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# SOLID PROJECT BASE | WITH A FOCUS ON PRECIOUS METALS



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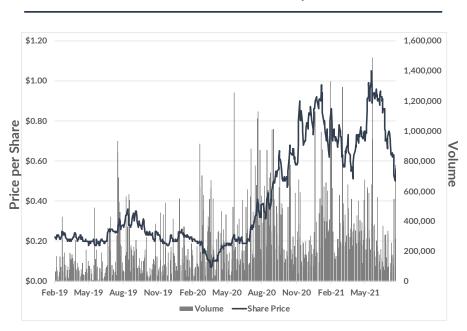


# TIGHT SHARE STRUCTURE

#### **Share Structure**

TRADING	Trading Symbols	TSXV:DEF OTC:DNCVF
	52 Week Hi-Low	\$1.07-\$0.42
	Average Daily Trading Volume	~195,750
CASH POSITION March 31st, 2021	Cash (CAD \$M)	~\$19
SHARE STRUCTURE October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Share Price	\$0.56
	Market Cap (CAD \$M)	~\$123.3
	Common Shares	220,226,718
	Options	7.4
	Warrants	29.4
	Fully Diluted	259,396,552
OWNERSHIP	Institutional Ownership	~35%

## **Share Price History**



Source: Sedar, TMX, Yahoo Finance



# INDUSTRY VETERANS WITH PROVEN SUCCESS

#### Chris Wright, BA

#### Chairman of the Board & CEO



Founder and Director of Windermere Capital, an investment firm and manager of two private investment funds: the Navigator and Breakaway Strategic Resource Funds, both of which are significant shareholders of Defiance.

#### Sherry Roberge, CPA, CA CFO & Corporate Secretary



Member of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Royal Roads University as well as a Master of Professional Accounting from the University of Saskatchewan.

#### George Cavey, P.Geo

## Vice-President, Exploration & Qualified Person

#### OREQUEST

Former VP Exploration of Orko Silver, part of the team who discovered 264mm oz La Preciosa deposit sold to Coeur Mining in 2013 for \$380mm. 2004 recipient of the APEGBC C.J. Westermann Award. Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award, Canada's highest honor for Professional Geoscientist.

#### **Douglas Cavey**



#### **OREQUEST**

#### Vice-President, Corporate Development; Sr. Technical Advisor

Over a decade of experience working on exploration, development, and mining projects for private, junior, and mid-tier mining companies.

#### Jennifer Roskowski, MSc Principal Geologist



## **OREQUEST**

Global exploration geologist with a decade of experience working with one of the world's largest copper mining companies on global generative exploration and target definition.

### Dunham L. Craig, P.Geo

#### Director



Past Director of Silvercrest Mines Inc., Past President and CEO and Director of Valoro/Geologix Exploration Inc., Vice President of Exploration and Corporate Development for Wheaton River Minerals.

#### Paul Smith, MSc



#### Director

Founding shareholder and past Finance Director of Ocean Partners Holdings Limited, one of the world's large traders of copper, zinc and lead concentrates.

#### James Bergin, BBA

#### Director

President and CIO of Hillhead Capital Inc. with 29 years of experience in capital markets with Credit Suisse, Barclays capital and Toronto Dominion Bank.

## GLENTEL

#### Ron Sowerby

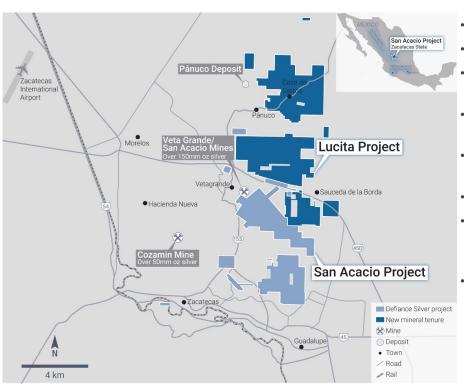
#### Director

Director of Glentel Inc., which was purchased by Bell Inc. for \$594 million. Comptroller and CFO of TCG International Inc. (Trans Canada Glass Ltd.)



