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Overview

- Financial Overview
- The "Go To" Silver Producer
- Hecla Properties
- Silver Market
- Summary









The "Go To" Silver Producer

- Largest silver producer in the U.S. with 9 - 10 mm ounces annually
- Two U.S. mines and two exploration properties with districtsized land positions
- Mining for almost 120 years
- Research coverage from nine investment analysts
- 67% institutional ownership
- Good share liquidity with average 3 month daily volume 12.5 mm shares





Capital Structure & Financial Position

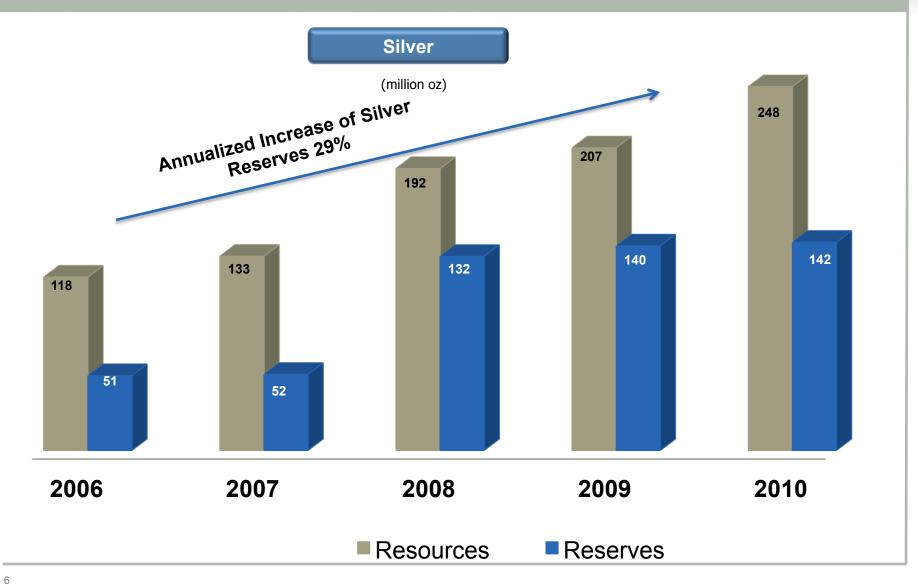
Recent share price:	\$9.53 ¹
Market Capitalization:	\$2.6 B
Shares Outstanding:	278 mm ²
Cash & Equivalents:	\$284 mm ³
Debt:	None
Silver Hedging:	None
Base Metals Hedging:	Up to 50%
(1-3 yr contracts)	

- 2. January 1, 2011 Includes shares issued for mandatory convertible preferred stock conversion
- 3. As of December 31, 2010

