

# Growing Silver Zinc Copper Lead Producer in Mexico

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- Silver and Base Metal producer
- 100% owned assets
- No Hedging
- Royalty Free\*
- Excellent Infrastructure: Road, power and water to site

#### **Performance**

- Strong Operational Cash Flow; no debt
- 2011 Production Exceeded 2.8 million Silver Equivalent Ounces (AgEq. oz)

#### **Growth & Expansion**

- Organic Production and Resource Growth
- Opportunity for Further Growth through Development

# **Execution and Delivery**

- Solid and strong team
- Significant improvements at the mine and mill site



<sup>\*</sup> Only 4% of the Corporation's properties are subject to 1.25% NSR royalty

# 2011 A Solid Year





#### **Operations**

- Reduced lost time frequency and severity index by 91 and 89% respectively
- Zero environmental non-compliance
- Increased 2011 production of AgEq oz. by 41% in comparison to 2010
- Improved mining practices & grade control: Reduced dilution, increased recovery
- · Assumed control of mining operations at La Verde and commenced refurbishment
- Continued metallurgical testing of future mill feed from La Verde and San Rafael deposits
- Initiated replacement of aging mining fleet

#### **Financial**

(As at December 31, 2011)

- Increased YTD EBITDA by 144% in comparison to 2010
- Increased YTD gross revenues by 67%
- Increased YTD mine operating earnings by 271%
- Increased YTD cash flow from operations by 194%
- Repaid debt of \$20 M in May 2011; cash on hand at December 31, 2011: \$25.8 M

# **Growth & Expansion**

- Initiated an aggressive exploration program to build mineral resource base
- Acquired additional mineral concessions in the Cosalá and Parral districts
- Commenced Nuestra Señora plant expansion options studies

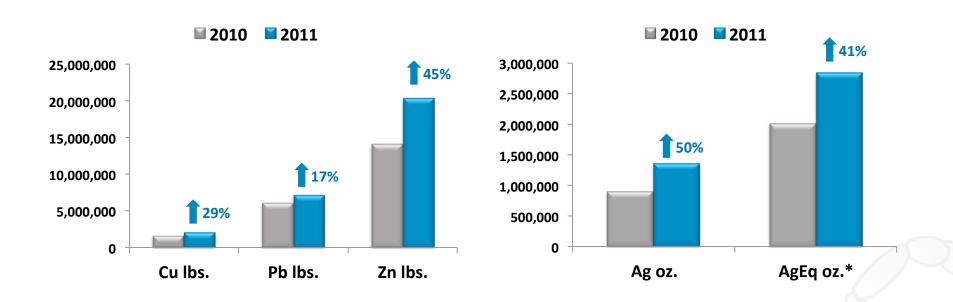
#### **Corporate**

- Attained debt-free status
- Strengthened management team with key appointments



#### **Increases from Year Ended December 31, 2010:**

- 34% 1 in plant throughput
- Significant increases in recovered metal in all concentrates



<sup>\*</sup> Silver equivalent (AgEq) ounces are based on 2011 budgeted prices: Ag US\$24/oz., Zn US\$1.01/lb., Pb US\$1.02/lb., Cu US\$3.58/lb.

# 2011 Financial Highlights

	2011	2010
Revenue from metal payable (000s)	\$70,323	\$42,231
Mine operating earnings (000s)	\$33,231	\$8,959
Net earnings before gain (loss) on Scorpio Gold transactions (000s)	\$13,891	\$11,261
Gain (loss) on Scorpio Gold transactions (000s)	\$(1,314)	\$19,396
Net earnings (000s)	\$12,577	\$30,657
Earnings per share (Basic)	\$0.07	\$0.18
Adjusted EBITDA (000s)	\$35,002	\$14,325
Adjusted EBITDA per share (Basic)	\$0.18	\$0.09
Cash flows from operating activities (000s)	\$33,869	\$11,511
Cash cost per silver payable ounce (US\$)	\$1.14	\$1.89
Recovered silver equivalent ounces*	2,847,687	2,014,188