# ZACATECAS DISTRICT PROJECTS

## WITHIN THE BILLION OZ ZACATECAS SILVER CAMP



- · Located in Zacatecas, Mexico.
- Option to acquire 100% ownership.
- Current Initial Resource: 16.9 mm Oz. Ag based on 44 holes totalling 10,200m of drilling.
- San Acacio and Lagartos projects located on the prolific Veta Grande and Mala Noche Veins.
- Significant Intersections outside of current resource; Base Metals never tabled into previous resource estimates.
- · Excellent infrastructure, topography, and labour.
- The Zacatecas Silver district has produced >1B ozs Ag and is still a prolific mining region for silver and base metal deposits.
- "Fresnillo in the 60s".
  - Similar crustal position/crustal blocks
  - Fresnillo out of ore by the mid 1960's; now the world's largest primary silver mine

Discovery-focused geoscience works



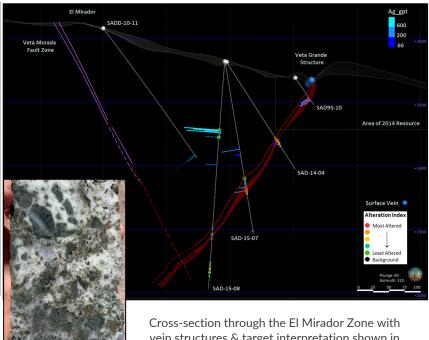
# SAN ACACIO - MIRADOR/ALMADEN

## SIGNIFICANT MINERALIZATION OUTSIDE THE PRINCIPLE VETA GRANDE

Hole ID	From	То	Width*	Ag	Au	Cu	Pb	Zn	Zone
SADD09- 04A	243.00	244.3	1.3*	769	0.15	0.01	0.23	0.79	Natividad
including	243.00	243.3	0.3*	3,090	0.57	0.04	0.92	3.27	Natividad
SADD10- 09	314.85	316.0 5	1.20*	239	0.42	0.11	1.33	4.10	HW VG
SAD15- 08	106.05	113.3	7.25*	631.4	0.43	0.01	0.09	0.22	Unknown
SAD17- 13	261.00	264.0	3.0*	372.2	0.10	0.01	0.16	0.45	HW Vein
including	261.00	262.0	1.0*	748.7	0.19	0.01	0.31	0.88	HW Vein

By the late 1960's, the Fresnillo mine had become marginal. In 1975, as a result of Geochemical, Geophysical and Geological programs, Fresnillo discovered the Santo Nino vein at a depth of approximately 300m; 3m of 1087 g/t Ag, 1.62 g/t Au, 0.4% Pb, 0.7% Zn.\*\*

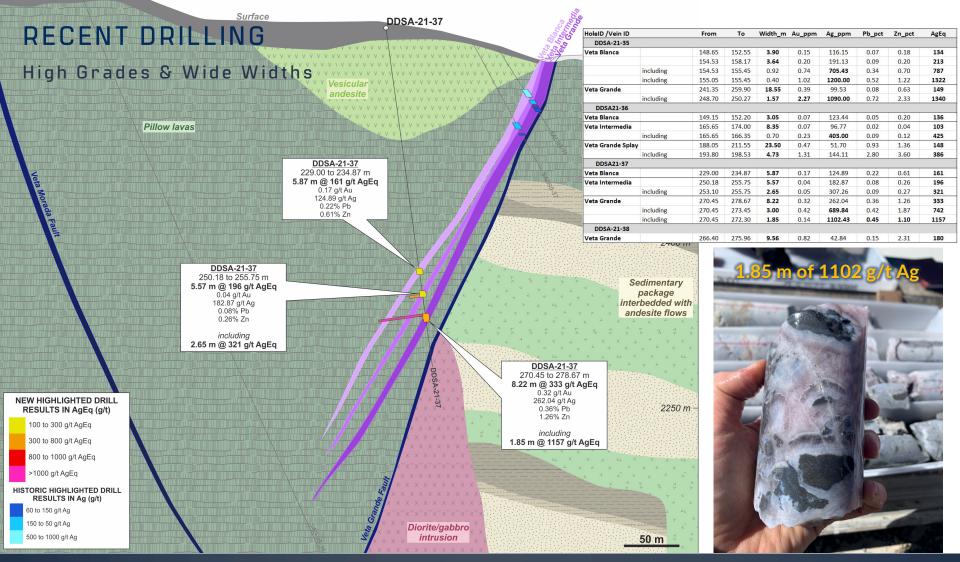
\*True thickness unknown \*\*(Ruvalcaba-Ruiz & Thompson, 1988; Gemmel, et al., 1988, Querol & Palacios,

