Mirasol: New Discoveries & New Horizons – Realized Value from Joaquin Discovery and Rapidly Advancing New Discoveries in Chile



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**New Discoveries & New Horizons** 

## **Mirasol Investment Highlights**

- Track Record: Explorer partner of choice
  - Monetized project generation success with sale of Joaquin silver-gold project for US\$60M in cash and stock (value of US\$1.36 per share)
  - Advancing organic discoveries in Chile and Argentina.

### Fully Funded: Strong long-term financial position

- August 2013 cash position<sup>1</sup> ~C\$23.0M
- Marketable securities (Coeur shares) ~US\$18.5M
- Low G&A<sup>2</sup> and burn rate, excluding exploration, of <C\$0.4M/quarter
- No debt

#### Integrity & Innovation:

- Experienced & strong Board, management & exploration team
- Cutting-edge technology using satellite and remote sensing (ASTER) to identify alterations

### Strategic Focus: Dominant early-mover position in prime districts

- Fiscal 2013-14 exploration program ~C\$7M (70% in Chile)
- MRZ has identified 2 drill-ready discoveries and established 7 other prospects in a new gold belt in Northern Chile

August 31, 2013 cash after payment of C\$4.7M in Canadian capital gains tax for the sale of the Joaquin interest.
 Excludes non-cash stock based compensation and amortization.



# **Conservative Capital Structure**

**Delivering Value to Shareholders** 

Ticker Symbol	TSX-V: <b>MRZ</b> Frankfurt: <b>M8R</b>		
Shares Outstanding (August 31, 2013)	44,218,461		
Options	3,757,800		
Warrants <sup>1</sup>	2,200,000		
Fully Diluted Shares (August 31, 2013)	50,113,461		
52-week Low/High	C\$1.07/C\$2.70		
Market Capitalization <sup>2</sup>	C\$55.3M		
Cash <sup>3</sup>	C\$23.0M		
Marketable Securities (Coeur NYSE:CDE)	1.31M shares (US\$18.5M)		
Closely Held – Insiders/Founders	9%		
Major Shareholders	Sprott Asset Management, JP Morgan Asset Management, US Global Investors, AGF Investments, John Tognetti, chairman of Haywood Securities		

Only 5 equity financings since May 2005 IPO; last private placement was Dec. 2011.

1. Currently out of the money at C\$4.30 and C\$3.30 exercise prices. Warrants expire December 20, 2013.

2. Based on close of September 16, 2013 of C1.25.

3. August 31, 2013 cash after payment of C\$4.7M in Canadian capital gains tax for the sale of the Joaquin interest.

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## **Past Year MRZ Performance**

In precious metal uptick periods, MRZ *outperforms* Market Vectors Jr. Gold Miners ETF (GDXJ)



MRZ offers precious metal investing leverage

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**New Discoveries – New Horizons** 

### **Management and Board**

Mary L. Little, *President, CEO, Director and Founder* – M.Sc., MBA, 25+ years as CEO, geologist, analyst and country manager for major mining companies, 15 years in South America.

**Stephen C. Nano**, *V.P. Exploration* and *Founder*, **B.Sc. (Hons.)** – 25+ years in exploration and mining management and consulting roles in Latin America, Asia Pacific & Central Asia for major mining companies.

**Timothy W. Heenan**, *Exploration Manager, Director and Founder* – B.Sc., 25+ years as exploration geologist and program manager throughout the Americas, with small and large mining companies.

Paul G. Lhotka, *Principal Geologist*, Ph.D., P. Geol. – 25+ years in exploration as technical and country manager and Qualified Person with 15 years experience in Latin America

**Nick DeMare**, *Independent Director, CA* – President and founder of Chase Management Inc. and board member of several TSX and Venture-listed companies.

**Borden Putnam, III,** *Independent Director, M.Sc* – Resource investment fund manager for the last 16 years and previously regional exploration manager for several multi-national precious metals companies.

# Joaquin Silver Sale to Coeur – US\$60 Million

Announced Dec. 11, 2012 - Closed Dec. 21, 2012

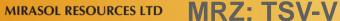
- **Strategy:** Divested project in Argentina to balance geo-political risk focusing on Chile and securing long-term exploration funding
- Efficient Execution: Quick execution of deal. 11 days from announcement to closing on Dec. 21, 2012.
- **Terms:** US\$60 million as \$30M cash + \$30M in shares (1,310,043 NYSE listed Coeur shares.) Cash component for half of the price.
  - Coeur purchased Mirasol's 100% owned Argentine subsidiary
- Discovery leverage: Board and Management expects MRZ's investment in exploration to leverage further project generation opportunities, creating greater value for shareholders

MRZ is now well-funded for the long-term, enabling future growth

# **Joaquin Sale: Recent Comparable Deals**

Date	Target Project	Seller	Acquirer	% Owned	Price (US\$ M)	US\$/oz Ag Equivalent
8/31/2011	ECU, Mexico	ECU	Golden Minerals	100%	312	0.79
1/20/2012	San Jose Mine, Mexico	Minera Andes	U.S. Gold	49%	763	0.31
8/22/2012	Cerro Moro, Argentina	Extorre	Yamana Gold	100%	402	1.89
12/21/2012	Joaquin	Mirasol	Coeur Mining	49% 39%	60	1.70 2.30
2/13/2013	La Preciosa, Mexico	Orko	Coeur Mining	100%	385	1.59

Source: News releases



# **Mirasol Strategy & Focus**



Unique position: <u>Cash and marketable securities of approx.</u> <u>US\$45M</u> & primed with <u>large portfolio of high calibre projects</u>

Major producers continue to do JV's on quality projects

Delivering returns from the project generator JV business model

Remain focused on a geologic / geographic/ strategic scale

De-risking by employing a Hybrid Project Generator – JV model

Strong commitment of core team of <u>Discovery-Focused Management</u> with growing list of discoveries.

