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## **BUILDING ON A HISTORIC DISCOVERY**

The Kildare Zinc Project – On the Pathway to Development



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## The Project, Team and Plan to Progress Development



- Located within a mature mining district with excellent infrastructure.
- Existing resources located in ideal Irish-type zinc setting.
- Significant exploration upside; 7,500m drilling program commencing May 2019.
- Excellent metallurgical performance: high quality, marketable, zinc and lead concentrates produced.
- Parallel studies planned to reduce project risk.
- Experienced board and management team with considerable operating experience within Europe.
- Strong shareholder base with links to operating European mines.
- Strong cash position of ~A\$3.6 million.

## **Corporate Overview**



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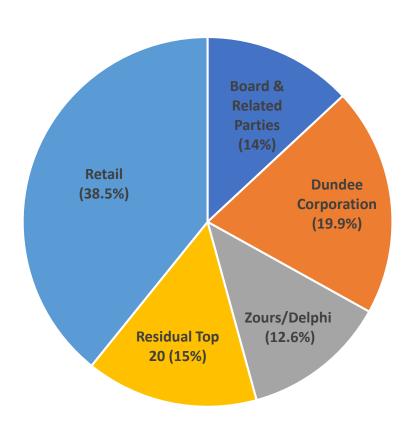
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shares on issue **121.5 million** 

83 million

~A\$12 million

CASH AT BANK
~A\$3.6 million



Positioned with a strong share register including significant insider & institutional ownership; fully funded 2019 budget.

- Top 3 groups own ~46%
- Top 20 own ~60%
- Project potential recognised by cornerstone investor Dundee Resources
- Consolidation of capital (20:1) completed in March 2019

#### Notes:

- 1. A breakdown of the Options on issue is available in the latest Appendix 3B lodged with ASX.
- 2. Details are as at 1 May 2019.

## **Experienced and Proven Board of Directors**



#### **Richard Monti**

Chairman

Corporate geologist with over 30 years experience in the international resource industry. Over 42 "director years" experience for 13 ASX and TSX listed companies.

#### **Patrick Corr**

Executive Director

Corporate lawyer with considerable legal, finance and management experience with private, public and ASX listed companies.

Has been a director of companies with projects in Europe, Australia, Africa, North America and South America.

#### **Julian Barnes**

Non Executive Director

Geologist with over 37 years experience in major exploration and development projects. Previously, he was Executive Vice President Dundee Precious Metals, founded and led Resource Service Group which ultimately became RSG Global then sold to Coffey Mining.

#### **Adrian Goldstone**

Non Executive Director

In excess of 35 years experience in senior roles. Was the Executive Vice President responsible for Dundee Precious Metal's major projects in Europe and Africa and is uniquely successful in the areas of environmental, social licence and project management and taking new projects through the development process and into construction.

#### **Thomas Corr**

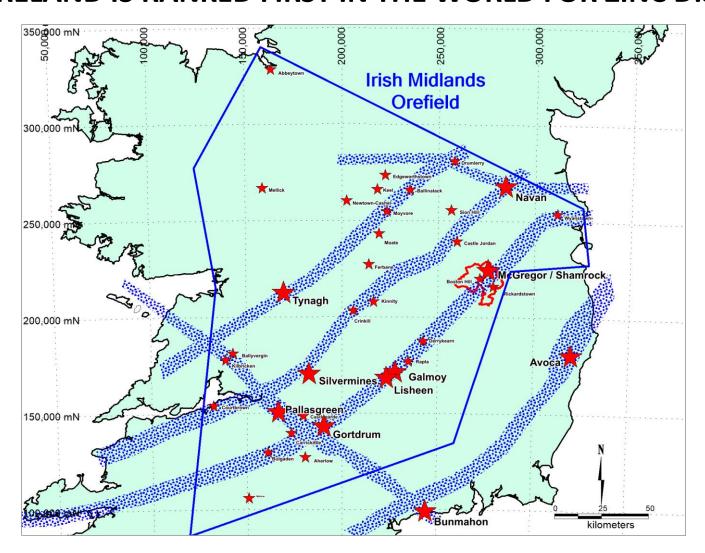
*Non Executive Director* 

10 years experience in the finance and resource sectors in both Australia and Europe. Resides in Ireland.

