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# **Investment Highlights**

- Highest silver production growth among peer group
  - Expansion from 1,500 tpd to 2,000 tpd on-going at La Negra
  - Commencement of operations at Shafter in Q2 2012
- Operational cash flows increase dramatically in the near term
  - Expanded production and declining cash costs to further improve margins
  - Operational cash flows in excess of US\$100MM in 2012 at US\$30/oz Ag
- Significant Exploration Upside
  - Numerous untested targets expected to materially expand resources
- Experienced Management Team
  - Numerous operational improvements going on
  - Capital structure completed
- Undervalued relative to peer group
  - Trading significantly below intermediate silver producers with similar production profile
- Stable, mining-friendly jurisdictions



# **Capital Structure**



|                                   | As at June 30, 2011 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Basic shares outstanding:         | 347.0 MM            |
| Warrants:                         | 101.3 MM            |
| Options:                          | 29.2 MM             |
| Fully diluted shares outstanding: | 477.5 MM            |
| Cash:                             | \$18.8 MM           |
| Debt:                             | \$2.6 MM            |
| Convertible debentures:           | \$3 MM              |
| Hedging:                          | None                |





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### **Experienced Management Team & Directors**

| Management                                |   |
|---|---|
| Lenic Rodriguez                           | Over 15 years experience in top management with one of Mexico's 10 largest corporations   |
| President, CEO & Director                 | 20 year experience in international finance   |
|   | <ul> <li>Instrumental from day one on the acquisition and financing of the La Negra mine</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul> <li>Magna Cum Laude Honors Business graduate from one of Mexico's top Universities, Universidad<br/>IberoAmericana</li> </ul>  |
| Salvador Huerta                           | <ul> <li>Over 25 years experience as a CFO for international companies in Mexico</li> </ul>   |
| CFO CFO                                   | Extensive knowledge in business, finance and mergers & acquisitions   |
| <b>Andy Nichols</b> <i>VP, Operations</i> | <ul> <li>Graduate of Camborne School of Mines with over 35 years of underground mining experience in<br/>Canada, Africa, Asia and Latin America, including Sullivan (Cominco), El Mochito (Breakwater) and Elliot<br/>Lake (Denison)</li> </ul> |
|   | <ul> <li>Has worked in mining operations, management, supervision, project and engineering roles</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul> <li>Formerly Chief Mining Engineer at Wardrop Engineering, with a focus on feasibility studies, detailed<br/>engineering and financial evaluation of underground and open pit mines</li> </ul>   |
| Nils von Fersen VP, Exploration           | <ul> <li>Professional Geologist with over 30 years of experience with base and precious metals exploration<br/>programs in Canada, Chile, Mexico and Guatemala</li> </ul>   |
| TT Exploration                            | <ul> <li>Spent 18 years with Kidd Creek Mines and Falconbridge in exploration and project evaluation in<br/>Western Canada and Chile (Collahuasi)</li> </ul>  |
|   | <ul> <li>Consulting geologist since 1989 with a focus on projects in B.C., Mexico and Central America</li> </ul>  |

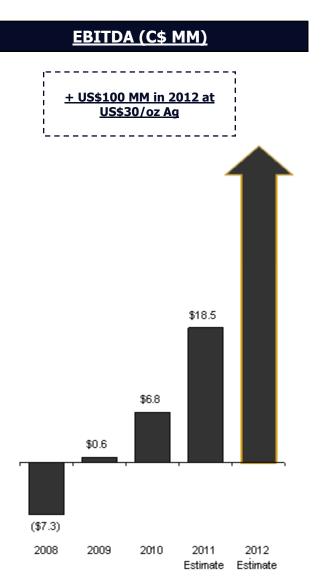
| <b>Board of Directors</b> |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Adrian Aguirre            | • | Vice Chairman of Maxcom Telecomunicaciones   |
| Ken Collison              | • | Senior VP Project Development of Avanti Mining   |
| Paul Matysek              | • | Former President & CEO of Potash One, director of numerous mining companies including Lithium One, Nevada Copper and Forsys Metals |
| Bob Tweedy                | • | Chairman of Useppa Holdings, a diversified management company  |
| <b>Technical Advisors</b> |   |  |