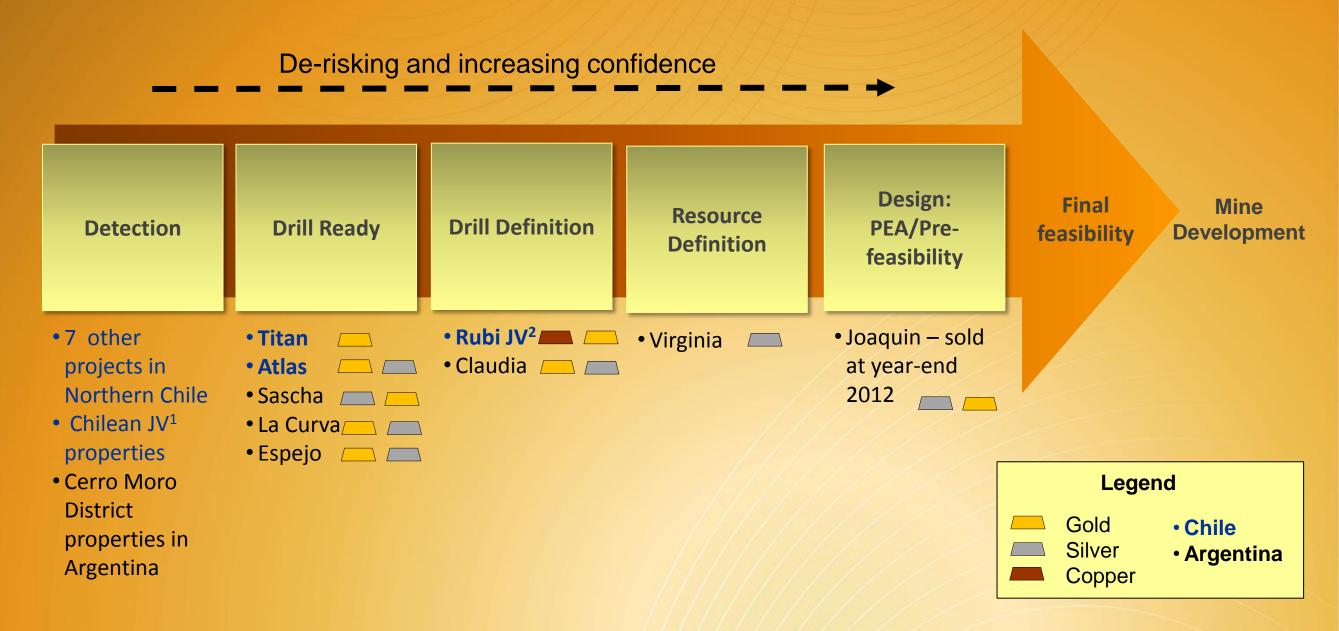
2 two geological terrains & 2 countries – complementary deposit styles

High grade vein style & large bulk tonnage / diversifying political risk

**Chile:** 10 new projects & expanding. Focused on Mio-Pliocene gold deposits. Achieving early success with more to come.

**Argentina**: Many properties. Jurassic epithermal high grade vein & bulk mineable targets. Focused on JV model to minimize financial exposure. Positioned for counter-cyclical opportunities.

# **MRZ's Project Pipeline – Realizing Value**



1. JV with private Chilean company. JV agreement was signed in December 2012 and requires no cash payments from MRZ. MRZ is earning into an initial 51% with first year exploration expenditures of \$300,000.

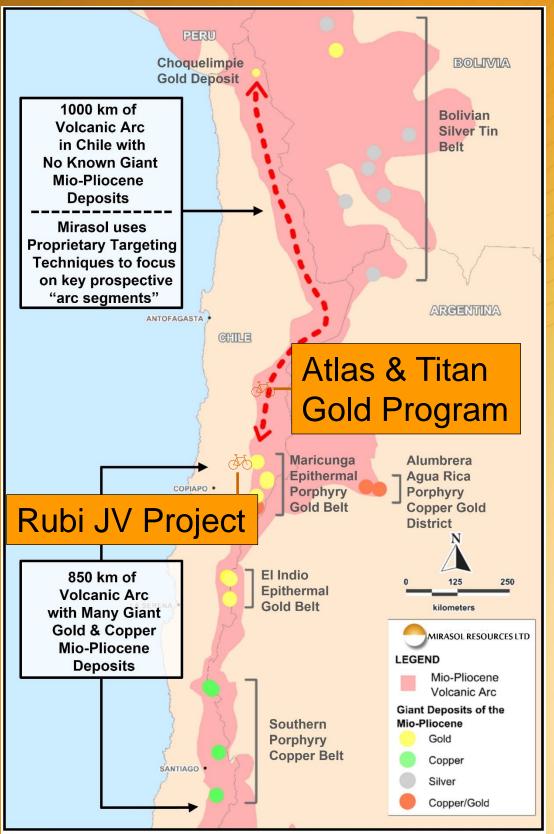
2. As announced in MRZ's news release of Sept. 18, 2013, First Quantum is earning into a 55% interest by expending US\$6.5M over four years (to Sept. 2017) and will pay staged cash payments totaling US\$1.1M. First Quantum can then earn into 65% by completing a NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate and Preliminary Economic Assessment on a minimum resource size of 1 million tonnes of contained copper. First Quantum may further increase its interest to 75% by declaring a "decision to mine" and will provide mine financing at commercial terms if requested by MRZ. Financing terms include interest at LIBOR +4% and repayment of MRZ's mine financing investment from 50% of cash flow.



# **Chile: Mio-Pliocene Arc / Rubi**



## **Mirasol Chile : Mio-Pliocene Arc Generative Program**



- Re-entered Chile 3 years ago after initial 2006 acquisition of Rubi copper-porphyry target
- Diversify sovereign and geological risks
   Giant Mio-Pliocene gold deposits
- Discovery of the Atlas gold-silver target and Titan gold system
- Early success: Identified 9 wholly-owned projects. Potential for new gold district.
- Excellent access and manageable altitude
- Dynamic exploration in underexplored region

## Rubi Copper-Gold Project: Advancing Under New JV with First Quantum

• **Strategy:** Achieved another JV with a senior partner to accelerate project advancement on Mirasol's 100% owned Rubi property

#### Terms with First Quantum:

- First Quantum to invest US\$6.5 million in exploration over 4 years to earn 55% interest
- First year exploration commitment of US\$1.5 million including magnetic survey and 3,000 meters of drilling
- US\$1.1 million in staged cash payments to MRZ with \$50,000 upon signing of definitive agreement expected in December 2013
- After 55% earn in, First Quantum may increase to 75% interest by declaring a "decision to mine" and will provide mine financing to MRZ, if requested by MRZ, at LIBOR +4%

#### Rubi's potential:

- Located in the premier porphyry belt of northern Chile, which hosts many world-class copper deposits such as El Salvador, Potrerillos and Inca Del Oro
- MRZ identified a number of drill targets including a 9 sq km Lithocap prospect of anomalous copper molybdenum and gold geochemistry, porphyry stockwork zone at Portezuelo, and the gold-silver vein target at Quebrada del Salado.



