



# Hecla

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# Cautionary Statements



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Reconciliation of Enterprise Value (EV) and cash cost per ounce can be found in the Appendix.



# Why Hecla?

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## Large, Low-cost U.S. Silver Producer

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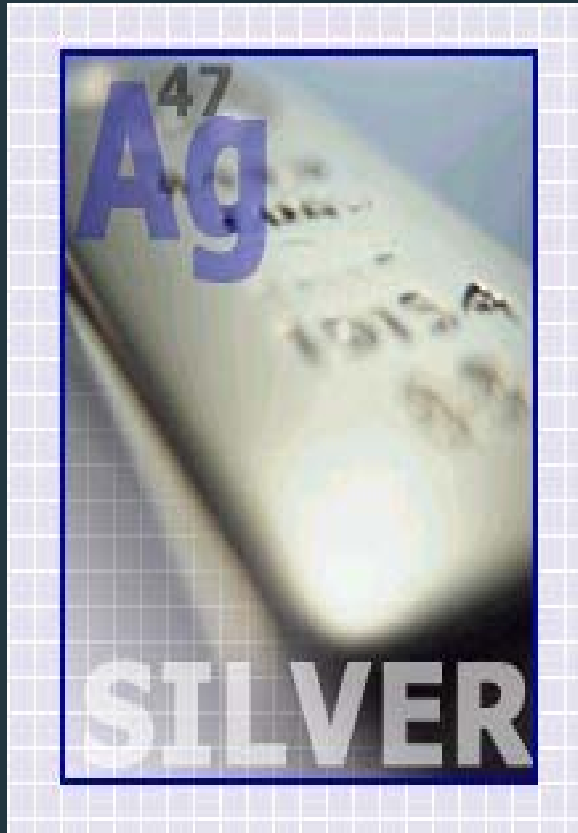
## Longevity and Experience

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# Why Silver?

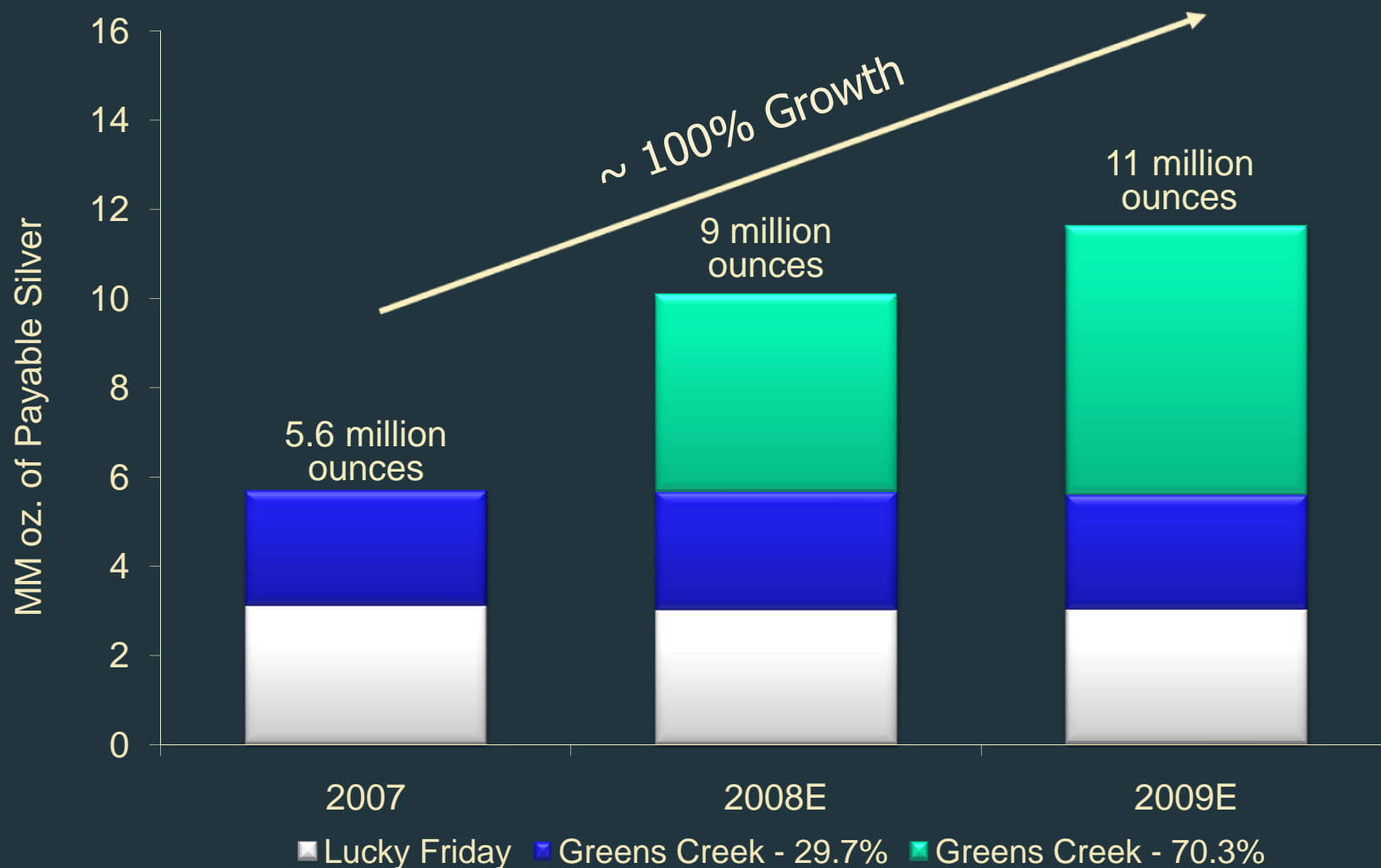
## A High Growth Metal



- 6%/annum increase in industrial/consumer demand over last five years (54% of total demand)
  - New/expanded sophisticated consumer uses (cell phones, laptops)
  - Developing countries are urbanizing
- Physical properties – versatile & difficult to substitute
- Jewelry/Silverware steady (26%)
- Photography use becoming irrelevant (15%)
- Also an investment vehicle – store of value like gold
  - Supply shortage of physical metal



