

## **NEWS RELEASE**

# COEUR APPOINTS BIBIANA BETANCOURT AS DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho – March 11, 2008 – Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation (NYSE:CDE, TSX:CDM, ASX:CXC) today announced the appointment of Bibiana Betancourt as Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, directing and implementing social and community initiatives at the Company's international operations.

Ms. Betancourt brings to the position 17 years of experience in private and non-profit sectors, most recently as Associate Director for Development with CARE, one of the world's largest non-governmental organizations, where she led the Latin American outreach efforts, with a specific focus on Bolivia.

"A Coeur hallmark has always been its dedication and diligence in addressing both the social and environmental needs of the communities where we do business," said Dennis E. Wheeler, Chairman, President and Chief Executive officer of Coeur. "Bibiana brings a wealth of experience to Coeur in this critical area of Corporate Social Responsibility and will be an invaluable leader as she works closely with our on site senior management to help identify and formalize a Company wide code of social responsibility and help guide and implement these efforts. We welcome her to Coeur."

Ms. Betancourt received her bachelors degree in International Relations from American Public University and holds a Certificate of International Banking from the American Institute of Banking. She is an active volunteer in both the Columbian American Community Foundation and the U.S. Columbian AIDS Foundation.

#### **About Coeur**

Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation is one of the world's leading silver companies and also a significant gold producer. Coeur, which has no silver or gold production hedged, is presently constructing two of the world's largest silver mines – San Bartolomé in Bolivia and Palmarejo in Mexico; operates two underground mines in southern Chile and Argentina and one surface mine in Nevada; and owns non-operating interests in two low-cost mines in Australia. The Company also owns a major gold project in Alaska and conducts exploration activities in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico and Tanzania. Coeur currently expects to produce approximately 16 million ounces of silver in 2008, representing nearly a 40% increase over 2007 silver production levels. Coeur common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CDE, the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CDM, and its CHESS Depositary Interests are traded on the Australian Securities Exchange under symbol CXC.

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