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Hualilan Gold Project : Cerro Sur looking north to Cerro Norte

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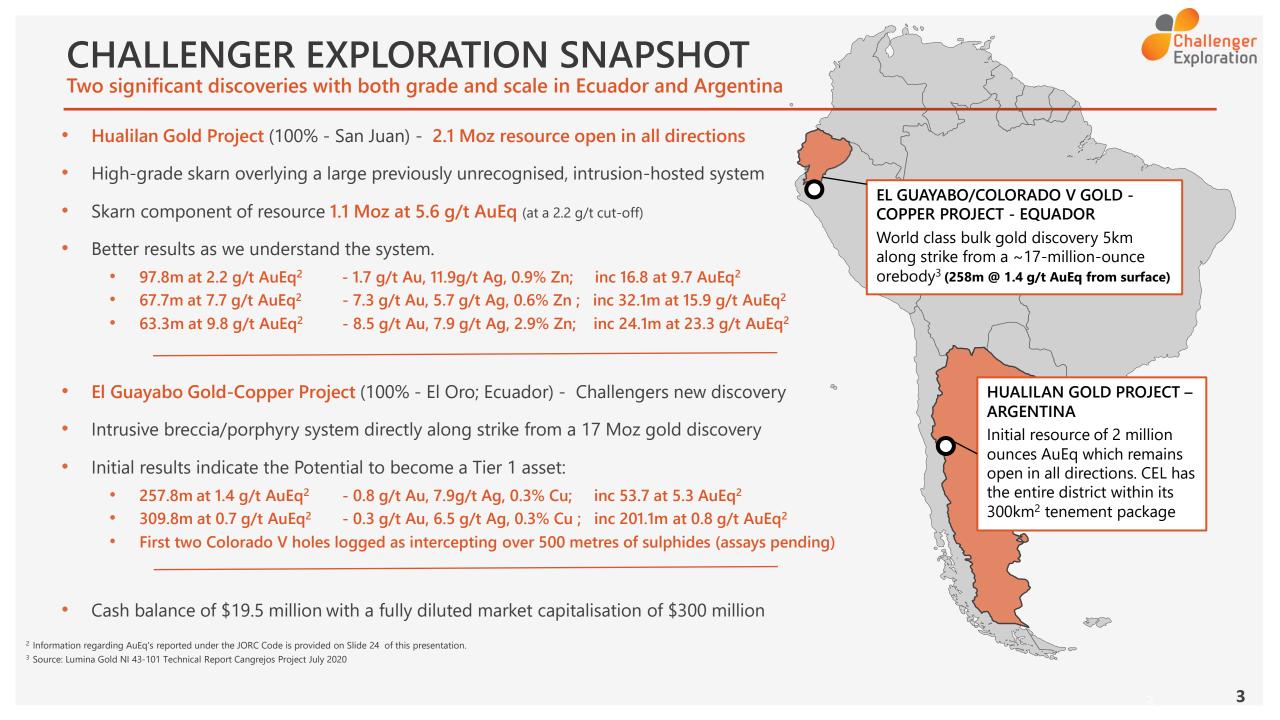
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### Our Aspiration is to become a globally significant gold producer

Company Strategy	Hualilan Gold Project Argentina	El Guayabo Project Ecuador			
<ul> <li>Hualilan to provide a high-grade low capex operation in the near term</li> <li>Allows a sensible staged expansion (out of cashflow) to a larger and long life bulk gold operation based on the underlying intrusion-hosted mineralisation</li> <li>Hualilan makes execution of a large bulk gold deposit in Ecuador achievable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maiden 2.1 million ounce MRE</li> <li>Updated MRE 4Q this year</li> <li>Material increase expected</li> <li>Scoping Study start 4Q this year</li> <li>Focus shift to progressing to production in completion of Scoping Study in H1 2023</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exciting traditional near surface Porphyry/Breccia targets</li> <li>Drill results indicate a series significant bulk gold discoveries of similar scale to the adjoining 17Moz Cangrejos project</li> <li>Sensible low risk approach to porphyry exploration</li> </ul>			

### Our existing assets have the potential to create a significant gold company



Sanchez Fault

(Aerial View)

Flor de Hualilan

Sentazon Manto

Alagnata Fault

Verde Zone

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Magnata Fault

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Late Stage Intrusive Breccia (post mineral)

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# INTERIM RESOURCE ESTIMATE (126,000 of 204,000m drilling)

Dial in your preferred grade – grade tonnage distribution provides significant flexibility

- Interim Resource of 2.1 million ounces comprising:
  - Skarn component:
  - Intrusion/sediment-hosted: 4

6.3 Mt at 5.6 g/t AuEq1 for 1.1 MOz AuEq

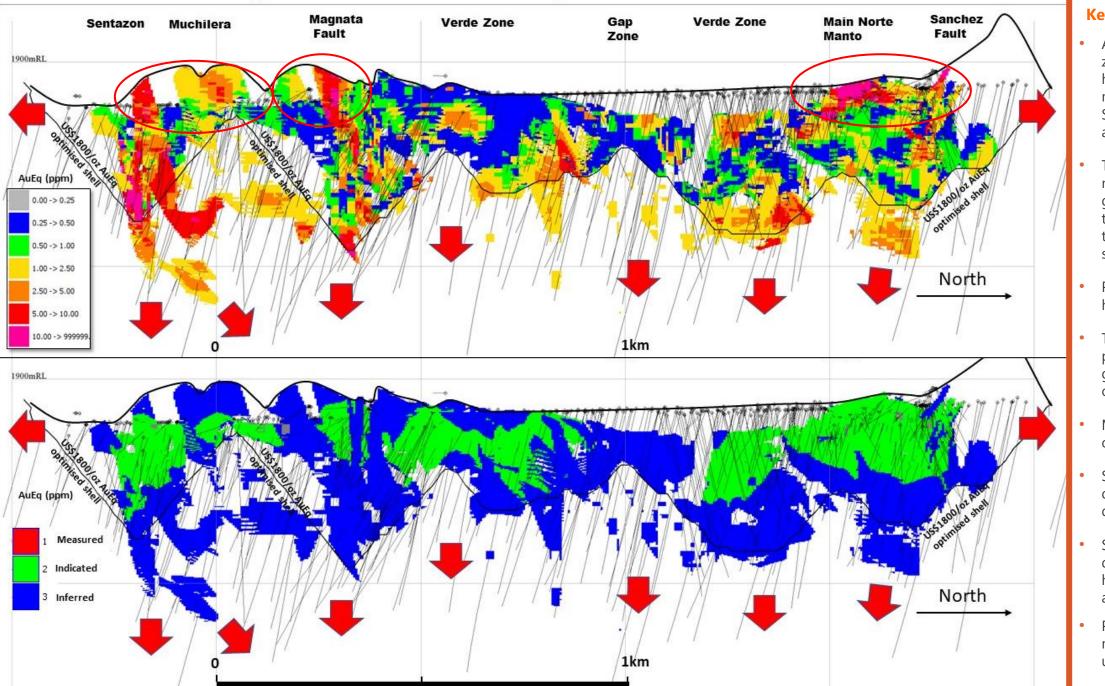
41.5Mt at 0.8 g/t AuEq1 for 1.0 MOz AuEq

