

PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP  
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January 19, 2005

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Registration No. 333-

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM F-10**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER THE**

**SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**Pan American Silver Corp.**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

**British Columbia**

**1044**

**Not Applicable**

*(Province or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)*

*(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)*

*(I.R.S. Employer*

*Identification No.)*

**1500 - 625 Howe Street**

**Vancouver, British Columbia**

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public:**

From time to time on or after the effective date of this Registration Statement as determined by market conditions.

**Province of British Columbia, Canada**

*(Principal jurisdiction regulating this offering)*

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It is proposed that this filing shall become effective (check appropriate box):

A.

Upon filing with the Commission, pursuant to Rule 467(a) (if in connection with an offering being made contemporaneously in the United States and Canada).

B.

At some future date (check the appropriate box below):

1.

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pursuant to Rule 467(b) on ( ) at ( ) (designate a time not sooner than 7 calendar days after filing).

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pursuant to Rule 467(b) on ( ) at ( ) (designate a time 7 calendar days or sooner after filing) because the securities regulatory authority in the review jurisdiction has issued a receipt or notification of clearance on ( ).

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pursuant to Rule 467(b) as soon as practicable after notification of the Commission by the Registrant or the Canadian securities regulatory authority of the review jurisdiction that a receipt or notification of clearance has been issued with respect hereto.

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after the filing of the next amendment to this Form (if preliminary material is being filed).

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to the home jurisdiction's shelf prospectus offering procedures, check the following box.

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
<b>Common Shares</b>			
<b>Debt Securities</b>			
<b>Subscription Receipts</b>			
<b>Warrants</b>			
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$150,000,000<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$150,000,000<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$17,655<sup>(3)</sup></b>

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(1)

There are being registered under this registration statement such indeterminate number of common shares of the Registrant, such indeterminate principal amount of debt securities of the registrant, such indeterminate number of subscription receipts of the registrant and such indeterminate number of warrants of the registrant as shall have an aggregate initial offering price of \$150,000,000. If any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount then the securities registered shall include such debt securities as may be necessary such that the aggregate initial public offering price of all securities issued pursuant to this registration statement will equal \$150,000,000. Any securities registered by this registration statement may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered under this registration statement. The proposed maximum initial offering price per security will be determined, from time to time, by the Registrant in connection with the sale of the securities under this registration statement.

(2)

In United States dollars or the equivalent thereof in Canadian dollars.

(3)

Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o). Pursuant to Rule 457(p), \$1,112.37 of the \$19,005 filing fee paid by the Registrant for the Registration Statement on Form F-10 (No. 333-106858) filed with the Commission on July 7, 2003 is offset against the current filing fee.

**Pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act, the prospectus contained in this registration statement also relates to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-10 (File No. 333- 106858).**

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registration statement shall become effective as provided in Rule 467 under the Securities Act of 1933 or on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Act, may determine.**

**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE  
DELIVERED TO OFFEREES OR PURCHASERS**

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**Subject to Completion dated January 18, 2005**

Prospectus

**PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP.**

**US\$150,000,000**

**Common Shares**

**Debt Securities**

**Warrants**

**Subscription Receipts**

Pan American Silver Corp. (the "Company") may offer for sale, from time to time, common shares ("Common Shares"), debt securities ("Debt Securities") warrants to purchase Common Shares or Debt Securities ("Warrants") or subscription receipts, which entitle the holder to receive

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upon satisfaction of certain release conditions, and for no additional consideration, Common Shares, Warrants or Debt Securities ("Subscription Receipts") of the Company (collectively, the "Securities") or any combination thereof up to an aggregate initial offering price of US\$150,000,000 (or its equivalent in Canadian dollars or any other currency or currency unit used to denominate the Securities), during the 25-month period that this short form base shelf prospectus (the "Prospectus"), including any amendments hereto, remains valid.