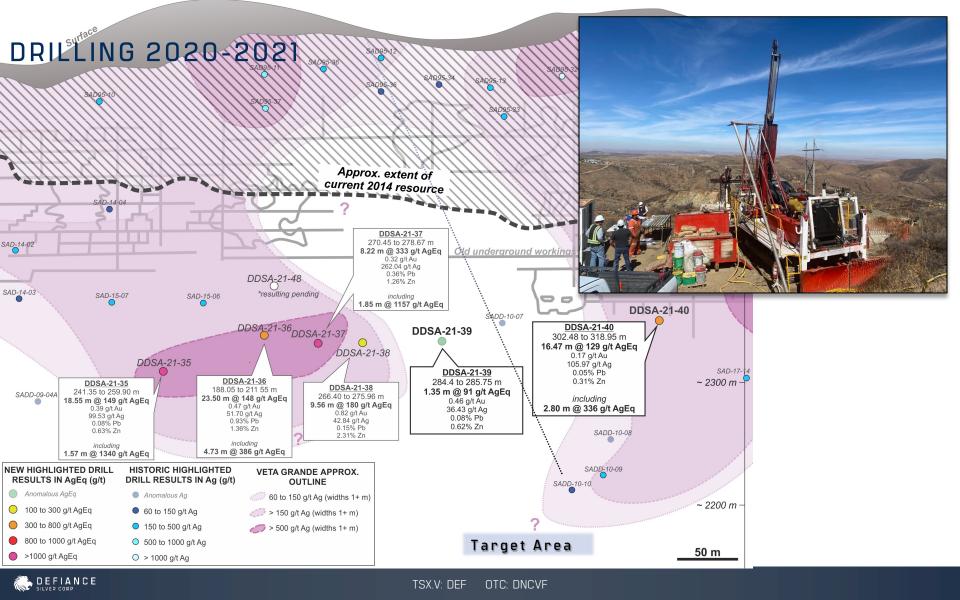


vein structures & target interpretation shown in red and purple.

Mineralised Fault Breccia SAD-15-08: 7.25m @ 631 gpt Ag

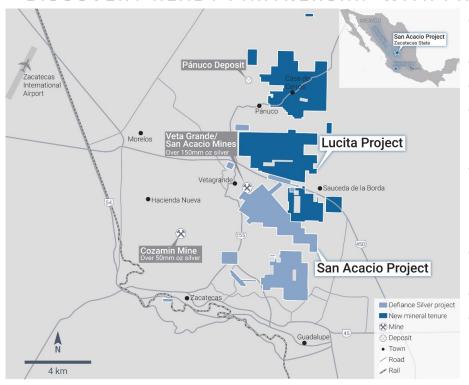






# LUCITA ACQUISITION

## DISCOVERY READY PARTNERSHIP WITH PAN AMERICAN SILVER

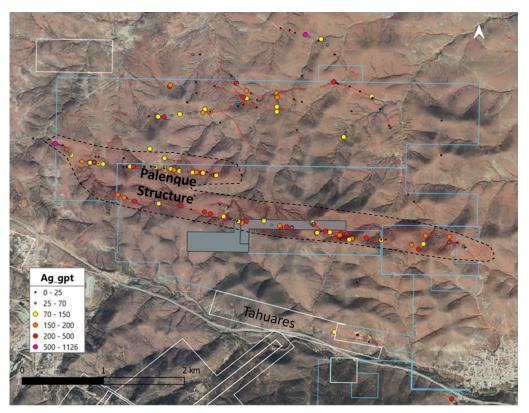


- Nearly triples Defiance land position in historic Zacatecas silver district.
- Option to acquire 100% ownership.
- Strengthens land position to ~1/4<sup>TH</sup> of historical district.
- The Zacatecas Silver district has produced >1B Ozs Ag and is still a prolific mining region for Ag and base metal deposits.
- High-grade historical drilling on Northern, Panuco licenses.
  - Hosts the on-strike extension to the 19 million oz Ag-Eq. Panuco Deposit.
- Significant, well-mineralized, and un-drilled multikilometer target at Palenque.
- · Excellent infrastructure, topography, and labour.
- Aggressive follow up exploration planned for 2021.
  - Surface Geochemistry
  - Surface Geophysics
  - o Diamond Drilling