^{1.} April 5, 2011

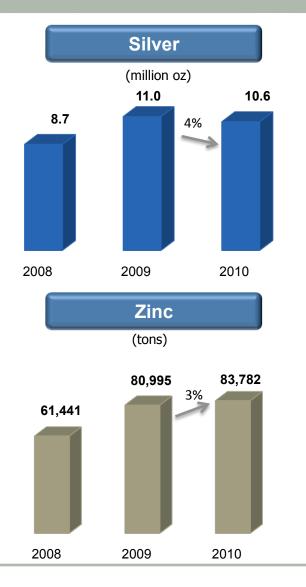


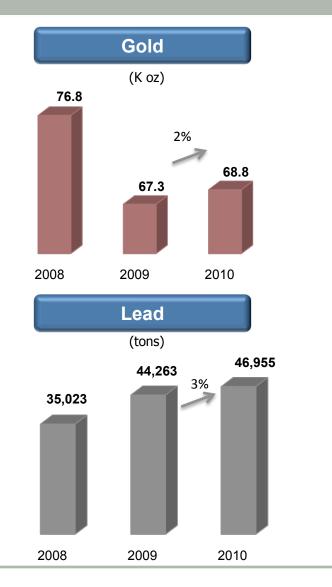
Silver Growth - Reserves and Resources





2010 Production Highlights

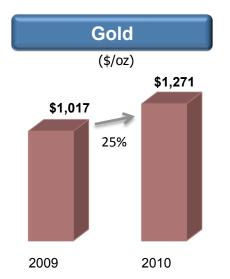


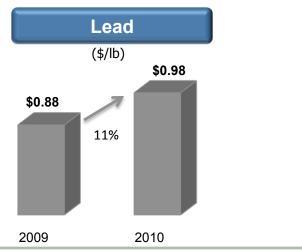




2010 Realized Metal Prices

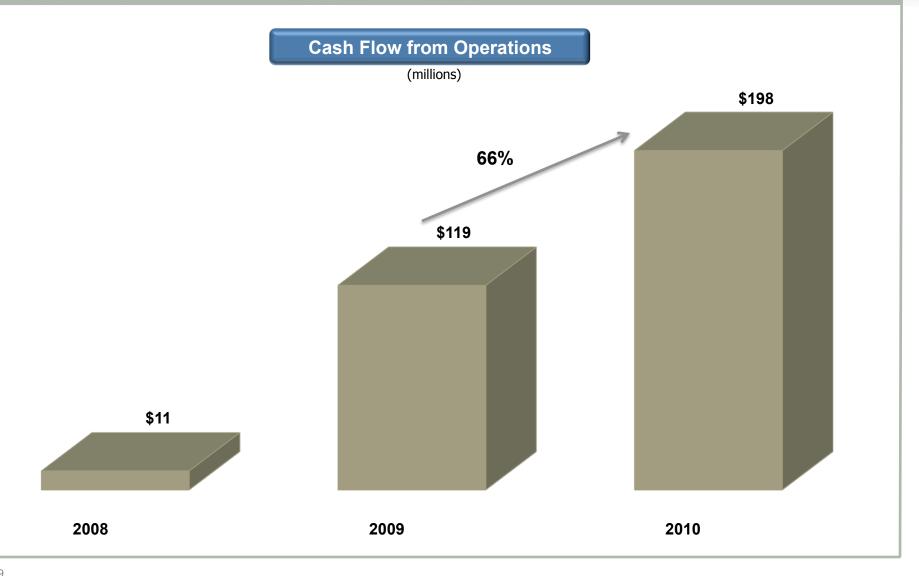






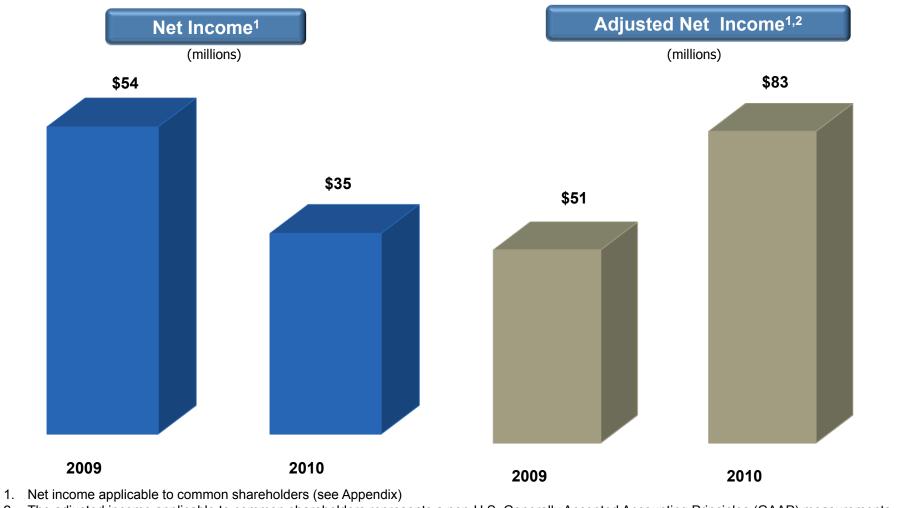


2010 Record Cash Flow





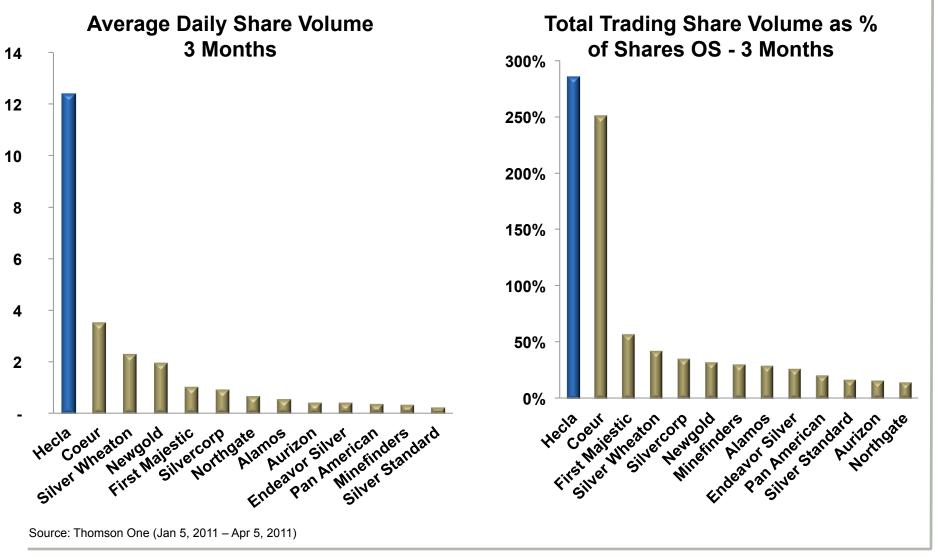
2010 Net Income



2. The adjusted income applicable to common shareholders represents a non-U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) measurements. A reconciliation of net income applicable to common shareholders (GAAP) to adjusted income can be found in the Appendix.