The specific variable terms of any offering of the Securities, will be set forth in a shelf prospectus supplement (a "Prospectus Supplement") including, where applicable: (i) in the case of Common Shares, the number of Common Shares offered, the offering price and any other specific terms; (ii) in the case of Debt Securities, the title of the Debt Securities, aggregate principal amount, currency or the currency unit for which such Debt Securities may be purchased, maturity, interest provisions, authorized denominations, offering price, any redemption terms, any sinking fund provisions, any exchange or conversion terms, whether payment on the Debt Securities will be senior or subordinated to the Company's other liabilities and obligations and any other specific terms; (iii) in the case of Warrants, the designation, number and terms of the Common Shares or Debt Securities purchasable upon exercise of the Warrants, any procedures that will result in the adjustment of those numbers, the exercise price, dates and periods of exercise, and the currency or the currency unit in which the exercise price must be paid and any other specific terms; and (iv) in the case of Subscription Receipts, the designation, number and terms of the Common Shares, Warrants or Debt Securities receivable upon satisfaction of certain release conditions, any procedures that will result in the adjustment of those numbers, any additional payments to be made to holders of Subscription Receipts upon satisfaction of the release conditions, the terms of the release conditions, terms governing the escrow of all or a portion of the gross proceeds from the sale of the Subscription Receipts, terms for the refund of all or a portion of the purchase price for Subscription Receipts in the event the release conditions are not met and any other specific terms. The Company reserves the right to include in a Prospectus Supplement specific variable terms pertaining to the Securities that are not within the options and parameters set forth in this Prospectus.

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**This offering is made by a Canadian issuer that is permitted, under a multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States, to prepare this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Canada. Prospective investors should be aware that such requirements are different from those of the United States. Certain of the financial statements included or incorporated herein have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, and may be subject to Canadian auditing and auditor independence standards, and thus may not be comparable to financial statements of United States companies.**

**Prospective investors should be aware that the acquisition of the securities described herein may have tax consequences both in the United States and in Canada. Such consequences for investors who are resident in, or citizens of, the United States may not be described fully herein.**

**The enforcement by investors of civil liabilities under the federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Company is incorporated or organized under the laws of British Columbia, Canada, that some or all of its officers and directors may be residents of Canada, that some or all of the underwriters or experts named in the registration statement may be residents of Canada and that a substantial portion of the assets of the Company and said persons may be located outside the United States.**

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**These securities have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission nor has the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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The date of this Prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

All shelf information permitted under applicable laws to be omitted from this Prospectus will be contained in one or more Prospectus Supplements that will be delivered to purchasers together with this Prospectus. Each Prospectus Supplement will be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus for the purposes of securities legislation as of the date of the Prospectus Supplement and only for the purposes of the distribution of the Securities to which the Prospectus Supplement pertains.

The Company may offer and sell Securities to or through underwriters or dealers, directly to one or more purchasers pursuant to applicable statutory exemptions, or through agents designated from time to time. The Prospectus Supplement relating to a particular offering of Securities will identify each underwriter, dealer or agent engaged in connection with the offering and sale of Securities and will set forth the plan of distribution for such Securities, including the proceeds to the Company and any fees, discounts, concessions or other compensation payable to the underwriters, dealers or agents, and any other material terms of the plan of distribution.

The Common Shares of the Company are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") and the Nasdaq National Market ("Nasdaq"). On January 17, 2005, the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX was Cdn \$17.74 per Common Share. On January 14, 2005, the closing price of the Common Shares on Nasdaq was US\$14.68 per Common Share.

**The earnings coverage ratios of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2003 is less than one-to-one. See "Earnings Coverage".**

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**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

**Information has been incorporated by reference in this Prospectus from documents filed with securities commissions or similar authorities in each of the Provinces of Canada.** Copies of the documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus may be obtained on request without charge from the Controller and Corporate Secretary of the Company at 1500-625 Howe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 2T6 (telephone: (604) 684-1175). These documents are also available through the Internet on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR"), which can be accessed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). For the purpose of the Province of Quebec, this simplified prospectus contains information to be completed by consulting the permanent information record. A copy of the permanent record may be obtained from the Controller and Corporate Secretary of the Company at the above mentioned address and telephone number.

The following documents, filed with the securities commissions or similar regulatory authorities in each of the Provinces of Canada, are specifically incorporated by reference into and form an integral part of this Prospectus:

(a)

the Annual Information Form of the Company, dated May 19, 2004;

(b)

the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the notes thereto as at and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, together with the auditors' report thereon;

(c)

management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002;

(d)

the information circular of the Company, dated April 6, 2004, in connection with the Company's May 11, 2004 annual general meeting of members, other than the sections entitled "Corporate Governance", "Executive Compensation - Compensation Committee", "Executive Compensation - Report on Executive Compensation" and "Executive Compensation - Performance Graph";

(e)

the unaudited interim financial statements of the Company and the notes thereto for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003;

(f)

management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 as filed on SEDAR on December 16, 2004;