# Silver Production Growth



Note: 2008 production estimates include 3.5 months of 29.7% of Greens Creek and 8.5 months of 100.0% of Greens Creek

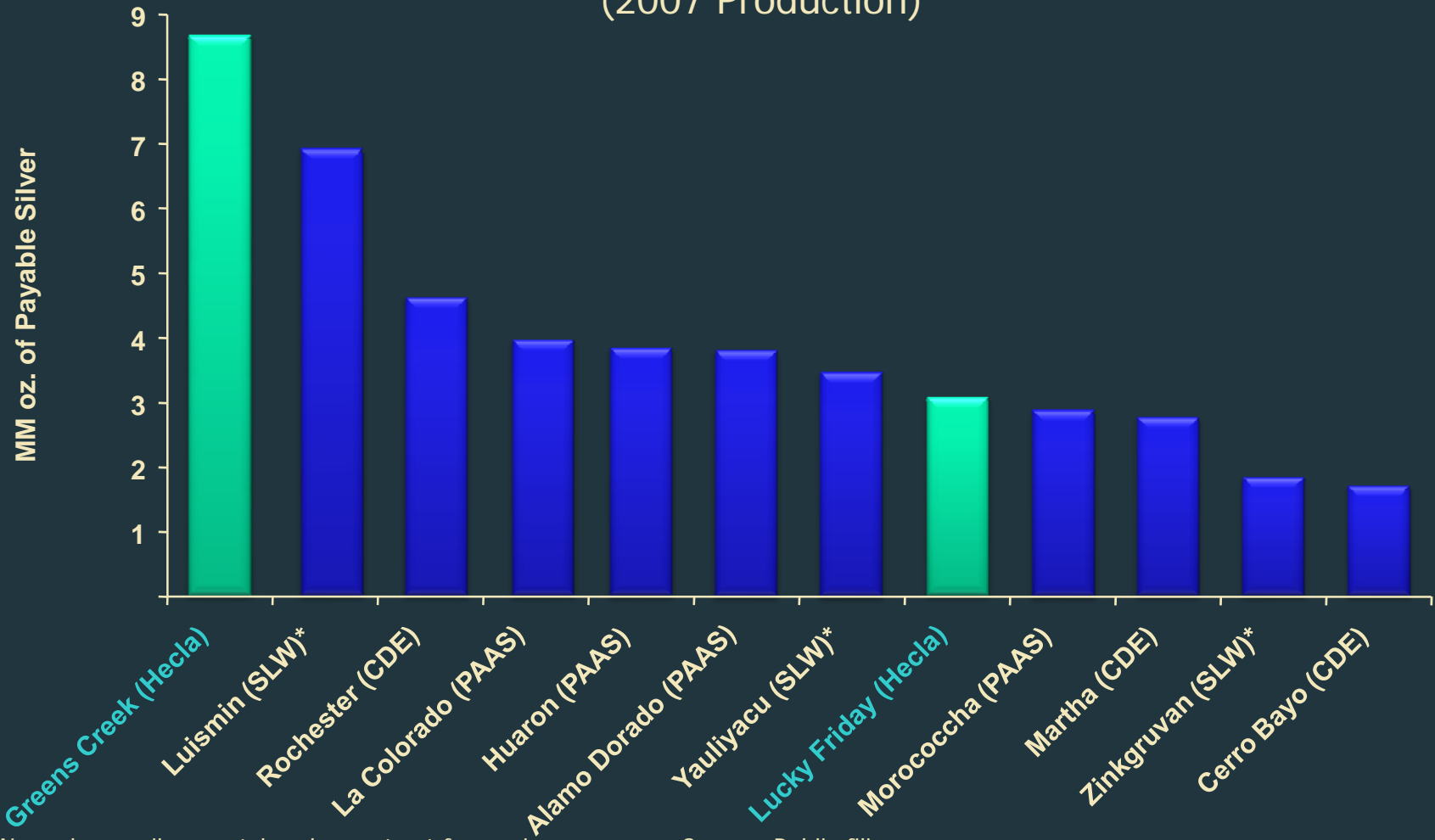




# Largest Silver Producer



Greens Creek is the largest silver mine owned by any N. American-listed silver company  
(2007 Production)



\* SLW purchases silver metal under contract from mine owners

Source: Public filings



# Low Cost Producer 2007 Cash Costs



Greens Creek is the lowest-cost mine owned by any North American-listed silver company

