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### INTRODUCING KUYA SILVER

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

- Private company for past 3 years
- Earn-in agreement to acquire Bethania Silver mine
- Recent production history (to 2016)
   ✓ Mining costs are known
  - Processing techniques are known
  - Access and infrastructure is there Historical resource (not 43-101 compliant)

- 100% Acquisition of mine to be completed in Q4, 2020
- Mining Plus engaged for PEA
- Drill program commencing to improve resource and mine planning.
- EIA approval for new Bethania plant received August 2020

- Completed RTO with Miramont Resources
  - Announced June 2020
- CAD\$12.3 MM financing
   ✓ Completed July 2020
- Listed October 2020 with CAD\$13M 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

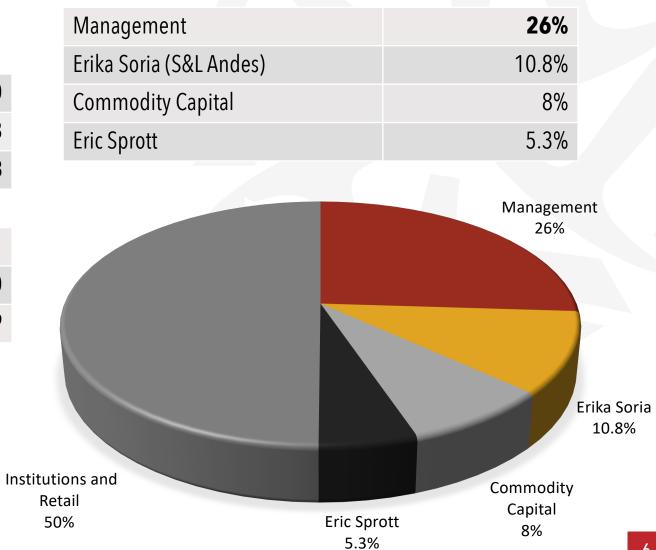
Recent Past	Present (2020-2021)	Future Vision (2021+)
<ul> <li>Producing silver mine until 2016 – now on care and maintenance</li> <li>Earn-in acquisition signed with Kuya late 2017</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RTO Q3 2020 (June-Sept)</li> <li>Raised C\$12.3M (June-July)</li> <li>Received EIA approval (August)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commission/Production</li> <li>Produce at industry low cost</li> <li>Aggressive regional exploration</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Mine debt retirement completed in 2019</li> <li>Technical program for mine expansion initiated</li> <li>Completed initial 43-101 technical report</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Closed acquisition of mine (December)</li> <li>Drill/update resource estimate</li> <li>PEA - Mine Expansion</li> <li>Finance plant/expansion</li> <li>Build management team</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Next growth stage: second mine (identified) and/or expansion of Bethania</li> <li>Re-rating potential based on comparable public companies</li> </ul>



# SHARE STRUCTURE

Shares Outstanding	32,340,650
Shares Issued in Bethania Acquisition	3,929,288
Total Shares	36,270,028
Warrants	2,388,371
Options	1,222,500
Fully Diluted	39,880,899

