

SHAREHOLDER NEWS RELEASE

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NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

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In accordance with the requirements of Section 3.1 of National Instrument 62-103 and in connection with the private placement (the “**Transaction**”) of subscription receipts (“**Subscription Receipts**”) of New Pacific Holdings Corp. of Suite 1378 - 200 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1S4 (the “**Issuer**”) which closed on July 17, 2017, Silvercorp Metals Inc. (“**Silvercorp**”) announces that it has acquired 25,000,000 Subscription Receipts of the Issuer indirectly through its wholly owned subsidiary Victor Resources Ltd. and Rui Feng (“**Feng**” and together with Silvercorp, the “**Acquiror**”) announces that he has acquired direct ownership of 5,000,000 Subscription Receipts. Each Subscription Receipt was issued at a subscription price of US\$0.80 per Subscription Receipt and is automatically convertible into a common share of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis for no additional consideration pursuant to the terms of the subscription agreement entered into by the Issuer with each of Silvercorp and Feng.

Feng and Silvercorp are acting in concert in connection with the acquisition of the securities of the Issuer. As a result of Feng and Silvercorp being joint actors, the Acquiror has direct ownership and control and direction over 15,570,000 common shares of the Issuer and representing 23.27% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Issuer. Silvercorp is a mining issuer incorporated under the laws of British Columbia. Silvercorp’s common shares are currently listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “SVM”.

Prior to the Transaction, Silvercorp held, directly and indirectly, 10,706,300 common shares of the Issuer representing 15.99% of the Issuer’s then issued and outstanding common shares. Immediately after the Transaction, Silvercorp held 10,706,300 common shares of the Issuer representing 15.99% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Issuer. Silvercorp also holds 25,000,000 Subscription Receipts to acquire an additional 25,000,000 common shares of the Issuer. Assuming the conversion of the Subscription Receipts, Silvercorp would own a total of 35,706,300 common shares of the Issuer, or approximately 32.33% of the Issuer’s then issued and outstanding share capital assuming no other common shares of the Issuer are issued other than in connection with the Transaction.

Prior to the Transaction, Feng held 4,867,000 common shares of the Issuer representing 7.27% of the Issuer’s then issued and outstanding common shares. Immediately after the Transaction, Feng held 4,867,000 common shares of the Issuer representing 7.27% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Issuer. Feng also holds 600,000 incentive stock options and 5,000,000 Subscription Receipts to acquire an additional 5,000,000 common shares of the Issuer. Assuming the full exercise of the options and the conversion of the Subscription Receipts, Feng would own a total of 10,467,000 common shares of the Issuer, or approximately 9.48% of the Issuer’s then issued and outstanding share capital assuming no other common shares of the Issuer are issued other than in connection with the Transaction.

Prior to the Transaction, the Acquiror held directly and had control and direction over 15,570,000 common shares of the Issuer representing 23.27% of the Issuer’s then issued and outstanding common shares. Immediately after the Transaction, the Acquiror held directly and had control and direction held 15,570,000 common shares of the Issuer representing 23.27% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Issuer. The Acquiror also holds direction and has control and direction over 600,000 incentive stock options and 30,000,000 Subscription Receipts to acquire an additional 30,000,000

common shares of the Issuer. Assuming the full exercise of the options and the conversion of the Subscription Receipts, the Acquiror would own and have control and direction over a total of 46,170,000 common shares of the Issuer, or approximately 41.80% of the Issuer's then issued and outstanding share capital assuming no other common shares of the Issuer are issued other than in connection with the Transaction.

The Acquiror acquired the Subscription Receipts for investment purposes. The Acquiror may acquire additional securities or dispose of existing securities on the basis of the Acquiror's assessment of market conditions and in compliance with applicable securities regulatory requirements.

A copy of the early warning report filed by the Acquiror in connection with the aforementioned acquisition is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com or by contacting the Issuer at 604-669-9397.

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