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## 1 SUMMARY

Selwyn Resources Ltd. (Selwyn) and ScoZinc Ltd. (ScoZinc), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Selwyn, produced this technical report to update the Preliminary Economic Assessment (the "PEA") of restarting the ScoZinc mine. The previous updated PEA dated 20 December 2012 provided a revised open pit mine plan confirming a significant increase in mine life for the Main and Northeast deposits. This PEA update builds on that mine plan and incorporates a proposed underground mining operation between the Main and Northeast open pits, and blending of the high grade material with the lower grade open pit mineralization in years 5 and 6 of the mine plan. Updated equipment capital and operating cost estimations by a major mine equipment supplier have also been included in the PEA along with the new metallurgical data.

This Technical Report conforms to National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (NI 43-101).

## 1.1 Economic Analysis

The potential economic viability of the Project was evaluated using a discounted cash flow analysis approach. In summary, based on the Base Case metal pricing assumption, the results of the preliminary economic analysis indicate that:

- Based on a mill through-put rate of 2,500 tonnes per day, the Project has a mine life of approximately 7.6 years and offers an approximate payback period of 1.56 years;
- Combined open pit and underground unit operating costs of \$50.35 per tonne milled for the first five years (\$40.84 per tonne milled for the life-of-mine);
- Mine and mill restart capital expenditures (CAPEX) of CAD \$32.8 Million (including \$1.4 million in contingency \$3.2 million working capital);
- The project acquisition cost of \$10 million is included in the financial analysis;
- Assuming Base Case zinc and lead prices of US\$1.00 and US\$1.10/lb, respectively, and an
  exchange rate of 1.02 Canadian dollars to 1 US dollar, the Project has an estimated pre-tax
  internal rate of return (IRR) of 49.0% and an after-tax IRR of 46.2%;
- The Project has a pre-tax net present value (NPV) of \$61.3 million and an after-tax NPV of \$51.9 million, both using a 5% discount rate. At an 8% discount rate, the pre-tax NPV is \$52.4 million and the after-tax NPV is \$44.4 million;
- Direct C1 zinc cash cost of production (after deducting credits for lead) for the first five years is CAD \$0.55/lb and life of mine C1 zinc cash cost of production is CAD \$0.51/lb;
- Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for the first five years of operations averages CAD \$24.1 million per annum.

- Total payable metal production over the life of the project is projected to be 343 million lbs (155,700 tonnes) of zinc and 212 million lbs (96,300 tonnes) of lead.
- Total life-of-mine gross revenue is about \$589 million, of which 59% is derived from zinc and 41% derived from lead.

The cash flow model is based on a scenario in which two open pits are to be mined sequentially and blended with feed from an underground mining operation. The two open pits are the Main (including the Southwest Expansion or Tadpole) and Northeast, each of which have been optimized using pit optimization software. The underground mine targets the higher grade portion of the mineral resource between the Main and Northeast pits, lying beneath the highway and Gays River, and will contribute to the mill feed in Years 5, 6 and 7 of the life-of-mine plan.

Note that the Getty pit, included in a previous PEA, is not included in this analysis but provides potential for additional mine life.

The production scheduling is based on mill feed provided from two open pits, an underground mining operation and stockpiles, with an average production rate of 877,800 tonnes per year (or 2,500 tonnes per day) over an average of 351 operating days per year. Aggregate production from the open pits and the underground mine is estimated at 6,677,000 tonnes grading 3.20% zinc and 1.69% lead.

The average strip ratio for the open pits life-of-mine is 13.4 to 1 (excluding pre-stripping which is included in the capital costs). Approximately 62% of the open pit waste is assumed to be readily removed without blasting, including soils that will be used for reclamation. Open pit mine dilution is assumed to be 10% at grades of 1% zinc and 1% lead. Mining losses are assumed to be 5%.

The underground operation will access from the lower benches of the open pits in order to reduce waste development costs and to use the open pit excavations and facilities for water management. The underground workings and related facilities will be designed to produce 500 tonnes per day of high-grade feed to the mill to blend with the lower grade mill feed from the ongoing open pit operations. Diluted and recoverable underground mineral resources are estimated at 283,000 tonnes grading 6.96% zinc and 3.98% lead.

The proposed open pits and underground mine contain the potentially mineable resources, termed mill feed, with classifications having the meanings ascribed to them by the CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves adopted by CIM Council. The proposed production schedule is based on milling a total tonnage of 6.68 million tonnes over the life of the project, of which about 9.8% is in the Inferred category.

Selwyn's mine operating costs are from historical operations data and zero-based cost estimation based upon engineering analysis and equipment quotations. The mill operating cost estimate is predicated upon historical September 2008 Year-To-Date operating costs and detailed calculations

supported by recent metallurgical test work. Both major cost centers were based upon local labour costs. It is assumed that the manpower levels will marginally increase to support the planned increase in production rate. Other than labor and assay laboratory costs, most other expenses were considered as "variable costs", thus increasing in direct proportion to the plant throughput and mining ratios.

Major capital costs for the restart of operations include mine equipment down payment, mine prestripping, increase of the reclamation bond, the installation of new primary and secondary crushers with a refurbished tertiary crusher, replacement of the vibrating screen, replacement of the two concentrate vacuum disc filters and dryers with two vertical plate pressure filters and installation of an on-stream analyzer.

The economics of the project are most sensitive to exchange rate, metal prices, the grade of the potentially mineable mineralization, and operating costs. The results of the sensitivity analysis are shown in Figure 1-1 (5% discount rate case) as related to the base case pre-tax net present value (NPV) of \$61.3 million.

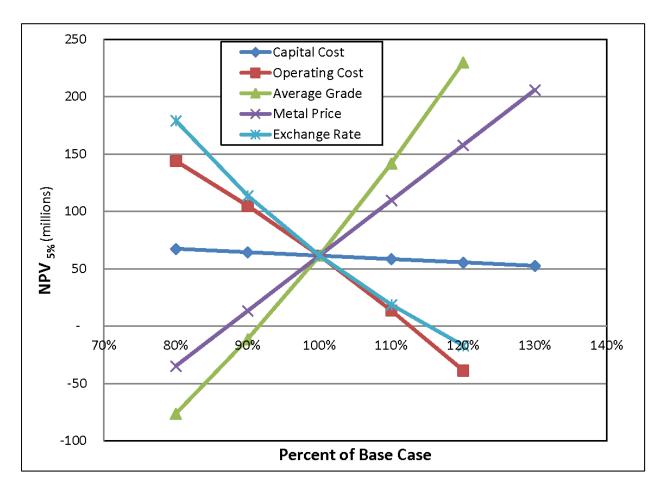


Figure 1-1: NPV<sub>5%</sub> Sensitivity

### 1.2 Technical Summary

### 1.2.1 Property Description and Location

The Gays River and Getty Deposits ("the Property") are located approximately sixty kilometers northeast of Halifax in the community of Gays River, within the Halifax Regional Municipality. The property's general location is 45°02′ North, 63°21′ West. The Gays River Deposit was divided into two zones: the Main Zone, south of Highway 224 and the Northeast Zone, which lies northeast of the highway and partly under Gays River. The Getty Deposit is located northwest of the Gays River Deposit on the western side of Gays River. The two deposits are separated by less than one kilometer. Access to the property is by paved roads and is approximately fifteen kilometers off of the Trans-Canada Highway along Route #224. The Halifax International Airport is located twenty kilometers southwest of the mine site.

The resources for the Getty deposit are included in this report; however the deposit was excluded from the economic assessment in this study. It presents a significant mine expansion potential beginning in year 8 and will be evaluated in the future.

#### 1.2.2 Land Tenure

A Mineral Lease covers the Gays River Deposit. It consists of 615 hectares of mineral rights, including land with exploration potential for zinc/lead mineralization, and 712.5 hectares of land ownership (real property) having surface rights. There are also seven exploration licenses in the general vicinity of the mine. All lands are in good standing and are registered to ScoZinc Limited.

Mineral Lease #10-1, which covers the entire mine site (Gays River Deposit), was originally granted by the Nova Scotia Government to Westminer Canada Limited on April 2, 1990. It was transferred to ScoZinc in 2002. The duration of the Mineral Lease is twenty years, at which time it may be renewed.

Regarding the Getty Deposit, Cullen et *al.*. (2011) stated that "in September, 2006 the provincial government tendered exploration rights to the closed Getty property and Exploration Licenses 6959 and 6960 were subsequently issued to Acadian on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as the successful bidder under the tendering process."

Selwyn currently holds the mineral rights to the Gays River and Getty deposits as well as the mining rights and surface rights for Scotia Mine (ScoZinc Operations/Gays River Deposit). The existing surface rights are sufficient for currently planned mining operations.

### 1.2.3 History

The Gays River Deposit was discovered in 1973 by the Imperial Oil Enterprises ("Esso")/Cuvier Mines joint venture. Esso initiated development of an underground mine in 1978 and commissioned the mill in 1979. From 1979 to 1981 the mine produced 554,000 tonnes of ore containing 2.1 % Zinc and 1.4 %

Lead. The mine closed in 1982 due to groundwater inflow and operating losses caused by low metal prices.

Seabright Resources Inc. (Seabright) acquired the mine and mill in 1984. Despite a favourable feasibility study, they did not reactivate the mine due to depressed metal prices at the time. They converted the mill for gold processing and processed gold ore from several satellite properties.

With the takeover of Seabright by Western Mining Corporation (Westminer) in 1988, a review of the potential for mining the deposit was undertaken. Following completion of feasibility studies in 1989, the underground workings were dewatered and test mining was carried out. A total of 187,000 tonnes were mined over a fifteen month period with average grades of 7.47 % Zinc and 3.50% Lead. In 1991, production was suspended again due to groundwater inflow and economic considerations.

In 1997, Savage Resources Canada Limited acquired the Scotia Mine assets from Westminer. Savage concluded that an open pit operation was feasible and initiated environmental permitting, including provisions for a diversion of a portion of the Gays River. Savage was subsequently taken over by Pasminco Resources Canada Company (Pasminco Resources) and their environmental assessment plan was approved by the Nova Scotia Minister of the Environment in August 2000.

Regal Mines Limited (Regal Mines) purchased Pasminco Resources which was later acquired by OntZinc in 2002. OntZinc later changed its name to HudBay Minerals Inc. (Hudbay). In 2006, Acadian Gold Corp ("Acadian Gold") purchased 100 % of ScoZinc and all of its assets (consisting mainly of Scotia Mine and its infrastructure) from OntZinc for \$7 million.

ScoZinc reactivated the mill and surface-mined the Gays River Deposit during 2007 and 2008. Depressed metal prices forced ScoZinc to place the mine on care-and-maintenance status at the end of 2008. In February 2011, Selwyn Resources Ltd. ("Selwyn") purchased ScoZinc Limited and all of its assets, including the Scotia Mine and ScoZinc's exploration claims, for \$10 million less a deduction relating to increased reclamation bonding requirements that were being determined at the time of the acquisition and outstanding mineral royalty taxes due to the Nova Scotia government.

### 1.2.4 Geology

The Property is underlain by basement rocks of the Cambro-Ordovician Meguma Group which had significant local topographic relief due to rift faulting and erosion. Locally, a veneer of Horton Group, red-brown conglomerate and sandstone mark the base of the unconformably overlying Lower Carboniferous rocks which host the Gays River and Getty deposits. In areas where the basement rocks formed islands in the Carboniferous Sea, coral reefs formed along the shores. These carbonate rocks are the Gays River Formation. The MacCumber Formation is time-equivalent to the Gays River Formation. The MacCumber and Gays River Formations are overlain by evaporites of the Carroll's Corner and Stewiacke Formations.

The Gays River Formation mineralisation has long been considered a Mississippi Valley-type lead-zinc deposit. This type of deposit is carbonate-hosted, classified as a typical open space filling type, and hosted in a dolomitized limestone. The limestone developed as a carbonate build-up on an irregular pre-Carboniferous basement topographic high where conditions allowed for growth of reef-building organisms.

The zinc/lead-bearing Gays River Formation trends in an east-northeast direction across the Property. Locally, the mineralisation dips 45° on average, and up to vertical in places, to the north-northwest which is the depositional slope of the front of the Gays River reef unit. But, the dip tends to be horizontal in the back reef area (south of the main trend). The mineralisation is present as sphalerite and galena and grades from massive Pb-Zn ore-grade material in the fore reef to finely disseminated, lower grade material in the back reef. In the mine area, the Gays River Formation is overlain either by the evaporites of the Carroll's Corner Formation and/or overburden.

#### 1.2.5 Mineral Resources

Only Mineral Resources were identified. As this is a Preliminary Economic Assessment, there are no Mineral Reserves.

#### 1.2.5.1 Gays River Deposit Resource Estimate

As detailed in the recent ScoZinc resource technical report ("Updated Mineral Resource Report for the Gays River and Getty Deposits", 8 October 2012), an updated mineral resource estimate was completed in 2012 based on verified sampling results and confirmed that the sample types and densities were adequate for establishing Mineral Resources. The sampling results were representative of the mineralisation. The available information and sample density allowed a reliable estimate to be made of the size, tonnage and grade of the mineralisation in accordance with the level of confidence established by the Mineral Resource categories in the CIM Standards.

For Mineral Resource calculation, the Gays River Deposit was divided into two zones: the Main Zone, south of Highway 224 and the Northeast Zone, which lies northeast of the highway and partly under Gays River. For both zones, manual interpretation was required to properly model the geology. The Main Zone was broken down into a high-grade (HG) mineralized zone and a low-grade (LG) mineralized zone. Drill-hole data and underground openings were then plotted on hard-copy plans at ten metre intervals, and interpretations of the high-grade zone, the low-grade zone and the hanging-wall 'Trench' were produced.

The non-diluted mineral resources in the Gays River Deposit using a 0.75 % zinc-equivalent cut-off are presented in Table 1-1.

Resource Category	Zn Eq. % Cut-off	Tonnes (Rounded)	Zinc %	Lead %	Zinc Eq % <sup>1</sup>
Measured*	0.75	2,075,000	3.14	1.68	5.16
Indicated*	0.75	5,770,000	3.30	1.69	5.32
Indicated + Measured*	0.75	7,845,000	3.25	1.69	5.28
Inferred*	0.75	3,677,000	2.35	1.51	4.16

**Table 1-1: Gays River Deposit Mineral Resources** 

The majority of the outlined mineral resources could likely be mined using surface mining methods. Some of the identified mineral resources are located underneath Gays River. Sandy soil lies underneath Gays River, so mining close to the river would be susceptible to water inundation. In other words, the mineral resources that lie close to, or underneath Gays River would be relatively more expensive to recover due to the added cost of either (a) diverting the river or (b) recovering the higher grade portions of the mineral resources using underground mining methods.

#### 1.2.5.2 Getty Deposit Mineral Resource Estimate

Cullen et al., (2011) summarized their resource estimate of the Getty Deposit (see Table 1-2) as follows:

"The estimation of mineral resources of the Getty deposit is based on 138 drill holes completed by Acadian in 2007 and 2008 and 184 historic drill holes completed during the 1970's by prior operators. Getty Northeast Mines Limited drilled 181 of these historic drill holes and the remaining 3 drill holes were completed by Imperial Oil Limited. It should be noted that Mercator managed the 2007 and 2008 drilling programs for Acadian and that Quality Control and Quality Assurance protocols included the systematic insertion of independent analytical standards and blanks plus duplicate sample analyses and independent check sample analyses."

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes Base Case for this study. Refer to table 14-1 for resource estimation notes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Zinc Equivalent % (Zn Eq.%) = Zn % + (Pb % x 1.18) and is based on mill recoveries of 89.3% for zinc and 89.5% for lead, \$US1.10/lb Zn and \$US1.15/lb Pb metal pricing and smelter returns of 85% for Zn and 95% for Pb.

Resource Category	Zn Eq. % Cut-off	Tonnes (Rounded)	Zinc %	Lead %	Zinc Eq % <sup>1</sup>
Measured	2.00	1,550,000	1.97	1.45	3.68
Indicated	2.00	2,810,000	1.82	1.44	3.51
Indicated + Measured	2.00	4,360,000	1.87	1.44	3.57
Inferred	2.00	960,000	1.73	1.59	3.60

**Table 1-2: Getty Deposit Mineral Resources** 

### 1.2.6 Mining Methods

The two conventional open pits and the proposed underground mine will provide a blended feed to the mill. Production scheduling is based on an average production rate of 877,800 tonnes per year (or 2,500 tonnes per day) into the mill over an average of 351 operating days per year. The average waste to ore ratio for the life-of-mine open pits is 13.4 to 1 (excluding pre-stripping which is included in the capital costs). Approximately 62% of the waste is readily removed without blasting, including soils that will be used for reclamation, and 22% of the waste is gypsum, which will be stockpiled for possible future sale: no value for gypsum has been used in the PEA. Open pit mine dilution and mining losses are assumed to be 10% and 5%, respectively. The material movement rate, including ore and waste, in the 7.6 year production schedule peaks at approximately 53,000 tpd. In-pit diluted mineral resources are 6,394,000 tonnes grading 3.03% zinc and 1.59% lead.

The underground operation is based on Cut and Fill mining with un-cemented backfill, producing 500 tonnes per day of high grade mill feed. A drawdown of the water table in the proposed mine area, would be achieved largely by the pumping associated with the open pit operations. The development of the underground mine access requires a sustaining capital investment of about \$11.7 million, most within Year 5 of the overall mining schedule, to develop the access to the high grade zones. Diluted and recoverable underground mineral resources are estimated at 283,000 tonnes grading 6.96% zinc and 3.98% lead. This material will be blended with open pit and stockpile feed to the mill over approximately two years beginning in the second half of Year 5 of the Life of Mine plan.

Aggregate production from the two open pits and the underground mine is estimated at 6,677,000 tonnes grading 3.20% zinc and 1.69% lead.

### 1.2.7 Mineral Processing and Metallurgical Testing

Selwyn proposes to raise the mill throughput from a nominal 55,000 dmt per month to about 73,000 dmt per month, or 877,800 dmt per annum, by effecting changes to the crushing, grinding and concentrate filtration circuits.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Zinc Equivalent % (Zn Eq.%) = Zn % + (Pb % x 1.18) and is based on mill recoveries of 89.3% for zinc and 89.5% for lead, \$US1.10/lb Zn and \$US1.15/lb Pb metal pricing and smelter returns of 85% for Zn and 95% for Pb.

New crushers will be purchased and a larger screen installed to enhance the performance of the crushing plant. Improvements to the fine ore bin discharge arrangements will improve the stability of the feed rates, and hence the performance of the rod mill. Concentrate pressure filters will replace the vacuum disc filters and dryers that were used in the earlier operations. As a result, the capacity of the concentrate dewatering circuits will be increased while reductions in operating costs will be realized through the elimination of fuel required to service the rotary dryers. Offsetting these advantages there will be a modest increase in the cost of concentrate freight. Minor changes will be made to the flotation circuit to permit the advancement of final grade concentrates through the cleaner circuits to the respective thickeners, thereby providing some control on the loads in these circuits.

The projected metallurgical performance provides for a lead concentrate grading 70% Pb at 91% recovery (in year 2 and beyond), and a zinc concentrate grading 57% Zn at 86% recovery. The first year of operation is expected to mirror previous operational performance as the plant undergoes significant upgrades and operational improvements.

Capital costs are included for modernizing the crushing, grinding, flotation, and dewatering processes as well as for improved instrumentation. Allowance is made in the production schedule to reflect the adverse effects of plant tune-up and crew training during the first twelve months of operation.

No deleterious minor elements are expected in the concentrates. The concentrates should be readily marketable, given their clean high-grade nature.

#### 1.2.8 Project Infrastructure

The Scotia Mine mill, designed and built in 1978/1979, is a flotation process and had an initial rated capacity of 1,350 tonnes per day. However, it has operated for extended periods at a rate in excess of 2,000 tonnes per day. Most infrastructure required for mineral extraction and processing is available onsite.

Highway access to the site is excellent. The road network and other civil infrastructure is in good condition with typical minor maintenance being required. Before production may occur, integrated with the pre-stripping operation, roadwork will be completed onsite to service the expanded production area.

Storage and ship loading facilities for lead and zinc concentrates are available at the seaport of Sheet Harbour, a distance of eighty kilometres from the mine site over paved roads. ScoZinc leases land from the Province and owns the infrastructure (storage facility, conveyor, ship loader). Rail transport facilities have also been used for concentrate shipping via the port in Halifax. A railway siding is located in Milford, eight kilometres from the site on paved roads.

Three-phase power is supplied through the regional grid at reasonable rates. Most of the mill's water requirements are satisfied by in-process recycling. Make-up water is drawn from the perennial Gays

River. The existing tailings pond has sufficient capacity for the life of the project. There is also sufficient area for waste rock storage on the property.

#### 1.2.9 Environmental

The ScoZinc Mine is an existing operation with significant environmental databases, operating history, and valid permits and licenses that allow for the mining, processing of ores, and the shipping of concentrates. The site has operated several times in the past as a fully permitted underground and, more recently, surface mine. The most recent operations by ScoZinc were completed under the Environmental Assessment (EA) approval granted in 1999 to Savage Resources and transferred to ScoZinc. The Industrial Approval (IA) and other minor operating approvals needed (Water Withdrawal and Septic System Operation for example) were in place during the previous operations and transfers are complete. The majority of the resources used in this economic analysis are already under permit and mining of those resources of the Main pit (Southwest Extension) can begin immediately.

Another important aspect of the project status with respect to permits, environment and community is the experience of regulators and community with the project and the fact that environmental baseline conditions are already understood. In combination, these factors limit the overall permitting risk and anticipated timelines for permitting of project expansions to include the entire mineral resource used in this analysis.

In addition, the risks and potential costs associated with environmental and community issues are well understood and based on operating experience and history of the mine. As such the financials for environment and community matters that are input to the economic model are accurate to a feasibility level.

# 2 INTRODUCTION

This updated preliminary economic assessment was prepared for the ScoZinc Property, containing the Gays River deposit, located in central Nova Scotia, Canada, by ScoZinc Limited in conjunction with Selwyn Resources Ltd. (Selwyn).

The current and previous resource estimates were prepared and disclosed as required under National Instrument 43-101 and are considered compliant with Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Standards for Mineral Resources and Reserves. Selwyn updated mineral resources in 2012 (see August 24, 2012 news release), following a 2011 drill program, reanalysis of historical data and the 2012 remodeling of the resource resulting in a 55% and 65% increase of Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources, respectively, as compared with the prior Mineral Resource inventory (April 6, 2011 news release). The expanded Mineral Resource formed the basis for a revised mine plan and economic model (November 22, 2012 news release). That revised mine plan confirmed a significant increase in mine life for the Main and Northeast pits.

This update to the PEA builds on that mine plan and incorporates a proposed underground mining operation between the Main and Northeast open pits, and blending of the high grade material with the lower grade open pit mineralization in years 5 and 6 of the mine plan. Updated equipment capital and operating cost estimations by a major mine equipment supplier have also been included in the PEA along with the new metallurgical data.

The detailed economic assessment is classified as a PEA due to the fact that the mine plan includes a small proportion of Inferred mineral resources.

# 2.1 Extent of Field Involvement of the Qualified Person(s)

Field involvement by MacInnis and numerous ScoZinc Staff who are stationed at the ScoZinc Mine, consisted of many site visits between early August, 2011 and the time of publishing this report. During those visits the mine property and mill facilities were viewed.

Field Involvement by Schleiss consisted of many visits and regional geological investigations between November 2012 and the time of publishing this report.

Field involvement by Ringwald also consisted of numerous visits to site from June 2011 to the time of publishing this report.

## 3 RELIANCE ON OTHER EXPERTS

This report was prepared by ScoZinc and Selwyn; the material, conclusions and recommendations contained herein are based upon information available to ScoZinc and Selwyn at the time of report preparation.

ScoZinc and Selwyn consulted several experts during the writing of this report; Wood Mackenzie, MineTech International Limited, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, Atlantic Caterpillar, Hewitt Caterpillar and Caterpillar Global Mining. ScoZinc and Selwyn have no reason to question the quality or validity of the data and opinions expressed by these experts. ScoZinc and Selwyn supports the data and conclusions of those qualified persons who have been included in this report.

This report includes opinions that concern exploration and development potential for the project as well as recommendations for further analysis. These are intended to serve as guidance and should not be taken as a guarantee of success.

# 4 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Gays River (Main and Northeast) and Getty Deposits ("the Property") are located approximately 60 kilometers northeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia in the community of Gays River in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The property's general location is 45°02′ North, 63°21′ West.

The Gays River Deposit consists of 615 hectares of mineral rights, including land with exploration potential for zinc/lead mineralization, and 712.5 hectares of land ownership (real property) (Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2).

The Getty property consists of 62 contiguous mineral claims, approximately 992 hectares.

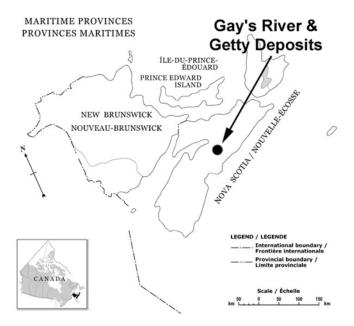


Figure 4-1: Location Map, Gays River, Nova Scotia

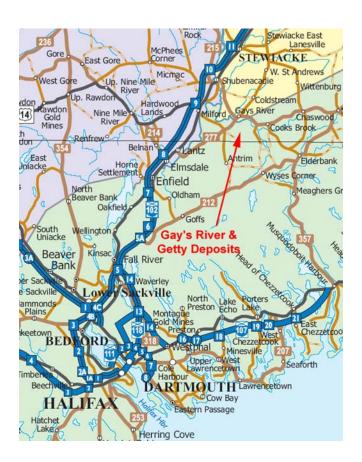


Figure 4-2: Location Relative to Halifax

# 4.1 Exploration Licences

ScoZinc currently controls seven exploration licenses covering 277 claims in the vicinity of the mineral lease (see Figure 4- 3). Each individual claim covers an area of approximately forty acres (16.2 hectares). In total, the 277 claims cover approximately 4,450 hectares (11,000 acres). These licenses are located along strike from the Gays River Deposit and include favourable host rocks similar to that at the mine site.

Exploration License no. 06959 covers the Getty Deposit.

All lands were in good standing and registered to ScoZinc Limited as of October 5, 2012. Anniversary dates range from May 2, 2012 to May 19, 2013. One license has an anniversary date before the Effective Date of this report, but it is currently under renewal application. The ScoZinc exploration licenses are summarized in Table 4 -1.

Table 4-2 through Table 4-14 give details on each ScoZinc exploration license.

**Table 4-1: Summary of ScoZinc Exploration Licenses** 

License	No. of Claims	Sheet	Anniversary Date	Year of Issue
05851	7	11E/03B	Nov. 5, 2013	17
06268	28	11E/03B	May 2, 2014	17
06303	5	11E/03B	Oct. 25, 2013	12
06517	4	11E/03B	Feb. 1, 2014	8
06518	2	11E/03B	Feb. 1, 2014	8
06959	(Getty) 62	11E/03B	Oct. 20, 2013	7
08905	7	11E/03B	Oct. 20, 2013	4
08936	3	11E/03B	Dec. 21, 2013	4
09069	62	11E/03B	Aug. 19, 2013	9
09070	79	11E/03A	Apr. 26, 2014	8
09070	79	11E/03B	Apr. 20, 2014	
09759	1	11E/03B	May 19, 2014	3
09760	16	11E/03B	May 19, 2014	3

Table 4-2: Exploration License 05851 (7 Claims)

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	45	F GHL	November 5, 2013
11E/03B	46	EFG	

**Table 4-3: Exploration License 06268 (28 Claims)** 

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	7	D E JLKM NOPQ	02-May-14
	18	ABC EFGH	
	19	ABCD EFGH LM N	

Table 4-4: Exploration License 06303 (5 Claims)

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	29	LM NOP	October 25, 2013

Table 4-5: Exploration License 06304 (1 Claim)

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	<b>Anniversary Date</b>
11E/03B	29	E	October 13, 2013

**Table 4-6: Exploration License 06517 (4 Claims)** 

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	6	NOPQ	Feb. 1, 2014

Table 4-7: Exploration License 06518 (2 Claims)

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	7	CF	Feb. 1, 2014

Table 4-8: Exploration License 06959 (Getty Deposit, 62 Claims)

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	17	Q	October 20, 2013
	30	ABCD EFGH JKLM NOPQ	
	31	ABCD EFGH JKLM OPQ	
	32	AB GH JK	
	42	AB	
	43	ABCD EFGH JK	
	44	ABCD EFGH JKLM	

Table 4-9: Exploration License 08905 (7 Claims)

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	<b>Anniversary Date</b>
11E/03B	45	ABCD E M N	October 20, 2013

Table 4-10: Exploration License 08936 (3 Claims).

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	18	NOP	December 21, 2013

Table 4-11: Exploration License 09069 (62 Claims).

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	20	AHJ	August 19, 2013
	21	ABCD EFGH JKLM NOPQ	
	26	EFGH JKLM NOPQ	
	27	ABCD EFGH JKL OPQ	
	28	ABC FGH	
	46	ABCD	
	47	ABCD FGH	

Table 4-12: Exploration License 09070 (79 Claims).

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03A	36	NOP	April 26, 2014
	37	ABCD EFGH JKLM OPQ	
	38	EFGH JKLM NOPQ	
	39	M NOPQ	
	57	EMN	
	58	ABCD EFGH JKLM NOPQ	
	59	ABCD GH	
11E/03B	25	EFG JKLM NOPQ	
	48	ABCD EFGH	

Table 4-13: Exploration License 09759 (1 Claim).

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	32	Q	May 19, 2014

Table 4-14: Exploration License 09760 (16 Claims)

Claim Reference Map	Tract	Claims	Anniversary Date
11E/03B	42	GH JK PQ	May 19, 2014
	43	LM NOPQ	
	44	NOPQ	

### 4.2 Getty Deposit

Cullen et al (2011) described the exploration rights that cover the Getty Deposit:

"The deposit occurs within Exploration Licence 06959 [refer to Table 4-8] which was issued to Acadian on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as a result of tendering by Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources ("**NSDNR**") and is currently held by ScoZinc, a subsidiary of Acadian. The Getty property consists of 62 contiguous mineral claims, approximately 992 ha, held under Mineral Exploration Licence 06959 ....

"In 1990 lands covering the deposit were placed under closure by NSDNR (1990, c. 18, s. 22; 1999 (2nd Sess.), c. 12, s. 6.) and these were subsequently opened for staking on September 12th, 2006. Multiple applications for exploration licences covering the deposit were received at that time by the Registrar of Mineral and Petroleum Titles, and all claims were therefore put up for tender under provisions of Section 34 of the Act (1990, c. 18, s. 34.). Acadian submitted the winning bid for this tender and was awarded the exploration licences detailed in [refer to Table 4-8]. Details of bids received and associated work requirements have been deemed confidential by the Minister of Natural Resources.

"At the effective date of this report [Cullen *et al*, 2011] exploration licences described above were in good standing as represented in records of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. This assertion does not constitute a legal search of title by Mercator with respect to ownership or status of the licences, but Mercator has no reason to question their status."

# 4.3 Royalty Agreement

Cullen et al (2011) described a royalty agreement that covers the Getty Deposit:

"Acadian advised Mercator and Selwyn that Licence 06959 that covers the Getty Deposit, plus certain peripheral claims in the area, are subject to an agreement between Acadian and Globex Resources Ltd., dated October 10<sup>th</sup> 2006, that provides Globex with a 1% Net Smelter Return (NSR) royalty interest in the associated claims plus 25,000 common shares of Acadian. Agreement terms also allow Acadian to purchase 50% of the NSR for \$300,000 CDN. Mercator did not review or confirm terms of the Acadian-Globex agreement for purposes of this report and has relied upon Acadian and Selwyn for this information."

#### 4.4 Mineral Lease

A Mineral Lease entirely covers (#10-1) the Scotia Mine site (Gays River Deposit). It was originally granted by the Nova Scotia Government to Westminer Canada Limited on April 2, 1990. It was originally granted as a "Mining Lease." However, changes to the Nova Scotia Mineral Resources Act that came into effect in November 2004 changed the terminology such that existing "Mining Leases" are now known as "Mineral Leases."

The anniversary date (review date) of Mineral Lease #10-1 is April 2 of each year. Table 4-15 lists the claims comprising the Mineral Lease. Figure 4-5: Claim reference map for the Getty Deposit

shows its location. The lease conveys the rights to all minerals except coal, uranium, salt and potash. The lease was transferred to Savage Resources in 1996 and later to Pasminco Resources Canada Company in 1999. It was finally transferred to ScoZinc in 2002. The duration of the lease is twenty years, at which time it may be renewed. The expiry date of the lease is April 2, 2030.

The Nova Scotia government currently holds a reclamation security (bond) for the lease in the amount of \$712,210. Selwyn has instructed its Nova Scotia counsel to pay the Nova Scotia government \$1,887,790 in additional bonding for a total bond amount of \$2.6 million.

As well, Selwyn instructed its Nova Scotia counsel to pay the Nova Scotia government \$892,876.72 in provincial royalty payments for ScoZinc's past production.

Tract Map (NTS) 11E-3B **Number of Claims Tract Claims** 5 NOP 3 **JKPQ** 4 19 20 BCDE FGK LMNO PQ 13 28 **DEKL MNOP** 8 29 ABCD FGH JKQ 10 Total 38

Table 4-15: Mineral Lease 10-1 (38 Claims)

# 4.5 Surface Rights (Real Property)

### 4.5.1 Gays River Deposit

ScoZinc owns outright approximately 568 hectares (1,404.6 acres) of land (real property) containing the entire surface infrastructure; the tailings area and most of the outlined mineralisation (refer to **Table 4-16** and **Figure 4-4**). The boundaries were established through legal surveys.

On February 16, 2012, Selwyn announced the purchase on an additional 110.65 hectares (273.43 acres) of land located southwest of and adjacent to the existing real property.

PID	Filename	Update_Date	Area (ha)	Area (ac)	Corporation Name
40757577.00	mu0867	20110311.00	71.20	175.85	SCOZINC LIMITED
20080495.00	mu0867	20110311.00	3.70	9.05	SCOZINC LIMITED
20223418.00	mu0867	20110311.00	0.30	0.83	SCOZINC LIMITED
40227951.00	mu0867	20110311.00	46.40	114.70	SCOZINC LIMITED
41239542.00	mu0867	20110311.00	0.00	0.04	SCOZINC LIMITED

Table 4-16: Property ownership, ScoZinc Limited

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40290264.00	mu0867	20110311.00	43.50	107.49	SCOZINC LIMITED
00369363	mu0867	20110311.00	15.20	37.60	SCOZINC LIMITED
40227969.00	mu0867	20110311.00	2.40	5.89	SCOZINC LIMITED
40312092.00	mu0867	20110311.00	9.40	23.25	SCOZINC LIMITED
40227985.00	mu0867	20110311.00	0.40	0.87	SCOZINC LIMITED
40291452.00	mu0867	20110311.00	222.30	549.35	SCOZINC LIMITED
00373423	mu0867	20110311.00	2.30	5.63	SCOZINC LIMITED
40290256.00	mu0867	20110311.00	58.80	145.19	SCOZINC LIMITED
00522201	mu0867	20110311.00	35.60	87.85	SCOZINC LIMITED
41358136.00	mu0867	20120224.00	2.90	7.10	SCOZINC LIMITED
41283268.00	mu0867	20110311.00	11.20	27.57	SCOZINC LIMITED
00373621	mu0867	20110311.00	41.50	102.44	SCOZINC LIMITED
40746786.00	mu0867	20110311.00	23.80	58.72	SCOZINC LIMITED
00522623	mu0867	20110311.00	37.00	91.38	SCOZINC LIMITED
40763872.00	mu0867	20110311.00	13.80	34.08	SCOZINC LIMITED
41094400.00	mu0867	20110311.00	33.00	81.63	SCOZINC LIMITED
41358128.00	mu0867	20110311.00	0.70	1.76	SCOZINC LIMITED
20080495.00	mu0415	20110225.00	19.90	49.24	SCOZINC LIMITED
20080529.00	mu0415	20110225.00	3.40	8.51	SCOZINC LIMITED
20313250.00	mu0415	20110225.00	0.60	1.60	SCOZINC LIMITED
20080511.00	mu0415	20110225.00	3.30	8.08	SCOZINC LIMITED
20158184.00	mu0415	20110225.00	2.50	6.14	SCOZINC LIMITED
20223418.00	mu0415	20110225.00	1.70	4.28	SCOZINC LIMITED
20416384.00	mu0415	20110225.00	1.20	3.08	SCOZINC LIMITED
20158176.00	mu0415	20110225.00	2.40	5.96	SCOZINC LIMITED
40757577.00	mu0415	20110225.00	2.10	5.21	SCOZINC LIMITED
Total			712.5		

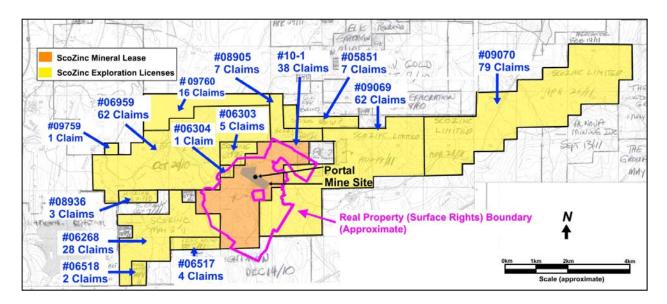

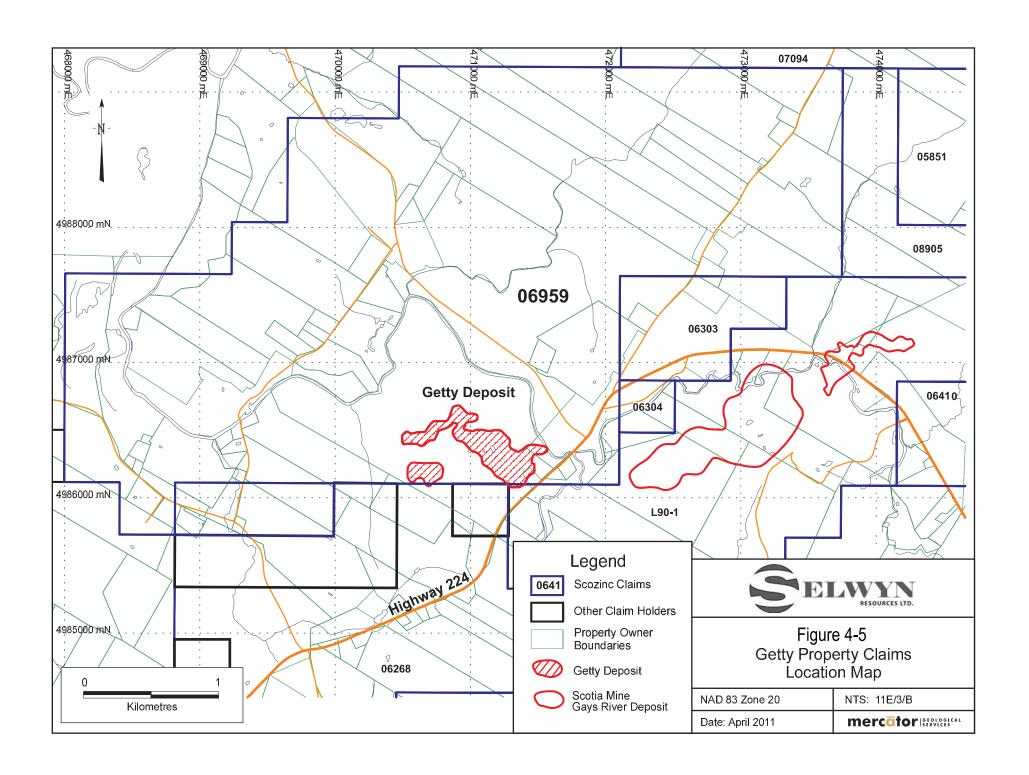


Figure 4-3: Claim Reference Map 11E03A/11E03B showing exploration licences, mineral lease and real property boundary (surface rights) for the Gays River Deposit and Getty Deposit.





## 4.5.2 Getty Deposit

Cullen et al.. (2011) described the surface or real property rights that cover the Getty Deposit:

"Acadian advised Mercator that surface rights to lands covering the Getty Deposit are owned under separate titles by Allan Benjamin, David Benjamin and Heather Killen. Mercator did not review the access agreements for purposes of this report but assumes that similar access permission to enter the lands for exploration purposes will be established by Selwyn. The mineral exploration claims and permits currently in place with respect to the Getty project are adequate for execution of technical programs recommended in this report. Permits necessary to do the proposed program will be applied for as required. There is adequate suitable land within the claim area for the recommend work program and future mining activities; however, Selwyn does not hold surface rights to this land. Selwyn will negotiate suitable purchase arrangements when the economic viability of the project has been demonstrated."

# 4.6 Aggregate Lease

An aggregate lease covers the Scotia Mine property (Gays River Deposit). Gallant Aggregates signed a thirty-year lease agreement to mine and remove aggregate from the property for one dollar per tonne of material that is removed from the property. The lease was signed on May 15, 2003 and entitled Gallant, with certain limitations, to mine anywhere on ScoZinc's land. The agreement contains a renewal clause and gives Gallant the right of first refusal to purchase the surface rights (real property titles). A major condition of Gallant's lease is that metal mining takes precedence over aggregate mining. Therefore, Gallant's lease would not interfere with zinc and lead mining operations.

In January, 2008, Gallant exercised its option under the Gallant Agreement to purchase approximately 25 acres of the Scotia Mine property. Concurrent with the transfer of the 23 acres, ScoZinc and Gallant executed a License, Option and Royalty, which terminated the Original Agreement and granted Gallant the right to access the Scotia Mine property to access existing water infrastructure and to obtain electrical power. The License, Option and Royalty Agreement grants Gallant the right to remove, extract and process sand, gravel, fill and obtain materials from the overburden and waste material created by ScoZinc at the Scotia Mine site for the greater of \$25,000 per annum or \$1.00 per metric tonne. In addition, Gallant has a right of first refusal to purchase the Scotia Mine property if ScoZinc plans to sell the property after mining operations are completed or abandoned.

# 5 ACCESSIBILITY, CLIMATE, LOCAL RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PHYSIOGRAPHY

# 5.1 Accessibility

The Gays River (Main and Northeast) and Getty Deposits ("the Property") are located approximately 55 kilometers northeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia along the border between Colchester and Halifax Counties (45°01'55" North Latitude and 63°21'30" West Longitude). It lies approximately one kilometre east of the community of Gays River. Access to the Property is by paved roads and is approximately fifteen kilometers off the Trans-Canada Highway, along Route #224. The Halifax International Airport is located 20 kilometers southwest of the mine site.

Portions of Highway #224 and Highway #277 are subject to spring weight restrictions. Truck weights are limited for a period that normally lasts six weeks.

