

#### Gold & Copper Exploration in Ecuador





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# Exploring for Gold, Silver and Copper

Aurania's flagship asset, The Lost Cities - Cutucu Project, lies in the eastern foothills of the Andes mountain range of southeastern Ecuador.

Aurania's entry into Ecuador was driven by Colonial Spanish documents describing the "lost cities" of Logroño de los Caballeros and Sevilla de Oro - gold mines that operated between about 1562 and 1600. A map from 1574, shows the approximate location of these two mines. Aurania's management team believe that these "lost cities" are located within the company's large concession area.



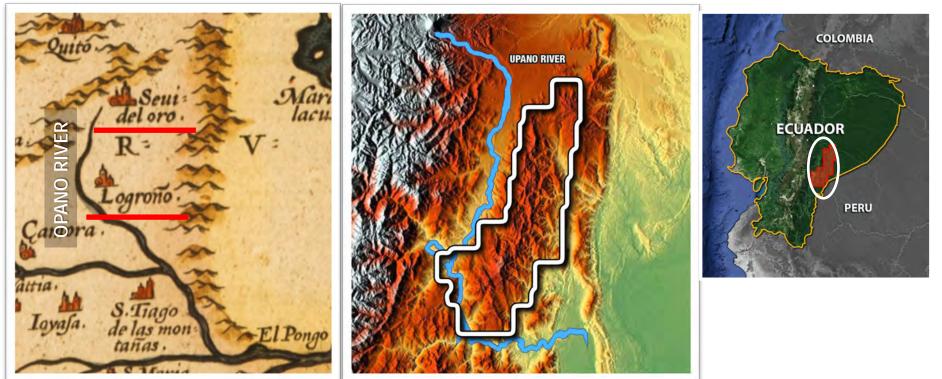


## **Documented Colonial Spanish Gold Mines**

#### Sevilla del Oro & Logroño de Los Caballeros

1574 MAP

Current Satellite Image

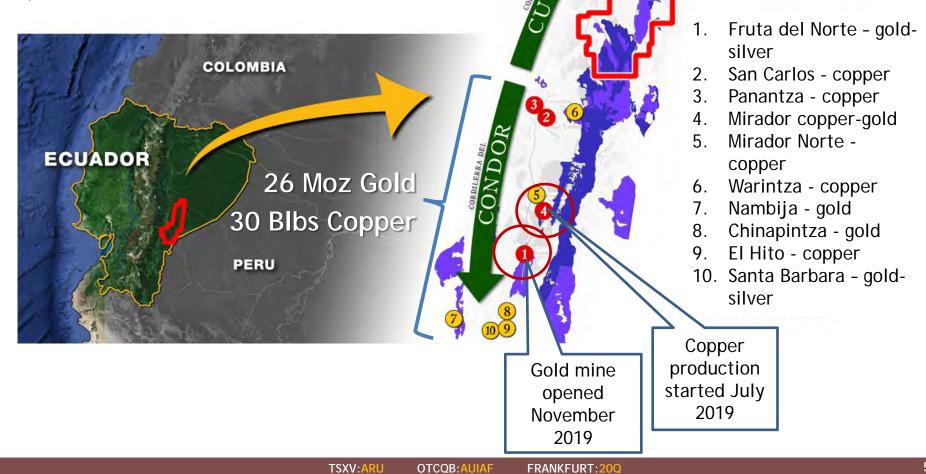


ARU staked 208,000 hectare block of mineral concessions

# **Concessions: Extension of Gold-Copper Belt?**

Concession block lies on-trend of "Condor" goldcopper belt: a well-endowed gold-copper belt that contains 26 million ounces of gold and 36 billion pounds of copper

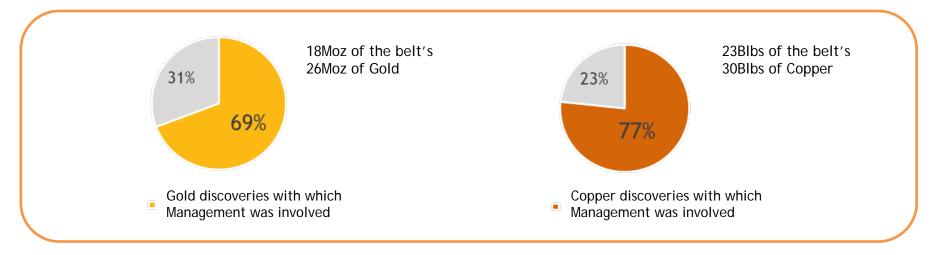
The same geology = similar mineral deposit potential?



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# Management & Company Background

- Management was involved in the discovery of much of the NI 43-101 gold and copper resources in the adjacent Cordillera del Condor, that lies along-trend of Aurania's concession block in the Cordillera de Cutucu:
  - CEO, Keith Barron, co-founded Aurelian Resources Inc., an Ecuador gold explorer that discovered the Fruta del Norte gold deposit, in full commercial production (Lundin Gold);
  - President, Richard Spencer, led teams responsible for San Carlos, Panantza and Mirador porphyry copper deposits.



