

WIDE MULTI OUNCE SILVER MINERALISATION RETURNED FROM DIAMOND SAW INTERCEPTS SOUTHERN SECTOR - CUITABOCA PROJECT, MEXICO

11 January, 2016. Diamond saw sampling by Santana Minerals Limited ("Santana") in the Southern Sector of the Cuitaboca Project, Sinaloa, Mexico has identified silver + gold mineralisation for the first time as broad intercepts indicating bulk tonnage silver potential. Further results from the Central and Northern Sector will be reported as results are compiled.

Highlights – Sawn Channel samples: Mojardina 'Loop' (MJTR) and Santa Eduviges (SETR) – Southern Sector

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8m @ 114g/t Ag (MJTR-001)
3m @ 401g/t Ag (MJTR-005)
9m @ 313g/t Ag (MJTR-009)
2m @ 301g/t Ag (MJTR-010)
4m @ 241g/t Ag (MJTR-011)
3m @ 87g/t Ag (MJTR-012)
3m @ 105g/t Ag (MJTR-014)
5m @ 138g/t Ag (MJTR-015)
3m @ 196g/t Ag (MJTR-016)
6m @ 0.27 g/t Au and 123 g/t Ag (SETR004)
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Discussion:

Broad silver zones have been defined following a review to identify favourable locations for wider than previously recognised vein mineralisation which can occur on change in direction (flexures) of host structures. These areas were the focus of a first pass diamond saw trench program completed in November/December 2015. A diamond saw was used to cut outcropping veins systems in a geologically unbiased manner, a method to evaluate the tonnage potential for the principal veins and associated multi veined quartz sulphide stockwork. For future resource estimation work, these trenches can be included as drill holes in JORC estimates if surveyed and proper QAQC has been carried out to JORC 2012 Standards.

Previous rock chip sampling reported by Santana has in many places sampled parallel veins which are part of broad stockwork system in selected parts of the geometry of the mineralised structures which host the veins. The diamond saw technique to cut across the outcropping veins was used to give a better and unbiased sample. A table of Sawn channel assay results and a sample location plan follows.



Table 1: Sawn Channel sample results. All zones are continuously sampled on 1m diamond cut samples with approximates NQ Diamond sample support of 56mm diameter.

Trench ID	Sample	Intercept	Comment
	No Range		
MJTR-001	372-379	8m @ 114g/t Ag	Mojardina Stockwork - Road Exposure and open to East -
			extend trench to occur in January Phase II diamond saw
			sampling
MJTR-005	413-415	3m @ 401g/t Ag	Mojardina (Las Animas Flex) - probably wider but covered by
			soils over 1m deep
MJTR-009	432-440	9m @ 313g/t Ag	Mojardina (Javelina) Oblique cut and wider unsampled
			stockwork in Hangingwall requires cutting
MJTR-010	468-469	2m @ 301g/t Ag	Mojardina (Negrita area on south side of 'Loop')
MJTR-011	473	1m @ 250g/t Ag	Mojardina (Negrita area on south side of 'Loop'). Zone 1m wide
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			but open - stockwork not sampled as in cliff – to be drilled
MJTR-012	481-483	3m @ 87g/t Ag	Mojardina (Negrita area on south side of 'Loop')
MJTR-014	486-488	3m @ 105g/t Ag	Mojardina (Negrita area on south side of 'Loop')
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MJTR-015	489-494	5m @ 138g/t Ag	Mojardina (Javelina area on south side of 'Loop')
MJTR-016	495-497	3m @ 196g/t Ag	Mojardina (Topanco area on East side of 'Loop')
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SETR004	461-466	6m @ 0.27 g/t Au	Santa Eduviges - Flex zone best mineralised on principal vein -
		and 123 g/t Ag	South

Mapping and interpretative work on the trenches is ongoing for the Central and Northern Sectors and will be reported as concluded.

Future operations include broad trench cuts of over 100m horizontal now that known quartz stockworks are known to be argentiferous. This will confirm road planning to facilitate drill proposals in the immediate hangingwall of the 5 known vein zones within the Mojardina Loop prospect.