# **Titan Gold Project, Chile**

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## **Titan Project: Attractive Attributes**

- Interest: 100% MRZ
- Location: Favorable access and logistics 4,200 meters elevation
- Size: 5,500 hectares
- Background: Titan was the first of several gold properties discovered in new, emerging area
- Structure: Trenching results indicated large gold anomalous system
  - Coincident geophysical IP signatures support high-sulfidation gold system like La Coipa, Veladero, Pierina and Yanacocha
  - Results highlights: 31 meters at 1.36 g/t gold and 10 meters at 2.13 g/t gold
- Exploration outlook: 3,000 meter RC drill program commenced June 2013 on several targets
  - New JV<sup>1</sup> increases exposure to additional 30,000 hectares north of Titan

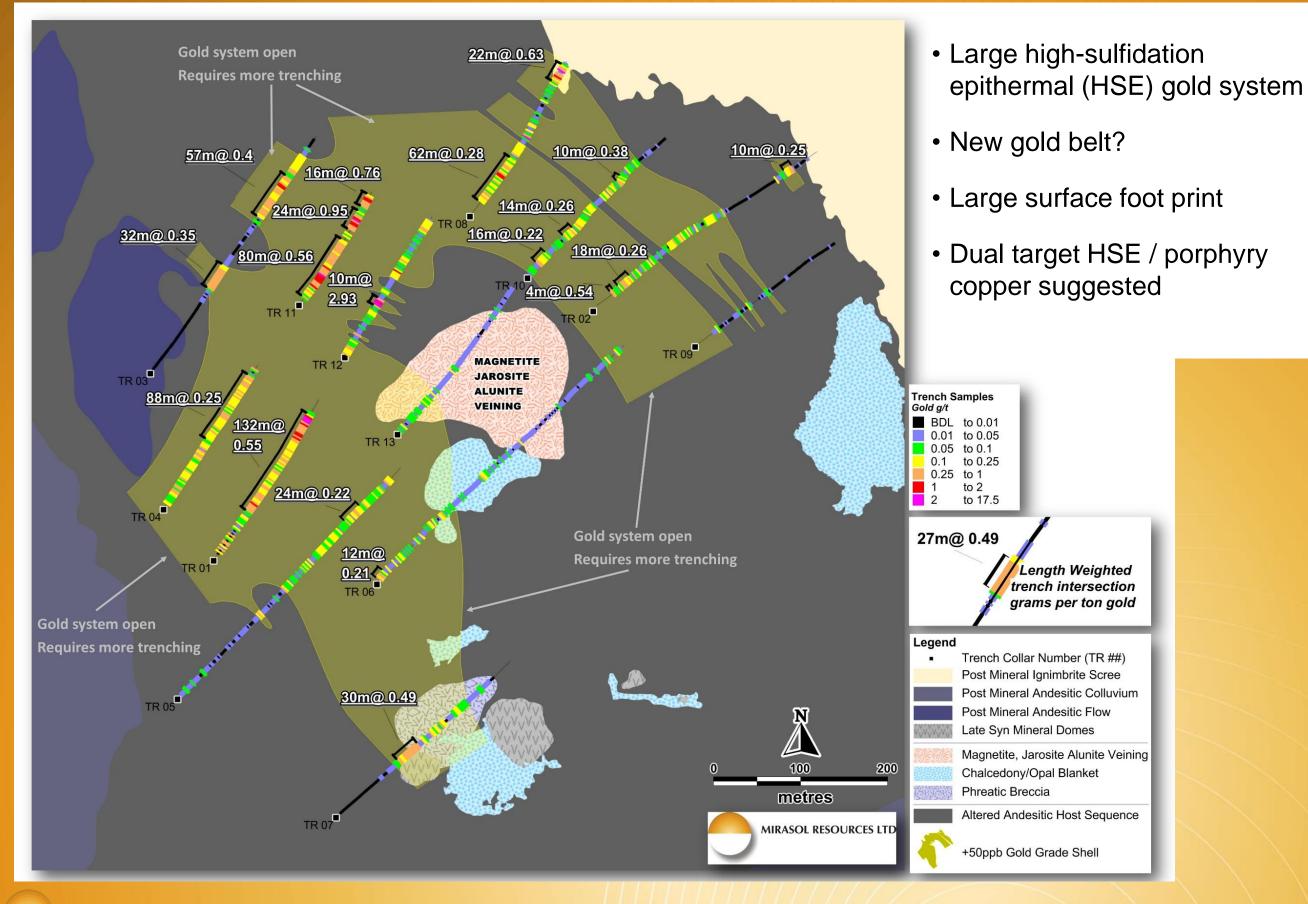
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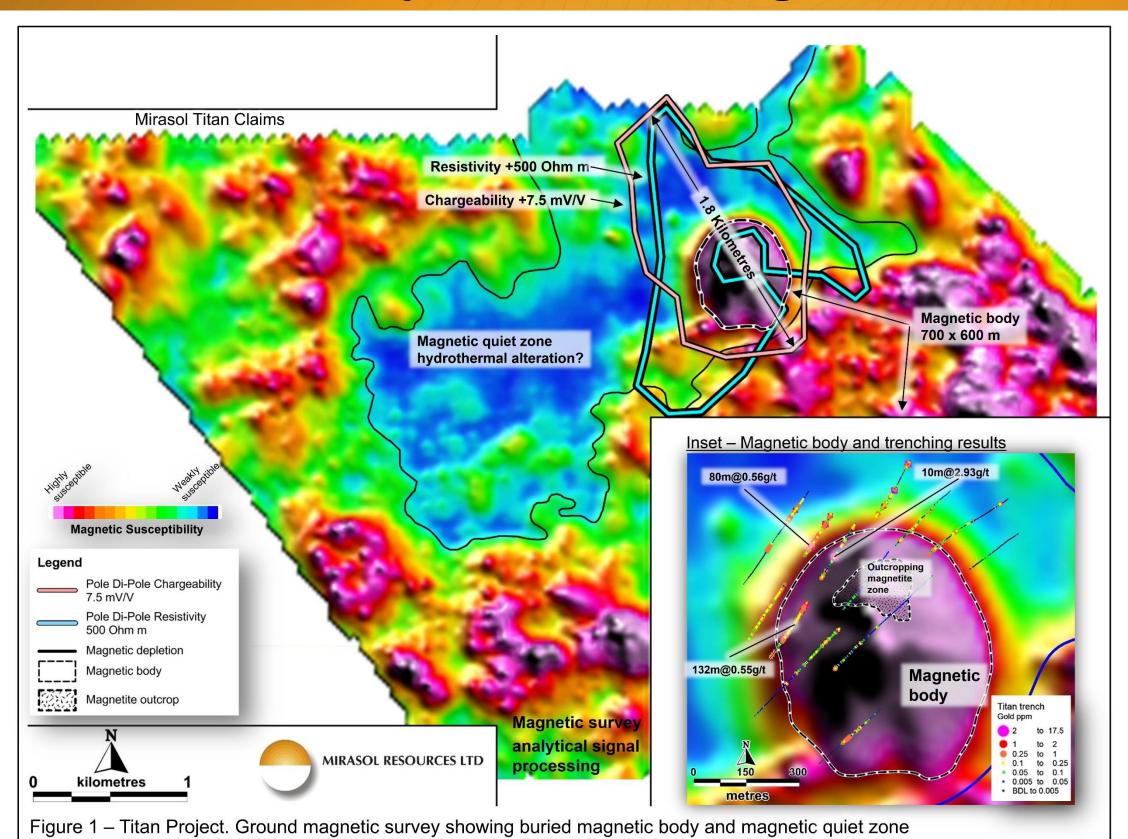
### RC Drilling at Titan Project