#### For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 & 2010

Increase of  271%  Over Mine Operating  Earnings in 2010	Increase of  194%  Over Cash Flow from  Operating activities  in 2010	2011 Revenue from Metal Payable \$70.3M	2010 Revenue from Metal Payable \$42.2M		
2011 Mine Operating Earnings \$33.2M	2011 Cash Flow from Operating activities \$33.9 M	57% Ag 23% Zn 9% Pb 11% Cu	2010 Revenue Distribution 45% Ag 28% Zn 14% Pb 13% Cu		

The year ended December 31, 2010 results include a \$20.2 million gain on dilution and deconsolidation of Scorpio Gold Corporation and a \$9.9 million deferred income tax recovery adjustment.

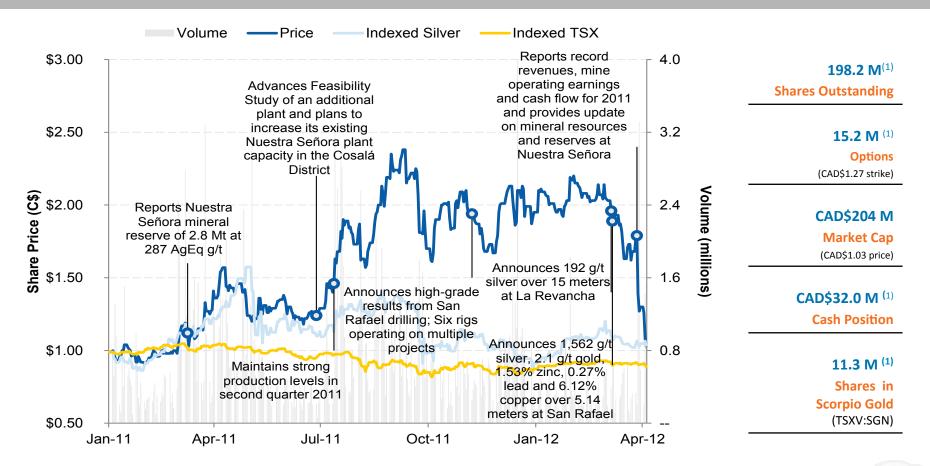
While comparisons to 2010 show large increases, it should be noted that Q2 2010 suffered from a significant throughput reduction due to a ball mill failure. Further details of the 2011 financial highlights are presented in the Corporation's <u>March 27, 2012</u> press release.

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## **Driving Growth by Creating Value**

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#### **Major Shareholders**

- Tocqueville Asset Management
- JP Morgan Asset X Management
- Van Eck Global
- Royce & Associates
- Sprott Asset Management

#### **Analyst Coverage**

- Mackie Research
- Casimir Capital Ltd.
- MLV
- Clarus Securities Inc.

(1) As of March 26, 2012 (2) As of December 31, 2011; \$32 M as of March 26, 2012



#### Nuestra Señora Mineral Resource & Reserve Estimate as of October 31, 2010

#### **Currently Being Reviewed and a Significant Reduction is Expected**

Mineral Resources
Below the 4750 Level

Category	Cut-off Value US \$/t	Tonnes t x 1,000	Silver (g/t)	Zinc (%)	Copper (%)	Lead (%)	Gold (g/t)	Silver Equivalent (g/t)
Measured	>\$85	1,890	114	3.41	0.46	1.60	0.16	349
Indicated	>\$85	1,181	115	3.42	0.49	1.50	0.14	348
Measured + Indicated	>\$85	3,071	114	3.41	0.47	1.56	0.15	349
Inferred	>\$85	446	123	3.97	0.53	1.68	0.17	388