Trading Liquidity





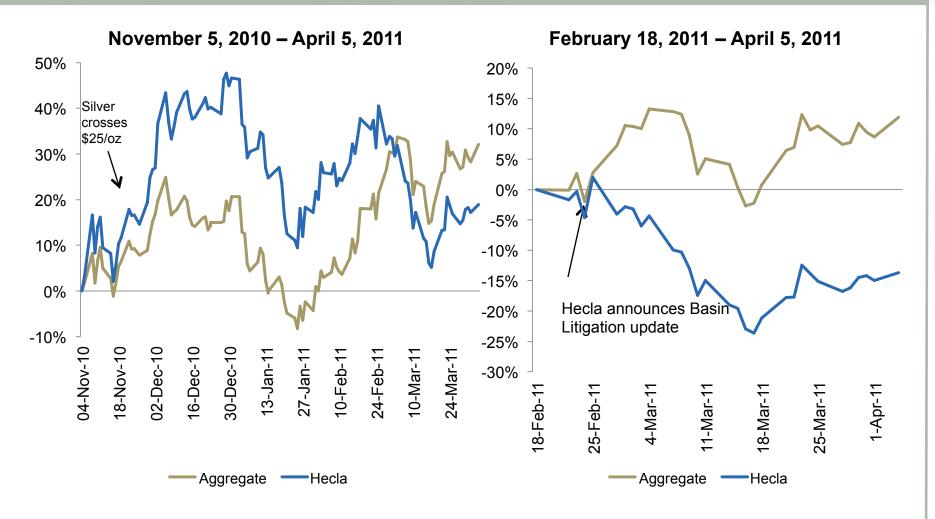
Coeur d'Alene Basin Litigation

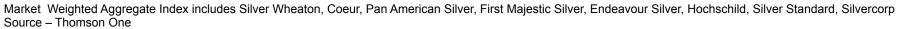
- Potential settlement in negotiation would require the following:
 - \$102 mm cash and \$55.5 million in cash or stock 30 days after Consent Decree
 - \$25 mm cash 30 days after first anniversary
 - \$15 mm cash 30 days after second anniversary
 - \$65.9 mm by August 2014, in quarterly payments of the proceeds from exercises of any outstanding Series 1 & 3 warrants¹ during the quarter with the balance of the \$65.9 mm due in August 2014
 - Hecla is hopeful that a settlement can be achieved by the end of Q2/11
 - Source of payment
 - \$80 mm of tax benefit
 - \$65.9 mm from exercise of warrants
 - \$117 mm from balance sheet or cash flow

^{1.} The Series 1 and Series 3 warrants have an exercise price between \$2.45 and \$2.56 per share.



