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For March 13, 2003

PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP. 1500 - 625 HOWE STREET VANCOUVER, B.C. V6C 2T6

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SECURITIES ACT

MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT UNDER SECTION 85(1) OF THE SECURITIES ACT (BRITISH COLUMBIA) AND SIMILAR PROVISIONS OF OTHER APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

ITEM 1. REPORTING ISSUER

Pan American Silver Corp. (the "COMPANY") 1500 - 625 Howe Street Vancouver, BC V6E 2T6

ITEM 2. DATE OF MATERIAL CHANGE

March 10, 2003

ITEM 3. PRESS RELEASE

A press release was issued by the Company on March 10, 2003 at Vancouver, British Columbia and distributed through the facilities of Canada NewsWire.

ITEM 4. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL CHANGE

The Company announced its financial and operational results for the fourth quarter and the year 2002.

ITEM 5. FULL DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL CHANGE

The Company announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and the year 2002. All amounts are expressed in U.S. dollars. Revenue for the fourth quarter was \$12.1 million, an 11 percent increase over that of 2001. Revenue for the year was \$45.1 million, 21 per cent greater than for 2001 due to a full year's operations from the Company's Huaron mine in Peru. Full-year silver production was 7.8 million ounces, 12 percent higher than in 2001.

During the fourth quarter, the Company recorded an unusual charge of \$12.1 million against the operations of the Quiruvilca mine, resulting in a net loss for the quarter of \$13.7 million or \$0.32 per share. The unusual charge follows the company's \$15.1 million write-down in the third quarter of the Quiruvilca mine's carrying value and an assessment of the long-term mine reclamation cost. The net loss for the year was \$33.7 million (\$0.80 per share) including the total \$27.2 million Quiruvilca mine write-down and reclamation charge. The fourth quarter charge consisted of a \$10 million non-cash provision for future reclamation costs, a \$1.8 million non-cash provision against the

carrying value of the mine's supplies inventory and \$0.29 million of mine development costs incurred in the fourth quarter. All future expenditures at Quiruvilca will be expensed as incurred.

Excluding the unusual charge, the net loss for the fourth quarter was \$1.6 million or \$0.04 per share (2001 - net loss of \$4.4 million or \$0.12 per share). The improvement stems mainly from good results at the Huaron mine, where metal production was higher and costs lower than in the fourth quarter of 2001. Consolidated production for the quarter was 2.0 million ounces of silver, 9,555 tonnes of zinc, 5,214 tonnes of lead and 742 tonnes of copper.

Mining operations contributed \$1.9 million during the year, a \$5.2 million improvement from 2001 when mining operations lost \$3.3 million. The mining contribution in the fourth quarter was \$0.4 million (2001 - lost \$1.2 million). Capital spending totaled \$10.9 million, primarily on the La Colorada mine expansion. Financing activities, net of \$3.3 million in debt repayments during the year, generated \$18.5 million. Cash at year-end was \$10.2 million. At December 31, the company had spent and committed \$10.1 million of the \$20 million La Colorada capital budget and the balance of the expansion costs will be funded from a \$10 million loan from the IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, the first tranche of which was drawn down on March 7, 2003. At year-end, long-term debt was \$3.9 million (2001 - \$5 million).

In Peru, the Company acquired a small but profitable silver stockpile operation. At the Huaron mine, silver production increased to 4.5 million ounces in 2002 from 2.9 million ounces in 2001. In December a 10 percent mine expansion began at Huaron.

In Mexico, the Company began construction in July of the \$20 million project to expand production at the La Colorada mine. Silver production at the La Colorada mine for 2002 was 0.6 million ounces.

On February 20, 2003, the Company completed its merger with Corner Bay Silver Inc. ("Corner Bay").

In Bolivia, the San Vicente mine produced 1.1 million ounces of silver under a toll-milling agreement with a Bolivian company.