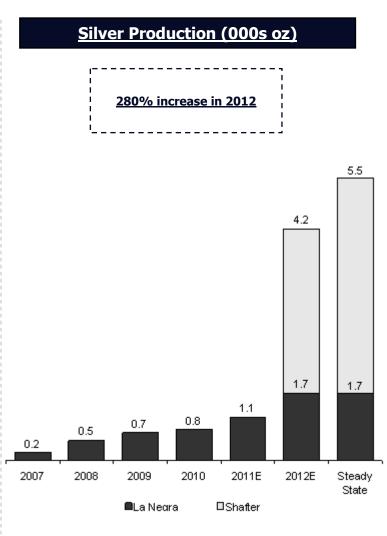
| • | Professional geologist since 1970 and President & Director of Gitennes Exploration  |
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| • | Over 30 years of geological exploration experience in Mexico and is considered an expert on epithermal vein deposits and carbonate replacement deposits |



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# **Financial Highlights**

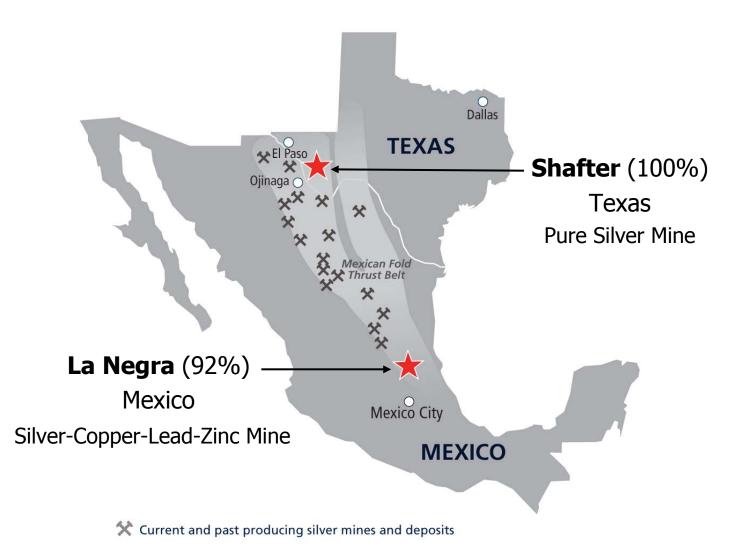








# **Aurcana Projects**







# <u>La Negra – Highlights</u>

- Expansion to 2,000 + TPD
- Silver-Copper-Lead-Zinc Mine
- 28 ore bodies outlined:
  - 23 historically by Penoles
  - 5 more added by La Negra Staff
  - All Accessible through over 60 km of underground development on five main levels over 500m vertical
- Over 10 year projected mine life, based on reserves and resources in all categories, and a mining history of 30 years

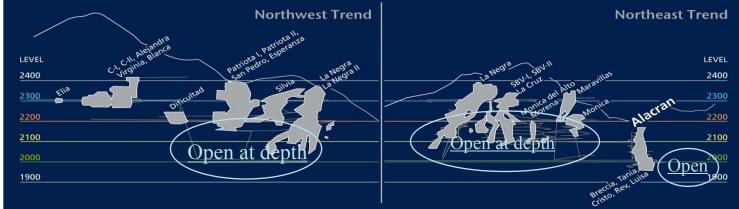




# La Negra - Ore Bodies

#### **Exploration Upside & Reserve Replacement**

1970 - 2000: 36 million oz Silver produced by Peñoles



La Negra NI 43-101-compliant on 3 of 28 ore bodies:

