

## CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFIED PERSON

### ARTHUR ROBERT BARNES

I, Arthur Robert Barnes, P.Eng ; FSAIMM; M.Sc.(Eng.) do hereby certify that:

1. I am President and Principal Consultant of:  
MPC Metallurgical Process Consultants Limited situated at  
Unit 90-2400 Oakdale Way, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada
2. This certificate applies to the technical report entitled, "NI 43-101 Technical Report, Preliminary Economic Assessment of the Cerro Las Minitas Project, Durango State, Mexico" prepared for Southern Silver Exploration Corp. ("Southern Silver") (the "Technical Report") with an effective date of August 29, 2022.
3. I graduated with a B.Sc (Metallurgy)(Honours) from the University of Pretoria in 1974 and an M.Sc. (Metallurgical Engineering) degree from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1981
4. I am a Professional Engineer in good standing in Ontario (license #100501305) and British Columbia (license # 209871) in the areas of Process Metallurgy. I am a Fellow of the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (license # 18967)
5. I have worked as a professional process metallurgist in the extractive industry for a total of 39 years.
6. I have read the definition of "Qualified Person" set out in National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") and certify that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI 43-101) and past relevant work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a "Qualified Person" for the purposes of NI 43-101.
7. I am responsible for Sections 13, 25, 26, 27 and portions of section 1 of the Technical Report.
8. I have prior involvement with the property that is the subject of the Technical Report. I contributed to the "Updated Mineral Resource Estimate for the Cerro Las Minitas Project, Durango State, Mexico", with effective date of 9th May, 2019. ("Technical Report"). I have not visited the project site.
9. As of the date of this certificate, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed to make the Technical Report not misleading.
10. I am independent of the issuer applying all of the tests in Section 1.5 of National Instrument 43-101.
11. I have read NI 43-101 and Form 43-101F1. The sections of the Technical Report that I am responsible for have been prepared in compliance with that instrument and form.

Signed and dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

"Signed"

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Signature of Qualified Person

ARTHUR ROBERT BARNES

Print Name of Qualified Person