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Vancouver, B.C. - Silver Standard Resources Inc. reports that it has sold 7.2 million of its common shares at a price of US$23.00 (C$25.31) per common share to a syndicate of underwriters. Silver Standard expects to receive net proceeds of approximately US$155 million (C$171 million) after deducting underwriting fees and estimated offering expenses. Silver Standard has also granted the underwriters an option exercisable for a period of 30 days following the closing of the offering to purchase up to an additional 1.08 million of its common shares. If the underwriters fully exercise the overallotment option Silver Standard will receive additional net proceeds of approximately US$23.4 million (C$25.8 million). Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. were joint bookrunners for the transaction, Blackmont Capital Inc. was joint lead manager and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., National Bank Financial Inc. and Salman Partners Inc. were co-managers.

The net proceeds from the offering will be used to fund a portion of the development costs of the Pirquitas Project, exploration on Silver Standard's other projects and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The offering is expected to close on May 16, 2006.

A copy of the final prospectus may be obtained from Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., Attention: Prospectus Department, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, U.S.A., 10179, (866) 803-9204 or from Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., 60 Wall Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10005.

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