Intercepts such as MJTR004 are restricted by outcrop and wider intercepts are speculated to be returned from drilling below these surface results. Drilling will also test more than one of the parallel veins of the Mojardina Loop system where across strike width is at least 200m as per Figure 2.



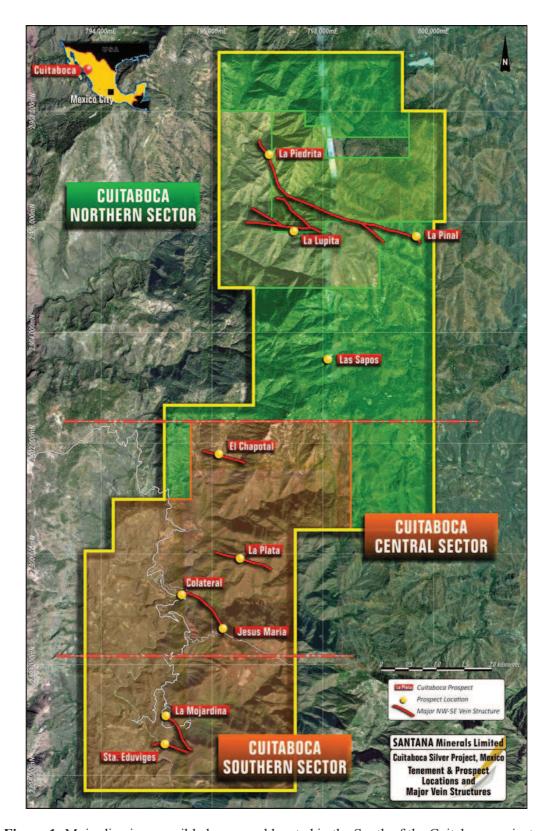


Figure 1: Mojardina is accessible by car and located in the South of the Cuitaboca project.



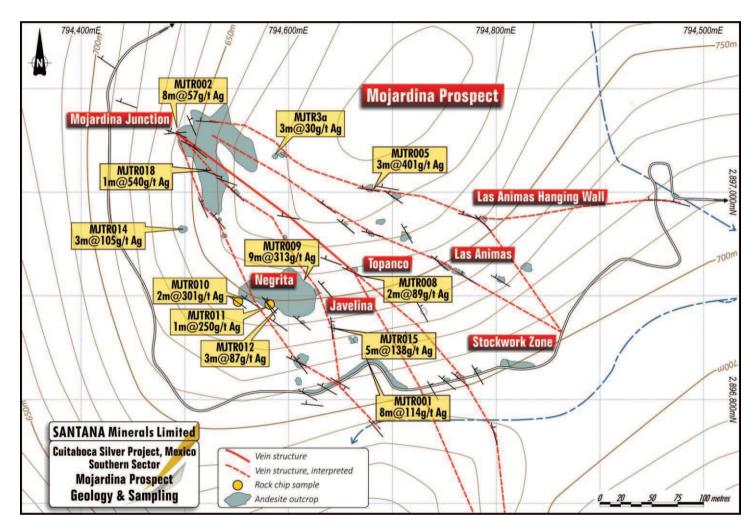


Figure 2. Historic mine records confirm Mojardina Junction is an area of at least three veins intersecting and with at least five known mineralised veins originating from the junction area in the NE. Mineralisation also occurs 200 metres to the South East.



About Cuitaboca Project:

The Cuitaboca Project is in an area covered by the 5,100Ha mining concessions and consists of a series of veins with sulphide mineralisation carrying high grade silver and low grade polymetallic minerals. There are now at least nine well defined vein systems that outcrop and have observable thicknesses of between 0.5m to 4m wide. The assay results for the diamond saw cut trench sampling reported here demonstrate for the first time that highly mineralised stockworks occur in at least some of the zones between these main veins. The area is dominated by andesite flows and tuffs of the lower volcanic group with minor rhyolites of the upper volcanic group at higher elevations.

The main vein structures are La Lupita – El Pinal, La Piedrita and Blanca Esthela prospects in the north of the Cuitaboca Project, Los Sapos, Chapotal, La Plata, Colateral and Jesus Maria in the Central zone and the Mojardina and Santa Eduwiges veins in the southern sector.