- Aurania is a mineral exploration company with a focus on gold and copper in the Lost Cities Cutucu Project in southeast Ecuador
- Aurania Resources Ltd. was founded in 2007
- Trades under the tickers: TSXV: ARU; OTCQB: AUIAF; Frankfurt: 20Q

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# Management & Board





Keith Barron, PhD CEO & Chairman



Richard Spencer, PhD, PGeo, C.Geo President and Director



### Leanne Baker, PhD, MBA

Director



Warren Gilman, BSc, MBA Director



Jonathan Kagan, MA, AB Director



Alfred Lenarciak Director

- Exploration geologist with over 36 years experience in the mining sector
- Co-founded Ecuador gold explorer Aurelian Resources Inc., which made the Fruta del Norte (FDN) gold discovery in 2006; FDN currently being developed by Lundin Gold
- PhD geologist with 32 years of experience in mineral exploration with 10yrs living & working in Ecuador
- Led teams responsible for San Carlos, Panantza and Mirador porphyry copper and Loma Larga epithermal gold deposits;
- Lived in Ecuador for 10 years base for exploration throughout South America
- PhD mineral economist and consultant to the metals/mining industry since 2002
- Director of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., Reunion Gold Corporation and McEwen Mining
- Former top-ranked mining sector equity analyst with Salomon Smith Barney in the US
- Mining Engineer with more than 30 years experience as a deal maker in the mining sector
- Co-founder of CIBC's global mining group in 1988; former Chairman of CEF Holdings
- Responsible for some of the largest capital markets financings in Canadian mining history
- Served as advisor to some of the largest mining companies in the world
- Founder, Chairman & CEO of Hong Kong-based Queen's Road Central Capital Ltd.
- Former investment banker with 35 years+ experience
- Began career in 1980 at Lazard and became General Partner in 1987; helped head corporate finance and capital markets division
- Director of several private companies and has been a director of public companies
- Managing Principal of Corporate Partners in New York
- Civil and Mining Engineer with 25 years+ of experience in financing and strategic development of resource companies in North and South America, Africa, Europe & Asia
- Retained by World Bank in early 90s to oversee privatization of mining industry in Poland
- Served on the board of over a dozen TSX-listed companies
- Author of six published books; currently working on seventh book
- Cavaliere Member of the Order of Pope Saint Silvester; recipient of Silver Cross of Merit.

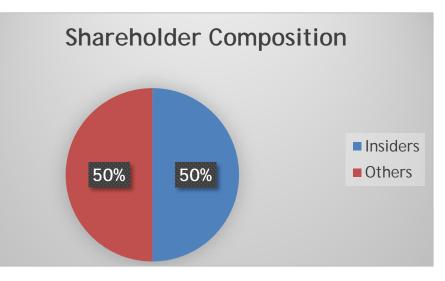
# **Capital Structure**



Capitalization Table (TSX.V:ARU, OTCQB:AUIAF, Frankfurt:20Q)				
Share Price (07/21/2020)	(C\$)	\$3.		
Basic Shares Outstanding	(M)	40		
Warrants	(M)	1		
Options	(M)	3		
RSUs	(000's)	1		
Debt*	(C\$M)	\$4		
Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	(M)			
Market Cap (Basic)	(C\$M)	1		

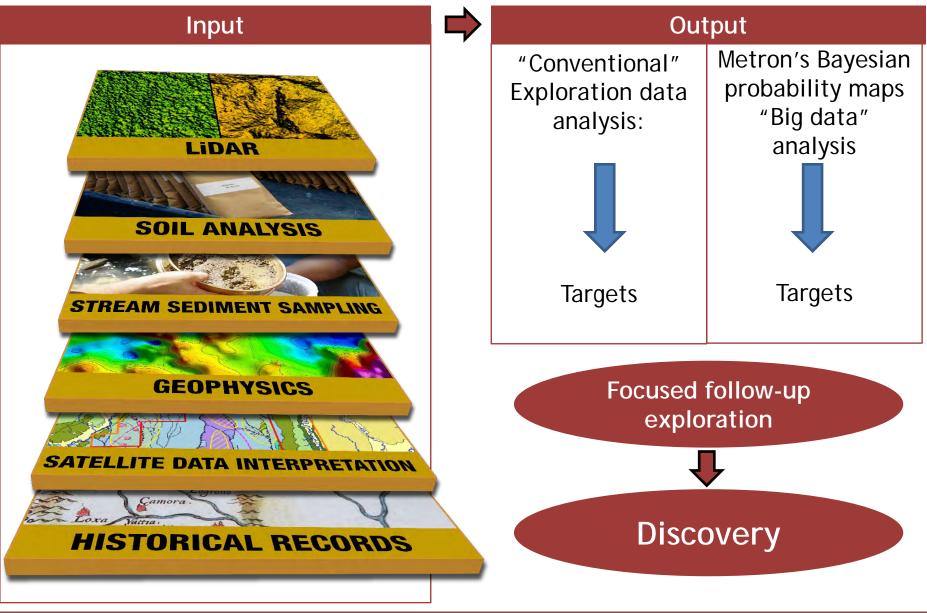
\*C\$620,699 Mineral Concession Loan 1 ("MCL1") (unsecured, promissory note loan, maturing May 29, 2021) and US\$3.8M unsecured loan, maturing April 22, 2021 with 2% per annum interest rate





# **Exploration Approach**





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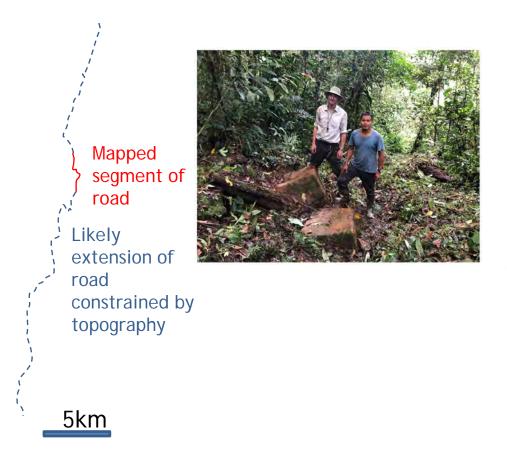
Aurania's exploration work to date has identified multiple targets that can be summarized in five silos:



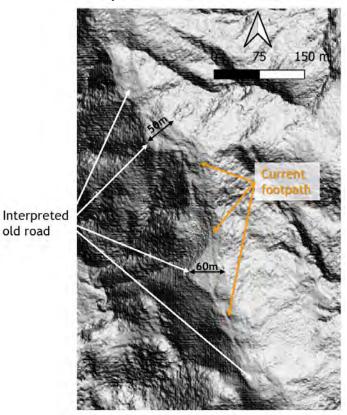
# Spanish Gold Mines - Colonial Spanish Road

#### Spanish records state that SEVILLA & LOGROÑO were joined by road

 - a 2.5km segment of engineered road was recently found. LiDAR being used to potentially detect Spanish roads and mine workings from the late 1500's.



"Bare Earth" LiDAR image - in which the jungle has been digitally "stripped" showing an engineered road segment along a ridge crest believed to date from Spanish Colonial times.



# Sinters Form at the Top of Epithermal Systems

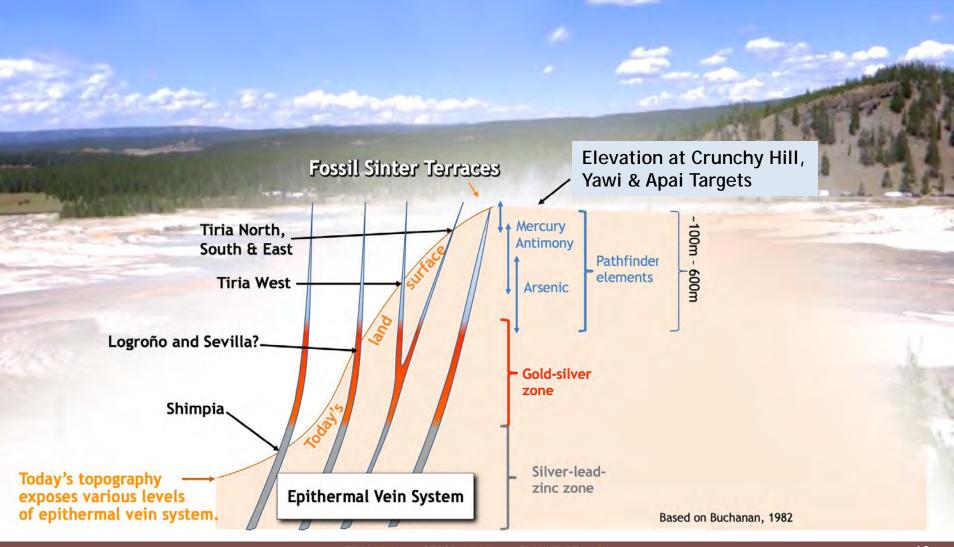




# **Epithermal Gold-Silver Systems**

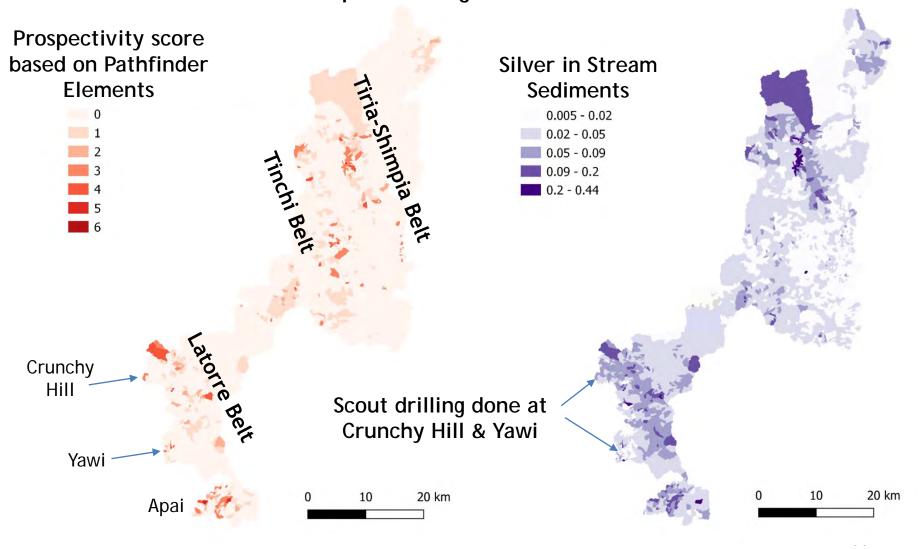


Epithermal veins lie beneath the silica-rich "sinter." Sinter has a much larger footprint than the underlying vein system



# Lost Cities Project: Epithermal Belts

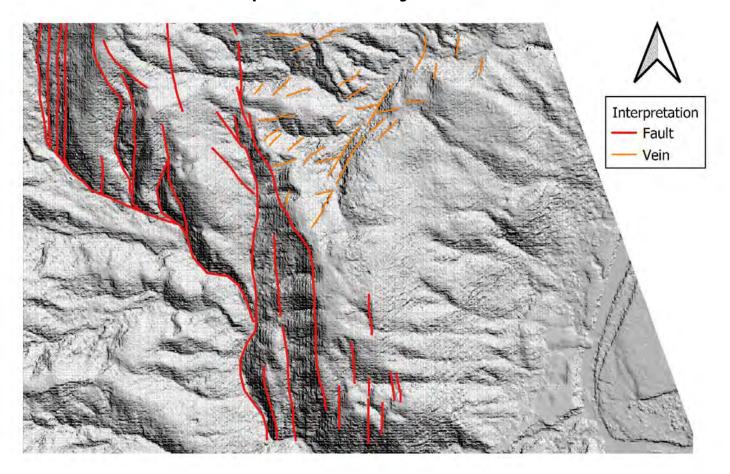
Stream sediment sampling defines 3 "belts" that are prospective for epithermal gold-silver