## 5.2 Climate

The temperate climate permits year-round operations. Part of the main road (Highway 224) that leads to the mine site is subjected to road closure in the early spring when the frost thaws. The closure typically lasts a few weeks. The closure start and end dates vary year-to-year according to the weather. During that time, heavy truck traffic is not permitted on the road.

From the Getty Zinc-Lead Deposit 2011 Technical Report:

"The property is situated in central Nova Scotia where northern temperate zone climatic conditions are present and are moderated by relative proximity to the Atlantic Ocean. Distinct seasonal variations occur, with winter conditions of freezing and potentially substantial snowfall expected from late November through late March. Spring and fall seasons are cool, with frequent periods of rain. Summer conditions can be expected to prevail from late June through early September, with modest rainfall.

The following climate information reported for nearby Halifax International Airport during the 30 year period ending in 2000 characterizes seasonal precipitation and temperature trends in the area. The average July daily mean temperature for the reporting period was 18.6 degrees Celsius with a corresponding average maximum daily temperature of 23.6 degrees Celsius. Average daily winter temperature for January was minus 6 degrees Celsius with a corresponding average daily minimum being minus 10.6 degrees. Mean annual temperature is 6.3 °C, and mean annual precipitation is 1,452.2 mm. Yearly evapo-transpiration is estimated to be 560 mm. Climate conditions permit many exploration activities, such as core drilling and geophysics, to be efficiently carried out on a year-round basis. Other activities, such as geochemical surveys and geological mapping are typically limited by winter snow cover." (Cullen et al., 2011)

## 5.3 Local Resources and Site Infrastructure

The Scotia Mine mill, designed and built in 1978/1979 had a nominal ("nameplate") capacity of 1,350 tonnes per day (Figure 5-1). However, during 2007-2008, ScoZinc operated the mill for extended periods at rates over 2000 tonnes per day. It was initially built to treat the zinc/lead ore from the Gays River Mine. In 1986, it was modified to treat gold ores using gravity and flotation circuits. In 1989, it was again reworked to treat zinc/lead ore from the Scotia Mine which was then being operated by Westminer Canada Ltd. ("WMC"). The concentrator has been properly maintained and is ready for quick start-up at minimum cost.

The mill is equipped with two stage crushing, two stage grinding, flotation cells, thickening, disk filtration and rotary kiln concentrate drying. The concentrator building contains a complete analytical laboratory, metallurgical testing laboratory, control room, maintenance area and office facilities. Its total area is approximately 32,000 square feet.

The administration building has an area of approximately 26,000 square feet. It contains offices, a dry, warehouse, workshops, a large boardroom, and several heavy equipment bays. Other, smaller surface facilities include:

- a compressor building (1,600 square feet);
- a "tire shop" (2,000 square feet);
- a welding shop;
- a geology building; and,
- a core shed.

Storage and ship loading facilities for lead and zinc concentrates are available at the seaport of Sheet Harbour, a distance of eighty kilometers from the mine site over paved roads. ScoZinc owns loading equipment and a storage facility on lease land at the Sheet Harbour Marine Industrial Park. Sheet Harbour is a natural harbour on the Atlantic coast that remains ice free in the winter months and can handle vessels up to 40,000 tonnes in displacement. Rail transport facilities have also been used for concentrate shipping. A railway siding is located in Milford, eight road-kilometers from the site.

During the last period of operations, lead concentrate was shipped through the port of Halifax, approximately 70 kilometers from the mine over excellent roads. Zinc concentrate was shipped in bulk through port facilities at Sheet Harbour that ScoZinc leases. The lease expires in April 2018 and has a 10-year renewal option.

The existing surface rights are sufficient for mining operations. Power is supplied through the regional grid at reasonable, industrial rates. Scotia Mine owns and maintains step-down transformers adjacent to the mill. Most of the mill's water requirements are satisfied by in-process recycling. Make-up water is drawn from the perennial Gays River.

The existing tailings pond is large enough for the life of the proposed operation. It is located just south of the mill on the footwall side of the deposit. Its design capacity was ten million tonnes. Approximately two million tonnes of tailings have been stored there, leaving a current capacity of over eight million tonnes.

There is sufficient area for waste rock and overburden storage on the property. The main area for waste rock storage lies adjacent to the tailings pond on its northwest shore, on the footwall side of the deposit.



**Figure 5-1: Site Infrastructure (Facing Southwest)** 

# 5.4 Physiography

The property is in a rural-residential area of central Nova Scotia that is typified by rolling topography and abundant surface water. The Gays River Deposit lies along the south side of the Gays River main branch, immediately east of the confluence with the Gays River south branch. The Getty Deposit lies immediately west of the Gays River Deposit, on the north side of Highway 224 (refer to Figure 4-5: Claim reference map for the Getty Deposit

The Gays River watershed is characterised by gently rolling topography, having a maximum elevation of 170 metres, an extensive cover of deciduous forest, a small population and local agricultural land development. Lakes, ponds and rivers are sparsely distributed throughout the watershed. Typical vegetation consists of northern black spruce, balsam fir and juniper with birch in more wet areas. Areas of open bog occur on part of the claims. Currently, parts of the forest are being harvested or thinned.

# 6 HISTORY

## 6.1 Overview

The Gays River Formation has seen exploration since the 19th century. Modern exploration on the Gays River Formation began in the early 1970s. From Cullen et *al.*. (2011);

"First reports of zinc-lead mineralization in the Gays River area date to the late 1800's and from this time until the 1950's exploration consisted of limited amounts of mapping, pitting, trenching and sampling with up to 3% lead values being reported. Most activities focused on the area immediately around the adjacent Scotia Mine site, particularly along the South Gays River, where outcropping Gays River Formation dolomite hosting low grade zinc and lead mineralization was trenched and drilled in the 1950's in the "Gays River Lead Mines Area" (Campbell, 1952)." (Cullen et al., 2011, section 5.2)

## 6.1.1 Gays River Deposit

The history of the project begins with its discovery in the early 1970's by Cuvier Mines. Cuvier and Imperial Oil Limited (ESSO) carried out exploration work and delineated the mineralised zone which was then identified as being four kilometres long, 220 metres wide with depths varying from 20 to 200 metres. Initial development consisted of an exploration decline driven in 1975/76 with mine development starting in 1978 and mill commissioning in October 1979.

From 1979 until 1981, ESSO operated the mine and targeted the lower grade ore using a lower cost, bulk room and pillar mining method approach. Though Esso carried out some test mining in the higher grade mineralisation near the carbonate contact, it was not part of the mine plan at that time. During this period, 554,000 tonnes of lead/zinc ore was mined with an average grade of 2.12 % zinc and 1.36 % lead( Table 6-1). Due to low metal prices, problems caused by high rates of water influx and difficult ground conditions, mining was suspended in 1981 and the mine was allowed to flood.

Mill Feed Concentrate Produced Metal Recovery (%) Pb Zn % Pb % Zn Tonnes % Pb % Zn Tonnes % Ph % Zn Tonnes Esso (1979-1981) 550,000 1.40 2.10 10.000 17,000 73.6 61.5 95.6 90.5 WMC (1989-1991) 190 000 3.50 7.50 8 000 21 000 75.6 61.2 90.9 90.2 ScoZinc, 2007 337,000 0.85 3,359 8,694 64.4 55.4 75.5 66.7 2.14 ScoZinc, 2008 718,271 1.02 2.70 8,535 27,729 70.1 81.6 79.9 Total 1,795,271 1.00 2.92 29,894 74,423 72.1 58.6 87.8 83.2

**Table 6-1: Historical milling records** 

In 1985, Seabright Resources purchased the property and modified the mill circuits to treat gold ore from other Nova Scotian properties.

In 1988, Westminer Canada Limited (WMC) purchased Seabright Resources. WMC began dewatering the underground mine in 1989. Their extraction method was to use narrow vein, cut and fill mining to extract the higher grade ore zones. The mine was placed back into operation and reached commercial production in March 1990 (Figure 6-1 and Figure 6-2). During the period of operations by WMC (August 1989 to May 1991) the mine produced 190,000 tonnes of ore at an average grade of 7.5 % zinc and 3.5 % lead. Mining was curtailed due to low metal prices, mining method problems and high rates of water influx. Also, for corporate reasons, WMC decided to focus on larger scale mining ventures. Following suspension of mining at Gays River Mine, WMC commissioned several studies to characterise the local hydrology of the mine and to control the ground water in the mine. These results were never tested during mining, since a cyclic low in metal prices, among other factors, prompted WMC to place the property up for sale.

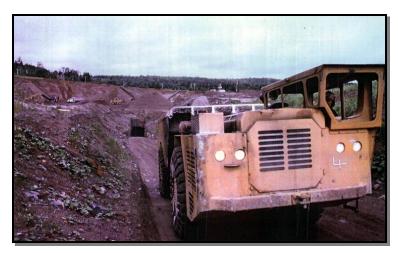


Figure 6-1: Decline and portal access to the underground workings (circa 1990).

The background of this photo, where the equipment is working, was surface-mined by ScoZinc during 2007/2008.

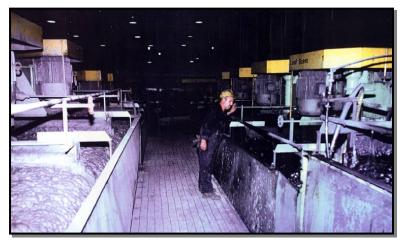


Figure 6-2: Flotation circuit (circa 1990).

In late 1996, Savage Zinc, Inc. purchased the Gays River Mine property from WMC and formed a wholly owned subsidiary named Savage Resources Canada Company (Savage). Savage started to rehabilitate the property, shops, equipment and office with the aim of starting production in 1997.

When Savage took over the operation of the former Gays River mining facility, the underground workings were flooded to the surface. After purchasing equipment and hiring employees, the mine dewatering phase started on June 7, 1997. With an installed pumping capacity of 9,000 USGPM, the average pumping rate to reach the 425 metre level was 5,200 USGPM. This level was reached during late August 1997. During this period of dewatering, men and equipment went underground to clean out the workings while management carefully examined the ground conditions. They decided to prepare a mine plan that considered an open pit design. Later, after much review during a period of depressed metal prices, it was decided to abandon the proposed underground mining activities and keep the mine dewatered to the 425 level. The electrical equipment was removed and the pumps were shut off on April 1, 1998. At present the mine is flooded above the portal.

Savage concluded that an open pit operation was feasible and initiated environmental permitting, including provisions for a diversion of a portion of the Gays River. The environmental assessment plan was approved August 2000. The operating plan was never initiated, probably due to low metal prices at the time.

ScoZinc Limited ("ScoZinc"), purchased by Acadian Mining (ADA, TSX-V) in 2006 as its wholly-owned subsidiary, continued with Savage's plan and surface-mined the deposit during 2007 and 2008. ScoZinc mined 1.1 million tonnes of surface ore and stripped 9.4 million tonnes of overburden (refer to Table 6-1). Due to a drastic plunge of base metal prices nearly coinciding with the mine's re-opening, ScoZinc placed the mine on care-and-maintenance status near the end of 2008.

In 2008, ScoZinc also drilled 17 diamond drill holes through the Northeast Zone (refer to Section 10).

In April 2011, Selwyn Resources Limited ("Selwyn") purchased ScoZinc with plans to reopen the mine amid high and rising metal prices.

#### 6.1.2 Getty Deposit

The following is adapted from Section 5 of Cullen et al. (2011):

"... with the exception of regional soil geochemical surveying by Penarroya Ltd. in 1964 (Rabinovitch, 1967) that did not identify the Getty Deposit, no substantial mineral exploration efforts appear to have been carried out on the current Getty property prior to its acquisition by Getty in 1972.

"Exploration in the current deposit area was initiated in 1972 by Getty and joint venture partner Skelly Mining Corporation under terms of an option - purchase agreement with Millmore-Rogers Syndicate.

"Discovery of the Getty zinc-lead deposit is attributed to drill hole GGR-12 which was completed in 1972 and intersected 4.63 meters of dolomite grading 15.48% combined zinc-lead, beginning at a down hole depth of 93.11 meters. Subsequent completion of over 200 holes by Getty and Imperial on and around the property served to delineate a nearly continuous mineralized zone measuring approximately 1300 meters in length and up to 200 meters in width (Comeau, 1973, 1974; Comeau and Everett, 1975).

"Getty retained MPH Consulting Limited (MPH) to assess three development scenarios for the deposit and Riddell (1976) reported results of this work, which showed that production of 375,000 tonnes per year would be necessary to support a viable, stand-alone open pit operation.

"In 1980 economic aspects of developing the deposit based on an in-house tonnage and grade model were assessed by Esso (MacLeod, 1980). This study concluded that mining through open-pit methods as an ore supplement to the Gays River deposit would be economically viable, provided that important operating assumptions were met. The earlier MPH work was also reviewed at this time and some economic models updated. None of the work indicated that profitable stand-alone development of the deposit could be expected under market conditions of the time. George (1985) subsequently reviewed earlier evaluations and also reached a negative conclusion regarding development potential.

"In 1992 Westminer completed a resource estimate and preliminary economic assessment of the deposit based on Getty drilling results, with potential development in conjunction with the adjacent Gays River deposit being considered (Hudgins and Lamb, 1992). Results showed that milling of about 550 tonnes per day of Getty ore could be undertaken at a low cost if excess milling capacity at Gays River was being filled by such material. Westminer also indicated that zinc oxide production from the deposit would result in a substantially better financial return to the mine in comparison with a conventional smelter contract for sulphide concentrates.

"In December, 2007, Mercator completed an inferred resource estimate for the property, on behalf of Acadian, which was reported by Cullen et al.. (2007) and updated by Cullen et al.. (2008). Acadian completed a total of 138 new drill holes in support of these estimates." (Cullen et al., 2011, section 5.2)

# 6.2 Ownership History

## 6.2.1 Gays River Deposit

The Gays River Deposit was discovered in 1973 by the Imperial Oil Enterprises ("Esso") and Cuvier Mines Limited ("Cuvier") joint venture. Esso initiated mine development in 1978, commissioned the mill in 1979, developed the underground mine and began mining and milling.

Seabright Resources Inc. ("Seabright") acquired the Scotia Mine property and mill in 1984. Despite a favorable feasibility study, Seabright did not reactivate the Scotia Mine due to depressed metal prices at the time. Seabright converted the mill for gold processing and processed gold ore from several satellite properties.

The Scotia Mine property was acquired by Westminer Canada Limited ("Westminer"), a Canadian subsidiary of Western Mining Corp of Australia, in 1988, at which time a review of the potential for mining the deposit was undertaken. Westminer dewatered the mine and continued mining and milling.

In 1997, Savage Resources Canada Limited acquired the Scotia Mine assets from Westminer. Savage concluded that an open pit operation was feasible and initiated environmental permitting, including provisions for a diversion of a portion of the Gays River. Savage was subsequently taken over by Pasminco Resources Canada Company ("Pasminco Resources") and the environmental assessment plan was approved by the Nova Scotia Minister of the Environment in August 2000. The operating plan was never initiated.

Regal Mines Limited ("Regal Mines") purchased Pasminco Resources in February 2002. Regal was owned 50% by OntZinc Corporation ("OntZinc") and 50% by Regal Consolidated Ventures Limited ("Regal Consolidated"). As part of the sale, Pasminco Canada Holdings Inc. ("Pasminco Holdings") retained a 2% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty on future production. OntZinc acquired Regal Consolidated's 50% interest in December 2002 to own 100% of Pasminco Resources. Savage Resources Limited was the successor of Pasminco Holdings and held the 2% royalty.

OntZinc later changed its name to HudBay Minerals Inc. (Hudbay) after purchasing, through reverse takeover, Hudson's Bay Mining and Smelting in December 2004. Hudbay owned Scotia Mine through its wholly-owned subsidiary, ScoZinc Limited ("ScoZinc").

In 2006, Acadian Gold Corp ("Acadian Gold") purchased 100% of ScoZinc and all of its assets (consisting mainly of Scotia Mine and its infrastructure) from OntZinc for \$7 million. Acadian Gold subsequently changed its name to Acadian Mining Limited ("Acadian Mining"). On May 29, 2007, ScoZinc exercised its option to buy-out the 2% NSR for \$1,450,000.

ScoZinc reactivated the mill and continued surface mining the deposit during 2007 and 2008. Depressed metal prices forced ScoZinc to place the mine on care-and-maintenance status.

In February 2011, Selwyn Resources Limited ("Selwyn") purchased ScoZinc and all of its assets, including the Scotia Mine and ScoZinc's exploration claims, for \$10 million less a deduction relating to increased reclamation bonding requirements that were being determined at the time of the acquisition. In a May 2, 2011 letter, the Nova Scotia government informed ScoZinc that the increased bond requirement amounted to \$1,887,790 (refer to Section 4-4). On June 1, Selwyn announced the closing of the sale and therefore acquiring 100% of ScoZinc and all of its assets.

## 6.2.2 Getty Deposit

The following is adapted from Cullen et al. (2011), Section 5.1:

"The Getty Property was acquired by Getty in 1972, at which time Getty and joint venture partner Skelly Mining Corporation began exploration under terms of an option - purchase agreement with Millmore-Rogers Syndicate.

"Claims covering the Getty Deposit were placed under closure in 1987 by the Nova Scotia government and a tender was subsequently let for acquisition of exploration rights to the property. In 1990 Westminer Canada Limited (Westminer) was deemed the successful bidder and awarded a Special Exploration License for further assessment of the deposit. Attempted renewals of the Getty Special Exploration License by Westminer for three consecutive years were not successful.

"Between 1992 and September 2006 Getty property claims were maintained under government closure and no work was carried out.

"Pasminco Resources Canada Company (Pasminco) acquired the adjacent Gays River Deposit and infrastructure in 1999 through purchase of Savage Resources Inc., and in 2000 Pasminco submitted an application to NSDNR for a Special Mining Lease covering the deposit. No lease was issued and the closed status of the property was maintained.

"In September, 2006 the provincial government tendered exploration rights to the closed Getty property and Exploration Licenses 6959 and 6960 were subsequently issued to Acadian on October 20th, 2006 as successful bidder under the tendering process. During the 2007-2008 period, Acadian carried out a substantial amount of diamond drilling in the deposit area and prepared two National Instrument 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimates.

"In February 2011, Selwyn Resources Limited ("Selwyn") purchased ScoZinc and related zinc-lead exploration properties, including the Getty deposit exploration licenses."

## 6.3 Historical Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates

The following resource and reserve estimates are historical in nature, have not been extensively audited by the authors, were not prepared according to National Instrument 43-101 (except where noted) and should not be relied upon.

#### 6.3.1 Gays River Deposit

Numerous resource estimates have been carried out over the past 30 years since the discovery of the Scotia Mine mineralization. These resource estimates have been based on differing underlying parameters including varying minimum thickness of intercept, differing cut-off grades, utilization of zinc equivalent or independent lead and zinc minimum grades, etc. Resource figures have ranged throughout the years from an initial 12,000,000 tonnes at 7% zinc-equivalent (drill-indicated) in 1974 (Patterson, 1993) to the 1985 figure of 980,000 tonnes at 5.35% lead and 9.42% zinc (mineable) at a 7% zinc-equivalent cut-off (Hale and Adams, 1985).

Westminer (Nesbitt Thompson, 1991; WMC, 1995) reported resources that were outlined by over 1,300 underground and surface holes in addition to the information derived from the underground

workings. The calculations were based on a minimum true thickness of two meters with a cut-off of 7% zinc-equivalent. The total geologic reserves were quoted as 2,400,000 tonnes averaging 6.3% Pb and 8.7% Zn (Table 6-2). A mineable reserve was also quoted as 1,370,000 tonnes averaging 5.3% Pb and 9.8% Zn.

In 1992, Campbell, Thomas and Hudgins reported that there was potential for mining an additional 800,000 tonnes of lower grade mineralization via open pit methods. The authors went on to say "there is excellent potential to expand the underground reserves, particularly in the eastern section of the mine. Underground development in the western and central zones resulted in significant expansion of the reserves as ore zone continuity has generally been better than had been originally interpreted from the drill information."

In Claude Poulin's July 1, 1998 memo titled "Scotia Mine, Mineral Resource Status," he reported the deposit's resources. Higher grade [greater than 7% Zn-equivalent (% Zn + 0.5 x % Pb)] and lower grade zones (greater than 2% but less than 7%) were outlined by Savage's geologists. The higher grade zone consists of massive sulphide and lies at the contact between the dolomite and the Trench or evaporite units. The lower grade zone consists of disseminated zinc and lead within the dolomite. These outlines were transferred to a block model by Tim Carew, manager of Gemcom Services in Reno, Nevada. Inverse-distance squared weighting was used to calculate block grades. Top-cut values of 15% Zn and 10% Pb were used. No dilution or mining recovery factors were applied to the calculations. Undiluted resources are reported in Table 6-2.

The reader should note that the Resources were unclassified. They were not separated into Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories "due to the lack of geostatistical information" [Poulin, 1998 (1)]. Those Resources were not entirely independent and did not follow NI 43-101 guidelines, as the report predated that Standard.

Reserves were estimated through a pit optimization process carried out on the Central portion of the deposit. These were reported in Claude Poulin's July 1, 1998 memo titled "Scotia Mine, Mining Reserve Status." Zinc and lead prices were \$US 0.55 and \$US 0.36 per pound, respectively. The optimized pit, which considered diverting Gays River by moving it toward the highway, was sent to Mine Design Associates (MDA) for practical pit design. Savage supplied the economic and geotechnical parameters to MDA. Dilution and recovery factors of 20% and 90%, respectively, were used.

Reserves included Resources that lie northeast of the highway. These would be accessed using underground methods. For this material, dilution and recovery factors of 25% and 90%, respectively, were used. The estimated Reserves are reported in Table 6-2. Those Reserves were not entirely independent and did not follow NI 43-101 guidelines, as the report predated the Standard.

It was discovered during the current Resource estimation process that an error was made when calculating resource and reserve grades during the 1998 estimate. When estimating block grades in

the High Grade Zone, lower grade (less than 7% Zn-Eq) assays were filtered-out because they were thought to belong to a separate domain. Likewise in the lower grade Disseminated Zone, higher grade (greater than 7% Zn-Eq) was filtered-out. This incorrectly increased the grade of the high grade zone, which increased the overall resource and reserve grade by approximately 1% Zn-Eq. The error had less of an effect on the lower grade zone. The error was corrected during the current Resource estimate.

**Table 6-2: Historical Resource and Reserve Estimates** 

Estimator	Category	Tonnes	Zinc Grade	Lead Grade
Westminer	"Geologic Reserve"			
(1991)	(Undifferentiated)	2,400,000	8.7%	6.3%
	Reserve (Underground)	1,370,000	9.8%	5.3%
Savage (1998)	Resource (Undifferentiated):			
	Higher Grade	1,700,000	11.1% <sup>1</sup>	4.7% <sup>1</sup>
	Lower Grade	3,400,000	2.6% <sup>1</sup>	1.3% <sup>1</sup>
	Total	5,100,000	5.5% <sup>1</sup>	2.4% <sup>1</sup>
	Reserve (Undifferentiated):			
	Northeast (Underground)	360,000	8.6%	4.3%
	Central (Open Pit)	1,900,000 <sup>1</sup>	4.1% <sup>1</sup>	1.6% <sup>1</sup>
	Total	2,260,000	4.8%	2.0%

It should be noted that the above referenced historical Resources and Reserves estimates were not carried out in accordance with the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Petroleum CIM standards on Mineral resources and Reserve Definitions ("CIM Standards") and therefore do not conform to Sections 1.3 and 1.4 of NI 43-101.

In 2006, MineTech International Limited ("MineTech") carried out a National Instrument 43-101-compliant resource and reserve estimate. MineTech's results are reported in Table 6-3.

Table 6-3: Previous Mineral Resource and Reserve Estimate (Roy et al, 2006)

Mineral Resources					
Category	Volume (m³)	SG	Tonnes	Zinc Grade	Lead Grade
Measured (surface)	680,000	2.78	1,880,000	3.80%	1.60%
Indicated					
Surface	810,000	2.77	2,250,000	3.20%	1.40%
Underground	381,000	2.9	1,110,000	6.60%	3.70%
Subtotal	1,190,000	2.82	3,360,000	4.30%	2.20%
Measured and Indicated (Surface and Underground)	1,870,000	2.8	5,240,000	4.10%	2.00%
Inferred	652,000	2.76	1,800,000	3.10%	1.10%

Mineral Reserves					
Category	Volume (m³)	SG	Tonnes	Zinc Grade	Lead Grade
Proven Reserves (Surface)	630,000	2.78	1,750,000	3.20%	1.30%
Probable Reserves					
Surface	610,000	2.76	1,690,000	2.50%	1.00%
Underground	395,000	2.9	1,150,000	5.70%	3.20%
Subtotal	1,005,000	2.83	2,840,000	3.80%	1.90%
Total Proven and Probable Reserves					
(Surface and Underground)	1,635,000	2.81	4,590,000	3.60%	1.70%

## 6.3.2 Getty Deposit

The following is taken from Cullen et al. (2011):

"Four previous estimates of tonnage and grade for in-situ mineralization comprising the Getty Deposit are available in the public record. The earliest of these was prepared for Getty by MPH Consulting Limited (Riddell, 1976) and was revised in 1980 as part of a Mine Valuation Study carried out for Esso (MacLeod, 1980). Subsequently, Westminer developed an in-house estimate and preliminary economic assessment of the deposit based on historic drilling (Hudgins and Lamb, 1992). The fourth estimate was completed in December, 2007 by Mercator for Acadian and reported by Cullen et al (2007).

"Results of the first three historic estimates are presented below in Table 4a and all pertain to areas currently covered by Acadian exploration licences. These pre-date National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101) and have not been classified under Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Standards for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Reserves: Definitions and Guidelines (the CIM standards). On this basis they should not be relied upon. Table 4b presents the Cullen et al. (2007) NI43-

101 compliant resource estimate completed by Mercator, which has an effective date of December 12th, 2007.

Table 6-4: Historic Resource Estimates for Getty Deposit Not NI 43-101 Compliant (from Cullen et al., 2011)

Reference	Tonnes	Zn + Pb %	Zn %	Pb %
Riddell(1976)	4,470,400	3.71	1.87	1.84
MacLeod(1980)	3,149,600	2.97	1.60	1.37
Hudgins and Lamb(1992)	4,490,000	3.20	1.87	1.33

**Notes:** With regard to the historic mineral resource estimates stated above 1) a qualified person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves; 2) the issuer is not treating the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves as defined in sections 1.2 and 1.3 of NI43-101; and 3) the historical estimate should not be relied upon.

Table 6-5: Mercator NI 43-101 Compliant Resource Estimate for Getty Deposit (2007) (from Cullen et al., 2011)

Resource Category	Zn % + Pb % Threshold	Tonnes (Rounded)	Pb %	Zn %	Zn % + Pb %
Inferred	2.00	4,160,000	1.40	1.81	3.21

"Riddell(1976) used a 2% (zinc% + lead%) cut-off, Macleod (1980) used 1.5% zinc cut-off and Hudgins and Lamb (1992) used a 1.5% zinc-equivalent cut-off defined as zinc equivalent = zinc% +(lead % x 0.60). Figures for the previous Mercator estimate that are presented in Table 4b reflect application of a 2% zinc + lead cut-off. The Riddell (1976) and MacLeod (1980) estimates are based on drill-hole-centered polygonal methods of volume estimation along with subjectively determined specific gravity factors reflecting general experience. Both estimates include length-weighted drill hole grade assignments to polygons with subsequent tonnage-weighting to determine deposit grades. In contrast, Hudgins and Lamb (1992) used Surpac® deposit modeling software, a cross sectional method of volume estimation, a single assigned specific gravity factor of 2.75 g/cm³ and calculated average deposit zinc and lead grades as the length-weighted averages of all qualifying drill hole intercepts. Further discussion of historic resource estimates plus that by Mercator appears in report section 16.4." (Cullen et al, 2011, section 5.3)

# 7 GEOLOGICAL SETTING AND MINERALIZATION

# 7.1 Regional and Local Geology

An excellent summary of the regional and deposit geological settings of the Gays River area is supplied by Patterson (1993). There is also a recent "special issue devoted to zinc-lead mineralization and basinal brine movement, lower Windsor Group (Viséan), Nova Scotia Canada" released as Volume 93 by Economic Geology in 1998. The bulk of the descriptions below are taken from those publications.

The Gays River and Getty Deposits occur along the southern margin of the large (more than 250,000 km2) and deep (more than 12 kilometers) late Palaeozoic Fundy (Magdalen) Basin, bordered on the northwest by the New Brunswick platform, and on the south by the Meguma platform (

Figure 7-1). During the late Palaeozoic, the Fundy Basin was divided or segregated through a complex series of grabens into deep linear successor basins or sub-basins, which are now interpreted (Fralic and Schenk, 1981) as small pull-apart basins. Subsequent basement subsidence, fragmentation and block faulting produced the irregular pre-Carboniferous topography that was partly filled-in by early Carboniferous clastics, and later flooded by middle Carboniferous seas. Carboniferous sediments consisting of terrestrial conglomerates, and sandstones, siltstones and marine limestones and evaporites, were deposited in this Fundy Basin which probably remained active during and after the Carboniferous, and may have had a major impact in the ore-forming process. These sub-basins contained thick accumulations of terrestrial and shallow marine sediments, and therefore could provide substantial volumes of basinal fluids (Ravenhurst, 1987).

In their 2011 report, Cullen et al.. give further detail about the Carboniferous strata:

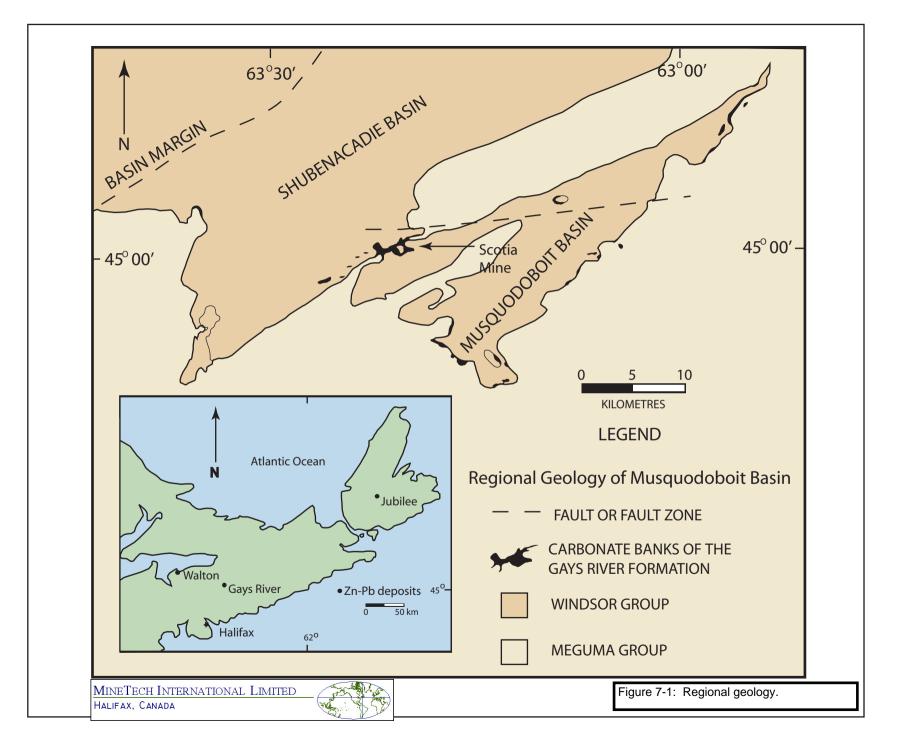
"The Getty Deposit is hosted by lower Mississippian age dolostone of the Windsor Group's Gays River Formation. Well defined carbonate banks characterize this formation and in most instances are associated with well-defined paleo-basement high features. On depositional basin scale, Gays River Formation bank carbonates and laminated limestone of the laterally equivalent Macumber Formation mark the onset of marine depositional conditions after a prolonged period of predominantly terrigenous clastic sedimentation represented by Horton Group siliciclastic rocks.

"Carboniferous strata in Central Nova Scotia occur within the Shubenacadie and Musquodoboit sub-basins of the larger Maritimes basin and were described by Giles and Boehner (1982). Geometry of both sub-basins was significantly influenced by strong northeast trending structural grain in basement sequences of the Cambro-Ordovician Meguma Group. Deformation was heterogeneously distributed across the sub-basins and at present is now represented by northeast trending normal and thrust faults which are locally associated with open to moderately folded structural domains. Deformation features are essentially absent near the southern margins of the basins but become more prevalent and pervasive toward the northern limits, where effects of the regionally significant Cobequid-Chedabucto fault system

are represented. Minor faults or fracture zones may be present at Getty but no structural complexity is evident in either the surface morphology or drill logs." (Cullen et al.,,, 2011, Section 6)

The Gays River area is underlain by the Cambro-Ordovician metasediments of the Meguma Group which form the pre-Carboniferous basement upon which the Gays River carbonate host rock was deposited. The Meguma rocks were tightly folded during the Acadian Orogeny into long northeast-southwest anticlines and synclines which have been faulted and jointed. Erosion of this basement into irregular knobs and ridges was controlled by these structures prior to the deposition of overlying sediments (the Gays River carbonate). Unconformably overlying the Meguma Group are clastic sedimentary rocks of the Horton Group and marine sedimentary rocks of the Windsor Group which overstep the Horton near the basin margins and rest directly on Meguma basement. It is these Windsor Group carbonates which have been the host for the carbonate-hosted base metal sulphide and associated sulphate deposits in Nova Scotia.

Over 100 base metal occurrences, including a few deposits, are hosted by Lower Windsor Group marine carbonate rocks in Nova Scotia. About half of these occur within the Kennetcook, Shubenacadie, Musquodoboit and River Denys sub-basins. In addition to the Gays River and Getty Deposits, the most significant examples include the Walton deposit and the Jubilee deposit. Walton has two types of mineralization: concordant sheets of barite contain lenses of lead-rich and copperrich mineralization. Between 1941 and 1978, 4.5 million tonnes containing over 90% BaSO4, and 0.4 million tonnes containing 0.52% Cu, 4.28% Pb, 1.29% Zn and 350 g/t Ag were produced (Sangster, Savard and Kontak, 1998). At the Jubilee deposit on Cape Breton sulphides cement fault-related breccias and replace adjacent limestone; there are reported, unclassified resources (e.g. Fallara and Savard, 1998) of 0.9 million tonnes containing 5.3% Zn and 1.4% Pb.



# 7.2 Property Geology

The Gays River Formation and its lateral equivalent, the Macumber Formation, form the basal carbonate units of the Windsor Group. There is an angular unconformity between the marine sediments (Gays River Formation and Macumber Formation) and the underlying basement rocks. The underlying 380-400 million-year-old basement rocks consist of greenschist facies meta-turbidites of the Meguma Group that form a northeast-trending, paleotopographic high which separates the Shubenacadie and Musquodoboit basins, and over which the Gays River carbonate bank developed (Kontak, 1998; Savard & Chi, 1998). The property's stratigraphy is shown in Figure 7-2.

The basement is overlain by a laterally extensive, but discontinuous, talus breccia composed of centimeter-to meter-size, rounded to sub-rounded fragments of Meguma Group lithologies cemented by dolostone. Overlying the basal breccia or directly in contact with the basement rocks is a carbonate build-up composed of various bank and interbank facies: algal, coral and bryozoan bafflestones, skeletal packstones and wackestones. Contours for the top of Goldenville / bottom of carbonate contact are shown in Figure 7-3. The carbonate bank can be traced basinward into a laterally extensive, thinly laminated, 3 to 18 meter thick argillaceous, bituminous dolostone or limestone unit referred to as the Macumber Formation.

Overlying the carbonate rocks are evaporites (gypsum, anhydrite, halite and minor potash) with minor interbeds of dolostone and mudstone, all of which constitute the Carroll's Corner Formation. Nearby, (5 kilometers to the southwest), the gypsum is being mined at the National Gypsum Quarry.

In the deposit area, the contact between the evaporites of the Carroll's Corner Formation and the carbonates of the Gays River Formation was deeply incised by a palaeochannel during a period of uplift and erosion during the Cretaceous period. It was filled-in by sedimentary debris (boulders, sands, silts, clay and gypsum fragments) to which a Cretaceous age has been assigned. This dense, overcompacted debris has been termed "Trench" material; it occurs adjacent to the massive sulphide mineralization. Near the contacts, highly permeable, open channel-type structures have caused locally high rates of water flow that have been an impediment to underground mining.

Both the bedrock and "trench" sediments are overlain by 20-40 m of glacial till, which is locally cut by glacial-fluvial sands and gravels. Three geological cross sections are included as Figure 7-4, Figure 7-5, and Figure 7-6. Figure 7-6 represents the prototypical cross-sectional geology for the deposit.

Cullen et al. (2011) describe the Getty Deposit in Section 7.1 & 7.2 ('Stratigraphy' and 'Deposit Type', respectively) of their report:

"Geology in the Getty Deposit area has been interpreted from compiled results of Giles and Boehner (1982) plus results of various mapping and diamond drilling campaigns carried out in the area. The actual deposit does not outcrop, but was delineated by Getty through drilling (e.g., Bryant, 1975, Comeau, 1973, 1974; Palmer and Weir, 1988a, b).

"As represented in [Figure 7-7], the Getty Deposit is hosted by a northwest trending Gays River Formation carbonate bank complex that occurs as a direct extension to the larger, northeast trending carbonate bank that hosts Scotia Mine's zinc lead resources and reserves. Both banks developed along paleo-basement highs comprised of Cambro-Ordovician age Goldenville Formation quartzite and greywacke. At Getty host dolostone ranges in true thickness from less than a meter to a maximum of about 45 meters.

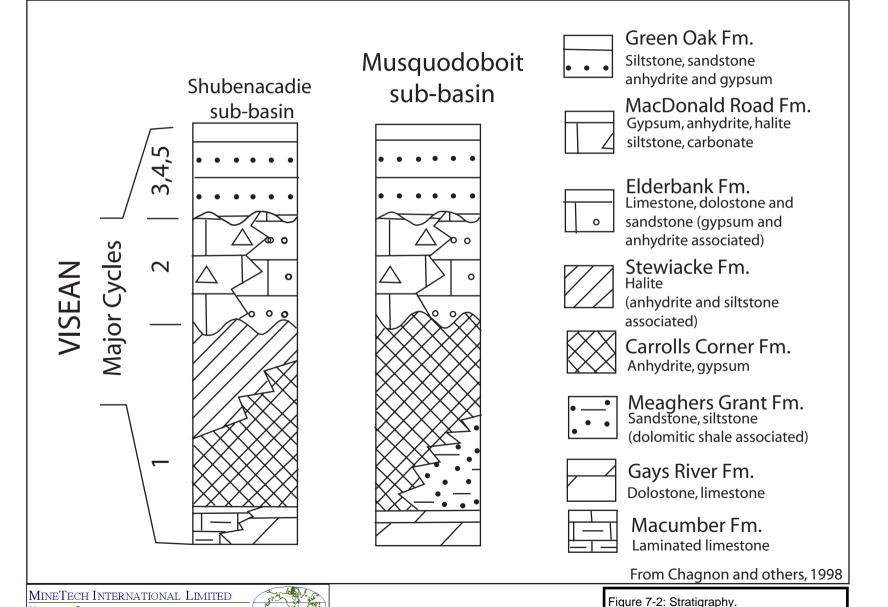
"The carbonate host sequence occurs above a thin sedimentary breccia or conglomerate unit comprised predominantly of Goldenville Formation debris with a small carbonate matrix component resting unconformably on Goldenville Formation basement. Carrolls Corner Formation evaporites lie stratigraphically above the Gays River Formation and are comprised locally of gypsum and anhydrite with minor amounts of interbedded dolomitic limestone and siltstone. With possible exception of local clay and sand accumulations of Cretaceous age, Carrolls Corner Formation rocks are the youngest sequences of the local bedrock section. Figure 7-8 presents a stratigraphic column for the deposit area.

"Historical and recent drilling on the Getty property has shown that evaporite cover at the Gays River Formation contact was in many instances preferentially removed by erosion and karst-related solution processes during Cretaceous time, leaving a trough or trench parallel with the carbonate contact in many areas. Stratified Cretaceous fill sedimentary material followed by Quaternary material of glacio-fluvial origin infilled this trough, and is termed "Trench" material on the adjacent Scotia Mine property. Similar material exists in some areas adjacent to the Getty Deposit but in many instances is difficult to distinguish from less consolidated overburden material that is of glacial origin.

