



## **RIO SILVER ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF SHARES FOR DEBT TRANSACTION**

March 16, 2017, Toronto, Ontario, Canada – Rio Silver Inc. (“Rio Silver” or the “Company”) (TSX.V: RYO) announces that it has received TSX Venture Exchange approval to settle an aggregate of \$244,774 of indebtedness (the “**Debt**”) owed to certain arm’s length and non-arm’s length creditors through the issuance of an aggregate of 3,059,669 common shares at a deemed issuance price of \$0.08 per common share (the “**Transaction**”), of which 1,305,663 common shares will be issued to non-arm’s length creditors. All common shares issued to settle the Debt will be subject to a statutory hold period expiring on July 17, 2017. Completion of the Transaction will allow the Company to significantly improve its current working capital deficiency position.

The Company also announces that Magellan Gold Corporation’s (“**Magellan**”) (OTCQB: MAGE) ownership of the Company has been reduced to 7.65% of the Company’s issued and outstanding share capital as a result of the common shares that were issued to settle the debt. Magellan neither acquired nor disposed of any securities of the Company.

Prior to the share issuances by the Company, Magellan held 2,750,000 common shares, representing 8.99% of the issued and, assuming exercise of the 2,750,000 warrants, Magellan would have held 5,500,000 common shares, representing 16.49% of the then issued and outstanding shares of the Company.

Following the additional share issuances by the Company as described above, Magellan holds 2,750,000 common shares, representing 7.65% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company, and assuming exercise of the 2,750,000 warrants, Magellan would hold 5,500,000 common shares, representing 14.05% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company.

In the future, Magellan or its affiliates may acquire additional securities of the Company or dispose of such securities through the market or otherwise subject to a number of factors, including general market and economic conditions, other investment and business opportunities available and other circumstances.

This news release is being issued in accordance with National Instrument 62-103 – *The Early Warning System and Related Take-Over Bid and Insider Reporting Issues* in connection with the filing of an early warning report dated September 16, 2016. The early warning report respecting the transaction has been filed on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Review (“SEDAR”) under the Company’s profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or may be obtained by contacting Dan Hamilton at (416-479-9546).

Magellan’s office is at 2010A Harbison Drive #312, Vacaville, California, USA, 95687.

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

“*Steve Brunelle*”  
Chairman

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