

### **COBRE LAS CRUCES**





## Agenda



- □ CLC Management Introductions
- □ Safety Video
- Technical Presentation
- Questions
- □ Tour of Operations
- ☐ Lunch & Close Out



## CLC Management Introduction FIRST QUANTUM



- ✓ Sean Whittome Managing Director
- ✓ Mark Roebert Mining Director
- ✓ Enrique Delgado Metallurgical & Environmental Director
- ✓ Luis Vega Facultative Director
- ✓ Carlos Frias Technology Director
- ✓ Stuart Tevendale CFO



#### **Technical Presentation**

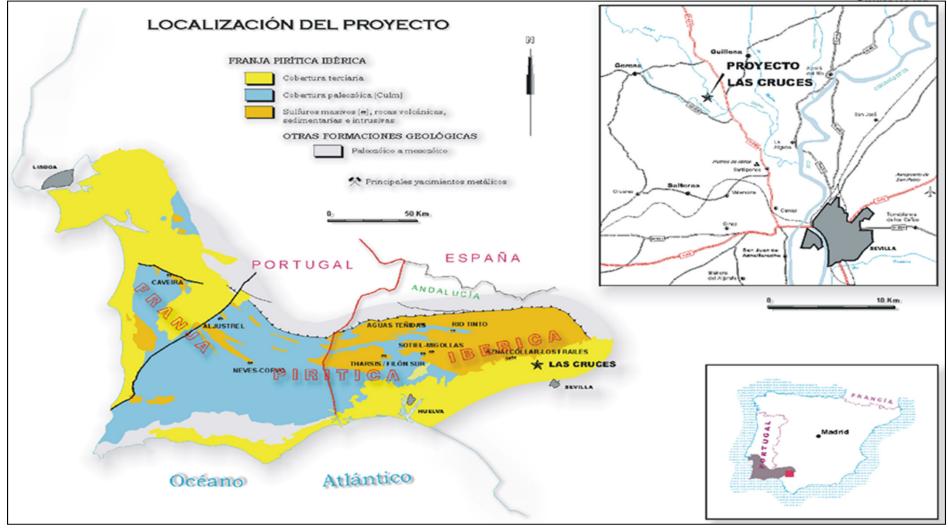


- Operational Overview
- Mining Operations
- Plant Operations
- Managing Water
- Looking Ahead
- Questions



## **Project Location**







#### **Cobre Las Cruces Timeline**



1992 Rio Tinto exploration commences

1994 Deposit discovered

1996 -2000 Feasibility study & EIA

2001-2005 Permit, land acquisition, funding

2006-2008 Construction

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 Initial Production

2010 Inmet 100% acquisition

March 2013 FIRST QUANTUM 100% acquisition

2016 Production record 73,643 tonnes



### **Project Information**



Investment: ~ €1 billion euros to date

Project KPIs:

Annual Production: 72 000 t cathodes

Production Life: 12 years (to 2020)

First Cathode: June 2009

**LOM Mining Contract:** 

**Other Resources:** 

Primary Sulphides Gossan material

**Employment:** 

Direct: 280

contractors: 530

Induced:  $\approx 4000$ 





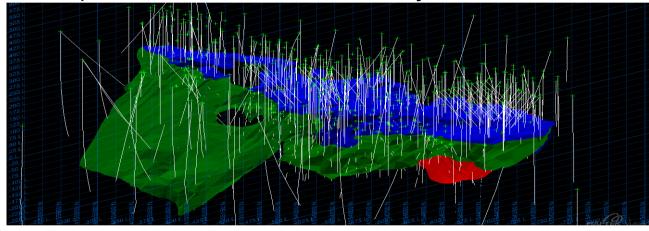
#### Ore Reserves – Dec 2016



#### The Ore Body - Copper Reserves

Reserves of 6 million tonnes grading 5.0% Cu Indicates LOM to 2020

Options to continue with Primary ore



Las Cruces massive sulphide ore body: In blue: mineable reserve of secondary Cu In green primary resources (Cu, Zn, Pb & Ag)

In red stockwork resources (Cu, Zn, Pb & Ag)

