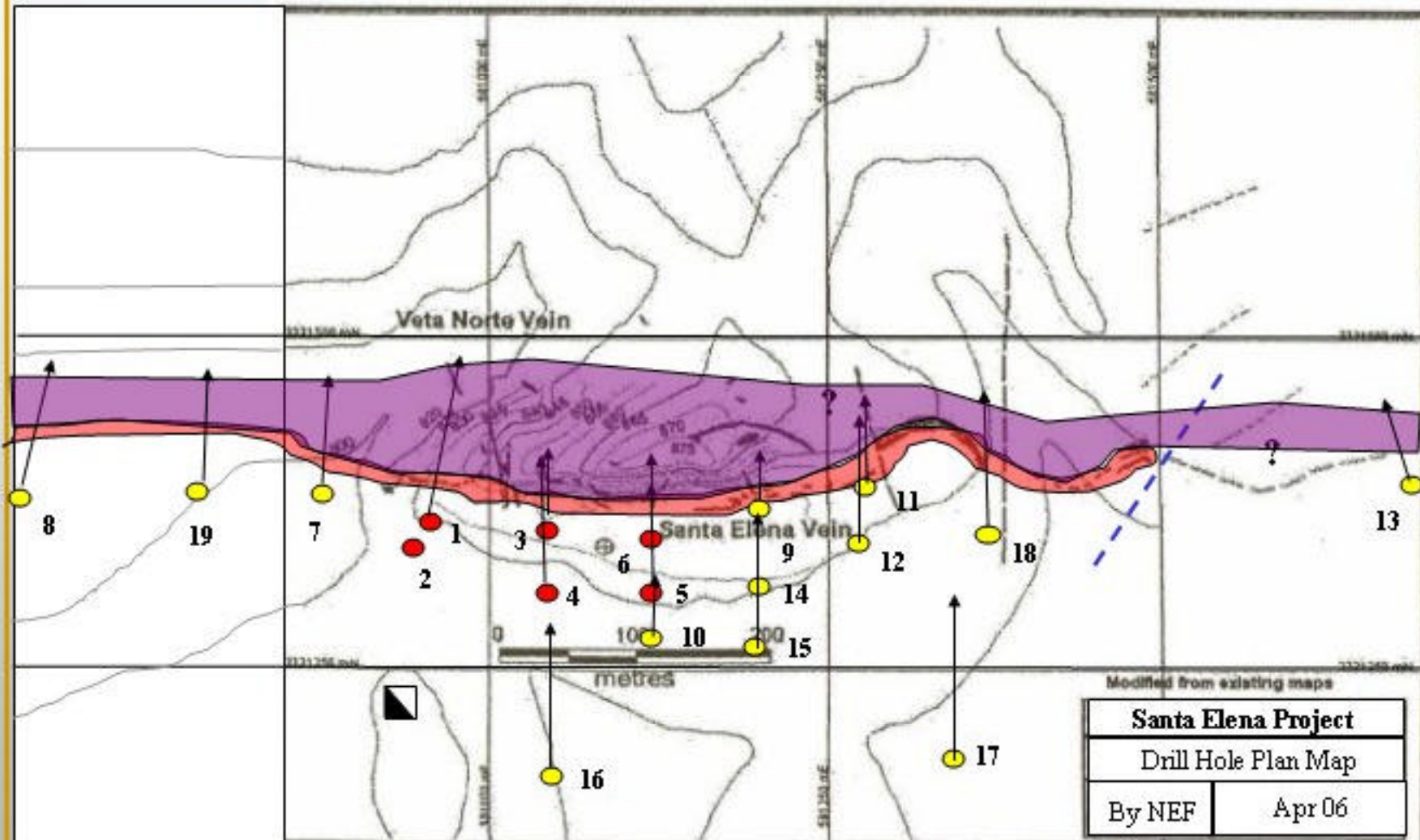
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Santa Elena Plan Map



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- Main Gold Zone
- Footwall Silver Zone
- Drill Hole/assays pending
- Drill Hole/assays completed
- Shaft (abandoned)