

# Resourcing the energy transition revolution

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#### **CLEAR STRATEGY TO SUPPLY CRITICAL METALS**

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#### **REIGNITING ZINC PRODUCTION IN SPAIN**

San Jose mine has outstanding drill results on multiple stacked lenses of high-grade zinc mineralisation in multiple zones.

Phase 2 follow up drilling is now underway and well-funded for campaign expansion.

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#### **EXPLORING 100% OWNED HIGH GRADE ZINC PROJECTS**

#### STRATEGICALLY LOCATED HIGH-GRADE ZINC PROJECT IN NORTHERN SPAIN





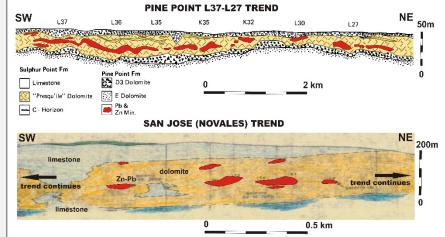




#### **MVT DEPOSITS – FAVOURABLE CHARACTERISTICS**

- Flat-lying, tabular orebodies
- Good lateral continuity
- Multiple horizons
- Occur in clusters / ore fields
- Sizeable resources
- Grade can be very high
- Comparatively simple geology
- Simple mineralogy
- Simple mining /processing
- Good quality concentrate
- Comparatively easy exploration





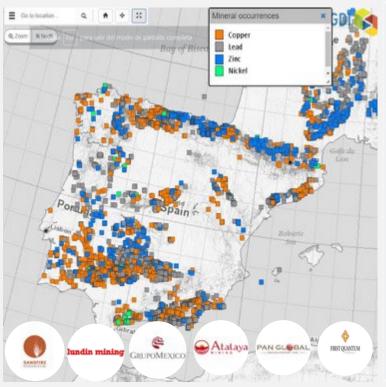


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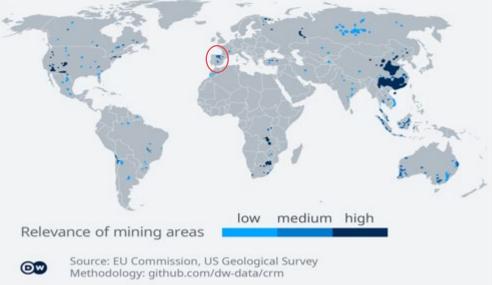