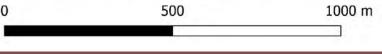


### Epithermal Gold-Silver Vein Targets - LiDAR -Tiria South

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"Bare Earth" LiDAR image (in which vegetation is digitally removed) of the Tiria South target area showing controlling fault system with interpreted vein system



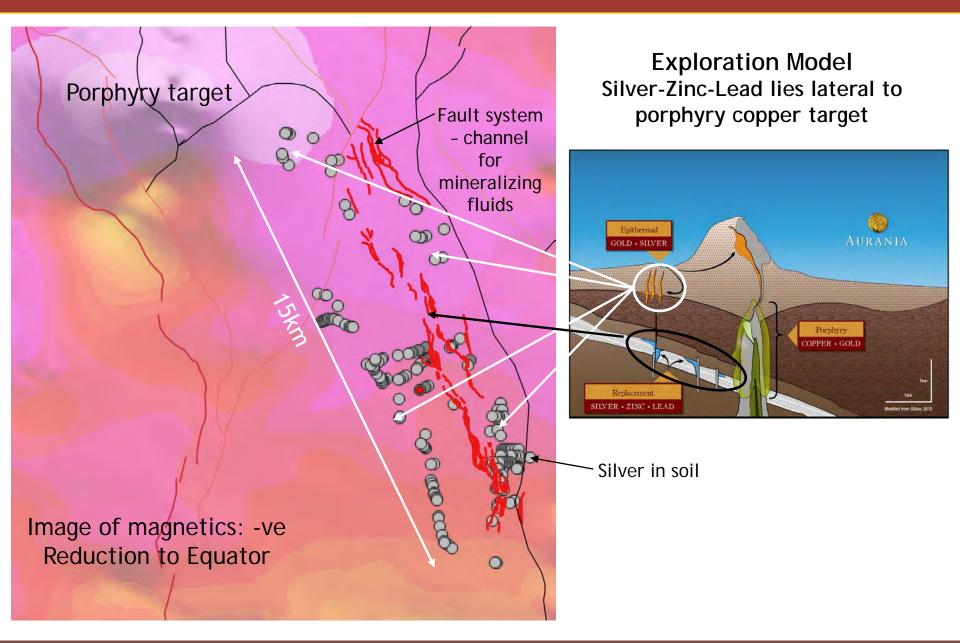


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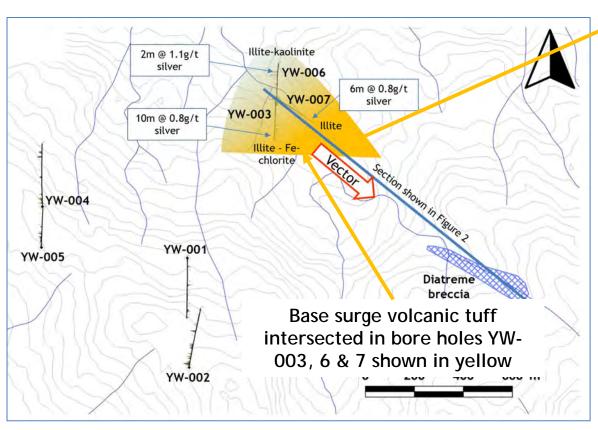
# Shimpia Silver-Zinc-Lead: Geophysical Context

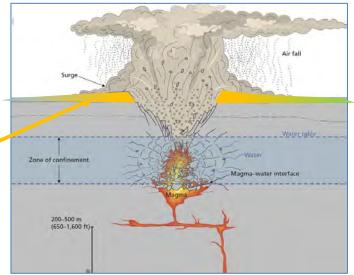


### Epithermal Gold-Silver Targets: Yawi Scout Drilling



Yawi Target: scout drilling refines target concept & provides vectors toward centre of the system

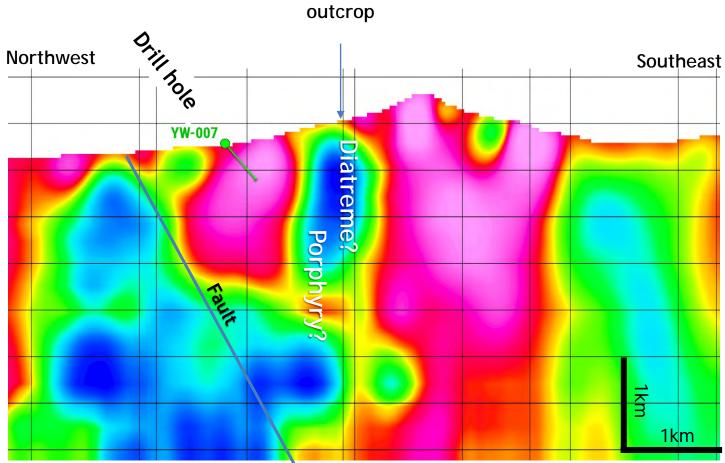




Vertical cut through a Maar-Diatreme system - base surge volcanic tuff shown in yellow

Plan view of drill holes at Yawi showing bore hole trace & distribution of bass surge tuff with clay alteration