Reserves 1.2 M oz Ag

• M&I (historic) 2.3 M oz Ag

Inferred (historic) 0.7 M oz Ag

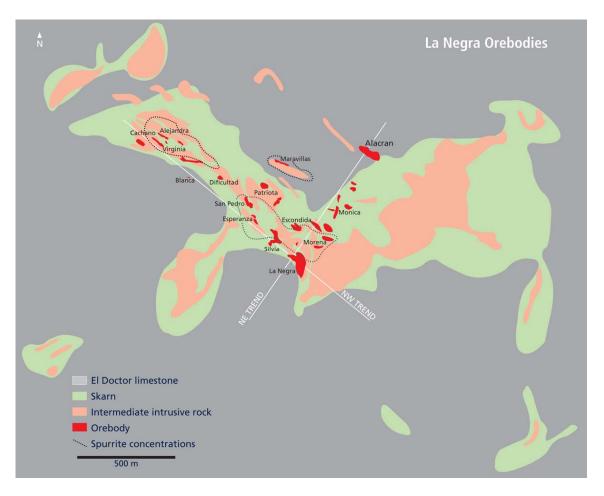
• 60 km of development on five main levels – 400 m vertical





# La Negra: Exploration Upside

- 28 ore bodies identified, resource completed on only 3 deposits
- Expanded exploration program to test NE and NW trends
- Potential for significant resource expansion







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# <u>La Negra – Mine Workings</u>



- Multiple mining faces enables targeting higher grade ore & higher priced metals
- Low cost long hole open stope mining and room and pillar mining methods

#### **Low Cost Operation:**

- Current \$34/tonne
- Cash cost: \$9.30/oz (net of base metals)
- Grades improving on new zones





# <u>La Negra – Mill</u>

Aurcana Production July 2007 – Dec 2010 Total: 1,171,001 tonnes



| Silver | 78  | g/t |
|--------|-----|-----|
| Copper | 0.6 | %   |
| Zinc   | 1.1 | %   |





150 tonne per hour crushing capacity (avoids peak power rates)







### <u>Shafter – Texas</u>

- Largest primary silver mine in the US
- 14<sup>th</sup> largest primary silver mine in world\*
- Will add 10% to US production\*
- 3.8m oz at \$7.50\* cash cost starting in 2012

| Reserve / Resource (Ag)         | Tons      | Grade oz/t | Total oz Ag |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Reserves (P & P) <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,537,500 | 7.78       | 19,733,215  |
| Inferred <sup>(2)</sup>         | 2,167,000 | 10.52      | 22,790,000  |

<sup>\*</sup> If in production today according to the Silver Institute, 2009

<sup>\*\*</sup> Inclusive of reserves

<sup>1)</sup> Feasibility Study 2010

<sup>2)</sup> NI 43-101 compliant resource report 2008



# **Worlds Leading Primary Silver Mines**

(millions of ounces - 2009)

- Fresnillo, Mexico, Fresnillo Plc.
- Cannington,¹ Australia, BHP Billiton
- Dukat, Russia, OJSC Polymetal
- Gümüsköy,² Turkey Eti Gümüs A.S.
- Uchucchacua, Peru, Compañia de Minas Buenaventura S.A. 10.56
- Arcata, Peru, Hochschild Mining
  9.54
- Pallancata, Peru, Hochschild Mining
  8.42
- San Bartolomé, Bolivia, Coeur d'Alene Mines
  7.47
- Greens Creek,<sup>2</sup> US, Hecla Mining Co 7.46
- Imiter, Morocco, Société Métallurgique d'Imiter
  6.75
- Alamo Dorado, Mexico, Pan American Silver Corp
  5.32
- San José, Argentina, Hochschild Mining 5.00
- Ying,<sup>3</sup> China, Silvercorp Metals Inc.
- Shafter Silver Mine, US, Aurcana
  3.8
- Martha, Argentina, Coeur d'Alene Mines

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reported payable metal in concentrate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Estimate