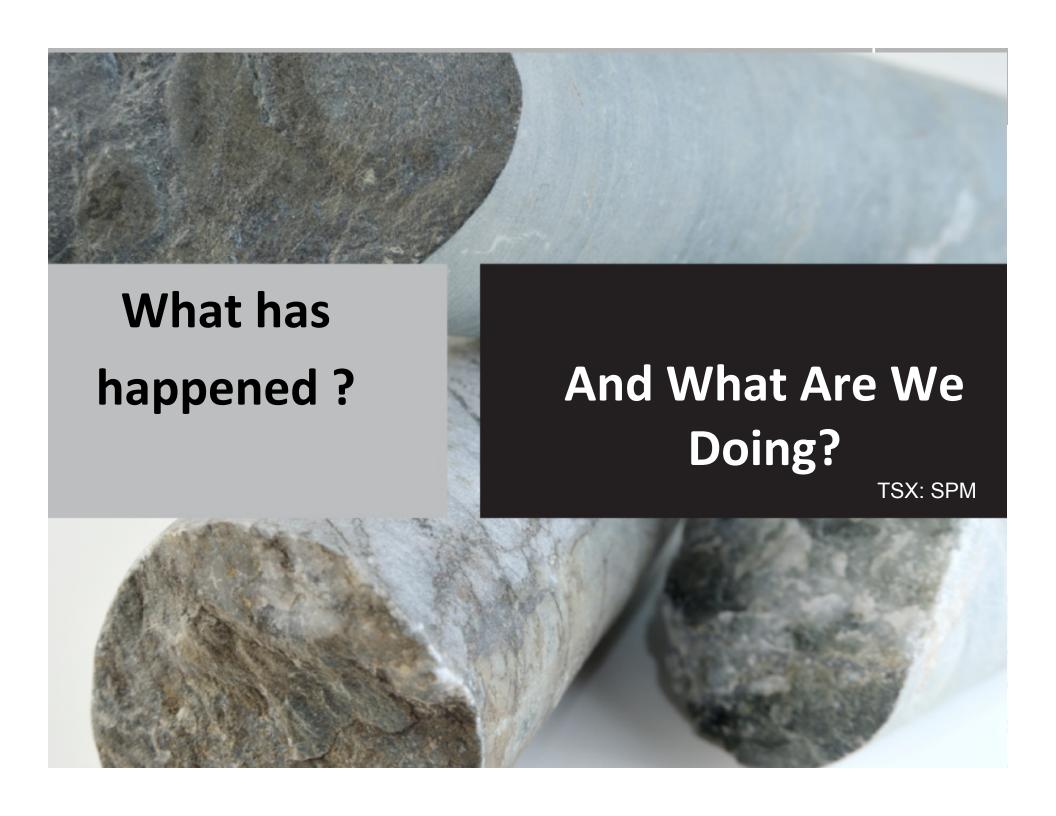
Mineral Reserves Below the 4750 Level

Category	Cut-off Value US \$/t	Tonnes t x 1,000	Value US\$/t	Silver (g/t)	Zinc (%)	Copper (%)	Lead (%)	Gold (g/t)	Silver Equivalent (g/t)
Proven	>\$85	1,701	148	94	2.81	0.38	1.32	0.13	288
Probable	>\$85	1,063	148	95	2.82	0.40	1.23	0.12	287
Proven + Probable	>\$85	2,764	148	95	2.81	0.39	1.28	0.12	287

The NI 43-101 technical report to support this estimate was filed on SEDAR March 30, 2011.

Please refer to the Corporation's press releases of <u>November 3, 2011</u> and <u>March 27, 2012</u> regarding a divergence between this estimate and actual mineralization encountered at Nuestra Señora. The Corporation has engaged Mine Development Associates to prepare a new resource and reserve estimate; the new resource estimate is scheduled for completion by end of Q2 2012, and reserve estimate expected in late Q3 or early Q4 2012.





