

## Building A Responsible High-Margin Silver Mining Company CSE: KUYA

High Grade | Growing Silver Production | Peru

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## **INTRODUCING KUYA SILVER**

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Expanding and Optimizing the **Bethania Silver Mine** In Peru A Commitment to Low-Cost, Sustainable Silver Mining

- ✓ Private company for past 3 years, now going public on the CSE
- ✓ Earn-in agreement to acquire 80% of Bethania Silver mine
- ✓ Recent production history (to 2016)
  - $\checkmark$  mining costs are known

- ✓ processing techniques are known
- $\checkmark$  access and infrastructure is there
- ✓ historical resource (not 43-101 compliant)

- ✓ Acquisition of mine to be completed immediately after RTO
- ✓ Drill program commencing to improve resource and mine
  - planning
- ✓ EIA approval for new Bethania plant received August 2020
- ✓ RTO with Miramont Resources

   announced June 2020
   ✓ CAD\$12.3 MM financing
   completed July 2020
   ✓ Listing with CAD\$13 MM in cash
   ✓ Enhanced management team and board including <u>Quinton Hennigh</u> as chairman
- ✓Great shareholders: Management, Eric Sprott and others

## WELL RUN SILVER MINES COMMAND A MARKET PREMIUM BETHANIA IS A GREAT FIRST ASSET

### **Recent Past**

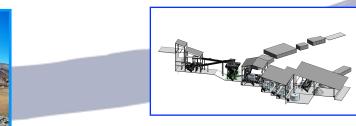
- + Producing silver mine until 2016 on care and maintenance
- + Earn-in acquisition signed with Kuya late 2017
- + Debt retirement completed 2019
- Technical program for mine expansion initiated
- + Completed initial 43-101 technical report

## Present (2020-2021)

- + RTO Q3 2020 (June-Sept)
- + Raised C\$12.3 mln (June-July)
- + Received EIA approval (August)
- + Close Acquisition (full earn-in)
- + Drill/update resource estimate
- ► PEA Mine Expansion
- + Finance plant/expansion
- + Build management team

### Future Vision (2021+)

- + Commission/Production
- + Produce at industry low cost
- + Aggressive regional exploration
- Next growth stage: second mine (identified) and/or expansion of Bethania
- + Re-rating potential based on comparable public companies





Source: Independent Technical Report on the Bethania Silver Project - August 29, 2019

# SHARE STRUCTURE

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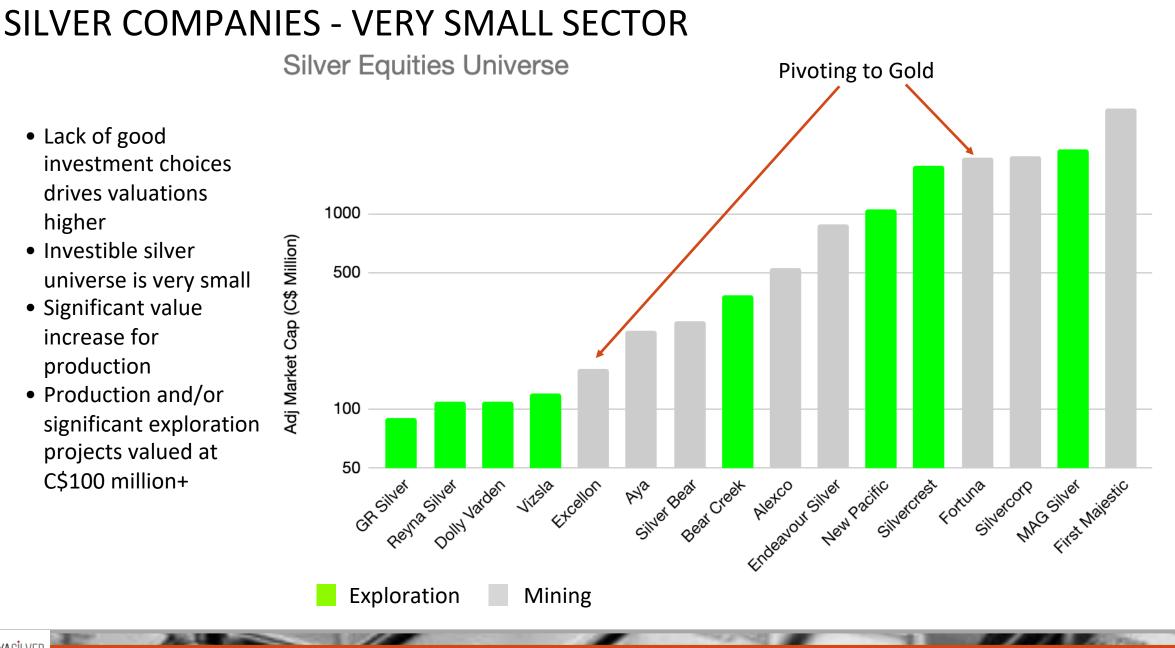
Kuya (from PrivateCo)	13,041,985
Miramont (PubCo)	5,577,323
Total Basic Shares	18,619,308
Sub Receipt Financing	13,721,342
Total (Post Closing)	32,340,740
Warrants	2,388,371
Options	1,222,500
Fully Diluted	35,961,655
Shares to acquire 10% of mine	3,670,000