Titan Alteration in trenches

#### **Titan Project Gold Trench Results – Original Sampling at 0.1 g/t Au Cut-off.**

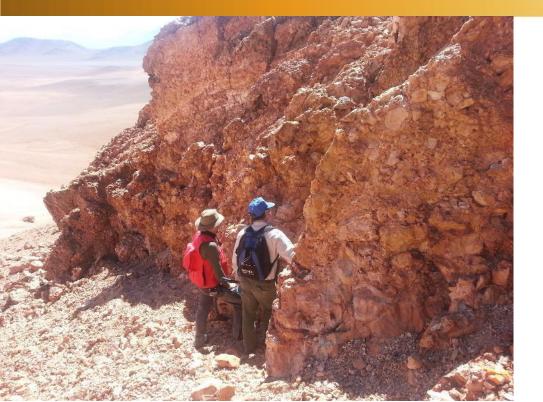


## **Titan Project: Ground Magnetics**





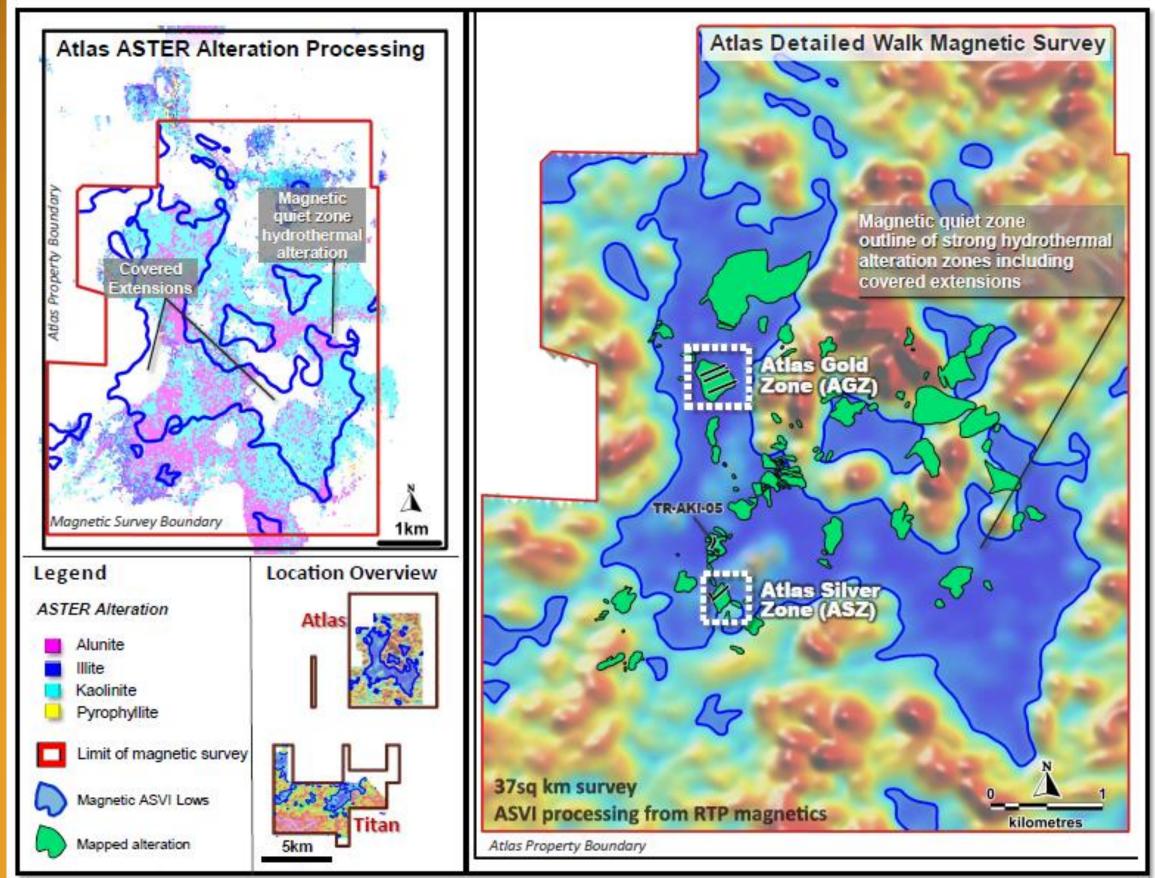
# **Atlas Gold-Silver Project, Chile**



## **Atlas Project: Positive Results**

- Interest: 100%
- Location: 10 km north of Titan
- Size: 7,500 hectares
- Background: Second high sulfidation epithermal gold system in the Titan-Atlas district
- Structure: Large high sulfidation alteration signature.
  - Evidence of "vuggy silica" and silica-alunite alteration in ribs and chips
  - Sept. 16, 2013 trench results highlights: Hosts at-surface mineralization
    1.6 m of 7.3 g/t Au & 5.8 g/t Ag and
    6.7 m of 2.33 g/t Au & 1.09 g/t Ag in gold zone
    26.7 m of 0.02 g/t Au and 54.8 g/t Ag in silver zone
  - Gold and silver dominant zones in outcrop and subcrop
- Exploration outlook: Trenching program completed; very encouraging gold and silver assays on structures and large alteration zone.
  - Follow-up for extensions 2013-2014 Program

