### Tapping Our Hidden Potential



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## How is Hecla Different?



### Hecla has:

- ➤ US silver reserves and resources that are owned
- ➤ Current, lowest-cost silver production
- >Growth
- Strength operationally, financially, organizationally

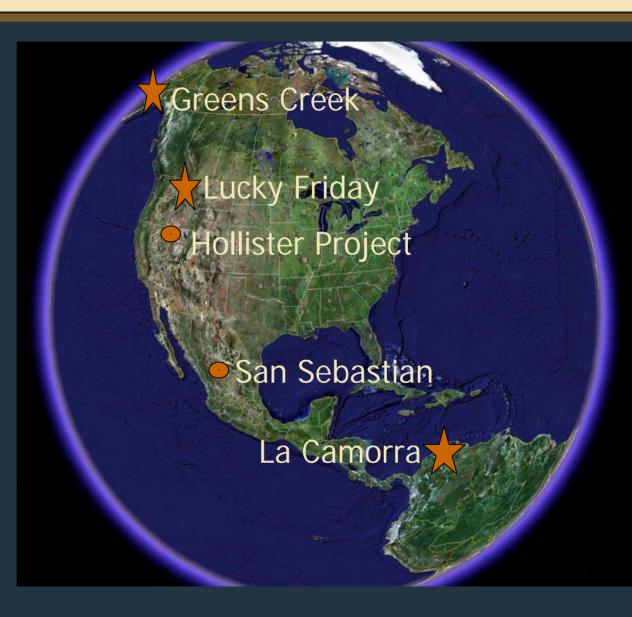
### Where Are We?



- > 3 Mines
- > 3 Countries
- > 3 Silver assets
- 2 Gold assets
- 5 Proven, World-Class Mining Districts

Operations

Exploration





## Hecla's Value is Silver

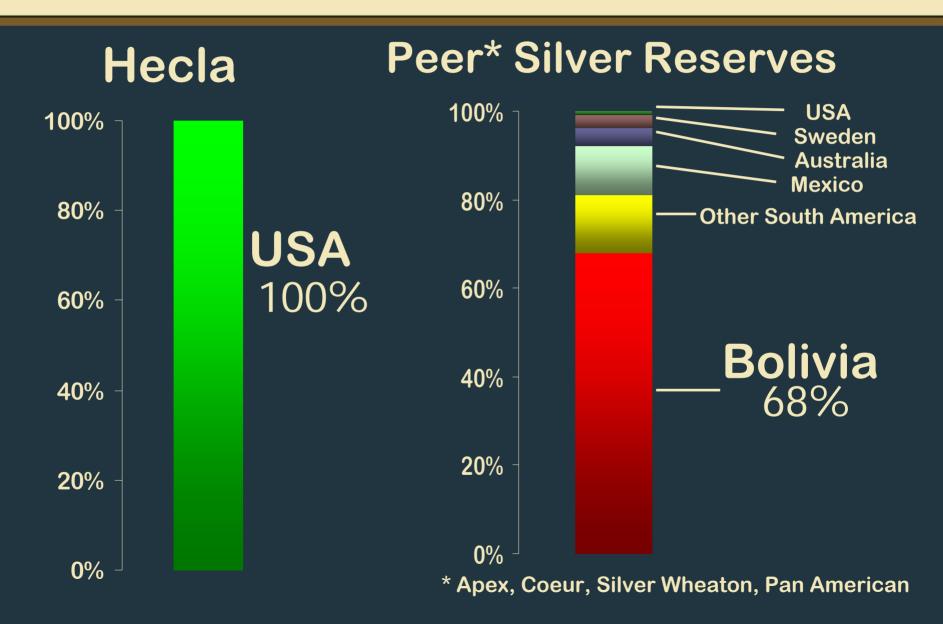


% of Hecla Value (12/31/05)

	SILVER	GOLD
Current value	75%	25%
Revenue	65%	35%
Gross profit	87%	13%
Book value	50%	50%