#### SPAIN CONTINUES TO HAVE AN ACTIVE MINING INDUSTRY





## The most important mining areas of critical raw materials







#### **NOVALES-UDIAS PROJECT: CANTABRIA, NORTHERN SPAIN**

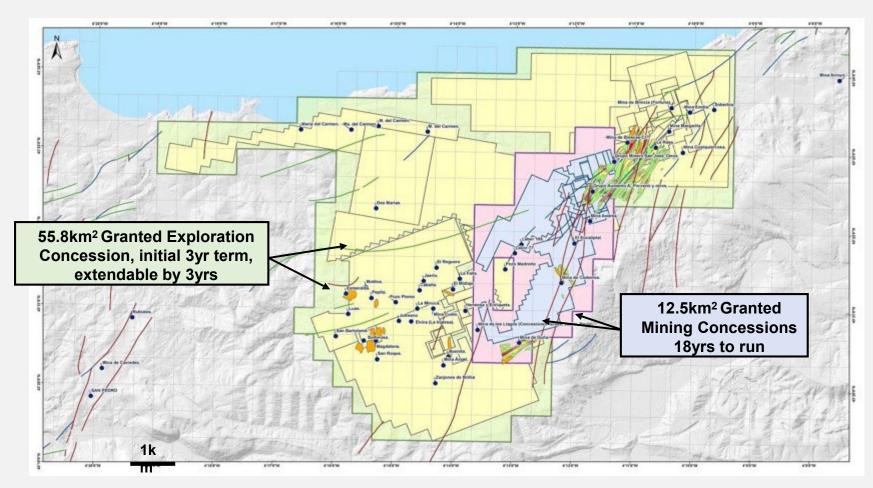






#### **NOVALES-UDIAS PROJECT : SUBSTANTIAL CONTIGUOUS HOLDING**

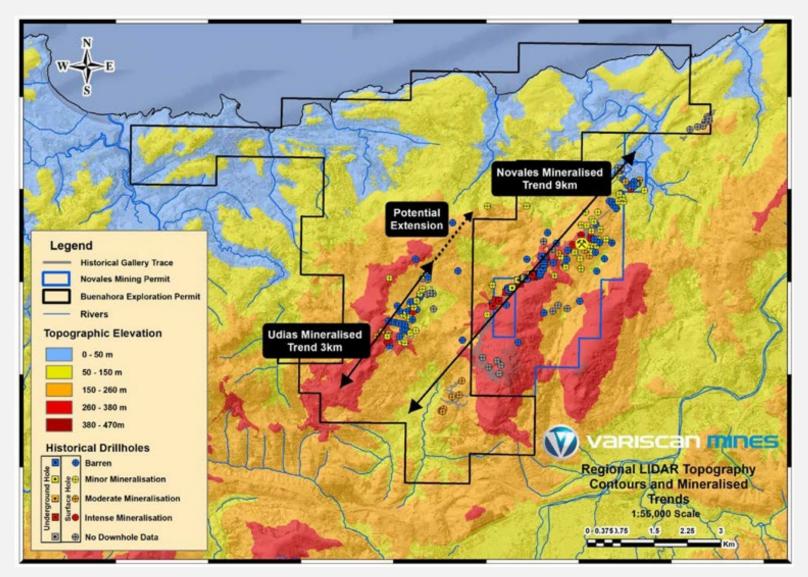
#### MINING CONCESSIONS ALREADY GRANTED AT SAN JOSE MINE EXPLORATION LICENCES RENEWED OVER BUENAHORA







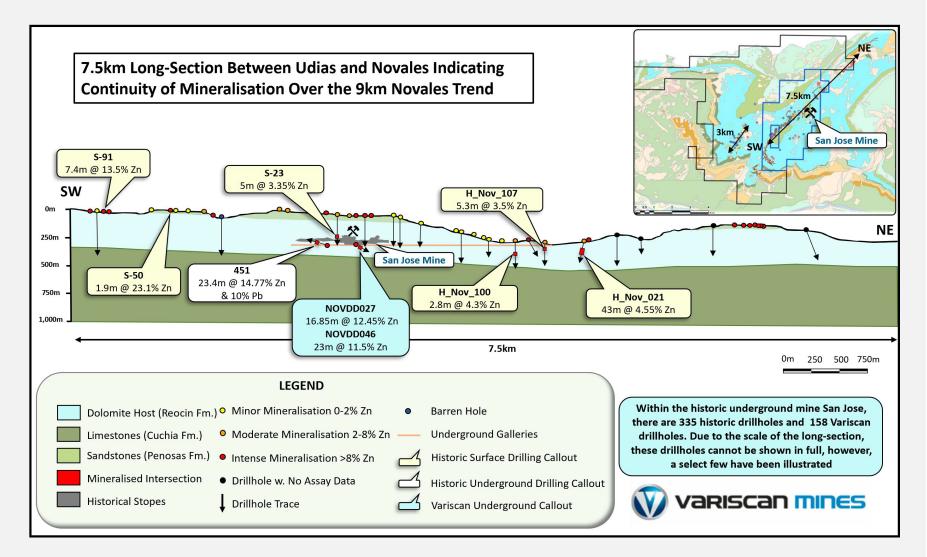
#### **9KM NOVALES TREND DELINEATED + 3KM SUB-PARALLEL TREND**







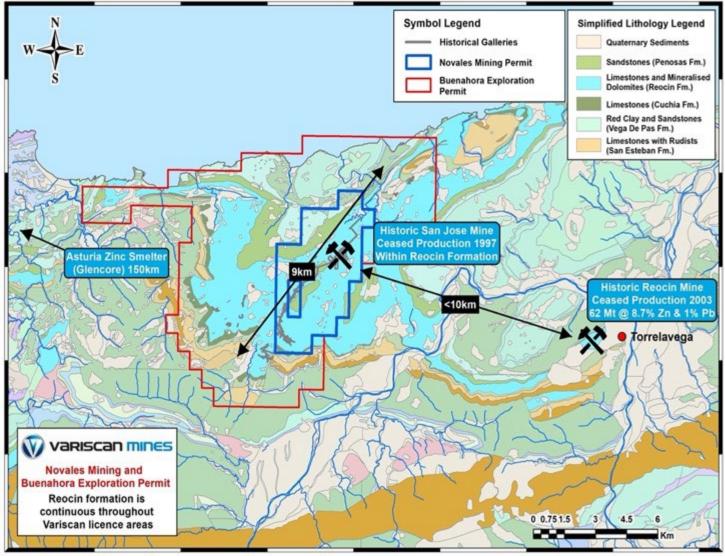
#### NOVALES TREND HAS GOOD CONTINUITY ON STRIKE