Responsible for identifying the potential of Kildare and successfully acquiring the projects.

# Active in the World's Most Prospective Zinc Region IRELAND IS RANKED FIRST IN THE WORLD FOR ZINC DISCOVERED PER KM<sup>2</sup>





- 50 years of exploration has resulted in the discovery of >25 deposits containing +20Mt of Zn metal.
- Majors presently exploring and mining; Boliden, Teck & Glencore.

Deposit	Year of Discovery	Mt	Grade % Zn+Pb	Status		
Lisheen	1990	22.8	14.10%	Closed Underground		
Galmoy	1986	9.7	16.20%	Closed Underground		
Silvermines	1963	17.7	8.90%	Closed Underground		
Tynagh	1961	9.2	11.20%	Closed Pit / Underground		
Pallas Green	2004	44	8.0%	Resource Definition		
Navan	1970	112.0	9.8%	Operating Underground		

## Ireland: A Place Where Zinc Mines are Built



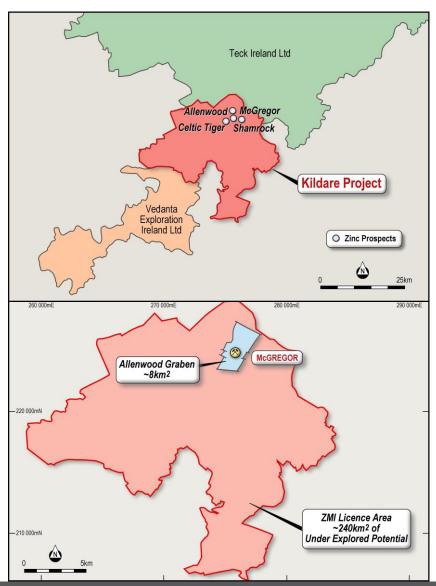


Aerial view of Lisheen Mine whilst in production.

- Established mining industry.
- Home to Boliden's Tara mine; Europe's largest Zn mine in operation since 1977.
- Grid power, roads, railways & ports.
- Modest cost profiles, skilled local workforce.
- Numerous smelters within Europe.
- 25% corporate tax rate on mining operations.
- Royalty: negotiated on a project basis, expected range 1.5% - 3.5% NSR.

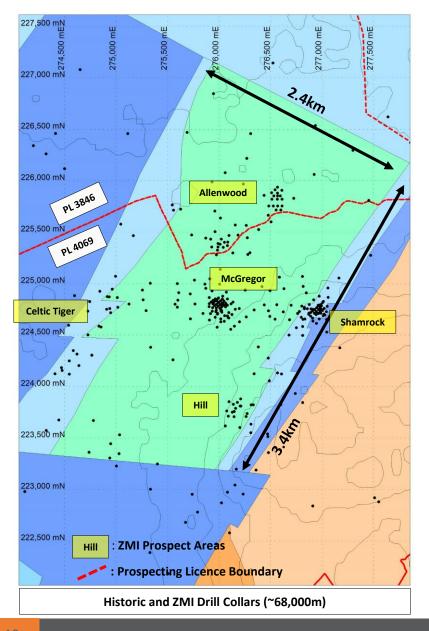
## The Kildare Project THE RATHDOWNEY TREND – THE HOME OF PROFITABLE ZINC MINES