- Based on 125,700 metres of CEL's current 204,000 metre drill program 62%
- Reported at 0.25 g/t AuEq cut-off due to low cost structure
- Clear potential for resource to grow significantly via both extension and infill drilling with some of the more significant intersections not in the in the resource including (refer Table Y):
  - 13.0m at 15.5 g/t AuEq (FHNV10-02): 600 metres south of the resource limit
  - 5m at 8.7 g/t AuEq (GNDD-394): 400m north of the resource
  - 4.0m at 5.8 g/t (GNDD-308e): 700m vertically below the resource limit
  - 26.6m at 2.5 g/t AuEq (GNDD-437): new zone below Verde extension ongoing
  - 39.0m at 5.6 g.t AuEq (GNDD-088A): below the pit shell requires additional infill
  - 104.0m at 1.7g/t (GNDD-113A): top 30 metres only falls within the pit shell
- Scoping will commence at the completion of the 204,000 metre drill program as the company expects this additional drilling will materially increase the interim resource

### Discovery cost ~ US\$8.20/Oz which is well below industry averages

Domain	Category	Mt	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Zn %	Pb %	AuEq g/t	AuEq (mozs)
US\$1800 optimised shell	Indicated	18.7	1.1	5.4	0.41	0.07	1.3	0.80
> 0.25ppm AuEq	Inferred	25.0	1.0	5.6	0.39	0.06	1.2	1.00
Below US\$1800 shell								
>1.0ppm AuEq	Inferred	4.0	1.9	11.5	1.04	0.07	2.6	0.33
	Total	47.7	1.1	6.0	0.45	0.06	1.4	2.13

Cut-off	Tonnes	AuEq Cut	Ounces
(AuEq)		(g/t)	(AuEq)
0.25	47,741,605	1.39	2,134,981
0.3	42,683,020	1.52	2,089,897
0.4	35,116,598	1.78	2,005,050
0.5	29,611,685	2.02	1,925,878
0.6	25,304,355	2.27	1,849,931
0.7	22,193,323	2.5	1,785,169
0.8	19,772,298	2.72	1,727,096
0.9	17,958,609	2.91	1,677,792
1.0	16,539,897	3.07	1,634,049
1.1	15,033,581	3.28	1,583,347
1.2	13,560,144	3.51	1,529,303
1.3	12,393,125	3.72	1,482,155
1.4	11,615,689	3.88	1,448,554
1.5	10,838,058	4.05	1,412,554
1.6	10,168,613	4.22	1,379,244
1.7	9,514,472	4.4	1,344,353
1.8	8,938,634	4.57	1,312,130
1.9	8,468,794	4.72	1,284,273
2.0	7,970,221	4.89	1,252,994
2.1	7,629,331	5.02	1,230,553
2.2	7,225,085	5.18	1,202,516
2.3	6,873,445	5.33	1,177,137
2.4	6,535,171	5.48	1,151,560
2.5	6,292,282	5.6	1,132,429
2.6	5,850,822	5.83	1,096,430
2.7	5,624,343	5.96	1,077,133
2.8	5,374,314	6.11	1,055,166
2.9	5,151,232	6.25	1,034,552
3.0	4,919,156	6.4	1,012,614



### Long Section Hualilan Gold Project MRE – Grade Distribution

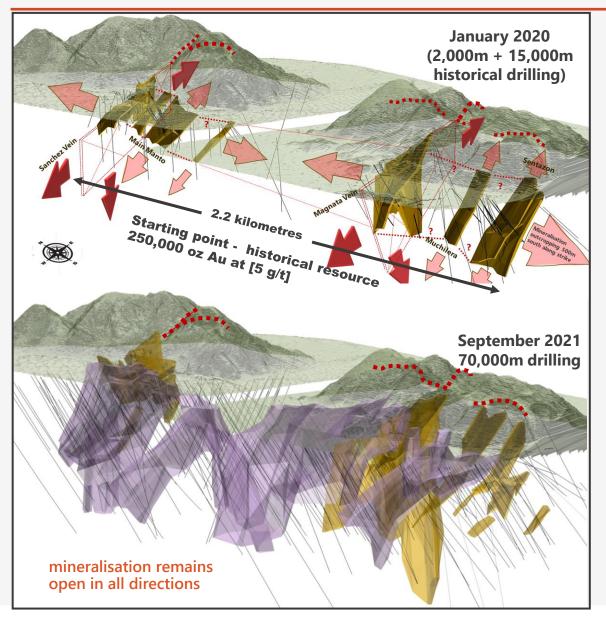
#### **Key Points**

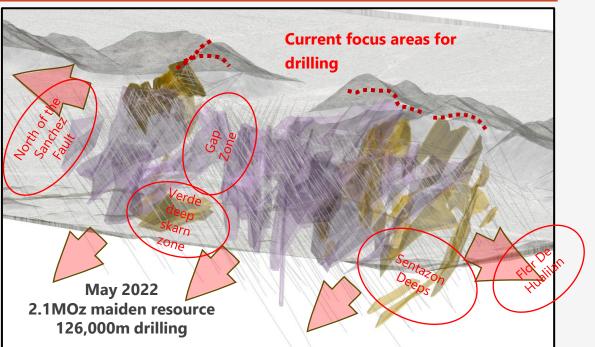
- A number of coherent zones of near surface high-grade mineralisation at Sentazon. Magnata Fault and Main Norte manto
- These high-grade and near surface zones generally correlate to the indicated section of the MRE which will support a scoping study
- Provides a potential high-grade starter pit
- This high-grade starter pit is confirmed by lower gold price pit shell optimisations
- Mineralisation remains open in all directions
- Significant high-grade domain developing at depth at Sentazon
- Significant high-grade domain of limestone hosted skarn developing at depth at Verde
- Post the final 15,000 metres of drilling an upgraded MRE