# EL PALENQUE

## MULTI-KILOMETRE TARGET WITH GRADE



- Surface grade over multiple kilometres.
- Adjacent to San Acacio project.
- Un-drilled, high priority target.
  - 12m wide with 4km of strike length has returned historical grab samples between 25 g/t Ag to over 700 g/t Ag.
- Identified through regional targeting program.
- Surface work ongoing; Mapping and sampling.
- Excellent infrastructure, topography, and labour.
- Expanded follow up exploration planned for 2021.
  - Surface Geochemistry
  - Surface Geophysics
  - o Diamond Drilling Planned 2021

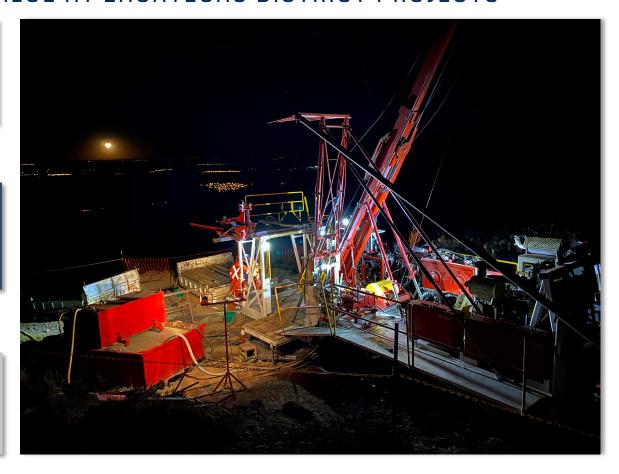


## STRATEGY TO ADD VALUE AT ZACATECAS DISTRICT PROJECTS

DISCOVERY-FOCUSED
MINERAL SYSTEMS
GEOSCIENCE

FULLY FINANCED
EXPLORATION AND RESOURCE
DRILLING PROGRAM

ADDING OUNCES TO AN ADVANCED ASSET



## TECHNICALLY & FINANCIALLY DE-RISKED



- Located in Michoacán near the border of Jalisco State.
- 100% ownership.
- Current M&I resource: 1.8 mm Oz. Au & 813 mm lbs Cu<sup>+</sup>.
- C\$27M spent to-date.
- Excellent infrastructure: road accessible with power, water, and port facilities.
- Surface rights currently held by private landowners.
- 50 megawatts available today (28 MW required for mine).

Significant Exploration Target: Un-tested, recently discovered High Grade Gold Feeder System

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## ACCRETIVE ACQUISITION IN A DOWN MARKET

PRE-TAX

PRE-TAX NPV 5% US \$299M

PRE-TAX IRR

PAYBACK 1.6 Yrs POST-TAX

US \$169M

POST-TAX IRR

PAYBACK 2.3 Yrs

GOLD PRICE of \$1,250 COPPER PRICE of \$2.50 \$4.2mm

Acquisition Cost of \$1.39 per AuEq. Oz

Acquired in December 2018 from ValOro for \$4.2mm in Defiance Silver shares equal to approximately \$1.39 per AuEq. Oz \$27.0mm

Spent by predecessor company to discover 1.8mm ozs Au and 813mm lbs Cu<sup>1</sup>, and produce 4 economic studies

AT \$1,375 GOLD AND \$2.75 COPPER, POST-TAX NPV (5%) INCREASES TO

US \$257M

AT \$1,500 GOLD AND \$3.00 COPPER, POST-TAX

NPV (5%) INCREASES TO

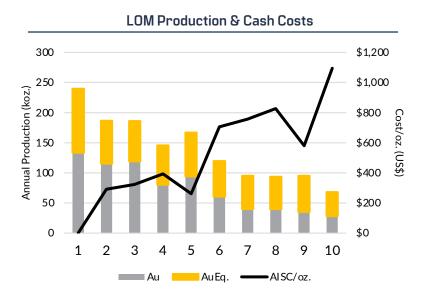
US \$345M

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2017 PEA HIGHLIGHTS (USD)