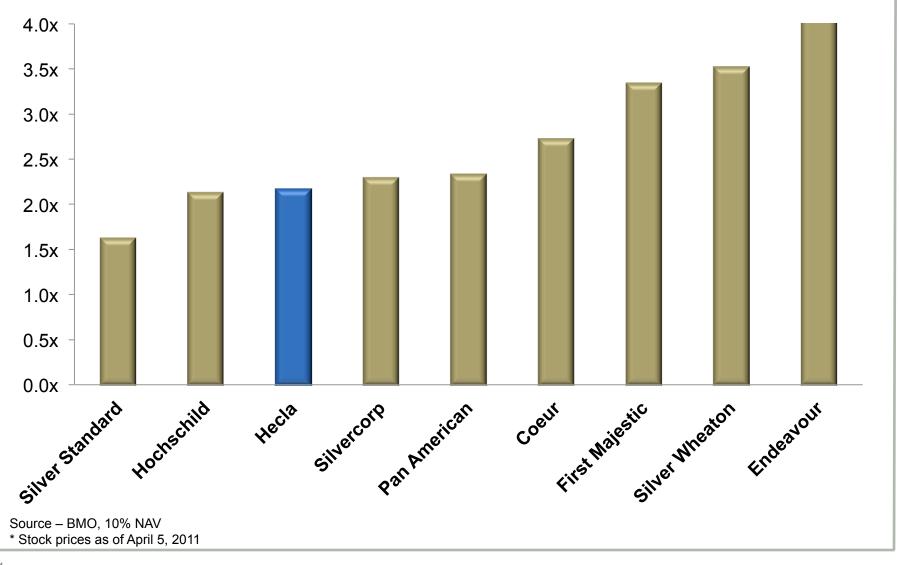
Price Performance





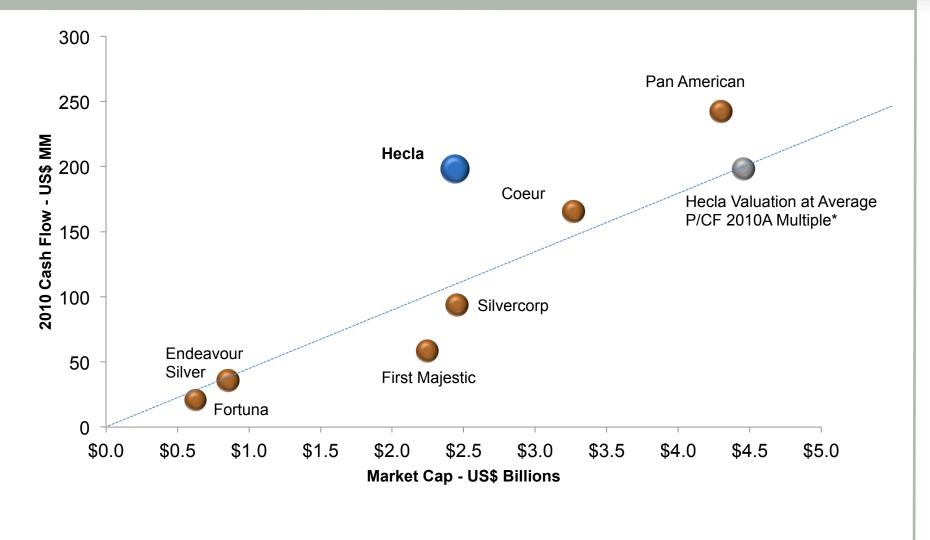


Price / Net Asset Value





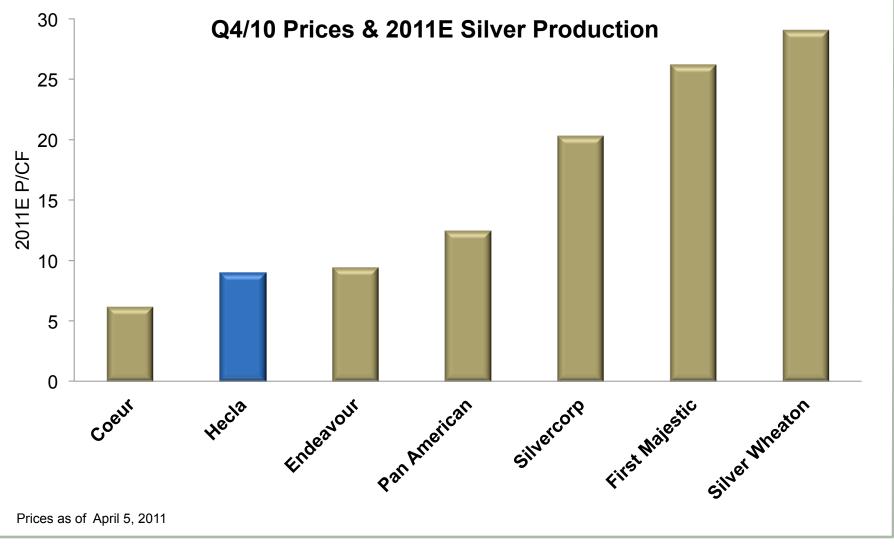
2010 Price / Cash Flow



^{*} Weighted Average P/CF 2010A Multiple of companies shown in chart - 22.5x, with the exception of Hecla. Stock prices as of April 5, 2011