### HUALILAN IS RARE - IT HAS BOTH GRADE AND SCALE



We have come a long way in 2-years but we have much further to go





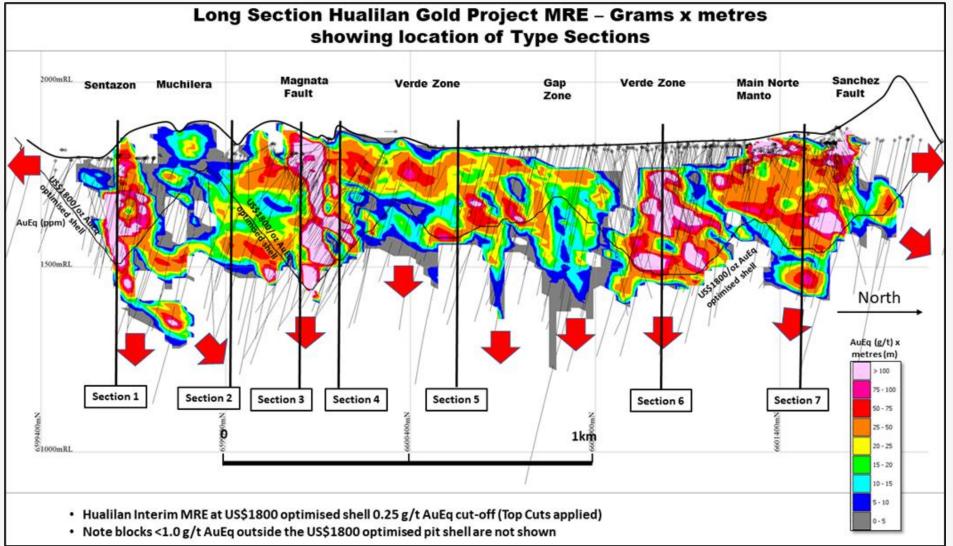
- Historical underground resource of 250,000 oz Au at [5 g/t]
- Discovery of intrusion-hosted gold mineralisation (in altered dacite) which contains a significant endoskarn component
- Skarn mineralisation significantly extended and hangs together well
- CEL Maiden resource 2.1 Moz from 126,000m drilling
- 189,000 of 204,000 metres completed 204,000m completed in July
- Mineralisation remains open in all directions
- Updated Resource Estimate at completion of 204,000m drill program

### **TYPE CROSS SECTIONS**

Mineralisation open in all directions and significant increase in this Interim MRE from the full 204,000 metres



- Flor De Hualilan recent drilling
- Located 600 metres south of the MRE



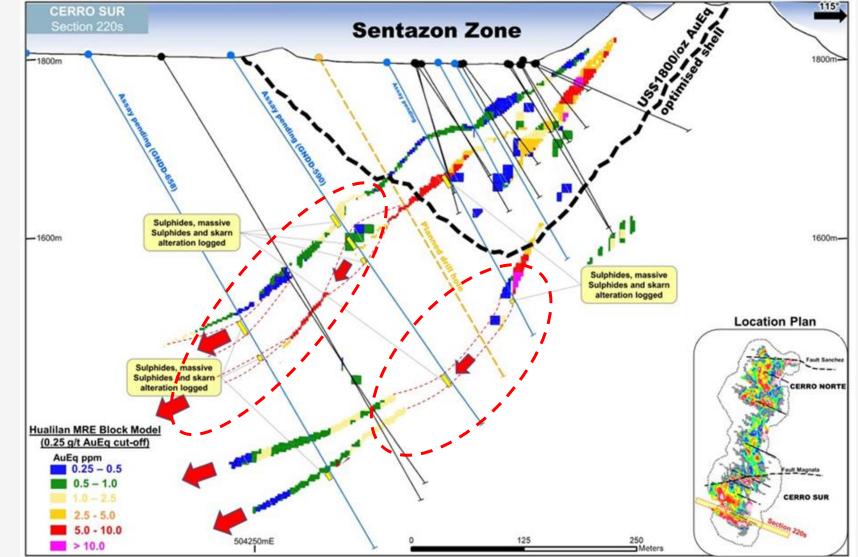
## SENTAZON TYPE SECTION

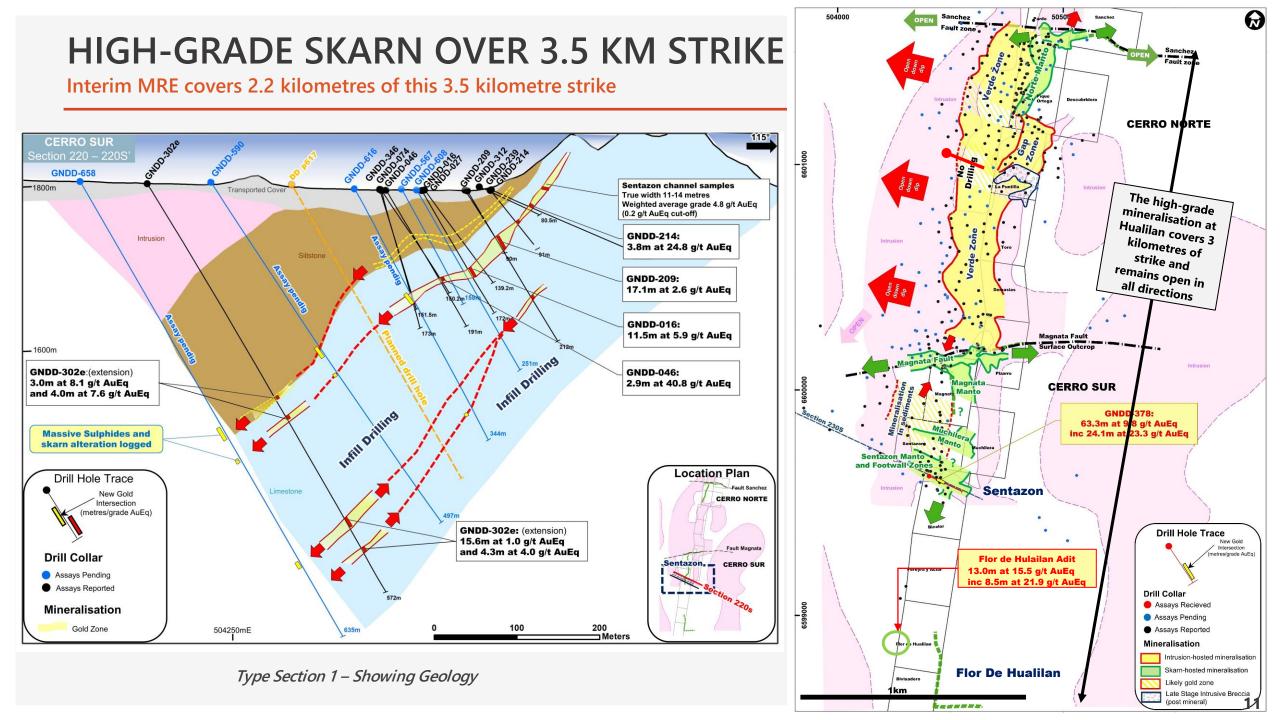


Located at the extreme southern end of the MRE and contains the most consistent and highest-grade mineralisation