- (1) Using US\$1,250/oz. Au price, US\$2.50/lb. Cu price and US\$18.00/oz. Ag price
- (2) Cash cost includes all mining, milling & refining, transport, mine-level G&A, and royalty costs; net of byproduct credits

## **Production Summary**

10 Years

US\$214M

PRODUCTION AVERAGES LOM 10 YEARS

Au: 79,000 oz Cu: 32Mlbs

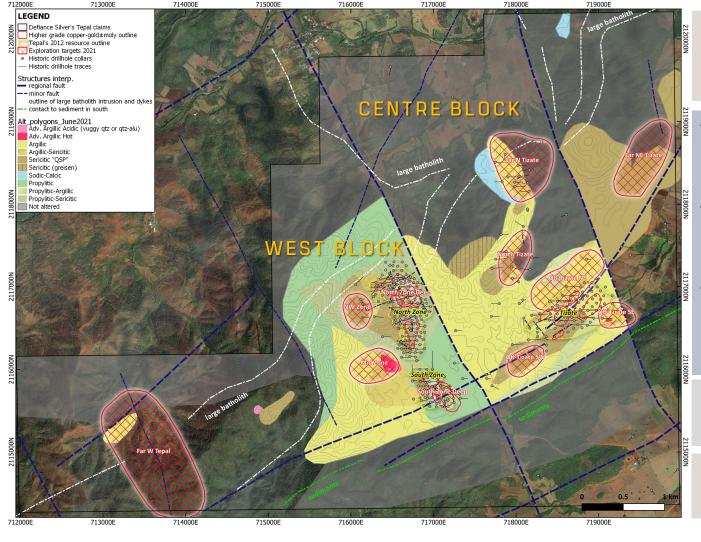
LOM 10 YEARS PER OZ AU COST

Avg cash cost \$313/oz AISC \$396/oz

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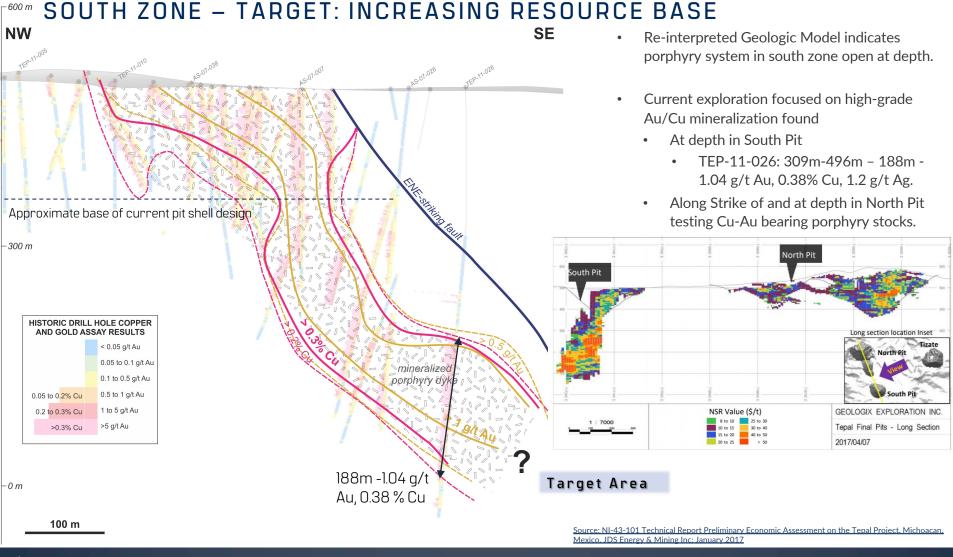
# EXPLORATION UPSIDE AT TEPAL

- South Zone Strong potential to increase Au and Cu resource through targeted exploration and systematic drilling.
- "Central Block" Recent work indicates the presence of high grade Au-Ag epithermal zones that remain largely untested.
- Drill targets exist both within and nearby current pit shell in the "North", "South" and "Tizate" proposed pits.