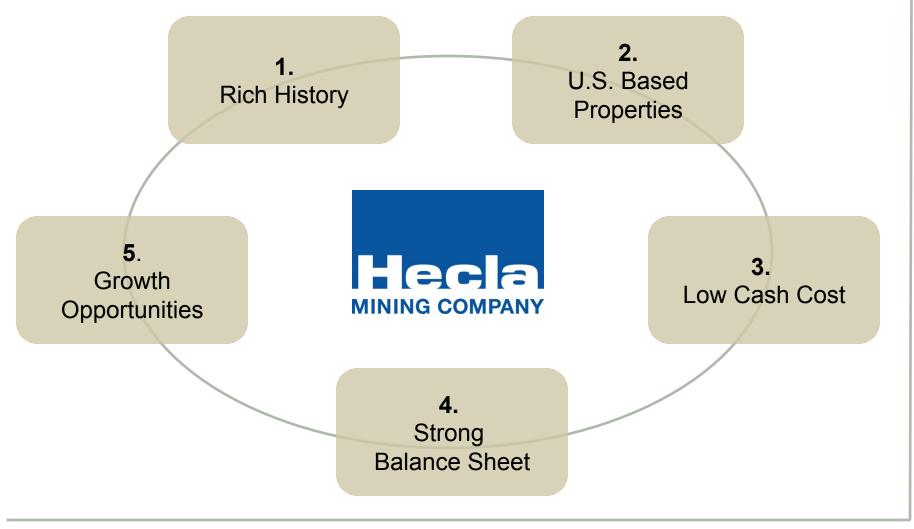


2011E Price / Cash Flow





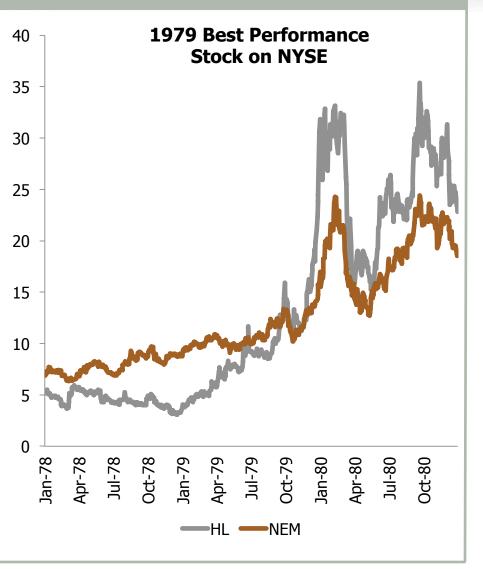
"Go To" Silver Producer





1. Rich History

- Over a century of operating experience
- Reserve & resource growth over the last 5 years
- Record margins per ounce of silver
- Legacy of mining and mine building expertise
- Dedicated employees with extensive mining experience





2. U.S. Based Properties

- Two strong and long-lived mines in the U.S.
 - Greens Creek Mine, Alaska, operating since 1989
 - Lucky Friday Mine, Idaho, operating since 1942
- Exploration projects in U.S. & Mexico







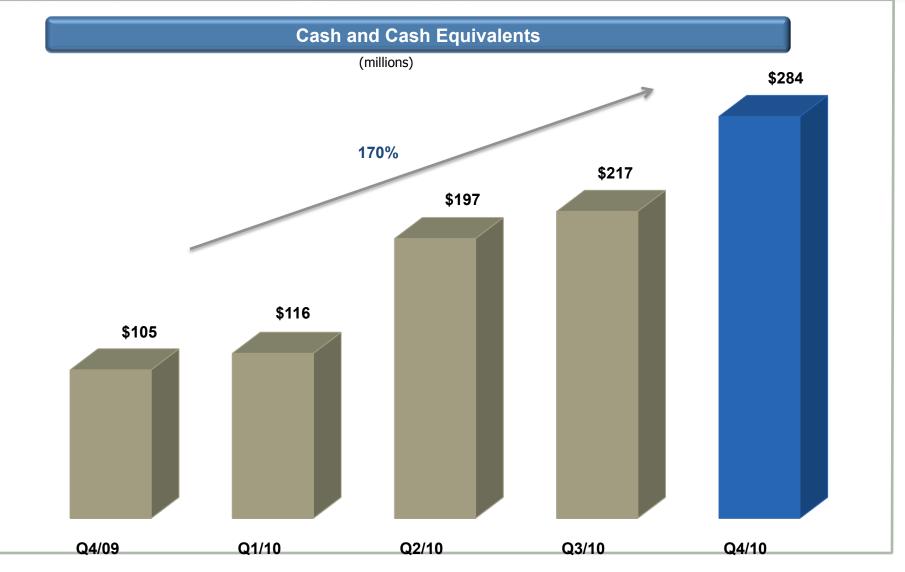
3. Low Cash Costs - Record Margins



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4. Strong Balance Sheet





5. Growth Opportunities - Ideally Positioned

Accomplishments

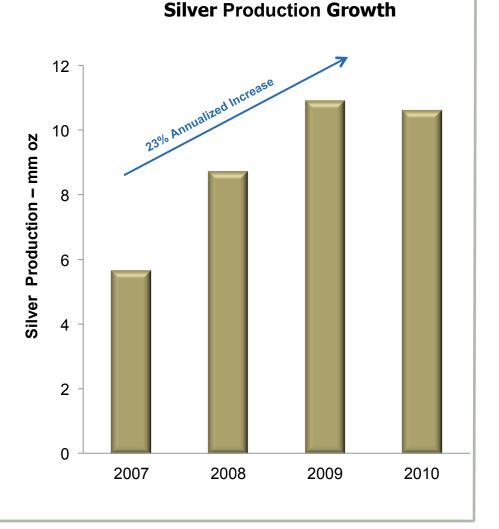
- Doubled silver production since 2007
- Tripled cash flow generation since 2007

Growth Upside

- Further develop mines
- Lucky Friday #4 shaft development
- Greens Creek increasing throughput

Organic growth

- Exploration program of \$27 mm in 2011
- M&A opportunities focused on:
 - Americas
 - Precious metals assets
 - Advanced projects and operating mines