#### Lowest-Risk Silver Reserves





### Reserves & Resources



#### Silver

Proven & Probable

Greens Creek 32.2 million ounces

Lucky Friday 17.2 million ounces

Resource

Greens Creek 9.5 million ounces

Lucky Friday 72.4 million ounces

San Sebastian Hugh Zone 4.1 million ounces

Total Silver 135.4 million ounces

#### Gold

Proven & Probable

La Camorra Unit 441,392 ounces

Greens Creek 256,959 ounces

Resource

La Camorra Unit 469,465 ounces

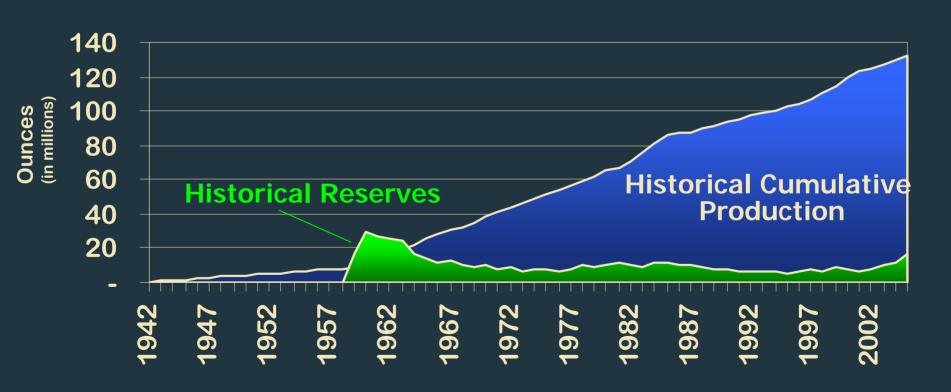
Greens Creek 91,590 ounces

Total Gold 1.3 million ounces

# Lucky Friday: Produced 10% of a Billion-Ounce Mining District



## Lucky Friday Reserve and Cumulative Production Profile 1942-2005

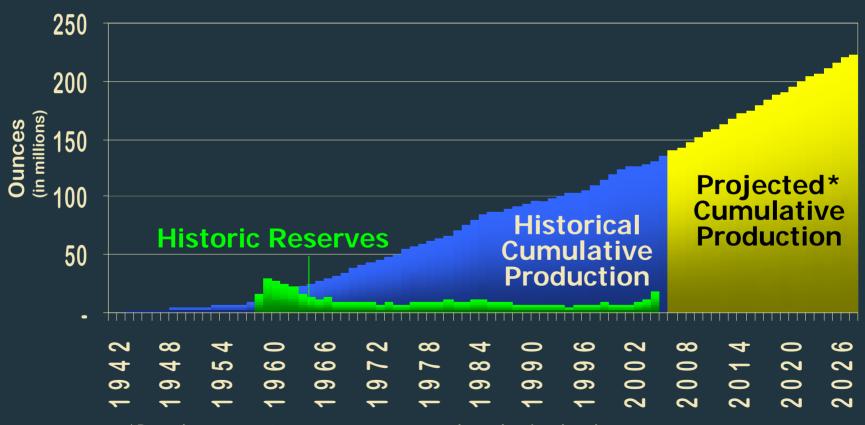


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## Lucky Friday: Proven Ability to Sustain Reserves & Production



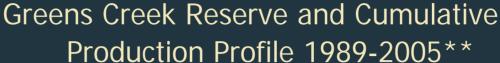
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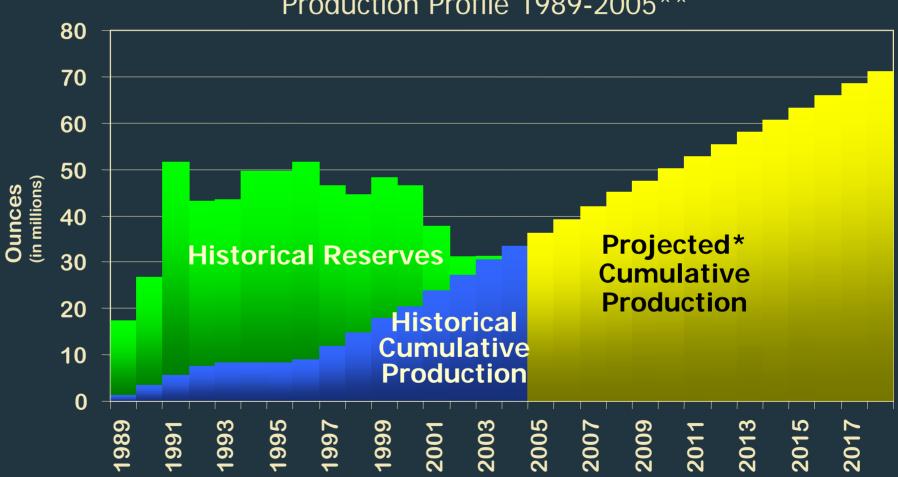