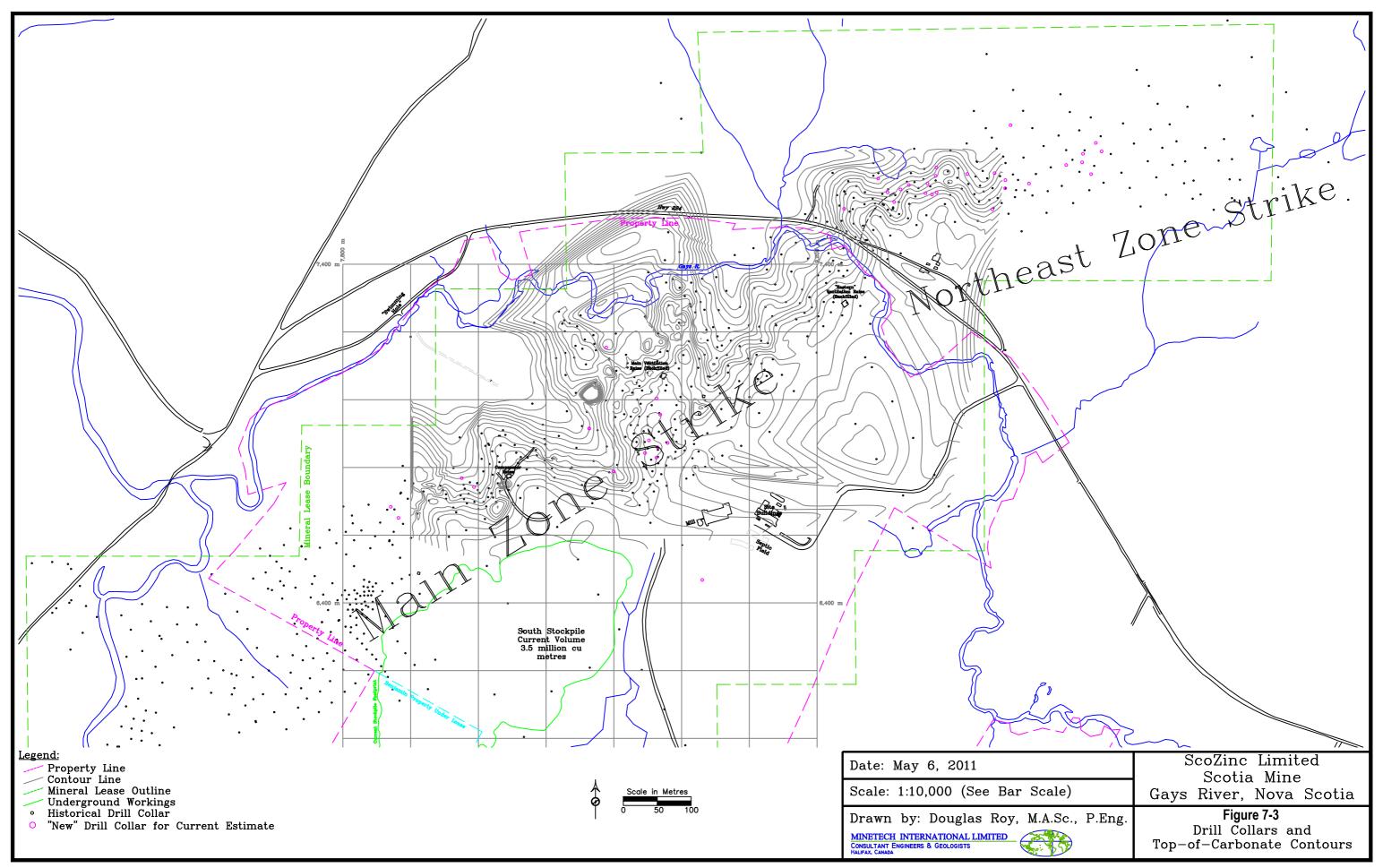
"The Getty Deposit carbonate bank forms a northwest extension to the adjacent Gays River bank that hosts Scotia Mine zinc-lead resources and reserves. While broadly similar, carbonate bank slopes at Getty are generally gentler than those seen at Gays River. Figure 7-9 depicts a typical bank cross section illustrating occurrence of thickest carbonate on the bank top, with progressive thinning down dip on the paleo-topographic high. Variations existed locally in basement paleo-slope angles and appear to have directly influenced corresponding carbonate bank morphology. Areas with steep basement slopes tend to show rapid thinning of carbonate away from the thicker bank tops, with correspondingly steep contact surfaces with overlying evaporites. Gentle slope areas show greater lateral and down-dip continuation of thicker carbonate and corresponding lower average contact dips with the overlying evaporite. Based on the drilling carried out to date at Getty, the maximum carbonate thickness encountered along the basement high trend is 45.48 meters in drill hole GGR-221.

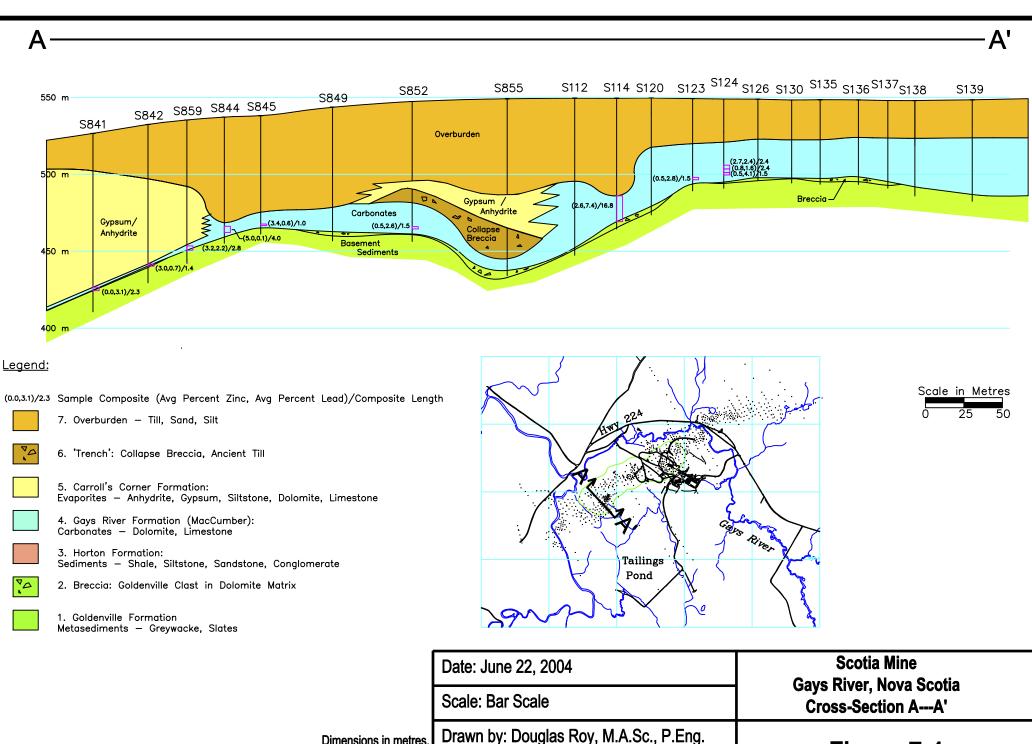
"Gays River Formation carbonate banks include intricately intercalated algal, peloidal and coraline lithofacies, with abundance of bindstone, bafflestone, packstone and micrite. These facies show transition downdip to thin (typically <5 meters), variably laminated algal/silty carbonates that are lateral equivalents to laminated carbonates of the Macumber Formation. The latter occurs basinward of the underlying Horton Group's stratigraphic pinchout and is not present in the deposit area."

# STRATIGRAPHY - WINDSOR GROUP



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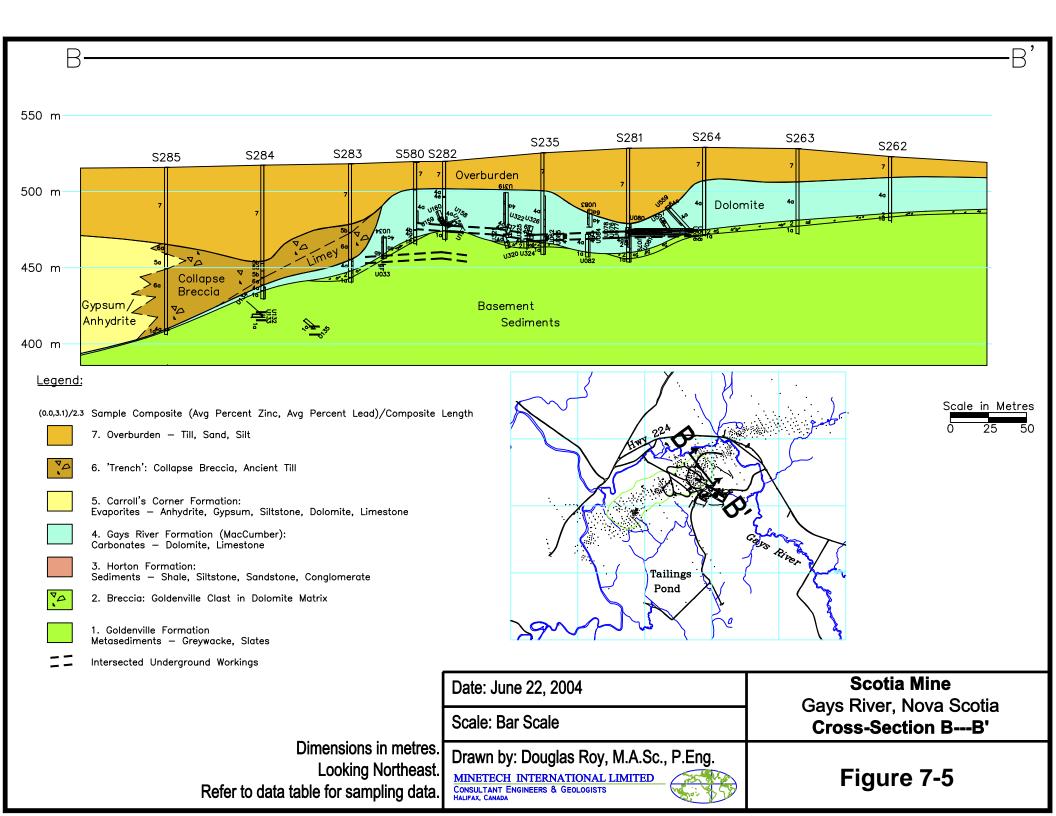


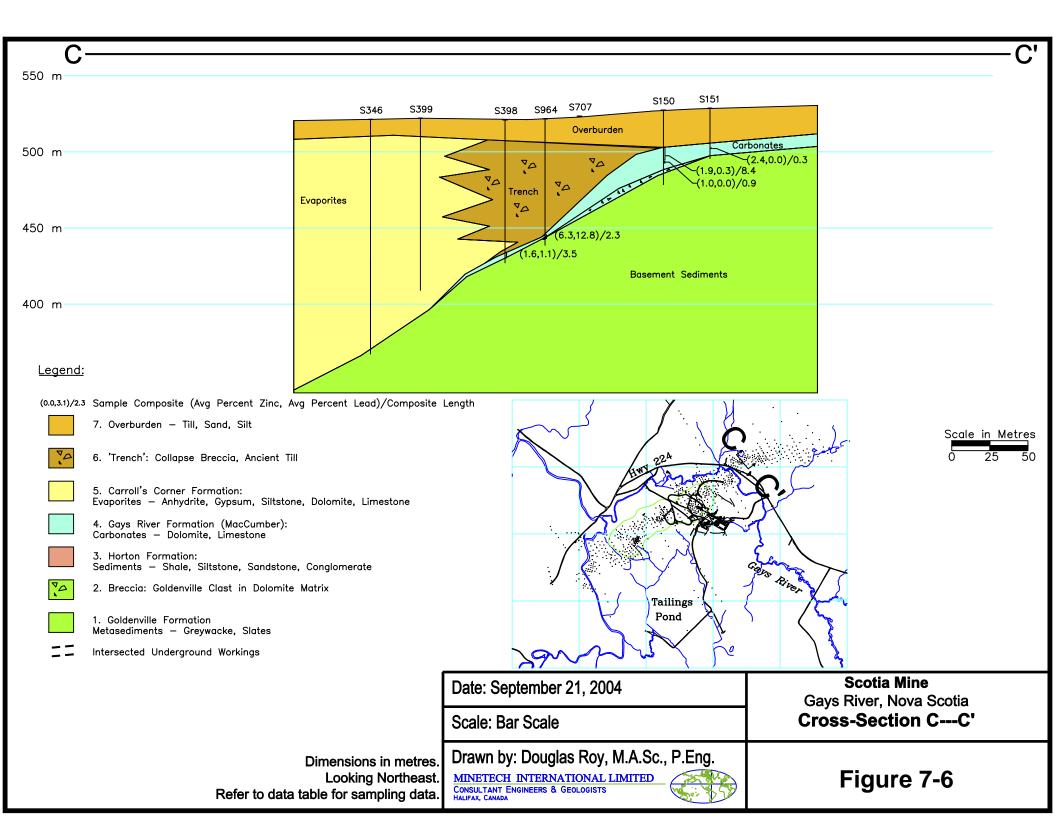
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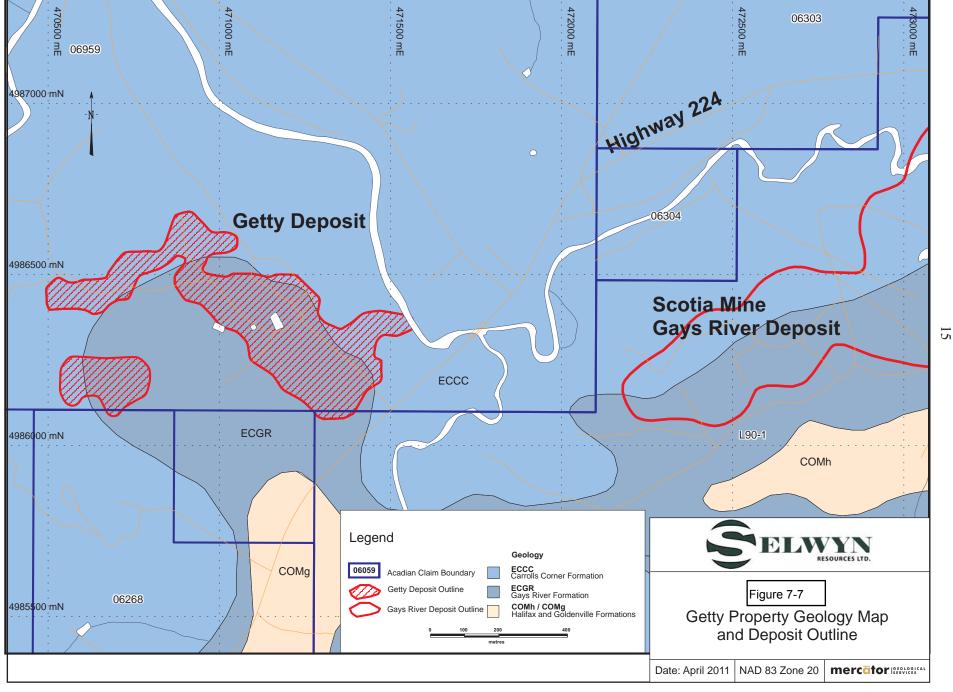
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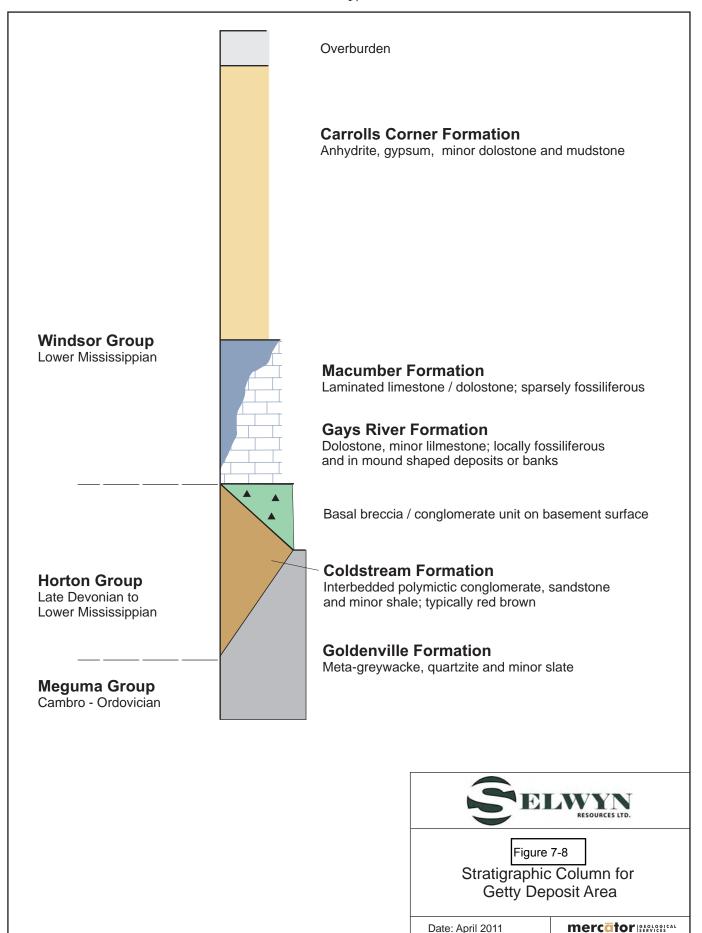
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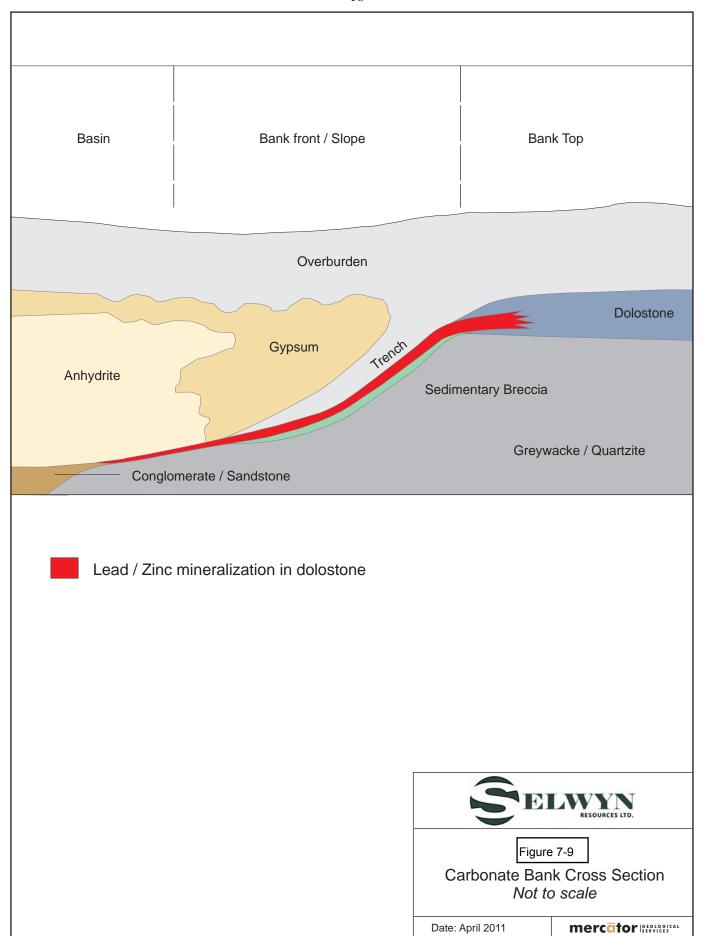
Figure 7-4











## 7.3 Mineralization

# 7.3.1 Gays River

Nesbitt Thomson Inc. (1991) describe the high-grade mineralisation as consisting of a massive sulphide zone in contact with the evaporite or Trench, ranging in thickness from 0.1 to 5.0 metres and locally containing up to 78 % Pb and 57 % Zn. On the footwall of the massive sulphide, there is a zone of disseminated material (>7% Zn equivalent1) which, in places, is up to 12 metres in thickness. Locally disseminated mineralisation (>2% Zn equivalent) extends up to twenty metres into the footwall.

The Gays River Deposit is essentially controlled by a sinuous paleo coastline. The main part of the deposit is shallow (generally <150 m deep), has a dip length of approximately 100 m and a strike length following the paleo-coastline over a straight line distance of 2 km (Nesbitt Thomson Inc., 1991).

The mineralisation at the Gays River Deposit consists of massive and/or disseminated ore hosted predominantly by the carbonate rocks, with extensions down into the basal breccia unit. The massive mineralisation consists of fine-grained (<10-20 mm), Fe-poor, beige-coloured sphalerite and medium to coarse-grained, Ag-poor galena (<10-20 ppm Ag in galena concentrates) (Kontak, 1998; Savard and Kontak, 1998), is restricted to the carbonate-evaporite contact and is 1 to 3 metres in true thickness. Disseminated mineralisation, consisting of yellow to orange, millimetre-size euhedral sphalerite and millimetre-to-centimetre-size euhedral galena, fills in primary porosity in the dolomitized carbonates and walls of primary cavities (Kontak, 1998).

Sphalerite and galena constitute about 99.5% of metallic minerals. Other sulphide minerals are marcasite, pyrite and chalcopyrite, while gangue minerals include calcite, dolomite, fluorite, barite and selenite (Patterson, 1993).

#### 7.3.1.1 Getty Deposit

The following is taken from section 8 (Mineralization) of Cullen et al (2011):

"Zinc and lead sulphide mineralization are found throughout the Getty carbonate bank, along with trace amounts of iron sulphide in isolated areas. Base metal sulphides are also present to a lesser extent in carbonate matrix of the underlying conglomerate/breccia unit and within calcite or micrite filled fractures and joints present in underlying Goldenville Formation greywackes. While not extensively reported to date, galena has also been documented locally at the Scotia Mine deposit in thin (<20cm thick) discordant, steeply dipping veins that generally trend north-south (B. Mitchell, personal communication, 2007)

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"Drilling to date on the Getty deposit has shown that massive to submassive high grade mineralization like that commonly present along steep bank front zones at Scotia Mine is not present to a significant degree at Getty (Bryant, 1975). However, a clear association of higher zinc and lead grades with dolostone intervals on the northeast and north slopes of the Getty bank is recognized and lower grades over thicker intervals occur within the carbonate sections at the top of the bank. Mineralization is more poorly developed along the southwest side of the bank.

"Sphalerite is the predominant base metal sulphide phase present and is typically honey yellow to buff or beige in color and finely crystalline. Based on drill core observations, Bryant (1975) specified the following four modes of sphalerite occurrence within the deposit, with the first being the most common: (a) disseminated mineralization showing concentrations from trace to 10% or more, (b) semi-massive and massive mineralization as seams and replacements along bedding surfaces or laminae, (c) massive, porosity filling or surface coating mineralization in fossiliferous and vuggy carbonate, (d) mineralization associated with secondary calcite in small stringers and veinlets.

"Silver is a trace constituent of the Getty sulphide assemblage but is not present at levels of economic significance. This parallels the situation at adjacent Scotia Mine where Roy et al (2006) reported historic silver values in mill concentrates that were typically less than 40 parts per million." (Cullen et *al*, 2011, section 8).

# **8 DEPOSIT TYPES**

The Gays River Deposit mineralization has long been considered a Mississippi Valley-type ("MVT") lead-zinc deposit. Characteristics of sedimentary formations that host MVT lead-zinc mineralization include shallow-water, shelf-type carbonate rocks with reefs around the peripheries of intracratonic basins, karst structures, limestone-dolomite interfaces and proximity to a major hydrocarbon-bearing basin. The archetypical MVTs occur in the United States in several famous districts surrounding the Michigan-Illinois Basin which also has significant hydrocarbon production. Each of the districts is enormous, with resource potential of 75 million to 750 million tonnes and individual deposits in the order of 1 to 100 million tonnes.

Other MVTs have been mined in the past in Canada (e.g. Pine Point in the Northwest Territories, Nanisivik mine in Nunavut, and Newfoundland Zinc) and in Ireland.

MVTs are thought to have formed when hot, basin-derived, oil field-type brines formed at depths of more than 2 km, migrated towards lower pressure areas around the basin periphery. Mineralization precipitated from the brines when they encountered porous areas like reefs, karst breccias or sedimentary traps.

Sangster and others (1998) draw on their own and others' evidence to conclude that all Windsor Group lead-zinc deposits are epigenetic relative to their enclosing strata, exhibiting both open-space filling and host-rock replacement. At the Gays River Deposit, textures (including fossils) have been preserved; representing volume-for-volume replacement of original limestones by dolomite, and the sulphides are, in turn, replacements and porosity fillings within the previously altered host rocks. Kontak (2002) feels that petroleum in fluid inclusions in the Gays River Deposit mineralization suggest a role of hydrocarbons in the mineralizing process, like many MVTs, but Sangster and others (1998) point to basement rocks underlying the Palaeozoic sedimentary rocks as the source of the mineralizing fluids.

The temperatures of formation of the Gays River Deposit (and others in Nova Scotia) are higher than most North American MVTs, and compare more favorably with the clearly epigenetic MVTs of the Central Ireland Basin (Sangster and others, 1998). The Irish deposits also occur in Upper Paleozoic (Carboniferous) carbonate rocks, predominantly in shallow-water carbonates and a mudbank limestone (reef). The Irish deposits are also preferentially associated with east-northeast-trending faults which are thought to have acted as conduits for mineralizing hydrothermal fluids; basement lineaments may also have controlled deposition. As with the Gays River Deposit, sphalerite and galena are the main sulphides; barite is also usually present (Exploration and Mining Division Ireland, 2004). Seven economic deposits have been mined or are currently in production in Ireland. The largest of these, the world-class Navan deposit, had total production and proven + probable reserves of 82.1 million tonnes containing about 10.6% Zn+Pb; its annual production is 2.5 million tonnes of ore. Other

producers and former producers had resources between about 8 and 18 million tonnes and grades of 9-25% Zn+Pb (Exploration and Mining Division Ireland, 2004).

It is noteworthy that two major carbonate-hosted zinc-lead deposits discovered in Ireland since 1986 occur down-dip from areas where considerable exploration, including diamond drilling, had been carried out over the prior 20 years (Patterson, 1993). Similarly, the MVT deposits of the Viburnum trend in the U.S.A. were discovered at depths of 300 meters by understanding of the regional geology of the hosts rocks of the Old Lead Belt about 80 km away.

Cullen et al. (2011) describe the Getty Deposit in Section 7.2 of their report, quoted below in part:

"The adjacent Scotia Mine deposit (Gays River Deposit) has been the subject of extensive academic and government research and reporting since its discovery in 1971. Much of this work was summarized by Roy et al. (2006) and the deposit is a considered an example of the Mississippi Valley Type (MVT) class of carbonate hosted, stratabound, base metal deposits. Prominent examples of the paleo-basement high deposit setting occur along the Viburnum Trend of Southeast Missouri, but are characterized in that area by dominance of lead mineralization over that of zinc (Sangster et. al., 1998; Akande and Zentilli, 1983; MacEachern and Hannon, 1974).

"Localization of base metals within the Getty bank complex is believed to have resulted from interaction between metal-bearing basinal fluids, potentially sourced in the Horton Group stratigraphic section or in basement sequences, and chemical reductants, possibly including hydrocarbon, that were present at sites of deposition within the bank. Kontak (1998, 2000) reported on fluid inclusion and other studies of ore from the adjacent Scotia Mine property and concluded that saline brines in the 100° C to ≤ 250° C temperature range were involved in the main mineralizing process and that these temperatures are higher than those typically seen in MVT districts. Héroux et al (1994) studied organic maturation and clay mineral crystallinity characteristics of Gays River Formation rocks of the Musquodoboit and Shubenacadie basins and identified a corridor of higher interpreted heat flow that occurs in part over the Gays River and Getty Deposit areas and is consistent with the higher fluid temperatures previously noted. It is clear that zinc and lead mineralization were superimposed on lithified and dolomitized host rocks (Akande and Zentilli, 1985; Kontak, 1998)." (Cullen et al., 2011)

# 9 EXPLORATION

The Gays River and Getty Deposits were explored more-or-less contemporaneously. Major drilling campaigns on both deposits first started in the mid-1970s. Esso Minerals was primarily involved with the Gays River Deposit while Getty Northeast Mines Limited was primarily involved with the Getty Deposit. During the 1980s, Seabright and Westminer carried out some drilling on the Gays River Deposit and during the late-2000's, ScoZinc chiefly drilled the Getty Deposit.

# 9.1 Gays River Deposit

Lead-zinc mineralisation at Gays River was first mentioned in records dating back to 1824. Knowledge of the occurrence may even go back to the early 1700's when French soldiers reportedly used the lead for making ammunition (MacEachern and Hannon, 1974). Other early references to Gays River lead were made in 1868 by J. W. Dawson in "Acadian Geology" and by H. Howe in "Mineralogy of Nova Scotia".

The earliest recorded prospecting may have been trenching along the outcrops in 1873-1874. Additional trenching and pit sinking was carried out in 1928. Assessment records do not indicate any resumption of interest in the area until 1951. From the first reports of mineralisation in the area in the early 1800's, exploration activity up to 1950 had yielded best values of 3 % lead (Patterson, 1993).

#### 9.1.1 Timeline: 1951

Maritime Barytes Limited acquired the property at Gays River and carried out a surface exploration program involving some trenching and sampling. Gays River Lead Mines subsequently became involved in the evaluation of the property and commenced a drill program to delineate the occurrences of lead and zinc. A total of 67 delineation drill holes were completed by mid-1952 and an additional seven holes were completed for exploration in the vicinity.

The drilling by Gays River Lead Mines Limited outlined four zones of mineralisation in an area about 400 metres by 900 metres. Over 800,000 tonnes of mineralised (galena, sphalerite, pyrite, marcasite and chalcopyrite) Windsor Group carbonate were defined overlying and flanking a northeast-trending anticlinal Meguma greywacke basement high. Grades for the four zones ranged from 1.10% to 3.50% combined lead plus zinc with an average of 2.32% combined lead plus zinc. Most, if not all, assays were from sludge samples.

#### 9.1.2 Timeline: 1962

Gunnex Limited carried out extensive soil sampling in the Gays River area in 1962. Anomalies were encountered only over areas of previously known mineralisation where overburden was thin. An induced polarisation survey indicated only a very weak response over known mineralisation and did

not add any new target areas. The lack of encouraging response on the periphery of the earlier defined mineralised area prompted Gunnex to forego any further exploration activity.

#### 9.1.3 Timeline: 1968 – 1969

In 1968 and 1969 Penarroya Canada Limited completed extensive soil sampling and geological mapping in the Gays River and Meaghers Grant areas. Two diamond drill holes in the Meaghers Grant area intersected minor zinc mineralisation. No drilling was carried out in the Gays River area even though a number of soil anomalies had been identified. Most of the major anomalies corresponded with previously known mineralisation. Two new anomalous areas were, however, defined. They occur near Carroll's Corner and in the Black Brook area east of the Gays River and define a northeast trending geochemical high. The latter area is close to the northeast end of the presently defined Gays River Deposit itself.

#### 9.1.4 Timeline: 1971

Texasgulf Inc. drilled four diamond drill holes in the Gays River area in 1971. One hole adjacent to a Gays River Lead Mines drill hole confirmed significant mineralisation in the carbonates. The remaining holes tested one soil anomaly southeast of Gays River and two areas northwest of Gays River. No encouraging mineralisation or carbonate build-ups were intersected in the last three holes and work was terminated.

#### 9.1.5 Timeline: 1972 - 1984

In 1972 personnel of Cuvier Mines Limited ("Cuvier") prospected the Gays River area and located significant mineralised float material to the south of the old occurrence (MacEachern and Hannon, 1974) and subsequently acquired the ground. Cuvier also outlined geophysical and geochemical anomalies. In September of 1972 Cuvier optioned the property to Imperial Oil Enterprises ("Esso") with Esso holding a 60% interest and acting as the operator. Cuvier formed a joint venture with Preussag Canada Ltd. ("Preussag") to finance Cuvier's 40 % interest in the property.

Both Cuvier and Esso were of the opinion that the area had the proper geological setting for a Mississippi Valley-type deposit. Esso recognised the possible existence of a reef complex trending north-easterly from the old Gays River drilling site. The source of the mineralised boulders had not been located and a combination of deep glacial till and lack of outcrop would necessitate fence-type drilling in geologically favourable areas for the purpose of obtaining geological information as well as locating any mineralised areas.

A total of 20 holes were drilled prior to drilling the discovery hole 2.5 kilometres northeast of the original showing along the postulated reef trend. The discovery hole intersected 3.35 metres averaging 7 % zinc (MacEachern and Hannon, 1974).

From October 1972 to August 1974, Esso/Cuvier drilled off the deposit and identified 12,000,000 tons averaging 7 % Zn + Pb (Patterson, 1993) over an area of approximately 4 kilometres by 220 metres at depths ranging from 20 to 200 metres (450 surface core holes)2.

The initial mine development by Esso began with developing the exploration decline in 1976 across the central portion of the mineralised zone to verify mining conditions, the grade and continuity of the mineralisation and to provide bulk samples for metallurgical testing. The decline was 760 metres in length but by mid-1979 some 1,800 metres of drifting and 744 metres of underground development had been completed. The deepest workings were at a vertical depth of 100 metres. In December of 1977 Esso purchased Cuvier's and Preussag's interests in the property and formed Canada Wide Mines to develop and mine the deposit.

During the next two years various feasibility studies were carried out. Recoverable proven plus probable reserves were then estimated at 4.7 million tonnes at 2.8% Pb and 4.2% Zn (WMC, 1995). Esso commenced with the construction of the mill and other facilities in August of 1977. The 1,350 tonne processing plant was commissioned in October of 1979 and the mine was further developed to support a 1,350 tonne per day operation.

From 1978 until 1981, Esso operated the mine and targeted the lower grade mineralisation using a trackless, lower cost, bulk room and pillar mining method approach. The higher grade mineralisation near the carbonate contact was not part of the mine plan. Operations continued until August 1981 when production was suspended except for an underhand cut and fill technique test stope. Mining conditions exacerbated by bad ground conditions and excessive water inflow caused the operation to be suspended. During the operation, a total of 553,688 tonnes of mineralised material averaging 1.36% Pb and 2.12% Zn were produced and run through the mill – 272,000 tonnes of waste were also removed. Throughout this period efforts to achieve the full production rate, as well as efforts to mine areas of higher grade mineralisation were complicated by the combination of the complex geological setting and the severe hydrological problems.

The plant was shut down in 1982 as a result of operating losses due to lower than expected grades, higher than expected operating costs, the difficult water problems and low metal prices.

Seabright Resources Inc. acquired the mine and mill in 1984 but despite a favourable feasibility study did not reactivate the mine due to depressed metal prices at the time.

<sup>2</sup> A summary table of all known drilling at the Gays River Deposit by all exploration companies over the years is included as Figure 10-1. A map depicting the location of the surface holes is included as Figure 7-3.

#### 9.1.6 Timeline: 1985 - 1987

Seabright's primary intention was the usage of the mill facility to process gold ore from their outlying properties, and a secondary intent to later re-open the Gays River mine (WMC, 1995). At the time, Seabright was mining (bulk sampling) gold-bearing quartz veins from four small operations; Beaver Dam, Forest Hill, Caribou and Moose River, all located within the Meguma Group (Cambro-Ordovician).

The milling facility was converted for gold processing. The mine was not re-opened at that time by Seabright as a sharp drop in zinc prices rendered the underground mining operation uneconomic.

#### 9.1.7 Timeline: 1987 - 1991

In 1988 Westminer Canada Limited ("WMC") purchased Seabright Resources. A review of the deposit, including the drilling of 89 surface core holes, led WMC to a positive production decision based on a reinterpretation of the geology and mining method. They began dewatering the underground workings in early 1989. Following the success of the mine dewatering and a test mining period to assess the suitability of the proposed narrow vein cut and fill mining method to extract the high grade ore zones, the mine was placed back into production. It reached commercial production rates in March 1990 (WMC, 1995) at a rate of 800 tonnes per day.

WMC's initial approach was to drive small 2.5x2.5 metre cut and fill stopes adjacent to the "Trench" material. Dry waste rock backfill was placed after each lift. In most areas, the method allowed the high grade ore on the carbonate-Trench contact to be extracted. In one area WMC successfully tested the room and pillar mining method (Nesbitt Thomson, 1991). A total of 187,010 tonnes of ore at an average grade of 3.5% Pb and 7.47% Zn were mined during WMC's involvement on the property.

Hydrological difficulties causing poor ground conditions continued to play a factor in the mine operation. In May 1991, rising water levels due to the spring runoff forced the cessation of mining in a number of stopes and WMC decided to place the mine in project mode. Following the suspension of production in 1991, WMC carried out an extensive program to understand the mine hydrology and concluded that the groundwater could be successfully managed so that mining operations would no longer be adversely affected.

WMC has identified the Eastern zone of the deposit as an area for possible early development because ground conditions are substantially better due to the hanging wall being generally gypsum/anhydrite rather than Trench. The grade is also higher relative to other sections of the deposit. The Eastern area appears promising for additional resources.

WMC thoroughly assessed the property in 1991 and prepared a revised mine plan to resume mine production. The revised plan provided for more mechanisation of the mining method, institution of paste backfill, increased groundwater drainage through screened drainage wells and a revised

pumping system. However, the operation was WMC's only lead and zinc producer, was not associated with any downstream smelting facilities and was a smaller operation relative to other corporate assets. For these reasons, the property did not fit within WMC's corporate strategy to focus on large scale operations and for this reason the property was sold to Savage Resources.

#### 9.1.8 Timeline: 1996 - 1999

After acquiring the Scotia Mine in 1996, Savage conducted two exploration drilling programs to fill in the gaps from prior drilling and improve the mineral resource estimate on the mine property. In December 1996, 36 diamond drill holes, totalling 1,325 metres were drilled in the central mine area adjacent to the underground mine entrance to test the continuity of the disseminated low grade mineralisation in the back reef (known as the sand pit area –an area of commercial aggregate). In April and May 1997, an additional 30 diamond drill holes totalling 2,339 metres were drilled in the Northeast zone (as identified by WMC). Both programs were successful and confirmed the presence of low grade (in the central area) and high grade mineralisation (in the Northeast zone). According to Cullen (1997), the results of the drilling (based on a 7% Zn-equivalent cut-off grade) enhanced some areas of the Northeast zone and diminished other areas. He also states that a complete revision of some of this area (with additional drilling evaluation) be completed prior to any production decision.

Savage dewatered the underground workings from June to August 1997 and started to rehabilitate the mine before a decision was made to extract the ore in the main, central zone using open pit methods. An open pit design was prepared using appropriate technical criteria for ore mining and waste stripping (Gemcom and Whittle 3-D Optimisation). The preliminary mine plan assumed the processing of 1,350 tonnes per day with the ore coming from a combination of underground (1,000 tonnes per day) and open pit operations (350 tonnes per day).

In early 1999 ownership of Savage was transferred to the Australian mining company Pasminco Canada Limited ("Pasminco").

#### 9.1.9 Timeline: 2001 – 2003

Regal Mines Limited (Regal Mines) purchased Pasminco Resources Canada Company (Pasminco Resources) and its assets in February 2002. Regal was owned 50 % by OntZinc Corporation (OntZinc) and 50 % by Regal Consolidated Ventures Limited (Regal Consolidated). As part of the sale, Pasminco Canada Holdings Inc. (Pasminco Holdings) retained a 2 % net smelter return (NSR) royalty on future production. OntZinc acquired Regal Consolidated's 50 % interest in December 2002 to own 100 % of Pasminco Resources. Savage Resources Limited is the successor of Pasminco Holdings and currently holds the 2 % royalty. Pasminco Resources was later renamed ScoZinc Limited (ScoZinc). The mining and environmental permits are still in force and are held by ScoZinc along with all the Scotia Mine assets.

#### 9.1.10 Timeline: 2004 - 2006

Exploration activity by ScoZinc included diamond core drilling, a hydraulic mining test, prospecting of the general area, geological compilation of past relevant data and two lines (ten samples) of Mobile Metal Ion Geochemistry (MMI) across areas of known mineralisation covered by thick accumulations of glacial till. The results of the MMI survey were inconclusive.

A hydraulic mining test was performed to determine whether such a method might be useful to uncover the glacial overburden and some of the Trench material in the area of the low grade, potentially surface mineable resources. This was primarily performed near the area of the sand pit next to the original portal. Generally, the test showed that it is possible to mine the sandy overburden in the current pit bottom using dredging methods.

Six holes were drilled through the "Trench" unit using a soil drilling rig. The Trench is a geological unit that occurs between the gypsum and dolomite units. The purpose of this program was to characterize the soils that make up the Trench. Four holes were drilled in the Central Zone near the current pit. The two other holes were drilled near the highway (Hwy 224) in the East Zone.

The soil holes in the Central Zone around the current pit consisted mainly of dark brown clay with fine-to-medium grained sand. Rock fragments, rounded-to-angular, were occasionally noted. The soil holes in the East Zone near the river and highway consisted of fine-to-medium grained sand with minor clay. This observation may be an important factor during future mining. Permeability underneath the river is expected to be high to a depth of at least 20-30 metres. This will adversely affect slope stability should the walls of an open pit approach the river.

Twenty five diamond core drill holes (1,845.3 metres) were completed by ScoZinc on the Scotia Mine property. Seventeen of these holes were meant to further define the lead and zinc mineralisation contained within the reef carbonate while the remaining eight holes were meant to test the gypsum potential immediately overlying the mineralised zones.

Four holes (477 metres) were completed in the north-eastern portion of the deposit while thirteen holes (1,172 metres) were completed in the central area of possible lower grade open pit mineralisation. The program was moderately successful in the central area with zinc values consistently in the 2 to 4% range over 1 to 2 metres (Table 10-1). The drilling program in the north-eastern zone proved less successful with mineralised intervals being quite thin.

Four holes (673.3 metres) were drilled in the northeast zone and an additional four in the central area to test the overlying gypsum in the hanging wall of the base metal mineralisation. The holes were drilled to obtain core samples of the gypsum deposits that immediately overlie the mineralised zones. The purpose of the samples was to carry out early tests of gypsum consistency and quality as well as to confirm preliminary estimates of the probable size of the gypsum resource adjacent to the mineralised trend.

In most of the diamond drill holes, a gypsum "cap," 20-30 metres thick was encountered. Grade was highest (greater than 90 % gypsum) near the bedrock surface and decreased with depth. At 20-30 metres depth, gypsum grade dropped below 80 %, transitioning to anhydrite over an interval of approximately ten metres. Because the gypsum was quite hard, it was difficult to visually determine the contact between gypsum and anhydrite.

#### 9.1.11 Timeline: 2007 – 2008

ScoZinc began surface mining the deposit in 2007 and carried on into 2008. Due to a drastic fall in metal prices, ScoZinc placed the mine on care and maintenance status.

In 2008, ScoZinc drilled 17 diamond drill holes through the Northeast Zone (refer to Section 10).

## 9.1.12 Timeline: 2011

Selwyn drilled a further 39 drill holes totalling 4,950.50 metres between August 11th and October 11th, 2011 (see section 10.2.2).

# 9.2 Getty Deposit

A description of mineral exploration work that was carried out on the Getty Deposit was given in Cullen *et al* (2011):

"... with the exception of regional soil geochemical surveying by Penarroya Ltd. in 1964 (Rabinovitch, 1967) that did not identify the Getty Deposit, no substantial mineral exploration efforts appear to have been carried out on the current Getty property prior to its acquisition by Getty in 1972.

"Exploration in the current deposit area was initiated in 1972 by Getty and joint venture partner Skelly Mining Corporation under terms of an option - purchase agreement with Millmore-Rogers Syndicate.

"Discovery of the Getty zinc-lead deposit is attributed to drill hole GGR-12 which was completed in 1972 and intersected 4.63 meters of dolomite grading 15.48% combined zinc-lead, beginning at a down hole depth of 93.11 meters. Subsequent completion of over 200 holes by Getty and Imperial on and around the property served to delineate a nearly continuous mineralized zone measuring approximately 1300 meters in length and up to 200 meters in width (Comeau, 1973, 1974; Comeau and Everett, 1975).

"Mercator completed a National Instrument 43-101 compliant Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate for Acadian on the Getty Deposit with an effective date of December 12, 2007. This initial estimate was subsequently updated in a new National Instrument 43-101 compliant resource in 2008 (Cullen et al., 2008) after a total of 10,620 meters of drilling in 138 diamond drill holes had been completed by Acadian on the Getty property under the direct supervision of Mercator staff. The information used to complete these estimates was compiled from the 2007-2008 drilling by Acadian plus historical drilling undertaken prior to Acadian's involvement in the property.

"Acadian initiated a major diamond drilling program on the Getty property in July 2007, and Mercator provided all site supervision, logging, sampling and quality control/quality assurance services to Acadian for this program, which consisted of 138 diamond drill holes. The purpose of the drilling was to upgrade geological confidence in the deposit, provide a basis for the new mineral resource estimate and to provide a higher category classification to the mineral resource estimate (Cullen et al, 2008)."

