



Rio Silver and Magellan Gold Sign Definitive Agreement for Earn – In at Niñobamba Silver/Gold Project in Central Peru

October 24, 2016, Toronto, Canada – Rio Silver Inc. (“Rio Silver” or the “Company”) (TSX.V: RYO) is pleased to announce that the Company and Magellan Gold Corporation (“Magellan”) (OTCQB – MAGE) have signed the Definitive Agreement (the “Agreement”) as referred to in their earlier news releases of July 4 and July 5, 2016. The Agreement sets out the detailed terms whereby Magellan has an option (the “Option”) to earn an undivided 50% interest in the Company’s Niñobamba Silver/Gold Project (“Niñobamba” or the “Project”) located approximately 330 kilometre southeast of Lima, in the Department of Ayacucho, Peru. Pursuant to the Agreement, in order to exercise the Option, Magellan must spend US\$2 million over the next 3 years, on qualifying expenditures for the further exploration of the silver/gold mineralization that was outlined at the Project in earlier trenching campaigns (trenching results can be viewed at the Company’s website <http://www.riosilverinc.com/peru.php>). Additionally, Magellan is obligated to subscribe for two Rio Silver Private Placement Unit financings of \$75,000 each. The first Private Placement closed on August 23, 2016 (see news release of August 23, 2016). The second Private Placement Financing is expected to close within the next 90 days. A technical committee with representation from both companies will set the work programs and associated budgets for the Project during the option period.

With the signing of the Agreement, exploration work will now begin at the Project. Local community agreements and drilling permits will be secured to allow for surface exploration and a first phase of drilling. The companies anticipate drilling in early 2017. Rio Silver’s extensive exploration experience (over 20 years of operating experience in Peru) will be relied upon to guide the work at the Project.

The Company recently acquired 3 concessions (2200 additional hectares) from Newmont/Southern Peru Copper Corp (see news release of September 8, 2016)

that adjoin to the west of the main Niñobamba concession. These concessions provide coverage of the potential for extensions of the surface silver and gold mineralization to the south and west of the zones trenched in 2012. These additional concessions now form a part of the Niñobamba Project and are subject to the Agreement. The companies expect to review data that was part of the acquisition and will undertake follow up exploration work as a result of this compilation and the recommendations from this review.

Rio Silver's CEO, Jeffrey Reeder, P Geo states, "We are excited that we now have the opportunity to advance the exploration work at Niñobamba. Magellan Gold is a knowledgeable partner that shares our vision of identifying a bulk mineable silver and gold deposit at Niñobamba and we welcome them as a shareholder of our Company. The imminent work programs under Magellan's "earn – in" will provide a steady stream of project news and we expect to have the drilling commence early in the coming year!"

Magellan Gold's CEO, P Geo, Pierce Carson says, "The Niñobamba Project has all the early indications of a significant, disseminated precious metal system. With Rio Silver's local expertise to guide us, we expect to begin our work immediately. We feel that there is great value to be defined by our upcoming programs and that our shareholders will be duly rewarded."

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RIO SILVER INC.

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