#### **Significant Shareholders**

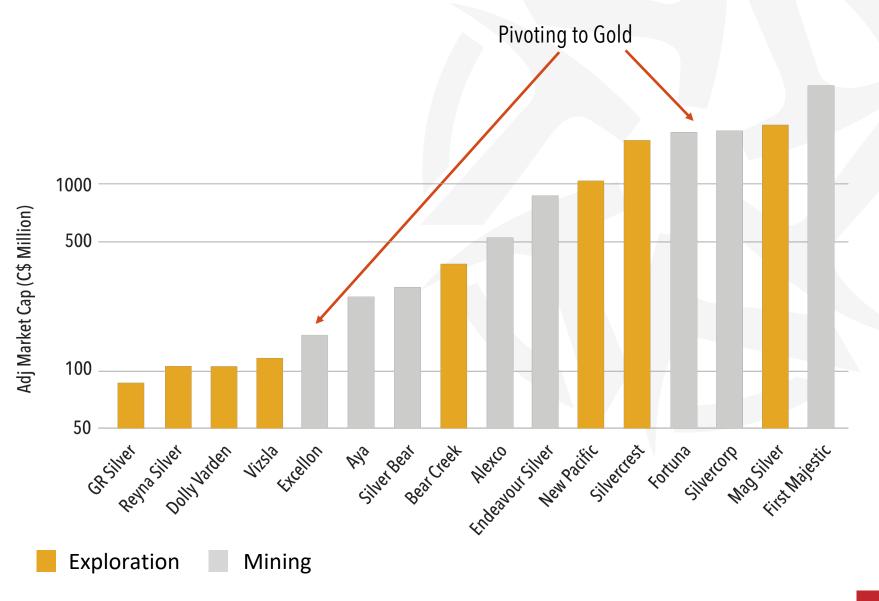




# SILVER COMPANIES - VERY SMALL SECTOR

**Silver Equities Universe** 

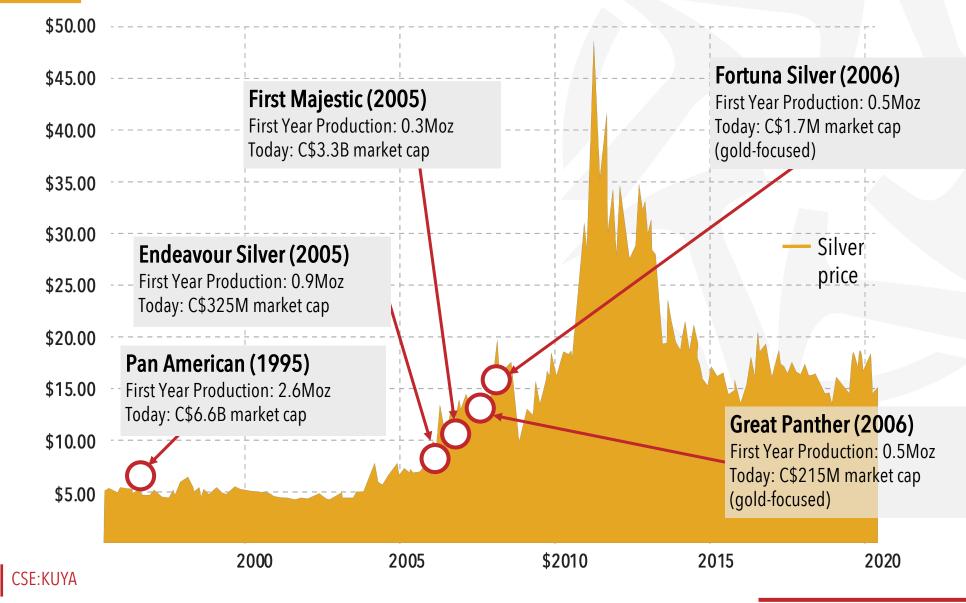
- Lack of good investment choices drives valuations higher
- The investable silver universe is very small
- Significant value increase for production
- Production and/or significant exploration projects valued at C\$100M+





# WHAT DO THESE SUCCESSFUL SILVER COMPANIES HAVE IN COMMON?

# Start **small** and grow through **production** and **acquisition**



### FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL PROVEN STRATEGY

The **Bethania Mine** will Launch the Market's Next Silver Mining Company

START with a great silver mining asset! 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)

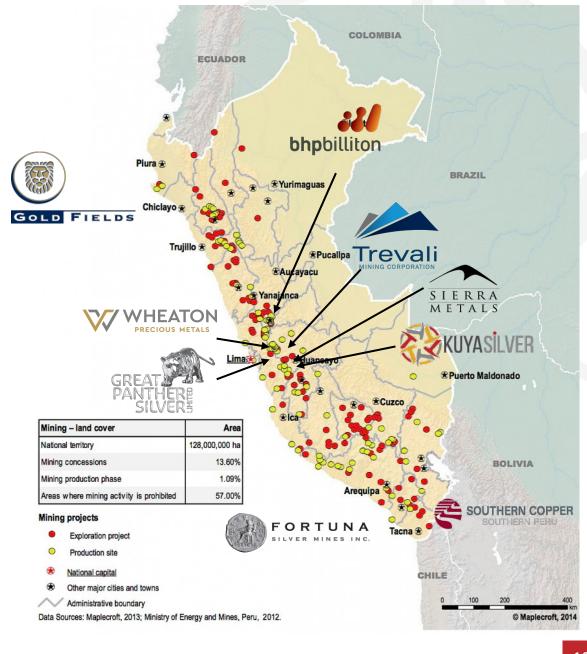
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Benefit from by-product sales: base metals and gold (~40% of revenue in our case) Lower risk: predictable geology, low capital intensity, well-established mining methods, off-theshelf processing methods, established workforce, and permits in place



