## PLOMOSAS ZINC PROJECT, MEXICO





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### WHY ZINC?



### **Upward Demand Pressures...**

Platts reported that "according to Stephen Wilkinson, director of the International Zinc Association (IZA), new initiatives could add 1.9 million metric tons (MT) of demand to the zinc market over the next three years", April 8, 2014.

Global zinc consumption is expected to reach 20.5Mt by 2025 (CAGR of 4.3%), from the current level of 13.5Mt, (HDR Salva 2014).

### ...with Decreasing Supply...

"We now see the zinc balance tightening more significantly in 2015 and 2016 owing to a lack of supply growth, Goldman's said. Goldman's view is common across the market with a raft of banks having published bullish notes over the past sixmonths," (Platts, Jan 21 2014).

"The recent closures of large long-lived zinc mines have been well documented, with Glencore's Brunswick and Perseverance mines in Canada closing their doors in 2013. This trend is set to continue with Century and Lisheen mines also coming to an end in the first half of 2015. Both mines extracted high grade ores of around 11-12% zinc over the last 15 years," (AMG 2014).

Mine	Location	Owner	/Closure P	roduction	% Global	
			date 1	Zn ktpa	supply	
Century	QLD	MMG	Mid-2015	500	3.7%	
Brunswick & Perseverance	Canada	Glencore	2013	338	2.5%	
Lisheen	Ireland	Vedanta	2015	167	1.3%	
Skorpion	Namibia	Vedanta	2015/16	162	1.2%	
Total				1167	8.7%	

**Recent and Impending Major Zinc Mine Closures** 

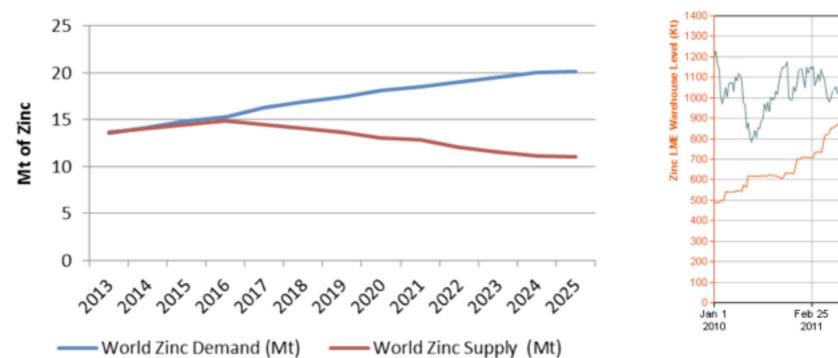
## WHY ZINC?



### ...and already Tightening Stocks

Stocks (LME + SHFE and bonded warehouse in China) have declined for each of the last 12 consecutive quarters which translates to incremental metal demand of 550-600kt of zinc metal per year, (Glencore 2014).

LME Stocks are now down to levels last seen in Jan 2011. WoodMac and CRU, amongst others, expect deficits to persist into the medium term.



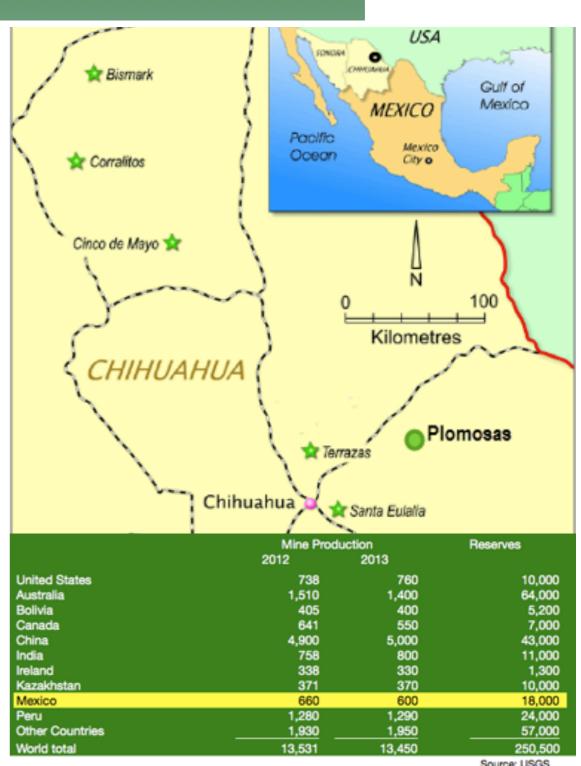


Long Term Global Zinc Demand/Supply and Zinc Surplus/Deficit: 2012-17, (IZA 2014)

