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Kootenay and Northair To Host Live Conference Call & Audio Webcast

Vancouver, BC – Kootenay Silver Inc. (TSX-V: KTN) (“Kootenay”) and Northair Silver Corp. (TSX-V: INM) (“Northair”) are pleased to be hosting a live conference call and audio webcast today, **Thursday January 14, 2015 at 8:00 am Pacific Time (11:00 am Eastern Time)**. Conference call and live audio webcast details are located at the end of this release and on the Kootenay and Northair websites at www.kootenaysilver.com and www.northairsilver.com. A copy of the investor presentation that will be used during the conference call is currently available at: [Kootenay-Presentation](#) and [Northair-Presentation](#).

The conference call will discuss the significance of the proposed business combination between Kootenay and Northair to create a leading Mexican silver exploration and development company and consolidator.

Highlights of the Transaction:

Exchange Ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">0.35x shares of KTN + 0.15x warrants of KTN per INM share heldKTN warrants with a strike of \$0.55, 5 year term, will be listed on the TSX-V
Implied Consideration ⁽¹⁾	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implied consideration of \$0.071 (spot basis) & \$0.076 (VWAP20 basis) per share to INM, including value of the warrant consideration⁽²⁾Premium of 58% to INM spot price, 45% to INM VWAP20
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kootenay to acquire Northair via Court approved Plan of Arrangement
Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">INM shareholder approval by >66 2/3%Court and regulatory approvals
Other Key Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">INM to nominate two directors to join the KTN board of directorsKTN management to continue in their current roles
Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signing of the Definitive Agreement expected early February, 2016Expected closing early April 2016

(1) As of the close on January 12, 2016

(2) Warrants valued using the Black-Scholes methodology, employing a 1.5% risk-free rate, 5 year life and a 65% volatility

Conference Call and Webcast Information

Participants may join the call by dialing 1-416-340-2218 / 1-800-355-4959 in Canada and the United States. Callers outside of North America may refer to: <https://www.conf solutions.ca/ILT?oss=1P29R8003554959>. The conference call will be archived for later playback until January 28, 2016 and may be accessed by dialing 1-905-694-9451 / 1-800-408-3053 and

entering the pass code 7750990. Callers outside of North America may refer to:
<https://www.confsoolutions.ca/ILT?oss=4P29R8004083053>. In addition a live webcast of the conference call can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.gowebcasting.com/7229>.

Qualified Persons

The Kootenay technical information in this news release has been prepared in accordance with the Canadian regulatory requirements set out in NI 43-101 and reviewed on behalf Kootenay by James McDonald, P.GeO, President, CEO & Director for Kootenay, a Qualified Person.

The Northair disclosure of a scientific or technical nature contained in this news release was reviewed by David Ernst, a professional geologist and vice-president of exploration of Northair, who is a Qualified Person in accordance with the requirements of NI 43-101.

About Kootenay

Kootenay Silver Inc. is an exploration company actively engaged in the discovery and development of mineral projects in the Sierra Madre Region of Mexico and in British Columbia, Canada. The Company's top priority is the advancement of precious metals projects contained within its Promontorio Mineral Belt in Sonora, Mexico. This includes its La Negra high-grade silver discovery and its Promontorio Silver Resource. Kootenay's core objective is to develop near term discoveries and long-term sustainable growth. Management comprises proven professionals with extensive international experience in all aspects of mineral exploration, operations and venture capital markets. Multiple, ongoing J/V partnerships in Mexico and Canada maximize potential for additional new discoveries while maintaining minimal share dilution.

About Northair

Northair is focused on advancing its flagship La Cigarra silver project located in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, 26 kilometres from the historic silver mining city of Parral. The property boasts nearby power, good road access, gentle topography, established infrastructure and currently hosts a NI 43-101 Resource estimate of 51.47 million ounces of silver in the Measured & Indicated categories grading 86.3 g/t silver and 11.46 million ounces of silver in the Inferred category grading 80 g/t silver. The mineralized system at La Cigarra has been traced over 6.5 kilometres and is defined at surface as a silver soil anomaly and by numerous historic mine workings. The La Cigarra silver deposit is open along strike and at depth and is approximately 25km north, and along strike of Grupo Mexico's Santa Barbara mine and Minera Frisco's San Francisco del Oro mine.

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The information in this news release has been prepared as at January 13, 2016. Certain statements in this news release, referred to herein as "forward-looking statements", constitute "forward-looking statements" under the provisions of Canadian provincial securities laws. These statements can be identified by the use of words such as "expected", "may", "will" or similar terms.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of factors and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by Kootenay and Northair as of the date of such statements, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Forward-looking statements in this press release relate to, among other things: anticipated benefits of the Transaction to Kootenay and Northair and their respective shareholders; the pro rata shareholdings of the current shareholders of Northair in Kootenay; the timing and receipt of required shareholder, court, stock exchange and regulatory approvals for the Transaction; the ability of Kootenay and Northair to satisfy the other conditions to, and to complete, the Transaction; the anticipated timing of the mailing of the information circular regarding the Transaction; the closing of the Transaction; analyst coverage, liquidity and access to capital markets of Kootenay; length of the current market cycle and the requirements for an issuer to survive the current market cycle and future growth potential for Kootenay. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Forward-looking statements reflect the beliefs, opinions and projections on the date the statements are made and are based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that, while considered reasonable by the respective parties, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Many factors, both known and unknown, could cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the results, performance or achievements that are or may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements and the parties have made assumptions and estimates based on or related to many of these factors. Such factors include, without limitation: satisfaction or waiver of all applicable conditions to closing of the Transaction including, without limitation, receipt of all necessary securityholder, court, stock exchange and regulatory approvals or consents and lack of material changes with respect to the parties and their respective businesses; the synergies expected from the Transaction not being realized; business integration risks; fluctuations in general macro-economic conditions; fluctuations in securities markets and the market price of Kootenay's shares; fluctuations in the spot and forward price of silver, base metals or certain other commodities; fluctuations in the currency markets (such as the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar); changes in national and local government, legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments; risks and hazards associated with the business of mineral exploration, development and mining (including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formations, pressures, cave-ins and flooding); inability to obtain adequate insurance to cover risks and hazards; and the presence of laws and regulations that may impose restrictions on mining; employee relations; relationships with and claims by local communities and indigenous populations; availability and increasing costs associated with mining inputs and labour; the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development, including the risks of obtaining necessary licenses, permits and approvals from government authorities; title to properties; the failure to meet the closing conditions thereunder and the failure by counterparties to such agreements to comply with their obligations thereunder. In addition, Northair may in certain circumstances be required to pay a non-completion or other fee to Kootenay, the result of which could have a material adverse effect on Northair's financial position and results of operations and its ability to fund growth prospects and current operations. Readers should not place undue reliance

on the forward-looking statements and information contained in this news release concerning these times. Many factors, known and unknown, could cause actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Except as otherwise required by law, Kootenay and Northair expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any such statements to reflect any change in Kootenay or Northair's expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

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