#### Sentazon

- Contribution to the MRE:
  - i. Open Pit 246,000 Oz
  - ii. Underground 89,000 Oz
  - iii. Total 335,000 Oz
- Open to the south along strike
- Open at depth
- New deep high-grade skarn target identified at depth with many assays pending
- Appears the Sentazon and Muchilera Manto's are joining at depth
- Current infill drilling demonstrating the continuity of the Sentazon mineralisation
- Expect a significant increase in the MRE component at Sentazon in the final MRE based on 204,000 metres of drilling





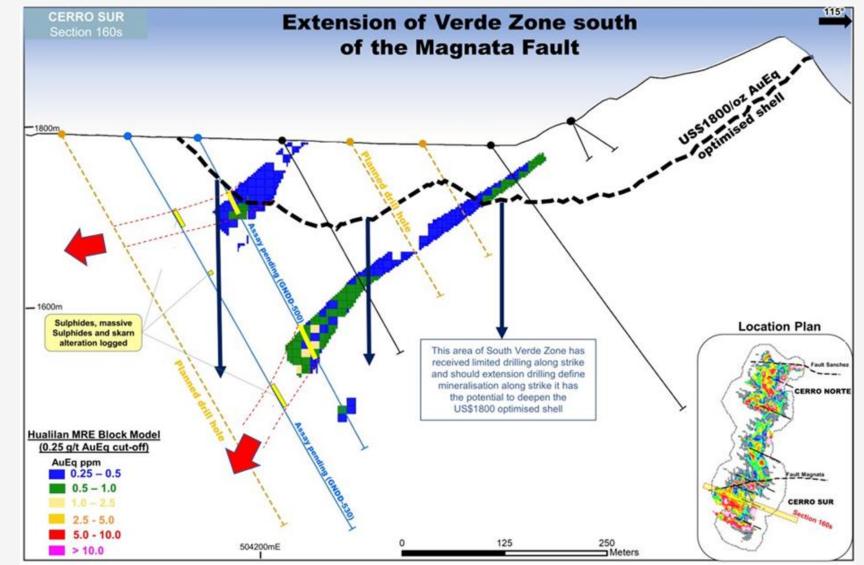
# VERDE ZONE SOUTH OF THE MAGNATA FAULT



### Verde now extended across the Magnata Fault and open to the south

### Muchilera Sediment-hosted

- Contribution to the MRE:
  - i. Open Pit 37,000 Oz
  - ii. Underground 56,000 Oz
  - iii. Total 93,000 Oz
- This zone is only lightly drilled
- Open to the north and south along strike and at depth
- Recent holes have intersected zones of massive sulphides in skarn alteration at depth
- May be extending and joining with the new deeper zone at Sentazon
- Some higher-grades at depth or additional mineralisation along strike has the potential to deepen the optimised pit shell
- Bringing significantly more mineralisation into the MRE



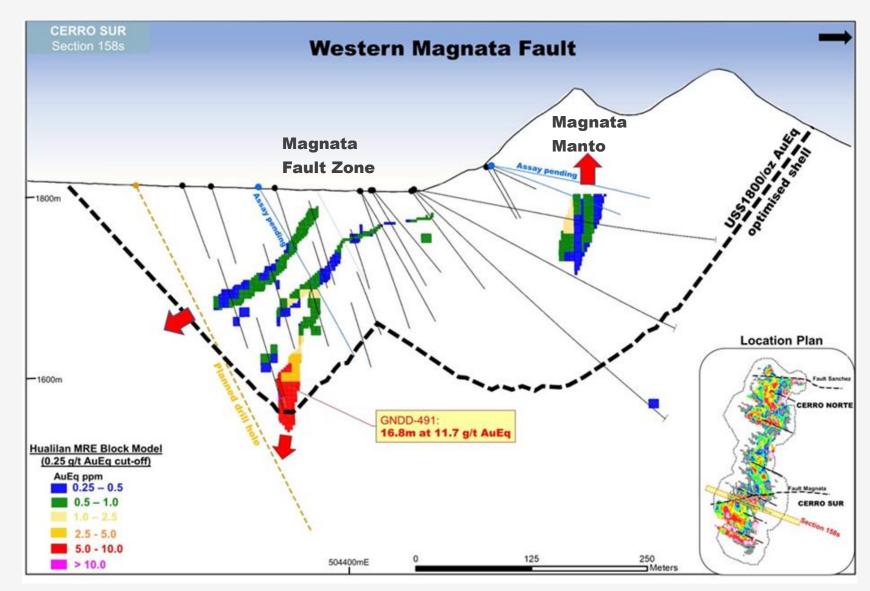
# WESTERN EXTENSION OF THE MAGNATA FAULT



### New high-grade zone discovered below shallow low grade intercepts

#### Magnata Fault (Western)

- Contribution to the MRE:
  - i. Open Pit 370,000 Oz
  - ii. Underground 35,000 Oz
  - iii. Total 404,000 Oz
- Open to the east and the west strike along strike
- Open at depth
- Provides a significant component of the high-grade skarn mineralisation
- Recent intersection of high-grade mineralisation at depth below low grade surface intersections
- Recent step-out holes further west (assays pending) have been logged as intersecting significant sulphides