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## **Greens Creek: Proven Ability to Sustain Reserves & Production**





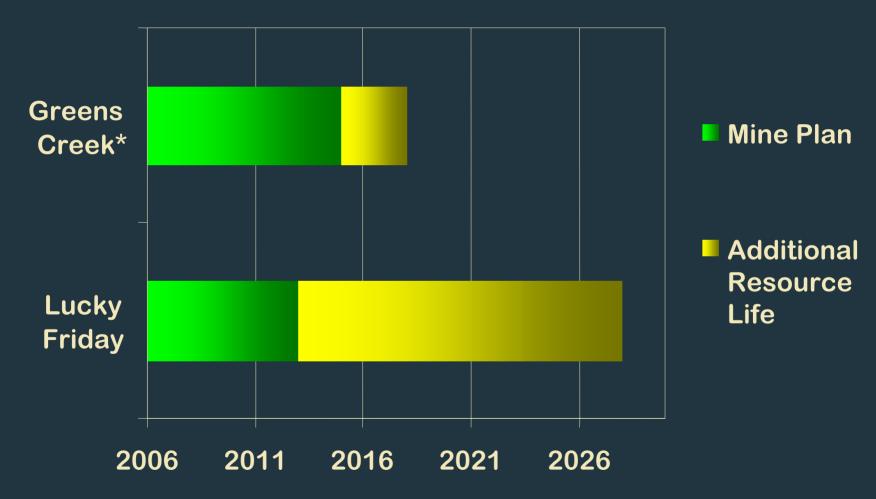


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<sup>\*\*</sup>Hecla's 29.73% interest

## Silver Mine Life to the Year 2028

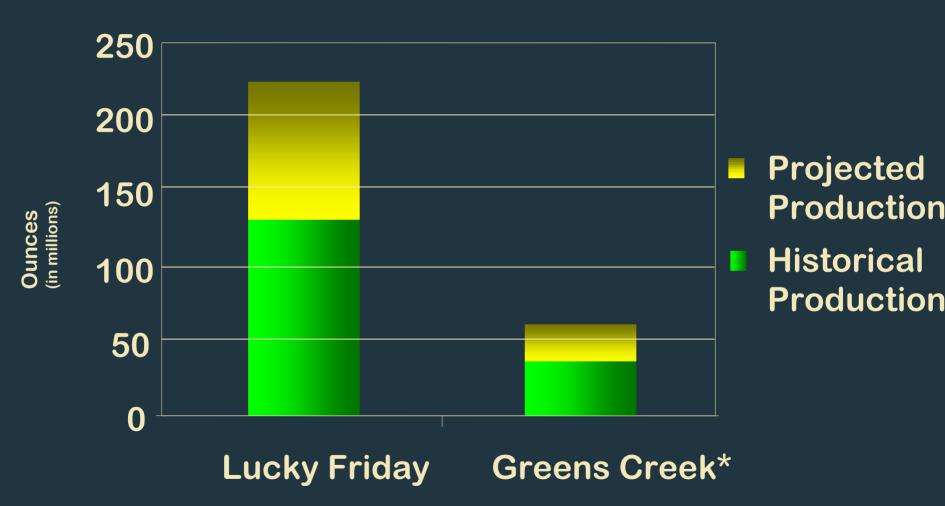




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## Historic Silver Production Plus Projected Production





Based on current reserve, resource and production levels

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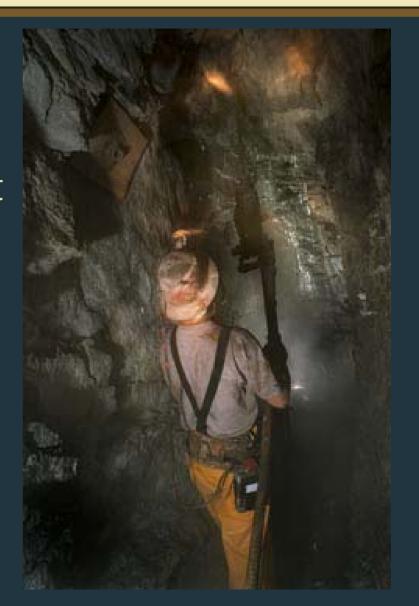