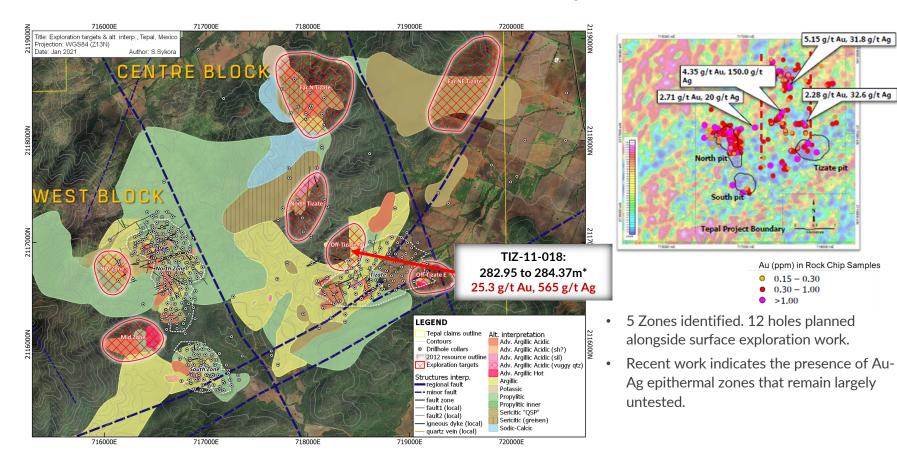
South Zone – Strong grades and open at depth.

North Tizate / Off Tizate – follow up drilling planned.





## EXPLORATION UPSIDE IN CENTRE BLOCK/TIZATE





5.15 g/t Au, 31.8 g/t Ag

2.28 g/t Au, 32.6 g/t Ag

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# UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS |

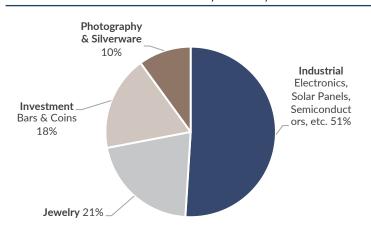
### Global Silver Production by Country in 2018

Rank	Country	MMozs	
1	Mexico	196.6	_
2	Peru	144.9	Mandatory
3	China	114.9	Mine Closures
4	Russia	43.4	Disruption or
5	Chile	42.1	Voluntary
6	Bolivia	39.9	Closures
7	Poland	39.6	
8	Australia	35.4	
9	United States	28.0	
10	Argentina	26.5	
11	Canada	24.8	
12	India	23.2	
13	Kazakhstan	19.5	
14	Sweden	14.6	
15	Indonesia	11.9	
16	Morocco	11.2	
17	Turkey	5.5	
18	Armenia	5.0	
19	Iran	3.6	
20	Dominican Republic	3.4	
21	Rest of World	21.7	
	World Total	<i>855.7</i>	
	Percent of Production		
	Offline	<i>&gt;47.7</i>	

- COVID-19 has significantly shifted the supply/demand picture for silver.
- As manufacturing activity ceased, industrial demand has weakened and will recover as the global economy resumes and recovers.
- While industrial demand has softened, the more severe economic contraction has been in the service sector rather than manufacturing.

## A CATALYST FOR SILVER

## Silver Demand by Industry



- Mine suspensions are offsetting weak industrial demand for silver, with production halted in countries that represent 47.7% of global silver production.
- Silver already had an 861.7mm oz deficit and mine supply has been declining since 2015
- Over 70% of silver is mined as a by-product in polymetallic mines; a slowing economy will lower demand for base metals, putting pressure on prices and mines.
- Mine resumptions and ramp-up will be gradual and are uncertain, while global scrap supply has dropped 50% since 2011.

Source: Bloomberg, Sprott, The Silver Institute GFMS World Silver Survey



# SAN ACACIO PROJECT

## 43-101 COMPLIANT INFERRED MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

#### 43-101 Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate

		Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	AgEq (g/t)	Ag (ozs)	Au (ozs)	AgEq (ozs)
VETA G	2,150,000	192.43	0.19	204.66	13,302,000	10,000	14,147,000
VETA C	739,000	153.28	0.08	158.66	3,642,000	1,900	3,770,000
TOTAL	2,889,000	182.42	0.16	192.89	16,944,000	11,900	17,917,000

Source: NI-43-101 Technical Report and Resource Estimate, San Acacio Silver Deposit, Zacatecas Sate, Mexico, by Giroux and Cuttle: September 2014

The San Acacio Deposit has a 43-101 Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate available on <a href="www.sedar.com">www.defiancesilver.com</a>. Using a silver equivalent ("AgEq")\* cut-off grade of 100 grams tonne ("g/t"). Using a gold price of \$1270/ oz Au and silver price of \$19.60 the silver equivalent value would be silver content plus 65 times the gold content. (Note: total contained AgEq values may not add exactly because of rounding). Metallurgical recoveries are not taken into account.