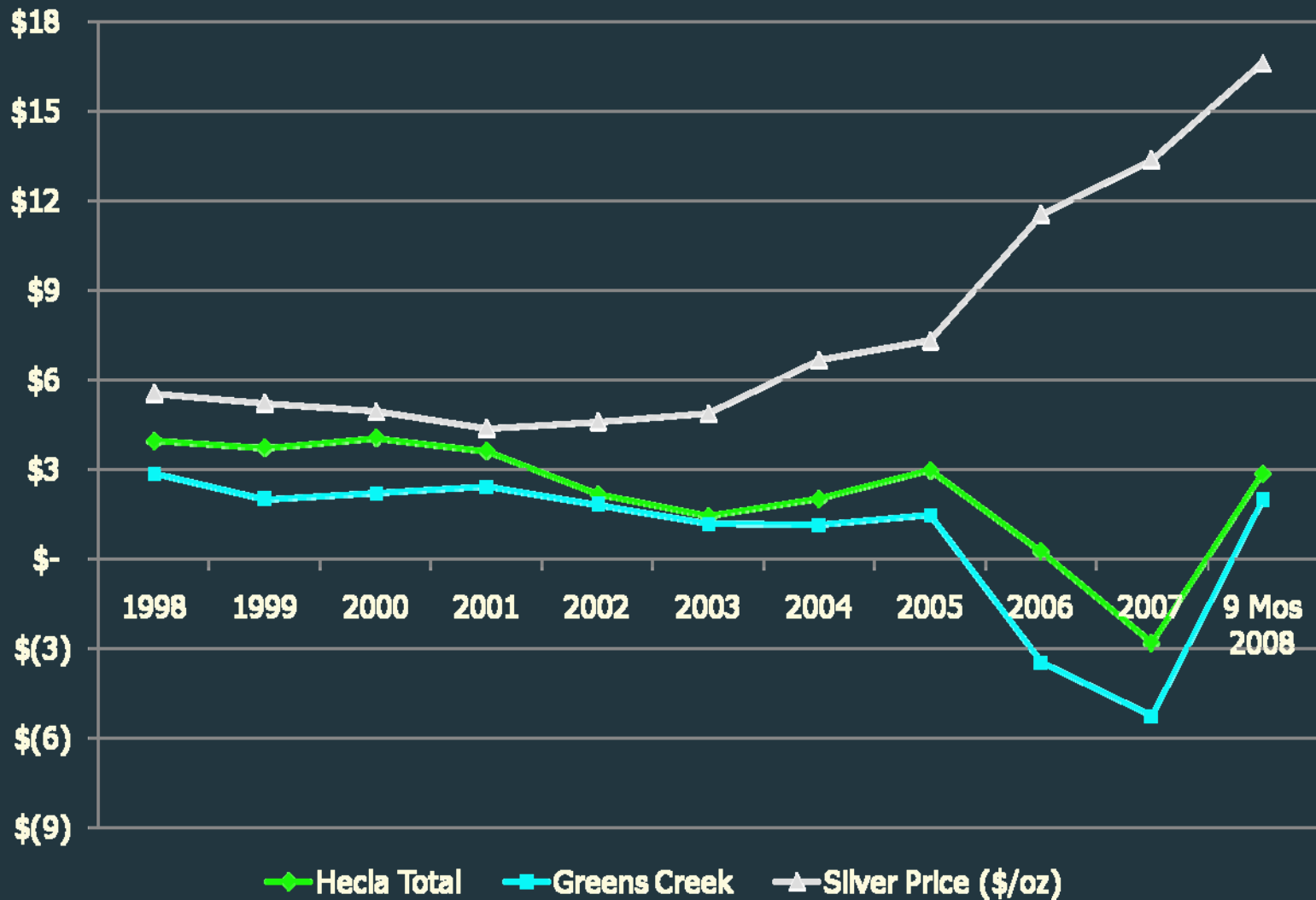






# Low Costs = High Margins

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# Hecla Benefits from Upside Metals Prices