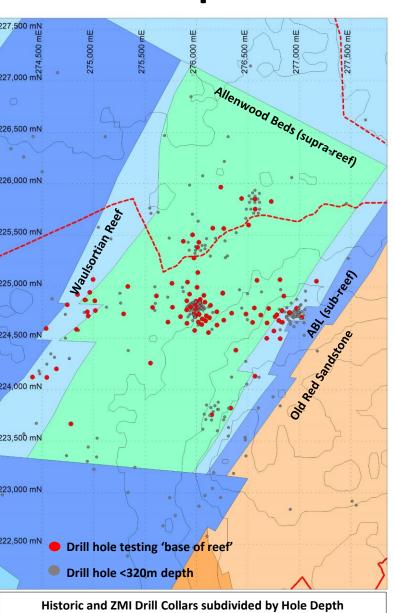




- Large (~240km²), contiguous and prospective land package within the Rathdowney Trend.
- The Rathdowney trend has produced two profitable zinc mines: Lisheen and Galmoy, both located within ~80km of Kildare and along the same trend.
- Focus on the Allenwood Graben first time controlled by a single company.
- Graben; ~68,000m of drilling; estimated replacement value of data in the order of 15M AUD.

## The Allenwood Graben: Historic Exploration



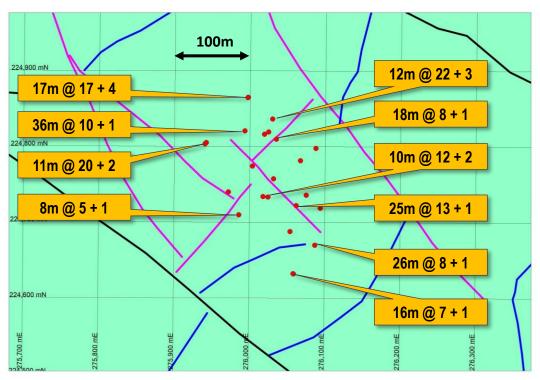




- Well-constrained exploration search area hosting a large hydrothermal system.
- <20% of all drilling has tested the prospective 'base of reef' position.
- ~40% of historic drilling have no available assays and where assayed, historic sampling has been selective in nature.
- Lithologies have been consistently recorded through time.
- The McGregor Zone was the original discovery.

## McGregor Zone: Reduces the Exploration Target Threshold





Drill hole with significant intersection at 'base of reef' position.

Selected significant intersections at McGregor: 6% Zn+Pb cut-off, minimum 4m composite length, maximum 4m internal dilution; intersections are downhole lengths; Zn% + Pb% grade respectively; rounded to the nearest metre and nearest percent.

- Initial Resource Estimate (May 2017): McGregor: 4Mt @
   8.8% Zn+Pb of Global Resource of 5.2Mt @ 8.6% Zn+Pb.
- Review of Initial Resource Estimate underway.
- Post-Initial Resource Estimate drilling results include:
  - **15.7m @ 18.0% Zn, 4.1% Pb** from 458.4m (Z 4069 027).
  - **6.3m @ 9.1% Zn, 0.6% Pb** from 475.3m (Z 4069 027).
  - **24.9m @ 13.0% Zn, 0.8% Pb** from 474.5m (Z\_4069\_003).
  - **12.4m @ 8.2% Zn, 0.5% Pb** from 516.3m (Z\_4069\_003).
- Outstanding development prospects:
  - High-grade zones of >12% Zn+Pb.
  - Thick, flat-lying zones of >20m; amenable to efficient mining methods.
  - Confirmed excellent metallurgical performance.

## **Exceptional Metallurgy: McGregor**

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#### **Zinc concentrate:**

- **96% recovery** of Zn to concentrate.
- **56% Zn** in concentrate.
- Minimal Pb in Zn concentrate.

#### **Lead concentrate:**

- **86% recovery** of Pb to concentrate.
- **62% Pb** in concentrate.
- Minimal Zn in Pb concentrate.