Base Metals not included in initial inferred resource



# SAN ACACIO PROJECT

## "POST-RESOURCE" DRILL RESULTS SUMMARY

Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)*	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Cu %	Pb %	Zn %	AgEq (g/t)**
SAD14-01	134.00	142.10	8.10	222.12	0.22	0.01	0.20	0.53	268.13
SAD14-02	168.50	171.70	3.20	419.09	0.82	0.02	0.14	0.30	499.43
SAD14-03	05.00	213.30	8.30	42.89	0.92	0.04	1.87	2.44	278.33
SAD14-04	147.00	153.10	6.10	138.35	0.80	0.19	1.27	1.90	340.4
SAD15-07	136.40	140.00	3.60	211.49	0.14	0.01	0.11	0.20	234.17
SAD15-08	106.05	113.30	7.25	631.46	0.43	0.01	0.09	0.22	675.58
SAD15-10	331.5	333.6	2.1	283.31	0.17	0.01	0.38	0.70	337.8
SAD15-12	226.2	253.65	27.03	148.21	0.29	0.02	0.13	0.67	202.99
SAD15-13	261.00	271.00	10.00	171.22	0.08	0.01	0.27	0.42	204.65
SAD15-13	261.00	271.00	10.00	171.22	0.08	0.01	0.27	0.42	204.65
SAD15-15	209.82	213.00	3.18	285.04	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.17	296.30

<sup>\*</sup>Please see Defiance press release of 25 Oct 2017 for further details and 2017 intercepts.



<sup>\*</sup>True Widths are approximately 70% to 80% of each intersection \*\*Reported for comparison only, with no assumptions regarding metal recovery or smelter payments. Prices used are Au: \$1210.50/ounce, Ag: \$16.33/ounce, Cu; \$2.80/pound, Pb; \$0.83/pound and Zn \$0.95/pound in US\$. 1 Gram = 0.03215074657 Troy ounce

## 43-101 COMPLIANT MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

Tepal Total Project Resource Estimate<sup>1</sup> – March 2012

Mineral Resource (Mine Diluted) Included in PEA Mine Plan<sup>12</sup>

Resource Classification	Tonnes	Au Grade (g/t)	Cu Grade (%)	Ag Grade (g/t)	Contained Au (oz)	Contained Cu (lbs)
Measured	34,100,000	0.48	0.25	0.95	528,000	185,000,000
Indicated	153,700,000	0.26	0.19	1.67	1,276,000	628,000,000
Measured & Indicated	187,800,000	0.30	0.20	1.54	1,804,000	813,000,000
Inferred	35,700,000	0.16	0.15	1.68	182,000	120,000,000

Resource Classification	Tonnes	Au Grade (g/t)	Cu Grade (%)	Ag Grade (g/t)	Contained Au (oz)	Contained Cu (lbs)
Measured	26,800,000	0.51	0.25	0.95	438,000	150,000,000
Indicated	61,700,000	0.28	0.20	1.58	550,000	269,000,000
Measured & Indicated	88,500,000	0.35	0.21	1.39	988,000	419,000,000
Inferred	2,000,000	0.19	0.18	2.73	12,000	8,000,000

- 1. The resource states in the table conforms to CIM guidelines for reasonable potential for economic extraction and is not to be confused as reserves. Resource numbers above are rounded to the nearest 100,000 tonnes, 1,000 oz Au and 1,000,000 lbs Cu.
- 2. The mineral resource stated in the table conforms to CIM guidelines for reasonable potential for economic extraction and is not to be considered mineral reserves.
- 3. NSR cut-off for sulphide material is \$8.19/tonne milled and for oxide material is \$10.13/tonne milled.