### In Production



#### 2006 Estimates

- ➤ 6 million ounces of silver @ \$2.25 cash cost
- 150,000 ounces of gold\$350-\$375 cash cost
- > 26,000 tons of zinc
- > 24,000 tons of lead



### **Lowest Silver Cash Costs**



### Silver Cash Costs Per Ounce 2003 – 2006E

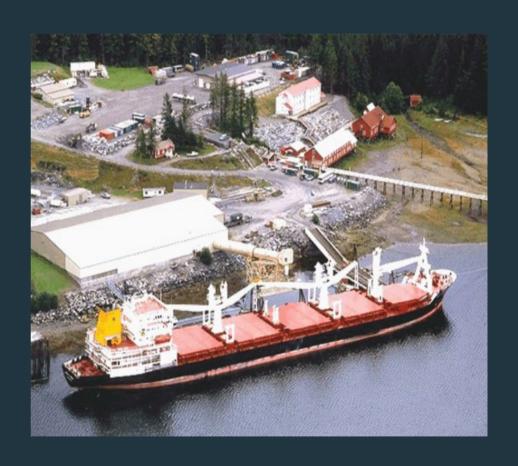


### **Greens Creek**



#### > Location:

- Admiralty Island, Alaska
- > 2006 Estimate:
  - 2.9 million ounces silver
  - > 22,000 ounces gold
  - > 21,000 tons zinc
  - > 7,000 tons lead



## **Lucky Friday**



- > Location:
  - Mullan, Idaho
- > 2006 Estimate:
  - > 3+ million ounces silver
  - > 19,000 tons lead
  - > 4,000 tons zinc



### La Camorra Unit



### >Location:

- ➤ Bolivar State, Venezuela
- ➤ Consists of La Camorra and Mina Isidora
- >2006 Estimate:
  - ➤ 125,000 ounces gold



## **Capital Expenditures**



(in millions)	2004	2005	2006E
Lucky Friday (increased production)	\$5.1	\$10.2	\$10
La Camorra (new source of production)	31.6	28.8	16
Greens Creek (29.73%)	3.8	5	8
Mexico	0.9		
Total	\$41.4	<del></del>	\$34



### Cash & Profits Generator



- ➤ At \$12 per ounce silver, Hecla's silver properties generate significant cash flow & gross profit:
  - \$50-\$60 million cash flow \$37-\$47 million gross profit
- ➤ A \$1 change in silver price is: \$6 million to cash flow & gross profit \$0.05 per share
- ➤ A \$625 per ounce gold price generates: \$30-\$35 million cash flow



## Hecla Benefits from Upside Metals Prices



### Metals Price Sensitivities

- $\triangleright$  Gold + \$10 oz = \$1.5 million/\$0.01 per share
- $\gt$ Silver +\$1 oz = \$6 million/\$0.05 per share
- ➤Lead +\$0.05 lb or \$110 per tonne = \$2 million/\$0.02 per share
- ➤Zinc +\$0.05 lb <u>or</u> \$110 per tonne = \$1 million/\$0.01 per share



### Hecla Has No Silver Stream Contracts



- ➤ When we report our reserves and resources we own them we have "an interest in" the mines
- > We own the mine & exploration potential
- We decide on the production, capital expenditures, preference between metals
- ➤ We don't have contracts for ounces that are not reserves or even resources
- ➤ We amortize our costs over proven and probable reserves, no risk of end of contract write-down