# Scout Drilling: Refining the Target



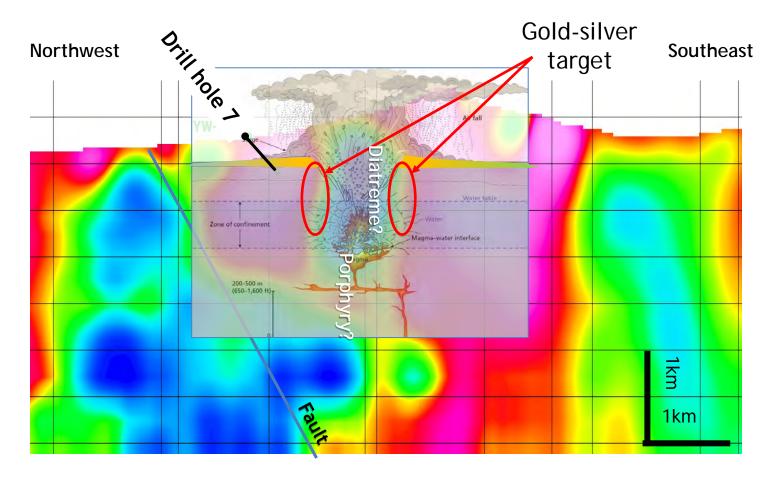
Diatreme breccia

Geophysical data: Magnetic Inversion Model

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# Yawi Epithermal Gold & Porphyry Copper Targets ORANIA

### **Refining the Target Concept**

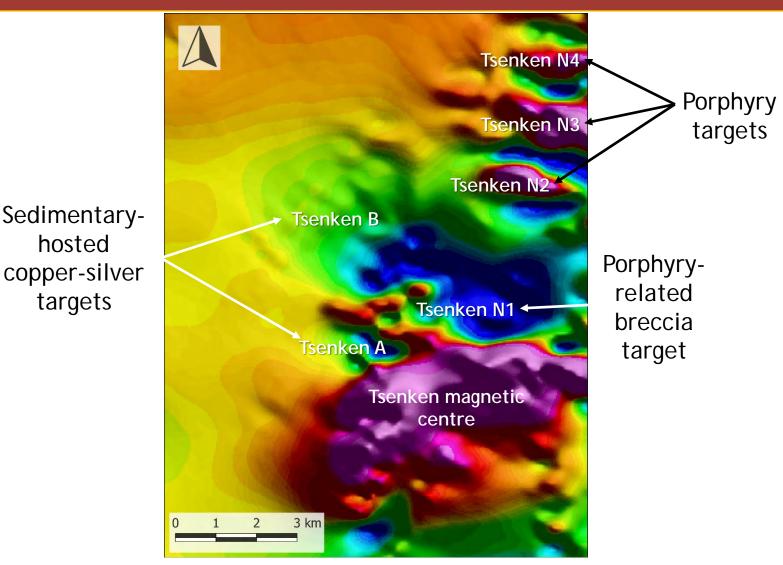


# **Tsenken Target Cluster**

hosted

targets

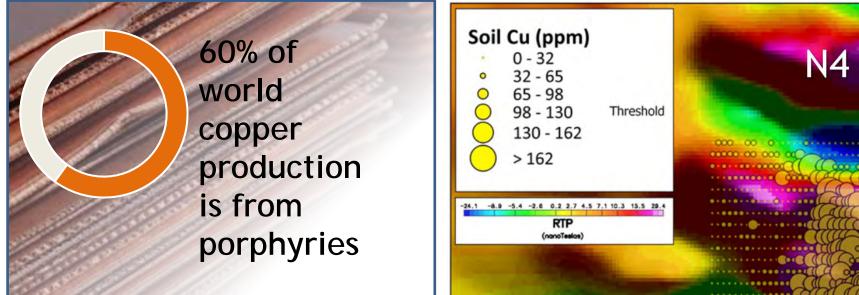




Magnetic Signature of Tsenken targets (Image is negative reduction to the equator).

# **Copper: Porphyry-Related Targets - Tsenken**

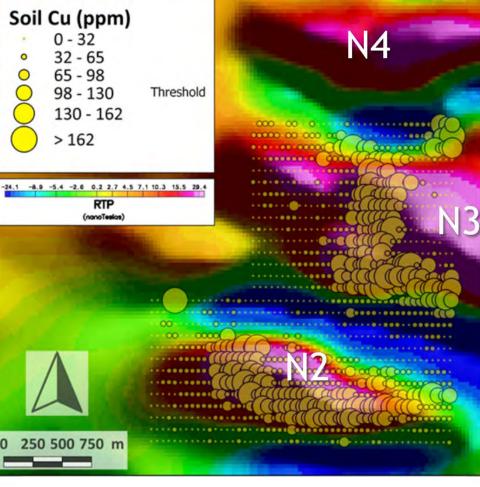
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Average grade of mined porphyry worldwide: 0.7% copper

Lost Cities - Cutucu Project:

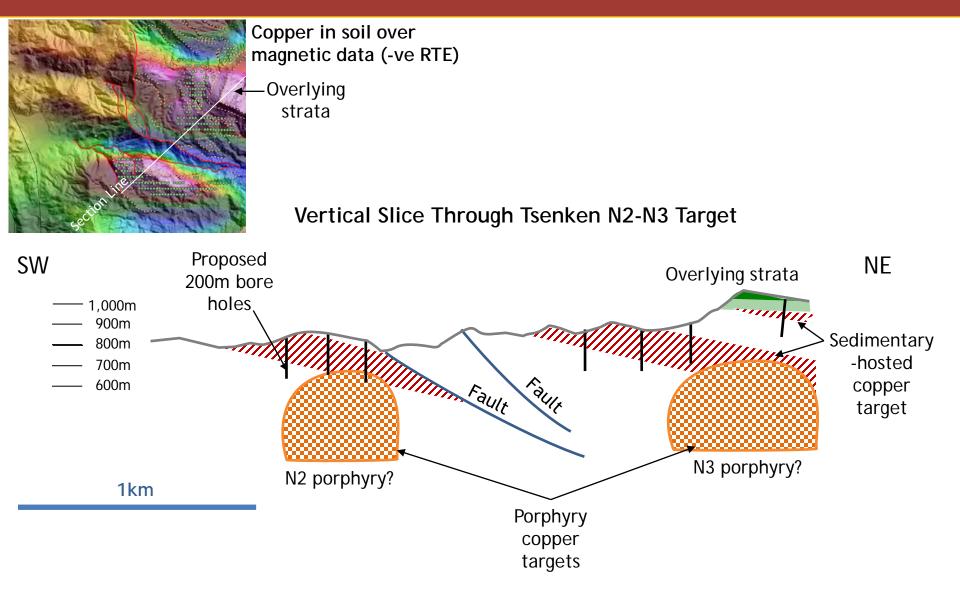
- 31 priority porphyry targets identified from geophysics;
- 3 targets have been fieldchecked - copper found in soil over geophysical features



# Copper in soil from the Tsenken N2 & N3 magnetic targets

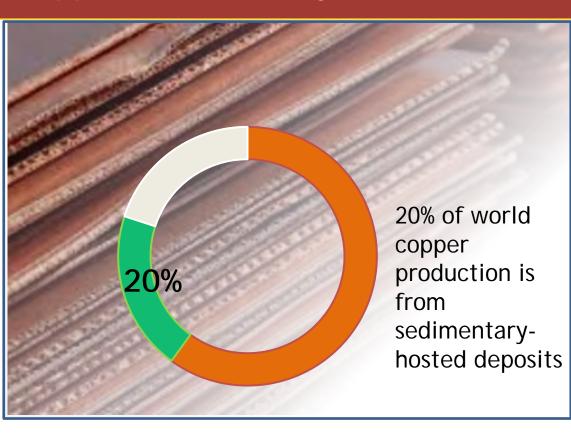
(Image is negative reduction to the equator). Target N4 to be sampled next

# Tsenken N2-N3 Profile & Conceptual Drilling



## **Copper: Sedimentary-hosted**

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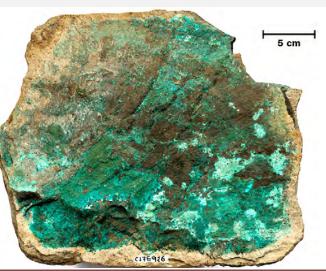


4.3% copper, 48g/t silver in sandstone

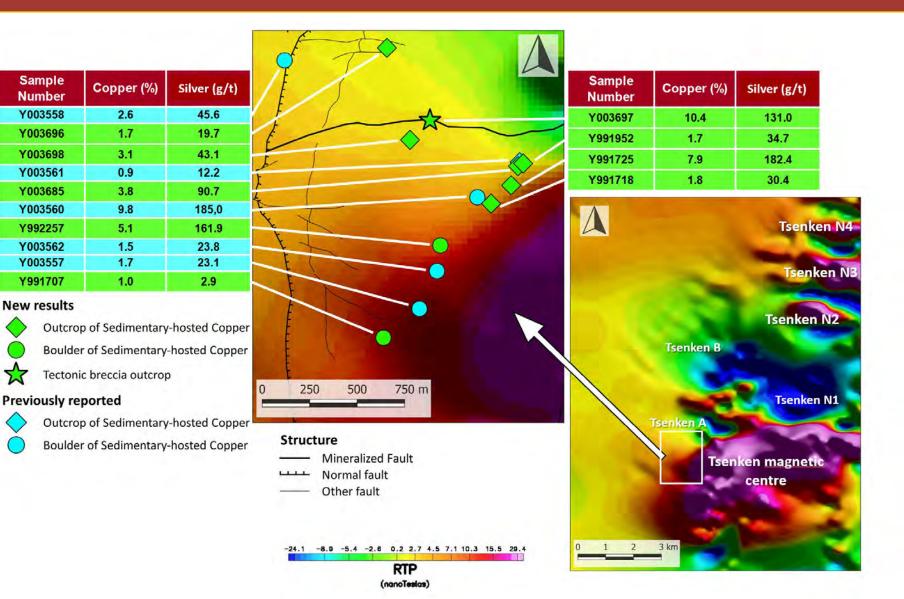
#### Lost Cities - Cutucu Project:

Sediment-hosted copper over 23km

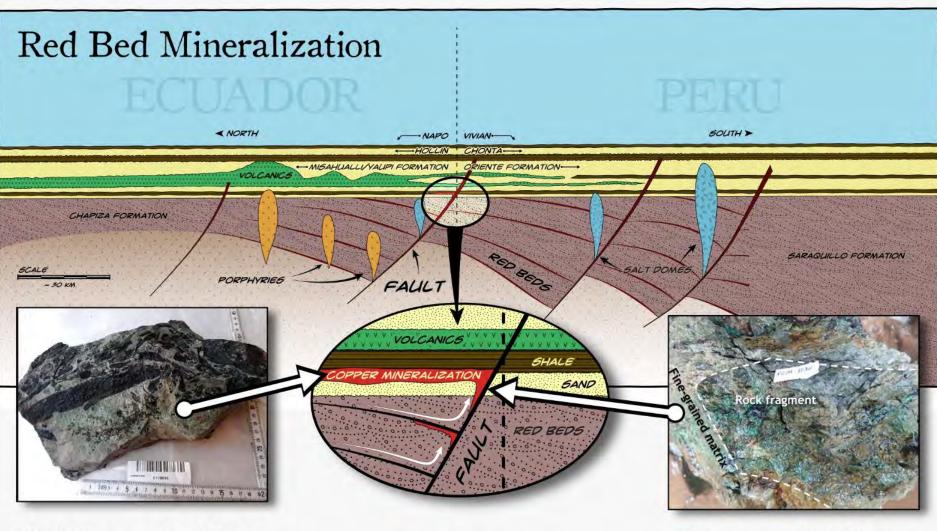
- Outcrop
  - 18 samples >1% copper
  - Average grade:
    - 4.4% copper
    - 51g/t silver
- Boulders in streams
  - 53 samples
  - 3.9% copper
  - 48g/t silver



## **Tsenken: Sedimentary-hosted Copper-Silver**



# **Tsenken: Sedimentary-hosted Copper-Silver**



5.63% Copper, 146g/t Silver in sandstone with carbonized plant fragments

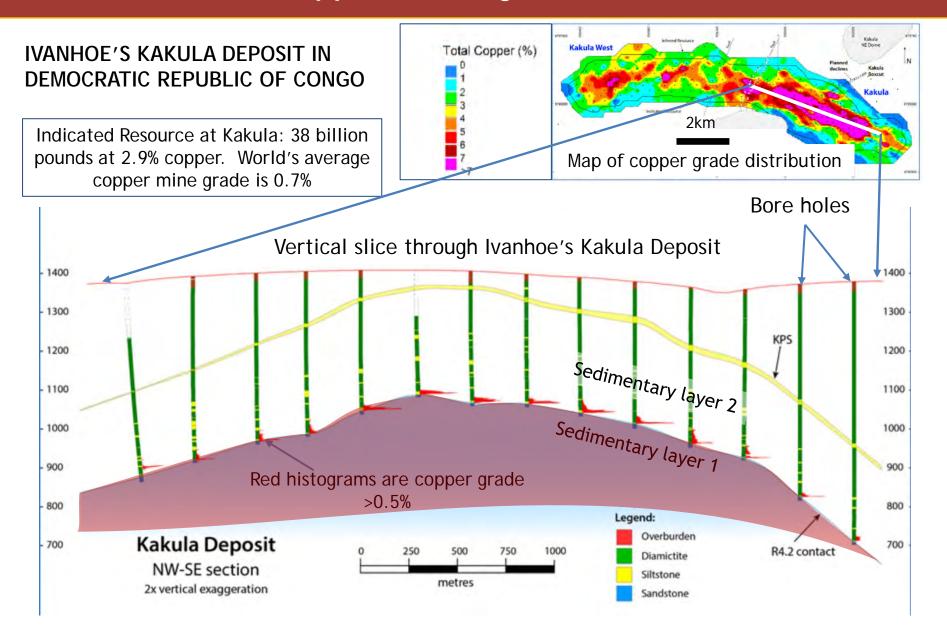


10% copper, 131 g/t silver Copper-silver mineralization in fault breccia

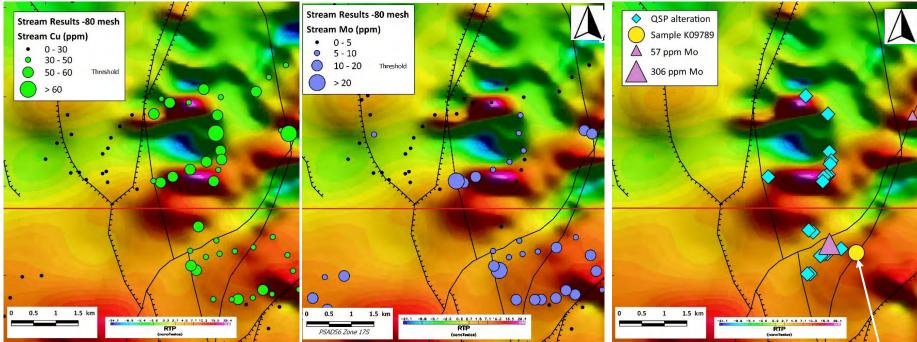
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# Sediment-hosted Copper - Analogue

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# Awacha East: Copper-Gold Porphyry Target



Stream sediment sample results

#### Alteration & rock-chip results

Quartz-sericitepyrite (QSP) alteration at Awacha



Rock-chip Sample K09789 0.2g/t Gold 0.23% Copper 4.0g/t Silver

# Silver-Zinc-Lead Targets

#### Reconnaissance sampling Limestone-hosted silver-zinc-lead

Nature of Sample	Sample Number	Silver (g/t)	Zinc (%)	Lead (%)
	Y003607	356.0	12.7	11.0
Outcrop	Y991404	20.6	3.3	0.8
	Y991413	17.2	5.0	<0.1
	Y991415	12.5	1.7	0.3
	Y003452	3.0	2.7	<0.1
Boulders in streams	Y003604	710.0	42.1	9.2
	E797985	325.0	0.4	39.0
	Y003610	34.7	7.9	0.7
	E797979	28.7	2.0	3.6
	Y003815	25.8	<0.1	<0.1
	Y003609	22.9	0.1	0.2
	E797988	21.1	29.3	0.1
	Y003814	20.1	<0.1	<0.1
	E797989	16.7	47.9	0.1
	Y003453	15.7	0.6	<0.1
	Y003454	11.9	1.3	0.3
	E797987	10.7	<0.1	0.2
	E 797971	6.3	25.9	<0.1