#### TRENDS ARE LOCATED ON THE REOCÍN FORMATION





#### **DELIVERING EXPLORATION SUCCESS & DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS**

- Continued underground drilling success
- Follow up & Extension to Discovery on the La Caseta Trend 2380 20 3 873% Pb (1).
- DDH NOVDD113: 33.0m @ 4.1% Zn + 0.1% Pb
- DDH NOVDD108: 12.0m @ 9.8% Zn + 0.7% Pb
- DDH NOVDDT037: 9.7m@ 9.1%Zn + 0.9%Pb
- DDH NOVDD109: 14.0m @ 5.4% Zn + 0.6% Pb
- DDH NOVDDT036: 13.3m @ 2.4% Zn + 0.1% Pb
- DDH NOVDDT025: 1.1m @ 20.0% Zn + 0.3% Pb
- Multiple New, Extensive Targets Uncovered At Buenahora Licence through IP survey <sup>(2)</sup>
- Sizeable, High-grade JORC Exploration Target <sup>(3)\*</sup>

Range	Tonnage (Mt)	Zinc (%)	Lead (%)
Lower Estimate	16.5	6.3	1.1
Upper Estimate	34.0	9.1	1.8

- Surface drilling over Buenahora nearly complete
- **Evaluation of San Jose Mine restart**



See ASX Announcement (1) 25 August 2022 (2) 4 May 2022 (3) 28 July 2022

DDH NOV113: 33.0m @ 4.1% Zn + 0.1% Pb



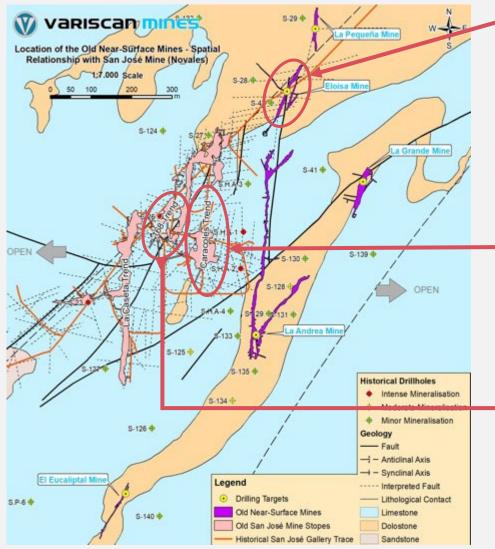
Note: DDH NOV113 Hole Depth shown from 5.40m to 16.90m



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#### **UNDERGROUND DRILLING - CONTINUED SUCCESS**





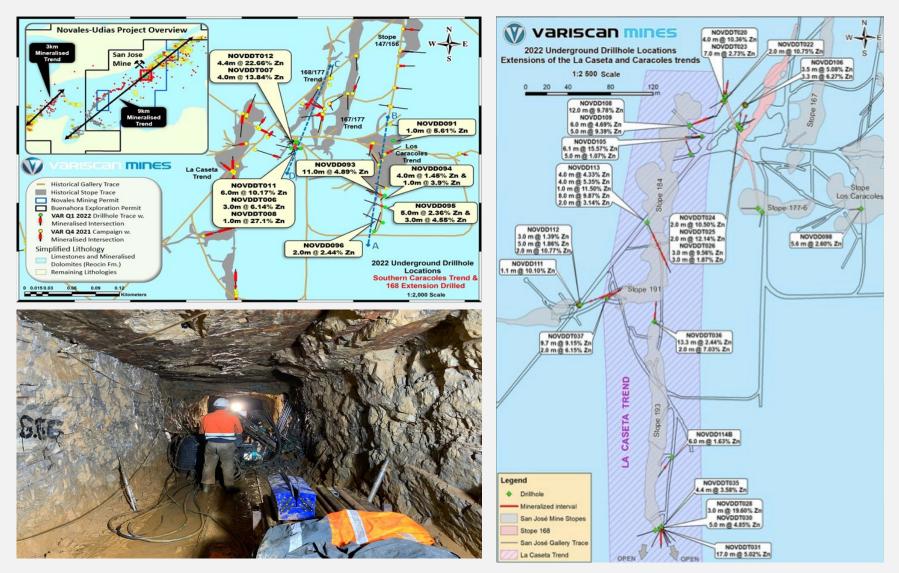
Near-surface step out targets – Eloisa Mine