### **Growing U.S. Silver Production**



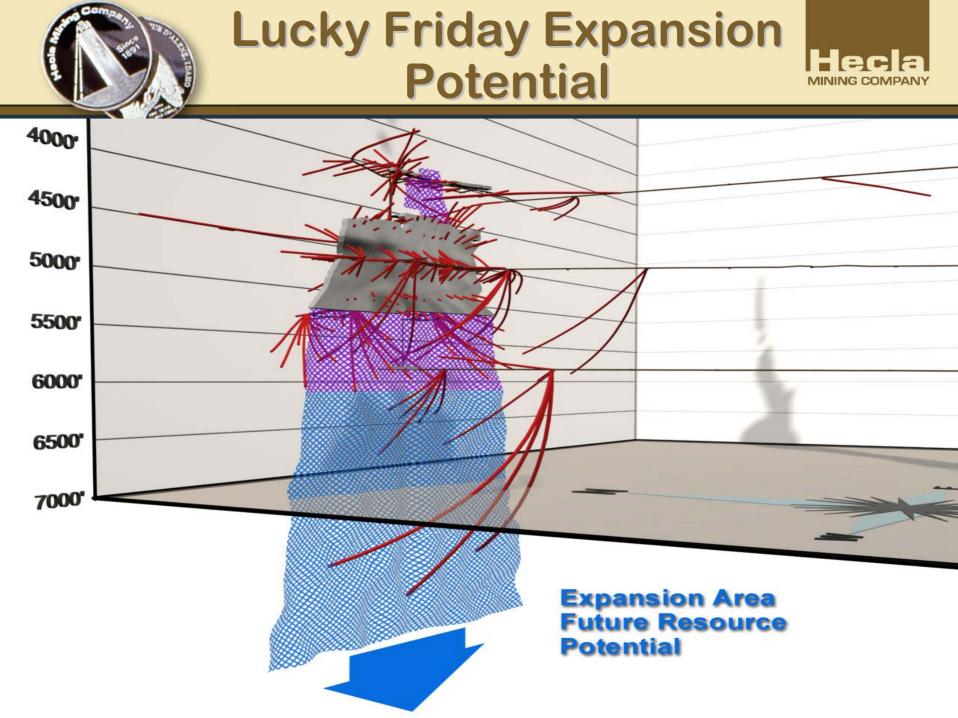




## Incremental Growth Potential



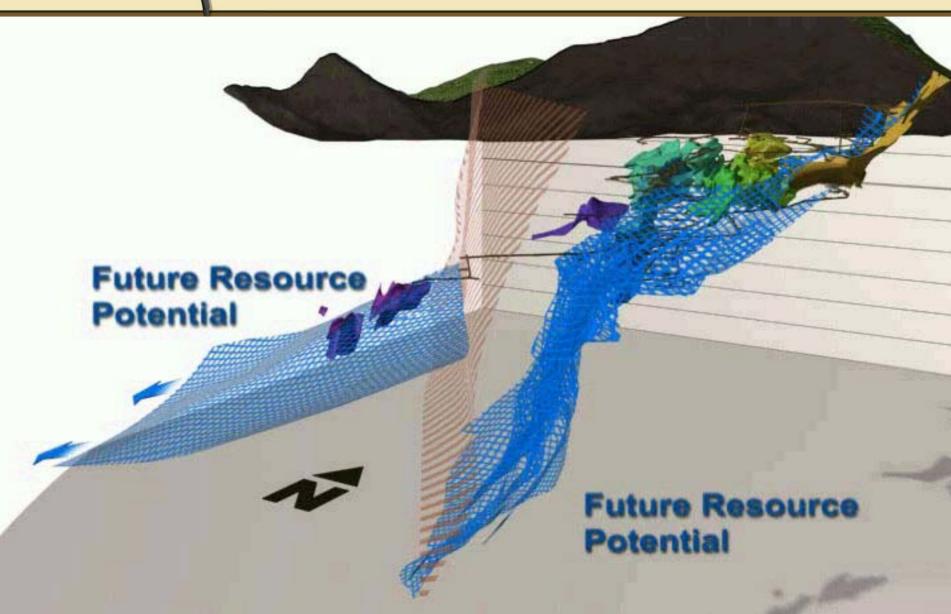
- >Lucky Friday at depth
- ➤ Greens Creek West Gallagher
- ➤ Hugh Zone
- **≻**Hollister
- ► La Camorra