(g)

a material change report of the Company, dated January 8, 2004, relating to the filing of an unallocated preliminary base shelf prospectus by the Company;

(h)

a material change report of the Company, dated February 10, 2004, relating to the Company signing a binding agreement, subject to regulatory approval and other conditions, to purchase 92.014% of the voting shares of Compañía Minera Argentum S.A. ("Argentum"), which will acquire, through a split-off process from Sociedad Minera Corona S.A., the Anticona and Manuelita mining units of the Morococha silver mine and related infrastructure and processing units in Peru;

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a material change report of the Company, dated February 18, 2004, relating to financial and operational results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003;

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(j)

a material change report of the Company, dated February 27, 2004, relating to the offering of 3,333,333 common shares of the Company for aggregate gross proceeds of US\$55 million;

(k)

a material change report of the Company, dated February 27, 2004, relating to the intention of the Company to make an offer to encourage early conversion of its outstanding 5.25% convertible unsecured senior subordinated debentures maturing on July 31, 2009;

(l)

a material change report of the Company, dated March 30, 2004, relating to the offer to encourage conversion by holders of the Company's US\$86.25 million outstanding principal amount of 5.25% convertible debentures;

(m)

a material change report of the Company, dated May 11, 2004, relating to financial and operational results for the first quarter of 2004;

(n)

a material change report of the Company, dated July 23, 2004, relating to the Company's US\$36.7 million cash offer to purchase the voting shares of Argentum, which holds most of the assets comprising the Morococha mine in central Peru;

(o)

a material change report of the Company, dated August 23, 2004, relating to the filing of a shelf prospectus supplement to the Company's short form base shelf prospectus dated January 26, 2004;

(p)

a material change report of the Company, dated August 26, 2004, relating to the closing of the Company's purchase of an 88% interest in the Morococha silver mine in central Peru; and

(q)

a material change report of the Company, dated November 22, 2004, relating to the sale of the Company's 20% interest in the Dukat silver mine in Magadan State, Russia for up to US \$43 million.

Any documents of the types referred to in the preceding paragraph (excluding confidential material change reports and the sections of any information circular permitted to be excluded under National Instrument 44-101 - Short Form Prospectus Distributions) filed by the Company with a securities commission or similar authority in Canada after the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering under any Prospectus Supplement shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. Any document filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC pursuant to the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), after the date of this Prospectus shall also be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus if and to the extent provided in such document.

In addition, the unaudited interim financial statements of the Company and the notes thereto for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, including a reconciliation to United States generally accepted accounting principles in accordance with Item 18 of Form 20-F, filed on SEDAR on January 14, 2005, are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus.

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Any statement contained in this Prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this Prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. The modifying or superseding statement need not state that it has modified or superseded a prior statement or include any other information set forth in the document that it modifies or supersedes. The making of a modifying or superseding statement is not to be deemed an admission for any purposes that the modified or superseded statement, when made, constituted a misrepresentation, an untrue statement of material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not constitute a part of this Prospectus, except as so modified or superseded.

A Prospectus Supplement containing the specific terms of an offering of Securities and other information in relation to such offering will be delivered to purchasers of such Securities together with this Prospectus and will be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus as of the date of such Prospectus Supplement solely for the purposes of the offering of Securities covered by that Prospectus Supplement.

Upon a new annual information form and the related annual financial statements being filed by the Company with, and where required, accepted by, the applicable securities regulatory authorities during the currency of this Prospectus, the previous annual information form, the previous annual financial statements and all interim financial statements, material change reports and information circulars and all Prospectus Supplements filed prior to the commencement of the Company's financial year in which the new annual information form was filed shall be deemed no longer to be incorporated into this Prospectus for purposes of future offers and sales of Securities hereunder.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

Some of the statements included or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this Prospectus, the words "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "target", "plan", "budget", "may", "schedule" and similar words or expressions, identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things:

- the sufficiency of the Company's current working capital and anticipated operating cash flow;
- the sufficiency of the mineral reserves and resources at Quiruvilca, Huaron, Morococha, La Colorada, Alamo Dorado, Manantial Espejo or other properties;
- estimated production from the Quiruvilca, Huaron, Morococha, La Colorada, Alamo Dorado, Manantial Espejo or other properties;
- the estimated cost of and availability of funding for ongoing capital improvement programs;
- the estimated cost of development or expansion of Huaron, Morococha, Alamo Dorado, Manantial Espejo or other projects;
- the estimated cost and effectiveness of changes to the mine plan at the La Colorada mine;
- estimated exploration expenditures to be incurred on the Company's various silver exploration properties;

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- compliance with environmental standards;
  - forecast capital and non-operating spending; and
  - levels of silver and other metals production, production costs and metal prices.