- Central Zone Los Caracoles = 8.0m @ 5.16% Zn = 6.0m @ 5.02% Zn = 6.0m @ 5.41% Zn = 5.0m @ 6.00% Zn Central Zone – 168 Trend = 8.0m @ 20.17% Zn = 5.0m @ 24.92% Zn
  - 9.0m @ 8.73% Zn
  - 3.0m @ 19.20% Zn
  - 2.8m @ 17.86% Zn
  - 4.0m @ 8.93% Zn



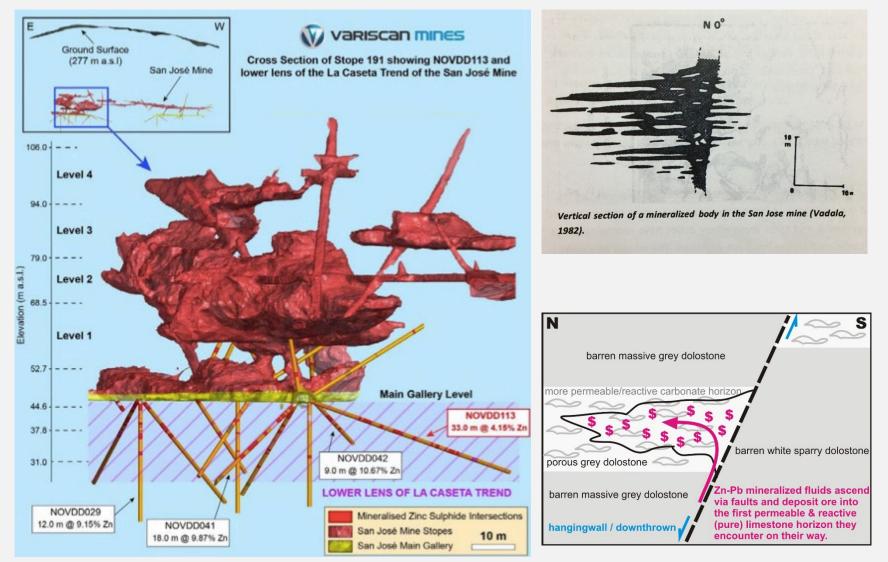
#### **UNDERGROUND DRILLING – CONTINUED SUCCESS**