## WHY MEXICO?



- Strategic geographical location in world class mining region.
- Mexico is the 14th Largest World Economy with a recently upgraded sovereign rating of A3, (Moodys), a member of G20 and with political and financial stability under a North American-style legal and financial system.
- Highest ranked country for tax regime with low taxation rates (~28%) and mining royalties and Ranked #5 in Countries Favourable for Mining Investment, (Behre Dolbear, 2012).
- Mexico's regulatory environment is favourable towards foreign miners, allowing up to 100% ownership in locally based subsidiaries for foreign companies, enabling exploration and development activities, (BMI 2014).
- Ranked #6 for world zinc production, Mexico's top zinc mines include the Proano, Campo Morado, La Ciénega and Penasquito mines, all of which contributed to the country's 600,000 MT of zinc output last year. Chihuahua remains the country's largest zinc-producing state, (U.S. Geological Survey 2014).



# WHY PLOMOSAS? LOCATION AND OPERATIONS





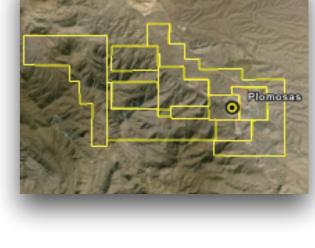
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Located in the northern Mexican state of Chihuahua Plomosas is approximately 1 hours drive on sealed roads to the State capital where the currently utilised concentrator is located. Chihuahua borders Texas and is a 1 hour flight from Dallas and Houston.

### ...AND EXISTING MINING OPERATIONS.

Mining and processing has proven amenable to standard methods. The wide stopes have remained open for extended periods without appreciable ground support requirements and the existing workings are fully accessible requiring only minor refurbishment to expand production.

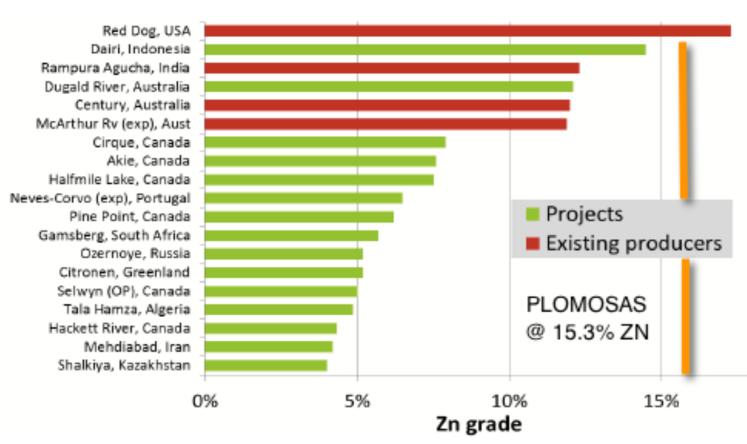






## WHY PLOMOSAS? SUPERIOR & UNDERSTOOD ORE





The Limestone replacement mineralisation is well understood and is amenable to geophysical exploration methods.

Exploration from surface and underground will be assisted as the mineralisation is constrained within a persistent and prominently defined stratigraphic horizon, which will assist drill targeting.

Plomosas is remarkable for its history of mining high grade ore (15%-25% Zinc (Zn) + Lead (Pb) with 40-60g/t Silver (Ag) credits) and clean mineralogy.