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



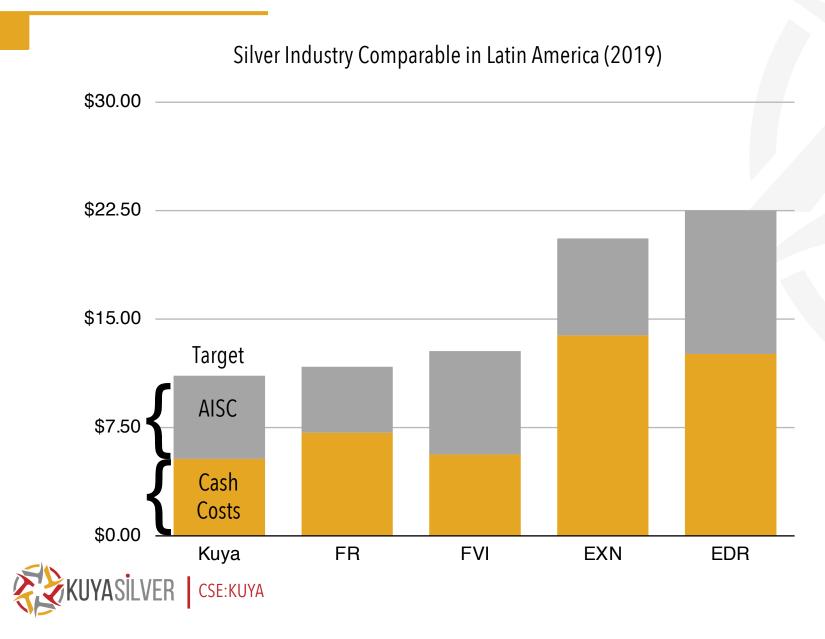


### **GREAT ACCESS AND HISTORY**



- 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 and 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)

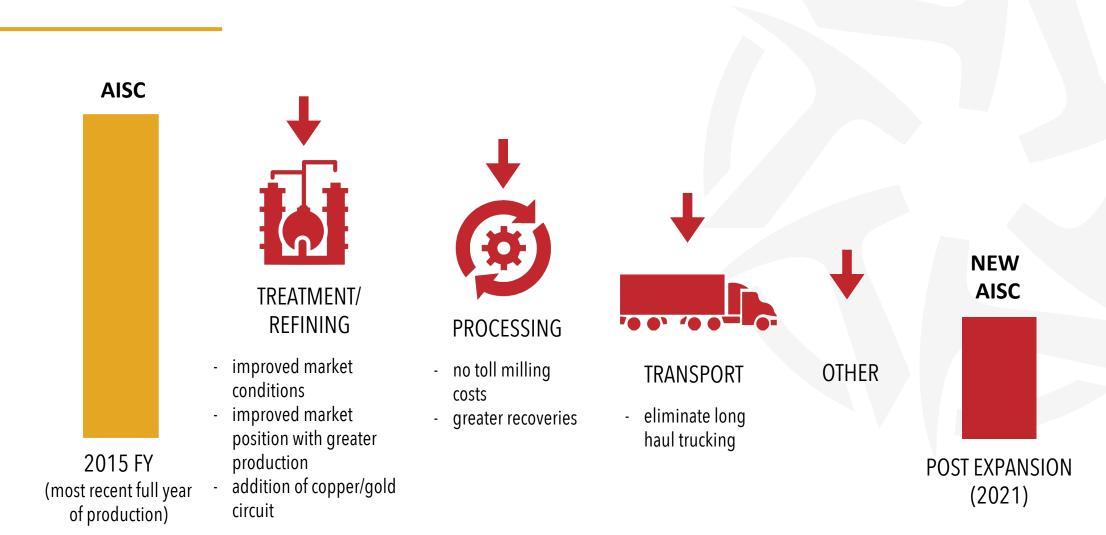
## LEADING LOW-COST PRODUCTION



#### Low Cost Profile

- High grades, higher recoveries
- No royalties or 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)