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# TEPAL GOLD-COPPER PROJECT PROJECT PROFILE

#### Flotation Concentrate & Tails Cyanidation Recovery Estimates

	Flotation	Tails Cyanidation	Combined Recovery
Tepal Recovery			
Copper	88.2%		88.2%
Gold	62.4%	16.5%	78.9%
Silver	27.4%	15.5%	40.2%
Tizate Recovery			
Copper	85.9%		85.9%
Gold	55.0%	16.0%	74.0%
Silver	59.6%	18.5%	78.1%

#### Oxide Leach Recovery Estimates

Tepal Recovery					
Gold	83.2%				
Silver	63.3%				
Tizate Recovery					
Gold	75.3%				
Silver	55.9%				

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<sup>1.</sup> Au = gold, Cu = copper, Ag = silver, Mo = molybdenum, g/t = grams per tonne, % = percent, oz. = ounces, lbs. = pounds. Resource numbers above are rounded to nearest 100,000 tonnes, 1,000 oz Au, 1,000,000 lbs Cu and 1,000 oz. AuEq  $^2$  AuEq = gold equivalent and is calculated using gold and copper only using \$1000 Au, \$2.75 Cu metal prices (AuEq = (lbs. Cu\*\$2.75/\$1000) + Au oz.). All dollar values stated are \$USD

<sup>2.</sup> The mineral resource stated in the table conforms to CIM guidelines for reasonable potential for economic extraction and is not to be considered mineral reserves.

## PROJECT PROFILE

#### 2017 PEA Assumptions

Sustaining Capital Costs	\$86.7
Mine Life	9.8 years
Total Material Mined	142.9 Mt
Strip Ratio	0.6 : 1
Average Plant Throughput (Sulphide + Oxide)	9.6 Mtpa
Average Au Sulphide Head Grade	0.33 g/t
Average Cu Sulphide Head Grade	0.21%
Average Au Oxide Head Grade	0.45 g/t
LOM Average Au Sulphide Recovery (combined Flotation & CIL)	77%
LOM Average Cu Sulphide Recovery	87%
LOM Average Au Oxide Recovery	81%

<sup>2017</sup> PEA Highlights

% ⊿ in Base Case Metals Prices	-10%	0%	10%
Gold Price (US\$/oz)	\$1,125	\$1,250	\$1,375
Copper Price (US\$/lb)	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.75
Silver Price (US\$/oz)	\$16.20	\$18.00	\$19.80
All-In Sustaining Costs (net of b	yproducts)	1	ı
Gold (US\$/oz)	\$497	\$396	\$296
Copper (US\$/oz)	\$0.69	   \$0.38	\$0.07
Pre-Tax		I	
NPV(5%) (US\$ millions)	\$165.6	\$299.4	\$433.3
IRR (%)	25%	36%	46%
Payback Period (years)	2.2	1.6	1.3
After-Tax:		i	
NPV(5%) (US\$ millions)	\$77.5	\$169.4	\$257.2
IRR (%)	15%	24%	31%
Payback Period (years)	3.0	2.3	1.9

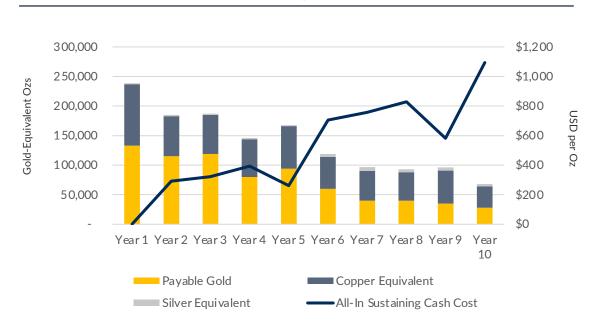
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<sup>(1)</sup> Cash cost includes all mining, milling & refining, transport, mine-level G&A, and royalty costs

## PROJECT PROFILE

## 2017 PEA Production by Year & Cost Profile



- (1) Using US\$1,250/oz. Au price, US\$2.50/lb. Cu price and US\$18.00/oz. Ag price
- (2) Cash cost includes all mining, milling & refining, transport, mine-level G&A, and royalty costs; net of byproduct credits

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