In Russia, the Dukat mine, 20 percent owned by the Company, was reported to have opened in December, though no silver sales have been made.

Please see Schedule "A" for 2002 Year End and Fourth Quarter financial highlights.

ITEM 6. RELIANCE ON SECTION 85(2) OF THE ACT

This report is not being filed on a confidential basis.

ITEM 7. OMITTED INFORMATION

There are no significant facts required to be disclosed herein which have been omitted.

ITEM 8. SENIOR OFFICERS

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ITEM 9. STATEMENT OF SENIOR OFFICER

The foregoing accurately discloses the material change referred to herein.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 13 day of March, 2003.

(signed) Robert Pirooz

Signature of a senior officer of the reporting issuer

Robert Pirooz, Vice President, Legal Affairs

[PAN AMERICAN LOGO]

Pan American will host a conference call on Tuesday March 11th at 9:00 a.m. Pacific time (12 p.m. Eastern time) to discuss financial and operational results, give project updates, and answer questions. To listen to the call live, dial 1-416-695-5806. To listen to a playback of the call after it has ended, dial 1-416-695-5800 and enter the pass code 1379677. This option will be available for 2 weeks after the call. The conference call will also be broadcast live and archived for later playback on the Internet at http://www.q1234.com.

10 March 2003

PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP. REPORTS YEAR-END AND FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS

Vancouver, British Columbia - Pan American Silver Corp. (NASDAQ: PAAS; TSX: PAA) today reported its financial results for the fourth quarter and the year 2002. All amounts are expressed in U.S. dollars. Revenue for the fourth quarter was \$12.1 million, an 11 percent increase over that of 2001. Revenue for the year was \$45.1 million, 21 per cent greater than for 2001 due to a full year's operations from the company's Huaron mine in Peru. Full-year silver production was 7.8 million ounces, 12 percent higher than in 2001.

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Excluding the unusual charge, the net loss for the fourth quarter was \$1.6 million or \$0.04 per share (2001 - net loss of \$4.4 million or \$0.12 per share). The improvement stems mainly from good results at the Huaron mine, where metal production was higher and costs lower than in the fourth quarter of 2001. Consolidated production for the quarter was 2.0 million ounces of silver, 9,555 tonnes of zinc, 5,214 tonnes of lead and 742 tonnes of copper.

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Pan American's CEO Ross Beaty, said, "Pan American had another tough financial year in 2002 due to continued very low metal prices, but I am optimistic that we will have much better results in 2003 as we grow into a larger and stronger company. We have taken the difficult decision to reflect in our 2002 results our worst-case financial exposure regarding the Quiruvilca mine even though we expect metal prices and therefore Quiruvilca's results to improve in the future. We began construction of La Colorada and this

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should be our most profitable mine when it opens to full-scale production in July. Huaron had an excellent performance in 2002 and we added a new source of cash flow from the Peru silver stockpiles operation late in the year. We added major growth projects at Manantial Espejo in Argentina, and early in 2003, at Alamo Dorado in Mexico following our acquisition of Corner Bay Silver. So I am very excited about our growth ahead, and with it our ability to improve our financial results this year."

In Peru, the company increased its silver operations to three, with the November addition of a small but very profitable silver stockpile operation that is expected to produce about 0.5 million ounces annually at a cash cost of less than \$2 per ounce for the next ten years. At the Huaron mine, silver production increased to 4.5 million ounces in 2002 from 2.9 million ounces in 2001. In December a 10 percent mine expansion began at Huaron due to excellent exploration results in the year, and planned production in 2003 is 4.9 million ounces of silver. At the Quiruvilca mine, production in 2003 is planned at 2.7 million ounces of silver. Half of Quiruvilca's planned zinc production for 2003 has been hedged at higher-than-current prices and operations so far this year are much improved from the previous quarter.