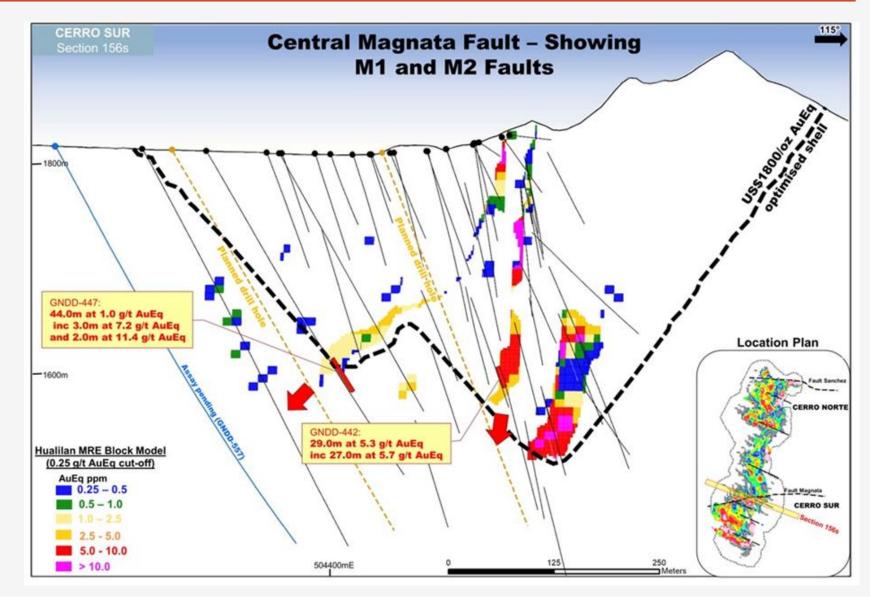
# **CENTRAL MAGNATA FAULT ZONE**



### Multiple Fault zones extends over 500 metres vertical extent and still open at depth

#### Magnata Fault (Central)

- The Magnata Fault is a regional structure that can be mapped for over 10km either side of Hualilan
- Mineralisation is open to the east and the west strike along strike
- Open at depth along the 700 metres strike drilled to date
- The Magnata splits in the M1 and M2 Faults both of which are mineralised
- High-grade mineralisation is often intersected below holes with minimal intersection
- Confirms that mineralisation on the fault is related to the presence of open space along the fault
- Examples of planned follow-up drilling includes drilling planned under GNDD-442 (29.0m at 5.3 g./t AuEq)



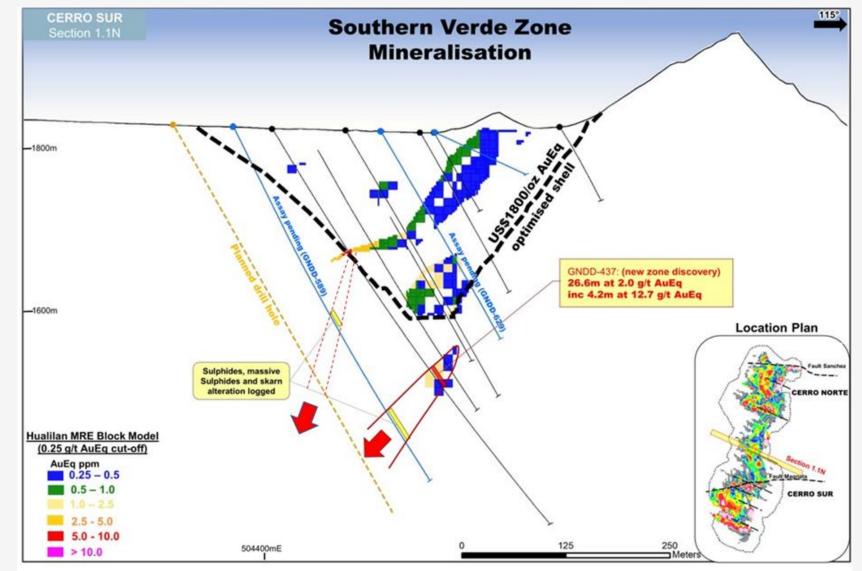
### SOUTHERN VERDE ZONE



### New high-grade zones emerging below the lower grade intrusion hosted mineralisation

### Verde Zone (South)

- Contribution to the MRE:
  - i. Open Pit 300,000 Oz
  - ii. Underground 37,000 Oz
  - iii. Total 337,000 Oz
- Open to the north and south along strike and open at depth
- Results from a significant amount of extension and infill holes pending
- New higher grade mineralisation at depth in new zones below the original Verde Zone
- We are continuing to se the ongoing trend of skarn mineralisation at depth
- Any higher grade mineralisation at depth has the potential to significantly increase the depth of the optimised pit shell



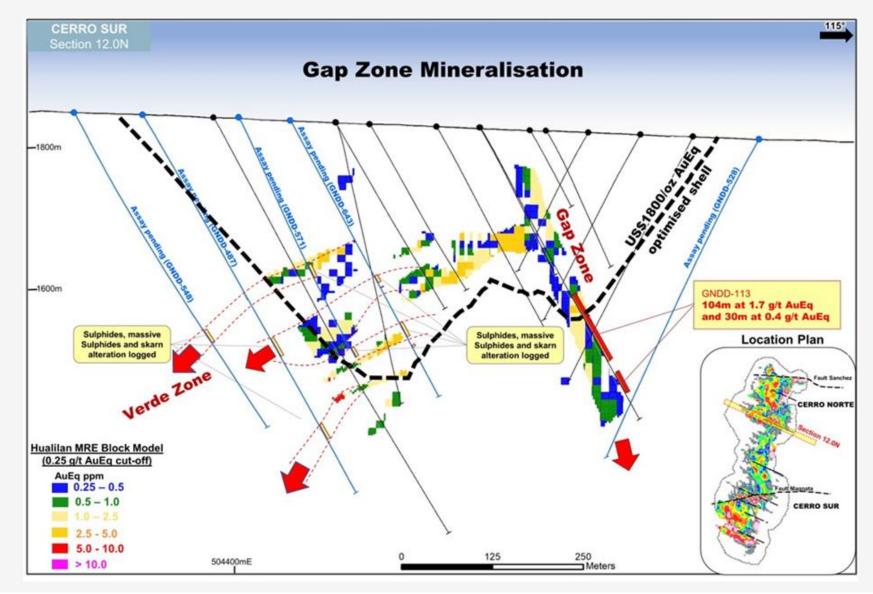
# GAP ZONE MINERALISATION

Significant ounces currently below the optimised pit shell



### Gap Zone

- Contribution to the MRE:
  - i. Open Pit 118,000 Oz
  - ii. Underground 23,000 Oz
  - iii. Total 141,000 Oz
- Open to the south along strike and at depth
- Significant amount of mineralisation < 1 g/t under the optimised pit – not in MRE
- This mineralisation has >50 metres true width so bulk underground mining may move this into the MRE
- Intercepts under the optimised pit shell include:
  - 66.8m at 0.7 g/t AuEq from 168.3m
  - 40.0m at 0.8 g/t AuEq from 267.9m
  - 55.0m at 0.7 g/t AuEq from 190.0m
  - 68.0m at 0.5 g/t AuEq from 282.0m
  - 36.8m at 0.6 g/t AuEq from 258.3m
  - 34.1m at 1.6 g/t AuEq from 193.4m