- Divergence between the mineral reserve and resource estimate set out in the Genivar technical report, and the actual mineralization encountered at Nuestra Señora
- Geological information and data from actual mining received by the Company indicates that the mineral deposit is more variable in distribution and continuity, and more confined in extent that anticipated
- Comprehensive review
- Engaged Mine Development Associates to prepare a new reserve and resource estimate
- New resource estimate to be available by the end of Q2 2012
- Updated reserve estimate for Nuestra Señora expected in late Q3 or early in Q4



### What are we Doing?

- Updated resource and reserve estimate at Nuestra Señora expected in Q2 2012 and Q3/Q4 2012, respectively
- Accelerate development and production in areas that were not as prominent in the 2012 production plan
- Accelerate development and exploration in remnants of historical production
- Accelerate development of the La Verde mine around recent production areas
- Phase I of the Nuestra Señora plant expansion by 80% to 2,750 tonnes per day. Phase I is expected to be concluded in Q2 2012
- Phase II will depend on the results of the resource and reserve updates at Nuestra Señora, El Cajón and San Rafael, drilling results at La Verde, and permitting

### **Nuestra Señora - Final Concentrates**

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Nuestra Señora Processing Facility produces copper, zinc and lead concentrates; with a significant silver component in the copper and lead concentrates.

Copper



Lead



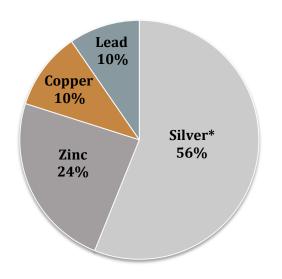
**Zinc** 



# **Nuestra Señora Operation – 2012 Forecast**

Average Daily Throughput	1,425 TPD
Recovered Silver in all Concentrates	1.4 M oz.
Recovered Zinc in Zinc Concentrate	18.7 M lbs.
Recovered Copper in Copper Concentrate	2.1 M lbs.
Recovered Lead in Lead Concentrate	6.3 M lbs.
Silver Equivalent oz.*  Recovered in  all Concentrates	2.4 M oz.

#### **Forecast Revenue Breakdown**



<sup>\*</sup> Silver equivalent ounces and forecast revenue breakdown are based on budgeted metal prices of: Ag US\$28/oz., Zn US\$0.90/lb., Pb US\$0.90/lb., Cu US\$3.20/lb.

# **Focused on Growth**





# Cosalá District Upside

#### **Major Landholder**

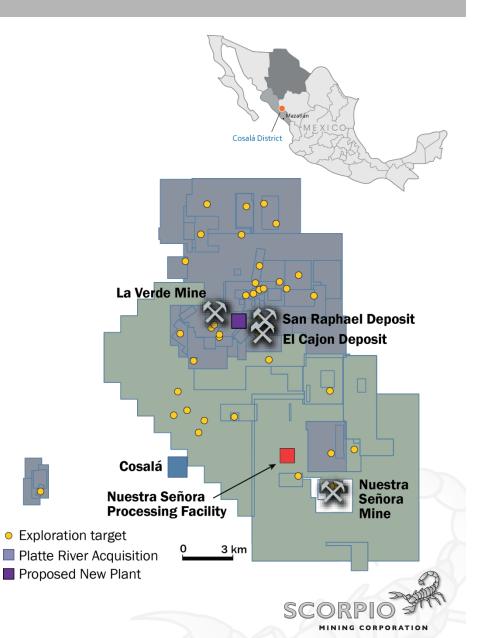
- The Platte River Acquisition increased Scorpio's holdings in the Cosalá District by >10,000 hectares
- Land position encompasses 29,161 hectares spanning ~19 km x 23 km
- Over 40 known exploration targets including historically producing mines

#### **Advanced Deposits**

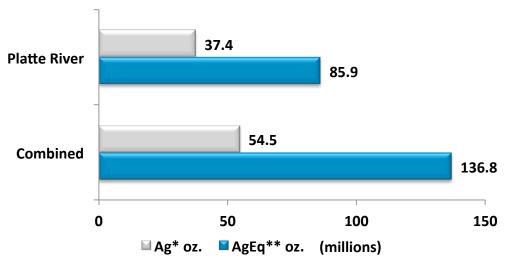
- El Cajón and San Rafael Deposits with NI 43-101 compliant mineral resources
- La Verde Mine