#### McGregor 'base of reef' massive sulfide:

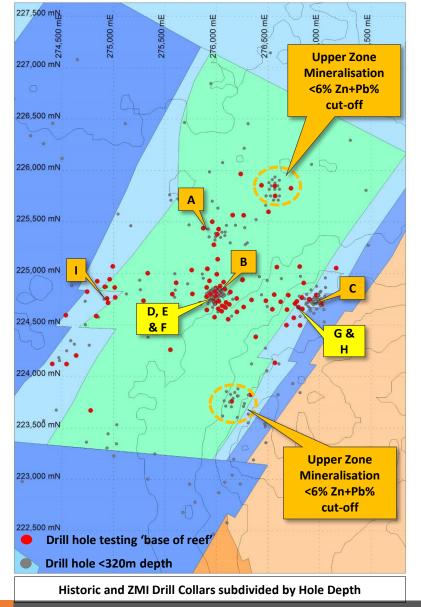
• Head Grade: 10.1% Zn, 1.8% Pb



- Minimal levels of deleterious elements in either concentrate.
- Standard differential flotation process employed using a standard reagent scheme.
- Low expected energy costs (BWI 10.2kWh/t) to achieve target grind size ( $P_{80}$  150µm).
- Additional process refinements will be aimed at optimising metallurgical performance.

# The Allenwood Graben: Widespread Zinc Mineralisation GOOD POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL DISCOVERY





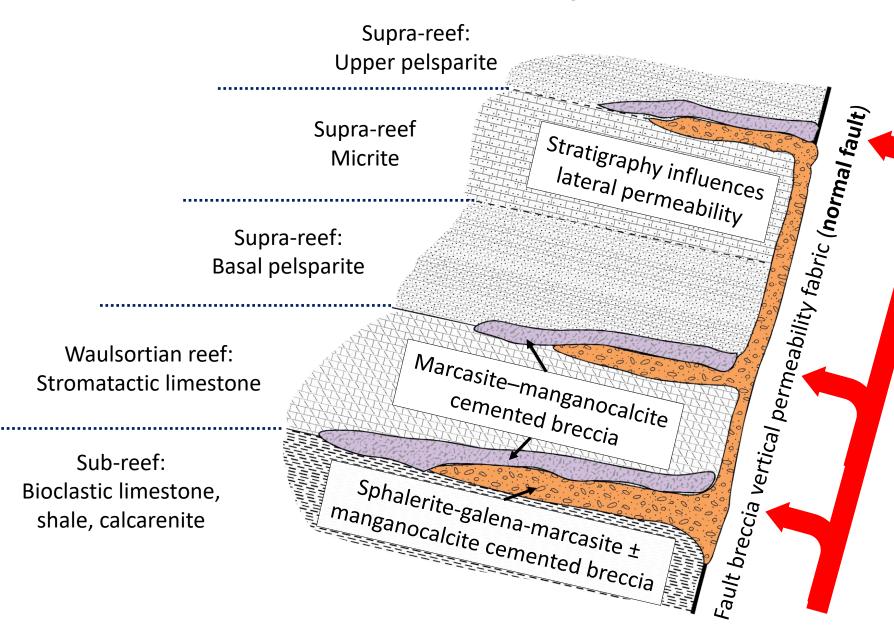
	Hole ID	From (m)	Length (m)	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Zn+Pb (%)	Zone	Min. Style
Α	1629_66*	135	5	8	1	9	Allenwood	Upper Zone
В	RHB_19*	32	19	13	2	15	McGregor	Upper Zone
С	RHB_02*	38	18	11	4	15	Shamrock	Upper Zone
D	HB_087*	373	36	10	1	11	McGregor	Base of Reef
Ε	HB_033*	389	17	17	4	21	McGregor	Base of Reef
F	Z_4069_027	458 475	16 6	18 9	4 1	22 10	McGregor	Base of Reef
G	HB_049*	390	42	8	1	9	Shamrock	Base of Reef
Н	ZB16_004	436	15	7	1	8	Shamrock	Base of Reef
I	Z_4069_007	156	22	8	0	8	Celtic Tiger	Fault Related

Significant intersections: 6% Zn+Pb% cut-off, minimum 4m composite length, maximum 4m internal dilution; intersections are downhole lengths; \*indicates historic diamond drill hole; rounded to the nearest metre and nearest percent.

 Zinc mineralisation is extensive throughout the Allenwood Graben.