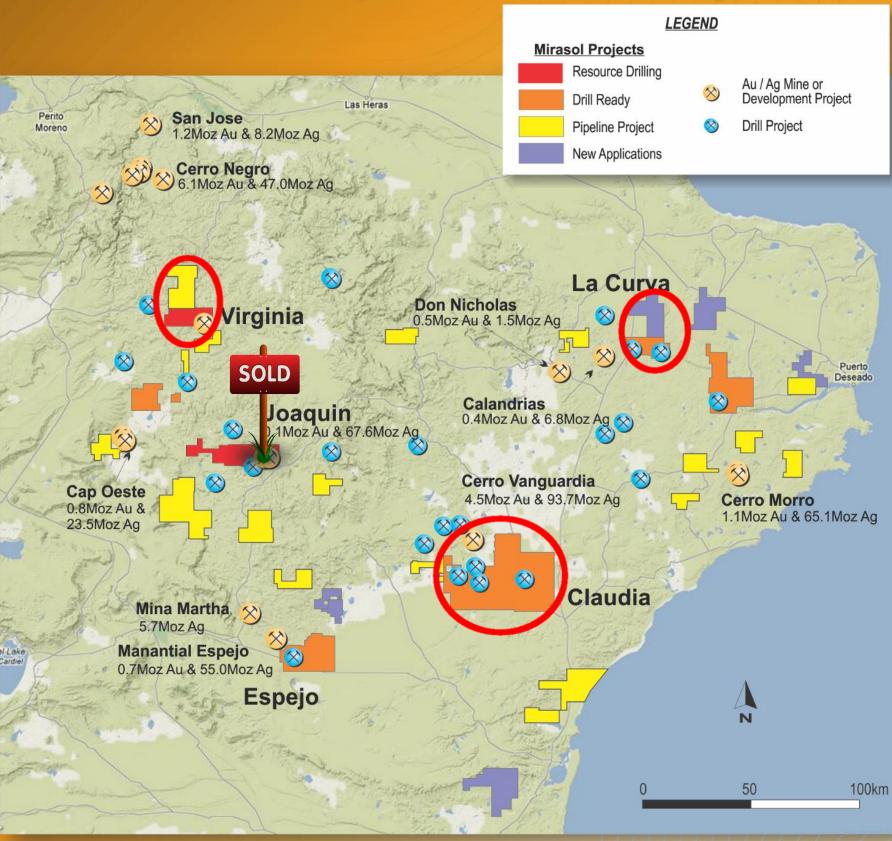
## **Atlas Gold-Silver Project: ASTER**



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# Claudia Gold Project, Argentina

## Santa Cruz Exploration activity Oct 2012- May 2013



#### Virginia-Santa Rita:

- Metallurgical studies in progress
- Independent code compliant within pit resource – in progress
- Property reconnaissance

#### Claudia:

- +3,000m Trenching Program:
  Curahue, Alien & Rio Seco targets
- Project-level data analysis & targeting: Mapping, sampling & geophysics of target areas in progress

#### La Curva

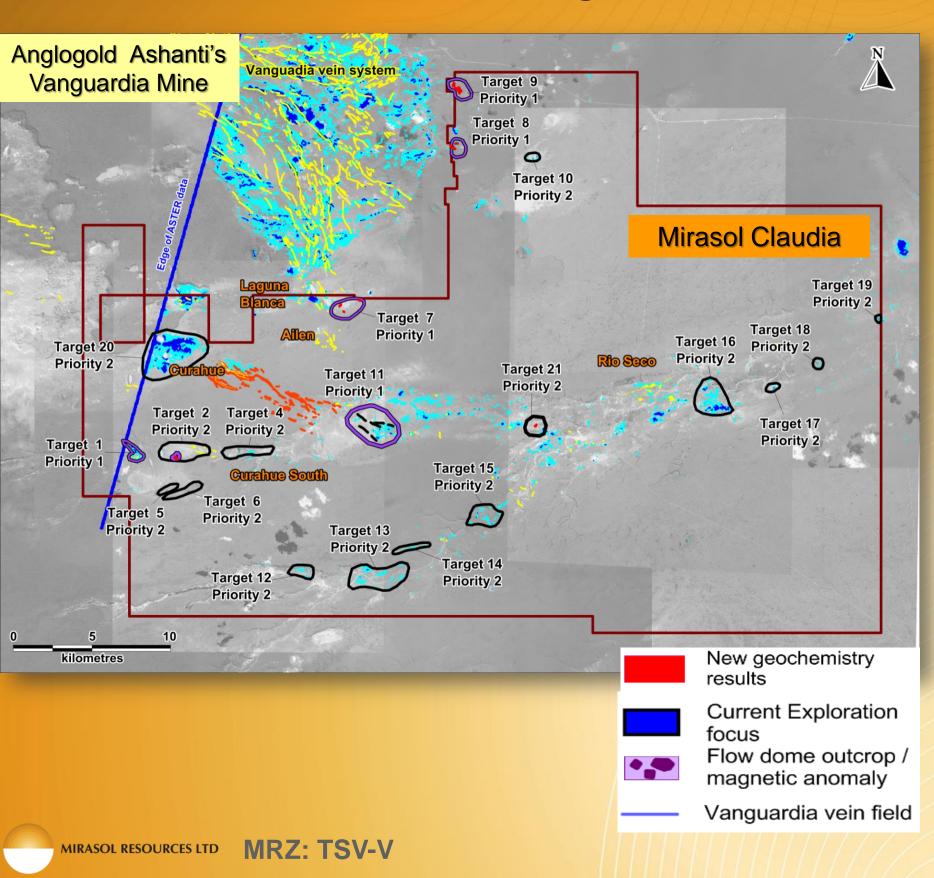
- Integrated analysis & targeting program
- New walk mag PDP survey Co complete.
- Detailed mapping & sampling underway
- Curva West & South-West targets: Ongoing prospect reconnaissance gradient array of covered targets