Source: MRR Statement Las Cruces End 2016

#### **Additional Resources**

Gossan

2.9 million tonnes@ 2.5 gpt Au, 75 gpt Ag, 3.2 % Pb

Primary Sulphides + Stockwork

36 million tonnes @ 1.1% Cu, 1.3% Pb, 2.6% Zn, 29 ppm Ag



### Pit Cutback Sequencing



Flat Lying orebody

**Key Dimensions:** 

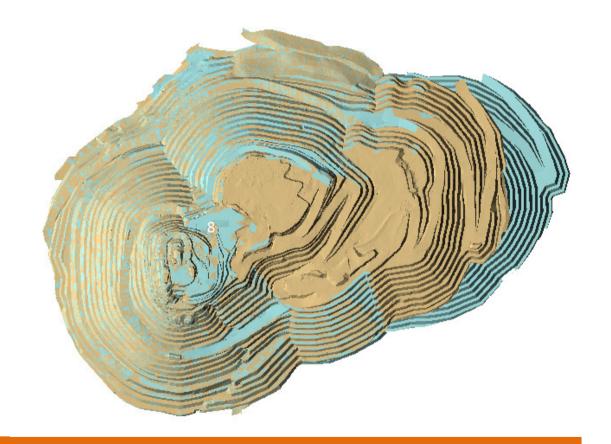
1,578 x 1,000 x 215 m

Surface: 127hectares

**Key Statistics:** 

Waste: 22.3 Million m3

Ore: 6 Mt @ 5 %Cu





## **Plant Feed Preparation**







## **Hydrometallurgical Plant**

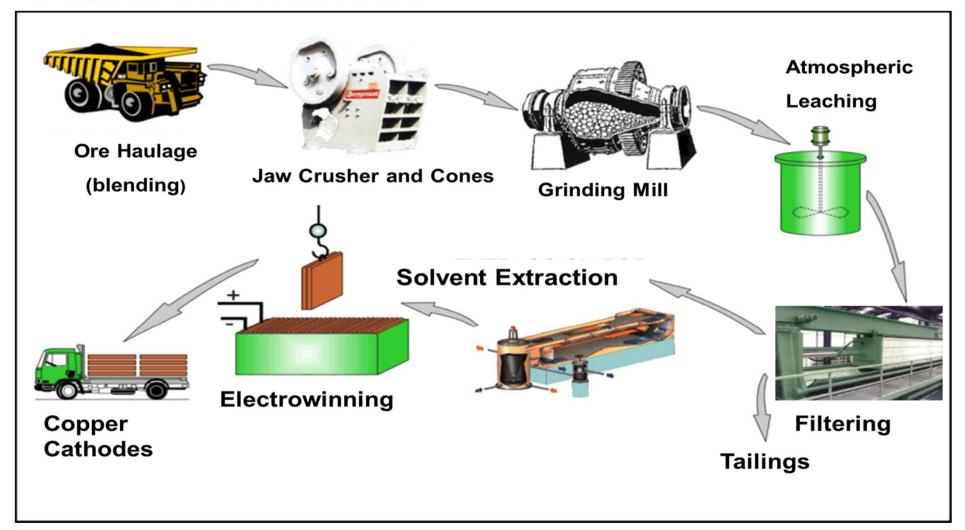






#### **Plant Flowsheet**

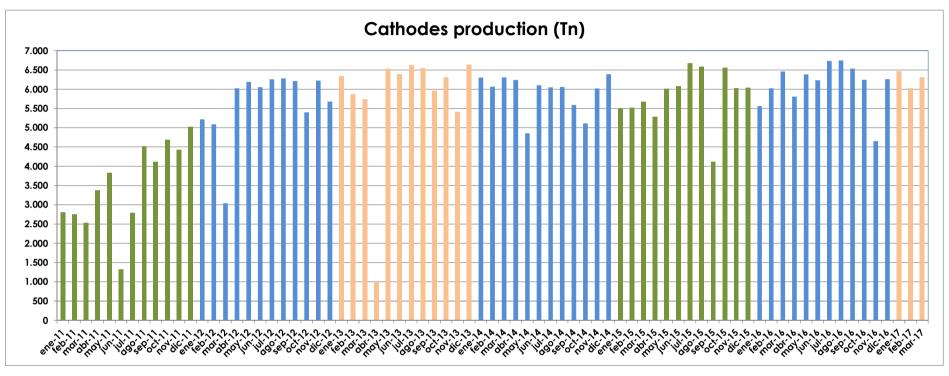






#### **Cathode Production**





Lengthy process to achieve design capacity

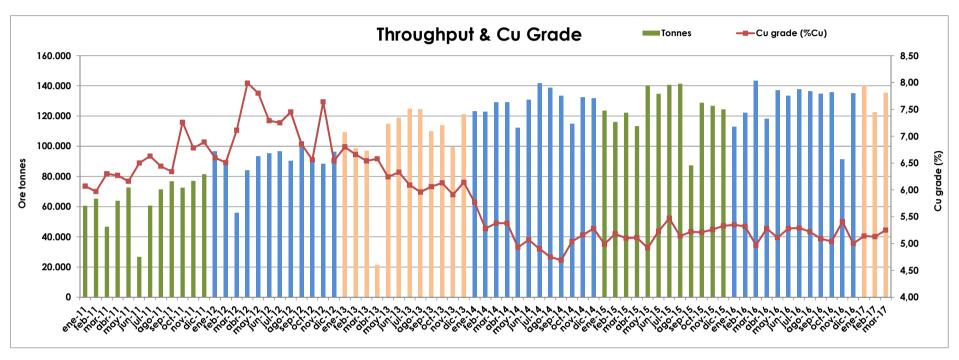
'Stable' operations since April 2012