# 10 DRILLING

# 10.1 Sample Length – True Width Relationship

The sample intervals do not necessarily represent true widths. The orientation of the deposit is variable, meaning the true width of any given intercept must be calculated with reference to the geological model. The orientation of the deposit is well known and is described in Section 7.2

# 10.2 Gays River Deposit

To date, 1,419 diamond core drill holes have been drilled on the Gays River Deposit (refer to Figure 7-3 and Table 10-1). The majority were drilled to determine the characteristics of the zinc- and lead-mineralised dolomite.

ScoZinc drilled 17 holes totalling 1,613 metres through the Northeast Zone in 2008. These collars, as well as the collars from ScoZinc's 2004 program, are shown in magenta in Figure 7-3.

Selwyn drilled a further 39 drill holes totalling 4,950.50 metres between August 11<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (see section 10.2.2).

Most of the 914 surface holes were drilled vertically. The azimuth and dip of the 467 holes drilled from the underground workings was variable.

Generally, holes were drilled so as to fully penetrate the dolomite reef and continue on until no more mineralisation was found. This resulted in most drill holes being drilled a few metres beyond the dolomite reef.

A compilation of core logs and sample assays from the 2008 program is given in the updated mineral resource report NI 43-101 filed October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Historical logs are provided in the previous technical report for the property (MineTech, 2006).

Table 10-1: Historical Surface and Underground Diamond Drilling Activity<sup>3</sup>.

From	То	Holes with Info <sup>4</sup>	Metres	Time Frame	Company
Surface Holes					
1	72	70	2,951.7	1951-1952	Gays River Lead Mines
73	740	646	59,123.6	1972-1982	Imperial Oil/Canada Wide Mines
741	900	89	7,596.8	1985-1995	Seabright, then Westminer (undifferentiated)
901	966	66	3,664.0	1997	Savage/Pasminco
967	991	25	1,864.3	2004	ScoZinc
1130-08	1146-08	17	1,613.5	2008	ScoZinc
MNZ-001	MNZ- 039	39	4950.5	2011	Selwyn
Subtotal		952	81,764.4		
Underground Holes					
1	341	318	7,460.7	1979-1982	Imperial Oil/Canada Wide Mines
342	651	149	4,434.9	1985-1995	Seabright, then Westminer (undifferentiated)
Subtotal		467	11,895.6		
Total		1,419	93,660		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Data supplied by ScoZinc.

## 10.2.1 Sample Statistics

Sample statistics were calculated for sampling within the carbonate. All samples for which at least one metal (zinc or lead) was assayed were considered. Most samples were assayed for both zinc and lead. Depending on the amount of visible mineral, some samples were assayed for only one metal. The total sample count was 8,022.

The samples from the 2011 drill program were not included in the sample statistics calculations.

The mean sample interval length was 1.44 metres with a standard deviation of 0.82 metres Table 10-2). Skewness is a measure of symmetry, or more precisely, the lack of symmetry. The positive value for skewness indicates that the data is skewed right, meaning that the right tail is heavier than the left tail. This is also shown in the histogram in Table 10-3 The aggregate sample length was 11,522 metres.

The mean zinc grade was 3.55 %. From the histogram, we can see that zinc assays are approximately lognormal. The range in zinc content was zero to 62.10 %. Theoretically, the maximum possible zinc assay is 67.10 % - the zinc content of pure sphalerite.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The electronic database does not contain information for underground holes 342-499.

The mean lead grade was 1.91 %. From the histogram, we can see that lead assays are also approximately lognormal. The range in lead content was zero to 79.50 %. Theoretically, the maximum possible lead assay is 86.6 % - the lead content of pure galena.

Sample statistics are further examined in Section 14.

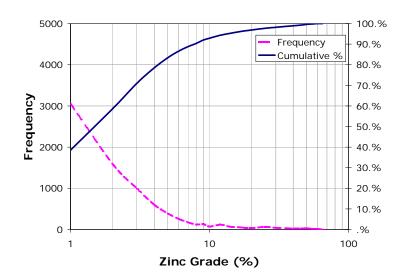
**Table 10-2: Descriptive Statistics** 

Descriptive Statistic	Zinc Grade (%)	Lead Grade (%)
Mean	3.55	1.91
Standard Error	0.08	0.07
Median	1.52	0.12
Mode	0.02	0.01
Standard Deviation	6.79	6.24
Sample Variance	46.17	38.99
Kurtosis	25.17	52.86
Skewness	4.60	6.56
Range	62.10	79.50
Minimum	0.00	0.00
Maximum	62.10	79.50
Sum	n/a	n/a
Count	8,022	8,022

**Table 10-3: Sample Histograms.** 

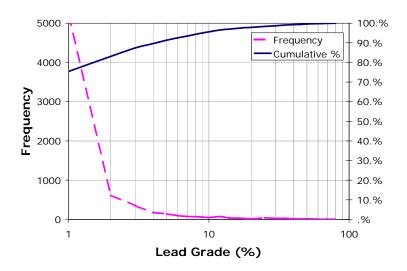
7inc Histogram

Zinc Histogram						
Range	Frequency	Cumulative %				
0	39	.49%				
0-1	3056	38.58%				
1-2	1599	58.51%				
2-3	999	70.97%				
3-4	603	78.48%				
4-5	393	83.38%				
5-6	259	86.61%				
6-7	174	88.78%				
7-8	123	90.31%				
8-9	132	91.96%				
9-10	74	92.88%				
10-12	118	94.35%				
12-14	68	95.20%				
14-16	58	95.92%				
16-18	42	96.45%				
18-20	33	96.86%				
20-25	65	97.67%				
25-30	41	98.18%				
30-35	33	98.59%				
35-40	27	98.93%				
40-45	23	99.21%				
45-50	32	99.61%				
50-55	15	99.80%				
55-60	14	99.98%				
60-65	2	100.00%				
65+	0	100.00%				

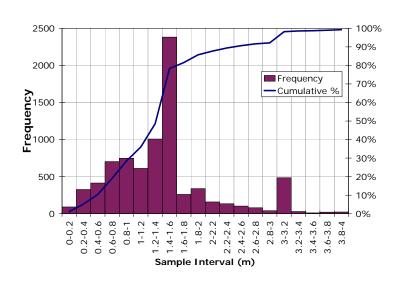


**Lead Histogram** 

Range	Frequency	Cumulative %
0	851	10.61%
0-1	5200	75.43%
1-2	616	83.11%
2-3	347	87.43%
3-4	173	89.59%
4-5	141	91.35%
5-6	94	92.52%
6-7	73	93.43%
7-8	70	94.30%
8-9	59	95.04%
9-10	45	95.60%
10-12	77	96.56%
12-14	34	96.98%
14-16	33	97.39%
16-18	25	97.71%
18-20	12	97.86%
20-25	41	98.37%
25-30	26	98.69%
30-35	29	99.05%
35-40	17	99.26%
40-45	10	99.39%
45-50	15	99.58%
50-55	10	99.70%
55-60	7	99.79%
60-65	3	99.83%
65-70	7	99.91%
70-75	3	99.95%
75-80	4	100.00%
+08	0	100.00%



Sample	Interval	Histogram
Range	Frequency	Cumulative %
0	0	.00%
0-0.2	91	1.13%
0.2-0.4	326	5.20%
0.4-0.6	413	10.35%
0.6-0.8	702	19.10%
0.8-1	746	28.40%
1-1.2	611	36.01%
1.2-1.4	1007	48.57%
1.4-1.6	2381	78.25%
1.6-1.8	260	81.49%
1.8-2	338	85.70%
2-2.2	159	87.68%
2.2-2.4	134	89.35%
2.4-2.6	103	90.64%
2.6-2.8	80	91.64%
2.8-3	40	92.13%
3-3.2	485	98.18%
3.2-3.4	29	98.54%
3.4-3.6	11	98.68%
3.6-3.8	21	98.94%
3.8-4	23	99.23%
4+	62	100.00%



## 10.2.2 Gays River Drilling, 2011

#### 10.2.2.1 Type and Extent of Drilling

Selwyn drilled a further 39 drill holes totalling 4,950.50 metres between August 11<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Of the 39 holes drilled, 34 were drilled on Mineral Lease 10-1 and five were drilled on Exploration License 6959. Three of the 39 holes were drilled to the north-east of the existing pit, while the remaining 36 were drilled in a broad area to the southwest of the pit. The deepest hole was 195 metres deep, the shallowest was 43 metres, and the mean depth was 128 metres. Drilling was carried out by Logan Drilling Group of Stewiacke, Nova Scotia.

Drill holes were planned to target zinc-lead sulphide mineralization that possessed the potential to expand upon the current mineral resource or provide greater definition. Targets were primarily chosen to the southwest of the current mine pit, along the margins of, and clustered toward the southwest extent of the Main Zone of the deposit.

#### 10.2.2.2 Drilling Procedures

Once targets were determined, drill collar locations were calculated using a projected drill hole inclination that would intersect the Gays River Formation carbonate bank front at an angle closest to perpendicular. Targets were fine-tuned based on ground factors, including terrain, proximity to watercourses, and property boundaries.

Drilling was carried out under the direction of ScoZinc and Selwyn Exploration staff. A skid-mounted Longyear-38 diamond drill was used to complete all drill holes, and was dragged onto each drill pad with the assistance of a small John Deer bulldozer. In addition to the drill, a covered water pump and drill rod sloop were also dragged to the area by bulldozer.

All recovered core was boxed, lidded and returned to the ScoZinc core shack where it was logged and sampled by ScoZinc exploration staff.

All drill core was logged, cut and sampled by ScoZinc and Selwyn staff at the ScoZinc core shack, ScoZinc mine complex. Both geotechnical and geological data was collected from all drill core. Geotechnical data collected included Total Core Recovery, RQD, strength and weathering data, "Q System" discontinuity orientation data, and RMR system data. Geological data collected included stratigraphic contacts, as well as all lithological, mineralogical, and structural observations of note.

#### 10.2.2.3 **Sampling**

Thirty eight drill holes intersected the Gays River Formation ("GRFM"). Silver and base metal analyses were conducted by a 23-element, four-acid digestion, ore-grade ICP-AES technique. Drill hole MNZ-005 was not sampled, as it did not intersect GRFM.

A total of 722 samples were submitted to Acme Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver (Acme). Of those 722 samples, 559 samples (77.4%) were actual core samples and 163 samples (22.6%) were QA/QC samples (see section 11.4).

#### 10.2.2.4 Summary and Interpretation of Results

All but one drill hole (MNZ-005) successfully intersected the mineralized Gays River Formation, although thicknesses and grades were somewhat variable.

Hole ID	UTM Easting	UTM Northing	Elev. (m)	Az (true)	Dip	EOH (m)
MNZ-001	472840.32	4986616.85	23.80	154.0	-75.0	165.1
MNZ-002	472817.22	4986556.71	32.51	155.0	-75.0	194.9
MNZ-003	472745.12	4986528.99	37.54	152.0	-65.0	161.0
MNZ-004	472705.01	4986537.07	39.28	155.0	-60.0	152.0
MNZ-005	472909.24	4986221.07	44.15	160.0	-87.0	56.0
MNZ-006	472581.14	4986477.00	45.45	158.0	-70.0	176.0
MNZ-007	472714.91	4986245.28	46.25	158.0	-80.0	63.0
MNZ-008	472548.94	4986453.18	46.78	143.0	-70.0	194.0
MNZ-009	472577.79	4986408.98	45.01	155.0	-70.0	167.0
MNZ-010	472668.51	4986234.87	47.74	152.0	-80.0	92.3
MNZ-011	472467.67	4986438.44	42.80	157.0	-70.0	179.0
MNZ-012	472492.13	4986422.43	43.95	150.0	-50.0	165.0
MNZ-013	472593.28	4986232.83	51.07	158.0	-75.0	80.0
MNZ-014	472460.65	4986399.30	45.53	152.0	-60.0	147.5
MNZ-015	472403.74	4986408.57	45.69	154.0	-65.0	143.0
MNZ-016	472334.97	4986387.29	44.59	146.0	-65.0	161.8
MNZ-017	472317.75	4986327.62	46.19	140.0	-75.0	187.0
MNZ-018	472435.54	4986153.22	51.11	150.0	-62.0	101.0
MNZ-019	472248.00	4986285.53	42.00	160.0	-81.0	164.0
MNZ-020	472347.33	4986078.11	52.03	151.0	-80.0	65.0
MNZ-021	472173.21	4986281.68	37.36	152.0	-66.0	155.0
MNZ-022	472077.24	4986272.60	20.88	150.0	-70.0	135.0
MNZ-023	472207.90	4986094.90	46.49	148.0	-80.0	74.0
MNZ-024	472238.97	4986038.08	47.46	134.0	-87.0	68.0
MNZ-025	472310.88	4985911.89	46.89	150.0	-87.0	43.2
MNZ-026	472087.89	4986245.72	26.58	150.0	-52.0	136.0
MNZ-027	472135.85	4986130.58	40.68	150.0	-60.0	84.0
MNZ-028	472044.77	4986205.24	20.97	338.0	-79.0	140.0
MNZ-029	472047.95	4986148.28	27.68	152.0	-51.0	95.0
MNZ-030	472099.70	4986061.13	38.52	163.0	-86.0	74.4
MNZ-031	472044.76	4986202.24	20.97	237.0	-65.0	136.0
MNZ-032	472125.32	4985935.07	53.32	323.0	-79.0	116.0
MNZ-033	472078.81	4985964.98	48.72	217.0	-76.0	143.0
MNZ-034	471955.78	4986084.56	31.66	150.0	-83.0	106.0
MNZ-035	471937.90	4986048.18	33.99	147.0	-65.0	122.7
MNZ-036	471954.85	4986081.72	31.36	276.0	-70.0	164.0
MNZ-037	473401.79	4986905.02	18.47	145.0	-86.0	191.0

Hole ID	UTM Easting	UTM Northing	Elev. (m)	Az (true)	Dip	EOH (m)
MNZ-038	473488.02	4986897.65	19.42	126.0	-64.0	133.9
MNZ-039	473667.10	4986733.54	30.92	170.0	-87.0	53.0

# 10.3 Getty Deposit

Drilling on the Getty Deposit was described in Cullen et al. (2011).

Historic diamond drilling information pertaining to the Getty deposit was compiled by Westminer in a digital database containing information for approximately 181 vertical holes totaling 16,875 meters of drilling. The Westminer database was originally prepared to support the resource estimate reported by Hudgins and Lamb (1992) and to this end, collar coordinates, lithologic codes, geologic legend and individual drill core assay interval results were compiled from original drill logs, checked for errors, and entered into the original digital database. All historic holes were initially coordinated to local Getty reference grid but Mercator subsequently transformed all drill hole coordinates into the Scotia Mine grid using historic tie points for which Acadian surveyors provided up to date mine grid coordination. Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates (Zone 20, NAD 83 Datum) were also calculated by Mercator for all holes in the project database and a listing of drill hole coordinates and orientation data for the deposit in the block model grid system appears in Cullen et al. (2011). Mercator staff physically checked all drill hole entries in the database against the original hard copy logs.

Between July 2007 and April 2008, Acadian completed 10,620 meters of drilling in 138 diamond drill holes on the Getty property under the direct supervision of Mercator staff. The drilling program focused on 1) validation of past drilling results, 2) infilling in areas where insufficient information existed to define mineral resources or in areas where upgrading of existing Inferred mineral resources to Indicated or Measured categories was possible, 3) re-drilling of historic holes where information on sampling and assays were missing and 4) extension of mineralized zone limits beyond those previously defined. Table 10-4 below present's collar information for all drill holes completed by Acadian during the 2007-2008 program and a drill collar location plan is included in Cullen et al. (2011).

Table 10-4: Collar Information by Acadian during 2007-2008<sup>a</sup>

Hole Number	Collar Coordinates Easting (m)	Collar Coordinates Northing (m)	Collar Elevation (m)	Angle (Deg.)	Depth (m)
S992-07	6893.91	6584.66	556.35	-90	74
S993-07	6929.3	6618.11	549.27	-90	94
S994-07	6856.41	6554.85	557.89	-90	80
S995-07	6821.7	6521.68	555.54	-90	80
S996-07	6848.41	6595.56	556.96	-90	71
S997-07	6930.65	6508.78	556.57	-90	77
S998-07	6781.44	6593.48	557.26	-90	56
S999-07	6814.47	6624.98	555.77	-90	59
S1000-07	6885.79	6686.53	545.67	-90	86
S1001-07	6845.17	6658.82	549.86	-90	68
S1002-07	6786.06	6490.32	553.46	-90	61
S1003-07	6768.48	6552.21	555.35	-90	55
S1004-07	6752.62	6685.67	552.13	-90	70
S1005-07	6721.44	6644.97	554.69	-90	62
S1006-07	6686.72	6625.8	557.38	-90	47
S1007-07	6677.94	6663.15	555.31	-90	59
S1008-07	6683.03	6555.39	561.89	-90	41
S1009-07	6660.73	6593.76	562.19	-90	44
S1010-07	6614.98	6667.11	558.38	-90	50
S1011-07	6659.09	6707.74	551.81	-90	62
S1012-07	6682.36	6743.91	548.51	-90	73
S1013-07	6565.82	6741.08	553.64	-90	41
S1014-07	6578.49	6782.15	548.88	-90	44
S1015-07	6548.12	6785.4	548.88	-90	35
S1016-07	6535.89	6832.24	545.65	-90	35
S1017-07	6617.88	6791.98	549.48	-90	47
S1018-07	6609.9	6750.15	551.23	-90	44
S1019-07	6716.98	6769.9	548.11	-90	41
S1020-07	6685.49	6840.5	545.4	-90	92
S1021-07	6731.32	6614.94	555.01	-90	88
S1022-07	6720.95	6531.89	558.79	-90	38
S1023-07	6681.89	6793.99	548.38	-90	89
S1024-07	6726.11	6814.06	547.27	-90	116
S1025-07	6651.11	6897.88	541.49	-90	62
S1026-07	6622.5	6932.19	539.15	-90	71
S1027-07	6597.45	6897.27	541.61	-90	56
S1028-07	6627.4	6863.73	543.79	-90	62
S1029-07	6695.96	6898.51	542.29	-90	82

Table 10-4: Collar Information by Acadian during 2007-2008<sup>a</sup>

Hole Number	Collar Coordinates Easting (m)	Collar Coordinates Northing (m)	Collar Elevation (m)	Angle (Deg.)	Depth (m)
S1030-07	6565.23	6857.1	544.22	-90	53
S1031-07	6749.13	6795.28	547.15	-90	110
S1032-07	6546.38	6900.8	540.64	-90	46
S1033-07	6654.41	6851.35	544.55	-90	66
S1034-07	6774.93	6837.9	544.93	-90	121
S1035-07	6721.65	6897.27	542.28	-90	109
S1036-07	6805.61	6879.92	543.86	-90	146
S1037-07	6751.97	6930.99	539.29	-90	107
S1038-07	6772.03	6951.67	537.47	-90	104
S1039-07	6603.08	7032.43	533.53	-90	78
S1040-07	6794.17	6918.98	541.32	-90	137
S1041-07	6670.44	6962.86	537.76	-90	61
S1042-07	6673.35	7031.89	529.53	-90	62
S1043-07	6744.07	6997.2	531.85	-90	80
S1044-07	6964.92	6534.27	554.71	-90	68
S1045-07	6993.7	6571.8	549.4	-90	80
S1046-07	6728.98	7029.9	527.17	-90	89
S1047-07	7033.36	6544.93	548.43	-90	62
S1048-07	7070.89	6511.28	547.12	-90	89
S1049-07	6698.73	6997.98	531.93	-90	60
S1050-07	7036	6590.68	545.38	-90	95
S1051-07	6731.34	6719.44	550.07	-90	76
S1052-07	6864.45	6441.26	552.43	-90	92
S1053-07	6857.46	6523.76	557.03	-90	89
S1054-07	6913.68	6433.7	553.87	-90	116
S1055-07	6999.86	6326.58	546.89	-90	151
S1056-07	6952.4	6314.51	544.55	-90	83
S1057-07	6975.89	6618.16	546.16	-90	101
S1058-08	6925.51	6667.45	545.26	-90	101
S1059-08	6997.46	6512.28	553.1	-90	71
S1060-07	7032.31	6419.19	548.38	-90	96
S1061-08	7005.67	6381.08	550.01	-90	121
S1062-08	7103.53	6470.53	544.62	-90	92
S1063-08	6795.97	6801.93	546.91	-90	107
S1064-08	6898.19	6224.86	535.36	-90	43
S1065-08	6853.43	6228.9	537.35	-90	64
S1066-08	6883.95	6318.98	540.69	-90	60
S1067-08	6883.85	6114.43	538.11	-90	48

Table 10-4: Collar Information by Acadian during 2007-2008<sup>a</sup>

Hole Number	Collar Coordinates Easting (m)	Collar Coordinates Northing (m)	Collar Elevation (m)	Angle (Deg.)	Depth (m)
S1068-08	6917.47	6721.67	544.39	-90	113
S1069-08	6906.4	6055.05	532.45	-90	71
S1070-08	6908.98	6368.17	548.36	-90	92
S1071-08	6826.52	6747.33	549.09	-90	88
S1072-08	6851.27	6786.47	546.98	-90	95
S1073-08	6742.15	6144.4	530.59	-90	27
S1074-08	6607.02	6107.87	524.85	-90	78
S1075-08	6947.63	6763.13	542.18	-90	113
S1076-08	6672.95	6163.98	528.14	-90	43
S1077-08	6811.59	6037.49	526.52	-90	60
S1078-08	6533.73	6301.72	543.98	-90	83
S1079-08	6549.57	7039.43	528.97	-90	80
S1080-08	6584.42	6310.65	543.13	-90	68
S1081-08	6637.48	6293.16	538.46	-90	32
S1082-08	6561.66	7000.93	531.65	-90	77
S1083-08	6616.27	6221.05	529.77	-90	44
S1084-08	6500.18	6997.6	530.26	-90	101
S1085-08	6526.73	6184.7	528.75	-90	117
S1086-08	6482.64	6911.99	538.37	-90	76
S1087-08	6468.44	6959.88	533.3	-90	95
S1088-08	6538.84	6228.15	532.35	-90	51
S1089-08	6535.1	6226.14	532.34	-90	95
S1090-08	6537.21	6351.61	552.64	-90	86
S1091-08	6728.05	7111.32	513.44	-90	83
S1092-08	6604.71	6354.78	550.65	-90	80
S1093-08	6763.48	7081.3	514.8	-90	59
S1094-08	6521.74	6394.32	560.35	-90	86
S1095-08	6803.17	7074.47	512.95	-90	72
S1096-08	6478.63	6368.11	556.93	-90	104
S1097-08	6434.31	6928.53	533.35	-90	95
S1098-08	6538.88	6442.45	564.27	-90	68
S1099-08	6468.35	6412.56	561.4	-90	112
S1100-08	6472.48	6865	539.96	-90	57
S1101-08	6512.89	7035.97	529.15	-90	104
S1102-08	6551.6	6494.31	564.66	-90	71
S1103-08	6594.06	6495.9	565.4	-90	62
S1104-08	6440.43	6964.51	531.46	-90	50
S1105-08	6557.47	6553.06	564.25	-90	122

Table 10-4: Collar Information by Acadian during 2007-2008<sup>a</sup>

Hole Number	Collar Coordinates Easting (m)	Collar Coordinates Northing (m)	Collar Elevation (m)	Angle (Deg.)	Depth (m)
S1106-08	6610.53	6545.52	566.28	-90	62
S1107-08	6518.11	6592.52	562.51	-90	101
S1108-08	6422.59	6869.34	539.52	-90	58
S1109-08	6467.99	6317.44	549.34	-90	59
S1110-08	6369.43	6864.19	537.5	-90	41
S1111-08	6389.85	6915.57	533.73	-90	73
S1112-08	6668.56	6196.65	528.77	-90	30
S1113-08	6656.95	6116.13	526.39	-90	78
S1114-08	6281.48	6867.3	535.48	-90	23
S1115-08	6662.51	6243.31	531.36	-90	26
S1116-08	6570.75	6406.75	561.01	-90	68
S1117-08	6257.15	6957.27	528.04	-90	62
S1118-08	6490.24	6252.22	539.16	-90	104
S1119-08	6551.7	6113.51	523.32	-90	77
S1120-08	6314.82	6982.61	527.53	-90	36
S1121-08	6236.26	6900.8	529.95	-90	38
S1122-08	6571.44	6219.21	530.35	-90	75
S1123-08	6960.44	6664.49	544.9	-90	116
S1124-08	6896.65	6538.24	557.69	-90	80
S1125-08	6987.14	6469.86	553.76	-90	89
S1126-08	6817.12	6150.5	534.95	-90	38
S1127-08	6489.42	6146.45	529.21	-90	137
S1128-08	6851.05	5283.15	543.74	-90	218
S1129-08	6256.73	6257.29	555.39	-90	177

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Data supplied by ScoZinc.

The complete Getty project drilling database includes results of the 138 diamond drill holes recently drilled by Acadian and the 184 historic drill holes completed during the 1970's, 181 of which were drilled by Getty and total 16,875 meters of drilling. The three remaining holes were completed by Esso during the same time period and totaled 157 meters of drilling. The resource outline pertinent to this report includes all of the 138 Acadian holes and 68 of the historic drill holes.

All holes were drilled vertically and mineralized intercepts from holes drilled on the bank top, where mineralization is generally horizontal, represent true width. Mineralization intercepts from holes drilled on the bank front, where mineralization slopes, have a true width that is 60-70% of the intercept width. Drill hole core recovery for Acadian drilling was in excess of 90% and recovery was not a factor in the resource estimation. A review of logs for historic drill holes and re-logging of select historic holes by Mercator did not identify core loss as an issue.

## 10.3.1 Logistics of Acadian Drill Program

Logan Drilling of Stewiacke, Nova Scotia was contracted to complete 2007-2008 drilling utilizing skid-mounted Longyear 38 drilling equipment equipped to recover NQ sized drill core (4.76 cm diameter). One drill was typically employed, but a second drill was periodically on site. Both machines typically operated on a 24 hour per day basis. Mercator was contracted to manage day to day drilling operations and provided onsite supervision, transportation of core to the secure logging facility at Acadian's Scotia Mine, plus logging of drill core and supervision of core sampling services. A registered land surveyor surveyed drill hole collars, and all drill holes were coordinated to the local Scotia Mine grid system.

# 11 SAMPLE PREPARATION, ANALYSIS AND SECURITY

# 11.1 Getty Deposit (pre-2008)

Sample preparation, analysis and security measures for the Getty Deposit were described in Cullen *et al* (2011). In part, Cullen *et al* remark that:

"Reports documenting the Getty and Esso drilling programs in the Getty deposit area do not provide detailed descriptions of sample preparation methodologies, analytical procedures or security considerations. However, both Getty and Esso were major, reputable exploration companies carrying out exploration programs in various settings at that time. More specifically, Esso was also in the process of defining reserves at the adjacent Gays River mine at the time and appears to have employed the same operating protocols for Getty drilling as were applied at the adjacent development property. Mercator is of the opinion that, while not specifically detailed in historic reporting, procedures employed by both Getty and Esso for sample preparation, record keeping, chemical analysis, and security, would have met industry standards of the day. This assertion is supported by review of original drill logs and supporting data, physical review of archived core and through recognition that both companies completed resource estimate and preliminary development assessments based on the same historic drilling results." (Cullen et al., 2011, section 12.1)

# 11.2 Gays River Deposit (pre-2008)

There is no written record regarding the sampling method employed during the early exploration years (i.e.: pre-1970's) in the Scotia Mine area.

The exploration approach and sample collection procedures employed by the more recent exploration efforts reflects thorough sampling methodology and documentation procedures. Exploration activity was carried out in a professional manner by a team of local, experienced geologists and technicians supervised by Esso's, Seabright's, Westminer's, Savage's, and ScoZinc's professional staff. The work has been well organised throughout their exploration efforts and more recently computer facilities were available to generate reports and prepare maps, etc. from the vast database.

The assay data and other parameters for all core drilling programs and underground work were entered into a computerised database using Microsoft Excel and resource estimate generating software programs. The quality control and validation of the coded data included steps to ensure that the assay intervals and the sample locations were correct. To ensure accuracy of the database, all assays were coded and the data entry system automatically checked for interval overlaps. The coded assays were also printed and a visual inspection was completed for comparison with the original (logged) data sheets. The sample locations were validated with appropriate plotting and visual checks against the original sections and plans.

Core drilling was carried out using North American service providers with the collection of BQ and NQ core. The portions of core to be analysed were either split or sawed into two sections with one half submitted for analysis, the other half remaining in the core tray. All sampling procedures were carried out on site.

Sampled core lengths were determined visually. All drill holes were logged, noting lithology, structure, alteration and mineralisation. Core recovery was generally greater than 90 %. Early in the exploration program, the samples were sent via air cargo to several analytical laboratories; however, after the construction of the mill facility, the internal laboratory was used.

Core samples from Savage's 1997 drilling program and ScoZinc's 2004 drilling program were submitted to the Minerals Engineering Centre of Dalhousie University (formerly Technical University of Nova Scotia) in Halifax. The laboratory is independent of Savage, ScoZinc and Selwyn. The laboratory is not International Standard Organisation (ISO) accredited.

According to the Minerals Engineering Centre; the core sample preparation procedure was as follows. The samples were dried, and then crushed in one or more jaw crushers, depending on the original size, to under one-quarter inch. The sample was then split in a Jones riffle to a mass of 150-200 grams. The sample was then pulverised using a ring and puck pulveriser to 80 % minus 200 mesh (75 microns). Then it was put into either a bag or a vial. Rejects were kept for six months.

The sample analysis procedure consisted of the following: one gram sample lots were digested with hydrochloric-nitric-hydrofluoric-perchloric acids. Elements were determined by Flame Atomic Absorption with detection limit of 1 ppm. Arsenic was determined by atomic absorption/hydride generation method.

Reference standards from CANMET were routinely used as internal checks on the accuracy of the analysis.

# 11.3 Gays River & Getty Deposits (2008)

### 11.3.1 Site Procedures

Cullen (2011) provided the following description for the sampling methods that were used for the 2008 drilling program (Gays River and Getty deposits).

## **Sample Security and Chain of Custody**

In accordance with the sample protocol established by Mercator for the 2008 drilling program, all drill core was delivered from the drill site to the secure and private core logging facility at Acadian's Scotia Mine by either Logan Drilling Limited staff or Mercator field staff. Drill core logging was carried out by a Mercator geologist who also marked core for sampling and supervised core splitting by a technician using a rock saw. Sample tag numbers from a three tag sample book system were used for the program,

with one tag showing corresponding down hole sample interval information placed in the sampled core boxes at appropriate locations, one tag lacking down hole interval information placed in the core sample bag for shipment to the laboratory, and the third tag with sample interval information retained in the master sample book for future reference and database entry purposes. After sampling, core boxes were closed and placed in storage at the Scotia Mine site. Sealed sample bags were placed in an ordered sequence prior to insertion of quality control samples, preparation of sample shipment documentation, checking, and placement in plastic buckets for shipment by commercial courier to Eastern Analytical Limited ("Eastern"), a recognized commercial laboratory located in Springdale Newfoundland. A check pulp sample split was prepared at Eastern for every 25<sup>th</sup> submitted sample and these were labelled, placed in a sealed envelope and returned to Mercator. After insertion of certified standard and blank samples, all check samples were sent to ALS Chemex in Sudbury, ON for independent analysis of zinc and lead levels. All other prepared pulps and coarse reject material was stored at Eastern until the end of the program, at which time they were shipped back to Scotia Mine for secure archival storage.

## 11.3.2 Laboratory Procedures

Cullen (2011) provided the following description for the sampling methods that were used for the 2008 drilling program (Gays River and Getty deposits).

## **Core Sample Preparation**

Core samples received by Eastern were organized and labelled and then placed in drying ovens until completely dry. Dried samples were crushed in a Rhino Jaw Crusher to consist of approximately 75% minus 10 Mesh material. The crushed sample was riffle split until 250 to 300 grams of material was separated and the remainder of the sample was bagged and stored as coarse reject. The 250 – 300 gram split was pulverized using a ring mill to consist of approximately 98% minus 150 Mesh material. All samples underwent ICP analysis, for which a 0.50g portion of the pulverized material was required. Those samples containing greater than 2200 ppm of zinc or lead were then processed using ore grade analysis for which 0.20g of pulverized material was required. Laboratory sample preparation equipment was thoroughly cleaned between samples in accordance with standard laboratory practise.

Check sample splits of pulverised core were submitted to the ALS Chemex laboratory facility in Sudbury, Ontario as part of the project quality control and assurance protocol. This material was prepared in approximately 100 gram bagged splits by Eastern and returned to Mercator for subsequent submission to ALS Chemex. Since the received split material had already been pulverised, further preparation was limited to homogenization and splitting of a 0.4g portion for subsequent analysis.

#### **Core Sample Analysis**

Eastern Analytical procedures outlined below pertain to all core samples from the 2008 drill program.

ICP Analysis: A 0.50 gram sample is digested with 2ml HNO3 in a 95 C water bath for ½ hour, after which 1ml HCL is added and the sample is returned to the water bath for an additional ½ hour. After cooling, samples are diluted to 10ml with deionized water, stirred and let stand for 1 hour to allow precipitate to settle.

For ore grade analysis base metals (lead, zinc, copper), a 0.20g sample is digested in a beaker with 10ml of nitric acid and 5ml of hydrochloric acid for 45 minutes. Samples are then transferred to 100ml volumetric flasks and analyzed on the Atomic Absorption Spectro-Photometer (AA). The lower detection limit is 0.01% and the upper detection limit is > 2200 ppm lead or zinc.

For silver, a 1000mg sample is digested in a 500ml beaker with 10ml of hydrochloric acid and 10ml of nitric acid with the cover left on for 1 hour. Covers are then removed and the liquid is allowed to evaporate leaving a moist paste. 25ml of hydrochloric acid and 25ml of deionised water are then added and the solution is gently heated and swirled to dissolve the solids. The cooled material is transferred to 100ml volumetric flask and is analyzed using AA. The lower detection limit is 0.01oz/t of silver with no upper detection limit.

A prepared sample is digested in 75% aqua regia for 120 minutes. After cooling, the resulting solution is diluted to volume (100 ml) with de-ionized water, mixed and then analyzed by inductively coupled plasma - atomic emission spectrometry or by atomic absorption spectrometry.

# 11.4 Gays River Deposit (2011)

#### 11.4.1 Site Procedures

All drill core was logged, cut and sampled by ScoZinc and Selwyn staff at the ScoZinc core shack, ScoZinc mine complex. Sampling of mineralized core from the Gays River Formation and adjacent units involved breaking the mineralized range into 20-150 cm samples, inserting regular QA/QC duplicate, blank and standard samples as per company protocol, and halving each sample longitudinally with a diamond bladed rock saw. One half of the sample was placed back in the core box for storage, and the other half was bagged and sent away for assay in Vancouver.

#### 11.4.2 Laboratory Procedures

Samples were assayed at Acme Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver (Acme) for preparation and analysis. The Acme laboratory in Vancouver is certified ISO9001:2008 compliant for the provision of assays and geochemical assays. Acme is independent of the issuer.

Samples were weighed, analyzed using four-acid digestion multi-element ICP-ES (method 7TD), and tested for specific gravity (method G8SG).

The general sample preparation method used by Acme for rock and drill core is described as follows:

Rock and Drill Core crushed to 80% passing 10 mesh (2 mm), homogenized, riffle split (250g, 500g, or 1000g subsample) and pulverized to 85% passing 200 mesh (75 microns). Crusher and pulveriser are cleaned by brush and compressed air between routine samples. Granite/Quartz wash scours equipment after high-grade samples, between changes in rock colour and at end of each file. Granite/Quartz is crushed and pulverized as first sample in sequence and carried through to analysis.

Method 7TD is described by Acme as follows:

0.5g sample split is digested to complete dryness with an acid solution of H2O-HF-HClO4-HNO3. 50% HCl is added to the residue and heated using a mixing hot block. After cooling the solutions are made up to volume with dilute HCl in class A volumetric flasks. Sample split of 0.1g may be necessary for very high-grade samples to accommodate analysis up to 100% upper limit.

Method G8SG is described by Acme as follows:

**G812 Specific Gravity Pulp, SG**: A split of dry pulp is weighed to a class A volumetric flask. Flask and pulp are weighed precisely on a top-loading balance. Measure and record the weight then calculate for specific gravity.

**G813 Specific Gravity Core, SG**: Analysis can be conducted on whole samples of rock or core in irregular shape. Specific gravity is determined by measuring the displacement of water. A sample is dried at 105oC to remove all moisture then allowed to cool. The sample of the rock or drill core is first weighed in air then submerged in a container of water. Measure the mass of immersed sample and record the weight then calculate for specific gravity. Sample can also be coated with a thin layer of hot wax so that any soluble material in the core or rock is not in contact with the water.

## 11.4.3 Quality Control Procedures

#### 11.4.3.1 Quality Control Samples

Of the 722 samples sent to Acme, 51 were standards, 58 were duplicates, 54 were blanks, for a total of 163 QA/QC samples. The remaining 559 were regular assays.

Of the blanks, all but one were at the lower detection limit for lead (0.01%) while a single sample was above the lower detection limit, with a value of 0.02% lead. Similarly, all but three of the blanks were at the lower detection limit for zinc (0.005 %) while three samples were above the lower detection limit, with values of 0.01%, 0.02% and 0.04%.

Of the duplicates, 38 of the 58 had a difference in lead at or below the detection limit. For the remaining samples, the average difference was 0.24% lead; 9 samples had a difference at or above 0.20% lead, with the greatest difference being 0.91% lead.

24 of the 58 duplicates had a difference in zinc at or below the detection limit. For the remaining samples, the average difference was 0.19% zinc; 9 samples had a difference at or above 0.20% zinc, with the greatest difference being 0.95% zinc.

Two types of standard were used – Standard F (28 used) and Standard G (23 used). Both were created by WCM Sales Ltd. Standard F has a mean value of 1.240% lead and 2.000% zinc, while Standard G has a mean value of 6.680% lead and 3.780% zinc, both with a tolerance of +/-2 standard deviations. The table below summarizes the results:

Table 11-1 - 2011 Sampling Standards

Standard	Expected	Average	Minimum	Maximum
	Value	Tested Value	Tested Value	Tested Value
Standard F – Lead	1.240%	1.21%	1.14%	1.28%
Standard F – Zinc	2.000%	2.13%	2.02%	2.22%
Standard G – Lead	6.680%	6.55%	6.20%	7.11%
Standard G – Zinc	3.780%	3.91%	3.76%	4.06%

Results from the check samples are within acceptable limits.

## 11.4.3.2 Umpire assays

Split pulps of 135 samples were re-analysed at the ALS Minerals laboratory in Vancouver (ALS). ALS Minerals is a division of ALS Ltd., and is independent of the issuer and is certified to the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC).

The comparison found that the vast majority of the split pulps are within a +/-15% tolerance. After correcting for the lower detection limit, two zinc samples containing less than 0.1% zinc and one lead sample containing more than 0.1% lead had a difference of more than 15% between the Acme and ALS assay results. Overall the results are acceptable and serve to confirm the results of the wider body of Acme lab samples.

## 11.4.4 Author's Opinion

The author, Mr. Jason Dunning, considers the procedures used for the 2011 samples to be adequate for the purposes of this report.

# 12 DATA VERIFICATION

# 12.1 Gays River Deposit

As stated in Roy and Carew (2011), reviewed the sampling results and verified that the sample types and density are adequate for establishing Resources and Reserves. The sampling results are representative of the mineralization. The available information and sample density allow a reliable estimate to be made of the size, tonnage and grade of the mineralization in accordance with the level of confidence established by the Mineral Resource categories in the CIM Standards.

## 12.1.1 Database Validation

A sample of 59 drill holes (4.3%) was selected for database validation. The collar locations, downhole survey data, geological logs and assay data in the database was compared against the original, written logs.

#### 12.1.1.1 Methodology

ScoZinc provided scanned original drill logs in Adobe \*.pdf format. An up-to-date copy of the electronic database of all drill hole information was also provided. An additional data file of drill hole co-ordinates was supplied, as many of the original drill logs did not have co-ordinates.

A total of 59 holes were selected (Table 12-1). Most of the holes were located within areas with the highest economic potential, but the selection process also strived to provide good coverage for the whole deposit. This amounted to 4.3% of the more than 1400 holes drilled on the property.

Print-outs were made of the relevant sections of each of the holes and also of the assay data of the corresponding assay intervals. The assays were printed on the reverse of the drill logs. Co-ordinates on the log and database were manually compared.

#### 12.1.1.2 Results

The data in the Excel database and original drill logs were manually compared. They were found to be, for the most part, comparable. Many of the original drill logs, both underground and surface, did not have collar co-ordinates or downhole survey data. Another database was located that contained the required information. It is more than likely that the holes were surveyed and the information filed in a separate location from the original logs.

Table 12-1: Holes That Were Verified During the Database Validation

S61	S352	S613	S882	U047	U206
S69	S390	S634	S938	U057	U217
S71	S404	S648	S939	U061	U218
S85	S423	S663	S943	U073	U246
S94	S431	S690	S956	U087	U259
S110	S466	S703	S975	U093	U290
S183	S473	S705	S976	U106	U297
S220	S555	S726	S980	U129	U321
S251	S568	S843	U003	U148	U337
S268	S574	S857	U008	U174	

The following holes were found to have discrepancies between the original data from the drill logs and the final database:

- S 69 Database 73.76-75.59 lead 0.01% Original Log 73.76-75.59 lead 0.32%
- Assay data for database match that on original log. However, a hand-written correction on the log shows reduced lead and zinc values.
- S 663 Minor sample depth errors not significant.
- Assays on original log for interval 89.0-99.83 meters not shown. These were likely assayed at a later date.
- S 726 Assay section on original log 77.72- 83.82 m (6.1m) used on database. Original log interval was corrected by hand at a later date to 2 ft. (0.61m)
- U 129 Sample from 115'-125' (10') misread as 115' -128' (13'). Written entry on original log looks like 128'.
- U218 Azimuth on database shows 235 degrees, which is consistent with other angle holes with the same co-ordinates. However, a listing in another database shows an azimuth of 180 degrees. It is more than likely that the database listing is correct.

#### **12.1.1.3** Conclusion

With the exception of Hole S 110 and S 726, where significant assay intervals and values were involved, the remainder of the holes do not represent any factor that would change the status of the deposit. In general, the data transfer from the original logs was of high quality and the database was considered a valid representation of the mineral deposit.

## 12.1.2 Verification Sampling

The Scotia Mine property was visited by Mr. Reg Comeau of ACA Howe on June 17 and June 21 and on September 22 and September 26, 2004 in order to become familiar with the area and to conduct verification sampling on the property. Split, random, core samples were inspected and sampled from the site on the second visit during the 2004 drilling campaign. These core samples were in the area of the proposed low grade open pit, in the central portion of the deposit, as well as the Northeast zones' higher grade area. A second set of core samples from the 1997 drilling campaign was later collected by Mr. Doug Roy.