## **Greens Creek Future Potential**







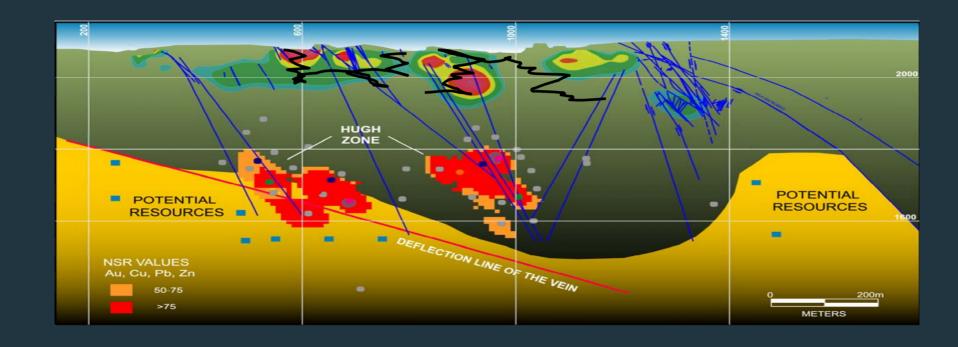
### San Sebastian, Mexico





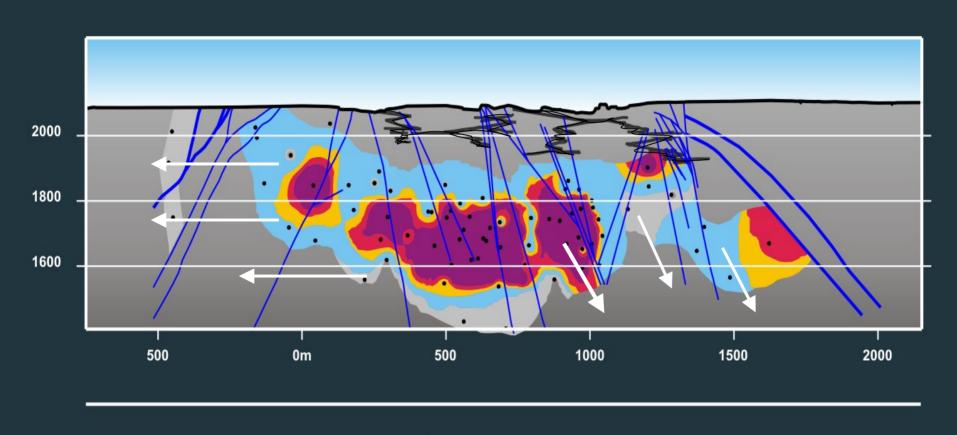
# Hugh Zone Long Section January 2005





## Hugh Zone Long Section March 2006





#### **Hugh Zone NSR March 2006 Metal Prices**

(\$/tonne)

\$0 - 3

\$3 - 40

**5** 70 - 100

**\$100 - 1,000** 



## Company-Changing Growth Potential

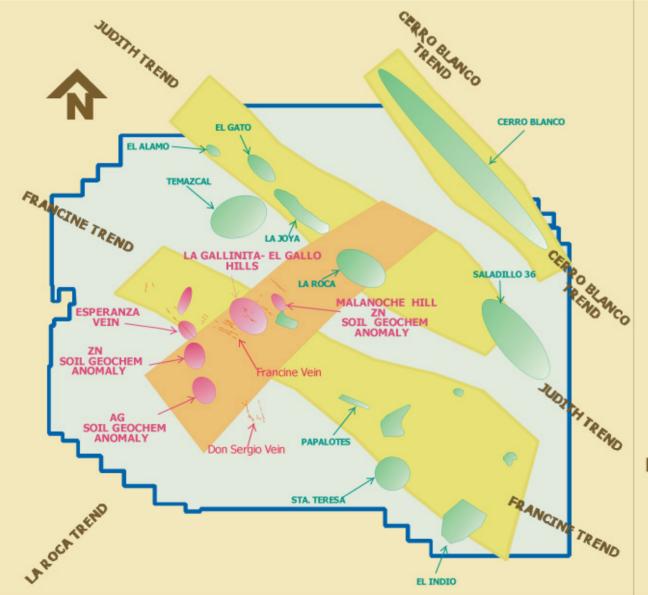


- ➤ 327-square-mile (848 km2) Mexican property
- ➤ Greens Creek surface targets
- > Lucky Friday look-alikes
- ➤ Block B, Venezuela



### San Sebastian Exploration Targets





#### **EXPLANATION**











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# **Exploration and Pre-development**



(in millions)	2004	2005	2006E
Lucky Friday Greens Creek Hollister Hollister pre-dev. Venezuela Mexico Unallocated/Other	\$ 0.3 1  4.4 5.9 7.5 1.1	\$ 0.5 1.1  9.7 9.2 5.7	\$ 1 1.2 6.4 7.3 4.7 3.9 3.5
Total Exploration	\$20.2	\$26.2	\$28