### June 2020 Subscription Receipt financing

- C\$12.3 Million raised
- C\$1.65 per "old" Kuya shares
- Split 1.835-to-1
- C\$0.90 effective price (post RTO)

### **Top Shareholders**

Management	29%
Commodity Capital	9%
Eric Sprott	6%



- Lack of good investment choices drives valuations higher
- Investible silver universe is very small
- Significant value increase for production

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• Production and/or significant exploration projects valued at C\$100 million+

## WHAT DO THESE SUCCESSFUL SILVER COMPANIES HAVE IN COMMON?

#### \$45.00 Start small Fortuna Silver (2006) First Year Production: 0.5 Moz \$40.00 First Majestic (2005) and grow Today: C\$1.7 Bln mkt cap First Year Production: 0.3 Moz through gold-focused Today: C\$3.3 Bln market cap \$35.00 production \$30.00 and **Endeavour Silver (2005)** — Silver price First Year Production: 0.9 Moz \$25.00 acquisition Today: C\$325 MM market cap \$20.00 Pan American (1995) \$15.00 First Year Production: 2.6 Moz Today: C\$6.6 Bln market cap \$10.00 **Great Panther (2006)** First Year Production: 0.5 Moz \$5.00 -> Today: C\$215 MM mkt cap gold-focused 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020

## FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL PROVEN STRATEGY

START with a great silver mining asset!

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- Identify a high-grade silver mine in either Peru or Mexico the two most prolific silver mining countries in the world, benefitting from strong mining culture, and infrastructure
- Acquire small-scale mines from local owners with institutional market access to capital we are able to drill (increase resources/reserves) and expand (increase production/reduce costs)
- / 3. Benefit from by-product sales: base metals and gold (~40% of revenue in our case)
- 4. Lower risk: predictable geology, low capital intensity, well established mining methods, off-the-shelf processing methods, established workforce, permits in place

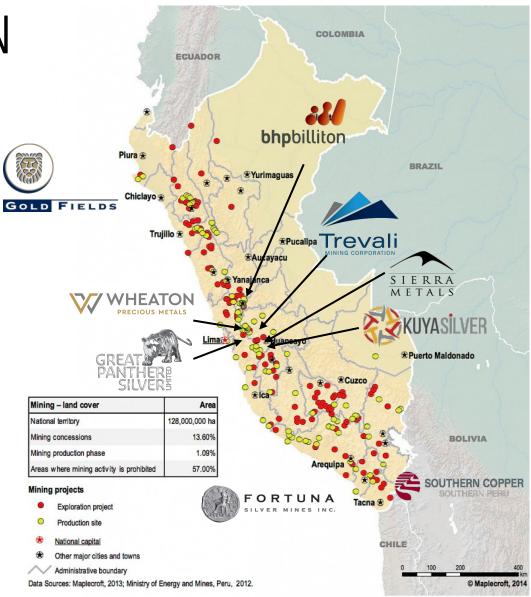
## THE BETHANIA MINE WILL LAUNCH THE MARKET'S NEXT SILVER MINING COMPANY

## LEADING MINING JURISDICTION

- Peru is one of the worlds largest producers of base and precious metal
- According to EY Peru, of the world's mineral production Peru ranks:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> in silver production
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> in copper production
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> in zinc production
  - 4<sup>th</sup> in lead production
  - 6<sup>th</sup> in tin production

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- 6<sup>th</sup> in gold production
- The Peruvian government promotes foreign investments in mining with attractive tax and legal regulations