## The Allenwood Graben: The Exploration Model

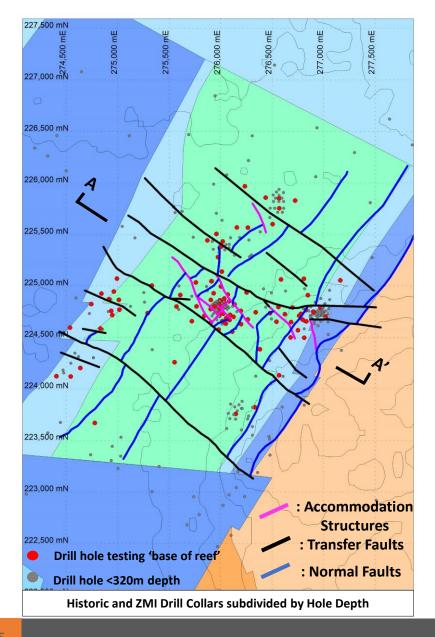




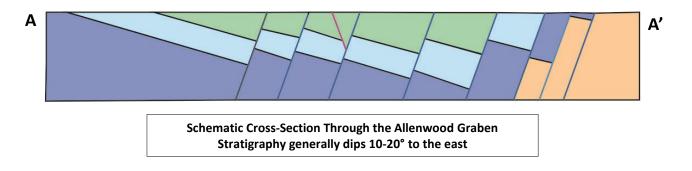
Metal rich and slightly acidic hydrothermal fluid derived from basement are channeled up pre- and syn-sedimentary faults and spread laterally along stratigraphic controlled porosity and permeability.

## The Allenwood Graben: The Structural Model



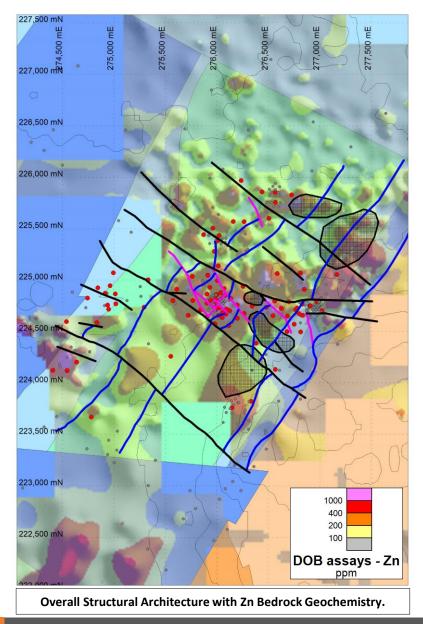


- Reinterpretation of the Allenwood Graben structural architecture has resulted in an increase in the potential for the discovery of additional Zn-Pb massive sulfides.
- The major basin-bounding normal fault (Kildare Inlier) on the eastern margin of the graben will be the immediate focus of exploration drilling.
- Good potential for McGregor/Shamrock-style Zn-Pb mineralisation elsewhere within the graben, hosted between transfer faults and constrained by accommodation structures and segmented normal faults.



## The Allenwood Graben: 2019 Exploration Programme





 Comprehensive and staged exploration programme within the Allenwood Graben commencing during May.

#### **Objective 1:**

 Staged exploration drilling focussing on specific areas proximal to the prospective Kildare Inlier to define additional Zn-Pb resources.

#### **Objective 2:**

- Targeting resource addition at McGregor and Shamrock.
- The Company expects to drill approximately 7,500m of diamond drilling in 2019.



: Phase 1 ZMI Exploration Target Area during 2019

## **Additional Activities During 2019**



#### **Metallurgical Testwork**

✓ Excellent recoveries and concentrates produced.

#### **Resource Review**

☐ Based on additional drilling and sampling since Initial Resource Estimate dated May 2017.

#### **Environmental Baseline**

- ☐ Establish EIA-related baseline requirements.
- Commence pre-development footprint planning.

#### **Heritage & Social**

Stakeholder engagement, community relations, heritage study.