These statements reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and are necessarily based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies. Many factors, both known and unknown, could cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the results, performance or achievements that are or may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements including, without limitation, the factors identified under the caption "Risk Factors" in this Prospectus and in the Company's Annual Information Form, dated May 19, 2004, under the caption "Trends and Uncertainties." Investors are cautioned against attributing undue certainty to forward-looking statements. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, there may be other factors that cause results not to be anticipated, estimated or intended. The Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements to reflect changes in assumptions or changes in circumstances or any other events affecting such statements, other than as required by applicable law.

**CAUTIONARY NOTE TO UNITED STATES INVESTORS CONCERNING ESTIMATES OF MEASURED, INDICATED AND INFERRED RESOURCES**

In this Prospectus, the terms "measured resources", "indicated resources" and "inferred resources" are used. United States investors are advised that while such terms are recognized and required under Canadian securities rules, the SEC does not recognize them. "Inferred resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence, and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian securities rules, estimates of inferred resources may not form the basis of feasibility or other economic studies. **United States investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of measured or indicated resources will ever be converted into reserves. United States investors also are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an inferred resource exists, or is economically or legally mineable.**

**CERTAIN AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

The Company has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-10 (the "Registration Statement") under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), with respect to the Securities. This Prospectus, which constitutes a part of that Registration Statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in such Registration Statement and its exhibits, to which reference is made for further information. See "Documents Filed as Part of the U.S. Registration Statement".

The Company is subject to the informational reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, and in accordance therewith files reports and other information with the SEC. Under a multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States, the Company is permitted to prepare such reports and other information in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Canada, which are different from those of the United States. As a foreign private issuer, the Company is exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and its officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery rules contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. Under the Exchange Act, the Company is not required to publish financial statements as frequently or as promptly as U.S. companies.

The Company files annual reports with the SEC on Form 40-F, which includes:

- ◆ the Company's Annual Information Form;
- ◆ management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations;
- ◆ the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada ("Canadian GAAP") and reconciled to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"); and
- ◆ other information specified by the Form 40-F.

The Company also furnishes the following types of information to the SEC under cover of Form 6-K:

- ◆ material information the Company otherwise makes publicly available in reports that it files with securities regulatory authorities in Canada;
- ◆ material information that the Company files with, and which is made public by, the TSX; and
- ◆ material information that the Company distributes to its shareholders in Canada.

Investors may read and copy any document the Company files with, or furnishes to, the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room 1024, Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the material can also be obtained from the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. by paying a fee. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. The SEC also maintains a website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) that makes available reports and other information that the Company files or furnishes electronically with it.

#### **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE RATE DATA**

The Company presents its consolidated financial statements in United States dollars. All references in this prospectus to "dollars", "\$" or "US\$" are to United States dollars and all references to "Cdn\$" are to Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted. Except as otherwise indicated, all financial statements and financial data contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this Prospectus have been prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP, which differ in certain significant respects from U.S. GAAP. For a description of the material differences between Canadian GAAP and U.S. GAAP as they relate to the Company's financial statements, see note 16 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 and note 8 to the Company's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, each incorporated by reference into this Prospectus, and note 15 to the audited consolidated financial statements of Corner Bay Silver Inc., for the years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001 and note 5 to the unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2002 and the three months ended March 31, 2003, each included in this Prospectus.

The following table sets forth, for each period indicated, the exchange rates of the Canadian dollar to the U.S. dollar for the end of each period indicated and the high, low and average (based on the exchange rate on the last day of each month during such period) exchange rates for each of such periods (such rates, which are expressed in Canadian dollars are based on the noon buying rates for U.S. dollars reported by the Bank of Canada).

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	<b>Nine Months</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b><u>Ended September 30, 2004</u></b>	<b><u>2003</u></b>	<b><u>2002</u></b>	<b><u>2001</u></b>
High	Cdn\$1.3968	Cdn\$1.5747	Cdn\$1.6132	Cdn\$1.6021
Low	1.2639	\$1.2924	1.5110	1.4936
Average	1.3280	\$1.4015	1.5704	1.5484
End of Period	1.2639	\$1.2924	1.5796	1.5926

On January 17, 2005, the noon buying rate reported by the Bank of Canada was \$1.00 = Cdn \$0.8220.