#### CONTINUED UNDERGROUND DRILLING SUCCESS OVER MULTIPLE HORIZONS

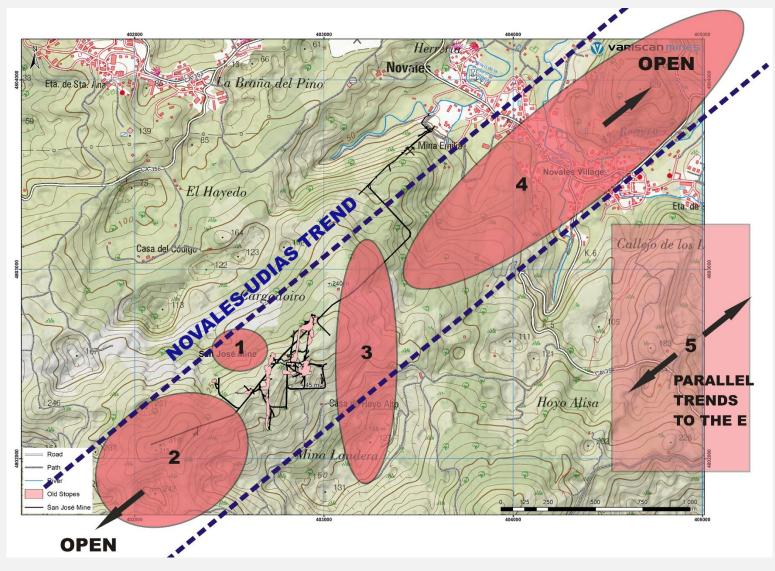




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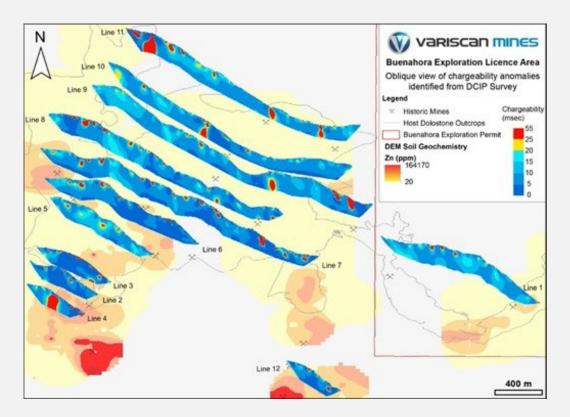
#### SEEKING RESOURCES IN THE VICINITY OF THE SAN JOSE MINE







#### **MULTIPLE NEW, EXTENSIVE TARGETS UNCOVERED AT BUENAHORA**

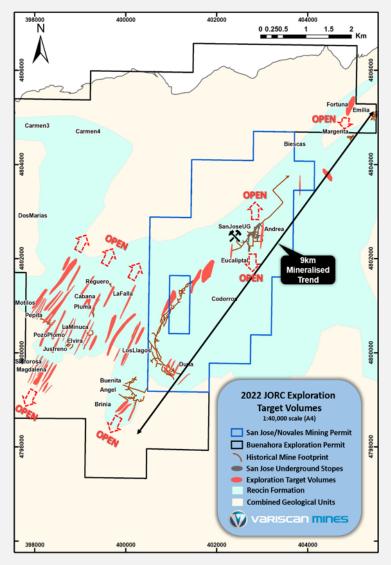


- 12 lines for 17.6 line kms
- Multiple new, extensive and intense chargeable bodies detected
- Anomalies identified are near surface (<100m depth) with potential for additional targets at depth due to the stratabound, vertically-stacked nature of orebodies in the district.
- High priority targets are expected to yield a number of new discoveries.
- The largest anomaly on Line 11 is a previously undetected target with a significant footprint, potentially larger than the San Jose Mine mineral system.





#### SIZEABLE, HIGH-GRADE JORC EXPLORATION TARGET DELIVERED



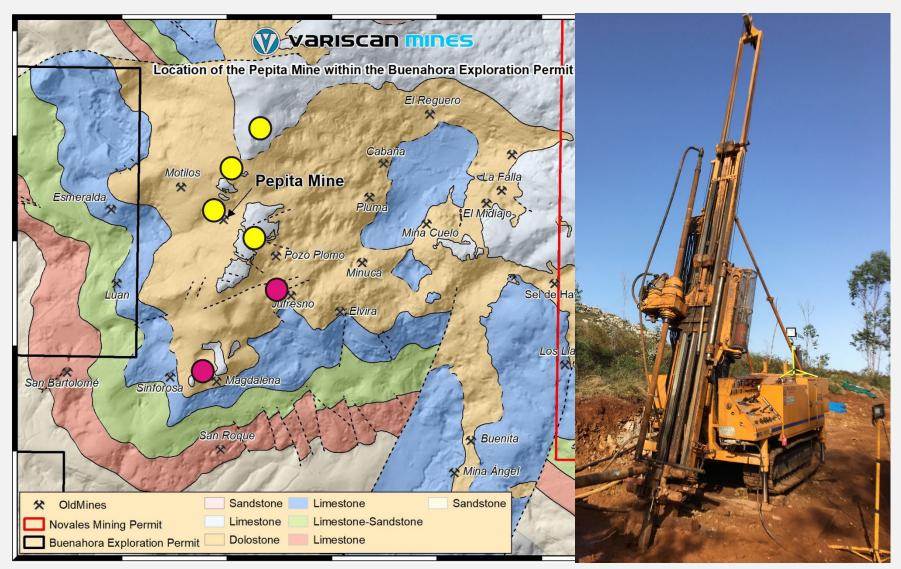
Range	Tonnage (Mt)	Zinc (%)	Lead (%)
Lower Estimate	16.5	6.3	1.1
Upper Estimate	34.0	9.1	1.8
	JORC Exploration	Target Comparison	
140,000,000	Rumble Resources, Earaheedy		
120,000,000 -	Ironbark, Citro	nnen	
100,000,000 -	South 32, Taylor	Juen	
80,000,000 - 60,000,000 - Kidman i Brow 40,000,000 -	U U		
е с 60,000,000 - с Кidman I	Var Resources, Sabra Resources, The	iscan Mines, Novales-Udias	
E 40,000,000 - Brow	Resources, Sabre Resources, The ns Reef Border	Alta Zinc, Gorno	
Heron 20,000,000 Resources, Kangiara	Minerals, Kar	Galileo Re Star Z MG, marga Zinc	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
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-20,000,000	Maximur	n Zn (%) Grade Range	