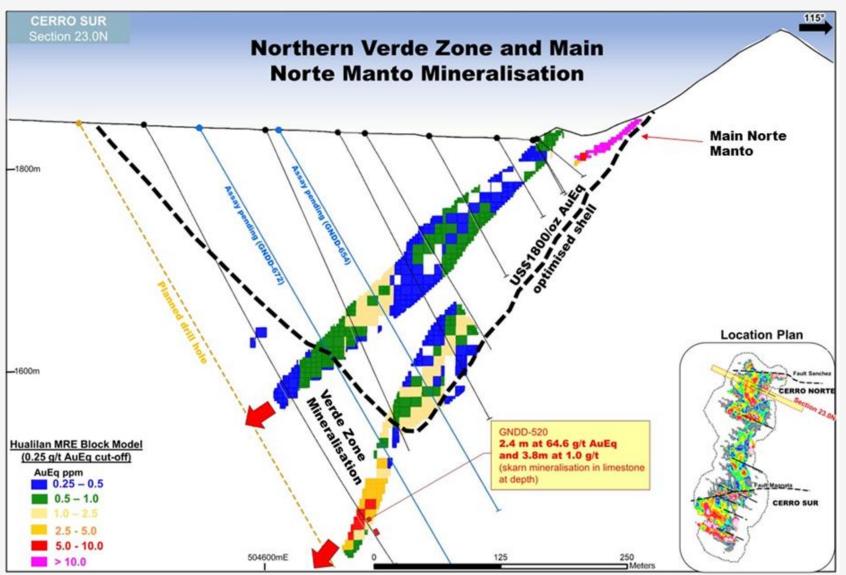
### NORTHERN VERDE ZONE

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### New high-grade target at depth

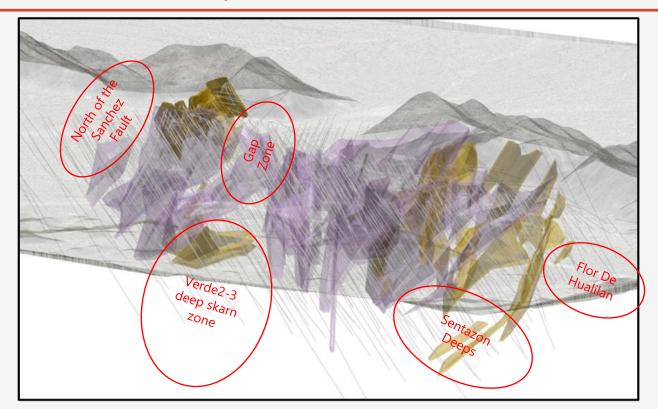
### Verde Zone (North)

- Contribution to the MRE:
  - i. Open Pit 473,000 Oz
  - ii. Underground 66,000 Oz
  - iii. Total 539,000 Oz
- Open to the north (south into Gap Zone) and open at depth
- Results from a significant amount of extension and infill holes pending
- Significant high-grade target developing at depth
- Verde 2-3 domain (83,000 Oz in current MRE) now looking like a continuation of the Norte Main Manto at depth
- This domain is open at depth and several recent holes (assays pending) have intersected massive sulphides in skarn alteration
- Potential to add significant highgrade ounces to the MRE



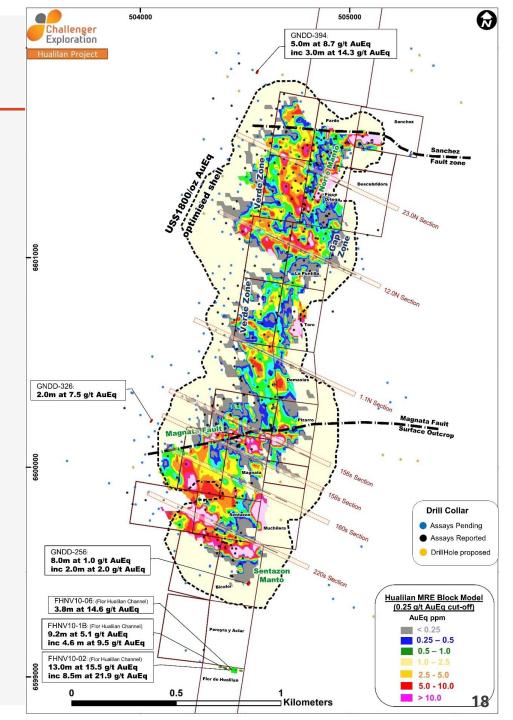
### POTENTIAL TO INCREASE THE MRE

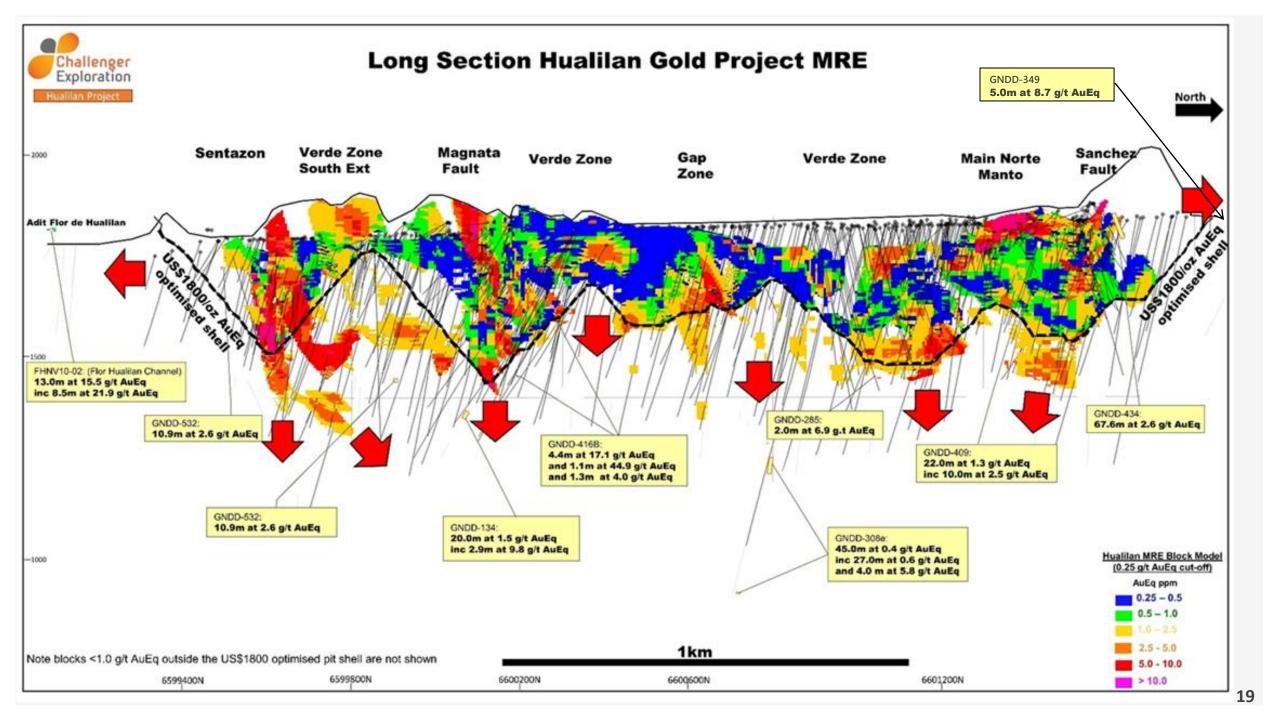
Mineralisation remains open in all directions