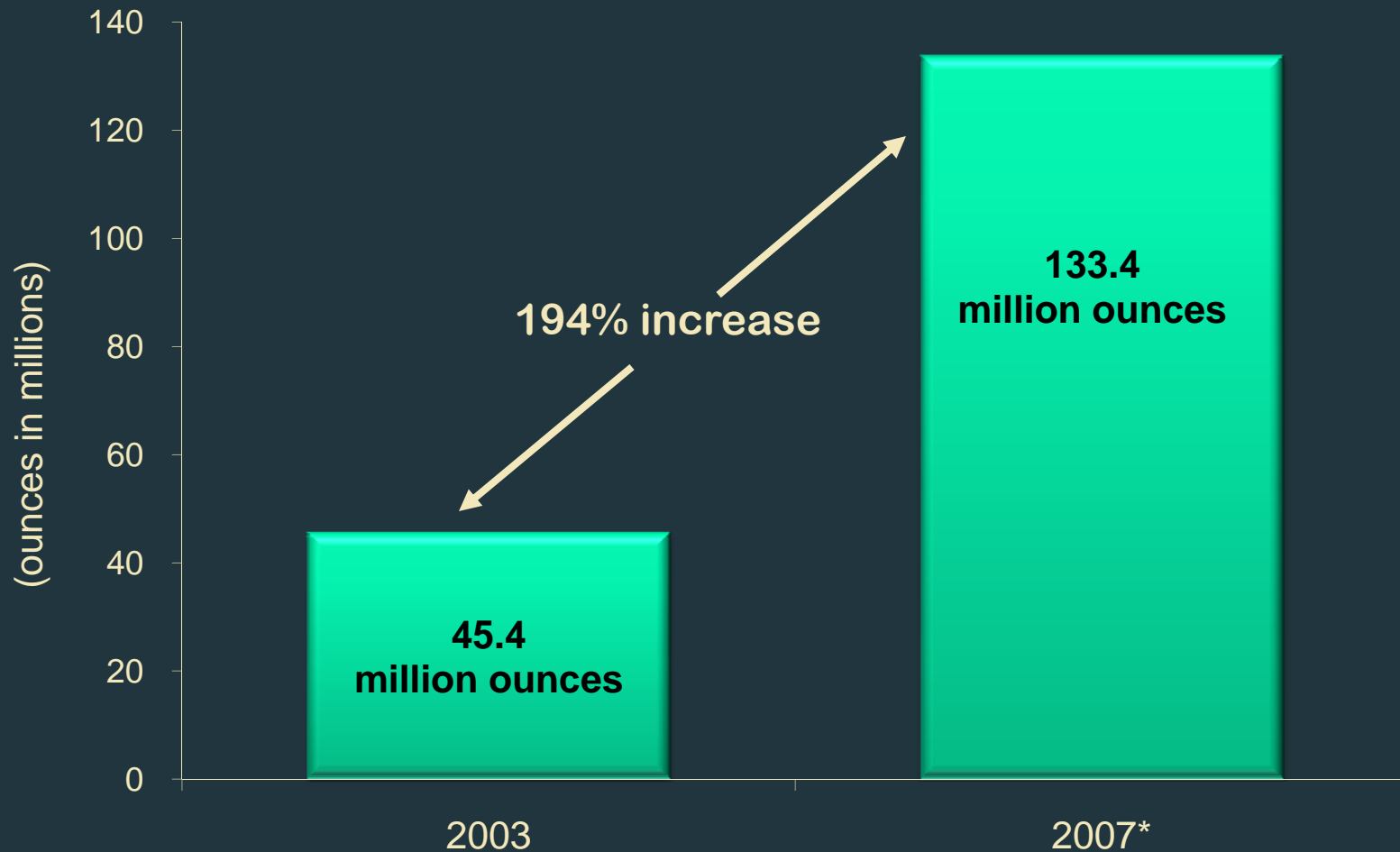
## Metals Price Sensitivities\*

Silver	+\$1 per ounce = \$0.053 per share, or \$9 million
Gold	+\$20 per ounce = \$0.006 per share, or \$1.1 million
Zinc	+\$0.05 per pound = \$0.024 per share, or \$4.1 million
Lead	+\$0.05 per pound = \$0.02 per share, or \$2.9 million

\*Based on annualized 2008 production



# Silver Reserve Growth



\*Pro forma 100% Greens Creek



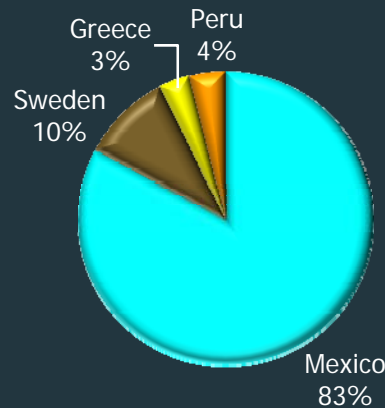
# Locations of Peer Group Silver Reserves



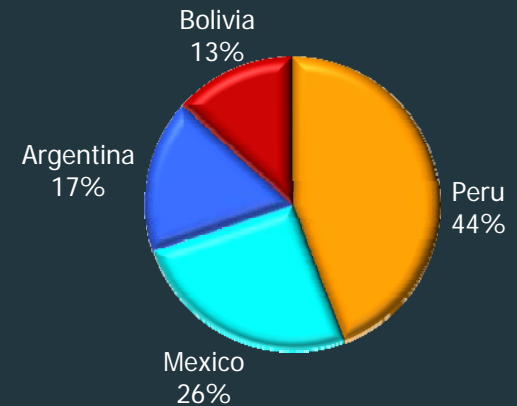
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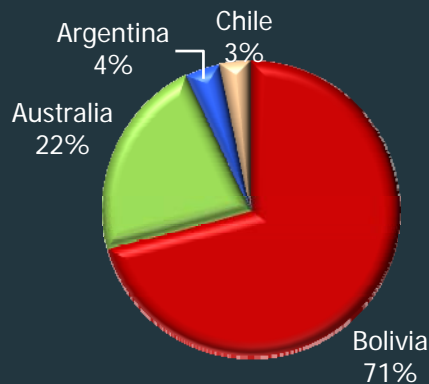
**Silver Wheaton**