#### Targeting JVs.

 Claudia, Virginia, Espejo and La Curva

## **Claudia Gold Project**

### - Extension of Cerro Vanguardia, a world class vein system

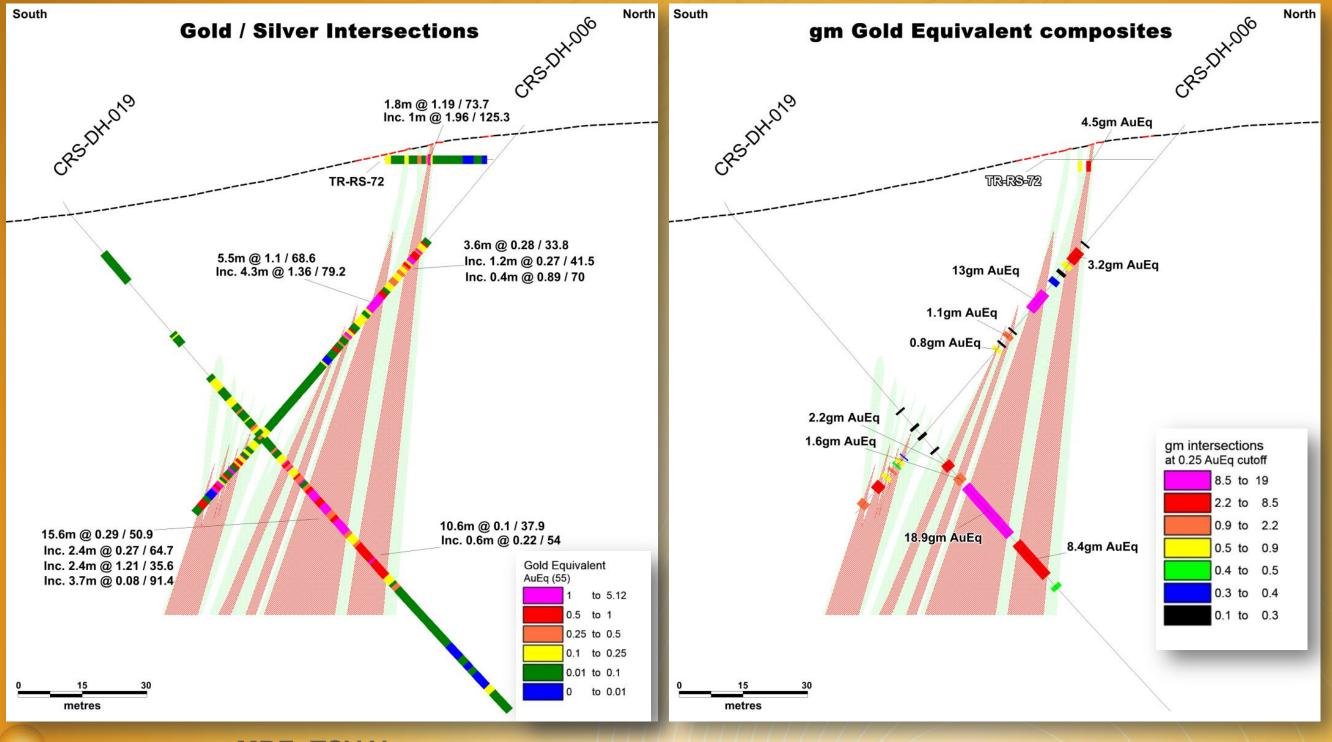


**CLAUDIA –** Extension of Anglogold Ashanti's Cerro Vanguardia Vein Mine:

- Global resource of 8.1 Moz gold & 117 Moz silver
- Cerro Vanguardia mineable resources 4.46 M Oz gold & 94 Moz silver
- Profitable, Open Cut Mine + Underground development
- Cerro Vanguardia Mine production for 11 months to Dec. 2011 = 196,000 oz gold equiv. at US\$390 / oz cost
- 13 open pits
- Underground 2011 -2017 projected 2.8 Mt @ 11 g/t gold
- Reported gold head grades for 6 mths ended June 30, 2013 of: Underground 6.6 g/t Open pit 6.3 g/t

## **Claudia Rio Seco drilling Loma Alta Section**

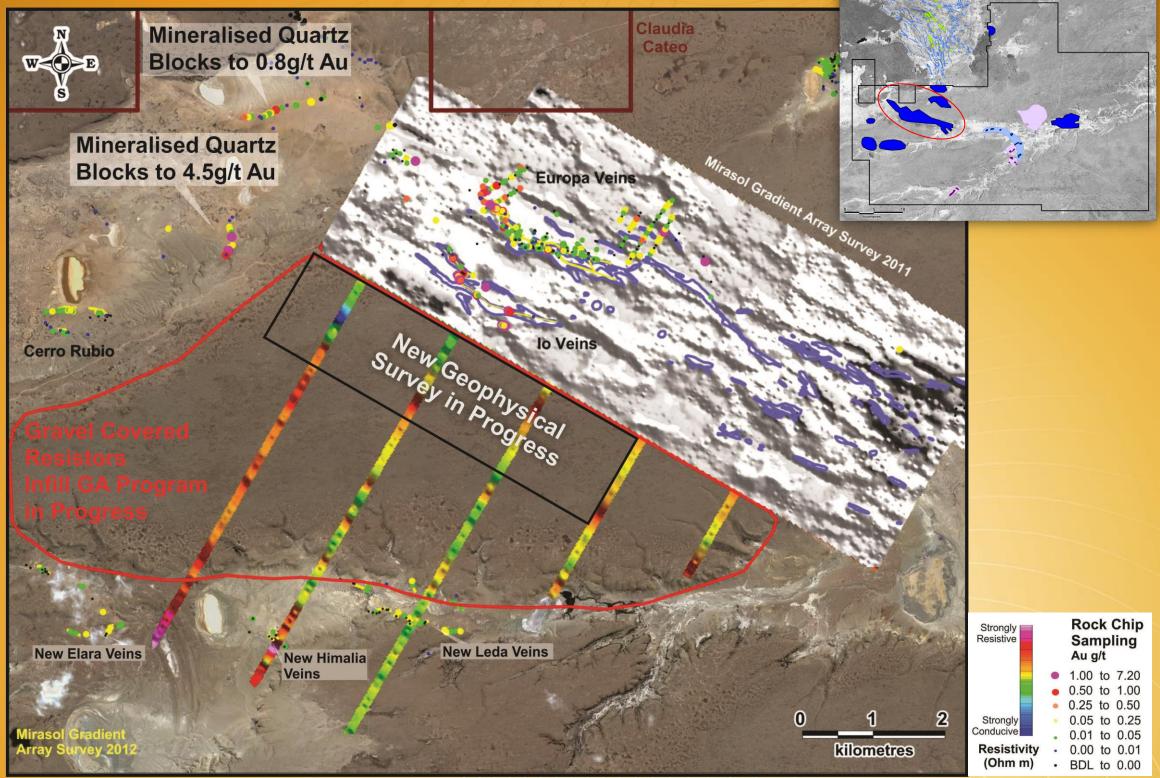
Veins developed at top of productive Chon Aike Fm – preserved Vein texture & alteration mineralogy consistent with top of system Gram meter Au Eq intersections point to higher wide shoot at depth