In Mexico, Pan American began construction in July of the \$20 million project that will expand production at the La Colorada mine to 3.8 million ounces annually by mid-2003. Silver production for 2002 was 0.6 million ounces and planned production for 2003 is 2.3 million ounces. In June, the company agreed to acquire Corner Bay Silver in a merger that closed on February 20, 2003. Corner Bay's main asset was the 77 million ounce Alamo Dorado silver project and Pan American plans to complete a revised feasibility study on the deposit by mid-2003, and then proceed with production financing and construction as soon as possible on this promising project.

Elsewhere, Pan American has interests in four other growth projects that were all advanced during 2002. In Bolivia, the San Vicente mine produced 1.1 million ounces of silver under a toll-milling agreement with a Bolivian company, and Pan American anticipates advancing the property in 2003 towards a feasibility study. In Argentina, the 50 percent owned Manantial Espejo property generated very good exploration drilling results during the year, and plans for 2003 are to undertake an underground tunneling and drilling program on the property leading to a feasibility study in 2004. In Peru, the Tres Cruces gold project near Quiruvilca was reactivated during the year as a result of the large nearby Alto Chicama gold discovery by Barrick Gold, and higher gold prices. In 2003, Barrick will be exploring Tres Cruces and the company's Los Angeles gold property, also adjacent to Quiruvilca. Finally, in Russia, the 20 percent owned Dukat mine was reported to have opened in December, though no silver sales were made and it is uncertain as to when they will commence.

Mr. Beaty concluded, "Pan American now has four silver operations and several outstanding growth projects. In 2003 the company's silver production is expected to grow to 10.3 million ounces. While the silver price only rose modestly in 2002 relative to gold, it outperformed most base metal prices — an affirmation of silver's dual role as a precious and industrial metal. The outlook is good for higher metal prices in 2003 and, with our rising production base, this will immediately translate to improved financial results for our shareholders. We are solidly on track to become the world's purest large silver producer in the near future and the pre-eminent silver mining investment equity."

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Ross J. Beaty, Chairman or Rosie Moore, VP Corporate Relations 604-684-1175

CAUTIONARY NOTE

SOME OF THE STATEMENTS IN THIS NEWS RELEASE ARE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND AS SUCH ARE BASED ON AN ASSUMED SET OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND COURSES OF ACTION. THESE INCLUDE ESTIMATES OF FUTURE PRODUCTION LEVELS, EXPECTATIONS REGARDING MINE PRODUCTION COSTS, EXPECTED TRENDS IN MINERAL PRICES AND STATEMENTS THAT DESCRIBE PAN AMERICAN'S FUTURE PLANS, OBJECTIVES OR GOALS. THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT RISK THAT ACTUAL RESULTS WILL VARY, PERHAPS MATERIALLY, FROM RESULTS PROJECTED DEPENDING ON SUCH FACTORS AS CHANGES IN GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND FINANCIAL MARKETS, CHANGES IN PRICES FOR SILVER AND OTHER METALS, TECHNOLOGICAL AND OPERATIONAL HAZARDS IN PAN AMERICAN'S MINING AND MINE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, UNCERTAINTIES INHERENT IN THE CALCULATION OF MINERAL RESERVES, MINERAL RESOURCES AND METAL RECOVERIES, THE TIMING AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING, GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER APPROVALS, POLITICAL UNREST OR INSTABILITY IN COUNTRIES WHERE PAN AMERICAN IS ACTIVE, LABOR RELATIONS AND OTHER RISK FACTORS LISTED FROM TIME TO TIME IN PAN AMERICAN'S FORM 40-F.