Key challenge is maintaining output at reducing grades



#### **Plant Throughput Trend**





Substantial debottlenecking completed in advance of lower grades

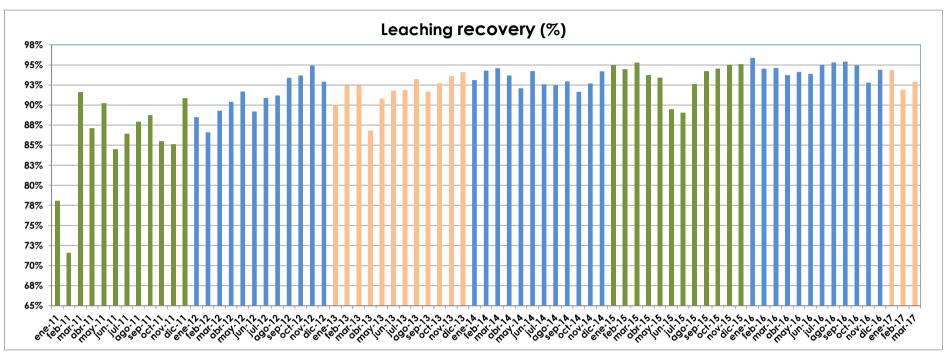
Further opportunities limited – large capital required

Focus will continue on OEE, reliability & overall recovery



## **Leaching Recovery**





Major breakthroughs identified and implemented in 2011

Further opportunities addressed in 2012, 2013

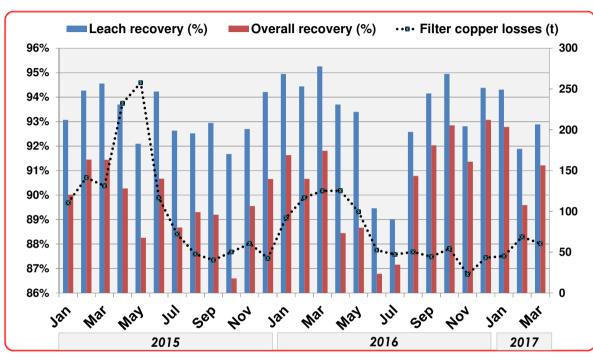
Replacement of vacuum filters – addresses losses post leaching



### **Overall Recovery**







3 new pressure filters and 2 pulp coolers were installed to improve recoveries; commissioned and operational 2015-2016

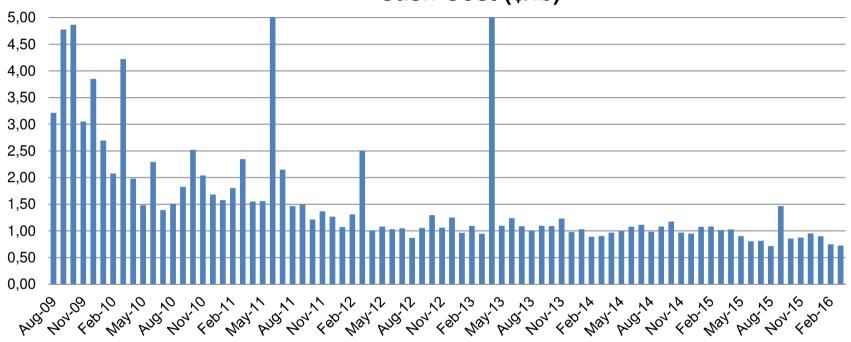
Significant reduction in copper losses post leaching