Greens Creek, Alaska

- One of the world's largest high-grade and low-cost silver mines
- Over 20 years, more than 200 mm oz of silver
- Produced 7.2 mm oz of silver at a negative total cash cost of \$3.90/oz¹ in 2010
- Increased mine throughput from 2,000 to 2,200 tons/day since acquisition in 2008
- Underground mine ramp-up



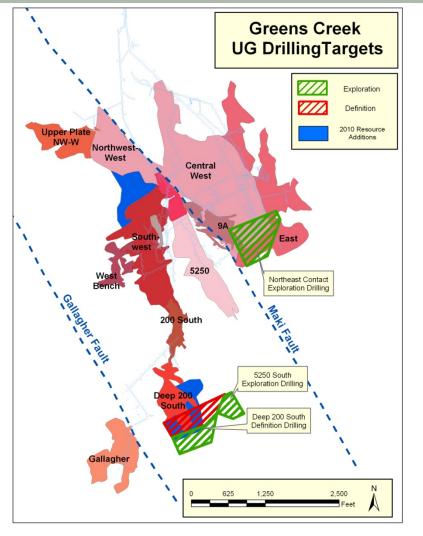
Mine Production Start-up	1989
Silver Reserves mm oz	99.7
Silver Resources mm oz	54.6

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Greens Creek - Exploration

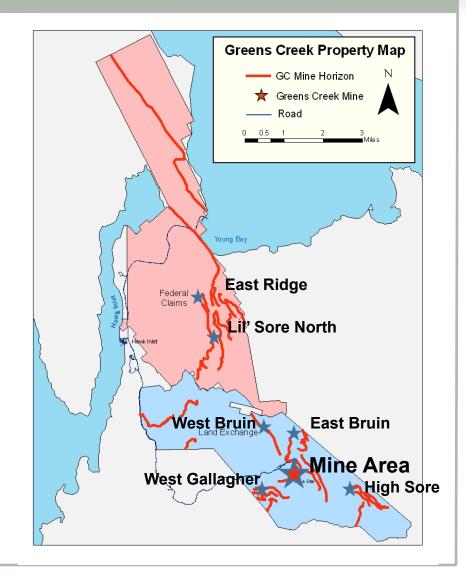
- 20 years of production and 10 years of reserves = red block by mine area on map
- Added 24 mm ounces of silver resources in 2010
- Good exploration potential along 200 South, 5250 South & East zone trends
- Surface and underground drilling continue to define the NE contact (parallel and below current infrastructure)





Greens Creek - Exploration

- Very large and under-explored 29 square mile land position
- Over 30 miles of unexplored mine contact (red-trace) and multiple targets
- Surface exploration is fairly new due to establishment of Land Exchange
- 2011 Program \$8 mm
 - 2 underground drills
 - 3 surface drills





A Bright Future - Lucky Friday & Silver Valley

- Almost 70 years of silver-lead-zinc mining with 145 mm oz of silver produced to date
- Focused on #4 Shaft development with potential to increase silver production from 3 to 5 mm oz per year
- Production increase beyond 3 to 5 mm oz being studied but will be based on mill constraints
- Produced 3.4 mm oz of silver at a total cash cost of \$3.76/oz¹ in 2010
- Record mill throughput of 351k tons in 2010



Mine Production Start-up	1942
Silver Reserves mm oz	42.3
Silver Resources mm oz	157.5

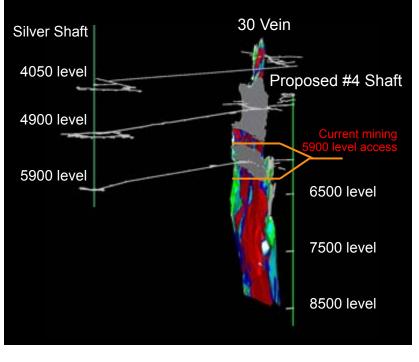
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Lucky Friday #4 Shaft Project

- 60% production increase from approx.
 3-5 mm oz silver/year
 - Increased ore grade from 10.4 opt to approximately 14 opt
 - Throughput increase from 350k tons to 375k tons
- Extension of mine life beyond 2030
- Internal shaft descending from 4,900 to 8,800 feet
- Capital requirement approx. \$200 mm
 - \$37.7 mm spent in 2010
 - \$45 mm budget in 2011
- #4 Shaft completion expected in H2/2014







Lucky Friday #4 Shaft Project

- Excavation of hoist room and foundation completed
- Q4/2010 shaft project highlights:
 - Scope increased to include shaft depth from 7800 level to 8800 level
 - Hoist update major mechanical components installed and operational
- Next step shaft sinking setup