#### **Mineralization**

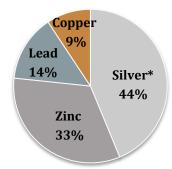
- Silver-zinc-copper-lead-gold
- Silver-gold stockwork
- Porphyry copper

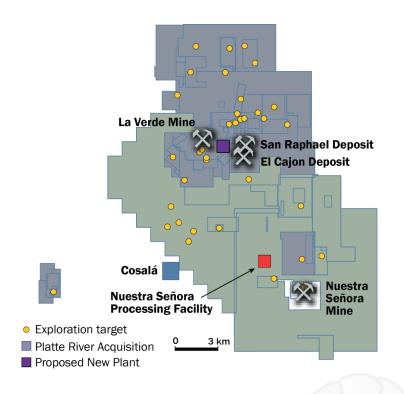


# Relative Metal Content in Assets from Platte River Acquisition and Combined Assets of Platte River & Nuestra Señora Deposit



#### **Proportion of Contained Metal in Combined AgEq oz.**





#### Nuestra Señora reserves are being revised and a significant reduction is expected



<sup>\*</sup> Silver includes gold credit.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on US\$16.00/oz. Ag, US\$1,015/oz. Au, US\$0.85/lb. Zn, US\$0.80/lb. Pb and US\$2.30/lb. Cu. Metal contents based on NI 43-101 compliant measured & indicated resources as of October 30, 2010.

## Cosalá District – San Rafael Deposit

#### **San Rafael Deposit**

- Main, Upper & 120 Zones: Silver-lead-zinc, silver-copper-gold and silver-gold dominant mineralized zones
- Preliminary Economic Assessment and initial metallurgical studies completed

- Exploration drilling in progress on significant extension to the northwest
- Updated NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate expected in mid 2012

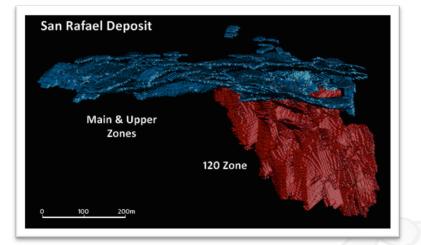
#### Main & Upper Zones – Mineral Resource Estimate<sup>1</sup>

Cutoff % ZnEq	Category	Tonnes t x 1,000	Silver (g/t)	Zinc (%)	Copper (%)	Lead (%)	Gold (g/t)
3.5%	Measured + Indicated	5,997	89.5	3.42	0.06	1.46	0.12
3.5%	Inferred	14	64.1	1.46	0.04	1.45	0.11

#### 120 Zone – Mineral Resource Estimate<sup>1</sup>

Cutoff g/t AgEq	Category	Tonnes t x 1,000	Silver (g/t)	Zinc (%)	Copper (%)	Lead (%)	Gold (g/t)
100	Indicated	1,916	130.6	0.48	0.34	0.13	0.17
100	Inferred	195	130.8	0.05	0.28		0.16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A NI 43-101 technical report to support the resource estimates was prepared by Mine Development Associates of Reno, Nevada and filed on SEDAR December 4, 2009.