### THE COMPANY

Pan American Silver Corp. is a company existing under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia). The Company's head office is located at 1500 - 625 Howe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 2T6 and its registered and records office is located at 900 Waterfront Centre, 200 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7X 1T2. In this Prospectus, the term "Pan American" refers to the Company and its principal subsidiaries.

### BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY

Pan American is principally engaged in the exploration for, and the acquisition, development and operation of silver properties.

Pan American: (i) owns and operates the producing Quiruvilca silver mine in Peru; (ii) owns and operates the producing Huaron silver mine in Peru; (iii) owns an 86% equity interest in, and operates, the producing Morococha silver mine in Peru; (iv) owns and operates the producing La Colorada silver mine in Mexico; (v) mines and sells silver-rich pyrite stockpiles at a small-scale operation in central Peru; and (vi) holds an option to acquire the San Vincente silver mine in Bolivia, on which small-scale toll mining has taken place and is expected to resume in the future. Pan American also either holds an interest in or may earn an interest in non-producing silver resource and silver exploration properties in Peru, Argentina, the United States and Mexico, including the Alamo Dorado deposit in Mexico and Manantial Espejo deposit in Argentina on which the Company is preparing feasibility studies.

### USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of Securities will be used by the Company to fund development of the Alamo Dorado project, development of the Manantial Espejo project, expansion of the Morococha mine, other ongoing exploration programs, working capital requirements or for other general corporate purposes. The Company may, from time to time, issue common shares or other securities otherwise than through the offering of Securities pursuant to this Prospectus.

### EARNINGS COVERAGE

The following consolidated financial earnings deficiency figures and cash flow coverage ratios are calculated for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the 12-month period ended September 30, 2004 and give effect to all long-term financial liabilities of Pan American and the repayment, redemption or retirement thereof since those dates, respectively. The earnings coverage deficiencies, cash flow coverage ratios, cash flow coverage deficiencies and the amount of earnings, cash flow and interest expense set forth below do not purport to be indicative of earnings coverage deficiencies or ratios or cash flow



coverage deficiencies or ratios for any future periods. The deficiency figures and coverage ratios have been calculated based on Canadian GAAP. These coverage deficiencies, coverage ratios, earnings, cash flows or interest expenses do not give effect to the issuance of any Debt Securities that may be issued pursuant to this Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement, since the aggregate principal amounts and the terms of such Debt Securities are not presently known.

	<b><u>12 Months Ended</u></b> <b><u>September 30, 2004</u></b>	<b><u>Year Ended</u></b> <b><u>December 31, 2003</u></b>
	(US\$ millions except ratios)	
Earnings coverage / (deficiency) <sup>(1)</sup>	2.44x	(\$6.79)
Cash flow deficiency <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.60	\$3.80

(1)

Earnings coverage deficiency is the dollar amount of earnings required to attain an earnings coverage ratio of one-to-one. Earnings coverage ratio is equal to net income before interest expense and income taxes divided by interest expense on all debt.

(2)

Cash flow deficiency is the dollar amount of cash flow required to attain a cash flow coverage ratio of one-to-one. Cash flow coverage ratio is equal to cash flow from operating activities before interest expense and income taxes divided by interest expense on all debt.

The Company's interest expense requirements amounted to approximately \$1,156,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003. The Company's losses before interest expense and income tax for the year ended December 31, 2003 were approximately \$5,638,000, which is a deficiency of approximately \$6,794,000 of the earnings amount necessary to attain a earnings coverage ratio of one-to-one for this period.

The Company's interest expense requirements amounted to approximately \$964,000 for the 12 months ended September 30, 2004. The Company's earnings before interest expense and income tax for the 12 months ended September 30, 2004 were approximately \$2,352,000, which is 2.44 times the Company's interest requirement.

If the Company offers any Debt Securities having a term to maturity in excess of one year under this Prospectus and a Prospectus Supplement, the Prospectus Supplement will include earnings coverage ratios giving effect to the issuance of such Debt Securities.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is authorized to issue 100,000,000 common shares, without par value, of which 66,814,433 are issued and outstanding as at the date of this Prospectus. There are options outstanding to purchase up to 1,703,974 common shares at prices ranging from Cdn\$5.00 to Cdn\$22.51 and warrants outstanding to purchase up to 3,809,817 common shares at a price of Cdn\$12.00. Holders of common shares are entitled to one vote per common share at all meetings of shareholders, to receive dividends as and when declared by the directors of the Company and to receive a pro rata share of the assets of the Company available for distribution to the shareholders in the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company. There are no preemptive, conversion or redemption rights attached to the common shares.



## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

### General

The Company may issue Debt Securities in one or more series under an indenture (the "Trust Indenture") that it will enter into with one or more trustees (each, a "Trustee") that will be described in the Prospectus Supplement for such Debt Securities. The following summary describes certain provisions of the Trust Indenture, although it does not purport to be complete and is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Trust Indenture. At least one of the Trustees must be resident in British Columbia, authorized to do business in British Columbia or authorized to carry on trust business under the *Financial Institutions Act* (British Columbia). The Trust Indenture will be subject to and governed by the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) and the United States Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. A copy of the form of Trust Indenture has been filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this Prospectus forms a part and will be filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities. The terms of Debt Securities the Company offers may differ from the general information provided below. Prospective investors should rely only on information in the Prospectus Supplement if it is different from the following information.

The Company may issue Debt Securities and incur additional indebtedness other than through the offering of Debt Securities pursuant to this Prospectus.

Reference to the "Company" in this section refers only to Pan American Silver Corp. but not any of its subsidiaries.

The Trust Indenture does not limit the amount of Debt Securities the Company can issue thereunder and unless otherwise stated in the Prospectus Supplement does not limit the amount of other indebtedness the Company may incur. The Company may issue Debt Securities from time to time in separate series.

The Prospectus Supplement for any series of Debt Securities the Company offers will describe the specific terms of the Debt Securities and may include any of the following:

- ◆ the designation of the Debt Securities;
- ◆ any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities;
- ◆ the price at which the Debt Securities will be issued (or the manner of determination thereof, if offered on a non-fixed price basis and whether at par, at a discount or at a premium);
- ◆ whether the payment of the Debt Securities will be guaranteed by any other person and the terms of such guarantee;
- ◆ the currency of issue of the Debt Securities;
- ◆ whether payment on the Debt Securities will be senior or subordinated to, or pari passu with, the Company's other liabilities and obligations and the terms and provisions of any such subordination;
- ◆ whether the payment of the Debt Securities will be secured by any of the Company's assets or by any other person;
- ◆ the dates on which the Company may issue the Debt Securities and the date or dates on which the Company will pay the principal and any premium on the Debt Securities and the portion

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(if less than the principal amount) of Debt Securities to be payable on a declaration of acceleration of maturity;

- ◆ whether and under what circumstances the date or dates on which the Company will pay the principal and any premium on the Debt Securities may be extended;
- ◆ whether the Debt Securities will bear interest, whether the interest is payable in cash, securities or a combination thereof, the interest rate or the method of determining the interest rate, the date from which interest will accrue, the dates on which the Company will pay interest and the record dates for interest payments;
- ◆ the place or places the Company will pay principal, any premium and interest and the place or places where Debt Securities can be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;
- ◆ whether and under what circumstances the Company will be required to pay any additional amounts for withholding or deduction for Canadian taxes with respect to the Debt Securities, and whether the Company will have the option to redeem the Debt Securities rather than pay the additional amounts;
- ◆ whether and under what circumstances the Company may prepay, redeem or repurchase the Debt Securities at its option;
- ◆ whether and under what circumstances the Company will be obligated to prepay, redeem or repurchase the Debt Securities pursuant to any sinking fund or other provisions, or at the option of a holder;
- ◆ if other than \$1,000 and any integral multiples thereof, the denominations in which the Company will issue the Debt Securities;
- ◆ the currency in which the Company will make payments on the Debt Securities and whether payments will be payable with reference to any index or formula;
- ◆ whether the Company will issue the Debt Securities as global securities and, if so, the identity of the depository for the global securities;
- ◆ whether the Company will issue the Debt Securities as bearer securities or only in registered form;
- ◆ any changes or additions to events of default or covenants;
- ◆ any changes or additions to the provisions for defeasance described under "Defeasance" below;
- ◆ whether the holders of any series of Debt Securities have special rights if specified events occur;
- ◆ any restrictions on the transfer or exchange of the Debt Securities;
- ◆ the terms for any conversion or exchange of the Debt Securities for any other securities;
- ◆ provisions as to modification, amendment or variation of any rights or terms attaching to the Debt Securities;
- ◆ the identity of the Trustee;
- ◆ whether the Debt Securities will be listed on any Exchange; and
- ◆ any other terms of the Debt Securities.