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- Grades for certain projects are reported as Zn + Pb Equivalent or Zn Equivalent which increases those grade values when compared to those projects reporting Zn
- Whilst reasonable care has been taken to ensure a representative dataset, it is probable that not all Exploration Targets for Zn-Pb projects globally have been included
- Projects shown will have differing deposit types
- Underlying publicly available source data for comparative projects is set out in Appendix 1
- The diameter of each circle represents the maximum Zn (%) grade



#### SURFACE DRILLING OVER BUENAHORA LICENSE AREA NEARLY COMPLETE







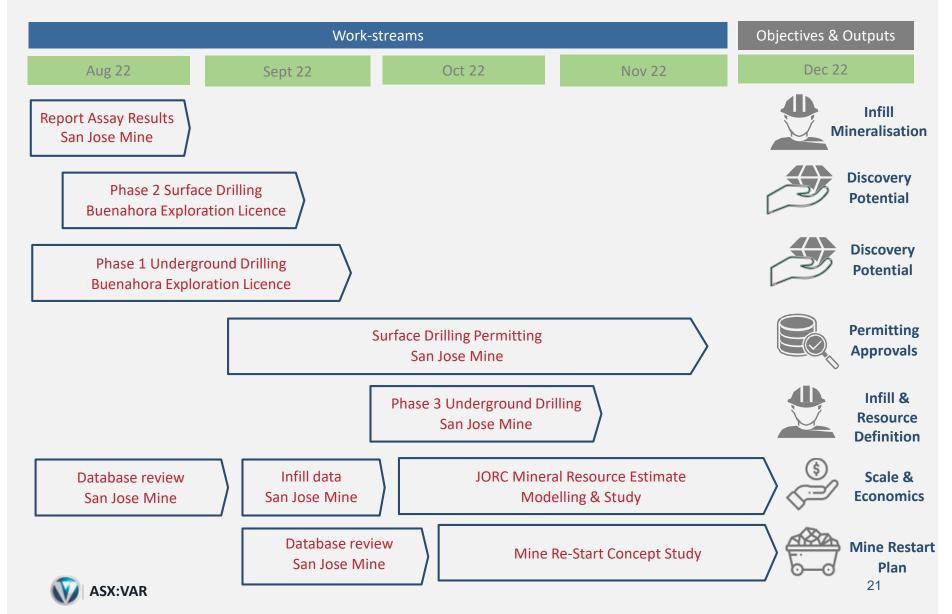
#### TARGETS ALSO TESTED BY U/G DRILLING & CHANNEL SAMPLING







#### **WORKPLAN TO DELIVER STRATEGY & VALUATION CATALYSTS**





#### SAN JOSE MINE – LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN PLACE



Potential water supply from small river <100m from mine site</p>

• Water treatment site <100m from mine site





#### SAN JOSE MINE – BROWNFIELD ASSET ADVANTAGEOUS TO PRODUCTION

#### **Greenfield mining developments**

Large Mineral Resource required to justify high CAPEX and support economic returns