#### **Reasons to Invest**



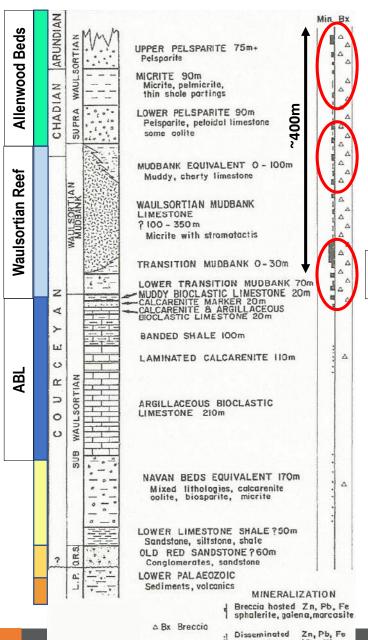
- EXISTING ZINC RESOURCE reduces the exploration risk threshold.
- **EXPLORATION DRILLING COMMENCING MAY** new exploration and structural models.
- EXCELLENT METALLURGY high quality zinc and lead concentrates produced.
- PROJECT DE-RISKING parallel activities to reduce study timeframes.
- PROVEN BOARD AND MANAGEMENT operational experience in the EU.
- **STRONG SHAREHOLDER BASE** cornerstone shareholders, EU mining experience, tight ownership structure.
- CASH OF A\$3.6 MILLION funded to meet current project objectives.
- HIGHLY LEVERAGED TO UPSIDE enterprise value of only ~A\$8 million.

# Appendix Additional Technical Slides



## The Allenwood Graben: Stratigraphy and Mineralisation





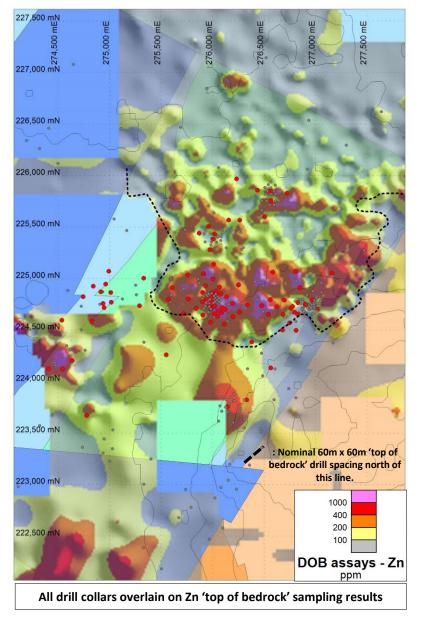
Upper Zone Mineralisation

Base of Reef

Mineralisation

- Extremely well-preserved ~340Ma hydrothermal system with Zn-Pb mineralisation developed over a ~400m vertical extent.
- Favourably, the supra-reef rocks (Allenwood Beds) in the Kildare region are clean limestones, which together with the Waulsortian Reef, has created a very thick sequence of brittle limestone adjacent to a major northeast trending, normal fault structure; the Kildare Inlier.
- Significant, thick, flat-lying, 'base of reef' Zn-Pb massive sulfide has been drilled at the McGregor and Shamrock zones.
- Additionally, manganocalcite-marcasite ± sphalerite stockwork
  has been recognised throughout the graben where it is spatially
  associated with massive sulfide Zn-Pb mineralisation.