## Acquisitions: Hecla has an Advantage



### **Strengths**

- ➤ 14-year history in the heart of Mexico's silver district. Good presence, established team.
- ➤Underground expertise a strategic advantage in adding value to maintain low-cost profile
- ➤ More \$ for silver exploration overall = more opportunities for Hecla

-Gold acquisition advantage: a smaller threshold increases opportunities

#### <u>Criteria</u>

- ➤ Opportunity for Hecla being value-added
- ➤ Ability to be part of large district (100 mil. oz. potential)
- ➤ Low-cost, high-margin operating future



- ➤ Little silver exploration done for the last 20 years
- ➤ 487 N. and S. American Companies with Silver Exploration Properties
- ➤ 339 TSX-V Listed Companies with Silver Exploration Properties

Source: InfoMine May 2006



## Poised for Opportunities



- ➤ Potential \$80-\$100 million cash flow
- >\$54 million cash and short-term investments on hand
- >\$30 million credit facility
- ➤ Debt-free
- ➤ S-3 and S-4 Registration Statements in place
- >Zero taxes (\$300+ million in NOLs)



## Well-Staffed, Loyal & Experienced Team



### 6 Executive Officers

- 64 years with Hecla
- > 55 years as executive officers

### 7 Directors

> 53 years with Hecla

### Technical Team

- 40 engineers
- 35 geologists
- 7 metallurgists



## A "Sea Change" in the Silver Market



# A Fundamental Change in Supply & Demand



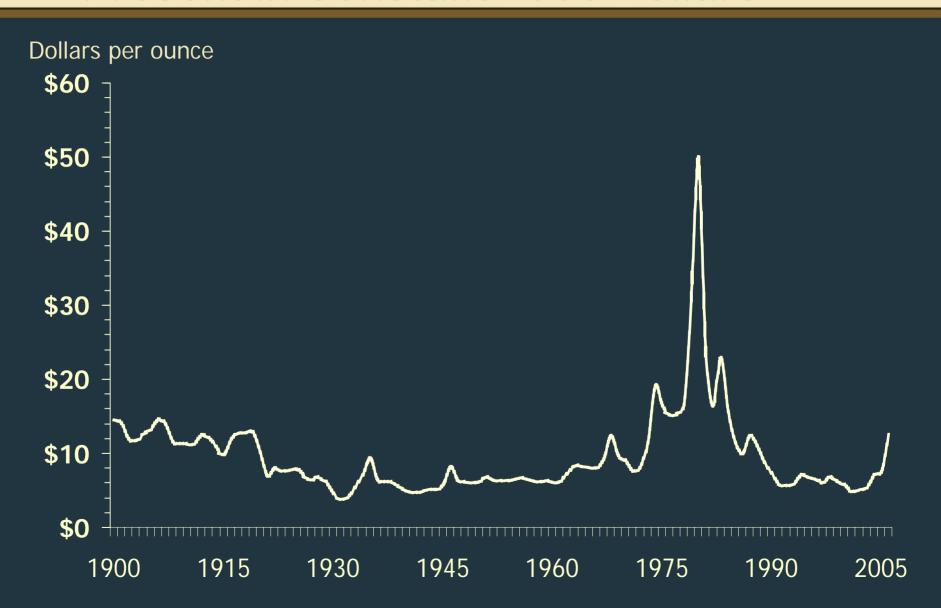
- Silver supply grew dramatically 25 years ago
  - Silver price dropped to all-time lows
    - Great demand growth in last 2 decades
      - Drawdown of silver supply
        - No silver left