Santana has a contractual right to earn to an 80% interest in the Cuitaboca Project through a combination of work commitments and payments following which it enters into a joint venture on an 80:20 contribution basis.

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About Santana

Santana is a precious metals explorer focused on Mexico where it owns 100% of the Namiquipa (silver/lead/zinc) project in Chihuahua and is earning into ownership of the Cuitaboca Ag-Au polymetalic project in Sinaloa.

Additional information about Santana and its projects is available on the website: www.santanaminerals.com

Competent Person/Qualified Person.

The information in this report that relates to exploration targets, exploration results, mineral resources or ore reserve is based on information compiled by Mr Jason Beckton, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Beckton is a part time consultant to Santana. Mr Beckton has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Beckton consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1 CUITABOCA EXPLORATION PROGRAM REPORT:

A. DIAMOND SAW CHANNEL Sampling - Southern Zone

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	 Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information. 	 Sawn Channel samples were collected of argentite-galena-sphalerite bearing quartz veins, and zones of silicification, within Tertiary volcanics under the supervision of a qualified geologist. Sample locations were surveyed with a handheld GPS then permanently marked with an aluminum tag. Representative sawn cut samples of 2-3Kg weight were taken across the strike of the outcrop over 1 metre intervals except where noted. Intervals were cut at right angles to assist in later surveying duties. Standards inserted and photographs taken of each interval sampled which averaged 1m.
Drilling techniques	 Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc). 	NO DRILLING IN THIS PROGRAM.
Drill sample recovery	 Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material. 	NO DRILLING IN THIS PROGRAM.
Logging	 Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies. 	 Sawn Channel samples were geologically and structurally logged under the supervision of a qualified geologist. Sawn Channel samples were measured for metal sulphide and host quartz content and orientation.

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	 Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. 	
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	 If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all subsampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	 Sawn Channel samples were a width of at least 3cm and approximate sample support of half core NQ from diamond drilling, ie sample diameter of 56mm, being a half core sample of that.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	 The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc. Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established. 	 Diamond Saw Trench Sampling Samples are stored in a secure location and transported to the ALS laboratory in Hermosillo for sample preparation of fine crush, riffle split and pulverizing of 1kg to 85% < 75μm. Pulps are analyzed by ALS Vancouver (Canada) using method code ME-ICP61a, a 33 element determination using a four acid digestion, Au-AA26.
Verification of sampling and assaying	 The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols. Discuss any adjustment to assay data. 	 <u>Diamond Saw Trench Sampling</u> Laboratory CSV files are merged with GPS Location data files using unique sample numbers as the key. No adjustments made to assay data
Location of data points	 Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control. 	Diamond Saw Trench Sampling Samples are located using handheld GPS receivers. UTM projection WGS84 Zone 12N. The topographic control, using handheld GPS, was adequate for the survey.
Data spacing and distribution	 Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient 	<u>Diamond Saw Trench Sampling</u> Results will not be used for resource estimation prior to any supporting drilling being carried out

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	to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. • Whether sample compositing has been applied.	No compositing has been applied.			
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	 Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	 Diamond Saw Trench Sampling Representative rock chip samples of 2-3Kg weight are taken across the strike of the outcrop over 1metre intervals except where noted. No bias is believed to be introduced by the sampling method. This method was employed to remove bias from previous rock chip sampling. 			
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	Samples were delivered to ALS Minerals laboratory in Hermosillo by Santana geologist and were not left unattended at any time.			
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	No audits or reviews of the data management system have been carried out.			