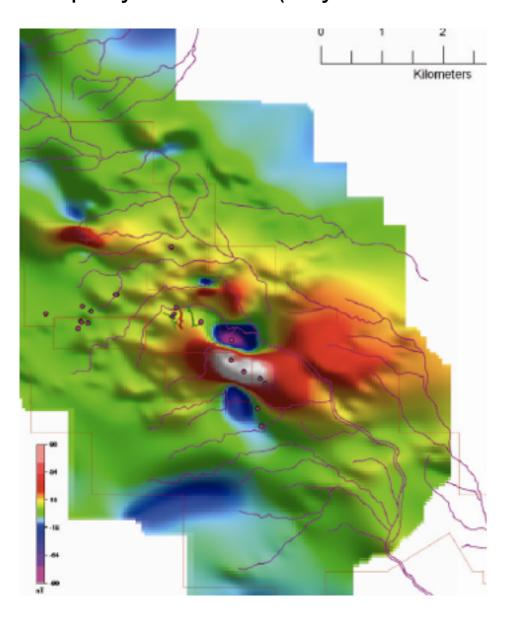
Ratios of Zinc to Lead content is approximately 2:1.



# WHY PLOMOSAS? VOLUMES WITH POTENTIAL



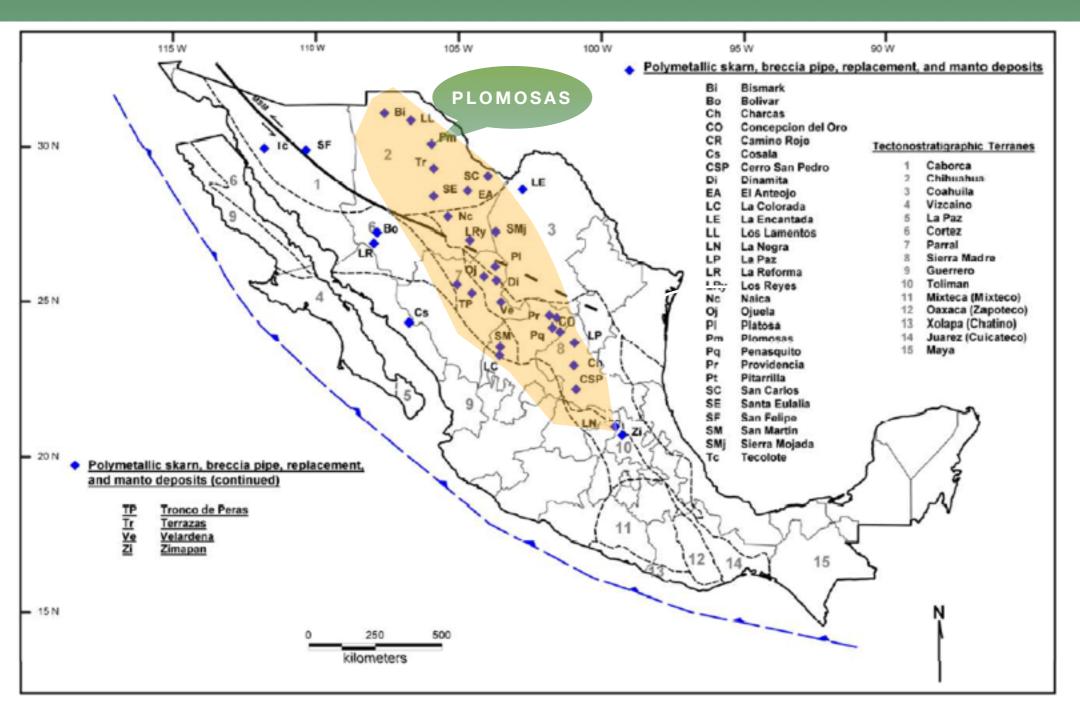
"At the end of the day grade is king. I think it always will be. If you can find something that has a reasonable tonnage and a good grade, you could be off to the races. Such projects can be company makers." (Haywood Securities Mining Analyst, Stefan Ioannou, 2014)



- · The Plomosas mineralisation comprises predominantly structurally controlled, intrusive related, hydrothermal replacement of limestone rich sedimentary units.
- · At Plomosas the thickness of the manto-style mineralisation can be up to more than 3m within a thicker sequence varying from 1-10m thick that dips uniformally at low angles to the NE.
- The mineralised bodies are of a well known style that is mined in the region. Numerous bodies are located within the sequence.
- · Within the Plomosas area, small occurrences of epithermal-styles copper (Cu)+gold (Au) quartz veins have been identified and mined. At present these do not appear to contain significant tonnages but may present an alternative style of later stage mineralisation for future investigation.