High CAPEX as no existing infrastructure

Requires longer permitting & construction timeframe

Process risk as new flow sheet required to be constructed

New facilities likely have some environmental impact and community concern





#### **Brownfield mining developments**

Smaller Mineral Resource required as CAPEX is lower and high-grade deposit

Lower CAPEX as existing infrastructure in place

Mining licence granted & existing mine development reduces timeframe

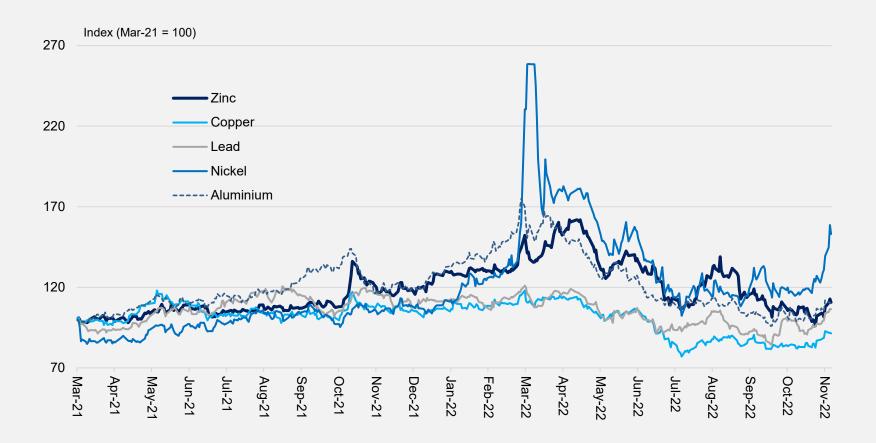
Already proven that metal can be extracted from host rock – optimisation will enhance further

Lower environmental impact from utilising existing mine. Communities have strong buy-in to mining





#### **ZINC - BASE METALS' PRICE INDICES**







#### PRICE ENVIRONMENT OFFERS 2x-4x UPSIDE TO HISTORICAL OPERATIONS



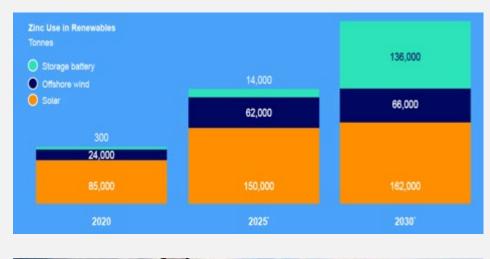




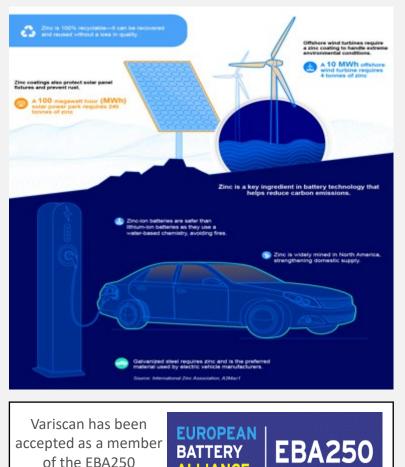
#### **ZINC – KEY ROLE IN ENERGY TRANSITION & MOVE TO NET-ZERO**

#### **Growing Demand for Zinc**

#### Zinc's role in Renewable Energy Production



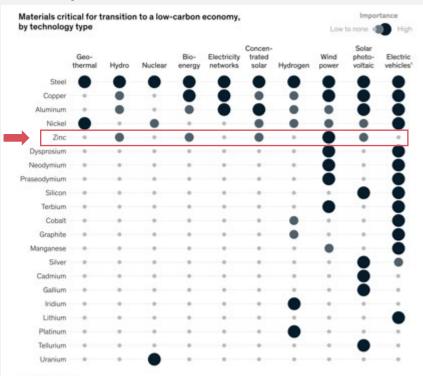




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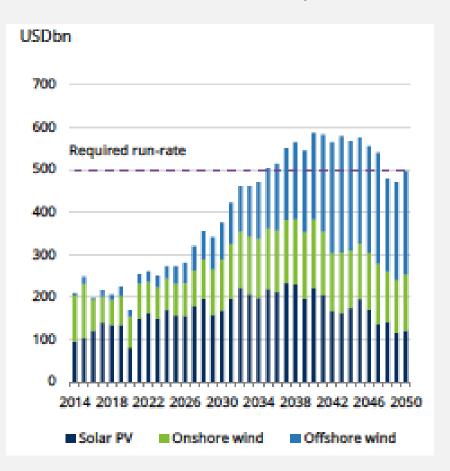
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### Critical materials for transition to low carbon economy

Source: Ortical rate materials for strategic technologies and sectors in the EU, A foresight study, European Commission, Mar 9, 2020; The role of critical minerals in clean energy transitions, IEA, May 2020; McKimey analysis.