**Pan American Silver**



**Coeur**



**Silver Standard**

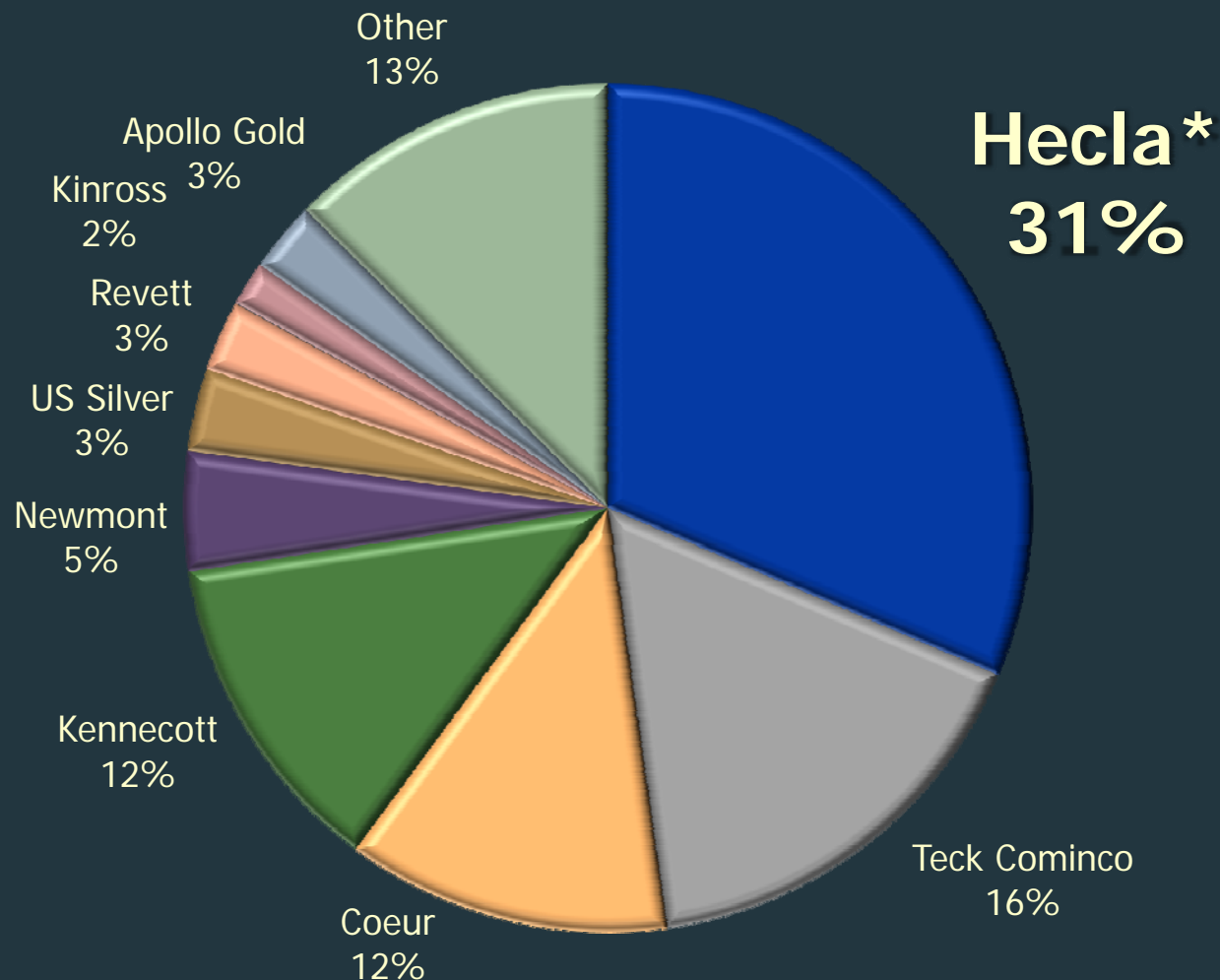


**Apex Silver**





# Hecla – Largest Producer of U.S. Mined Silver



\* 2007 Annual Production, Pro forma 100% Greens Creek for Hecla



# Diversified Portfolio in Stable Geographies

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- ▲ Silver Properties
- \* Exploration Projects
- ◆ Corporate Offices

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- A map of North America, including the United States and Mexico, with various locations marked. The locations are: Greens Creek, Alaska (▲); Vancouver, BC (◆); Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (◆); Lucky Friday Unit, Idaho (▲); \*San Juan Silver, Colorado (▲); and \*San Sebastian, Mexico (▲). The map shows the outlines of the continents and major cities.
