

**Execution of a Partner Agreement of Los Gatos Project in Mexico**

Dowa Metals & Mining Co., Ltd. ("Dowa", Headquarters: 14-1, Sotokanda 4-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Capital: ¥1,000 million; President: Akira Sekiguchi), a subsidiary of DOWA Holdings Co., Ltd. (same address; Capital: ¥36,400 million; President: Masao Yamada), has entered into a Partner Agreement with Sunshine Silver Mining & Refining Corporation ("SSMRC", headquarters: Denver, Colorado, USA, Executive Chairman and CEO: Stephen Orr), for the Los Gatos silver-zinc-lead project (the "Project ") in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Dowa will acquire a 30% interest in Minera Plata Real, S. de R.L. de C.V. ("MPR", headquarters: Mexico City, Mexico), a subsidiary of SSMRC, which owns the Project, and the right to purchase zinc concentrate to be produced, by paying an aggregate amount equal to US\$50 million, which will be used by MPR to conduct a feasibility study during the period of two years.

Total indicated and inferred resources for the Project are approximately 15 million tonnes in total, based on an NI43-101-compliant resource report. DOWA expects that the Project will be a stable source of zinc concentrate for its own Akita refinery in Japan if the Project is feasible and once production begins.

## <References>

### 1. Overview of Sunshine Silver Mining & Refining:

- 1) Name: Sunshine Silver Mining & Refining Corporation
- 2) Headquarters: Denver, Colorado, USA
- 3) President: Stephen Orr (Executive Chairman & CEO)

### 2. Location:

The Project is approximately 120 km south of the state capital of Chihuahua City.