#### Forecast wind & solar investment expenditure



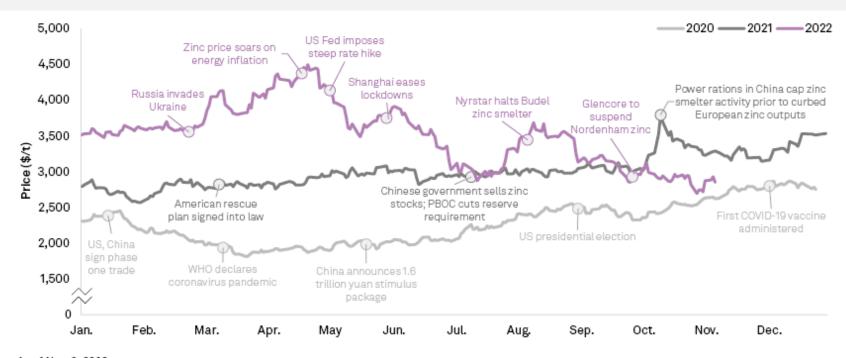


Includes energy storage.

McKinsey & Company



#### **ZINC – PRICE PERFORMANCE DRIVERS & EVENTS**



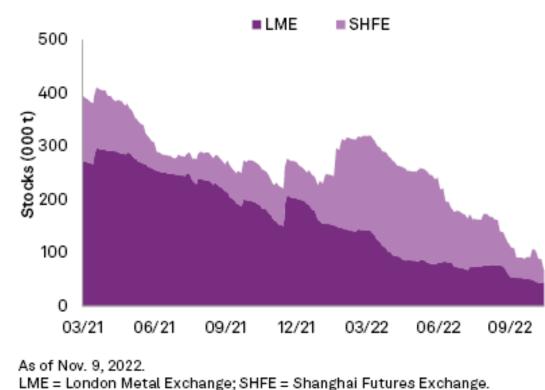
As of Nov. 9, 2022. PBOC = People's Bank of China.

Sources: S&P Global Market Intelligence; London Metal Exchange. © 2022 S&P Global.





#### **ZINC INVENTORIES – LME, SHFE ZINC STOCKS APPROACH EXHAUSTION**



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#### **Appendix 1 – Sources of Data for JORC Exploration Target Comparisons**

Company	Project	References
Rumble Resources	Earaheedy	https://cdn-api.markitdigital.com/apiman-gateway/ASX/asx-research/1.0/file/2924-02436675- 6A1056335?access_token=83ff96335c2d45a094df02a206a39ff4
Ironbark	Citronen	https://cdn-api.markitdigital.com/apiman-gateway/ASX/asx-research/1.0/file/2924-02340079- 6A1019830?access_token=83ff96335c2d45a094df02a206a39ff4
South 32	Taylor	https://www.south32.net/docs/default-source/exchange-releases/hermosa-project- update.pdf?sfvrsn=3321e5c2_2
Kidman Resources	Browns Reef	https://www.asx.com.au/asxpdf/20150120/pdf/42w2rtgktfm8vm.pdf
Sabre Resources	The Border	https://www.sabresources.com/view.php?id=28
Alta Zinc	Gorno	https://cdn-api.markitdigital.com/apiman-gateway/ASX/asx-research/1.0/file/2924-02418856- 6A1049301?access_token=83ff96335c2d45a094df02a206a39ff4
RMG	Kamarga Zinc	https://www.asx.com.au/asxpdf/20120321/pdf/4254vhdbrwgqjz.pdf
Alicanto Minerals	Sala	https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/tumi-resources-limitedtumi-defines-45-million-tonne- zinc-silver-exploration-target-at-sala-sweden-141167733.html
Metalicity	Napier Range	https://www.metalicity.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/6872779.pdf
Heron Resources	Kangiara	https://www.skymetals.com.au/index.cfm/projects/kangiara/
Galileo Resources	Star Zinc	https://galileoresources.com/investors/rns/star-zinc-issues-jorc-2012-technical-report/
Horizon Minerals	Nimbus	https://cdn-api.markitdigital.com/apiman-gateway/ASX/asx-research/1.0/file/2924-02502397- 6A1083252?access_token=83ff96335c2d45a094df02a206a39ff4
Heron Resources	Peelwood	https://heronresources.com.au/woodlawn-regional-exploration