Unless stated otherwise in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, no holder will have the right to require the Company to repurchase the Debt Securities and there will be no increase in the interest rate if the Company becomes involved in a highly leveraged transaction or there is a change of control of the Company.

The Company may issue Debt Securities bearing no interest or interest at a rate below the prevailing market rate at the time of issuance, and offer and sell these securities at a discount below their stated principal amount. The Company may also sell any of the Debt Securities for a foreign currency or currency unit, and payments on the Debt Securities may be payable in a foreign currency or currency unit. In any of these cases, the Company will describe in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, any Canadian and United States federal income tax consequences and other special considerations.

The Company may issue Debt Securities with terms different from those of Debt Securities previously issued and, without the consent of the holders thereof, the Company may reopen a previous issue of a series of Debt Securities and issue additional Debt Securities of such series (unless the reopening was restricted when such series was created).

Unless stated otherwise in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Company will issue Debt Securities only in fully registered form without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000. The applicable Prospectus Supplement may indicate the denominations to be issued, the procedures for payment of interest and principal and other matters. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of the Debt Securities, but the Company may, in certain instances, require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with these transactions.

#### **Payment and Transfer**

Unless stated otherwise in the Prospectus Supplement, the Company will make payments of principal of (and premium, if any, on) Debt Securities of a particular series in the designated currency against surrender of the Debt Securities at the office of the paying agent the Company designates from time to time. Unless stated otherwise in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Company will make payment of any installment of interest on Debt Securities to the persons in whose names the Debt Securities are registered on the close of business on the day or days specified by the Company. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, payments of interest will be made, at the Company's option:

- at the corporate trust office of the paying agent that the Company designates from time to time;
- by electronic funds transfer to an account that the holder designates from time to time; or
- by a cheque in the designated currency mailed to each holder at the relevant holder's registered address.

Holders may transfer or exchange fully registered Debt Securities at the corporate trust office of the Trustee or at any other office or agency the Company maintains for these purposes, without the payment of any service charge except for any tax or governmental charge.

#### **Global Securities**

The Company may issue Debt Securities of a series in the form of one or more global securities ("Global Securities") which will be deposited with a depositary (a "Depositary"), or its nominee,

identified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement and which will be exchangeable for definitive Debt Securities only under certain conditions. The Global Securities may be in temporary or permanent form. The applicable Prospectus Supplement will describe the terms of any depositary arrangement and the rights and limitations of owners of beneficial interests in any global security. The applicable Prospectus Supplement also will describe the exchange, registration and transfer rights relating to any global security.

### **Merger, Amalgamation or Consolidation**

The Trust Indenture generally permits the Company to amalgamate or consolidate with or merge into any other person, and to transfer or dispose of substantially all of its assets, so long as the resulting person is a Canadian or U.S. entity and assumes the Company's obligations on the Debt Securities and under the Trust Indenture and the Company or such successor person will not be in default under the Trust Indenture immediately after the transaction.

If the resulting person assumes the Company's obligations, subject to certain exceptions, the Company will be relieved of those obligations.

### **Events of Default**

The following are summaries of events with respect to any series of Debt Security which will constitute an "event of default" in respect of a series of Debt Securities:

- ◆ the Company fails to pay principal or any premium on any Debt Security of that series when it is due;
- ◆ the Company fails to pay interest on any Debt Security of that series for 30 days from the date such amounts are due;
- ◆ the Company fails to comply with any of its other agreements relating to the Debt Securities or the Trust Indenture for 60 days after written notice by the Trustee or by holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of that series;
- ◆ certain events involving its bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization; and
- ◆ any other event of default provided for that series of Debt Securities.

The Prospectus Supplement for a series of Debt Securities may include additional events of default or changes to the events of default described above. The Trustee will give notice within a reasonable time (not exceeding 30 days) to the holders of Debt Securities of any default unless it determines in good faith the withholding of such notice is in the best interests of the holders, collectively, and so advises the Company in writing.

A default under one series of Debt Securities will not necessarily be a default under another series.

If an event of default for any series of Debt Securities occurs and continues, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of that series may require the Company to repay immediately:

- ◆ the entire principal of the Debt Securities of the series; or
- ◆