- ▲ Greens Creek, Alaska
  - ◆ Vancouver, BC
  - ◆ Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
  - ▲ Lucky Friday Unit, Idaho
  - ▲ \*San Juan Silver, Colorado
  - ▲ \*San Sebastian, Mexico





# Greens Creek Mine



- Hecla's ownership interest: 100%
- Underground silver-zinc-gold-lead mine
- World's fifth largest silver mine<sup>1</sup>
- Low cash cost producer due to significant byproduct credits
- In operation since 1989 with good history of reserve replacement
- Hecla's attributable 2008 production estimate<sup>2</sup>:
  - 6 million oz. of silver
  - 50,000 oz. of gold
  - 45,000 tons of zinc
  - 16,000 tons of lead



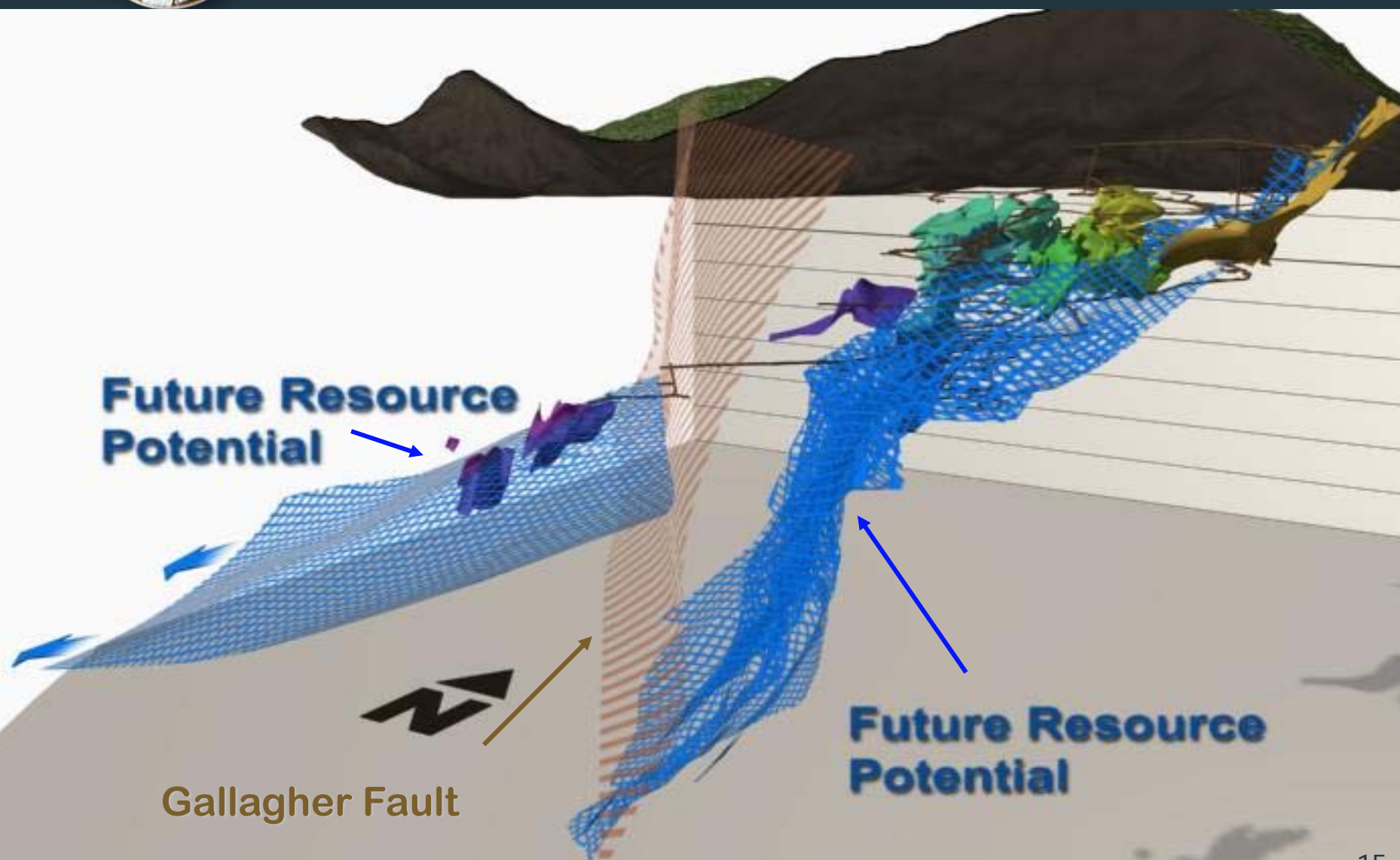
<sup>1</sup> Source: The Silver Institute

<sup>2</sup> Includes 29.7% of Greens Creek for 3.5 months and 100.0% of Greens Creek for 8.5 months.