Samples from 1997 and 2004 drilling campaigns were collected, packaged and independently shipped by Reg Comeau. All samples were taken from the remaining half core samples in the core boxes and were sawed in half, reflecting a quarter core sample. The remaining quarter core was left in the core tray. The samples were packaged and shipped to ACA Howe's office in Toronto, then subsequently shipped to and analyzed by SGS Toronto. The comparison of assay results is shown in Table 12-2.

The comparison of analytical results between the original 1997 SGS samples and the samples from the 2004 drilling program (analyzed at Minerals Engineering Centre of Dalhousie University) was excellent.

The author is satisfied that the assay data base for the property is sound and sufficient for the purpose of estimating resources and reserves.

**Table 12-2: Results of Verification Sampling** 

				Original Assay		Howe Sampling		
Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	% Zn	% Pb	% Zn	% Pb	
2004 Drilling Program by ScoZinc - Pit Area								
S968	2.70	4.70	2.00	3.38	0.29	3.62	0.14	
S969	8.00	10.00	2.00	2.15	0.00	2.22	0.00	
S971	2.90	4.90	2.00	4.63	0.00	3.91	0.00	
S972	14.30	16.30	2.00	1.86	0.18	2.06	0.17	
S973	74.00	75.00	1.00	11.90	14.98	14.18	17.25	
S974	66.80	68.00	2.00	2.46	2.22	2.59	1.95	
S976	98.10	98.45	0.35	7.66	0.23	7.19	0.17	
2004 Drilling Program by ScoZinc - Northeast Zone								
S977	96.00	96.40	0.40	6.77	0.01	9.47	0.01	
S982	133.30	133.60	0.30	0.84	0.32	0.84	0.18	

				Original Assay		Howe Sampling		
Hole #	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	% Zn	% Pb	% Zn	% Pb	
1997 Drilling Program by Westminer - Pit Area								
S926	18.40	19.90	1.50	2.82	0.01	3.16	<0.01	
	19.90	21.40	1.50	3.27	0.01	2.86	<0.01	
S933	12.10	13.60	1.50	1.40	0.01	1.47	0.01	
	13.60	14.90	1.30	2.78	0.01	2.45	<0.01	
S936	8.50	9.80	1.30	3.73	0.01	4.20	<0.01	
	11.00	12.20	1.20	1.02	0.01	0.98	<0.01	
1997 Drilling Program by Westminer - Northeast Zone								
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S943	60.75	62.00	1.25	7.56	2.63	6.95	2.76	
	62.00	63.00	1.00	3.16	5.70	2.78	3.30	
S950	36.00	37.15	1.15	5.20	3.02	3.99	2.19	
	37.15	38.25	1.10	17.37	1.07	15.54	0.67	
S953	91.80	92.65	0.85	4.41	7.34	3.97	7.47	

## 12.2 Getty Deposit

Data verification measures for the Getty Deposit were described in Cullen et al. (2011):

"Review by Mercator of all government assessment reports and internal Acadian files available from the Scotia Mine site established that typed lithologic logs with complete assay records from the Getty drilling era were available. However, original sample record books, laboratory reports and other associated information were not found. The digital drill hole database used for the Westminer's 1992 resource estimate was also obtained from Acadian and validated against the original hard copy drill log and assay record entries. Checking of digital records included manual inspection of individual database lithocode entries against source hard copy drill logs as well as use of automated validation routines that detect specific data entry logical errors associated with sample records, drill hole lithocode intervals, collar tables and down-hole survey tables. Drill hole intervals were also checked for sample interval and assay value validity against the original drill logs. Database entries were found to be of consistently acceptable quality but minor lithocode and assay entry corrections were made by Mercator. These were incorporated to create the validated and functional drilling database used in the resource estimate. As noted earlier, original assays certificates were not found for any of the historic drilling programs and no records of the laboratories to which samples were submitted for analysis, or methods of analysis, were documented in any of the historic drilling reports reviewed for the resource estimate.

"As part of the validation process, Mercator staff visited the NSDNR Core Library in Stellarton, Nova Scotia to review and sample core from the archived Getty drill holes. Nineteen holes where examined but only one hole GGR-212 was re-logged in detail and ten holes ... were re-sampled and analyzed for purposes of quality control and quality assurance. These provided additional verification of historical assays and logging results. Results of this and related programs are presented below under separate headings." (Cullen et al., 2011, section 13.1)

"Combined results of the Getty drill hole re-sampling and twin hole programs by Acadian generally support the earlier conclusion of Cullen et al.. (2008), based on a smaller data set, that validated historic drilling information represented in Acadian's Getty deposit database is of acceptable quality for resource estimation purposes." (Cullen et al..).

# 12.3 Adjacent Properties

There are no significant adjacent mineral properties.

# 13 MINERAL PROCESSING AND METALLURGICAL TESTING

# 13.1 Summary

As discussed in section 8, the low grade lead/zinc deposit is of the Mississippi Valley Type (MVT). The projected Life of Mine (LOM) mill feed grades were calculated to be 1.69% Pb and 3.20% Zn.

The plant throughput rates approximated 55,000 dmt per month in 2008. Selwyn proposes to make plant modifications which, together with improved plant availability, will permit average mill feed rates of about 73,000 dmt per month, or 877,800 dmt per annum.

The projected metallurgical performance provides for a lead concentrate grading 70% Pb at 91% recovery (in year 2 and beyond), and a zinc concentrate grading 57% Zn at 86% recovery. The first year of operation is expected to mirror previous operational performance as the plant undergoes significant upgrades and operational improvements. Significant capital costs are expected to be incurred to modernize the grinding, flotation and dewatering processes. The mill improvements are intended to bring the processing facilities to a modern technical standard of operating efficiency.

Allowance is made in the production schedule to reflect the adverse effects of plant tune-up and crew training during the first twelve months of operation. The projected metallurgical performance is predicated on having in place competent operating and maintenance crews, a fully-functional assay laboratory and an effective preventive maintenance program.

No deleterious minor elements are contained in the concentrates. The products should be readily marketable, given the clean high-grade nature of the concentrates.

# 13.2 Metallurgical Testwork

Selwyn recently completed a program of metallurgical test work that evaluated a single composite sample of lead-zinc mineralization from the Gays River project. The test work was completed at ALS Metallurgy of Kamloops, B.C. and the results are contained in their report entitled "Metallurgical Testing of ScoZinc Mineralization – KM3677". No other metallurgical test reports are available or have been reviewed.

The test work completed at ALS Metallurgy indicated that high recoveries of both lead and zinc can be expected from the material with high quality concentrates. A summary of the metallurgical performance of the ScoZinc mineralization, extracted from the ALS metallurgical report, is shown in Table 13-1.

**Table 13-1: Metallurgical Test Results** 

Product	Mass	Assay - percent			Distribution - percent		
Product	%	Pb	Zn	Fe	Pb	Zn	Fe
Test 9 - Cycles IV and V							
Flotation Feed	100	1.83	2.46	0.9	100	100	100
Lead 2nd Clnr Con	2.4	71.7	3.00	0.5	93.5	2.9	1.4
Zn 3rd Cleaner Con	3.4	0.78	61.3	0.5	1.5	86.0	1.7
Zn 1st Cleaner Tail	3.7	0.76	2.75	1.5	1.5	4.1	5.9
Zn Rougher Tail	90.5	0.07	0.19	0.9	3.5	7.0	91.0
Test 10 - Cycles IV and V							
Flotation Feed	100	1.82	2.44	1.0	100	100	100
Lead 2nd Clnr Con	2.5	68.9	3.71	0.6	94.3	3.8	1.6
Zn 3rd Cleaner Con	3.6	0.72	59.0	0.5	1.4	86.9	1.8
Zn 1st Cleaner Tail	4.7	0.40	1.82	1.3	1.1	3.5	6.6
Zn Rougher Tail	89.2	0.06	0.16	1.0	3.2	5.8	90.0

Within the metallurgical test program at ALS Metallurgy, preliminary liberation analysis of the lead and zinc mineralization was completed confirming the selection of particle size distribution for the re-start of the operation.

The flowsheet used in the completion of laboratory test work is significantly simplified from that currently in place at the ScoZinc site and modifications are recommended to simplify the process flowsheet.

# 13.3 2008 Plant Metallurgical Performance

#### 13.3.1 Mill Feed Grades

Figure 13-1 indicates the monthly feed grades that were reported during the period January to November, inclusive, in 2008. The lead feed grades were erratic during the period, while the zinc feed grade increased each month, following the end of the first quarter.

The average projected feed grades for years 1 through 8 are shown, based on the August 11, 2011 mine plan values. The projected average lead grades are higher than those achieved in 2008 while the projected zinc grades are similar to those experienced during the final two months of operations in 2008. An increase in feed grades will generally enhance metallurgical performance. It may be necessary, however, to adjust the mining schedule and/or implement ore stockpile management practices to minimize potential short term fluctuations in plant feed grade and maximize mill performance.

Expected lead feed grades for the first 4 years of operation are above the grade of the test sample used at ALS Metallurgy, and zinc feed grades for the first 6 years of operation are higher than the grade of the test sample.

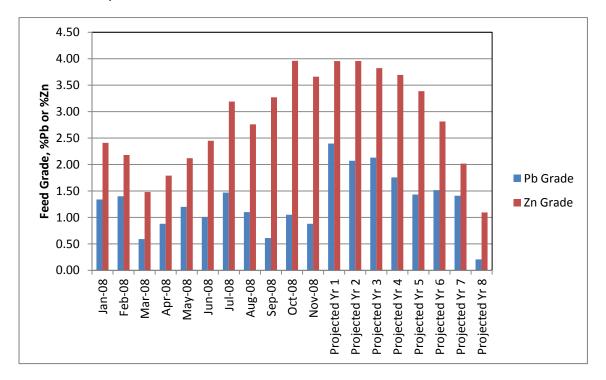


Figure 13-1: Monthly Feed Grades

## 13.3.2 Metallurgy

The reported high concentrate grades and metal recoveries reflect the relatively simple mineralogical characteristics of this type of mineralization. The mill process is designed to remove lead in the primary recovery steps with the resultant tail to be processed for zinc recovery.

The ScoZinc operations were disrupted to varying degrees by mechanical problems and materials handling difficulties. The proposed changes are intended to correct the known mill deficiencies prior to the resumption of operations. The overall flowsheet is simplified to reduce circulating loads within the flotation plant. It is reasonable to assume that, given more stable operating conditions, the metallurgical performance will exceed that achieved in 2008 and more closely approximate the metallurgical results seen in the recent test work conducted at ALS Metallurgy. Operational efficiency generally also results in reduction in mill operating costs.

The plant metallurgical results were influenced by fluctuations in feed grade: metallurgical results improved with increasing feed grades, and conversely deteriorated as feed grades decreased. This was particularly evident in the case of zinc metallurgical response. Metallurgical projections have been

adjusted to reflect fluctuations in feed grade. However, no provision has been included to allow for major short-term variations which will affect metallurgical performance and possibly mill throughput rates. A blending program may help alleviate lead grade variation and associated loss in mill efficiency.

The key operational problem in past operating periods was the loss of lead mineralization into the zinc circuit. This problem appears to be the result of not knowing the grade of lead circuit tailings (feed to the zinc circuit) on a real time basis. This issue could be corrected with the installation of an on-stream analyzer.

An on-stream analyzer is proposed in the mill circuit to allow the measurement of the following process streams for lead, zinc, iron, and insoluble material:

Flotation Feed

Lead Rougher Tailings

Final Lead Concentrate

Final Zinc Rougher Tailings

Final Zinc Concentrate

First Zinc Cleaner Tailings

The monthly lead and zinc grade/recovery data for the period January to November 2008 are shown in Figure 13-2 and Figure 13-3, respectively, as provided in the Monthly Reports filed on SEDAR. As can be seen in this data, there is no significant trend that can be attributed to normal metallurgical limitations, rather, it appears that operational instability, possibly due to feed grade fluctuations are modulating the grade/recovery data.

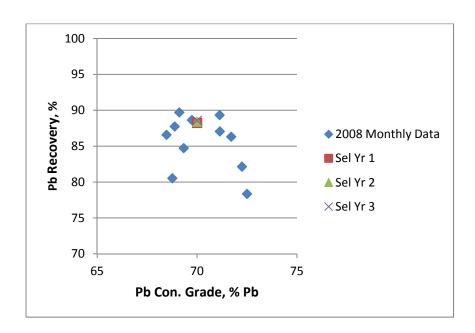


Figure 13-2: Historical 2008 Lead Grade Recovery Data

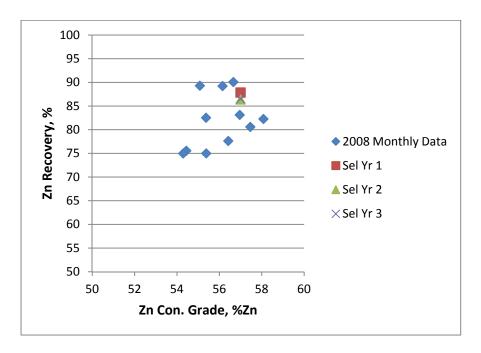


Figure 13-3: Historical 2008 Zinc Grade Recovery Data

No prior data is available with respect to the sensitivity of metallurgical performance to changes in flotation feed grind size, rougher concentrate regrind size or flotation circuit retention times. These parameters will change as a result of the increased mill feed rates proposed, and the higher feed grades. Upon achievement of stable operations, Selwyn proposes to conduct comprehensive circuit

sampling surveys which, in conjunction with mineralogical analyses, could identify means by which further improvements in metallurgical performance might be attained. Estimated costs for this analysis are included in the project economics.

Expected metallurgical recoveries, head grades etc by year are shown in Table 22-2. Constant concentrate grades are assumed throughout, for zinc and lead.

## 13.3.3 Metallurgical Accounting

Metallurgical projections are based on data provided in the ScoZinc monthly reports. While there is no reason to doubt the validity of these data, a lack of relevant procedural documentation and reports precluded audits and validation of important metallurgical accounting information.

# 14 MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

The Gays River Deposit's mineral resource estimate was prepared by Doug Roy, P.Eng. of MineTech International Limited and Mr. Tim Carew, P.Geo. of Reserva International LLC. Getty's mineral resource estimate was prepared by Cullen et al (2011) of Mercator Geological Services. The estimates were separately prepared using slightly different parameters, the most significant of which were different zinc-equivalent grade formulae and different block cut-off grades for resource reporting. These differences preclude reporting a total for both Deposits. In other words, mineral resources for the Gays River and Getty Deposits are reported separately.

Only Mineral Resources were identified. No economics work, such as estimating capital and operating costs, that would be required for identifying Mineral Reserves, was carried out. In other words, no Mineral Reserves were identified.

# 14.1 Gays River Deposit

Main Zone mineral resources, located south and west of Gays River, were estimated by Tim Carew, M.Sc., P.Geo., who was a Co-author of the updated Mineral Resource report filed October 8 2012 and is a Qualified Person under Section 1.1 of National Instrument 43-101, Updated Mineral Resource report Filed October 8,2012. Estimation of Main Zone mineral resources is discussed in Section 14.1.3.

Northeast Zone mineral resources, located underneath and northeast of Gays River, were calculated by Douglas Roy, M.A.Sc., P.Eng., who was the above mentioned report's Principal Author and is a Qualified Person under Section 1.1 of National Instrument 43-101, Updated Mineral Resource report Filed October 8,2012. Estimation of Northeast Zone mineral resources is discussed in Section 14.1.5.

The Main Zone mineral resources (discussed in Section 14.1.3) were originally modelled by Tim Carew for Savage Resources during 1998. Mr. Carew updated the model using linear unfolding for a NI 43-101-compliant resource estimated in 2006 (Roy et al, 2006). An update of the resource estimate was completed in 2011 (Roy et al, 2011). As there had been no new drilling in this zone since 2006, the significant changes from 2006 were (1) a re-tabulation of Main Zone mineral resources using the revised zinc-equivalent grade (for lead – refer to Section 14.1.1) and (2) subtraction of the material that was mined during 2007 and 2008. This current update of the resource estimate incorporates new drilling by Selwyn Resources in 2011, and a re-interpretation of the Main Zone model based on a Low-Grade threshold of 0.5% zinc-equivalent, as opposed to the 2% threshold used in previous modeling.

Mr. Roy estimated the Northeast Zone's mineral resources in 2006 using a cross-sectional end-area method (Roy et al, 2006). For the current estimate, Mr. Roy re-estimated those resources using block modelling and carried out grade estimation using inverse distance weighting (refer to Section 14.1.5)

Though mineral resources for the Main and Northeast Zones were estimated separately, they abut one another and represent a single, geologically continuous, mineralised body.

## 14.1.1 Zinc-Equivalent Grade

For cut-off grade purposes, lead's zinc-equivalent grade was calculated and added to the zinc grade.

Using reasonable metal prices derived from current (at the time of report writing) and going-forward LME contract prices, recovery values from previous mill production, and typical smelter return values, 1% lead is equivalent to 1.2% zinc. The zinc + zinc equivalent grade was added to the block model field "ZnEq".

- 1. Recovery values are actual values from 2008.
- 2. Smelter returns were estimated.
- 3. Metal prices were supplied by Selwyn on Aug 7, 2012.

## 14.1.2 Specific Gravity/Density

Prior to 2007-2008, there was no record of any systematic whole-rock SG measurements being taken. Therefore, a formula for specific gravity based on zinc and lead grades was used for the mineralised zones. This formula, which was also used by Savage Resources for their 1998 resource estimate, was:

$$SG = \frac{1}{(Pb\%/(86.6x7.6) + Zn\%/(67.0x4.0) + (1 - Pb\%/86.6 - Zn\%/67.0)/2.7)}$$

Selwyn undertook SG measurements on core from the 2011 drilling program, with 559 determinations in all and 250 determinations on intervals above the mineralised threshold of 0.5% zinc-equivalent. On average the formula overestimated the SG by 0.4%, with a standard deviation of 3%. This difference is not considered to be material, and the formula-estimated values have been retained for the current estimate.

#### 14.1.3 Main Zone Resources

#### 14.1.3.1 General

The deposit is characterised by complex geometry and is difficult to model in terms of standard techniques. Lying along a 'paleo-shoreline', it features repetitive changes in strike of 90° or more around a general trend of 060° Azimuth, with varying dip. This geometry makes it difficult to incorporate the true spatial relationship of the samples for estimation purposes without the use of 'unfolding' techniques. Unfolding transforms the sample data into another co-ordinate space that honours the spatial relationships. Variography and estimation are conducted in the transformed space,

and the results are then back-transformed into the original space. The deposit has been mined by underground methods in the past and is therefore intersected by numerous openings along the hanging wall contact.

#### 14.1.3.2 Geological Modelling Approach

Topographic contour data derived from the AutoCAD drawing files provided was utilised to create a triangulated surface (TIN) of the current topography over the project area, including open pit mining areas.

As determined in the original (1998) modeling, the geometric complexity and nature of the deposit requires manual interpretation, and that the ore zone be differentiated into a high-grade massive sulphide zone and a low-grade disseminated zone that occurs largely on the footwall side of the high-grade zone. For that modeling, a set of 3D solid models of the existing underground development and stope areas developed by Mr. Bruce Hudgins of Hudgtec Consultants was imported from AutoCAD DXF files provided. The drill-hole data and underground openings were plotted on hard-copy plans at a ten metre interval, and interpretations of the high-grade zone, the low-grade and the hanging-wall 'Trench' were produced. The cut-off grades that were used for the high-grade and low-grade zones were 7% Zn-Eq and 2% Zn-Eq respectively. These values were selected to correspond with cut-offs utilised in earlier resource evaluations. The plan-view interpretations were digitised as closed polygons, then tied together in the GEMS solids modelling system to create separate 3D solid models of the high-grade, low-grade and trench zones of the deposit. These models were adopted for use in the resource estimate of 1998 (Carew, 1998) and subsequent updates in 2006 (Roy *et al.*, 2006) and 2011 (Roy *et al.*, 2011).

For the current update, the 2011 drill-hole data was added to the GEMS project files, and a new interpretation of the low-grade zone was produced, using the revised low-grade cut-off of 0.5% zinc-equivalent. This threshold was selected with reference to the log-probability plot of assay zinc-equivalent values coded as Gays River Formation (carbonate), which exhibits a flexure point between low-grade mineralization and background mineralization at 0.5% zinc-equivalent (Figure 14-1).

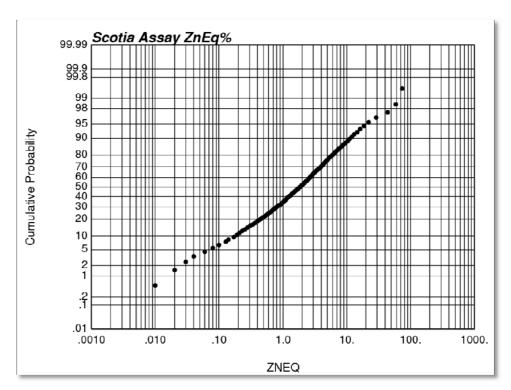


Figure 14-1: Log-probability plot – Carbonate Zn-Eq Assays

Plan view contours of the existing 3D solids were used as a base for this purpose, with vertical sections cut on drill-hole fans as required to refine the interpretation. An updated low-grade 3D solid was then generated from these plan interpretation for use in block modeling and resource reporting. In addition, a mineralized zone that was not modeled in earlier estimates was included in this update. Known as the 'South-West' zone, it is a southerly continuation of the Main Zone mineralization that although adequately drilled in the newly modeled area, does not have sufficient drilling to define the paleo-shoreline geometry as expressed in the Main Zone.

#### 14.1.3.3 "Unfolding" Process

As stated in Section 14.1.3.1, the deposit is characterised by complex geometry and is difficult to model in terms of standard techniques. An 'unfolding' technique was used that transformed the sample data into another co-ordinate space while honouring the spatial relationships.

The Gemcom GEMS unfold application was used for the transformation in this case. This approach is based on the concept of slabs – a slab being a region of space that is topologically equivalent to a cube. The edges are 3D polylines and are not necessarily straight from end to end. Each face is defined by four polylines on its perimeter and the nominally vertical edges of the slab may also have more than two points. The geological feature of interest, e.g. a folded and/or faulted vein or seam is broken down into a collection of adjacent slabs, the only proviso being that any two adjacent slabs must share an entire common face. The algorithm highlights three of the edge polylines of a representative slab that are nominally orthogonal and allows them to be associated with X, Y and Z axes of the unfolded

space. All of the polylines are then categorised into three sets of lines corresponding to these unfolded axes. The unfolded slabs are displayed below the original polylines, and the unfolded lines will be aligned approximately to the X. Y, and Z axes. The average length of each of the sets is calculated and a nominal graticule size, or spacing, is entered. The unfolding transformation includes two graticules – one for the folded region and one for the unfolded region. The points in the two graticules have an exact 1:1 correspondence, which provides for a check that the transformation will be reasonable. If any graticule cells are highly skewed, for example, the folded region can be subdivided into smaller slabs. In addition, the interior vertices can be allowed to slide on the various sets of lines in order to minimise distortion.

The graticule points are simply samples of the transformation, and are connected by straight lines to make the visualisation easier. Various combinations of the sliding axes can be experimented with, particularly in cases where the polyline lengths along the feature are different, in order to minimise the distortion in these cases. The 3D polylines were generated by contouring the 3D solid of the low-grade zone. These polylines were subdivided into a series of smaller adjacent slabs corresponding to the alternating strike direction of the deposit. A section showing the slabs and the allocation of the association with the unfolded axes is illustrated in Figure 14-2. The unfolded space is illustrated later in Figure 14-6.

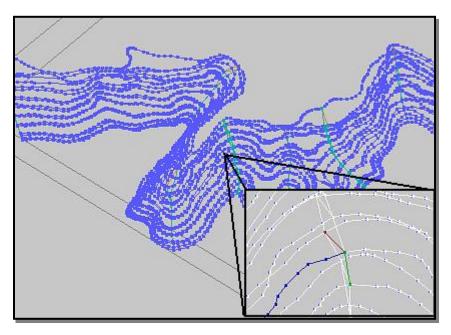


Figure 14-2: 3D Polyline slabs and axes.

The basic procedure is as follows:

Creation of the unfolding transformation;

- Forward transformation (unfold) of the sample data points;
- Spatial analysis and block modelling in the transformed space;
- Back-transformation of the estimated block data (Zn and Pb) into normal (folded) space; and,
- Allocation of the values to a block model in normal (folded) space by nearest neighbour interpolation.

#### 14.1.3.4 Drill hole Data

A subset of the overall drill hole database was utilised for estimation purposes, comprising those drill holes that intersected the 3D solid model of the carbonate mineralisation. This subset comprises 662 holes, including the most recent 2011 drilling, and includes both surface and underground drilling.

# 14.1.3.5 Mineralised Envelope

The mineralised envelope for estimation purposes was restricted to the carbonate material within the 3D solid models created from plan view interpretations. These interpretations and 3D model are regarded as the most representative constraints on the mineralisation available. Separate 3D models were developed for the low grade, disseminated portion of the deposit, and for the less continuous high grade zone that lies along the footwall contact, and which was partly exploited by previous underground mining.

# 14.1.3.6 Statistical Analysis and Capping

The sample sets for zinc and lead mineralisation comprised those assay intervals falling within the 3D solids and were compiled separately for the low-grade (LG) and high-grade (HG) zones. The sample statistics, histograms and probability plots are shown in Figure 14-3 and Figure 14-4.

While both Zn and Pb assay grades exhibit fairly typical positively skewed distributions, the Pb values exhibit evidence of a multi-modal distribution, with a set of values falling in the 0.01 to 0.1% range - this may be related to the use of arbitrary and variable values for detection limits in the Pb data. In general, Zn and Pb values are not particularly well correlated, with a correlation coefficient of 0.32. There is also some evidence of possible misclassification of some values between low grade and high grade zones in both cases, either in terms of original typing, or in geometric boundary effects relative to the 3D solids. The Zn values are generally well behaved, with relatively low Coefficients of Variation (COV), whereas the Pb values exhibit a relatively high COV.

Whereas initial studies on the deposit by Savage Resources Canada Co. considered a capping value of 13% on both Zn and Pb, examination of the probability plots indicates that although the number of high values steadily decreases, the upper tail for the all distributions are fairly continuous and unbroken up to values considerably higher than this, suggesting that higher capping values could be utilised. In later studies, discussions with Savage personnel led to an alternative approach in which the high-grade outliers in the distributions were retained in the data set prior to any compositing, but restricted in terms of interpolation. Block centroids were required to be within 5 metres of the sample

before it could be used in the estimation of the block in question. Given the indication that higher capping values could be considered, and to maintain consistency, this approach was adopted at that time and is retained for this study. No grade capping was applied prior to compositing, but the range restriction was subsequently applied in estimation for Zn and Pb composites above 20%.

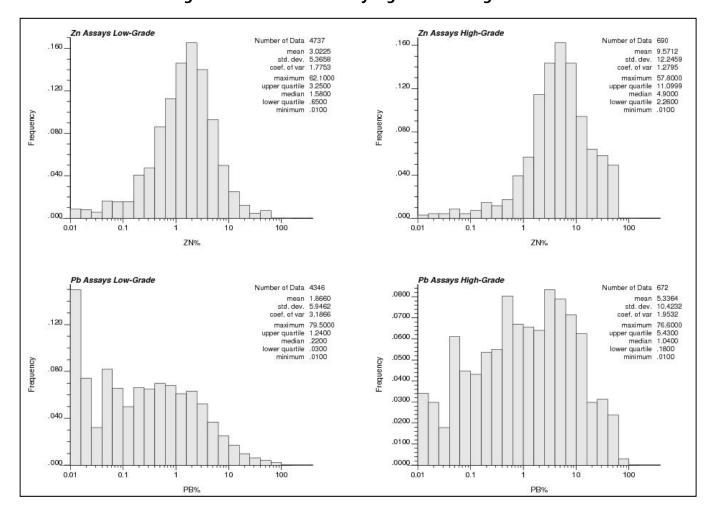


Figure 14-3: Zn and Pb assay lognormal histograms.

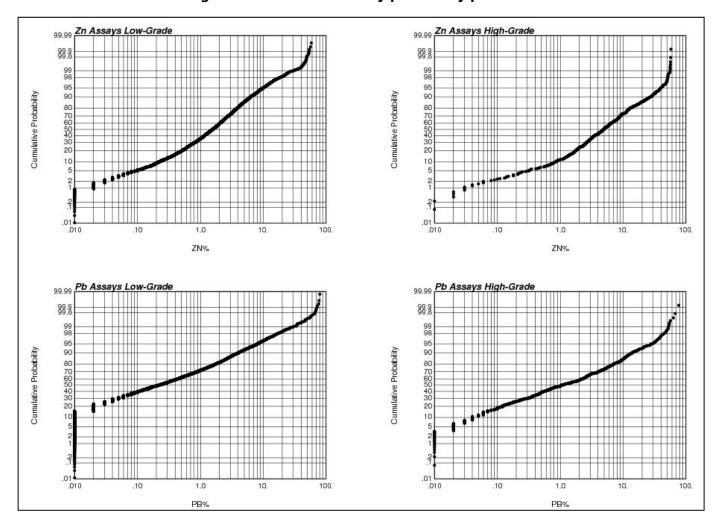


Figure 14-4: Zn and Pb assay probability plots.

# 14.1.3.7 Compositing

Equal length composites were prepared from uncut assay values in a two-step process. Initial composite intervals were defined from the intercepts of the drill holes with the high-grade and low-grade 3D solids of the mineralised zone. Equal length composites of 1.5 metres were then generated within these intervals – 1.5 metres is approximately the average length of the assay intervals. Residual intervals of less than 1.5 metres at the top and bottom contacts were retained if the length was at least 0.6 m (40% of composite length). Intervals less than 0.6 m in length were discarded. The low-grade composites set was further subdivided into those falling below 490 m elevation (below which the deposit dips at varying angles) and those above 490 m where the deposit is essentially flat-lying. The composite statistics and histograms for the overall high grade and low grade Zn and Pb are shown in Figure 14-5.

# 14.1.3.8 Spatial Analysis

Three dimensional experimental correlograms were generated using the transformed (un-folded) Zn and Pb composite data, for both low-grade and high-grade mineralised zones below an elevation of 490 m. Separate 3D experimental correlograms were generated using un-transformed composite data for the low-grade mineralised zone above 490 m elevation, where the deposit is essentially horizontal in attitude. The resulting experimental correlograms are not considered robust enough for use in estimation by kriging, but did provide some indications with regard to suitable search distances and orientations to be used for estimation by Inverse Distance Squared (IDP2) interpolation.

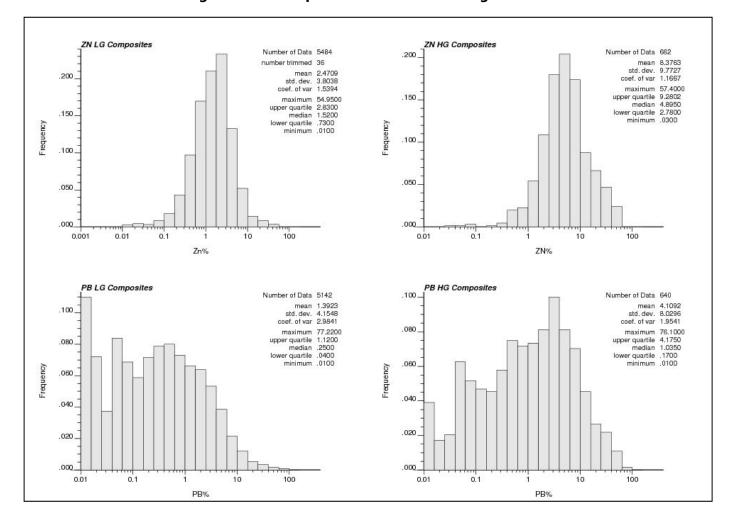


Figure 14-5: Composite statistics and histograms

# 14.1.3.9 Block Model and Grade Interpolation

Two block models were constructed for interpolation purposes, a primary model in normal (untransformed) space, and a secondary, smaller model in transformed space for interpolation of the unfolded data. The primary block model was defined to cover the volume of interest, with the following Gemcom GEMS® parameters:

Origin: 7200.00E / 6592.82N / 375.00 AMSL (Lower Left)

Block Size: 5m x 5m x5m

Columns: 160 Rows: 400 Levels: 45

Rotation: -60° (To align with overall strike of deposit – Azimuth 060)

The primary block model is configured as a 'partial' block model, which allows the percentage of various rock types within the block to be stored and utilised for manipulation and reporting purposes. The rock type model was initialised with the default rock code for air and all blocks below the current topographic surface were set to the Evaporites (gypsum) rock code. The model was then overprinted with rock codes for the overburden, Trench and Goldenville (quartzite) using 3D solids created from surfaces and sectional interpretations. This rock type model is referred to as the 'Standard' rock type model. The final step was overprinting with rock codes for the existing U/G mining excavations, the high-grade (HG) mineralized zone, the low-grade (LG) mineralized zone, and a solid created from the current topographic surface to represent material mined out in open pit mining in 2007-2008. The percentage of these four material types in blocks intersecting the solids was calculated and stored separately, with the 'mined-out' solid having the highest priority, followed by the U/G excavations, high-grade zone and low-grade zone, in blocks where the solids overlapped. This procedure ensures that the mined-out material in the model is correctly accounted for. The rock code for any other material in these blocks was taken from the standard rock type model, i.e. a block on the hanging wall contact might comprise 50 % U/G excavation, 20 % HG zone and 30 % Trench material.

The 3D solid of the existing U/G excavations was generated by Mr. Bruce Hudgins of Hudgtec Consulting and was originally supplied by ScoZinc. The 3D solids of the HG and LG zones were generated from plan interpretations. Zinc equivalent cut-offs of 0.5 % and 7 % were utilised for the LG and HG zones, respectively in developing the interpretations.

Inverse distance squared (IDP2) interpolation was used to estimate Zn and Pb block values in the flat lying portions of the deposit above 490 m elevation. This estimation was restricted to the LG zone, as the HG zone does not extend above this elevation, and includes the South-West zone, which currently has no defined HG zone. The estimation was done in three passes with parameters as follows:

#### Pass1

Minimum # of samples: 3 Maximum # samples: 8

Max. # samples/hole: 2 (ensures that samples come from at least 2 holes)

Search Radius/Direction:

		<u>Ranges</u>					
	Ma	ximum Intermediate		Minimum			
Zone	m	Az/Dip	m	Az/Dip	m	Az/Dip	
LG>490	35	46/0	20	136/0	6	0/90	

#### Pass 2

Minimum # of samples: 3 Maximum # samples: 8

Max. # samples/hole: 2 (ensures that samples come from at least 2 holes)

Search Radius/Direction: Pass 1 x 2

# Pass 3

Minimum # of samples: 3 Maximum # samples: 8

Max. # samples/hole: 0 (no restriction)
Search Radius/Direction: Pass 2 x 2

Mineralised blocks in the dipping portion of the deposit below 490 m elevation were populated separately following interpolation in transformed space and back-transformation of the generated values (at block centroids) into normal space, as described below. The back-transformed data was then used to interpolate the Zn, Pb and Classification values in normal space by the nearest-neighbour technique, separately for the LG and HG zones.

The secondary block model is a standard block model (every block has only one rock code), defined in 3D space to cover the volume of interest. As described earlier, the transformation process associates three of the edge polylines of a representative slab that are nominally orthogonal with the X, Y and Z axes of the unfolded space – this space is orthogonal with respect to the original co-ordinate axes, and offset by a specified amount. The transformation selected in this case results in a space in which the X axis corresponds to the unfolded strike component of the deposit (approximately 3050 m), the Y axes with cross-strike component (12 m), and the Z axis with the down-dip component (143 m), as shown in Figure 14-6 and Figure 14-7, which also show transformed and un-transformed composite data.

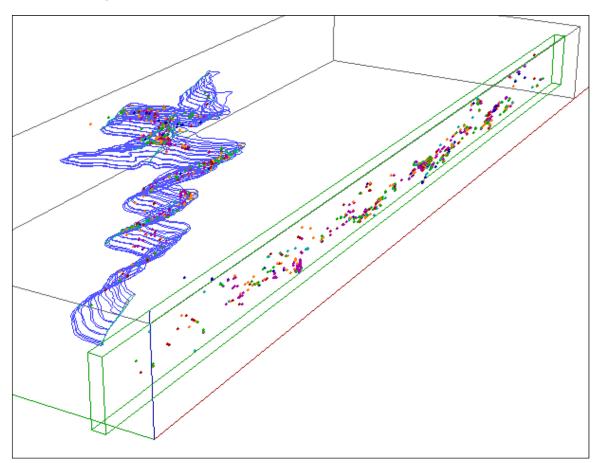
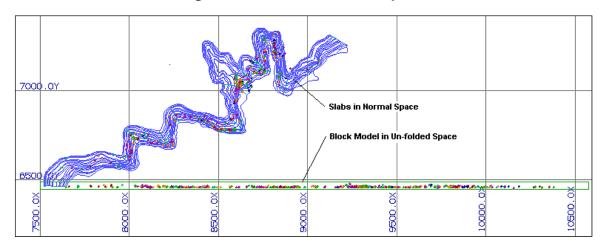


Figure 14-6: 3D view - transformation and block model definition.





The secondary block model definition is as follows:

Origin: 7500.00E / 6425.00N / 200.00 AMSL (Lower Left)

Block Size: 7.5m x 5m x5m Columns: 410 (7.5m)
Rows: 15 (5m)
Levels: 40 (5m)
Rotation: No rotation

Separate interpolations of Zn and Pb block values for the LG and HG zones were estimated in three passes using Inverse Distance Squared (IDP2) interpolation and the transformed composites. The parameters were as follows:

#### Pass 1

Minimum # of samples: 3 Maximum # samples: 8

Max. # samples/hole: 2 (ensures that samples come from at least 2 holes)

Search Radius/Direction:

Ranges – Transformed Model

	Model East -X		Mode	Model North-Y		Model ElZ	
Zone	m	Az/Dip	m	Az/Dip	m	Az/Dip	
LG – Zn <490	30	90/0	7.5	0/0	15	0/90	
HG - Zn	30	90/0	7.5	0/0	15	0/90	
LG - Pb <490	30	90/0	7.5	0/0	15	0/90	
HG – Pb	30	90/0	7.5	0/0	15	0/90	

#### Pass 2

Minimum # of samples: 3 Maximum # samples: 8

Max. # samples/hole: 2 (ensures that samples come from at least 2 holes)

Search Radius/Direction: Pass 1 x 2

#### Pass 3

Minimum # of samples: 3 Maximum # samples: 8

Max. # samples/hole: 0 (no restriction) Search Radius/Direction: Pass2 x 2

An additional block model variable (Class) was updated according to the pass in which the block was interpolated; with a default value of 3. The Zn, Pb and Class block values were then back-transformed

into normal space, using the block centroid as the 3D co-ordinate. These points do not correspond to block centroids in the original rotated block model and are used as input data in a nearest-neighbour interpolation to assign values to corresponding models in the primary model. The HG and LG models are interpolated into separate grade models associated with the percentage models that store the percentage of HG and LG material in a particular block.

The primary density models for the mineralised zones were then generated, utilising the estimated Zn and Pb block values and the SG estimation formula from Section Section 14.1.2

Typical cross- and plan sections through the block model are illustrated in Figure 14-8 and Figure 14-9.

#### 14.1.3.10 Mineral Resource Classification

The mineral Resources were classified according to the pass in which a block was interpolated, as recorded in the Class variable. Blocks interpolated in Pass 1 were considered to be in the Measured category. The Pass 1 ranges are based on the ranges of the first spherical component of the corresponding correlogram, and vary from 10% to 80% of the maximum ranges of the correlograms. Blocks interpolated in the second and third passes are considered to be in the Indicated and Inferred categories, respectively.

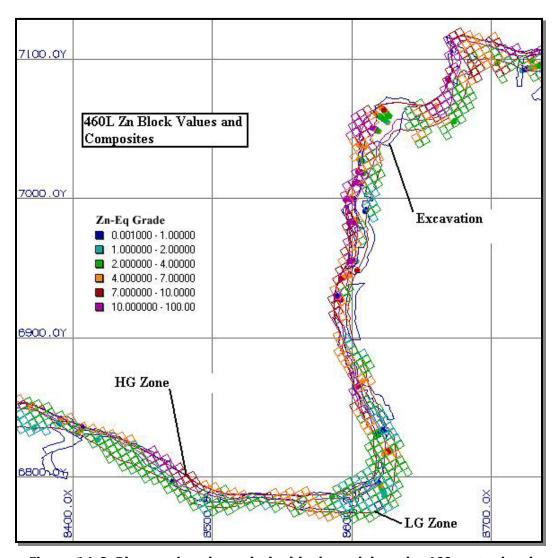


Figure 14-8: Plan section through the block model on the 460 metre level

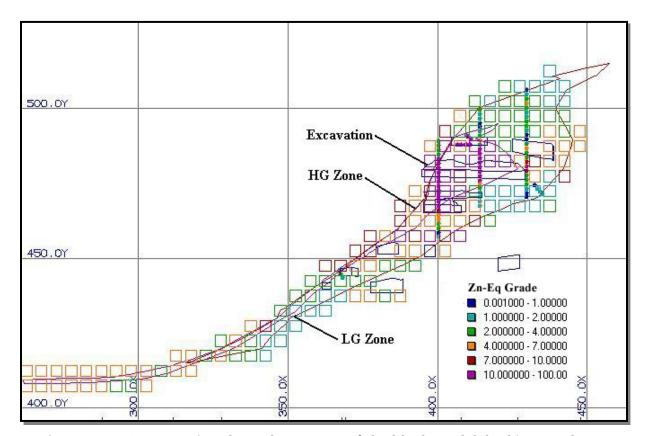


Figure 14-9: Cross-section through Row 208 of the block model, looking northeast.

# 14.1.4 Results

As described in previous paragraphs, Surface Resources for the High-grade and Low-grade zones were calculated separately Table 14-1). Resources are reported using a cut-off grade of 0.75 % zinc-equivalent. For both zones, undiluted Measured Resources total 1.9 million tonnes containing 3.8 % zinc and 1.6 % lead. Indicated Resources total 2.2 million tonnes containing 3.5 % zinc and 1.5 % lead. The combined Measured + Indicated Resources total 4.1 million tonnes containing 3.5 % zinc and 1.5 % lead.

Undiluted Inferred Surface Resources total 1.8 million tonnes containing 3.1 % zinc and 1.1 % lead.