#### **Unit Cost of Production**







Clearly linked to production outcomes

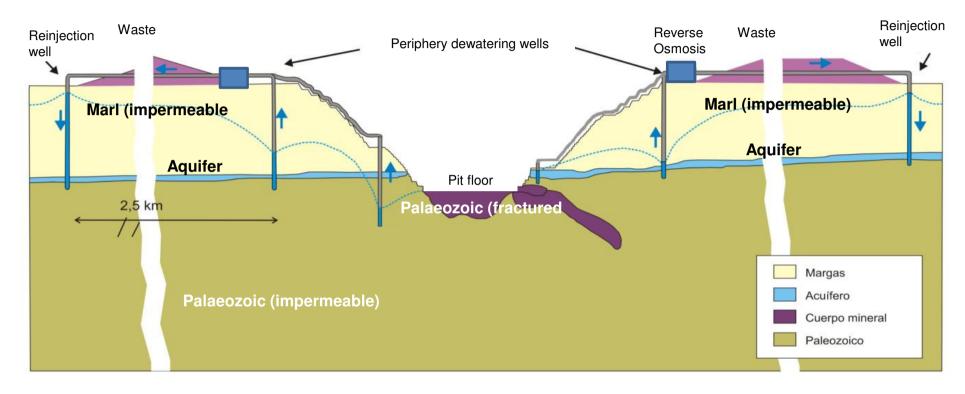
Consistent performance since April 2012 – even with lower grade

Ongoing focus on cost reductions / throughput & recovery



### **Aquifer DRS Schematic**





Perimeter wells to reduce pit inflows

Treatment and reinjection of drained water

Compensation needed for water 'lost' from the aquifer



#### **Water Treatment Plants**







### **Looking Ahead**



**Corporate Responsibility – leadership, safety, community** 

Managing Water – eliminate as an operational constraint

**Operating Discipline – stability, cost & continuous improvement** 

LOM Opportunities – optimized mining, primary ore processing



### **LOM Opportunities**



Optimizing LOM Schedule – grade across future years is variable; we are reviewing a staged design to evaluate treatment of lower grade material

Treatment of Gossan / Primary ore – study underway to review atmospheric leaching of primary sulphides resource

Can use existing facilities (with modifications and expansion) to extend the life of the mine and recovering valuable metals such as copper, zinc, lead and silver



#### **Poly Metallurgical Refinery - PMR**



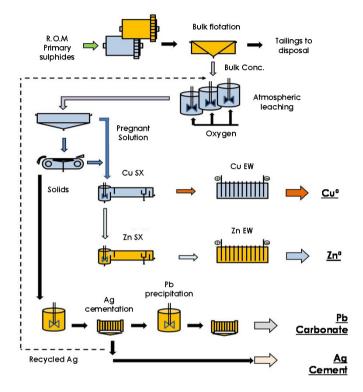
- ☐ Pilot Plant constructed and operated over 12 months to test processing of Primary and Gossan ore.
- ☐ Developing proprietary technology in close cooperation with technology suppliers, e.g. Outotec
- ☐ Positive results to date; efficient recovery of metals: Cu, Zn,Pb, Ag.; investigating recovery of gold
- ☐ Full scale plant could extend the mine life beyond 2030
- ☐ Significant investment required; positive returns



#### PMR Project – Pilot Plant









☐ Pilot Plant results will feed into full scale plant design



#### **PMR Project - Underground Ramp**

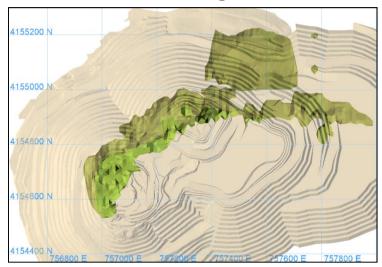


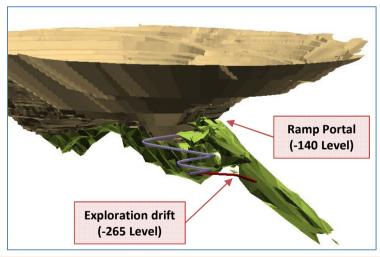
#### **□** Objectives:

- To increase the Primary Ore reserves, upgrade resources and access new drilling targets.
- To improve UG mine design & planning.
- Advancing development of future UG mine.
- Permitting test for UG mine.

#### **□** Other opportunities:

- Improve geotechnical knowledge of future mine development areas.
- Access to fresh ore (additional bulk sampling for Pilot Plant).
- To test the mining method (trial stope).







## Questions







# Thank you