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

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Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	 Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a license to operate in the area. 	 Santana Minerals, through subsidiaries and contractual rights, holds an option to acquire 80% of the Cuitaboca Project which consists of 100% of the mining concessions: El Chapotal (126ha), San Rafael (528ha), Nuestra Senora del Carmen (79.46ha), San Pedro (29ha), Jesus Maria (13.6ha), San Rafael II (540ha), Cuitaboca (2,402ha) and Las Sapos (1,386ha). The commercial terms consist of multiple option payments which form part of a total purchase price of US\$3.5M. The seller retains a 2.5% Net Smelter Royalty. The laws of Mexico relating to exploration and mining have various requirements. As the exploration advances specific filings and environmental or other studies may be required. There are ongoing requirements under Mexican mining laws that will be required at each stage of advancement. Those filings and studies are maintained and updated as required by Santana's environmental and permit advisors specifically engaged for such purposes.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	 The first report of mining in the Cuitaboca area was between 1760 and 1810 with small scale mine workings. In 1883 American and English investors took control of the Cuitaboca mining operations which continued for nearly a century. Between 1974 and 1975 Servicios Industriales Penoles undertook systematic exploration using surface and underground geological mapping and the collection of 180 samples. In 2006 Canadian-based First Majestic acquired the property after a merger with First Silver

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		delineated	a quartz-galena-	sphalerite vein th	d development at Colateral Mine which hat reported elevated Ag-Pb-Zn. First 108 and retained no interest.	
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	Within the Cuitaboca project area there have been 9 discreet polymetallic low sulphidation epithermal Ag-Au veins recognised that have undergone historical manual mining. Other low sulphidation epithermal polymetallic Ag-Au vein deposits host most ore within ore shoots at the coincidence of ore controls defined as: competent host rocks, dilatant structures, higher Au-Ag grade mineralisation styles and efficient mechanisms of Au-Ag deposition.				
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		The historically mined Cuitaboca polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn (± Au) bearing epithermal quartz veins comprise dominantly banded and brecciated quartz with galena, mostly yellow sphalerite, argentite, tetrahedrite, pyrite, chalcopyrite and gangue of carbonate (calcite and rhodochrosite), barite and fluorite. The adjacent wall rocks display K-feldspar and retrograde chlorite-illite/smectite alteration				
Drill hole Information	 A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: easting and northing of the drill hole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar 	Diamond Saw coordinate is b	Trench Coordina y GPS in grid sys t to surveying azi	tes. IN due cours stem WGS84 12	se these trenches will be surveyed currently N. These sawn trenches are not drill holes will be recorded for each individual 1 metre	
	 dip and azimuth of the hole down hole length and interception depth 	East	North	Trench Id	Intercept	
	o hole length.	794672.94	2896833.81	MJTR-001	8m @ 114	
	If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not	794493.92	2897049.93	MJTR-002	1.7m @ 107	

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	Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.	794509.71	2897069.88	MJTR-003	3m @ 30
	competent release cheany explain why the latte date.	794525.26	2897055.42	MJTR-004	
		794587.17	2897036.86	MJTR-005	3m @ 401
		794596.16	2897032.81	MJTR-006	
		794634.79	2896989.18	MJTR-007	
		794632.56	2896985.63	MJTR-008	
		794609.07	2896924.29	MJTR-009	9m @ 313
		794587	2896888.71	MJTR-010	2m @ 301
		794551	2896892.93	MJTR-011	4m @ 241
		794610	2896893.69	MJTR-012	3m @ 87
		794624	2896916.33	MJTR-013	
		794505	2896964.08	MJTR-014	3m @ 105
		794642	2896871.35	MJTR-015	5m @ 138
		794811	2896912.22	MJTR-016	3m @ 196
		794511	2896970.82	MJTR-017	
		794527	2897015.52	MJTR-018	
		794476.52	2896410.81	SETR-001	
		794495.18	2896427.66	SETR-002	
		794489.75	2896425.77	SETR-003	
		794492.13	2896415.82	SETR-004	6m @ 123
Data aggregation methods	 In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. 	 For interval intercepts, 	S of less than sta a Sum Product w	ndard 1 metre eighted averag	
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	 These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known'). 				wer cut is applied as campaign is a mineralised system.

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Diagrams	 Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views. 	 The location and results received for diamond saw samples are displayed in the attached maps and/or Tables.
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	 Results for all samples collected in this program are displayed on the attached maps and/or Tables.
Other substantive exploration data	 Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances. 	No metallurgical or bulk density tests were conducted at the project.
Further work	 The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	Further work is dependent on management review of the existing data.