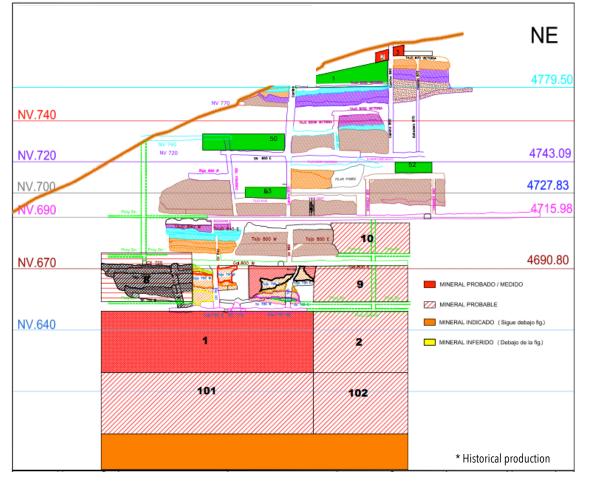
### PROPOSED EXPANSION TO REDUCE COSTS





# SIMPLE MINING – WELL UNDERSTOOD OREBODY

#### Excellent **Exploration Potential**

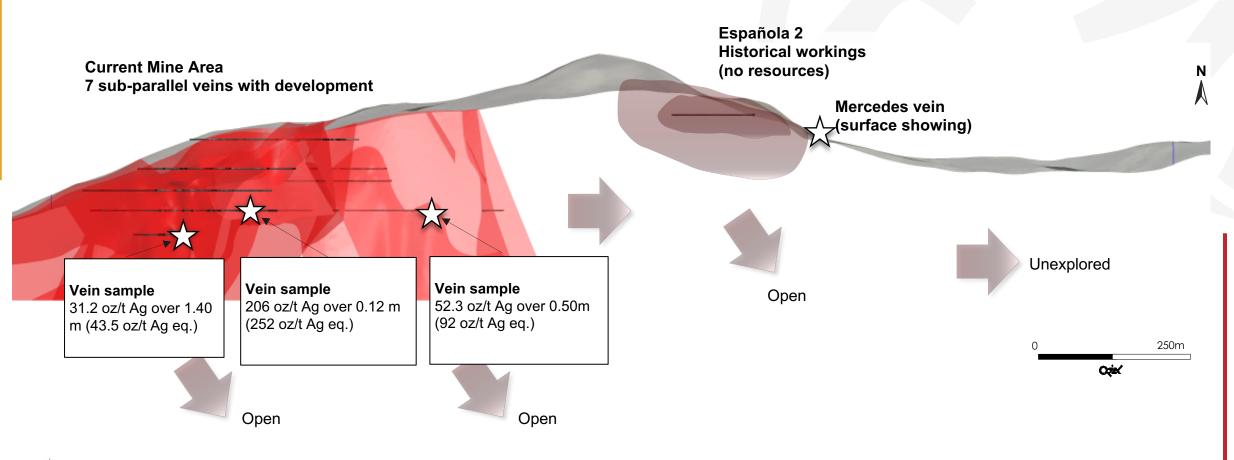


- Drifting exploration/production adits from several adits on east and west side
- Swarm of high-grade veins trending NE-SW
- Mined by underhand cut and fill
- 6 veins source of historical production + non 43-101 resources
- 1 vein no production to date, non 43-101 resources
- 4 veins mineralization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

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

### LOW-RISK EXPLORATION

#### Bethania Mine Long Section





### 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:

- 1. Providing a safe and sustainable work environment by 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. He has been actively engaged in overseeing the day-to-day operations of several companies where he's held various senior officer positions throughout his career. Mr. King holds a BA in Economics from the University of Calgary.

#### 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

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

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

Mr. Peniuk is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and corporate director. Mr. Peniuk has a B.Comm from the University of British Columbia (1982) and received his Chartered Accountant designation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia. Mr. Peniuk also serves as a director and Audit Committee Chair of Lundin Mining Corporation, Capstone Mining Corp. and Argonaut Gold Inc

#### Maura Lendon – Director

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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