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## Dialogue with SILVERCORP METALS

Silvercorp Metals Inc., headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, is a well-established name in the mining industry, with a significant track record spanning over 17 years. Known for its strong commitment to sustainability and sound financial practices, Silvercorp has consistently demonstrated how a mining company can operate profitably while prioritizing environmental stewardship.

One of the great sustainability efforts of Silvercorp is its robust **Environmental Management System (EMS)**, guided by the ISO 14001 standard.

## ISO 14001: A Closer Look

**ISO** (International Organization for Standardization) is an independent, non-governmental organization made up of members from the national standards bodies of 170 countries.



**ISO 14001 is one of many ISO standards** concerning environmental management systems (EMS). It provides a framework for organizations to design and implement an EMS. The framework encompasses various aspects, from **resource usage and waste management** to monitoring environmental performance.

Silvercorp has been certificated by EMS ISO 14001, the certification process typically involves a gap analysis, implementation of the EMS as per the standard, internal audits, management reviews, and finally, a certification audit by an external body, demonstrating





that Silvercorp has implemented ISO 14001 standards effectively and has a robust EMS meeting all the standard's requirements.

From Silvercorp's President Lon Shaver's presentation, we know that Silvercorp's application of ISO 14001 can be seen in various innovative practices across its operations. For instance, the company has taken significant steps to reduce the environmental impact of its drilling operations by reusing and recycling materials wherever possible. Drill holes are filled with waste rock to minimize landscape disruption, and waste rock itself is processed and recycled, reducing the need for new material extraction and thereby lessening the environmental footprint.

Energy use is another critical area where Silvercorp has made advances. The company has integrated solar power solutions into its energy mix, significantly cutting down on the carbon emissions associated with traditional energy sources. This not only helps in reducing the operational costs associated with energy but also aligns with global shifts towards renewable energy sources.

## Financial Overview (Revenue Streams and Financial Stability)

Turning to the financial aspect, Silvercorp has demonstrated considerable resilience and growth.

The company's revenue streams are diversified across silver, gold, and base metals. This diversification helps mitigate the risks associated with price fluctuations in the commodities market. Financially, Silvercorp is robust, with a strong cash position and no debt, which positions it well for future expansions and projects.

In fiscal year 2024, Silvercorp reported an impressive EBITDA margin of 41%, which is more than double the peer average (19%). This high margin is indicative of operational efficiency and a well-managed cost structure. The Return on Equity (ROE) stood at 8.1% comparing to its peer average (-0.5%), highlighting the company's ability to generate profits from its equity base.

Silvercorp Metals Inc. exemplifies how integrating sustainability into core business strategies is not only essential for environmental stewardship but also for financial success. The company's commitment to the ISO 14001 standard and its innovative approaches to managing environmental impacts set it apart in the mining industry. With solid financial health and a clear strategic direction, Silvercorp is well-positioned to continue its path as a leader in sustainable mining practices well into the future. This blend of sustainability practice and financial prudence may keep Silvercorp at the forefront of the mining industry, driving growth and delivering value to its shareholders.