# Extensions to In-Mine Ore Zones

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# Greens Creek Long-Term Potential

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— Projected Mine Contact





# Lucky Friday Mine

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- Hecla's ownership interest: 100%
- Underground silver-lead-zinc mine
- Low cash cost producer due to byproduct credits
- In operation since 1942 with good history of reserve replacement
- Excellent exploration potential
- 2008 production estimate:
  - 3 million oz. of silver
  - 18,000 tons of lead
  - 5,500 tons of zinc

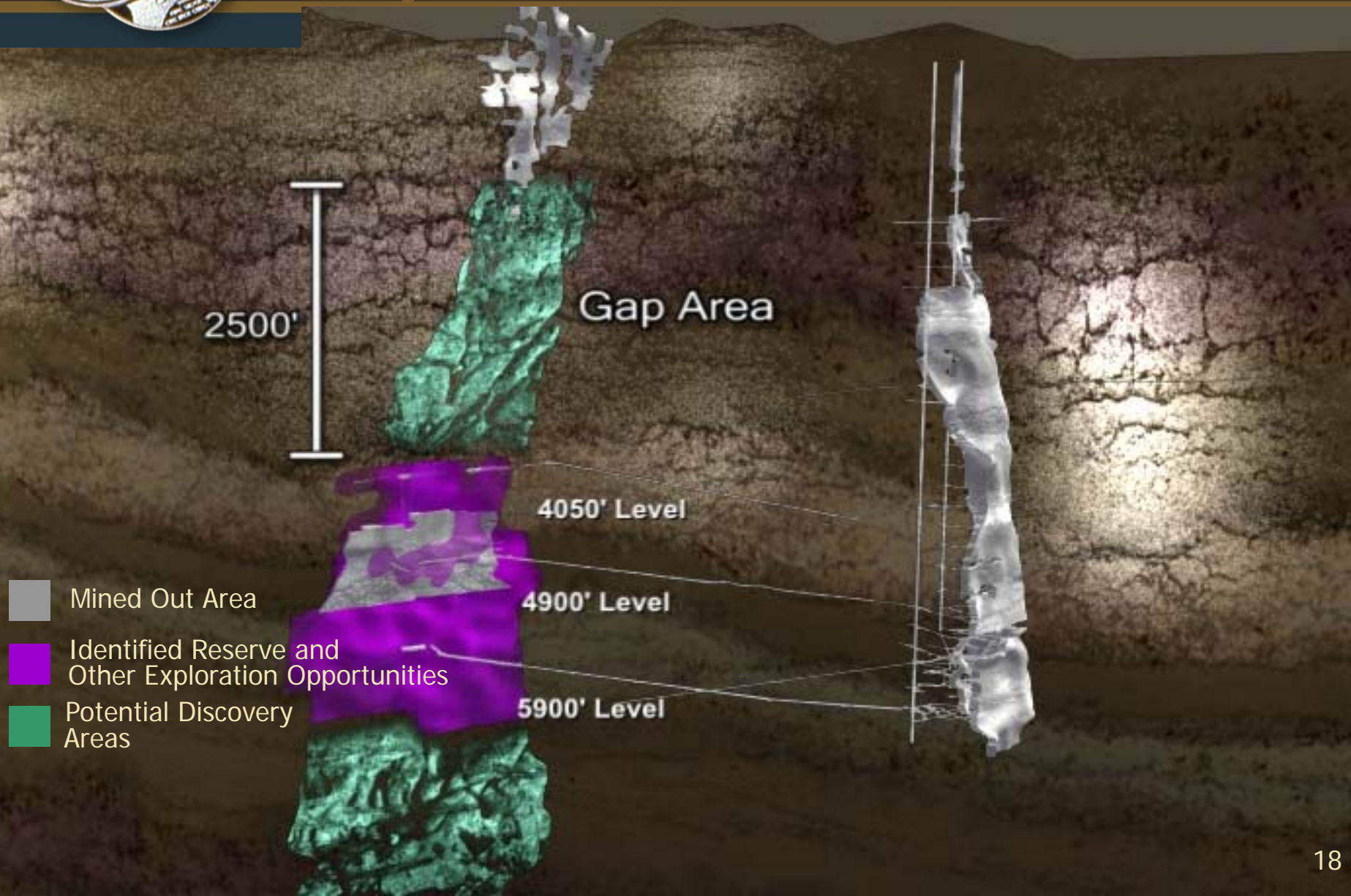






# Lucky Friday: Excellent Exploration Potential

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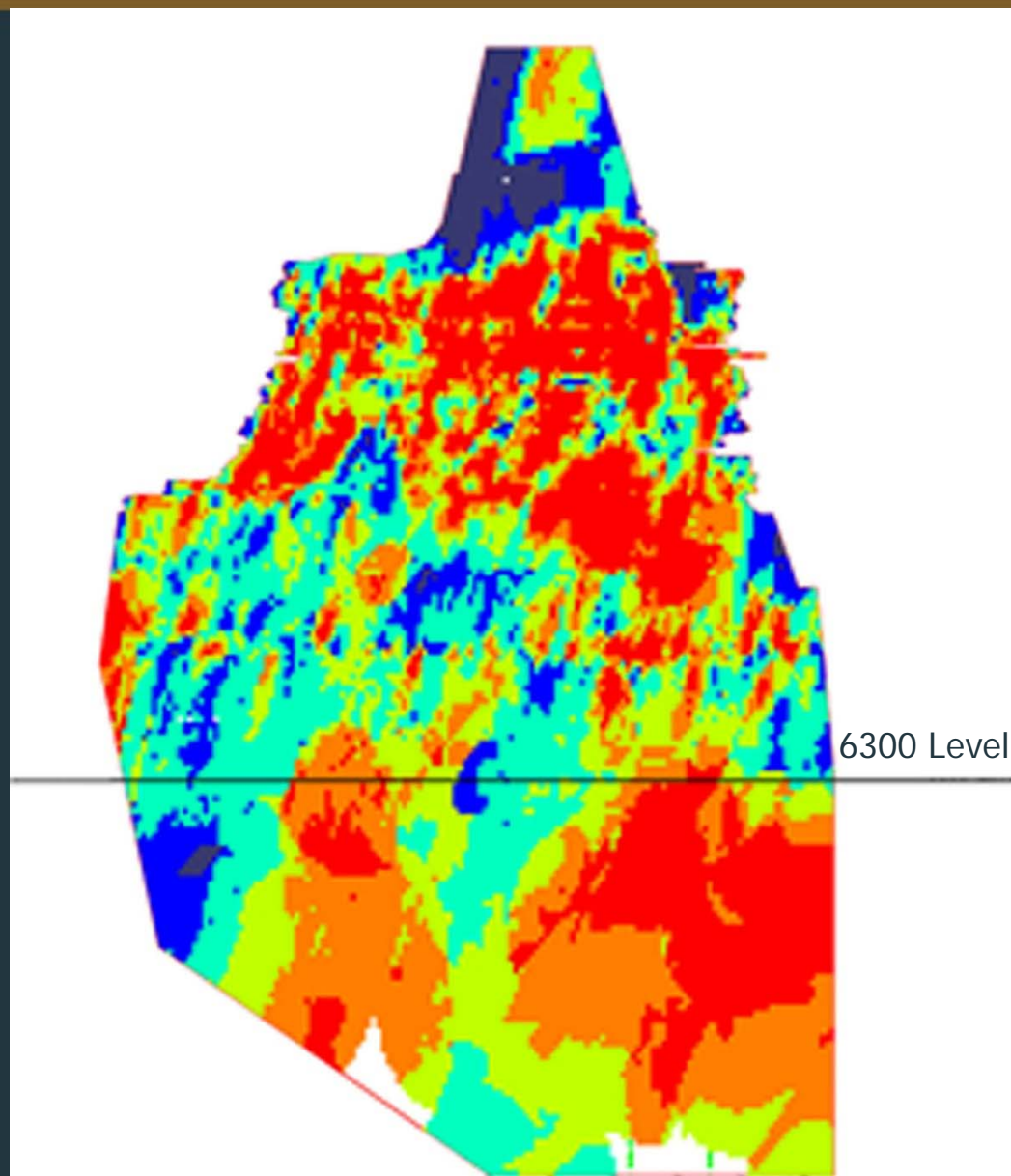


# Lucky Friday Silver Resource 2007

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Additional  
Deep drilling  
shows  
increase in  
Silver content

Ag (opt) x Width (ft)