#### **RESULT?**

Upward price for silver

## Silver Price from 1900 Present in Constant 2006 Dollars

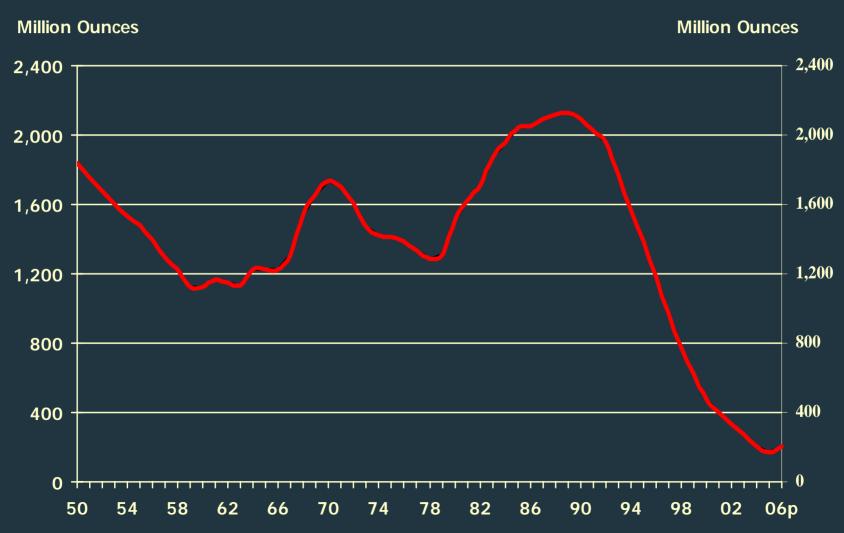




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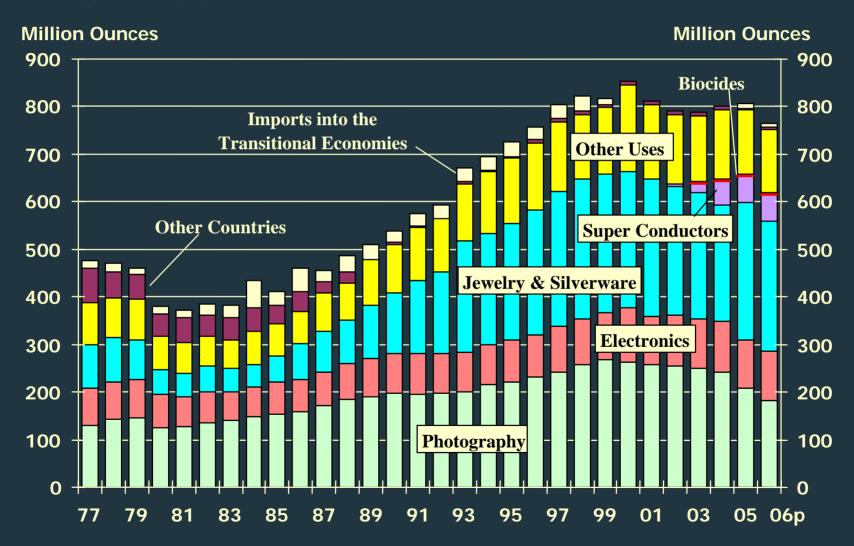


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## **Rising Silver Demand**



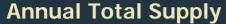
#### **Annual Total Demand**

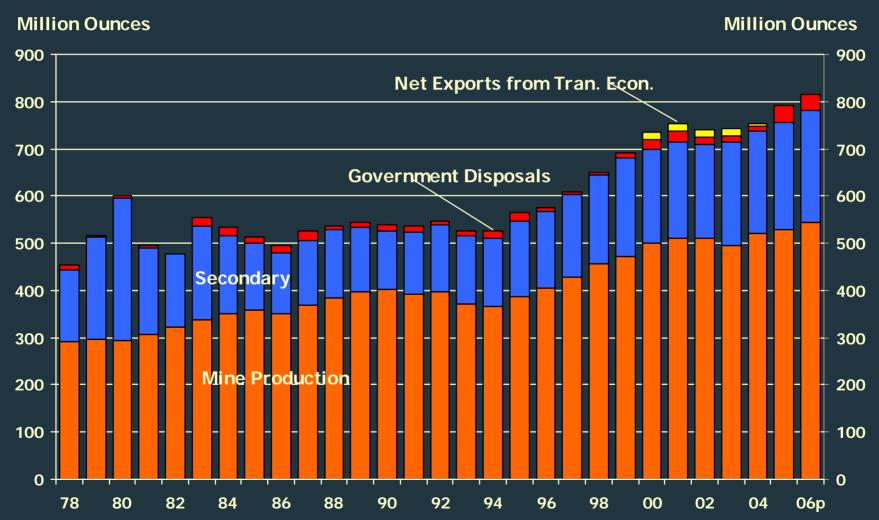


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