2002 YEAR END AND FOURTH QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

		THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
		2002		2001
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (IN THOUSANDS OF US DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)				
Net income (loss) Earnings (loss) per share Net income (loss) before unusual items Earnings (loss) per share before unusual items Contribution from mining operations Capital spending Exploration expense Cash Working capital		(13,721) (0.32) (1,632) (0.04) 379 5,005 629 10,185 2,399		(0.12) (4,388) (0.12) (1,230) 847 454
ORE MILLED, METALS RECOVERED TO CONCENTRATE, AND COST PER OUNCE PRODUCED				
HUARON MINE Tonnes Milled Silver - ounces Zinc - tonnes Lead - tones Copper - tonnes Total cash cost per ounce Total production cost per ounce	\$	156,305 134,902 5,456 3,731 406 3.70 4.22	1, \$	088,183 4,239 2,718 447 3.93
QUIRUVILCA MINE Tonnes Milled Silver - ounces Zinc - tonnes Lead - tonnes Copper - tonnes Total cash cost per ounce Total production cost per ounce	\$ \$	119,098 576,163 3,998 1,398 336 5.51 6.24	\$	5,018 1,915 326 4.82
LA COLORADA MINE Tonnes Milled Silver - ounces Zinc - tonnes Lead - tonnes Total cash cost per ounce Total production cost per ounce		13,528 197,263 101 85 -	\$ \$	13,819 227,481 140 129 5.02 5.78
PYRITE STOCKPILE SALES Tonnes Sold Silver - ounces Total cash cost per ounce Total production cost per ounce	\$ \$	9,018 101,459 1.50 2.13		- - - -
CONSOLIDATED PRODUCTION Tonnes milled		297,949		287,551

Silver - ounces Zinc - tonnes Lead - tonnes Copper - tonnes	2,	009,787 9,555 5,214 742	2,	087,635 9,397 4,762 773
REALIZED METALS PRICES				
Silver - per ounce (note)	\$	4.20	\$	3.99
Zinc - per pound	\$	0.35	\$	0.36
Lead - per pound	\$	0.20	\$	0.22
Copper - per pound (note)	\$	0.62	\$	0.57
Note - Pan American pays a refining charge for silver and copper				
CONSOLIDATED COST PER OUNCE OF SILVER NET OF BY-PRODUCT CREDITS)				
Total cash cost per ounce	\$	4.15	\$	4.38
Total production cost per ounce	\$	4.74	\$	5.04

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PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP. Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited - in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	DEC	2002	2001
ASSETS Current			
Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments Accounts receivable Inventories Prepaid expenses		10,185 13 4,598 4,637 3,197	513 6,037 4,655 6,534
Total Current Assets Mineral property, plant and equipment, net Investment and other properties Direct smelting ore Other		22,630 59,447 4,193 4,303 4,393	21,070 66,659 1,785
Total Assets		94,966	91,517
LIABILITIES Current			
Operating line of credit Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Advances for metal shipments Current portion of bank loans and capital leases Current portion of severance indemnity and commitments Current portion of deferred revenue	\$	125 15,227 2,158 1,638 953 130	4,071

Total Current Liabilities	20,231	21,143
Deferred revenue	923	1,850
Bank loans and capital leases	3,942	5,010
Provision for reclamation	12,971	2,112
Severance indemnity and commitments	1,407	2,525
Total Liabilities	39 , 474	32,640
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital		
Authorized:		
100,000,000 common shares of no par value		
Issued:		
December 31, 2001 - 37,628,234 common shares	1.61.004	120 722
December 31, 2002 - 43,883,454 common shares		130,723
Additional paid in capital	•	1,120
Deficit	(106,624)	(72 , 966)
Total Shareholders' Equity	55,492	58 , 877
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 94,966	\$ 91,517
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PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP. Consolidated Statements of Operations and Deficit (Unaudited - in thousands of U.S. dollars, except for shares and per share amounts)

	TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31				THREE MONT		IDED	
		2002		2001		2002		200
REVENUE	\$	45.093	Ś	37 , 296	Ś	12,084	\$	1
EXPENSES	Υ	10,000	~	37,230	Υ	12,001	Υ	-
Operating		43,161		40,591		11,705		1
General and administration		1,698		2,138		462		
Depreciation and amortization		4,872		4,312		692		
Reclamation		860		620		215		
Exploration		1,206		892		629		
Interest expense		988		783		223		
Write down of mineral properties and								
reclamation		27,218				12,089		
Gain on sale of land				(3,500)				
		80,003		45,836		26,015		1

