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South American Silver Corp. Files Final Prospectus

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General Minerals Corporation (“GMC”) is pleased to announce that continuing with its plans to form a new silver-focused company that was announced in late August 2006 (see GMC PR 06-15, Aug. 24, 2006), South American Silver Corp. (“SASC” or the “Company”) filed a final prospectus on February 7, 2007 in connection with an initial public offering of its common shares in each of the Provinces of Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Nova Scotia. MGI Securities Inc. is acting as lead agent of the offering along with Dundee Securities Corporation.

Pursuant to the offering, SASC will issue 34,000,000 common shares at Cdn\$0.50 per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of Cdn\$17,000,000. SASC has also granted the agents an option (exercisable within 30 days of closing) to purchase up to an additional 5,100,000 common shares at Cdn\$0.50 per common share for additional gross proceeds of Cdn\$2,550,000. Closing is expected to occur on February 15, 2007. The Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) has conditionally approved the listing of the common shares of SASC under the symbol “SAC”, subject to SASC satisfying the customary requirements of the TSX.

The Company is a mineral exploration company that acquires, explores and develops mineral properties, primarily silver, gold and copper in South America. The Company presently holds interests in three properties: the flagship silver-gold Malku Khota property and the Laurani gold-silver property, both in Bolivia and the Escalones copper-gold-molybdenum property in Chile.

Ralph Fitch, President and CEO of SASC, commented that “We are very pleased to have completed the filing of the prospectus and are now mobilizing the resources to begin a very active exploration program at both Malku Khota and Laurani after the closing. We continue to believe that Malku Khota holds the potential to be a significant silver discovery.”

The funds raised through the offering will be used to aggressively explore and advance the 100% controlled Malku Khota flagship silver property and to continue the exploration at Laurani. At Malku Khota the planned exploration includes a substantial program of drilling, tunneling and detailed metallurgical testing.

Escalones is currently joint ventured to Minera Aurex (Chile) Limitada (“Aurex”), the Chilean subsidiary of Phelps Dodge Corporation. GMC announced that Aurex has received the drilling permit (see GMC PR07-01, January 12, 2007) and it is anticipated that they will start drilling this month with all costs being covered by Aurex under the joint venture agreement.

Certain statements contained herein constitute “forward-looking statements”. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations. The nature, timing and extent of the exploration

programs may materially change from current intentions for a number of reasons. Additionally, “forward looking statements” look into the future and provide an opinion as to the effect of certain events and trends on the business. Forward-looking statements may include words such as “plans,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “should,” “estimates,” “expects,” “believes,” “indicates,” “targeting,” “suggests,” “potential” “interpretation” and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the Company’s beliefs in the potential mineralization, are based on current expectations and entail various risks and uncertainties. Actual results may materially differ from expectations as more information regarding the property is gathered or if known and unknown risks or uncertainties affect our business, or if our estimates or assumptions prove inaccurate. The Company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or any other reason.

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