Silver in Stream Sediments 0.005 - 0.02 0.02 - 0.05 0.05 - 0.09 0.09 - 0.2 0.2 - 0.44

Shimpia silver-zinclead target

- High grade
- 15km long trend

5cm

20 km

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Spanish Gold Mines	Epithermal Gold	Porphyry Copper	Sedimentary -hosted Copper	Silver-zinc- lead
<ul> <li>Spanish road</li> <li>Targets:2 historic mines</li> <li>LiDAR could identify Spanish mine-sites</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scout- drilling done on Crunchy Hill &amp; Yawi</li> <li>20 targets</li> <li>LiDAR could identify individual veins</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refining outcropping copper targets for shallow scout- drilling in Q3</li> <li>Multiple geophysical targets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Determining continuity of copper- silver for shallow scout- drilling in Q4</li> <li>23km trend</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Outcropping high-grade silver with zinc-lead- barium - inexpensive exploration to add value</li> <li>15km trend</li> </ul>

# Next Steps



#### Gold-Silver:

- Lost Cities: continue processing and analysis of LiDAR to identify Colonial Spanish infrastructure;
- Refine Yawi & Crunchy Hill targets:
  - With specific field work that builds on vectors established from the scout drilling;
  - Detailed LiDAR interpretation;
  - CSAMT geophysics;
- Tiria: soil sampling and alteration mapping over 15km trend to refine specific targets for scout drilling;

#### Copper-Silver:

- Tsenken N1: porphyry-related copper-silver breccia: mapping, sampling, ~1,000m of scout drilling;
- Tsenken N2-N3 porphyry and sediment-hosted copper-silver target:
  - Alteration mapping;
  - Heliborne Mobile MT geophysics;
  - ~3,000m of scout drilling;
- Tsenken A & B: sedimentary-hosted copper-silver target: mapping, sampling & prep for scout drilling
- Kirus porphyry and sediment-hosted copper-silver target:
  - Complete stream sediment sampling & reconnaissance over magnetic target;
  - Heliborne Mobile MT geophysics;

#### Copper-Gold:

- Awacha:
  - Alteration mapping to define the various porphyry centres;
  - Soil sampling over priority areas of alteration;
  - Heliborne Mobile MT geophysics.

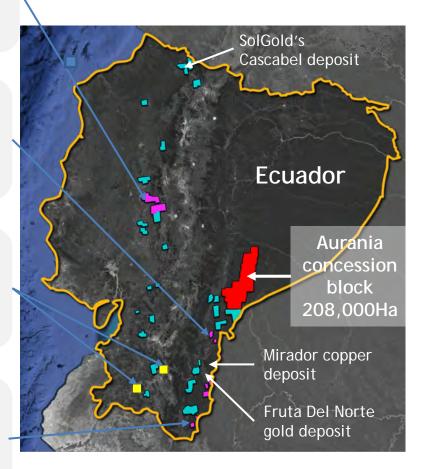
# **Majors Committed to Ecuador**

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Anglo American – Luminex (Pegasus, 63,400Ha)

- Grassroots exploration
- US\$57MM over 7 years for 60% (incl. US\$7.3MM in staged cash payments)

### Terms of Majors' Joint Ventures in Ecuador



BHP - Luminex (Tarqui, 4,800Ha)

Newcrest-Cornerstone (Cana Brava & Tioloma, 6,000Ha)

- Copper (>1%) at surface
- US\$42MM over 6 years for 60% (incl. US\$7MM in cash;
- US\$40MM for an additional 10%
- Grassroots exploration
  - US\$100MM or Bankable Feasibility Study in 8 years for 75% (incl. in cash)

First Quantum - Luminex (Orquideas & Cascadas, 14,700Ha)

- Copper-molybdenum porphyry target
- US\$38.5MM over 5 years for 51% (incl. US\$7MM in cash);
- US\$10MM for an additional 10%

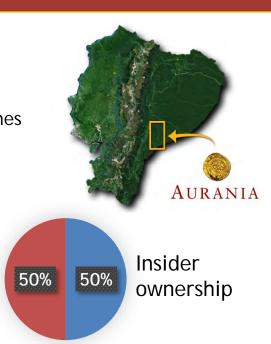
## Peru - Available Data





# The Opportunity

- Ecuador:
  - Open for business
  - **Exploration hotspot**
  - Aurania's large concession block hasn't been explored in modern times
- Strong Board
- Management team: gold & copper discoveries along trend in southern Ecuador
- Management & Board aligned with shareholders
- Clear strategy:



Strategy per commodity & deposit-type				
Gold		Accelerate search for Lost Cities		
Gold	Silver	Systematically drill epithermal targets		
Copper	Silver	Determine continuity of mineral showings & then drill		
Copper		Porphyry-style	Add value through initial	
Zinc-Lead	Silver	Manto-style mineralization	exploration & then joint venture	



# Social Engagement



#### COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH OUR HOST COMMUNITIES

- Request permission from local communities to explore their land
- Supporting Community-Govt Initiatives

Ministry of Environment Outlining conservation corridors

**Ministry of Health** 

Potable water Providing link between Foundations & local medical centers

**Ministry of Education** 

Supporting link between Foundations & adult & children's education

#### Ministry of Agriculture

Model produce farms to integrate traditional & modern food crops; goal is to improve nutrition and provide source of income







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