Lucky Friday #4 Shaft Project

Hoist Room Ventilation

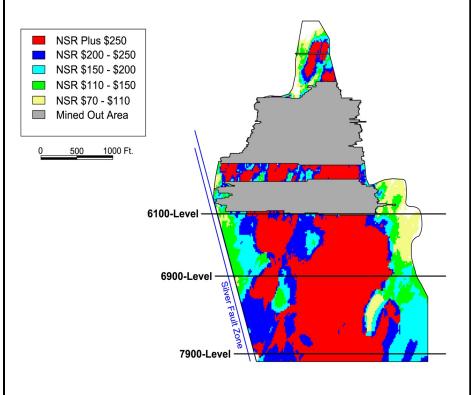
Top Station – Bottom of Work Deck





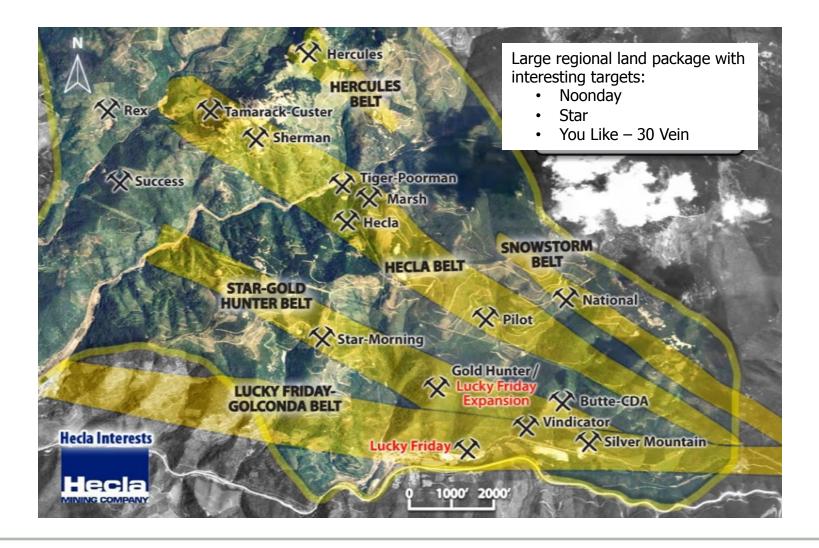
Exploration - Lucky Friday/Silver Valley

- World-class silver camp with exploration upside
- Mine exploration has doubled silver reserves since 2007 to 42.3 mm oz
- Increased grade and thickness at depth in the 30 Vein extending below 8,000 feet
- Exploration continues to the east (other veins with high grades), to the west, and in the Gap area
- Largest reserve and resource in history of mine
- 2011 Program \$5 mm





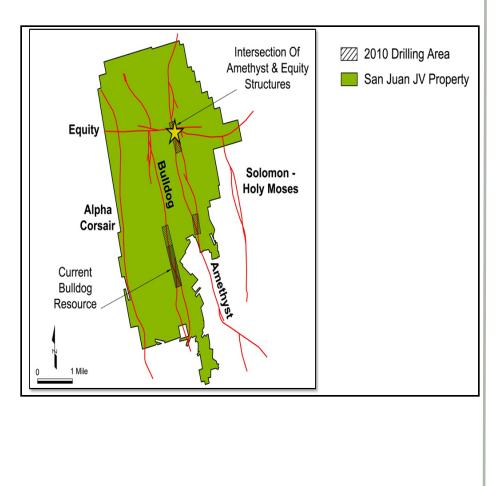
Exploration - Lucky Friday/Silver Valley





Exploration - San Juan Silver JV, Colorado

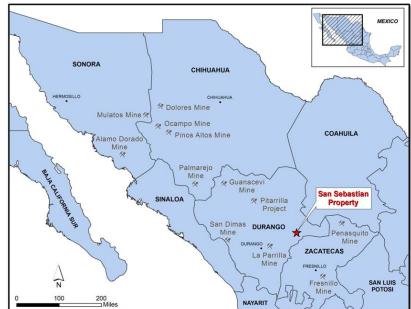
- Control of the mineral district
- Past production of 84 mm oz of silver
- Silver resource 37 mm oz
 - 51k tons Lead
 - 41k tons Zinc
- Multiple vein structures with potential for 100 mm oz
- Recent high-grade silver intersections on Bulldog and Amethyst veins
- Discovery of gold and silver mineralization where Amethyst vein intersects the Equity structure
- 2011 program \$5 mm





Exploration - San Sebastian, Mexico

- On trend with major mines and deposits in central Mexico
- District-sized 300 square miles
- Silver/base metal resource Hugh zone
 - 33k ton Lead
 - 50k ton Zinc
 - 23k ton Copper
 - \$1,000/ton NSR
- Exploration program includes
 - Re-evaluating zones previously mined given current metal prices
 - Remodeling veins in the district
- 2011 program \$3 mm