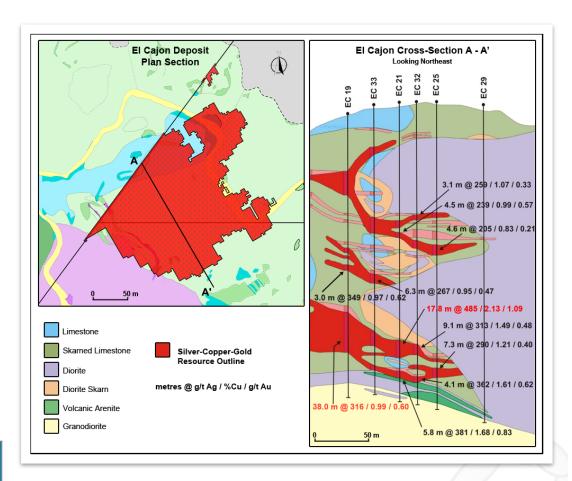
# Cosalá District – El Cajón Deposit

#### El Cajón Deposit

- Silver-copper-gold dominated mineralization, similar to San Rafael 120 Zone
- Preliminary Economic Assessment and initial metallurgical studies completed
- 3,500 m exploration drilling in 2012
- Updated NI 43-101 resource estimate expected in Q2 2012
- Potential to add resources by acquisition.
- Several nearby undrilled targets

#### El Cajón – Mineral Resource Estimate<sup>1</sup>

Cutoff g/t AgEq	Category	Tonnes t x 1,000	Silver (g/t)	Copper (%)	Gold (g/t)
50	Indicated	2,442	129.4	0.44	0.19
50	Inferred	996	97.2	0.34	0.13



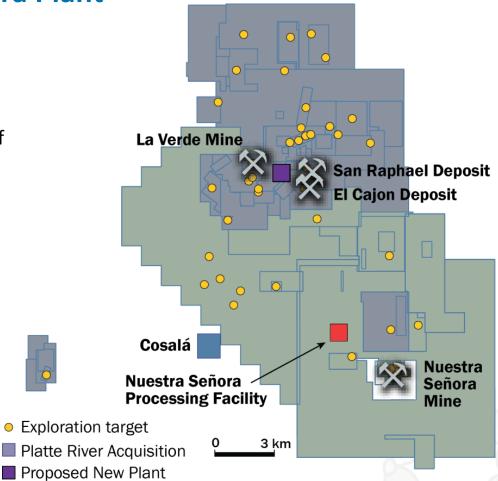


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## **Expansion Plans**

#### **Expansion of the Nuestra Señora Plant**

- Increase production by 80% to 2,750 TPD
- Phase I:
  - Engineering, civil works and purchasing of long lead time items
  - Expected completion: Q2 2012
- Phase II:
  - Construction and commissioning
  - Commencement is pending results of ongoing resource & reserve estimates at Nuestra Señora, San Rafael and El Cajón, drilling at La Verde, and permitting





