



RIO SILVER ANNOUNCES PRIVATE PLACEMENT

March 22, 2018, Toronto, Ontario, Canada – Rio Silver Inc. ("Rio Silver" or the "Company") (TSX.V: RYO) is pleased to announce a non-brokered private placement of up to 2,000,000 units ("Units") at \$0.05 per Unit for gross proceeds of up to \$100,000 (the "Offering"). Each Unit will consist of one common share of the Company and one common share purchase warrant (each, a "Warrant") of the Company. Each Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.06 per share. The Warrants will expire twelve months from the date of issue unless the closing price of the common shares of the Company is \$0.10 or higher for twenty (20) consecutive trading days any time after the date that is four months and a day after issue, in which case the Warrants will expire thirty (30) days after notice to Warrant holders through a news release announcing an earlier expiry date. It is anticipated that certain insiders of the Company will participate in the Offering. The proceeds from the Offering will be used to (i) continue modest work on the Company's Niñobamba silver and gold project in Peru, (ii) meet its immediate financial obligations, and (iii) for working capital.

The Company may pay certain finders' fees in connection with a portion of the Offering subject to the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange"). The securities issued herein will be subject to a four month statutory hold period. The closing of the Offering is subject to the approval of the Exchange.

A portion of the Offering will be a "related party transaction" under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("MI 61-101"). There has been no formal valuation of the Company or its assets to date, as there has not been any necessity to do so. The Offering is exempt from the formal valuation requirements under Section 5.4 of MI 61-101 and the minority approval requirements under Section 5.6 of MI 61-101 pursuant to the Company's reliance on the financial hardship exemption under Sections 5.5(g) and 5.7(1)(e), respectively, of MI 61-101. Completion of the Offering will allow the Company to continue modest work on its exploration properties and improve its current working capital deficiency position.

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

Jeffrey Reeder

President and Chief Executive Officer

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