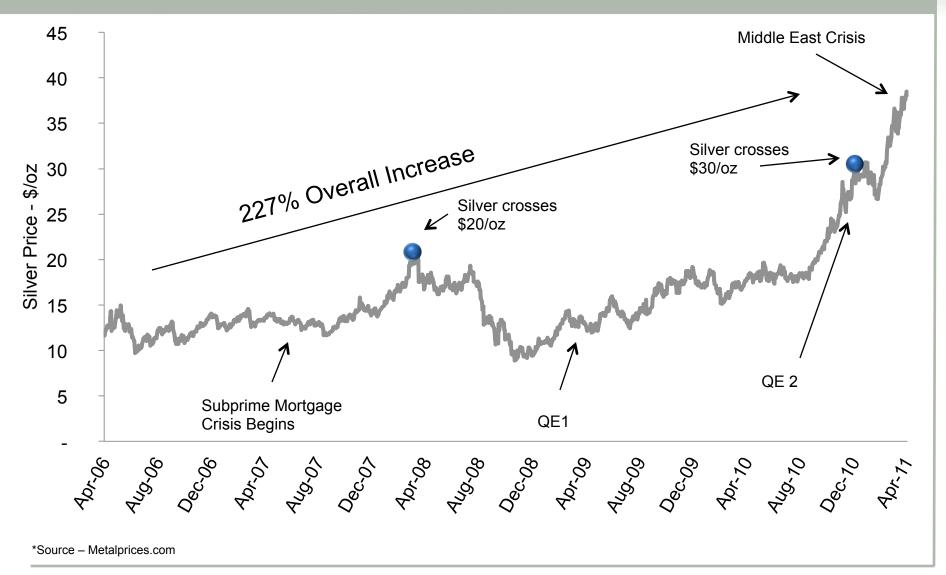
2011 Guidance

- 9-10 mm oz of silver
- Cash costs approx. \$0.00/oz of silver Assuming current prices of \$1,350/oz gold and \$1.05/lb lead and zinc
- \$100 mm in capital expenditures
- \$27 mm in exploration

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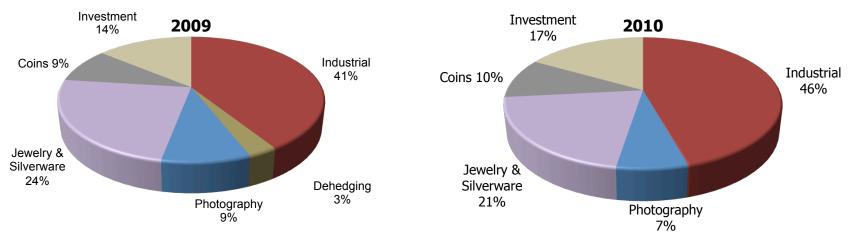


5 Year Silver Price





Strong Silver Market in 2010

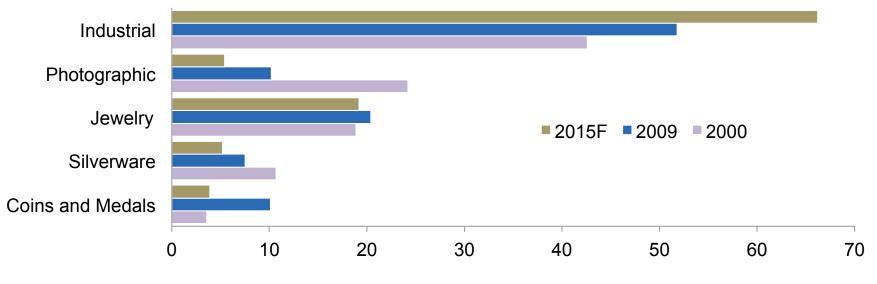


- 40% rise in world investment demand \$5.6 B or 279 mm oz
- 21% industrial demand growth nearly recovered recession-induced losses
- Silver market approx. \$39 B or 1 B ounces
- Silver is a lifestyle metal; broad uses (mirrors, glass coating, cellophane, metals, batteries, electrical products), superior conductivity properties
- iShares ETF has grown from 20 mm oz in 2006 to 351 mm oz
- Size of global ETF market is 583 mm oz silver

Source: GFMS Word Silver Survey 2011



Robust Silver Demand



% of Total Fabrication

- Silver's industrial demand has increased 70% from 273 mm oz in 1990 to 487 mm oz in 2010 and is expected to grow to approx. 666 mm oz by 2015
- Silver price forecasted to continue rising in 2011 with continued inflows of investment demand and growth in industrial demand



Summary

- Hecla "Go To" Silver Producer
- Largest silver producer in the U.S. with long-life, low-cost mines and district-sized land packages
- Generating very strong financial and operating results
- Attractive valuation and inexpensive on Price/Cash Flow metric
- \$284 mm in cash and no debt
- Ideally positioned to grow internally and through M&A