# **Exploration Upside**

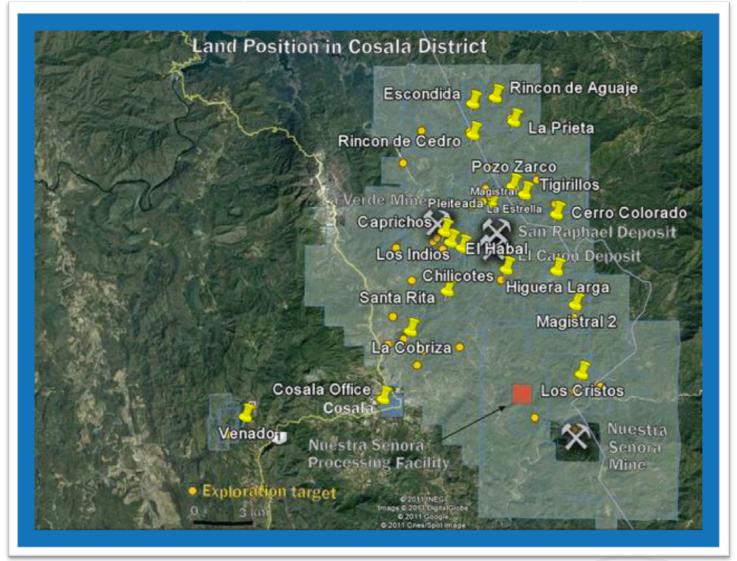


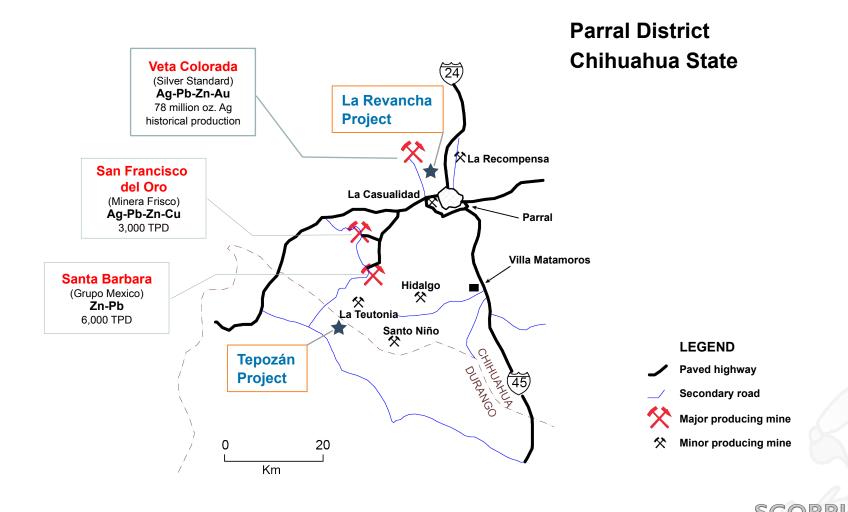


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### **Exploration Upside**

#### **Cosalá District**





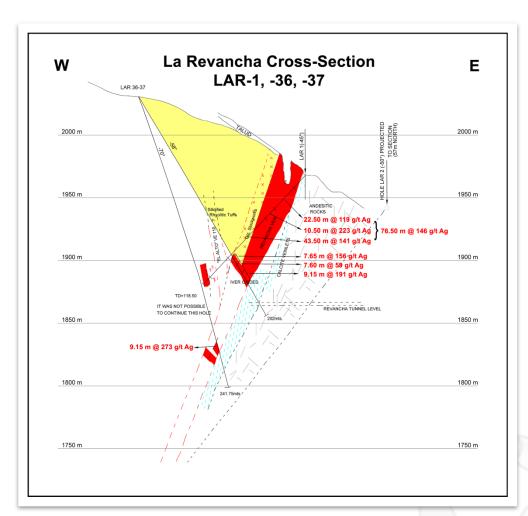
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# Parral District – La Revancha Deposit

#### La Revancha Silver Deposit

- Up to 36 m wide mineralized zone outlined over a 300 m strike length
- Vein system traced over a 1.5 km
- Deposit open; drilling in progress
- Mineralization outcrops on surface; may be amendable to low-cost, open pit



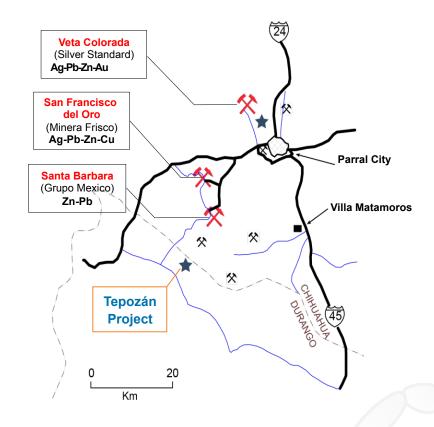




# Parral District - Tepozán Deposit

#### **Tepozán Silver-Gold Deposit**

- 1.3 km long silver-gold mineralized vein system
- Deposit open; drilling in 2012
- Limited historical production
- Chip channel sampling of main workings:
  - >200 g/t Ag over 1-2 m widths in 50% of samples
  - Gold anomalous throughout and locally reports >1 g/t Au over 1-2 m widths
- Best results from sampling to date: 895 g/t Ag/
   2.0 m and 7.54 g/t Au/1.7 m
- Excellent potential for down-dip, high-grade silver-lead zinc sulphide mineralization



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# 2012 Exploration Program: Five Rigs Operating on Multiple Projects