Table 14-1: 2012 Main Zone Mineral Resources

Resource Category	Zn Eq. % Cut-off	Tonnes	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Zn Eq. %
Measured	0.50	2,094,000	3.11	1.67	5.12
Indicated	0.50	4,161,000	2.89	1.45	4.62
Measured + Indicated	0.50	6,255,000	2.96	1.52	4.79
Inferred	0.50	940,000	3.03	2.04	5.46
Measured *	0.75	2,075,000	3.14	1.68	5.16
Indicated *	0.75	4,033,000	2.96	1.49	4.75
Measured + Indicated *	0.75	6,108,000	3.02	1.56	4.89
Inferred *	0.75	929,000	3.04	2.06	5.52
Measured	1.50	1,845,000	3.41	1.87	5.65
Indicated	1.50	3,335,000	3.37	1.78	5.51
Measured + Indicated	1.50	5,180,000	3.39	1.81	5.56
Inferred	1.50	765,000	3.48	2.50	6.47
Measured	2.00	1,597,000	3.73	2.11	6.26
Indicated	2.00	2,843,000	3.69	2.05	6.15
Measured + Indicated	2.00	4,440,000	3.71	2.07	6.19
Inferred	2.00	709,000	3.63	2.68	6.85

Base case for this study denoted by "\*"

#### Notes:

- 1. A three dimensional block model was developed using Gemcom GEMS® Version 6.4 software
- Cut-off grade for mineralized zone interpretation was 0.5 % zinc-equivalent for the "low-grade" domain and 7% for the "high-grade" domain.
- 3. Block cut-off grade for defining Mineral Resources was 0.50% zinc-equivalent. (Base case 0.75%?)
- 4. No top-cut grade was used. In the author's opinion, the use of top cut would not have significantly affected the results.
- 5. Zinc price was \$US 1.00 per lb, lead price was \$US 1.05 per lb. Prices were based on current and going-forward LME contract prices.
- 6. Non-diluted.
- 7. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability
- 8. Main Zone mineral resource estimate prepared by Tim Carew, M.Sc., P.Geo.; base case denoted by "\*".
- 9. Specific gravity was calculated based on zinc and lead content. There are no other sulphides or dense minerals that are present in significant quantities.
- 10. Block inverse distance interpolation using "unfolding" was used for estimating block grades.
- 11. No mineral reserves of any category were identified and were outside the parameters this study.
- 12. Zinc-equivalent for lead was calculated based on relative metal prices, demonstrated processing recoveries (86% & 84 % for lead and zinc, respectively), estimated smelter returns of 95% & 85 % respectively for lead and zinc) and demonstrated concentration factors (75% & 65% respectively for lead and zinc).

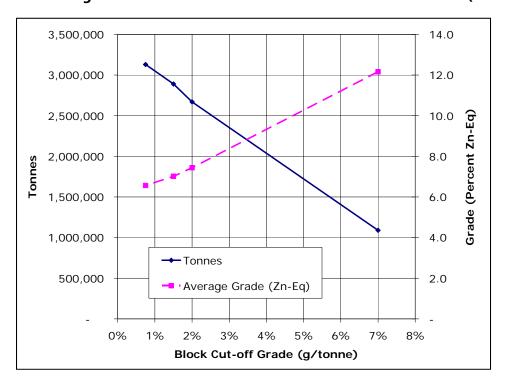


Figure 14-10: Grade-tonnage curve for Measured and Indicated surface Resources (non-diluted)

#### 14.1.5 Northeast Zone Resources

The Northeast Zone abuts the Main Zone. Though they were modelled separately, the Main and Northeast zones represent a geologically continuous body of mineralisation.

#### 14.1.5.1 Grid Rotation

For ease in modelling, data was rotated 30 ° clockwise about the site grid origin (0,0).

# 14.1.5.2 Mineralised Zone Interpretation

Mineralised zones were outlined to enforce geological control during block modelling.

It was assumed that near-surface blocks could be exploited using surface mining methods, while deeper blocks could be exploited using underground mining methods. The division between the two was considered to be an elevation of 420 metres – approximately 100 metres depth.

The following guidelines were used during the interpretation process:

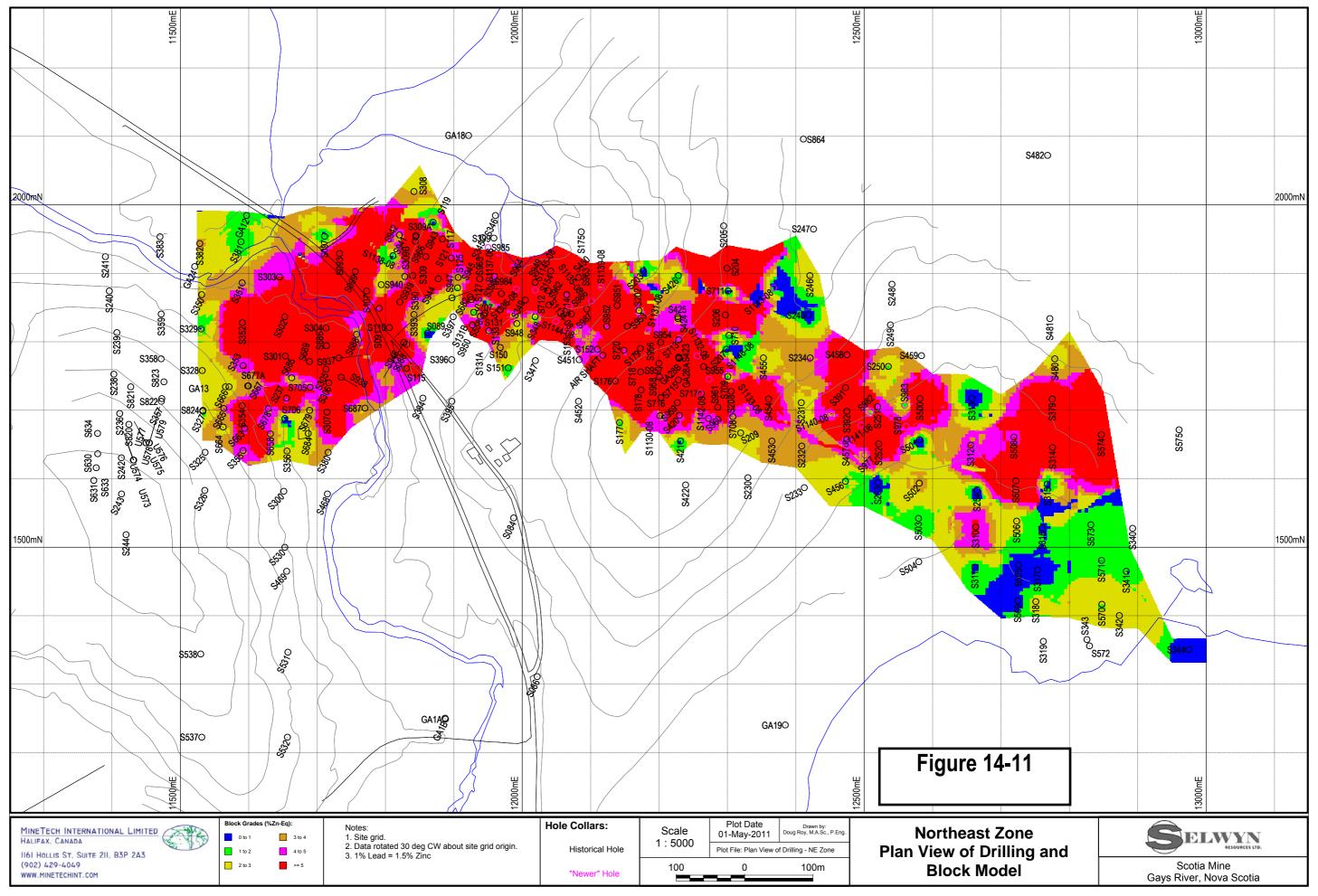
- 1. A cut-off grade of 0.5 % zinc-equivalent was generally used for outlining near-surface mineralisation that could be exploited using surface mining methods. Deeper mineralisation was outlined using a 2 % cut-off. Cut-off grades are further discussed in Section 15.1.5.5.
- 2. A minimum true width of 2 metres was used.

- 3. Along strike, zones were extended halfway to the next, under-mineralised cross-section.
- 4. Zones were extended down-dip by a maximum of 100 metres past the last intercept.
- 5. Zones were allowed to extend through "below cut-off" intercepts so long as there was a "geological reason" to do so.

Interpretations were accomplished by plotting and interpreting hard-copy cross-sections (refer to Figure 14-13) for cross-sections; refer to Appendix 4 of NI43-101 *Updated Mineral Resource*, filed October 8 2012 for a set of selected interpreted cross-sections). Those interpretations were digitised and zone intercepts were tagged.

The mineralised outline was refined using plan views. On some sections, the interpreted outline was adjusted to form a smoother, more realistic plan view outline.

Digital terrain models ("DTM"s) for the hanging wall (upper) surface and the footwall (lower) surface were created using the contact coordinates of the interpreted intercepts. These surfaces were later used to constrain the block modeling and grade estimation process (refer to Section 14.1.5.7)



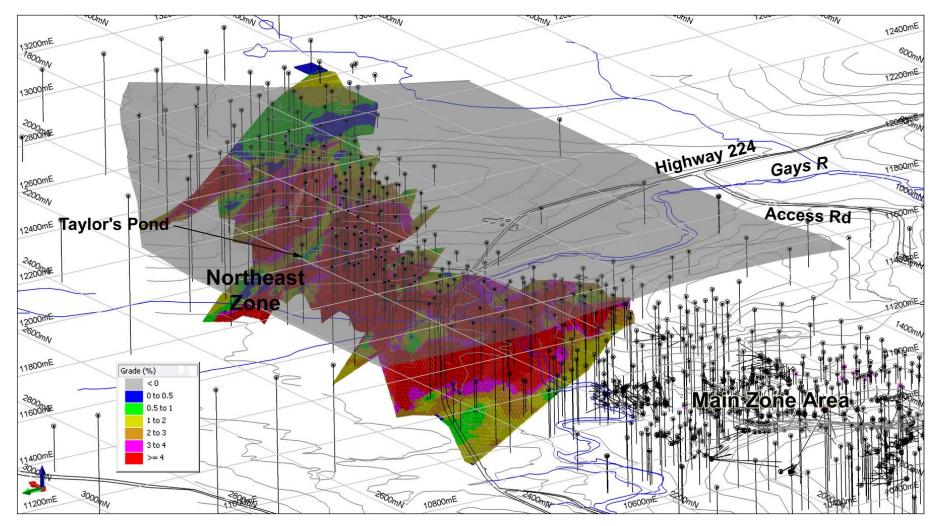
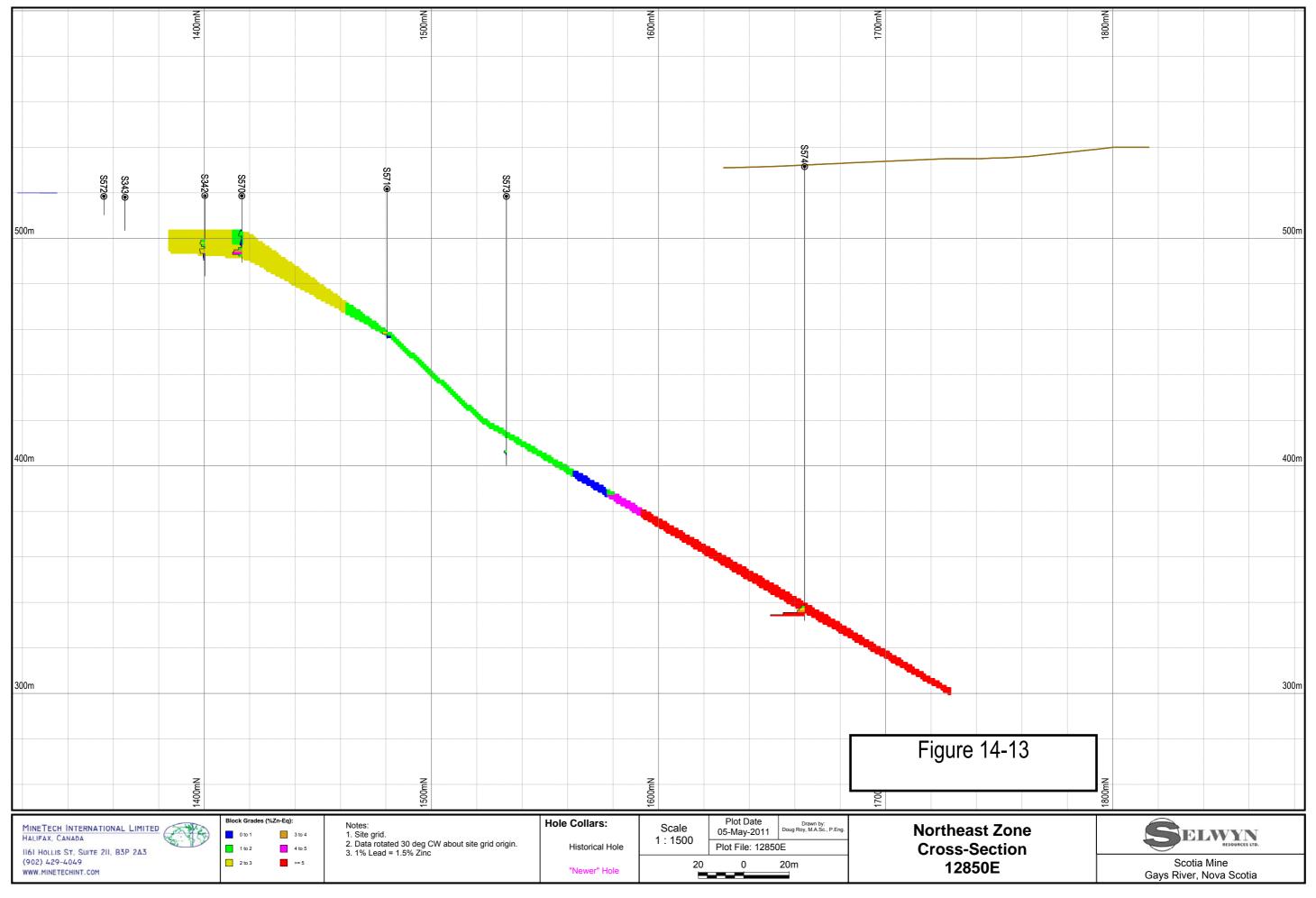
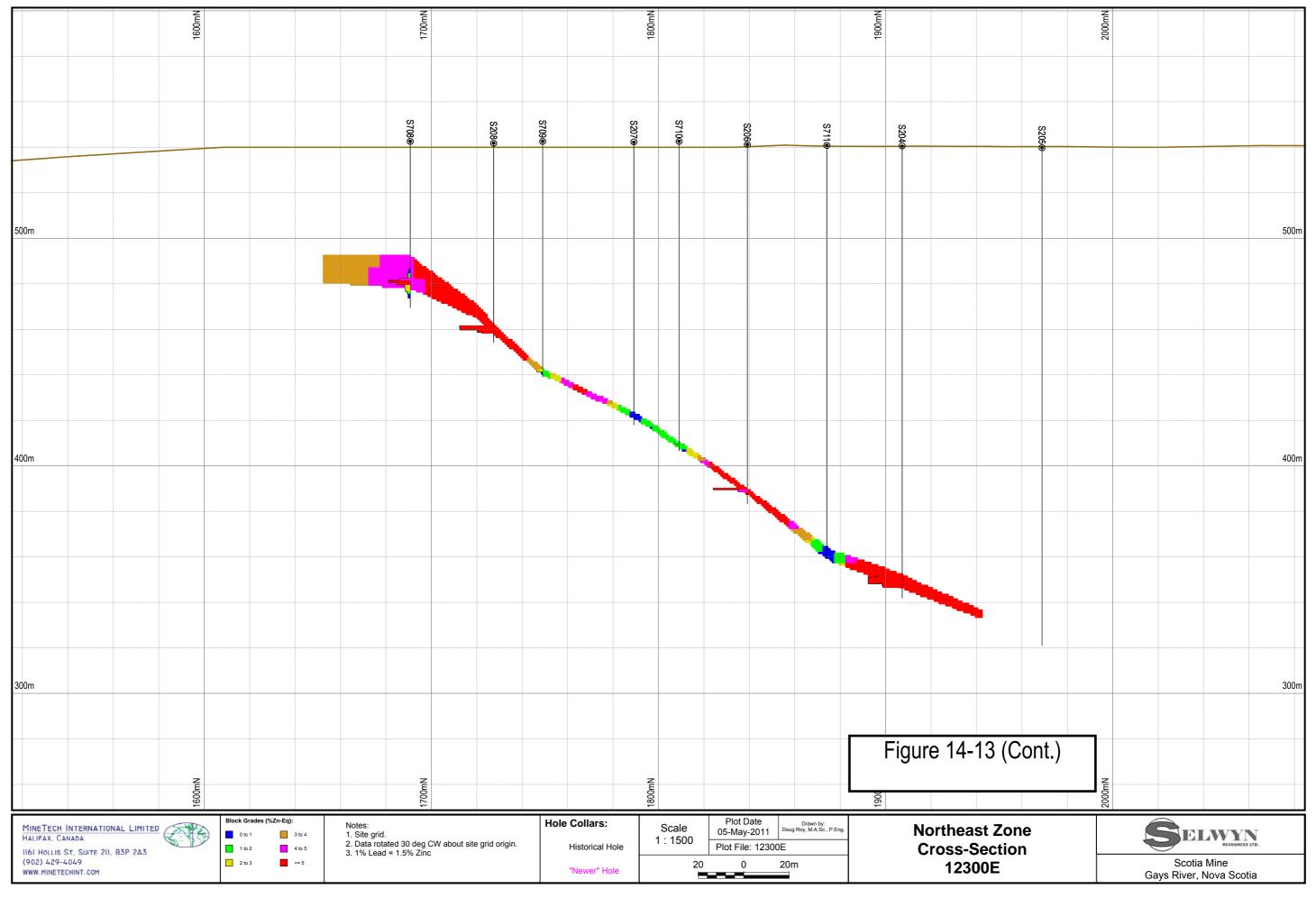
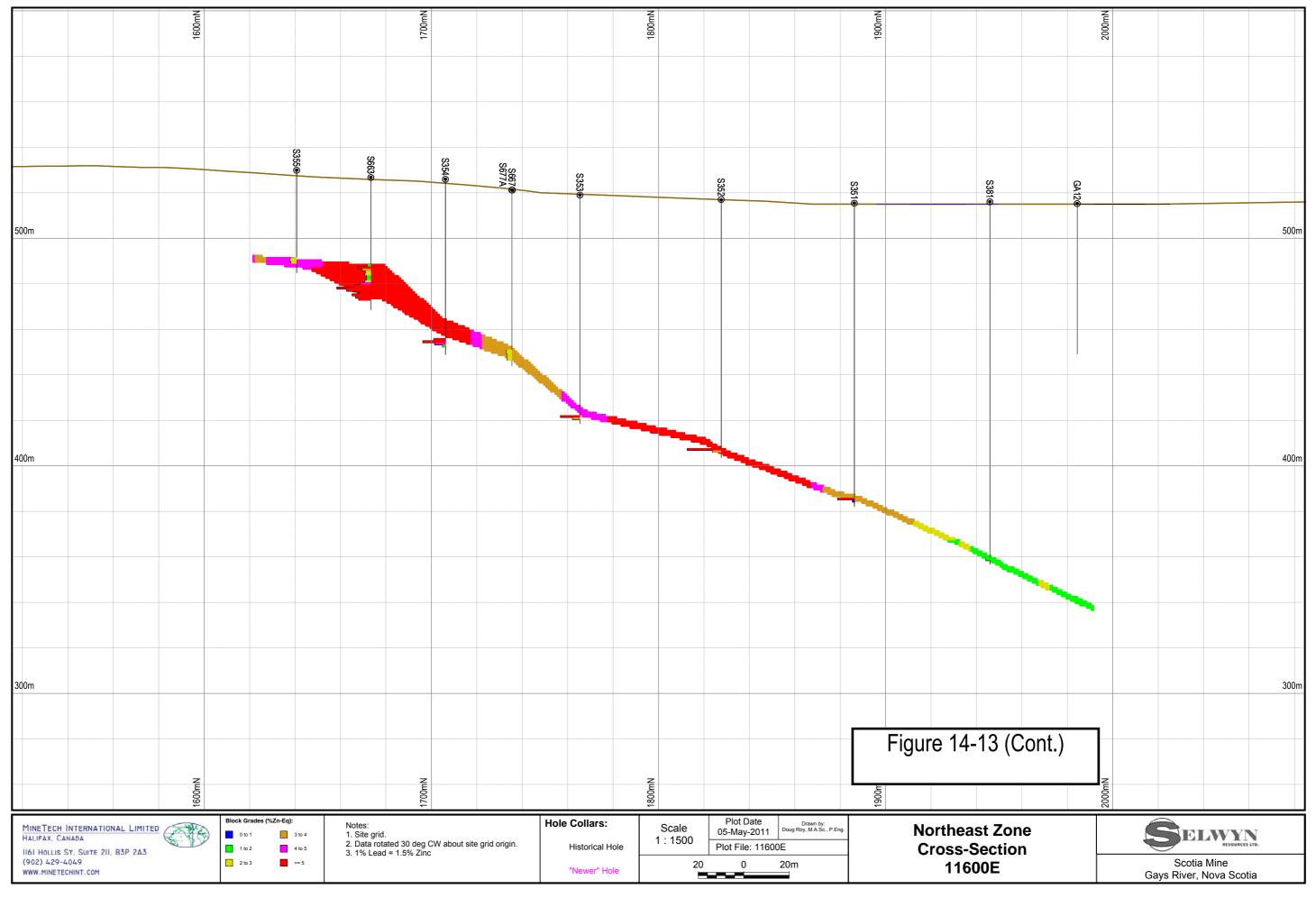


Figure 14-12: 3D view of the Northeast Zone, facing east. Block grades are expressed as percent Zn-Eq







# 14.1.5.3 Sample Statistics

Samples were regularised over 1 m intervals – a common sample length (refer to Figure 14-14) - to provide a common support (sample size) for calculating statistics.

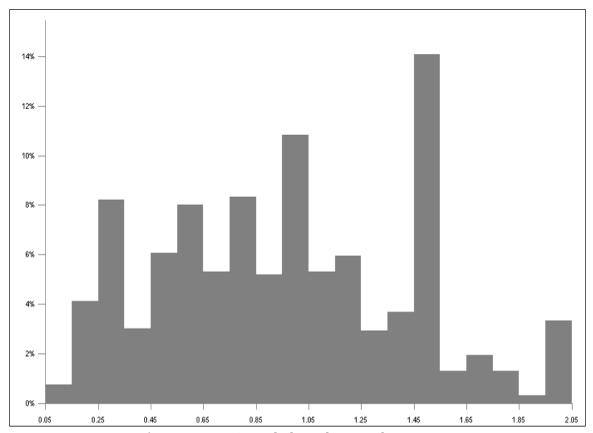


Figure 14-14: Sample lengths, Northeast Zone

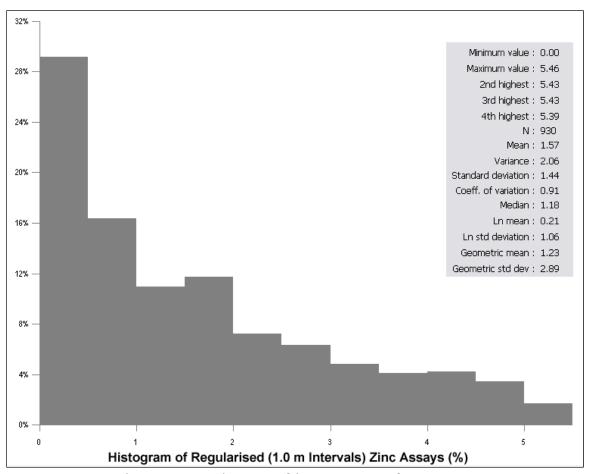


Figure 14-15: Zinc assay histogram, Northeast Zone

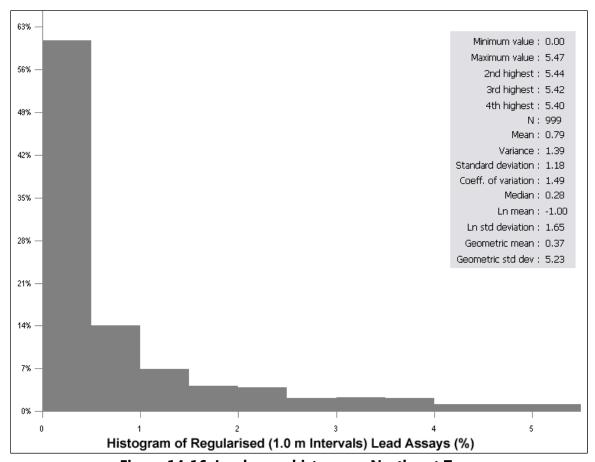


Figure 14-16: Lead assay histogram, Northeast Zone

# 14.1.5.4 Variography

For the zone composites, using a 5 metre lag interval, a spherical model was fit to the raw semivariogram data for lead samples. An acceptable model was also fit to the raw semivariogram data for composited zinc samples (10 metre lag).

Directional semivariogram data was calculated for the strike and dip directions. There was no significant difference between the two directions or between the directional and omni-directional results. Therefore, it was decided to use the omni-directional models for grade estimating purposes.

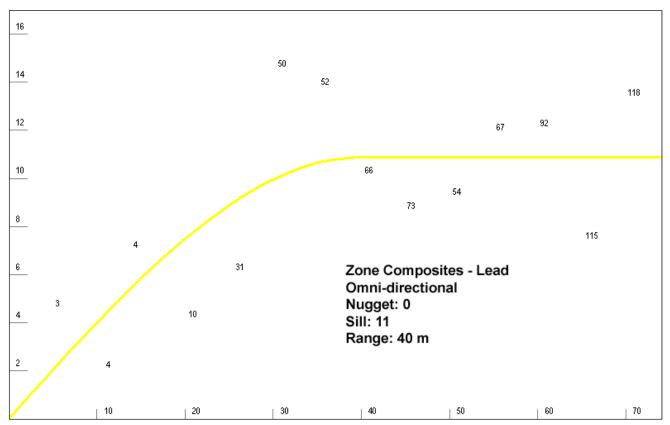


Figure 14-17: Lead semi-variogram, Northeast Zone.

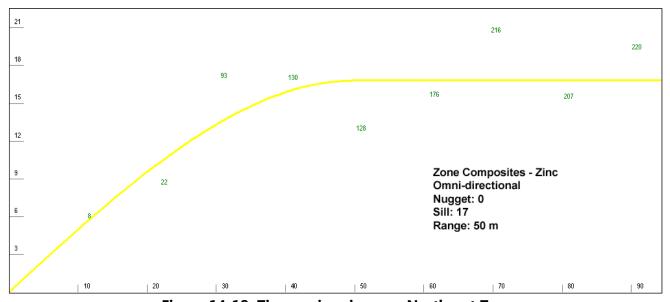


Figure 14-18: Zinc semi-variogram, Northeast Zone.

#### 14.1.5.5 Cut-off Grades

# **Zone Interpretation**

The chosen cut-off grade for near-surface mineralised zone interpretation was 0.5 % zinc-equivalent. This value was chosen through iteration as the cut-off that, in the author's opinion, when used for outlining the lower grade mineralisation, provided the closest approximation of the continuity of that mineralisation. Using the prices and other factors from Section 14.1.1 rock containing 0.5 % zinc would have revenue of approximately \$7. Typical mining and processing costs for this deposit would likely be \$3-4 and \$9-10 per tonne respectively, for a total operating cost of \$12-14 per tonne (not including stripping, capital, or G&A costs). In other words, the cut-off grade for mineralised zone interpretation was slightly more than half of an approximate operating cut-off grade for this deposit.

For deeper mineralisation that could be mined using underground mining methods, a 2 % zinc-equivalent cut-off grade was used for mineralised zone interpretation. Using the prices and other factors from Section 14.1.1, rock containing 2 % zinc would have a revenue of approximately \$28. Typical underground mining and processing costs for this deposit would likely be \$30-40 and \$9-10 per tonne respectively, for a total operating cost of approximately \$50 per tonne (not including stripping, capital, or G&A costs). As with the near-surface cut-off, the cut-off grade for deeper mineralised zone interpretation was slightly more than half of an approximate underground operating cut-off grade for this deposit.

#### **Mineral Resources**

The chosen "block cut-off" <sup>3</sup> grades for defining near-surface (less than 100 metres deep) and deeper mineral resources are 0.75% and 2%, respectively.

#### 14.1.5.6 Top-Cut Grade

A top-cut value is normally chosen to prevent the overestimation of block grades by a small number of very high assays or *outliers*.

Through examination of the sample statistics, the author determined that no top-cut value was required. No top-cut was applied because, in the author's opinion, a top-cut would not affect the global estimate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The grade at which it is possible to mine and process an exposed block (*i.e.*: stripping not included).

### 14.1.5.7 Block Modelling

A blank block model with the file name "Blocks – NE Zone - Blank.dat" was created with the parameters that were reported in Table 14-2. The blocks were constrained by the mineralised zone wireframe.

The "parent" block size was 10x10x10 metres (Easting x Northing x Elevation).

There were ten sub-blocks in each direction for a geological resolution of 1x1x1 metres (Easting x Northing x Elevation).

Direction	Model Origin (Grid, m)	Model Limit (Grid, m)	Model Extent (m)	Block Size (m)	Number of Blocks	Number of Sub- blocks
East	11,200	13,200	2,000	10	201	10
North	1,200	2,200	1,000	10	101	10
Elevation (RL)	200	550	350	10	36	10

**Table 14-2: Block Model Parameters** 

#### 14.1.5.8 Grade Estimation

Regularized samples were used for estimating block grades (refer to Section 15.1.5.3)

The fit of the raw semi-variogram data to the spherical model was considered to be good enough for determining resource classification parameters (refer to Section 14.1.5.9) but, in the author's opinion, not quite good enough for kriging. Instead, inverse distance weighting ("ID") using a power of two was considered to be an appropriate method for estimating block grades.

Blocks were discretized twice in each dimension. The grade estimation process was carried out using the parameters that were reported in Table 14-3. A description of the block model file fields was reported in Table 14-4.

Grade estimation was carried out in three "runs." The first run had a maximum search radius of 50 metres and required samples from at least three holes. In subsequent runs, the parameters were relaxed.

The resulting three block model files were compiled into a single block model titled "Blocks - NE Zone - Inferred - IDS Compiled.DAT". Run 2's block grades overprinted Run 3's grades and Run 1's grades overprinted Runs 2's and 3's grades.

**Table 14-3: Grade Estimation Parameters.** 

Parameter	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
Search Sphere Radius (m)	50 m	50 m	100 m
Min. Number of Holes	3	2	1
Min. Number of Samples Per Hole	7	5	3
Max. Number of Samples Per Hole	24	24	24
Resulting File	Blocks - NE Zone - Inferred - IDS Run 1.DAT	Blocks - NE Zone - Inferred - IDS Run 2.DAT	Blocks - NE Zone - Inferred - IDS Run 3.DAT

**Table 14-4: Block Model Fields** 

Field	Description
East	Easting (Grid)
_East	Block Dimension, East Direction
North	Northing (Grid)
_North	Block Dimension, North Direction
RL	Reduced Level (Grid)
_RL	Block Dimension, North Direction
Zone	Outlined Zone
Index	Unique index value for each block.
%Zn	Estimated zinc grade (percent).
%Pb	Estimated lead grade (percent).
Points	Number of Samples Used for Estimate
STD_DEV	Standard deviation of samples used.
Number of Holes	Number of Holes Used for Estimate
Run	Run number that was used to estimate the block grades.
Zn-Eq	Zinc-equivalent grade.
Resource Category	Resource category.

#### 14.1.5.9 Resource Classification Parameters

Resource classification parameters were chosen based on a combination of variography results and the author's judgment. The degree of confidence in the reported resources was classified based on the validity and robustness of input data and the proximity of resource blocks to sample locations. Resources were reported, as required by NI 43-101, according to the CIM Standards on Minerals Resources and Reserves.

Rather than classifying resources using the search ellipse parameters, Inferred resources were outlined graphically, on cross-sections using the process that was described in Section 14.1.5.2

Indicated Resources were outlined graphically in plan-view within areas where the intercept spacing was approximately 40-50 metres – approximately the variogram ranges for zinc and lead (refer to Figure 14-17 and Figure 14-18).

No Measured Resources were identified in the Northeast Zone. In the author's opinion, the current intercept spacing was not sufficient to demonstrate grade continuity to the level that is demanded by Measured category.

#### 14.1.5.10 Results

Using a block cut-off grade of 0.75 % zinc-equivalent, non-diluted Northeast Zone Indicated mineral resources totalled 1.7 million tonnes with average grades of 4.1 % zinc and 2.2 % lead (refer to Table 14-7).

Non-diluted Northeast Zone Inferred mineral resources totalled 2.7 million tonnes with average grades of 2.1 % zinc and 1.3 % lead.

No Measured mineral resources were identified.

Table 14-5: Non-Diluted Northeast Zone Mineral Resources

Resource Category	ZnEq.% Cut-off	Tonnes	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Zn Eq.%
Measured	0.50	-	-	-	-
Indicated	0.50	1,742,000	4.06	2.15	6.63
Measured+Indicated	0.50	1,742,000	4.06	2.15	6.63
Inferred	0.50	2,877,000	2.05	1.26	3.56
Measured*	0.75	-	-	-	-
Indicated*	0.75	1,737,000	4.07	2.15	6.65
Measured+Indicated*	0.75	1,737,000	4.07	2.15	6.65
Inferred*	0.75	2,748,000	2.12	1.32	3.70
Measured	1.50	-	-	-	-
Indicated	1.50	1,653,000	4.23	2.25	6.93
Measured+Indicated	1.50	1,653,000	4.23	2.25	6.93
Inferred	1.50	2,093,000	2.51	1.66	4.50
Measured	2.00				
Indicated	2.00	1,587,000	4.35	2.32	7.14
Measured+Indicated	2.00	1,587,000	4.35	2.32	7.14
Inferred	2.00	1,741,000	2.76	1.91	5.06

Base case for this study denoted by "\*"

#### Notes:

- Cut-off grade for mineralised zone interpretation was 0.5% zinc-equivalent for surface resources (less than 100 metres deep) and 2% at depth.
- 2. Block cut-off grade for defining Mineral Resources was 0.75% zinc-equivalent.
- 3. No top-cut grade was used. In the author's opinion, the use of a top cut would not have significantly affected the results.
- 4. Zinc price was \$US 1.00 per lb, lead price was \$US 1.05 per lb. Prices were based on current and going-forward LME contract prices.
- 5. Zones extended up to 50 metres down-dip from last intercept.
- 6. Along strike, zones extended halfway to the next cross-section.
- 7. Minimum width was 2 metres.
- 8. Non-diluted.
- Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- 10. Mineral resource estimate prepared by Doug Roy, M.A.Sc., P.Eng.; base case denoted by "\*"
- 11. Specific gravity was calculated based on zinc and lead content. There are no other sulphides or dense minerals that are present in significant quantities.
- 12. Inverse distance weighting, power of "2" ("ID2") was used for estimating block grades.
- 13. Indicated mineral resources identified where sample intercept spacing was 40 metres or less (based on variography).
- 14. No Measured mineral resources or mineral reserves of any category were identified.
- 15. Zinc-equivalency for lead was calculated based on relative metal prices, demonstrated processing recoveries (86% & 84 % for lead and zinc, respectively), and estimated smelter returns 95% & 85 % for lead and zinc).

# 14.1.6 Summary of Mineral Resources

In both the Main and Northeast Zones, Measured plus Indicated mineral resources totalled 7.8 million tonnes with average grades of 5.3 % zinc and 1.7 % lead (refer to Table 14-).

Inferred mineral resources totalled 3.7 million tonnes with average grades of 4.2 % zinc and 1.5 % lead.

Table 14-6: Summary of Non-Diluted Mineral Resources – Both Zones

Resource Category	ZnEq.% Cut-off	Tonnes	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Zn Eq.%
Measured	0.50	2,094,000	3.11	1.67	5.12
Indicated	0.50	5,903,000	3.23	1.65	5.22
Measured+Indicated	0.50	7,997,000	3.20	1.66	5.19
Inferred	0.50	3,817,000	2.29	1.45	4.03
Measured*	0.75	2,075,000	3.14	1.68	5.16
Indicated*	0.75	5,770,000	3.30	1.69	5.32
Measured+Indicated*	0.75	7,845,000	3.25	1.69	5.28
Inferred*	0.75	3,677,000	2.35	1.51	4.16
Measured	1.50	1,845,000	3.41	1.87	5.65
Indicated	1.50	4,988,000	3.66	1.93	5.98
Measured+Indicated	1.50	6,833,000	3.59	1.92	5.89
Inferred	1.50	2,858,000	2.77	1.88	5.03
Measured	2.00	1,597,000	3.73	2.11	6.26
Indicated	2.00	4,430,000	3.93	2.15	6.51
Measured+Indicated	2.00	6,027,000	3.88	2.14	6.44
Inferred	2.00	2,450,000	3.01	2.13	5.58

Refer to Table 14-1 for resource estimation notes. Base case for this study denoted by "\*"

# 14.1.7 Comparison of Estimated Block Grades With Blasthole Sampling from Production

During surface mining that ScoZinc carried out in 2007-2008, blastholes were sampled and assayed for zinc content. The mineral resource block model for the Main Zone, which was estimated using diamond drilling samples, was compared with the results from closely-spaced blast hole samples that were collected during the recent surface mining operation. Jason Baker, a mining engineer formerly with ScoZinc Limited, carried out this comparison work (Baker, 2011).

The large number of blast holes are shown graphically in Figure 14-19. The solid bench models that were constructed for comparison purposes are shown in Figure 14-20.

During operations at Scotia Mine, blast hole data was recorded along with the assay data for each blast hole (refer to Figure 14-19). A single assay was calculated for each blast hole (i.e. If a blast hole had a depth of 10 meters, then a single assay value covered the entire 10 meter length). Spacing between blast holes was 10 ft. The blast hole data was imported into Gemcom software and a block model was created.

Blocks in the block model were interpolated for Zn grade using the blast hole assay intervals within the solid. The blast hole block model was constructed with the following orientation:

Origin = 8500 X, 6700 Y, 520 Z Rotation = 0 degrees Block Size = 5m x 5m x 5m

Blocks were interpolated for grade by the Inverse Distance Cubed method. A search ellipse with dimensions of X=10m, Y=10m, Z=10m was used in the interpolation. Once the block model was created volumetrics were performed on the blast hole solids using the resource block model as well as the new blast hole block model, and results were compared.

Results of the comparison were reported in Table 15-7 and shown graphically in Figure 14-21. The results compared well. For all benches, zinc grades from the resource block model were slightly, but not significantly greater than the blast hole data. The blast hole model volume was slightly greater.

The resulting metal content in the resource block model was actually 7-8 % less than that predicted by blast hole samples. Meaning, the estimated block grades of the mineral resource block model may be slightly underestimated. In other words, it is possible that there is slightly more metal in the ground than estimated by the block model.

Table 14-7: Results of Comparison Between Blast Hole and Resource Model

Model	Bench	Volume (m³)	Zn Grade (%)
Scozinc	505	189,500	1.48
Blast Hole	505	217,400	1.67
Scozinc	495	196,300	1.26
Blast Hole	495	231,500	1.09
Scozinc	485	158,800	1.43
Blast Hole	485	166,000	1.27
Scozinc	475	49,500	1.86
Blast Hole	475	55,650	1.62
Scozinc	465	16,600	2.89
Blast Hole	465	20,500	2.40
Total Scozinc	All Benches	610,700	1.47
<b>Total Blast Hole</b>	All Benches	691,050	1.40

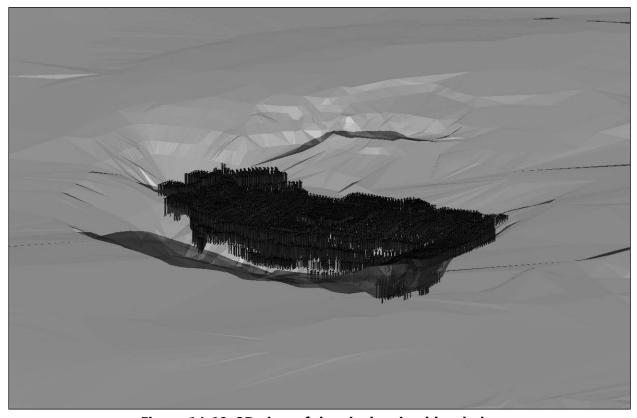


Figure 14-19: 3D view of the pit showing blast holes

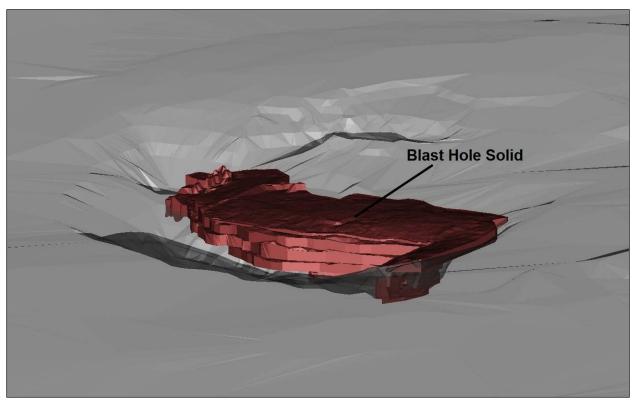


Figure 14-20: 3D view of the pit showing the bench models that were constructed.

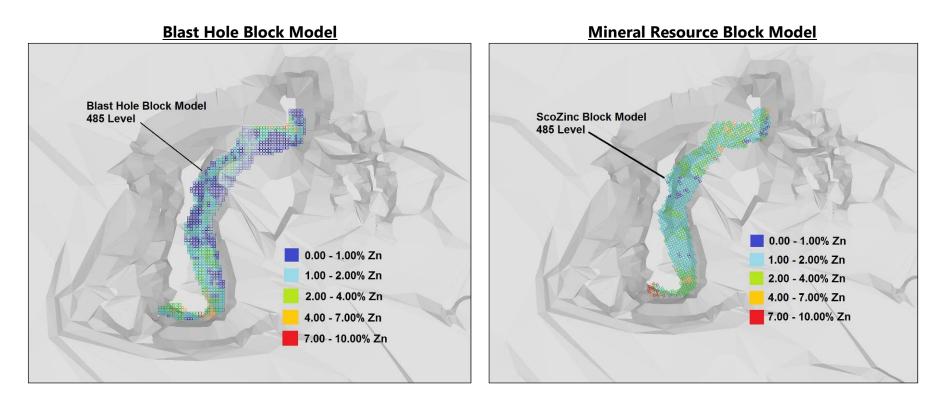


Figure 14-21: Blast hole and resource block model results, 485 m Level.