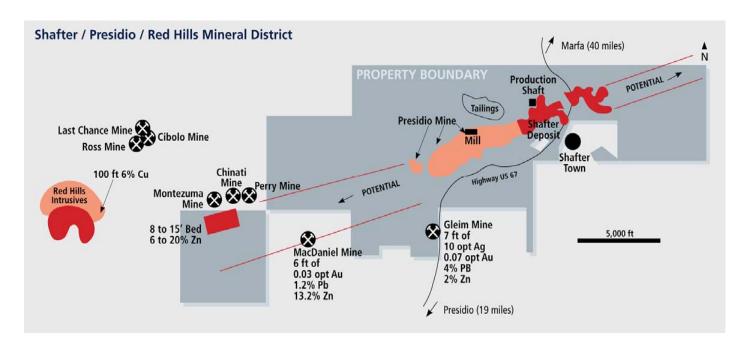
<sup>3</sup> Reported Sales





# **Shafter: Exploration Upside**

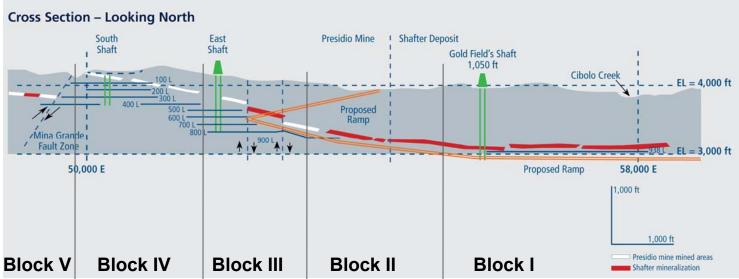
- Numerous past-producing mines and prospective historical drill holes in the area
- Resource remains open along strike
- CRD deposits are typically 10-15 Mt, but could go up to 50 Mt
- Little evidence of the source of mineralization
  - May indicate that the mineralizing solutions have travelled some distance (vertically or horizontally)
- Aggressive drill program planned from 2011





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# **Shafter Ore Body – Long Section**



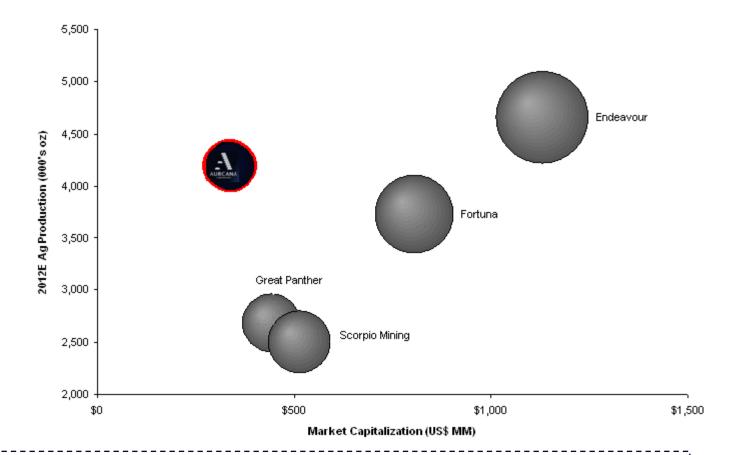
- Well-proven and predictable ore body
- Excellent underground conditions
- Production
  - Initial access by ramp to Block III
  - Year 2 ore hoisted via Goldfields Shaft from Block I
- Conventional processing (Merril Crowe)
- 84% recoveries, produce dore bars "Made in Texas Silver"





# **Peer Comparison**

#### **2012E Production vs. Market Capitalization**



**Undervalued compared to peers** 

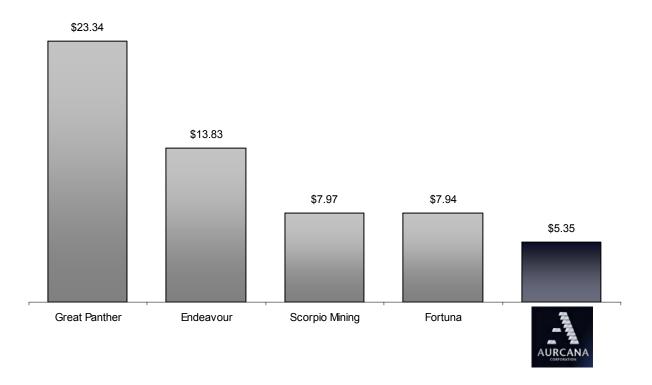
Source: Bloomberg, company disclosure and analyst reports. Note: Size of bubble corresponds to market capitalization.



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# **Peer Comparison**

#### **EV / Ag Resources**



#### **Undervalued compared to peers**



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