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## **Claudia – Curahue and Curahue South**

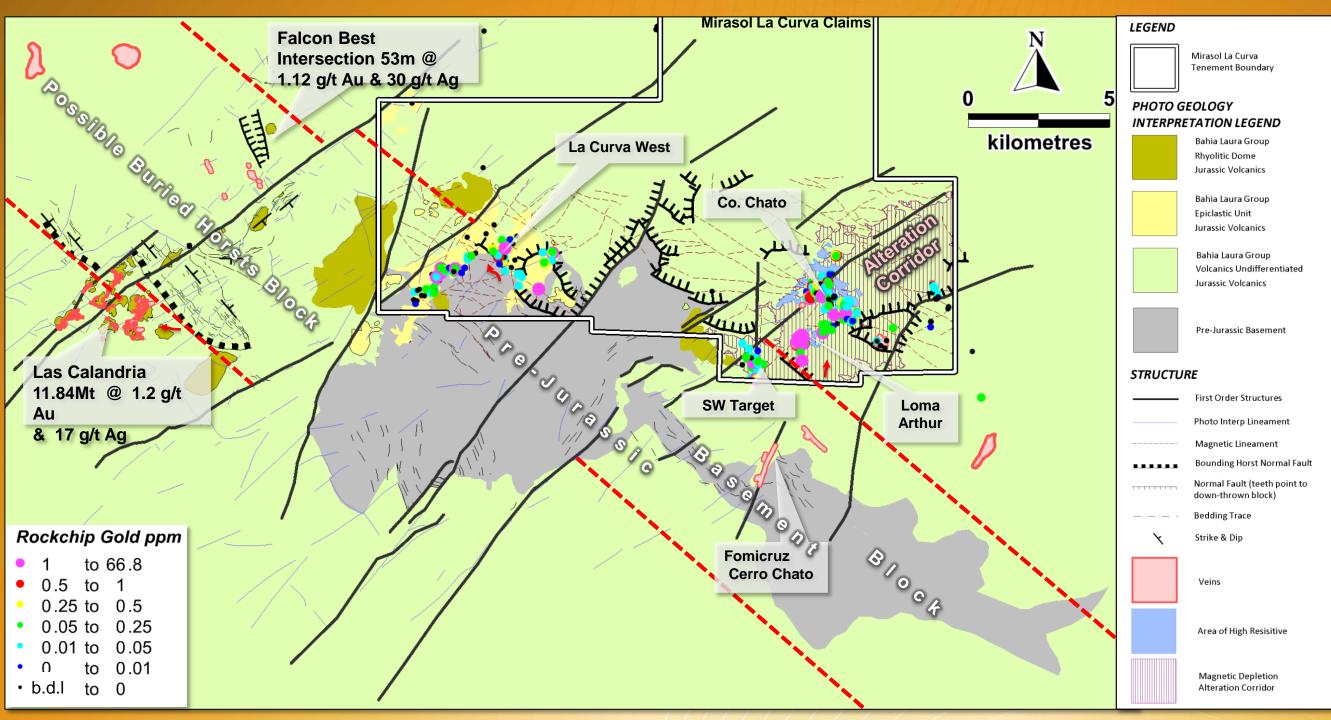
New geochemical results in vein float New IP Gradient Array Survey in progress to identify covered source. New veins identified







#### La Curva Project Geological Interpretation – District Setting



- La Curva gold district interpreted as a regional-scale horst & graben style block. The horst block is interpreted to continue under Jurassic cover to the NW where the possible block bounding faults may have influenced the emplacement of the Calandria/Falcon and Curva W mineralisation.
- La Curva gold project Two prospect areas defined. No previous drilling.
  - Curva East: 5.4 km gold trend. Series of prospects outcropping through shallow gravel cover: El Pison, Co Chato, Loma Arthur & SW
- Curva West: Mineralised epithermal blocks with gold grades to +13 g/t Au, hosted in altered epiclastic unit surrounding Triassic basement block

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## Mirasol: 2013-14 Investment Drivers

- Adding value to "Head Line" projects
  - Rubi copper-gold JV, Chile Advancing with up to US\$6.5M in exploration expenditure by partner



- Atlas gold-silver project, Chile Following up on positive trenching results
- Titan gold project, Chile Follow up drilling
- Regional JV with Chilean group Consolidating properties around Atlas and Titan
- Claudia gold-silver project, Santa Cruz province Surface exploration continues. Expect to JV.
- La Curva gold project, Santa Cruz province– Aggressive surface exploration
- <u>Chile first</u>: Targeting giant Mio-Pliocene gold deposits. Titan and Atlas headline 10 projects. Achieved early success from pipeline of properties.
- <u>Santa Cruz province, Argentina:</u> Deseado Massif epithermal high grade vein & bulk mineable targets. Many projects available to JV to diversify risk profile.