# 14.1.8 Comparison of Current Estimate with Previous (2006) Estimate

The results of the current estimate were compared with previous mineral resource estimates.

In 2007-2008, ScoZinc mined material mostly in the Measured and Indicated categories, with some coming from the Inferred category.

For the 2011 mineral resource update (Roy et al, 2011), the major change was a reinterpretation of the Northeast Zone that resulted in increases for the Indicated and Inferred categories compared with the 2006 estimate (Roy et al, 2006) (refer to Table 14-).

The major change that was made for the current estimate was the reinterpretation of the Main Zone at a lower cut-off grade that resulted in increases for the Measured and Indicated categories, but a slight decrease in the Inferred category compared with the 2011 estimate.

As expected, the Main Zone reinterpretation at a lower cut-off grade caused and increase in tonnes but a slight decrease in grade (refer to Table 14-).

Table 14-8: Comparison of Current Estimate with Previous (2006) Estimate

Category	Change in Tonnes	Change in Percent Zinc	Change in Percent Lead
Measured	+195,000	-0.7	+0.1
Indicated	+2,410,000	-1.0	-0.5
Measured+Indicated	+2,605,000	-0.9	-0.3
Inferred	+1,877,000	-0.7	+0.4

Table 14-9: Comparison of Current Estimate with Previous (2011) Estimate.

Category	Change in Tonnes	Change in Percent Zinc	Change in Percent Lead
Measured	+735,000	-1.3	-0.3
Indicated	+2,270,000	-0.4	-0.1
Measured+Indicated	+3,005,000	-0.7	-0.2
Inferred	-573,000	-0.3	+0.2

# 14.1.9 **Gypsum**

Prior to 2004, very little sampling and assaying for gypsum was done. Past drilling campaigns focused solely on zinc and lead. Prior to 2004, much of the gypsum core was saved; however, much of it was improperly stored and the gypsum weathered away.

In 2004, fourteen vertical holes were drilled that penetrated the gypsum resource. These holes were sampled and assayed for gypsum. Most of the samples were also assayed for chloride. The chloride assay was for all chlorides – chloride ions from any source.

Examination of the core revealed that the gypsum was relatively hard and pure. There were very few clay interbeds as appear at National Gypsum's deposit in nearby Milford. The gypsum graded into anhydrite, typical of Nova Scotia gypsum deposits. There was no clear contact between the two rock types.

A preliminary assessment of gypsum quality was carried out using the holes that were drilled in 2004. A cut-off grade of 85 % gypsum was used. Where the hole entered the gypsum was defined as the top contact. Where the hole left the gypsum, meaning where the hole left the gypsum horizon and passed into material with an average gypsum grade of less than 85 % (in other words, into anhydrite), was defined as the bottom contact.

The average gypsum thickness was 31 metres with a range of 9-85 metres. The gypsum was covered by 16-61 metres of overburden, averaging 38 metres. The average stripping ratio was 1.7.

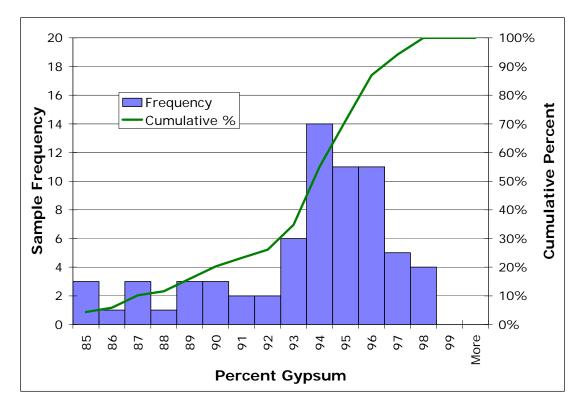
The subset of samples within the gypsum consisted of sixty-nine (69) samples from fourteen holes. More than half of these samples (44 of them) were also assayed for chloride. The length-weighted average grade was 93 % gypsum. The length-weighted average chloride content was 43 ppm. Only one sample contained over 100 ppm chloride – this sample averaged 142 ppm over three metres.

Table 14-10: Raw (Non-Weighted) Assay Statistics

Statistic	Gypsum	CI
Mean	92.8	41.3
Standard Error	0.41	3.88
Median	93.9	43
Mode	93.9	11
Standard Deviation	3.4	26
Sample Variance	11.8	661
Kurtosis	0.4	3.9
Skewness	-1.1	1.2
Range	14.17	138
Minimum	83.57	4
Maximum	97.74	142
Count	69	44

The reader should note that this analysis represents only an arithmetic analysis of gypsum quality and chloride content. No spatial statistics were calculated. Therefore, this is only an indication of gypsum quality – not an accurate estimate. The gypsum sample spacing is currently too wide for meaningful calculation of Resources or Reserves.

There are many bags of gypsum sample rejects available for mineral processing work. These are stored at the Scotia Mine site. Also, the core was sawed in half for sampling and the remaining halves were stored in a dry facility. The sample pulps are also readily available for further assay work.



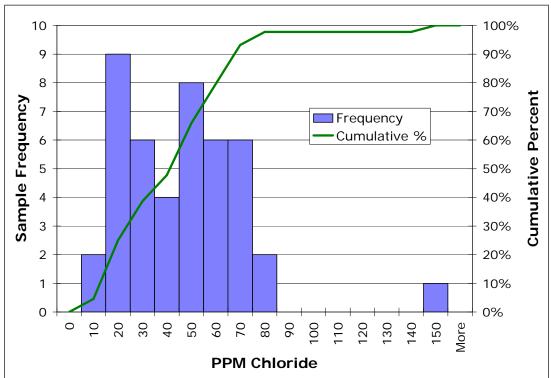


Figure 14-22: Gypsum and Chloride Histograms

# 14.1.10 Items that May Affect the Mineral Resources

There are a certain amount of mineral resources, mostly in the Northeast Zone, that have been identified below the river and highway.

Gays River has caused water problems for past underground mining operations. The river's flood plain is sandy and permeable. The current environmental registration document permits shifting the river toward the highway (refer to Figure 4-4 –ScoZinc Property Map as of October, 2012

, which would allow the pit to expand northward.

However, current plans do not include diverting the river and, in the author's opinion, a significant amount of additional permitting work would be required prior to encroaching on the current river bed.

# 14.2 Getty Deposit

Cullen *et al* (2011) estimated the Getty Deposit's mineral resources. The following (i.e.: the entirety of Section 14.2) is an excerpt from that report.

#### 14.2.1 **General**

"The definition of mineral resource and associated mineral resource categories used in this report are those recognized under National Instrument 43-101 and set out in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves *Definitions and Guidelines* (the CIMM Standards).

# 14.2.2 Geological Interpretation Used In Resource Estimation

"All areas of zinc-lead mineralization included in the current resource are restricted to the Getty Deposit carbonate bank and occur within dolomitized Gays River Formation lithologies. For resource model purposes the Getty Deposit is considered an extension of the adjacent Gays River Deposit and both are classified as carbonate-hosted, stratabound zinc-lead deposits of the Mississippi Valley Type (MVT). Mineralization is localized in carbonate bank lithofacies that developed above and around paleo-topographic basement highs comprised of Cambro-Ordovician Goldenville Formation greywacke and slate. By definition, Gays River Formation lithologies are laterally equivalent to laminated and thin bedded limestones of the Macumber Formation.

"Zinc and lead mineralization of economic proportions is exclusively developed within dolomitized carbonate bank lithologies at Getty and is considered directly comparable to that seen on the adjacent Scotia Mine property. Sphalerite and galena are the dominant sulphide minerals present but trace amounts of marcasite/pyrite occur locally, typically as cavity-lining phases that post-date the zinc-lead mineralizing stage. Silver does not occur in economic proportions in this district but does report to Scotia Mine concentrates at levels of about one

ounce per tonne. A similar presence at Getty may exist. Barite is absent from the deposit, as is celestite, but traces of fluorite have been reported (Kontak, 1998, 2000; Sangster et. al., 1998).

"As noted earlier, several types of lead and zinc mineralization are represented in the related Scotia Mine and Getty Deposits, the most important of which are (1) submassive to massive replacements of carbonate bank lithofacies by sphalerite and galena, typically along steeply dipping carbonate bank front intervals that face the open paleo-basin, (2) disseminated, replacement and porosity filling phases within various carbonate bank lithologies adjacent to and within bank-front intervals, and (3) in rare vein and irregular vug settings or as matrix mineralization between greywacke clasts or boulders in a basal breccia unit that typically separates carbonate bank lithologies from basement greywacke. The dominant type of mineralization in the Getty Deposit is disseminated in nature.

# 14.2.3 Methodology of Resource Estimation

#### 14.2.3.1 Overview of 2011 Estimation Procedure

"The Getty mineral resource estimate is based on a three dimensional block model developed using Surpac Version 6.0.3 modeling software and the validated project drill hole database. The database includes results from 181 historic diamond drill holes completed by Getty as well as 4 holes completed by Esso and 138 diamond drill holes completed by Acadian in 2007-2008. The current resource outline includes 84 historic holes and 94 Acadian holes, although additional holes from both sources occur adjacent to the outline and were used for geological and block model peripheral constraint definition purposes.

"The first step in development of the resource model was creation of a set of interpreted geological cross sections presenting lithocoded rock types interpreted from drill logs as well as lead and zinc core sample assay interval data. These served to establish an understanding of carbonate bank geometry and grade distribution trends present in the deposit and were later augmented by contour plans depicting overburden depth, dolomite thickness and basement surface configurations. Sections were created using the local project grid at a nominal spacing of 50 meters, with adjustment of this spacing made as necessary to provide complete coverage of the deposit. Geological and grade distribution models developed from the sections were used to guide and assess subsequently developed versions of the three-dimensional block model.

"Assay results from the validated project database were initially assessed through calculation of distribution statistics for both zinc and lead populations after compositing to a common 1.0 meter support base. In total, 1672 composites were created from analytical results for 1794 original core samples. Frequency distribution and probability plots for the composite data set were also prepared and results were interpreted as showing that the few high grade samples present were reflections of valid mineralization styles for which block-scale correlations could be reasonably expected. This assertion reflects observations made during underground mining of high grade portions of the adjacent Gays River Deposit. Composites showing high zinc and lead grades occur in several areas along the north-facing bank front of the Getty Deposit, as is the

case at Scotia Mine, but these are typically lower in grade, thinner and spatially less extensive than similar high grade areas at Scotia Mine. On the basis of combined factors, no requirement for high grade capping of assay results in the Getty data set was established.

"The Getty Deposit model was developed within a three-dimensional, peripheral constraint (or solid) created in Gemcom Surpac Version 6.0.3 initially based on a combination of two contributing parameters, these being (1) a minimum grade % (zinc plus lead) value of 1.00% with a minimum down-hole intercept length of 3.0 meters, and (2) lateral limits to the deposit solid defined on the basis of midpoints between mineralized and non-mineralized drill holes or a maximum 25 meter projection from a mineralized hole where no other constraining hole was present. The grade cut-off was assigned as a reflection of the deposit's near-surface location and associated potential for open pit development.

"While not as complex as that at Scotia Mine, the carbonate bank front configuration at Getty is irregular and the solid developed for deposit modelling purposes is characterised by numerous promontories and re-entrants. This is particularly true along north-facing bank front intervals that show spatial association with areas of best zinc and lead mineralization. This configuration approximates a series of variably-oriented panels of dipping mineralization that, although correlative, show strike and dip changes along the length of the deposit. The current peripheral deposit constraint solid for the block model reflects this variation and is based on that developed for the earlier Acadian resource estimate (Cullen et al., 2007). However, it differs from the earlier constraint by accommodating the new drill holes by Acadian and being comprised of 26 subdomains reflecting areas of common mineralized zone orientation. As detailed later in this report, block grade interpolation was separately carried out in each sub-domain using unique search ellipse orientations.

"Spatial variability of mineralized zone trends at Getty prevented development of experimental variograms for the lead and zinc data set that reflected continuity of the mineralized zone to the degree seen in the original geological cross section model. This issue was addressed by Roy et al. (2006) at the Gays River Deposit through three-dimensional transformation of their deposit model that "unfolded" the various mineralized segments to a common surface. Transformed data supported acceptable variogram models and these were subsequently used to establish parameters for grade interpolation into their block model.

"In contrast to the method used at Scotia Mine, mineralized trend variability along the Getty Deposit was addressed in the current model through development of the 26 orientation domain solids within which grade interpolation was constrained. Composite populations within individual domains typically did not provide an adequate number of sample pairs to create well developed experimental variograms. However, useful variogram models for the largest northwest trending sub-domain were initially developed and these were augmented by variogram models calculated for the entire composite population occurring within the peripheral deposit constraint. In the latter case it was recognized that geometric aspects of the deposit could factor negatively in the evaluative process. Based on combined results of the two approaches, the strike and dip

directions of the mineralized zones were determined to show the highest degrees of grade correlation at longest range values. This directly supported earlier qualitative geological assessment of the grade trends. Geometric aspects of the mineralized zones were used in conjunction with variogram results to select interpolation ellipse axial ranges, with common ranges used in all sub-domains in conjunction with unique assigned orientation parameters. Block grades were assigned to the 26 deposit sub-domains using inverse distance squared (ID²) interpolation methodology.

"Results of the grade interpolation process were initially checked against geological cross sections to assess conformity and to provide primary validation of the final deposit block model. A further check on the resource model was completed using Nearest Neighbour grade interpolation methodology on the deposit solid. Resource figures reflecting ID2 interpolation and a range of minimum grade cutoff values, beginning at 2.0% (zinc + lead), constitute the final resource estimate documented in this report.

### 14.2.3.2 Capping of High Grade Assay Values

"Zinc and lead grades for all drill core samples were reviewed and descriptive statistics calculated for both the raw data set and that reflecting 1 meter composite support. The latter are presented below in Table 14-11 and include only those holes that intercept the deposit solid.

Table 14-11: Descriptive Statistics: 1 Meter Drill Core Composites In Resource Solid

Parameter	Zinc	Lead
Mean	1.46%	1.00%
Variance	1.94	2.53
Standard Deviation	1.39	1.59
Coefficient of Variation	0.948	1.580
Maximum	11.30	18.54
Minimum	0.00	0.00
Number	1961	1961

"Maximum zinc and lead grades at 1 meter composite support are 11.30% and 18.54% respectively and reflect zones of higher grade mineralization that are considered spatially coherent and correlative at block scale within the deposit. These form a meaningful part of the grade distribution spectrum of the deposit and are associated with valid geological domains. On this basis, high grade lead and zinc values were not capped for use in the current resource estimate.

### 14.2.3.3 Compositing of Drill Hole Data

"One meter down-hole composites of raw core sample assay values were created for each drill hole, with this length representing the dominant sample interval used by Acadian in the 2007-2008 drilling program. Historic drilling program sample length statistics for all holes are presented

in Table 14-2. A review of associated rank and percentile figures shows that 99 percent of the historic samples measure less than 2.0 meters in length, 75 percent measure 1.52 meters or less in length and 39 percent measure less than 1.0 meter in length. Average length of historic samples is 1.15 meters.

**Table 14-12: Core Sample Length Descriptive Statistics** 

Parameter	Historic Core Sample Length (m)	Acadian Core Sample Length (m)
Mean	1.15	1.00
Variance	0.222	0.063
Standard Deviation	0.47	0.25
Coefficient of Variation	0.411	0.250
Maximum	4.26	6
Minimum	0.02	0.38
Number	855	939

"With respect to Acadian sampling, associated rank and percentile figures show that 95 percent of samples measure 1.0 meter or less in length and 99% of samples measure 2.0 meters or less in length in length. Average length of Acadian core samples is 1.00 meters. Sampling of high grade intervals in historic drill holes was typically carried out based on geological contacts with no minimum sample length parameters applied. This may in part be reflected in samples from historic programs with lengths of less than 0.5 meters.

"In total, 1672 assay composites at 1.0 meter support were calculated within the resource estimation solids from the combined historic drill hole and Acadian drill hole data set.

## 14.2.3.4 Calculation of Equivalent Zinc

"The previous Mercator resource estimate for the Getty Deposit reported by Cullen et al. (2008) presented a zinc equivalent parameter of zinc equivalent = (zinc% + lead %). Riddell (1976) also used a zinc% + lead% factor to define resource cutoff values and included the parameter in the associated resource estimate. Use of zinc% + lead% to define cutoff values was not retained for the current estimate.

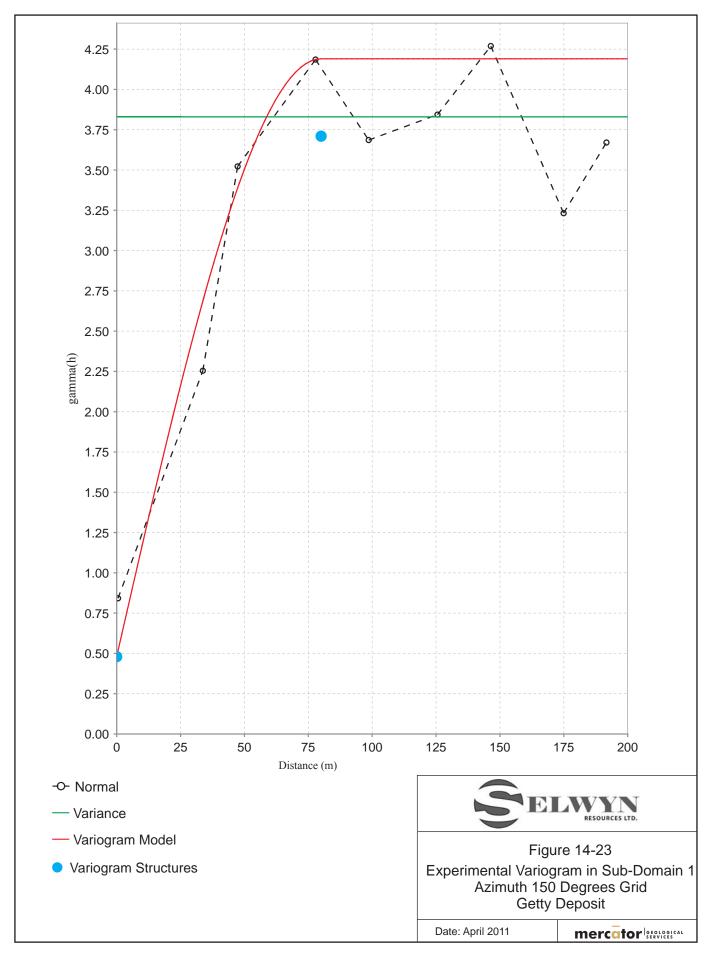
"Market conditions at the effective date of this report have changed since the 2008 resource estimate. Based on (1) review of London Metal Exchange 27 month forward contract pricing for lead and zinc, (2) consideration of current and future market pricing projections prepared for Selwyn (Brook Hunt, 2010), (3) availability of 2007-2008 milling recovery data from Scotia Mine, and (4) provision of relevant smelter return factors, the authors have chosen to redefine zinc equivalent for current purposes. Zinc Equivalent % (Zn Eq.%) for this report is defined as Zn % + (Pb % x 1.18), based on mill recoveries of 89.3% for zinc and 89.5% for lead, \$US1.10/lb Zn and

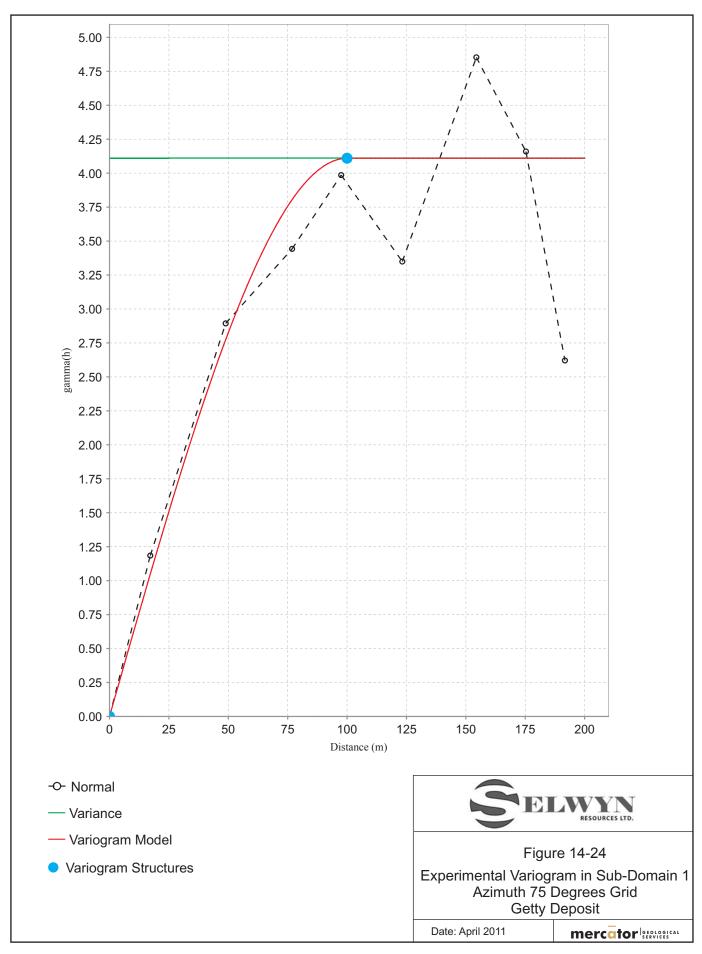
\$US1.15/lb Pb metal pricing and smelter returns of 85% for Zn and 95% for Pb. A 2.00% Zn Eq. resource statement cutoff value was used and reflects open pit development potential.

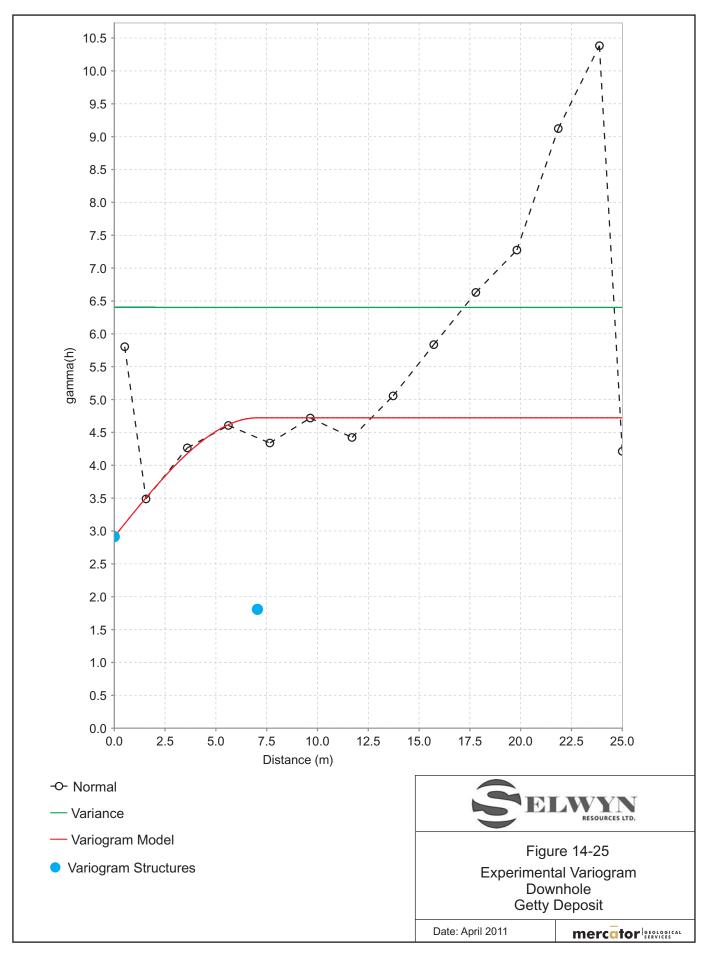
# 14.2.3.5 Variography

"As reported by Cullen et al. (2008), an initial assessment of variography for the deposit area was carried out for historic drill hole data by creation of experimental variograms for combined zinc plus lead (zinc + lead) values for the largest northwest trending sub-domain of the deposit that corresponds with mineralization developed along the contact between overlying evaporite and extending southwest into the dolomitized bank proper. Further details pertaining to deposit sub-domains are presented in the following sections. In plan projection the selected sub-domain measures approximately 700 meters in length by 200 meters in average width and forms a broad corridor of northwest striking, flat-lying to northeast-dipping mineralized carbonate that shows restriction of most mineralization to a relatively narrow, 150 meter elevation interval. Local irregularities of the mineralized carbonate's trend are present in this corridor and take the form of promontories and re-entrants that have associated variations in strike and dip components.

"Experimental variograms for the selected sub-domain were calculated at various lags and bearings within a horizontal reference plane and resulted in selection of spherical variogram models for major and semi-major axes of continuity in orientations that correspond to the dominant geological strike and dip directions within the sub-domain. Representative variogram models for these two axial components are presented in Figure 15-23 and Figure 15-24 and show ranges of 75 meters and 100 meters respectively. Experimental variograms were also calculated in the same horizontal reference plane for the entire composite data set occurring within the deposit peripheral constraint and these provided definition of spherical variogram models showing similar major and semi-major axis orientations as those calculated for the northwest sub-domain, but with higher degrees of complexity resulting from combination of data from the various orientation sub-domains present within the deposit.







"Down hole experimental variograms and spherical model variograms were also prepared to assess grade continuity and correlation trends vertically within the dolostone unit that hosts the deposit. Figure 14-25 presents the best resulting down-hole variogram model and supports a range of 12 meters at a lag of 2 meters. This range is interpreted as reflecting the average mineralized thickness of the host carbonate within the deposit peripheral constraint and was considered during selection of a minor axis range value for the grade interpolation search ellipse.

"Ranges for variograms defined for the main northwest trending sub-domain were assumed to be applicable in the other deposit sub-domains, based on (1) correlation of the modeled continuity trends with local geological strike and dip directions and (2) independent confirmation of grade continuity based on systematic review and interpretation of multiple geological and assay cross sections through the deposit. In combination, these assumptions largely reflect the recognized stratabound character of the zinc and lead mineralization within the Gays River Formation host sequence in the Getty Deposit area.

### 14.2.3.6 Setup of 2011 Three Dimensional Block Model

"Block model total extents were defined in local grid coordinates as being from 6000 meters East to 7145 meters East and from 6300 meters North to 7150 meters North. The model extends in elevation from 150 meters to 700 meters relative to the Scotia Mine local grid that has a datum of mean sea level plus 500.11 meters. The nominal topographic surface in the Getty Deposit area occurs between the 550 meter and 520 meter local grid elevations and all resource solids respect the bedrock/overburden surface defined by the resource drill hole data set. As noted earlier, all drill holes in the Getty resource database are coordinated to both the Scotia Mine local grid and to UTM Zone 20 (NAD83) and collar coordinates for the local grid are reported in Appendix 2 of the (NI) 43-101 report "Updated Mineral Resource Report filed Oct 8 2012. The local grid closely reflects the 3° Modified Transverse Mercator (MTM) projection for Nova Scotia (ATS 77 datum).

"A standard block size for the model was established at 2.50 meters  $\times$  2.50 meters  $\times$  2.50 meters, with no sub-blocking. Descretization within blocks was 1  $\times$  1 and no block rotation was applied. The chosen block size reasonably reflects the character of mineralization within the deposit and also provides approximation of a mining unit size that could be applicable in development of this style of base metal deposit.

"All historic drill holes were lithocoded using the lithocode system originally established by Westminer for the Gays River Deposit. This system was also being used in the Getty Deposit drilling program by Acadian.

"Resource estimation was completely constrained within a peripheral deposit solid developed from wireframing of mineralized envelope limits on geological cross sections cut through the deposit. A minimum 1.0% (zinc + lead) value over a minimum 3.0 meter down hole sample length was used initially to define wire-framed mineralized envelope limits for a peripheral deposit constraint, with slight modifications made locally as required after inspection of the resultant solid. Lateral or down-dip deposit limits were typically created at midpoints between holes that

mark the mineralized zone to non-mineralized zone transition or at a distance of 25 meters from a mineralized drill hole, the lesser distance being utilized.

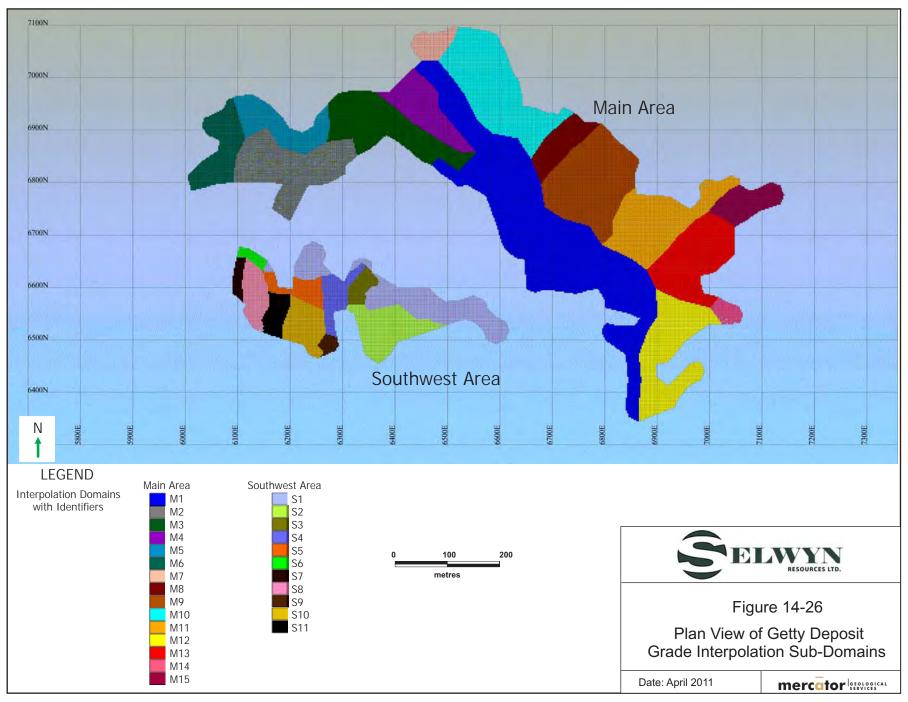
"To properly accommodate deposit geometry during modelling, twenty-six grade interpolation sub-domains were established within the block model peripheral constraint and these are illustrated in (Figure 21). Sub-domains reflect areas of common geometric orientation of the mineralized carbonate and were established as discrete three dimensional constraints within which block grade interpolation could be carried out. Contributing composites for block grade interpolation were not constrained within the sub-domains, to ensure that modeling allowed grade continuity to exist across sub-domains boundaries. Fifteen sub-domains occur contiguously within the main northwest trending deposit outline and the remaining 11 occur contiguously within the southwest zone of the deposit that, at the minimum cut-off used in this report, has been modeled as a separate mineralized area immediately adjacent to the main deposit (refer to Figure 14-26).

### 14.2.3.7 Assignment of Resource Estimate Cutoff Values

"A minimum cutoff value of 2.0 % zinc equivalent was used for reporting the current mineral resource estimate. This value was selected to reflect recognized potential for open pit development of the deposit and processing of ore at the adjacent Scotia Mine milling complex.

#### 14.2.3.8 Material Densities

"No historic collection of Specific Gravity (SG) data for either the Scotia Mine or Getty Deposits was identified in historic records. However, during the course of the 2007-2008 drilling program, Mercator selected 120 dolostone and basal breccia pulp samples representing the grade range within the deposit and submitted these to ALS Chemex in Sudbury, ON for the purpose of Specific Gravity (SG) determination. Pyncometer and methanol laboratory methodology was utilized as set out in the ALS Chemex OA-GRA-08b laboratory protocol. Analytical results for zinc and lead had previously been received for all of the samples submitted for SG determination. No porosity factor was used in the specific gravity calculations.



"Specific gravity (SG) values for the block model were assigned by calculation based on a base dolostone SG value of 2.82 g/cm3 and application of the formula set out below that assigns SG values based on zinc and lead block grades plus the base dolostone value. Zinc is assumed to be present as sphalerite and lead to be present as galena. This approach is consistent with methodology used for the previous Getty Deposit resource estimate by Mercator (Cullen et al., 2008) and follows the earlier example of MineTech International Limited (Roy et al., 2006) for calculation of mineral resources and reserves supporting the recent feasibility study for Acadian's adjacent Scotia Mine project.

"The 120 SG determinations from the Acadian drilling program were used to assess the assignment equation and results correlated sufficiently well to maintain its use. However, the equation was modified through increase of the original base dolostone SG value of 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup> to 2.82g/cm<sup>3</sup>. SG values calculated for each block were multiplied by corresponding block volumes and results summed according to applied cutoff parameters to obtain tonnage values for the deposit model. For purpose of review, descriptive statistics for calculated block density values used in the current deposit model are presented in Table 14-13.

**Table 14-13: Descriptive Statistics: Block Model Density Values** 

Parameter	Value
Mean	2.86
Variance	0.001
Standard Deviation	0.028
Coefficient of Variation	0.010
Maximum	3.27
Minimum	2.82
Number	209757

### 14.2.3.9 Interpolation Ellipsoid and Resource Estimation

"Inverse Distance Squared (ID<sup>2</sup>) grade interpolation was used to assign block model metal grades, with blocks being fully constrained by limits of the 26 separate resource domain solids. Variogram models were used in conjunction with geological model attributes to guide assignment of major, semi-major and minor axis range values for interpolation ellipses used in the current model. Unique search ellipse orientation parameters were developed that reflect local geological strike and dip components for mineralized carbonate in each of the 26 interpolation domains and axial orientations were assigned to conform to this geometry.

"Major and semi-major axial range values for the ellipsoids were set at 75.00 meters for each domain and in no case exceeded the maximum major and semi-major range values indicated by the selected assay composite variogram models. The 75.00 meter range in both major and semi-

major orientations was considered sufficient to insure block grade interpolation from 3 contributing drill holes in a 25 meter spaced drill pattern. Minor axis ranges of 37.5 meters were assigned to ensure full exposure to the thickness of stratabound mineralization within all subdomains. This value exceeds the down-hole variogram range mentioned above and is fifty percent of the selected major and semi-major axis range values. Minor axis range selection was weighted on the basis of the deposit geological model to ensure inclusion of the full host sequence stratigraphic thickness in all sub-domains. Orientation parameters pertaining to the 26 grade interpolation sub-domains appear in Table 14-14 and Figure 14-27 presents a graphic representation of the various search ellipses superimposed on the block model.

**Table 14-14: Search Ellipse Parameters for Interpolation Domains** 

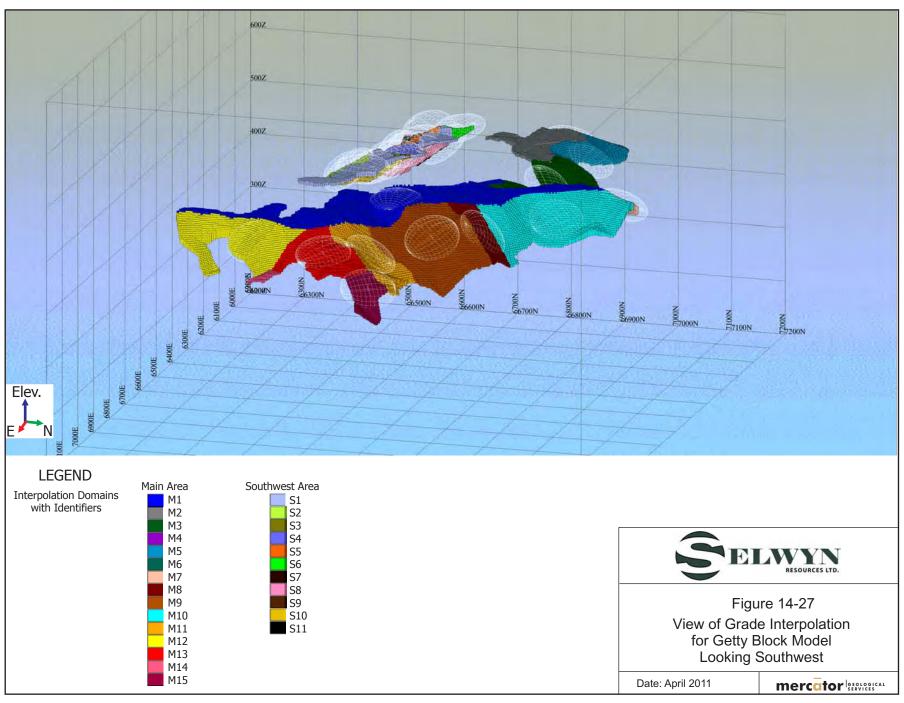
Interpolation Domain Name	Azimuth (Degrees)	Plunge (Degrees)	Dip (Degrees)
Main 1	0	0	0
Main 2	0	0	0
Main 3	306	-22.5	-33.5
Main 4	306	-20.5	37
Main 5	0	-24	0
Main 6	250	-25	-18
Main 7	295	-33	0
Main 8	47	-31	35
Main 9	36	-20	-27
Main 10	33	-23	-10
Main 11	43	-15	30
Main 12	132	-24	15
Main 13	43	-8.5	-10
Main 14	0	0	0
Main 15	58	23	0
South 1	103	0	0
South 2	90	-5	-31.5
South 3	190	10	-20
South 4	176	26	16
South 5	108	0	-30
South 6	307	0	22
South 7	184	41	4
South 8	180	41	-45
South 9	193	44	7
South 10	194	38	-24
South 11	197	41	42

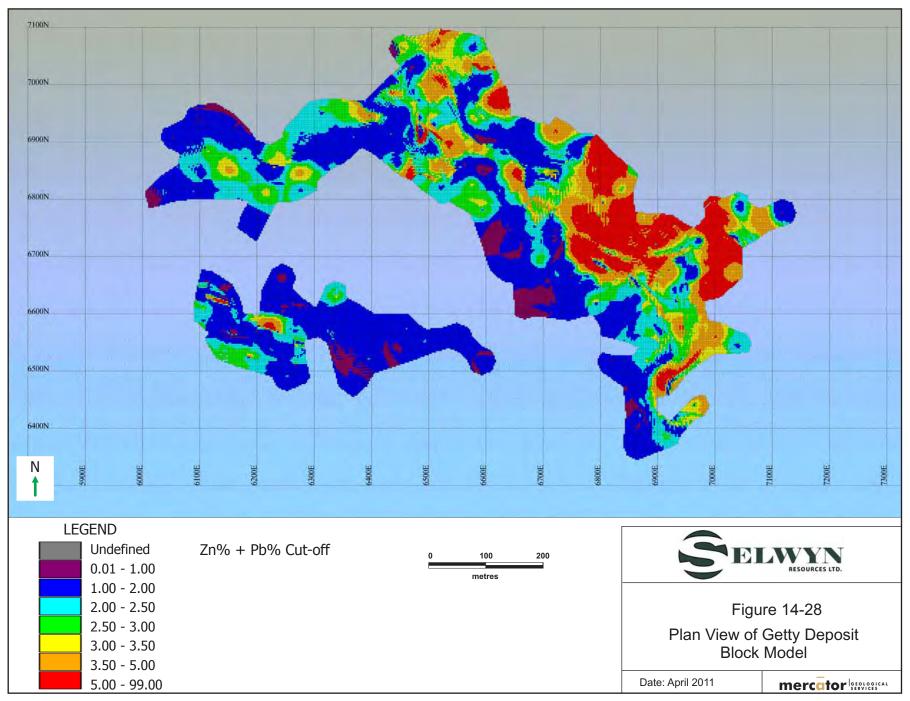
<sup>&</sup>quot;A maximum of 12 included sample composites was established for estimation of individual block grades, with no more than 4 composites allowed from a single drill hole.

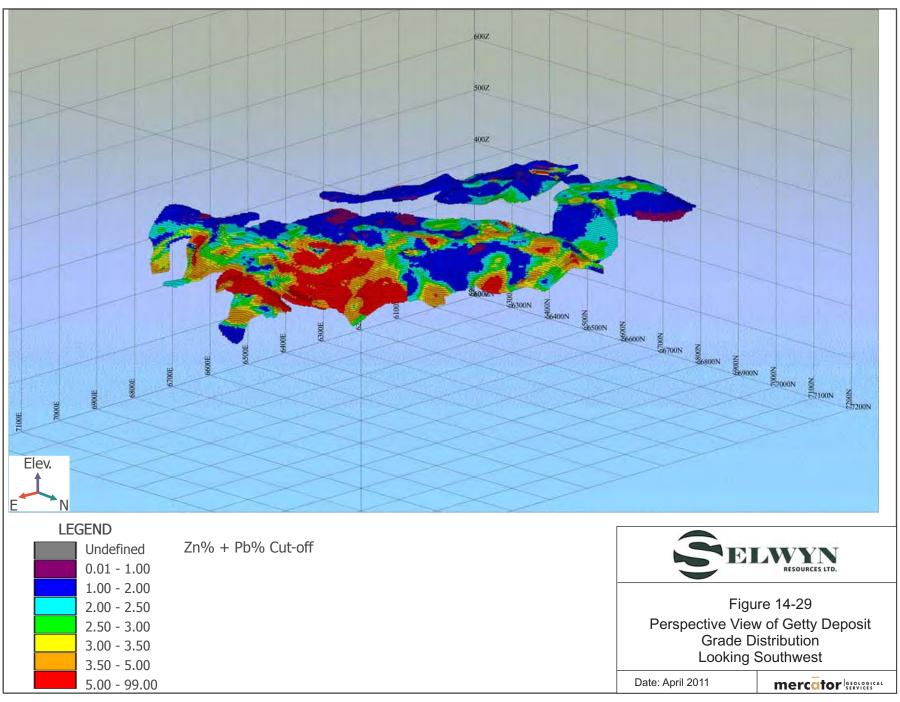
"These parameters ensured both multiple drill hole inclusion in block grade estimations and lateral grade projection between drill holes in dip and strike orientations. Single passes of ID<sup>2</sup> grade interpolation were separately completed for the zinc and lead data sets within each of the 26 interpolation sub-domains and results were initially reported at grade cut-offs of 1.50%, 2.00%, 2.50% and 3.00% (zinc equivalent).