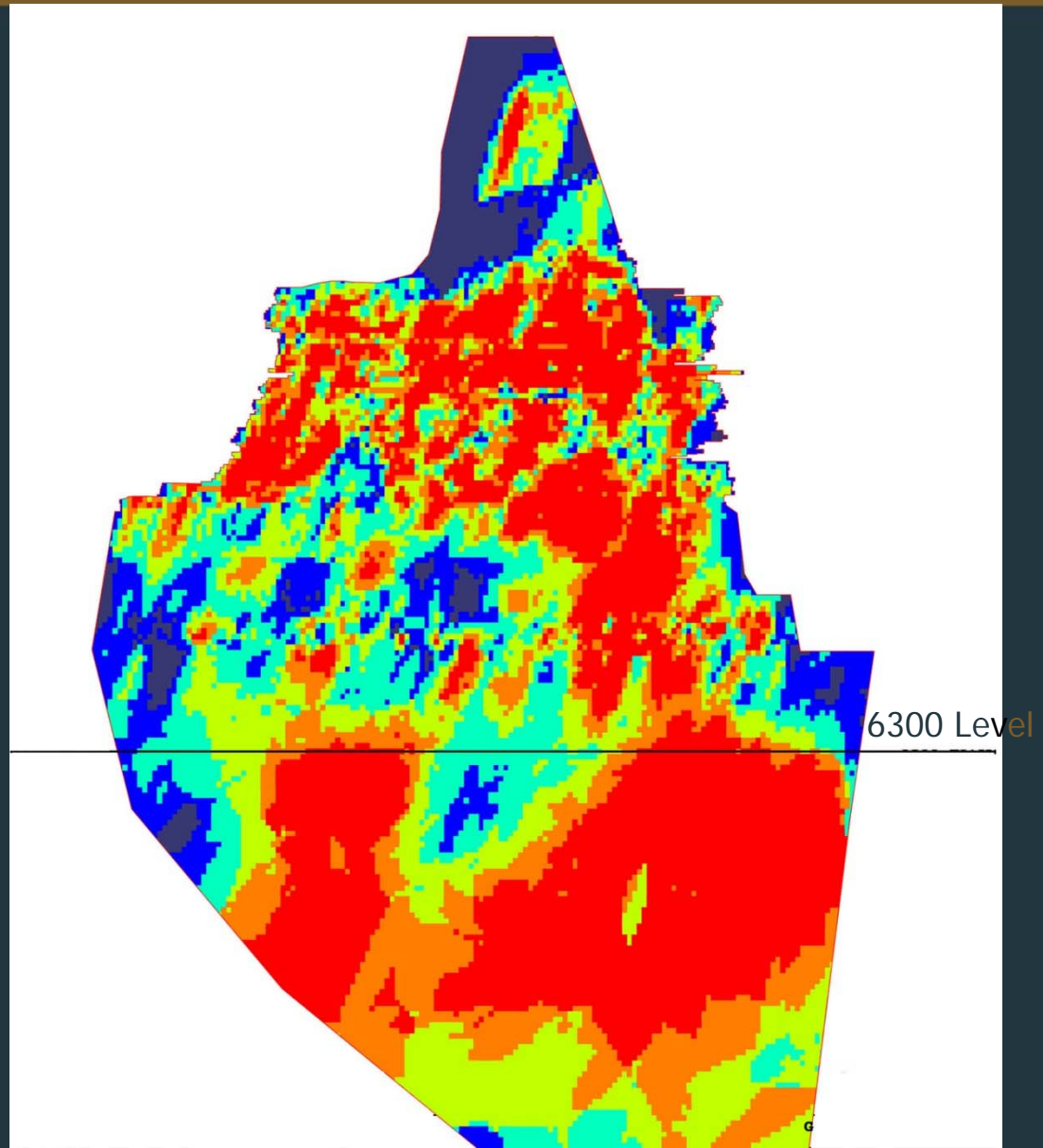


# Lucky Friday Silver Resource 2008



➤ 25%  
Increase in  
Silver per  
vertical foot  
below the  
6300 level

Ag (opt) x Width (ft)





# A World Class District



## Hecla Land Position



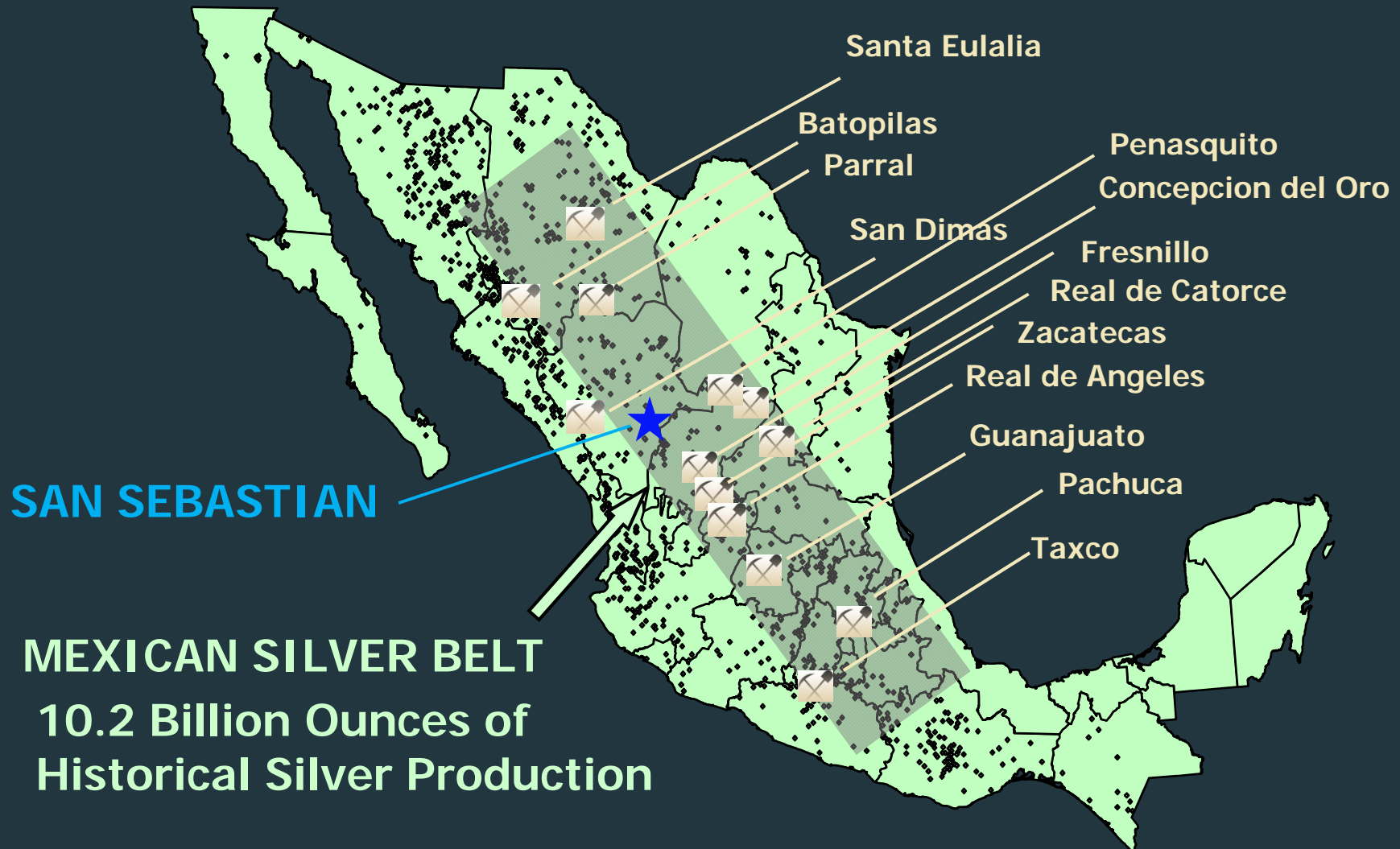
## The Silver Valley, North Idaho

- 1.2 billion oz of historical silver production
- 300 million oz silver from Hecla's land position
- Very significant vertical continuity in the district
- Large 25-square-mile claims area
- Under-explored with modern exploration techniques



# Mexican Silver Belt

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# San Juan Silver JV

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- Hecla's earn-in interest: 70%<sup>1</sup>
- Excellent exploration potential
- District has historically used narrow-vein mining
- 84 million ounces of historic silver production
- 100 million+ oz potential – mostly on patented ground
- Land package consolidated



<sup>1</sup> In February 2008, Hecla acquired the right to earn into a 70% joint venture interest in a roughly 25-square-mile consolidated land package in one of Colorado's most prolific silver-producing districts.





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