# WHY PLOMOSAS? VOLUMES WITH POTENTIAL new





Plomosas, like so many Zn-Pb-Ag deposits in the region sits on the western margin of the large Chihuahua Basin which extends under Texas, Chihuahua and Eastern Mexico/Caribbean.

# PLOMOSAS ...AND A SILVER LINING



"The top primary silver miners average yield declined 41% from 13oz/t in 2005, to 7.6oz/t in 2013. Falling ore grades and yields are impacting all mining companies. It will become more expensive to produce silver in the future as ore grades continue to decline..." (SRSrocco Report, April 2014).

"Mine supply is expected to peak in next 2-3 years and current price levels are maintaining production but constraining investment in new capacity.

A surge in interest in the last quarter of 2014 is not enough to offset a weaker Q1-Q3 2014 and total physical demand is forecast to fall in 2014, but higher coin and bar demand in Q4 and into 2015 could lead to physical shortages and higher local premiums," (Andrew Leyland, The Silver Institute - 2014 Interim Report, Nov 2014).

Plomosas historically mined ore contains 40-60g/t (~1.4/2.1oz/t ) Silver (Ag) credits as a by product, and has occurrences of epithermal style copper (Cu) – gold (Au) quartz.

## PLOMOSAS WORKS PROGRAMME



#### **Technical Due Dilligence**

8 weeks

Underground mapping and sampling & regional assessment
Underground mine and tailings dump surveys
Complete review of mine operations and current cost structures
Incoperate 100% Mexican subsidary, carry out legal due dilligence
Prepare dual language legal transaction contracts
Processing Review, Technical and Commercial

### **Legal Due Dilligence**

8-10 weeks

Credit Facility for on going operations Securing Preferntial Credit Status over Mining Leases

#### Mining & Processing Scoping Studies

8-10 weeks

Underground mining assessment and planning Processing and metallurgicall review LOMP planning

#### **Exploration Phase 1**

8-12 weeks

Underground and Tailings Aeromagnetics and IP

#### **Exploration Phase 2**

10-14 weeks

Surface - district and down dip





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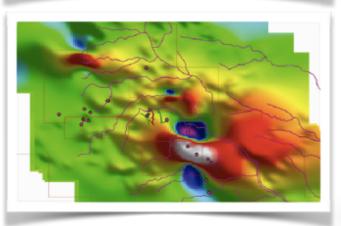




ASSET PRODUCING HIGH QUALITY **GRADES** 



LOW POLITICAL AND LEGAL RISKS IN AN ESTABLISHED MINING AREA

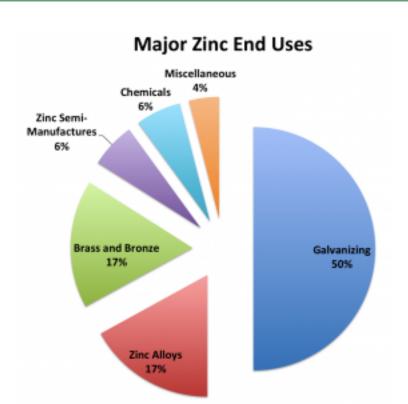


**UPSIDE POTENTIAL IN DEPOSIT** ALONG STRIKE AND DOWN DIP



## WHY ZINC? APPENDIX





- At present, approximately 75% of the zinc consumed worldwide originates from mined ores and 25% from recycled or secondary zinc.
- Zinc is the 4th most utilised metal in the world.
- Rises in apparent demand of 9.2% in the United States and 13.8% in China were the main drivers behind an increase in global zinc metal usage of 7.4% for 2014 to date.
- Demand in Europe rose by a more modest 0.7%.
- Chinese net imports of refined zinc metal increased by 8.7% to 448kt.

(Source: ILZSG 19th November 2014)

World Refined Zinc Supply and Usage 2009 - 2014												
000 tonnes						2013	2014	2014				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Jan-Sep		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Mine Production	11605	12346	12590	12770	13196	9729	9909	1133.3	1167.3	1168.0	1086.1	
Metal Production	11271	12896	13064	12630	12873	9550	9955	1122.7	1144.3	1133.2	1160.9	
Metal Usage	10905	12649	12699	12386	12970	9555	10264	1166.2	1166.2	1185.3	1161.4	

Source: ILZSG