Mineralisation	Mt	Au	Ag	Zn	Pb	Au Eq
Style	(0.25 g/t AuEq cut-off)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(g/t)
skarn	6.3	5.5	21.9	2.0	0.2	6.8
intrusion/sediment hosted	41.4	0.7 4.5		0.2	0.0	0.8
Mineralisation	loss al Bits de L	Au	Ag	Zn	Pb	Au Eq
Style	Implied Metal	(Moz)	(Moz)	(kt)	(kt)	(Moz)
skarn		1.11	4.4	128	13	1.4
intrusion/sediment hosted		0.87	6.0	99	20	1.1
Total Contained metal		1.98	10.4	227	33	2.5

• Resource increase to 2.5 Moz with no Top-Cuts applied





## **ROBUST STARTER PIT AND EXCELLENT METALLURGY**



### Produces high value and saleable concentrates at excellent recoveries

#### Skarn Material (Gravity + Cu/Pb and Zn Sequential Float)

- Payable Recoveries into concentrate of 95% Au, 93% Ag, 90% Zn, +77% Pb
- P<sub>80</sub> of 60-70 micron primary grind prior to gravity and float
- P<sub>80</sub> of 20-25 micron re-grind on the Zn rougher concentrate with gravity after regrind and 2 stages of Zn cleaning.
- Three concentrate streams for marketing:
  - i. Gold/Silver concentrate: 125 g/t Au, 260 g/t Ag, (2.6% Zn)
  - ii. Cu/Pb Clnr concentrate: 230 g/t Au, 1160 g/t Ag, 62%Pb, (3% Zn)
  - iii. Zn Clnr concentrate: 10 g/t Au, 150 g/t Ag, 51% Zn, (1.3% Cu)
- No penalizable deleterious elements and **ultra low arsenic**

#### Potential High-Grade Starter Pit

• Lower price pit shell optimisation confirms coherent zone of high-grade near surface mineralisation that has the potential for a high-grade starter pit

Au Price	> 1.0 g/t	Mt	Au	Ag	Zn	Pb	AuEq	Moz
(US\$Oz)	AuEq		(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(g/t)	(AuEq)
	Indicated	1.52	4.4	22.8	1.7	0.22	5.5	0.27
	Inferred	0.45	3.8	19.6	1.2	0.31	4.7	0.07
\$600	Total	1.97	4.3	22.1	1.6	0.24	5.3	0.34
	Indicated	2.93	3.7	16.1	1.4	0.16	4.6	0.43
	Inferred	0.93	3.0	21.9	0.88	0.21	3.7	0.11
\$800	Total	3.86	3.6	17.5	1.2	0.17	4.4	0.54
	Indicated	3.97	3.3	14.1	1.2	0.15	4.0	0.52
	Inferred	1.99	2.5	16.0	0.94	0.14	3.2	0.20
\$1000	Total	5.96	3.0	14.7	1.1	0.14	3.7	0.72

#### Intrusion-hosted material (Gravity + Single Stage Float)

- Recoveries of 92-93% (gold) and 70-83% (silver) at a 2% mass pull
- P<sub>80</sub> of 80 micron grind prior to gravity and float with 20 micron regrind and second stage float
- Attractive concentrate containing **45-53 g/t** gold and **284-375 g/t** silver
- No deleterious elements and ultra low arsenic
- Payability above 95% for Au and 90% for Ag
- 70% recovery of Au/Ag via tails leach lifts recovery to 96% Au, 88% Ag
- Sequential Floatation testing in progress to determine if this can generate concentrates with higher Au/Ag grades
- Intrusion-hosted material is ~ 33% of Hualilan gold endowment

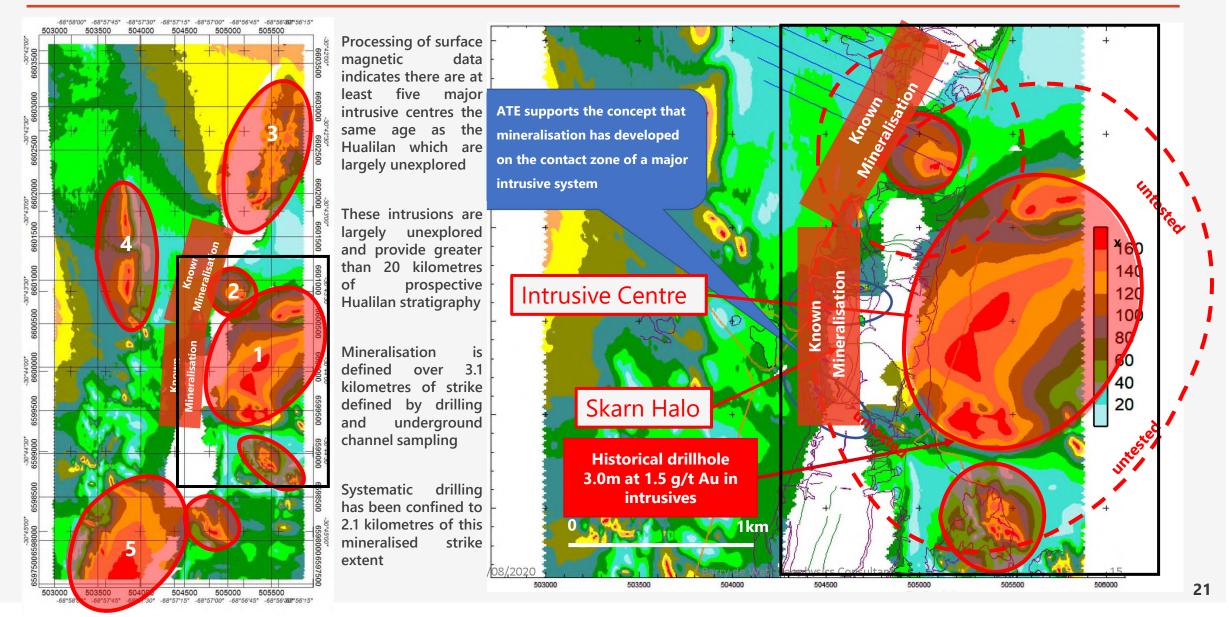
#### Sediment-hosted material (Gravity Single Stage Float)