#### **Cosalá District**

- 6,000 m underground drilling at Nuestra Señora Mine
- 2,000 m underground drilling at La Verde Mine
- 2,500 m surface drilling at La Verde
- 3,000 m surface drilling at San Rafael North Extension
- 3,500 m surface drilling at El Cajón
- 15,000 m surface drilling on early-stage targets

#### **Parral District**

• 4,500 m surface drilling program at La Revancha and Tepozán

#### **Results to Date:**

- San Rafael Deposit: High-grade intersections are expected to add to resource base and increase overall grade; (Press releases November 7, 2011 and March 6, 2012)
- La Revancha Deposit: Initial drill results returning significant silver values over substantial widths (Press release March 5, 2012)

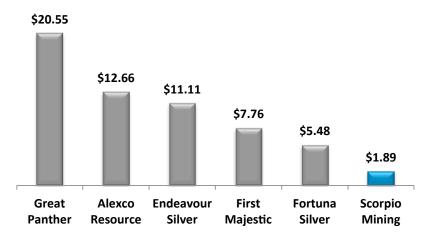
### Scorpio – Undervalued Among its Peers

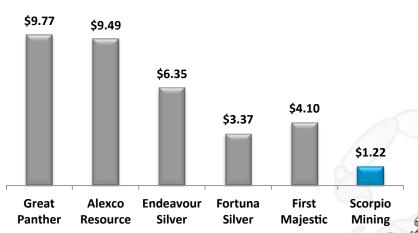
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Corporation		Share	Market	Enterprise	Ag	oz.	Ag Ed	oz.*	EV / A	Ag oz.	EV / Ag	Eq oz.*
	Ticker	Price	Сар	Value	M&I	M,I&I	M&I	M,I&I	M&I	M,I&I	M&I	M,I&I
		(C\$)	(C\$M)	(C\$M)	(M oz)	(M oz)	(M oz)	(M oz)	(C\$/oz)	(C\$/oz)	(C\$/oz)	(C\$/oz)
Alexco Resource	AXR-T	\$6.72	\$403	\$353	18	23	28	37	\$19.73	\$15.13	\$12.66	\$9.49
Endeavour Silver	EDR-T	\$9.11	\$799	\$653	41	70	59	103	\$16.04	\$9.27	\$11.11	\$6.35
First Majestic	FR-T	\$15.82	\$1,668	\$1,558	157	298	201	380	\$9.92	\$5.22	\$7.76	\$4.10
Fortuna Silver	FVI-T	\$4.19	\$524	\$457	55	90	83	136	\$8.24	\$5.07	\$5.48	\$3.37
Great Panther	GPR-T	\$2.12	\$291	\$238	8	17	12	24	\$28.19	\$13.89	\$20.55	\$9.77
				Average	56	100	77	136	\$16.42	\$9.72	\$11.51	\$6.61
Scorpio Mining	SPM-T	\$1.03	\$204	\$167	55	52	89	137	\$3.07	\$3.19	\$1.89	\$1.22

#### EV / M&I (Ag Eq oz.\*)

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Source: Corporation public filings and technical reports. Enterprise values are based on available data as of Mar 15, 2012; share prices updated to April 4, 2012.



<sup>\*</sup> Silver equivalent ounces based on US\$32.54/oz. Ag, US\$1,657/oz. Au, US\$0.95/lb. Zn, US\$0.95/lb. Pb and US\$3.91/lb. Cu.

#### **Performance**

- Strong operational cash flow to support future financing requirements; no debt
- 2011 production exceeded 2.8 million AgEq oz

#### **Expansion**

- Expanding capacity at Nuestra Señora plant by ~80% to 2,750 TPD
- Feasibility study on new 4,000 TPD plant in north Cosalá District

#### **Growth**

- Over 40 exploration targets/deposits in Cosalá District
- Advanced, high-grade silver properties in Parral District
- Aggressive exploration building the resource base



# **Additional Information**



#### **Management Team**

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- Principal, Grant Thornton LLP
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- Mining Manager, Ernest Henry Mine (Australia)
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- Over 30 years' experience in exploration and resource development
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