# **GREAT ACCESS AND HISTORY**

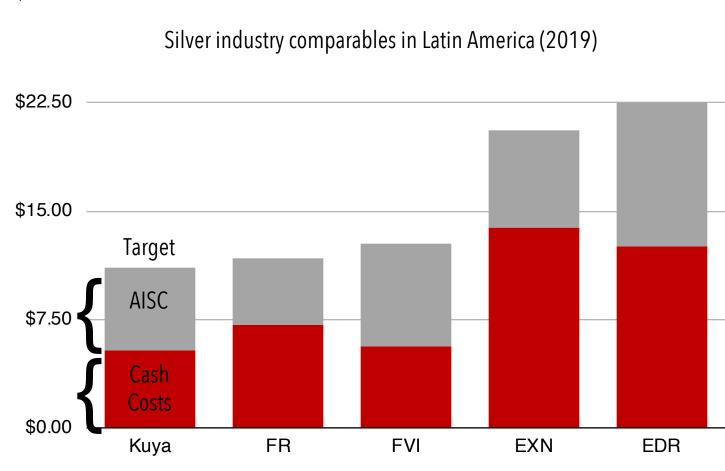


- Located in major silver-lead-zinc mining district in Central Peru
- Access mine by road from Huancayo (major city)
- Daily flights from Lima to Jauja (near Huancayo)
- Mine located near mining village of Bethania
- The Bethania Mine opened in 1977 after discovery of two veins (Española and 12 de Mayo) and has been operating at a small scale on and off for 40 years
- Peruvian family acquired Bethania mine, restarted ore production in 2009, began toll processing in 2013
- Achieved production of 28,788 tonnes in 2014, producing 425,000 oz silver equivalent (only lead and zinc by-products)

# LEADING LOW-COST PRODUCTION

\$30.00

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### Low Cost Profile

- High grades, higher recoveries
- No royalties, streams
- Mining near surface (lower haulage, mining costs vs. deep mines)
- Low non-discretionary sustaining capital, can increase with higher profits
- Low G&A (no legacy costs)

# PROPOSED EXPANSION TO REDUCE COSTS

AISC Treatment/ Refining Processing improved market Transport no toll milling Other conditions costs improved market eliminate long greater recoveries position with greater haul trucking production addition of copper/gold circuit

Post Expansion (2021)

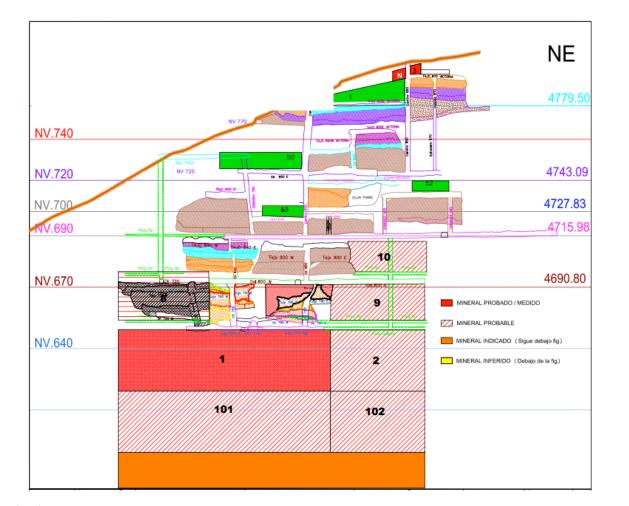
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2015 FY (most recent full year of production)

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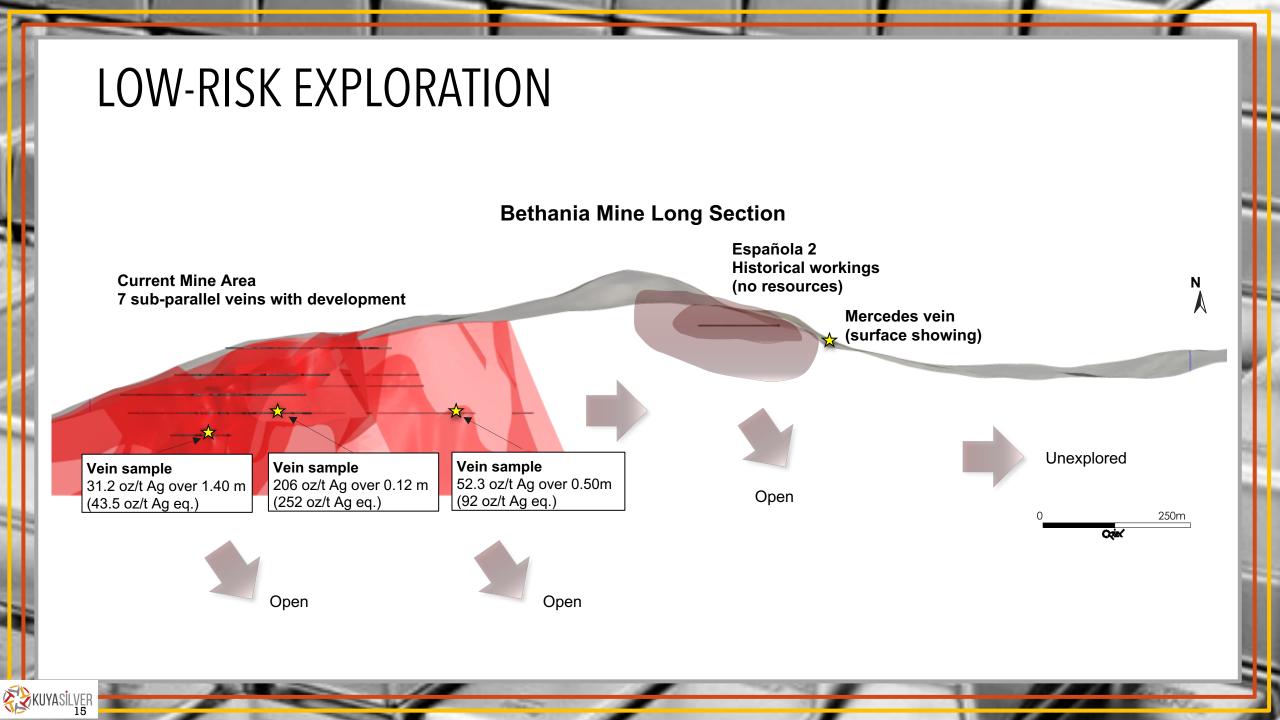
# SIMPLE MINING – WELL UNDERSTOOD OREBODY EXCELLENT EXPLORATION POTENTIAL



