

# Santacruz Silver Ranks 1st on 2026 TSX Venture 50 List of Top Performing Companies

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - February 18, 2026) - **Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd. (NASDAQ: SCZM) (TSXV: SCZ)** ("**Santacruz**" or the "**Company**") announces that it has ranked first overall on the 2026 TSX Venture 50 list, based on a 1103% share price appreciation and 1137% market capitalization growth in 2025.

Arturo Préstamo, Executive Chairman and CEO of Santacruz, commented, *"To be named the #1 ranked company on the 2026 TSX Venture 50 is an extraordinary honour and marks a transformative year for Santacruz. This distinction recognizes the strength of our operations, the quality of our asset portfolio, and the dedication of our hardworking team. It also reflects the continued trust and support of our shareholders. We see this distinction as validation of our strategic direction and as momentum as we continue building a solid, growth-oriented mining company in Bolivia and Mexico."*

Andrew Creech, President of TSX Venture Exchange, commented, *"The 2026 TSX Venture 50 reflects a clear inflection point for early-stage finance, with a return of liquidity and capital that reinforces Canada's position as a world-leading centre for resource discovery, strategic innovation, and scale. This year's ranking underscores the vital role TSXV plays in channeling capital to the mining sector and serving as the primary growth pipeline for the next generation of global mineral supply."*

The TSX Venture 50 is an annual ranking of the top-performing companies on TSX Venture Exchange over the last year. Companies are ranked based on three equally-weighted criteria of one-year share price appreciation, market capitalization growth, and Canadian consolidated trading value.

More details on the TSX Venture 50 and a video highlighting Santacruz are available at: [www.tsx.com/Venture50](http://www.tsx.com/Venture50).

## **About Santacruz Silver Mining Ltd.**

Santacruz Silver is engaged in the operation, acquisition, exploration, and development of mineral properties across Latin America. In Bolivia, the Company operates the Bolivar, Porco, and Caballo Blanco mining complexes, with Caballo Blanco comprising the Tres Amigos and Colquechaquita mines. The Reserva mine, whose production is provided to the San Lucas ore sourcing and trading business, is also located in Bolivia. Additionally, the Company oversees the Soracaya exploration project. In Mexico, Santacruz operates the Zimapán mine.

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