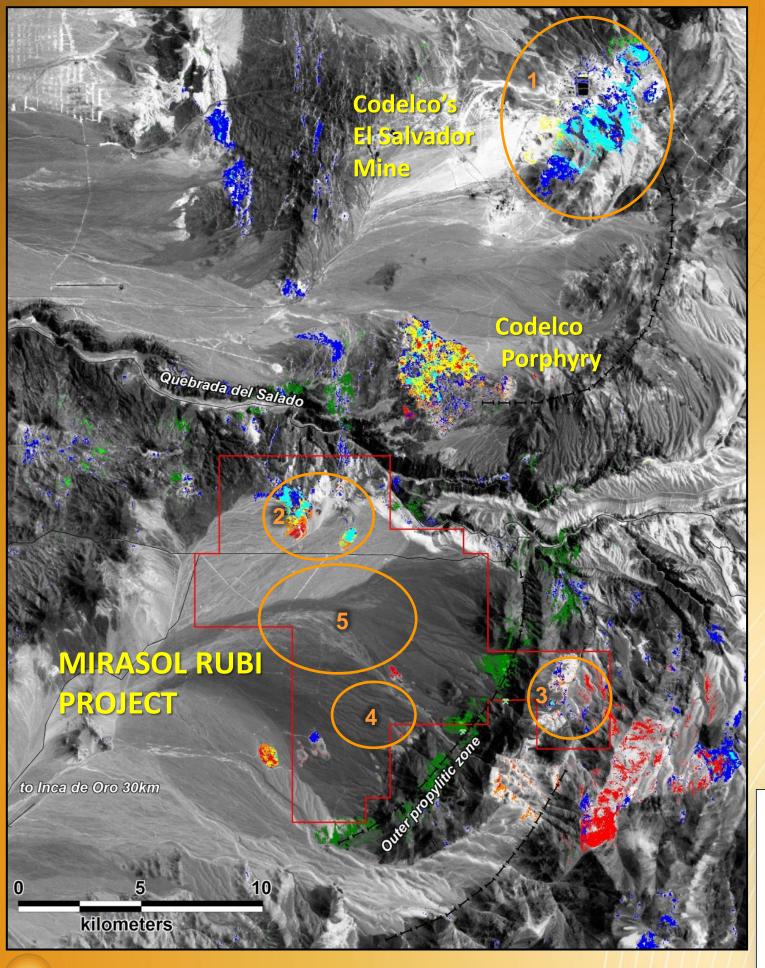


# **Joaquin Silver Project Sold to Coeur**

Initial Mirasol generative exploration discovery -2004-2005۲ Mirasol / Coeur Mining JV formed -2007• - Nov. 2010 Coeur vested 51% interest ۲ Coeur was earning-in to 61% for Bankable Feasibility (est. 2013) Two zones identified, La Morocha & La Negra demonstrated growth in resources ۲ 42.04M oz silver equivalent in M&I and 32.79M oz silver equivalent in Inferred<sup>1</sup> – Aug. 2012 Sold 49% interest to Coeur - Dec. 21, 2012

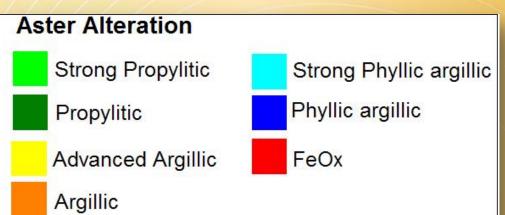
#### MRZ monetized its project generation success

1. On 100% basis, effective August 2012. Silver and gold were contained within 15.1M short tons at an average grades of 2.63 oz per short ton (opt) Ag and 0.003 opt Au in M&I Resources and within 9.1M short tons at an average grades of 3.45 opt Ag and 0.002 opt Au in Inferred Resources. Metal prices used were \$30 silver and \$1,500 gold.



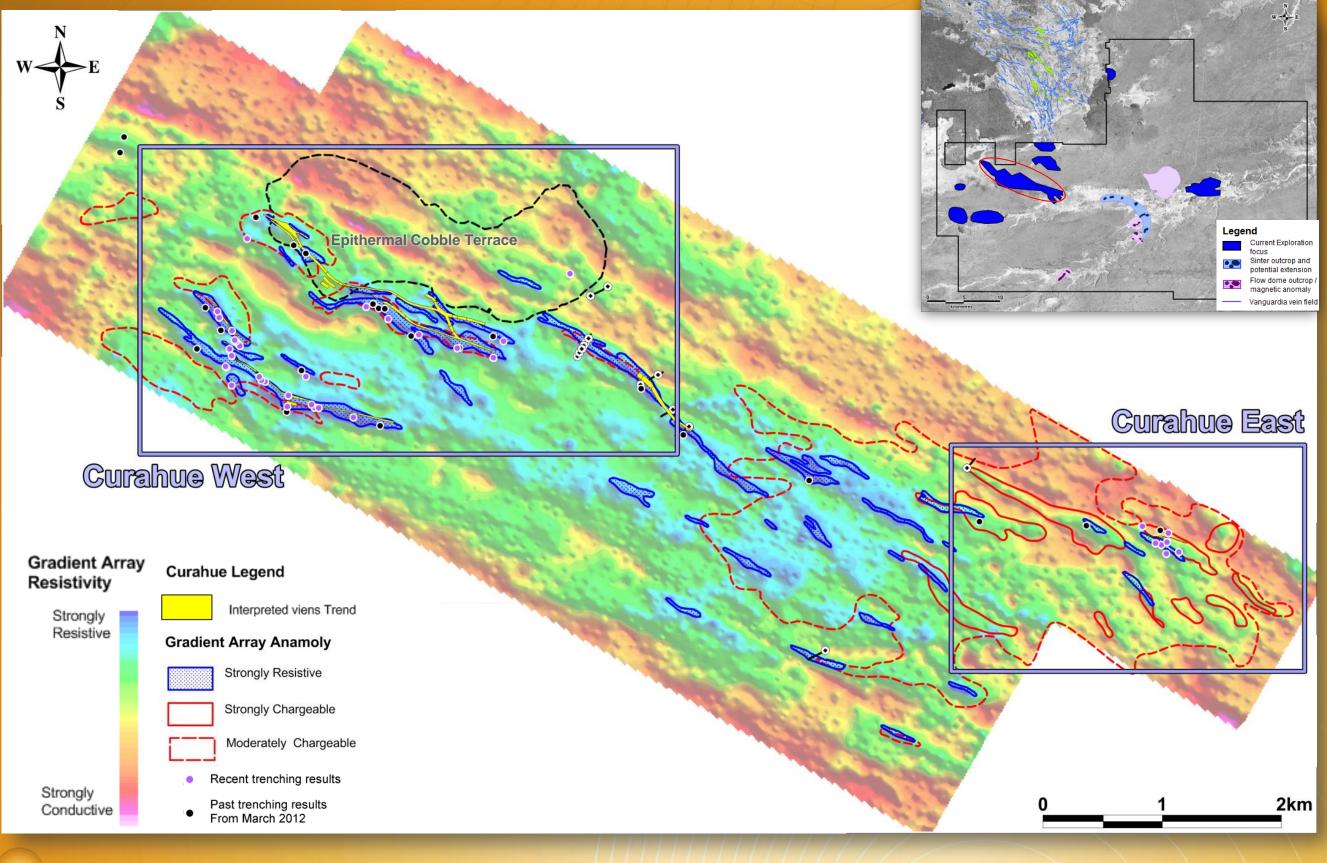
### **Regional Setting & Aster Alteration**

- Codelco's El Salvador Cu Mine. Phyllic Argillic Alteration. 12.2 Mt Cu 3.2 Moz Au
- 2. Lithocap Target Advanced Argillic Alteration Cu-Mo-Au
- 3. Portezuelo Prospect Argillic-Phyllic Alteration Cu-Mo-Au anomalous STK
- 4. Corner Zone K Alteration, Qz-mgt, Qz Tour STK Cu-Ag-Pb
- 5. Covered Porphyry & Exotic Cu Target



### **Claudia Project: Curahue prospect overview on gradient array resistivity**

10 km long resistive - chargeable trend / coincident epithermal block & veinlet trends / gold & silver assays



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