- Drifting exploration/production adits from several adits on east and west side
- Swarm of high-grade veins trending NE-SW
- Mined by underhand cut and fill
- 6 veins source of historical production + non 43-101 resources
- 1 vein no production to date, non 43-101 resources
- 4 veins mineralization intersected by recent workings
   no resources

Bethania historically produced approx. 400,000 oz/yr silver equivalent as a tolltreatment mining operation prior to 2016\*

\* Historical production



# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Kuya Silver is actively engaged in building on a strong legacy of working cooperatively with the local Poroche community to develop a mutually beneficial, safe and sustainable mining business in the region

The Company is committed to:

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- 1. Providing a safe and sustainable work environment implementing new COVID-19 protocols
- 2. Providing jobs to people from local communities
- 3. Meeting all environmental and governmental regulations
- 4. Operating under the highest ethical standards





## **MANAGEMENT & TEAM**

#### David Stein, MSc (Geo), CFA – President and CEO, Director

Mr. Stein founded Kuya Silver in 2017 to acquire the high grade Bethania Silver Mine and develop the next silver mining company. Mr. Stein has spent most of his 20-year career in mining investments, first as a sell-side analyst and more recently as an investment manager.

#### Lesia Burianyk, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Burianyk has over 15 years of industry experience serving as CFO for various TSX-V and CSE listed companies. Ms. Burianyk is a CPA, CA and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Simon Fraser University. Ms. Burianyk was previously employed as an audit manager at a Canadian accounting firm where she specialized in the mining industry.

### Tyson King, VP Corporate Development

Mr. King has over 10 years experience in the management of publicly trading and privately held companies within the commodities and natural resources sector. Mr. King holds a BA in Economics from the University of Calgary and is a founder of Miramont Resources.

### Christian Aramayo, MSc (Eng), CEng – Engineering/Operations

Mr. Aramayo is a UK-educated Peruvian engineer, previously worked on global projects for Kinross before starting his own mining consultancy. He founded SIGC Consultants in Lima, and Kuya has access to Mr. Aramayo and his team for engineering and planning as well as access to a deep network in South America.

### Erika Soria – Logistics/Business Development

Ms. Soria manages the commercial and administrative affairs of the Bethania mine and is the liaison with the local community. She is also well-connected in the Peruvian mining community and sources new opportunities for Kuya.

### Dr. Quinton Hennigh, Chairman (Nominee)

Dr. Hennigh is an economic geologist with more than 25 years of exploration experience with major gold mining firms, including Homestake Mining, Newcrest Mining and Newmont Mining. Currently, Dr. Hennigh is President and Chairman of Novo Resources Corp and serves as a director for Irving Resources Inc., TriStar Gold Inc., Precipitate Gold Corp and NV Gold Corp.

#### Andres Recalde, Director (Nominee)

Mr. Recalde is the Director of Mining for Common Good. His expertise is with social performance and building stakeholder confidence for the extractive industries. Mr. Recalde is Peruvian/Canadian and has worked extensively all over Latin America as a consultant, advisor and corporate director to mining companies such as Barrick Gold, Pan American Silver and Torex Gold.

#### Dale Peniuk, Director (Nominee)

Mr. Peniuk is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and corporate director. He spent more than 20 years with KPMG LLP and predecessor firms, the last ten years as an Assurance Partner with a focus on mining companies. Mr. Peniuk also serves as a director of Capstone Mining Corp. and as a director and Audit Committee Chair of Lundin Mining Corporation and Argonaut Gold

### Maura Lendon, Director (Nominee)

Ms. Lendon, is a seasoned, internationally-experienced general counsel with over 20 years' experience in the mining and telecom industries gained after initially practicing with top Bay Street law firms. Ms. Lendon is the founder and Chief General Counsel of Scalable General Counsel, providing general counsel services to growing companies since 2019, and is currently a director of Eastmain Resources Inc. Previously, she was Chief General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Primero Mining from 2012 to 2018.

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