Loss from operations		(34,910)		(8,540)		(13,931)		(
Other income (expenses)		1,252		463		210		
Net income (loss) for the period		(33,658)		(8,077)		(13,721)		(
Deficit, beginning of period		(72,966)		(64,889)		(92,903)		(6
Deficit, end of period	\$	(106,624)	\$	(72 , 966)	\$	(106,624)	\$	(7
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Loss per share	\$	(0.80)	\$	(0.22)	\$	(0.32)	\$	
Weighted average shares outstanding		41,849,413	3	6,162,815	4	43,308,203		37 , 55

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PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Direct Method (Unaudited - in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	DECEM			
	2002	2001		2
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Sales proceeds		\$ 38,176		\$
Hedging activities		40		
Interest paid	(988)	(783)	(223)	
Other income and expenses	926	96	157	
Products and services purchased	(42,533)	(36 , 759) (892)	(11,148)	(
Exploration	(1,102)	(892)	(545)	
General and administration	(2,020)	(1,964)	(934)	
		(2,086)	(1,827)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Shares issued for cash		9,789		
Share issue costs	(962)	(340)	(6)	
Proceeds from (repayment of) line of credit				
Proceeds from (repayment of) bank loans		(5,044)		
	18,534	4,405	(947)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Mineral property, plant and equipment expenditures	(9,780)	(6,683)	(4,609)	
Investment and other property expenditures	(1, 158)	(24)	(396)	
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments		256		
Other		(81)		
		(6,532)	(5,005)	

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the period Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	6,854 3,331	(4,213) 7,544		(
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 10,185 ======	\$ 3,331 ======	\$ 10,185 =====	 \$ ===
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE ON NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS				
Exchange of land for equity in a subsidiary	\$	\$ 2,800	\$	\$
Marketable securities acquired in land exchange		500		
Lease of mining equipment	434			
Warrants granted pursuant to equity financing		27		
Shares issued to purchase a royalty	3,000			
Shares issued to purchase a mineral property	1,250			
Exchange of marketable securities for ore stockpiles	500		500	
Shares issued to purchase ore stockpiles	4,000		4,000	
Shares issued for compensation	253			
	\$ 9,437	\$ 3,327	\$ 4,500	\$

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PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Indirect Method (Unaudited - in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31			
		2001	2002	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net income (loss) for the period Items not involving cash	\$ (33,658)	\$ (8,077)	\$(13,721)	\$
Depreciation and amortization Gain on sale of assets Reclamation provision Write-down of mineral property Operating cost provisions	860	 529	 215 12,089 (789)	
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items	(1,366) 624	(6,139) 4,053	(1,514) (313)	_
Cash used by operations		(2,086)		_
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Shares issued for cash Share issue costs Changes in non-cash working capital items Proceeds from (repayment of) line of credit	(962) 62	9,789 (340) 	(6) 	

Proceeds from (repayment of) bank loans	(2,060)	(5,044)	
		4,405	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Mineral property, plant and equipment expenditures	(9,612)	(6,270)	(4,843)
Investment and other property expenditures	(1, 158)	(24)	(396)
Changes in non-cash working capital items	(168)	(413)	234
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments		256	
Other		(81)	
		(6,532)	(5,005)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the			
period	6,854	(4,213)	(7 , 779)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	3,331	7 , 544	17,964
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period		\$ 3,331 ======	\$ 10,185 \$
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE ON NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS			
Exchange of land equity in a subsidiary	\$	\$ 2,800	\$ \$
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP.

Date: March 13, 2003 By: (Signed) ROBERT PIROOZ

Robert Pirooz,

Vice President, Legal Affairs