## The Allenwood Graben: Bedrock Zn Geochemistry

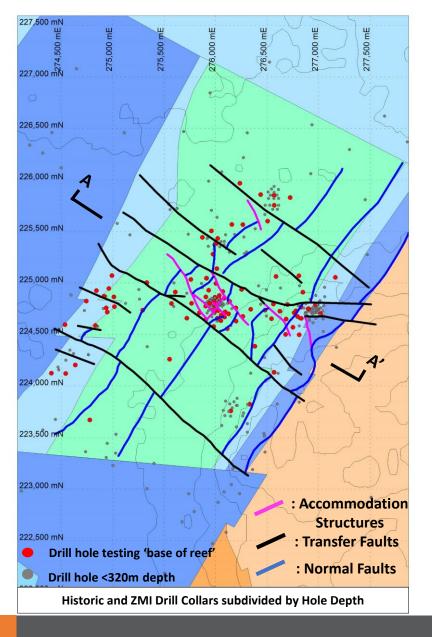




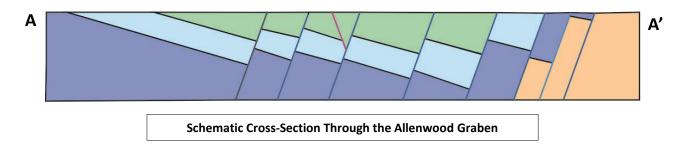
- Due to overburden/cover, 'top of bedrock' drill sampling was employed historically.
- ~1,500 'top of bedrock' samples have been collected through time predominantly in the northern half of the graben.
- Zn anomalism at the top of bedrock is primarily hosted within the supra-reef rock unit, but also occurs within the reef and subreef rocks on the graben margins.
- Zn anomalism represent hydrothermal upflow zones; the 'plumbing system' of the Allenwood Graben.
- Confirms pervasive, well-developed, fault-fracture network.

## The Allenwood Graben: The Structural Model



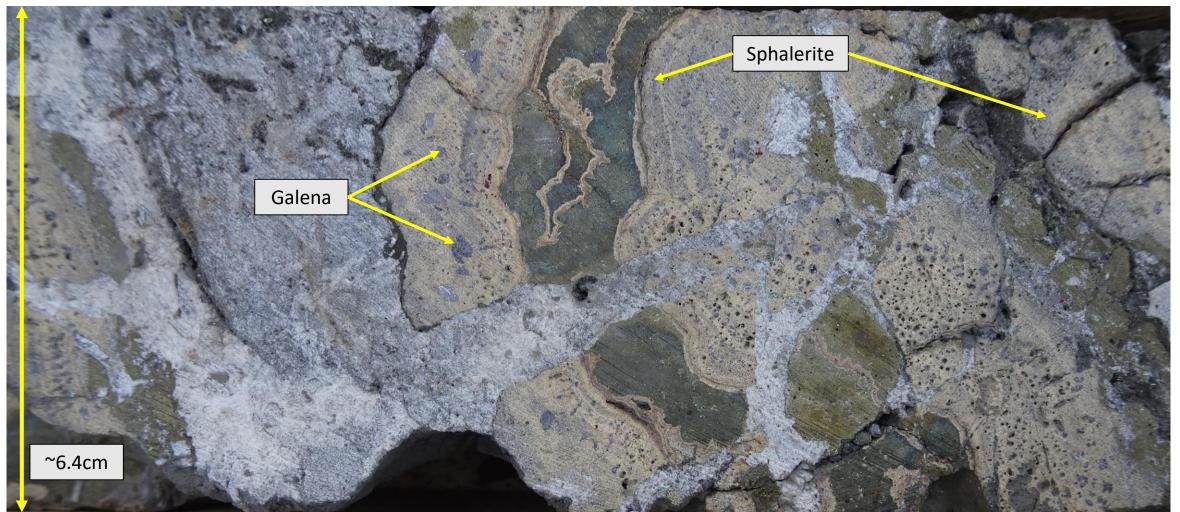


- A large asymmetric half graben.
- Major basin-bounding normal fault on the eastern margin with subparallel, subsidiary normal faults within the basin.
- Stratigraphy generally dips 10-20° to the east.
- Internal fault fabric compartmentalised by transfer faults.
- Local basin architecture between transfer faults is constrained by accommodation structures and segmented normal faults.
- Zn-Pb sulfides are localised within faults and areas of stratigraphically controlled permeability.



# Break-up and brecciation of massive colloform sulfide by late infill of grey to white manganocalcite.





DDH Z-4069-027: McGregor zone, base of Waulsortian reef (HQ half core); 16m @ 22% Zn+Pb

## Zinc: The World's Fourth Most Consumed Metal DEMAND FUNDAMENTALS REMAIN STRONG – 10 YEAR OUTLOOK



- Global demand forecast to grow by 2% annually.
- Consumption dominated by China and growing living standards.
- 2028 consumption forecast:
   17.5Mt of zinc metal
- 287,000t additional metal per annum required to meet demand.