- Recoveries of 83% (gold) and 80% (silver) at a 2.3% mass pull
- P<sub>80</sub> of 80 micron grind prior to gravity and float with 20 micron regrind and second stage float
- Concentrate containing 24 g/t gold and 234 g/t silver
- Analysis of final compositions/deleterious elements pending
- 70% recovery of Au/Ag via tails leach lifts recovery to 85% Au, 87% Ag
- Sediment-hosted mineralisation is ~ 5% of Hualilan gold endowment

# A FAR BIGGER PLAY THAN EXTENDING WITHIN 3.5KM STRIKE

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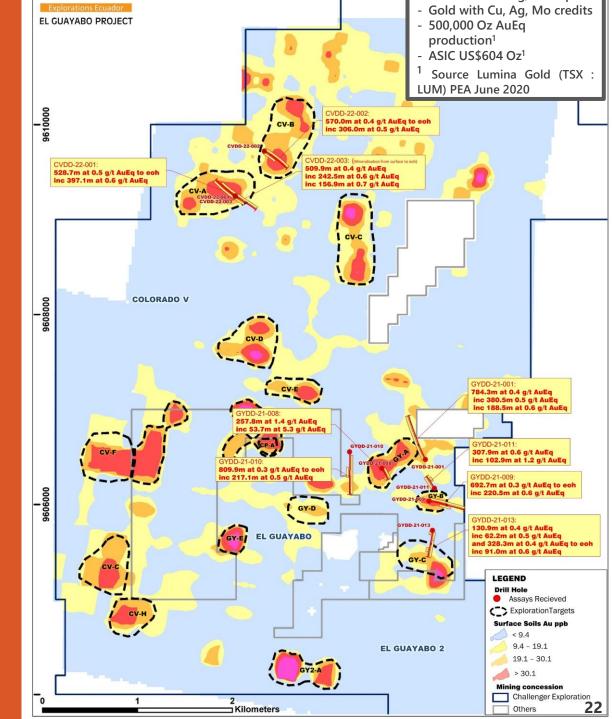
Exploration has only focussed on one side of the intrusion responsible for Hualilan



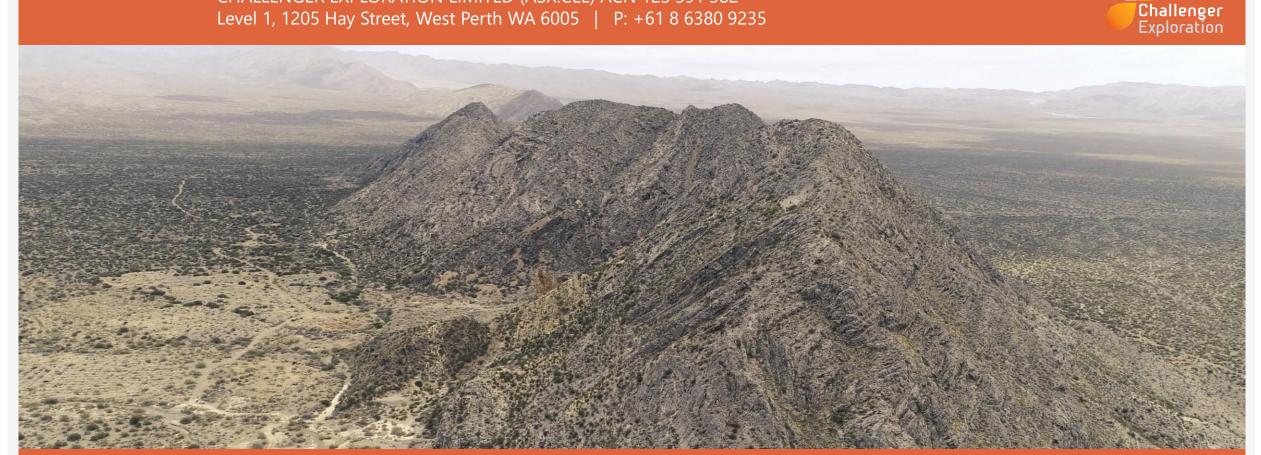
# **Ecuador Drilling Update**

- Directly along strike from a 22 Moz orebody
- Same geology and surface footprint
- 15 regionally significant Au-Cu soil anomalies
- Over 500 metres of mineralisation in the each of the first five drilled
- Results include 257.8m at 1.4 g/t AuEq inc 53.7m at 5.3 g/t AuEq
- Potential Tier 1 asset as drilling proceeds

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### JORC MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE





JORC 2012 Mineral Resource Estimate for the Hualilan Gold Project										
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Total		47.7	1.1	6.0	0.45	0.06	1.4	2.13		

#### Gold Equivalent (AuEq) values - Requirements under the JORC Code

- Assumed commodity prices for the calculation of AuEq is Au US\$1780 Oz, Ag US\$24 Oz, Zn US\$2,800 /t
- Metallurgical recoveries for Au, Ag and Zn are estimated to be 89%, 84% and 79% respectively (see *JORC Table 1 Section 3 Metallurgical assumptions*) based on metallurgical test work.
- The formula used: AuEq (g/t) = Au (g/t) + [Ag (g/t) x (24/1780) x (0.84/0.89)] + [Zn (%) x (28.00\*31.1/1780) x (0.79/0.89)]
- CEL confirms that it is the Company's opinion that all the elements included in the metal equivalents calculation have a reasonable potential to be recovered and sold.