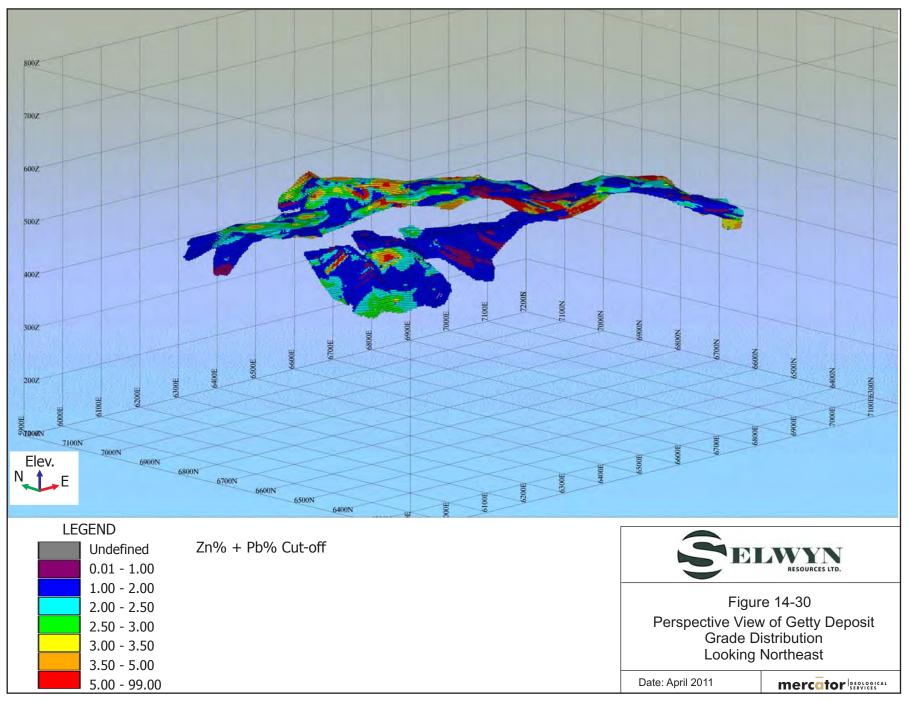
"Grade distribution within the block model was assessed against vertical geological and grade cross sections cut through the deposit at nominal spacings of 50 to 70 meters and also against

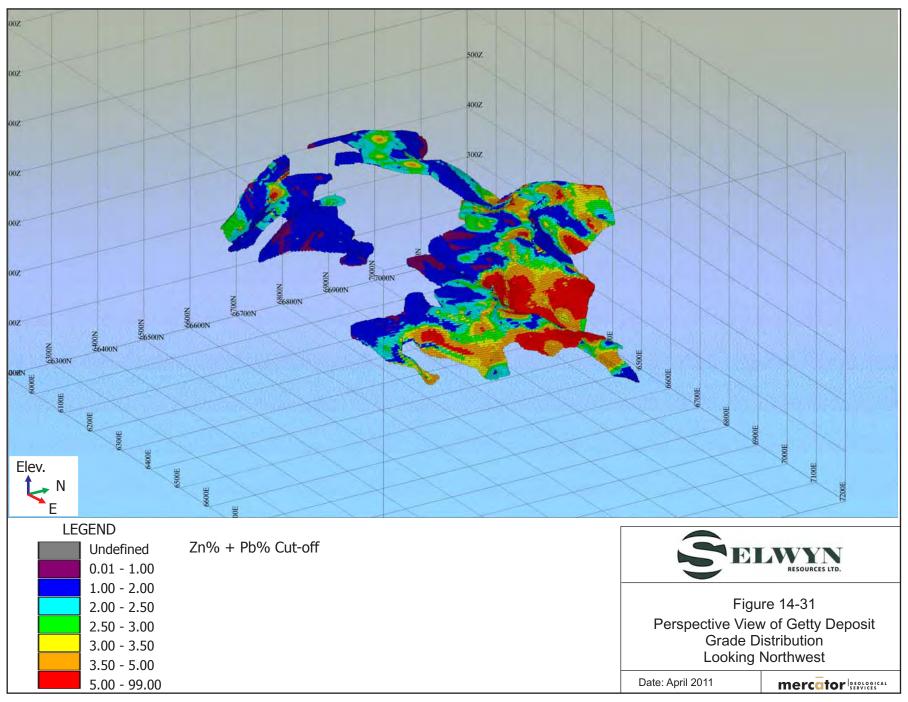
horizontal sections cut through the model at 10 meter elevation intervals. Metal distribution trends observed in the sections were considered acceptable against the geological model Figure 14-28 though Figure 14-31 present perspective views of block model grade distribution trends at specified cut-off values.











#### 14.2.3.10 Resource Classification

"Mineral resources presented in the current estimate have been assigned Inferred, Indicated and Measured resource categories that reflect increasing levels of confidence with respect to spatial configuration or resources and corresponding grade assignment within the deposit. Several factors were considered in defining resource category assignments, including drill hole spacing, geological interpretations and integrity of supporting data sets. Results of the 2007-2008 core drilling program by Acadian provided the most important upgrading factor to the deposit data set in comparison to the 2007 resource estimate which previously reported Inferred mineral resource. The new Acadian drill holes provided a nominal drill hole spacing of approximately 50 meters by 50 meters over much of the deposit area and constituted a major degree of infilling with respect to more broadly spaced historic drill holes that supported the previous estimate. The increased drill hole density factor was augmented by additional QA/QC program results associated with twinning of 10 historic drill holes during the 2007-2008 Acadian drill program and also by re-logging and sampling of 10 historic drill holes for which archived core was available. Positive results from all noted programs served to upgrade overall confidence in the project data set and justified definition of higher category resources.

"Definition parameters for each resource category specified in the current Getty estimate are set out below and Figure 14-32 illustrates distribution of categories in plan view.

<u>"Measured Resources:</u> All blocks with grades based on three drill holes and a minimum of 9 included samples, with not more than 4 composites from a single drill hole, for which the averaged distance to included samples was 28 meters or less with no sample greater than 50% of the major axis range (37.5m) from the block were categorized as Measured mineral resources.

<u>"Indicated Resources:</u> All blocks with grades based on two or more drill holes and a minimum of 5 included samples, with not more than 4 composites from a single drill hole, for which the averaged distance to included samples was 40 meters or less with no sample greater than 75% of the major axis range (56.5m) from the block were categorized as Indicated mineral resources.

<u>"Inferred Resources:</u> All blocks present within the deposit solid that did not meet other resource category requirements and for which interpolated grades were present were categorized as Inferred mineral resources.

#### 14.2.3.11 Statement of Mineral Resource Estimate at Effective Date

Table 14-15 presents a statement of the updated mineral resource estimate for the Getty zinclead deposit supported by content of this technical report. The estimate is considered to be compliant with both the CIM Standards and disclosure requirements of NI-43-101. The effective date of the estimate is deemed to be March 30, 2011. All parameters utilized in the 2008 resource estimate were applied to this revised estimate with the exception of the Zinc Equivalent % calculation factor. For the current resource estimate Zinc Equivalent % (Zn Eq %) has been defined as Zn % + (Pb % x 1.18) and is based on mill recoveries of 89.3% for zinc and 89.5% for

lead, \$US1.10/lb Zn and \$US1.15/lb Pb metal pricing and smelter returns of 85% for Zn and 95% for Pb.

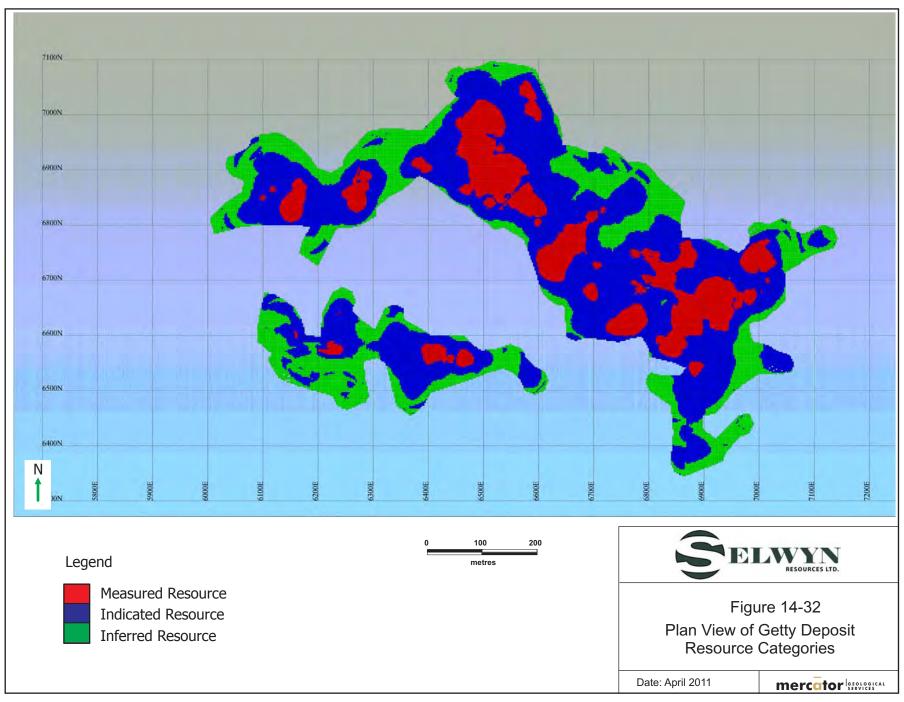


Table 14-15: Mineral Resource Estimate for Getty Deposit- March 30, 2011

Getty Deposit - Resource Statement - Zn Eq. % * Cut-off					
Resource Category	Zn Eq. % Cut-	Tonnes (Rounded)	Zinc %	Lead %	Zinc Eq %*
Measured	1.50	1,930,000	1.81	1.26	3.30
Indicated	1.50	3,790,000	1.62	1.21	3.05
Indicated + Measured	1.50	5,720,000	1.68	1.23	3.13
Inferred	1.50	1,350,000	1.52	1.31	3.06
Measured	*2.00	1,550,000	1.97	1.45	3.68
Indicated	*2.00	2,810,000	1.82	1.44	3.51
Indicated + Measured	*2.00	4,360,000	1.87	1.44	3.57
Inferred	*2.00	960,000	1.73	1.59	3.60
Measured	2.50	1,180,000	2.14	1.68	4.12
Indicated	2.50	1,950,000	2.06	1.70	4.07
Indicated + Measured	2.50	3,130,000	2.09	1.69	4.09
Inferred	2.50	680,000	1.95	1.88	4.16
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Measured	3.00	860,000	2.34	1.95	4.64
Indicated	3.00	1,300,000	2.35	2.03	4.74
Indicated + Measured	2.50	2,160,000	2.35	2.00	4.70
Inferred	3.00	460,000	2.21	2.23	4.85

Notes: (1) Zinc Equivalent % (Zn Eq.%) = Zn % + (Pb % x 1.18) and is based on mill recoveries of 89.3% for zinc and 89.5% for lead, \$US1.10/lb Zn and \$US1.15/lb Pb metal pricing and smelter returns of 85% for Zn and 95% for Pb, (2) \* denotes the 2.00% Zn Eq. resource statement cutoff value that reflects open pit development potential

## 14.2.3.12 Validation of Model

#### **Comparison to Geological Sections**

"Results of block modeling were compared on a section by section basis with corresponding interpreted geological and grade distribution sections prepared prior to block model development. This showed that block model grade patterns show good correlation with those interpreted from the geological sections and that the stratabound character of the mineralization was being properly represented. Results of visual inspection are interpreted as showing an acceptable degree of consistency between the block model and the independently derived sectional interpretation, thusly providing a measure of validation against the geological model developed for the deposit.

#### **Comparison of Composite Database and Block Model Grades**

"Descriptive statistics were calculated for those portions of the drill hole composite population falling within the total deposit peripheral constraint and these figures were compared to corresponding values calculated for the resource estimate block model. Results of the comparison are tabulated in Table 14-16. Mean drill hole assay composite grades for zinc and lead compare closely with corresponding zinc and lead grades calculated for the entire block model and provide a check on bias within the model with respect to the underlying total assay composite population.

Table 14-16: Comparison of Drill Hole Assay Composite and Block Model Grades

Parameter	*Total Model Grade (Zn%)	*Total Model Grade (Pb%)	Composites Grade (Zn%)	Composites Grade (Pb%)
Mean	1.43	1.01	1.46	1.00
Variance	0.86	0.99	1.94	2.53
Standard Deviation	0.93	1.00	1.39	1.59
Coef. of Variation	0.648	0.990	0.948	1.580
Maximum	10.27	14.52	11.30	18.54
Minimum	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number	209,757	209,757	1961	1961

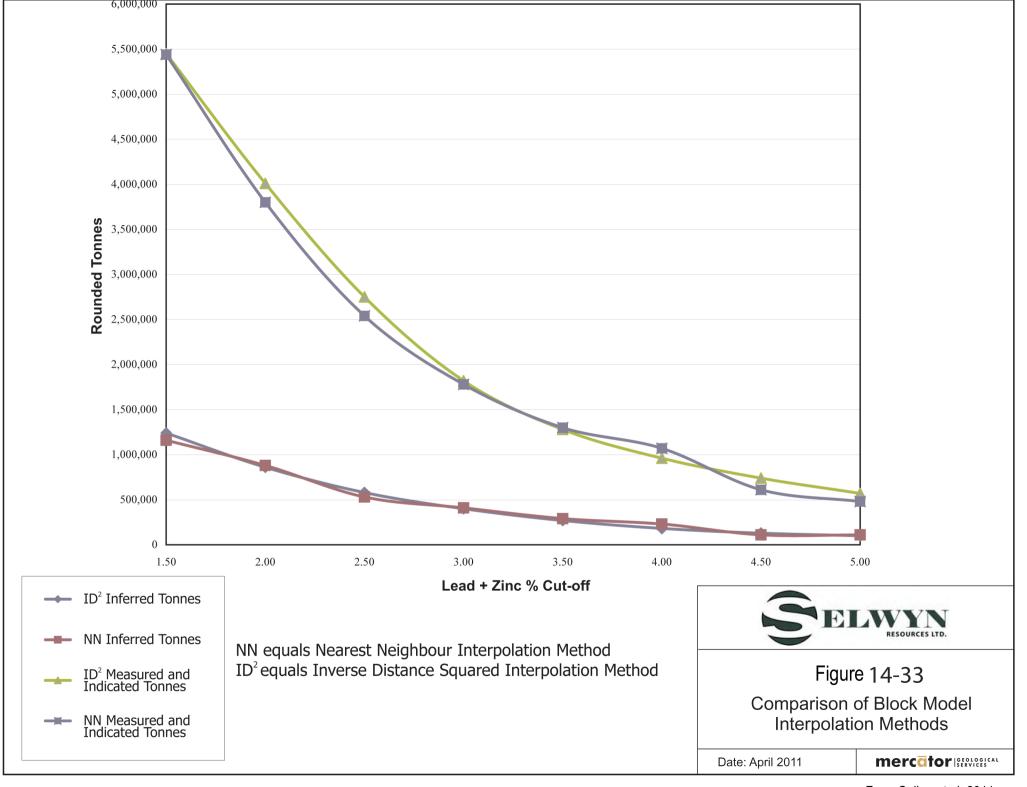
<sup>\*</sup>Defined as all blocks having interpolated grades within the deposit peripheral constraint

# **Comparison of With Nearest Neighbour Grade Interpolation Model**

"The ID<sup>2</sup> block model was checked using Nearest Neighbour (NN) grade interpolation methodology within the same resource solids used for the ID<sup>2</sup> method and associated weighted average drill hole intercepts appear in Appendix 2 of NI 43-101 *Updated Mineral Resource Report,* filed October 8 2012. Assigned block resource categories were constant between models as were metal cut-off values. Results of the NN estimation appear in Table 14-17 and Figure 14-33 provides a comparison to ID2 model results.

**Table 14-17: Results of Nearest Neighbour Block Model Estimate** 

Cutoff: Pb% + Zn%	Resource Category	Tonnes (Rounded)	Pb %	Zn%	Pb%+Zn%
2.00	Measured	1,480,000	1.44	1.90	3.34
2.00	Indicated	2,320,000	1.51	1.96	3.47
2.00	Indicated Plus Measured	3,800,000	1.48	1.94	3.42
2.00	Inferred	880,000	1.58	1.81	3.39
2.50	Measured	1,050,000	1.75	2.07	3.82
2.50	Indicated	1,490,000	1.90	2.27	4.17
2.50	Indicated Plus Measured	2,540,000	1.84	2.19	4.03
2.50	Inferred	530,000	2.05	2.15	4.20
3.00	Measured	700,000	2.07	2.31	4.38
3.00	Indicated	1,080,000	2.19	2.56	4.75
3.00	Indicated Plus Measured	1,780,000	2.14	2.46	4.60
3.00	Inferred	410,000	2.24	2.41	4.64



"Grade and tonnage figures for the two block models correlate well at all cutoff values and are interpreted as providing an acceptable check of the ID2 model.

# 14.2.4 Comments on Previous Resource or Reserve Estimates

"Three historic mineral resource estimates were reviewed for purposes of this report and these were referenced previously in section 5.2. The first was prepared in 1976 for Getty by MPH Consulting Limited (Riddell, 1976) and apparently followed earlier in-house estimates by Getty. Subsequently, an in-house assessment was prepared by Esso (MacLeod, 1980) and in 1992 Westminer also completed an estimate (Hudgins and Lamb, 1992). Results of these programs are presented in Table 14-18 and, as noted earlier, all are historic in nature, pre-date NI 43-101 and are not compliant with current CIMM Standards. As such, they should not be relied upon.

Table 14-18: Historic Tonnage and Grade Estimates for Getty Deposit

Reference	Cutoff	Tonnes	Pb %	Zń %	Zn + Pb %
Riddell (1976)	2% Zn + Pb	4,005,000	1.84	1.87	3.02
*MacLeod (1980)	1.5% Zn +Pb	3,078,000	1.37	1.60	2.97
**Hudgins and Lamb (1992)	**1.5% Zn Eq.	4,500,000	1.33	1.87	3.20

<sup>\*</sup> Diluted and Minable; \*\*Zn Eq. = Zn% + 0.60 x Pb%

**Notes:** With regard to the historic mineral resource estimates stated above 1) a qualified person has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves; 2) the issuer is not treating the historical estimate as current mineral resources or mineral reserves as defined in sections 1.2 and 1.3 of NI43-101; and 3) the historical estimate should not be relied upon.

"Support documents provided for the historic estimates showed that those of Getty and Esso were based on drill-hole-centered polygonal methods with tonnage weighting to establish final deposit grade. A single density factor of 11.5 cubic feet per ton (~2.78g/cm3) was used in the Riddell (1976) estimate and this appears to have been used by MacLeod (1980) before application of a 10% tonnage reduction factor to drill hole intercepts. Westminer employed a cross-sectional method using Surpac® mining software to determine resource area limits and volume and used a single density factor of 2.75 g/cm³ to estimate tonnage. Deposit grade was calculated as the length-weighted average of all drill hole intercepts, but spatial distribution of grade within the deposit was not specifically addressed.

"A summary review of supporting file information for the historic estimates was completed for current purposes and it is apparent that the noticeably lower tonnage figure quoted by Esso reflects exclusion of certain drill holes based on the report's development potential assumptions. The higher lead grade in the MPH estimate is also notable but main contributing factors were not clearly identified.

"Riddell (1976) completed a preliminary economic assessment for open pit development of a 3.6 million ton (3.3 million tonne) portion of the deposit at a diluted grade of 1.28% Pb and 1.74% Zn.

Modeling parameters included options of a stand-alone mill, custom milling of ore at Esso's adjacent Gays River site and development of a jointly-owned mill complex in association with Esso. Analysis showed that a 20 year model producing at 182,000 tons per year with a dedicated mill was uneconomic. However, 10 year projects producing at 375,000 tons per year were financially attractive in both the custom milling and jointly owned mill models.

"In 1980 Esso reported on economic aspects of developing the deposit based on an insitu tonnage and grade model of 3.1 million diluted tons (2.8 million tonnes) grading 1.37% Pb and 1.60% Zn (MacLeod, 1980). This study concluded that mining the deposit through open-pit methods as an ore supplement to the Gays River deposit was economically viable, provided that important operating assumptions were met. Positive Net Present Value figures at 15% discounting were returned for 1000 and 1250 ton per day production rates, with the Gays River operation absorbing certain operating and capital cost components. George (1985) again reviewed deposit economics for Getty and used economic analysis applied to tonnage and grade curves to show that a deposit size of approximately 8 million tons was necessary to justify standalone profitable development at realizable metal grades. The earlier MPH work was also reviewed and some of the economic models updated. None of the work indicated that profitable standalone development of the deposit could be expected under existing market conditions of the time.

"Hudgins and Lamb (1992) reported on preliminary economic analysis of a 3.9 million tonne portion of the total resource at their assigned grade and concluded that a positive economic case could be made for development of the property as a "top-up" source of feed for the Gays River concentrator. Assumptions included sharing of various operating costs with the Gays River operation and that the full 1500 tonne per day capacity of the Gays River concentrator would not be required for underground production.

"In review, each of the historic estimates reflects specific assumptions considered appropriate at the time of preparation. This includes exclusion of certain historic drill holes, establishment of different maximum depth criteria and use of differing minimum grade and width cut off values. The current estimate does not directly reflect any of the parameter sets used in the early programs and results are therefore different. However, all historic programs model the Getty Deposit as a relatively low grade accumulation of lead and zinc having potential for open pit development. From the grade and tonnage perspective the earlier estimates are generally consistent with results of the current estimate and provide relevant views of the deposit under historic market conditions.

"The first NI 43-101 compliant Getty resource estimate completed by Mercator for Acadian (Cullen et al. 2007) was based solely on historical drilling and the entire resource was assigned to the Inferred resource category. Inferred designation reflected drill hole spacing and historical nature of the supporting database. The associated block model provided a well developed view of geological and grade trends within the deposit area and also highlighted the need to carry out a substantial amount of infill drilling before higher category resources could be defined for the

deposit. Table 14-19 presents results of the Cullen et al. (2007) resource estimate, which, on a total tonnage basis, is approximately 19% smaller than total tonnage at the same cutoff value for the 2008 resource at comparable average grades.

Table 14-19: Getty Deposit Mineral Resource Estimate - December 2007\*

Resource Category	Zn Equivalent % Threshold**	Tonnes (Rounded)	Lead %	Zinc %	Zinc% + Lead %
Inferred	2.00	4,160,000	1.40%	1.81%	3.21%
Inferred	2.50	2,860,000	1.60%	2.06%	3.66%
Inferred	3.00	1,970,000	1.82%	2.26%	4.08%
Inferred	3.50	1,300,000	2.09%	2.42%	4.51%

Notes:\* Estimate is compliant with NI 43-101 and CIM Standards; \*\* Zn Equivalent calculated as Zn Equivalent = (Zn% + Pb%)

"Completion of infill drilling was recommended and ultimately carried out during the 2007-2008 Acadian drilling campaign that totalled 138 holes in the deposit area. Addition of results for the 138 drill holes is the principal difference between the 2008 resource data set and that used in the 2007 estimate, with the designation of higher category resources in reflecting increased confidence in deposit geology and grade distribution models (Cullen et al., 2008). The NI 43-101 compliant 2008 estimate is summarized in Table 14-20.

Table 14-20: Getty Deposit Mineral Resource Estimate - November 2008\*

Resource Category	Zinc% +Lead% Threshold**	Tonnes (Rounded)	Lead %	Zinc %	Zinc% + Lead %
Measured	2.00	1,470,000	1.48	2.02	3.50
Indicated	2.00	2,540,000	1.48	1.91	3.39
Indicated Plus Measured	2.00	4,010,000	1.48	1.95	3.43
Inferred	2.00	860,000	1.65	1.82	3.48
Measured	2.50	1,070,000	1.74	2.22	3.97
Indicated	2.50	1,680,000	1.78	2.21	3.99
Indicated Plus Measured	2.50	2,750,000	1.76	2.21	3.98
Inferred	2.50	580,000	1.98	2.09	4.07
Measured	3.00	740,000	2.04	2.47	4.52
Indicated	3.00	1,080,000	2.13	2.54	4.67
Indicated Plus Measured	3.00	1,820,000	2.09	2.51	4.61
Inferred	3.00	400,000	2.34	2.37	4.71

<sup>\*</sup> Estimate is compliant with NI 43-101 and CIM Standards; \*\* Zn Equivalent calculated as Zn Equivalent = (Zn% + Pb%)

<sup>&</sup>quot;A portion of this tonnage increase is directly attributable to change in base SG value for the block model, from 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup> in 2007 to 2.82 g/cm<sup>3</sup> in 2008. The remaining change is attributed to incremental extension of local deposit limits on the basis of 2007-2008 drilling program results."

# 14.3 Summary of Mineral Resources – Gays River and Getty Deposits

The Gays River Deposit's mineral resource estimate was prepared by Doug Roy, M.A.Sc., P.Eng. and Tim Carew, P.Geo. of MineTech International Limited. The Getty Deposit's mineral resource estimate was prepared by Cullen *et al* (2011) of Mercator Geological Services. The estimates were separately prepared using slightly different parameters, the most significant of which were different zinc-equivalent grade formulae and different block cut-off grades for resource reporting.

## 14.3.1 Gays River Deposit

In both the Main and Northeast Zones, Measured plus Indicated mineral resources totalled 7.8 million tonnes with average grades of 5.3 % zinc and 1.7 % lead (refer to Table 14-).

Inferred mineral resources totalled 3.7 million tonnes with average grades of 4.2 % zinc and 1.5 % lead.

Table 14-21: Summary of Non-Diluted Mineral Resources – Both Zones

			Zn	Pb	Zn
ResourceCategory	ZnEq.%Cut-off	Tonnes	(%)	(%)	Eq.%
Measured*	0.75	2,075,000	3.14	1.68	5.16
Indicated*	0.75	5,770,000	3.3	1.69	5.32
Measured+Indicated*	0.75	7,845,000	3.25	1.69	5.28
Inferred*	0.75	3,677,000	2.35	1.51	4.16

Base case for this study denoted by "\*"

Refer to Table 14-1 and Table 14-5 for resource estimation notes.

# 14.3.2 Getty Deposit

Using a zinc-equivalency ratio of 1 % lead = 1.17 % zinc and a block cut-off grade of 2 % zinc-equivalent, Cullen *et al* (2011) determined that Measured plus Indicated mineral resources totalled 4.4 million tonnes with average grades of 1.9 % zinc and 1.4 % lead (refer to Table 14-22). Inferred mineral resources totalled 1.0 million tonnes with average grades of 1.7 % zinc and 1.6 % lead.

Table 14-22: Getty Deposit Mineral Resources (from Cullen et al, 2011)

Resource Category	Zn Eq. % Cut-off	Tonnes (Rounded)	Zinc %	Lead %	Zinc Eq %*
Measured	2.00	1,550,000	1.97	1.45	3.68
Indicated	2.00	2,810,000	1.82	1.44	3.51
Indicated + Measured	2.00	4,360,000	1.87	1.44	3.57
Inferred	2.00	960,000	1.73	1.59	3.60

**Notes:** (1) Zinc Equivalent % (Zn Eq.%) = Zn % + (Pb % x 1.18) and is based on mill recoveries of 89.3% for zinc and 89.5% for lead, \$US1.10/lb Zn and \$US1.15/lb Pb metal pricing and smelter returns of 85% for Zn and 95% for Pb.

## 14.3.3 Gays River And Getty Deposits Combined

A summary of the mineral resources for both deposits was prepared. The reader is warned that the Gays River and Getty mineral resource estimates were prepared by different authors using different parameters.

Table 14-23: Combined Mineral Resources, Gays River and Getty Deposits\*

Resource Category	Zn Eq. % Cut-off	Tonnes (Rounded)	Zinc %	Lead %	Zinc Eq %*
Measured	Varies	3,625,000	2.64	1.58	4.54
Indicated	Varies	8,580,000	2.82	1.61	4.75
Measured+Indicated	Varies	12,205,000	2.76	1.60	4.68
Inferred	Varies	4,637,000	2.22	1.53	4.05

<sup>\* 1%</sup> Lead = 1.2 % Zinc.

#### 14.3.4 Conclusions

Using a cut-off grade of 0.75 % zinc-equivalent for the Gays River Deposit, a zinc-lead-mineralised zone was outlined with a straight-line strike length of almost four kilometres. The neighbouring Getty Deposit measures over one kilometre along strike.

Outcrops are rare, but both deposits sub-crop under the unconsolidated glacial till overburden. The dolostone host rock drapes over a paleo-shoreline of metasediments at dip that varies between 30-40 ° and vertical, averaging 40-60 °. Thickness varies from less than one metre to over ten metres in true thickness.

The zinc is contained in a very low-iron sphalerite that is highly marketable.

Mineral resources were identified in Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories.

<sup>\*</sup> See Table 14-21 and Table 14-23 for the Zinc equivalent % cut-off used for each zone

For the Gays River deposit, in both the Main and Northeast Zones, Measured plus Indicated mineral resources totalled 7.8 million tonnes with average grades of 5.3 % zinc and 1.7 % lead. Inferred mineral resources totalled 3.7 million tonnes with average grades of 4.2 % zinc and 1.5 % lead.

Using a zinc-equivalency ratio of 1 % lead = 1.17 % zinc and a block cut-off grade of 2 % zinc-equivalent, Cullen *et al* (2011) determined that Measured plus Indicated mineral resources totalled 4.4 million tonnes with average grades of 1.9 % zinc and 1.4 % lead. Inferred mineral resources totalled 1.0 million tonnes with average grades of 1.7 % zinc and 1.6 % lead.

The majority of the outlined mineral resources could likely be mined using surface mining methods.

For the Gays River Deposit, some of the identified mineral resources are located underneath Gays River. Sandy soil lies underneath Gays River, so mining close to the river would be susceptible to water inundation. In other words, the mineral resources that lie close to, or underneath Gays River would be relatively more expensive to recover due to the added cost of either (a) diverting the river or (b) recovering the resources using underground mining methods. Both scenarios are possible and therefore available to Selwyn if needed.

The deposit is a property of merit that warrants additional work.

# **15** Mineral Reserve Estimates

No mineral reserves have been established for this Project since the economics of the project have not yet been demonstrated by a pre-feasibility or feasibility study.

For the purposes of production scheduling for economic modelling in this Preliminary Economic Assessment, a total open pit mineralized material and waste tonnage has been defined and is described in Section 16.3.

# 16 MINING METHODS

Mining will be done using conventional truck & shovel mining methods in the open pits and Cut and Fill mining in the underground.

The open pits will mostly be mined on 10 meter high benches using two Cat 6018, 10 m<sup>3</sup>, hydraulic shovels and Cat 777, 90 tonne capacity haul trucks. A smaller Cat 390D, 4.6 m<sup>3</sup>, hydraulic excavator will be used to mine and separate the ore. The use of the smaller excavator for ore mining should help reduce dilution, increase mine recovery and improve ore segregation, for blending purposes. Drilling & blasting will be required for the rock portion of the deposit while the overlying overburden, which makes up approximately 60% of the waste to be mined, is considered free digging and will not require blasting.

The underground operation will access from the lower benches of the open pits in order to reduce waste development costs and to use the open pit excavations and facilities for water management.

## 16.1 Open Pit Mines

## 16.1.1 Pit Optimization

Prior to designing the operating open pits, a series of economic pit optimizations were run utilizing the Economic Planner application within MineSight software to define the optimal pit size and their configurations. The optimized pits were based on selecting the maximized operating NPV calculated by MineSight Economic Planner (no capital costs included) and logical mining paths.

The inputs to the analysis were based on preliminary estimates and are as follows:

•	Metal Prices:	Lead = US\$ 1.20/lb	Zinc = US\$ 1.10/lb
•	Overburden mining cost:	\$2.20 / tonne	
•	Waste rock mining cost:	\$2.20 / tonne	
•	Ore mining cost:	\$3.07 / tonne	
•	G&A cost:	\$6.94 / tonne	
•	Rock pit slopes:	45 degrees	
•	Overburden pit slopes:	22 degrees	
•	Mining dilution:	10%	
•	Diluting grade:	1.00% Pb + Zn	
•	Mining losses:	5%	

## 16.1.2 Pit Design Criteria

Using the optimized pit shells as a design guide, operating pits shapes were created and used for mine scheduling; allowance was made for incorporating truck access ramp designs into future detail pit plans. Different slope angles were used in the weaker overburden and the harder rock. Table 16-1 summarizes the pit design criteria. Note that no pit wall geotechnical investigations have been completed nor any pit slope geotechnical studies, but these slope angles are reasonable for this stage of study.

**Table 16-1: Pit Design Criteria** 

Overburden	
Bench Height	5 metres
Berm Width	4.5 metres
Batter Face Angle	35°
Inter ramp angle	28°
Rock & Gypsum	
Bench Height (double benching)	10 metres
Berm Width	4.50 metres
Batter Angle	70°
Inter ramp angle	50°
Haul Road Width	20 metres
Haul Road Gradient	10%

### 16.1.3 Pit Tonnages

A series of three (3) different pits were designed and sub-divided into different pit phases to distribute the waste stripping volumes over time. The total mill feed tonnage provided by the mining activity is 6.39 Mt at a produced grade of 3.03% zinc and 1.59% lead.

Table 16-2 presents a summary of the mill feed tonnage and waste tonnage provided by each pit and pit phase. Waste has been subdivided into overburden, gypsum, trench and waste rock. The various pits and pit phase sequence are shown in Figure 16-1 through Figure 16-9.

**Table 16-2: Pit Tonnage Summary**<sup>1</sup>

Mining Zone	Mill Feed Tonnes	Pb %	Zn %	Overburden Tonnes	Trench Tonnes <sup>2</sup>	Gypsum Tonnes	Waste Rock Tonnes	Total Waste Tonnes	Total Material Tonnes	Strip Ratio
Main Pit Phase I	646,174	2.00	2.96	3,351,552	426,430	1,128,897	714,644	5,621,522	6,267,752	8.7
Main Pit Phase 2	936,715	1.28	2.92	9,236,495	603,589	2,023,893	901,735	12,765,712	13,702,509	13.6
Main Pit Phase 4	164,752	0.93	3.20	998,952	55,142	15,072	119,661	1,188,827	1,353,593	7.2
Main Pit Phase 9	233,799	2.75	4.28	930,404	300,666	610,180	528,511	2,369,761	2,603,581	10.1
SW Ext Phase 3a	1,255,480	1.61	3.16	10,465,699	808,931	3,610,771	2,546,823	17,432,223	18,687,813	13.9
SW Ext Phase 3b	248,936	2.34	3.85	3,663,075	239,056	1,618,859	1,102,364	6,623,354	6,872,312	26.6
SW Ext Phase 8	948,762	1.43	1.62	7,793,553	7,060	31,545	2,042,042	9,874,199	10,823,044	10.4
NE Ext Phase 5	772,686	1.07	2.78	8,129,588	589,164	1,795,121	1,319,506	11,833,378	12,606,132	15.3
NE Ext Phase 5b	225,220	0.08	1.94	136,678	0	0	81,521	218,199	443,438	1.0
NE Ext Phase 6	149,841	1.06	2.27	1,066,012	1,829	133,775	183,605	1,385,221	1,535,075	9.2
NE Ext Phase 7	811,990	2.09	4.12	7,200,826	0	8,208,532	1,244,876	16,654,234	17,466,295	20.5
	6,394,355	1.55	2.96	52,972,833	3,031,867	19,176,644	10,785,287	85,966,631	92,361,543	13.4

- This preliminary economic assessment is preliminary in nature and includes Inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- In the deposit area, the contact between the evaporites of the Carroll's Corner Formation and the carbonates of the Gays River Formation was deeply incised by a palaeochannel during a period of uplift and erosion during the Cretaceous period. It was filled-in by sedimentary debris (boulders, sands, silts, clay and gypsum fragments) to which a Cretaceous age has been assigned. This dense, overcompacted debris has been termed "Trench" material; it occurs adjacent to the massive sulphide mineralization.

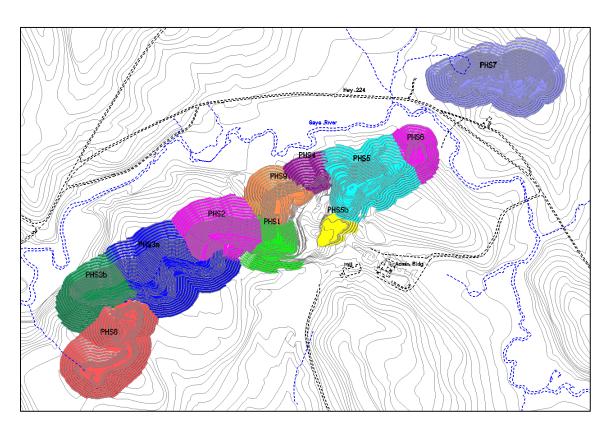


Figure 16–1: Phases and Mining Sequence (Phase 1 > 2 > 4 > 9 > 3a > 7 > 3b > 5 > 5b > 6 > 8)

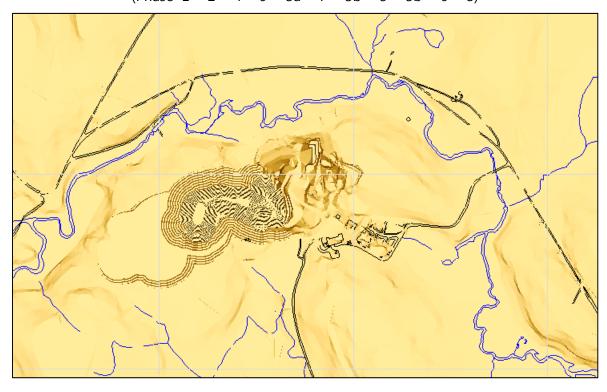


Figure 16–2: Year 1 Advance

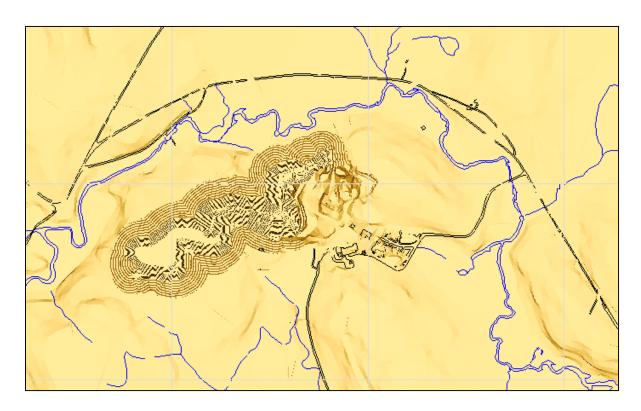


Figure 16-3: Year 2 Advance

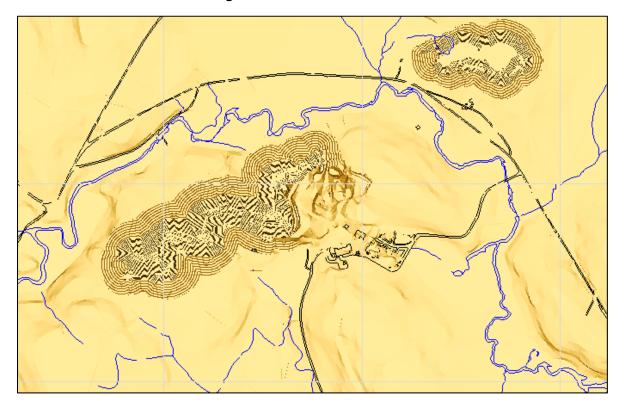


Figure 16-4: Year 3 Advance

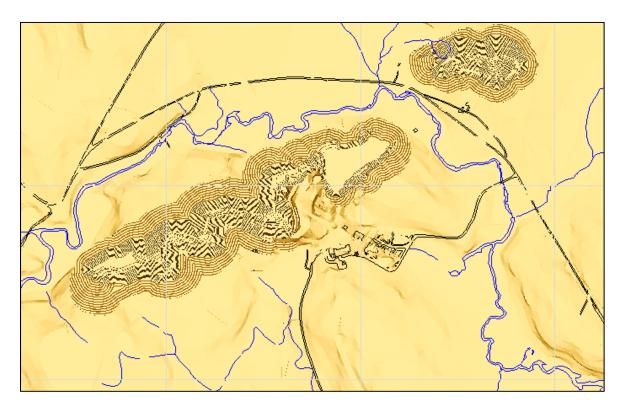


Figure 16-5: Year 4 Advance

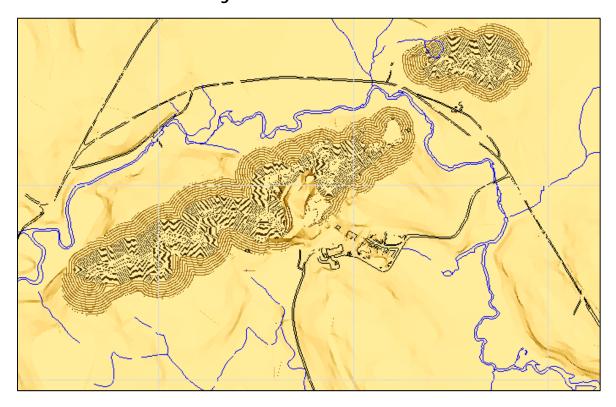


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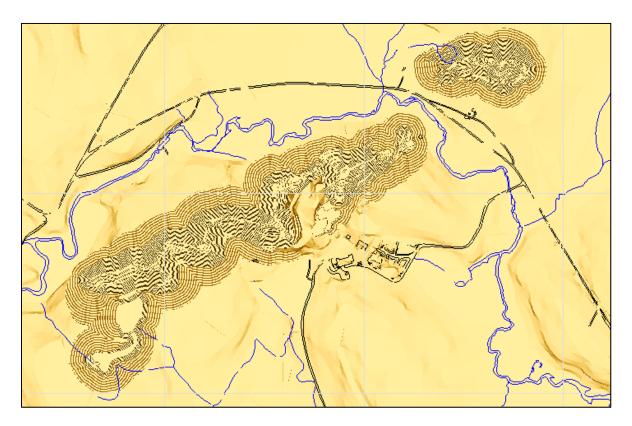


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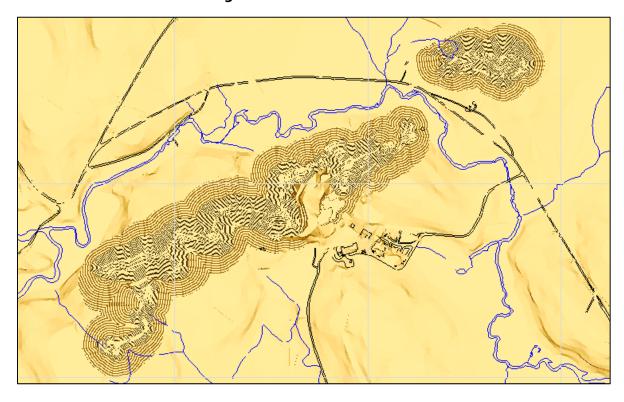


Figure 16–8: Year 7 Advance



## 16.1.4 Waste Dump Criteria

Waste stripped from the open pits will consist of four materials; overburden, gypsum, trench and waste rock. The plan is to segregate overburden, gypsum, trench and waste rock placement within the waste storage area.

The design criteria for the waste piles, including footprint, side slopes, height, setbacks and drainage were established based on waste volume requirements, reclamation plan, the Industrial Approval (IA), land ownership constraints, and stakeholder input. Basic configurations include:

- 30 meter no disturbance setback distance from the Gays River
- 50 meter setback from any delineated wet land that is not planned to be disturbed
- 2.25:1 (H:V) side slopes on the waste pile
- 55m and 88m crest elevation levels for the north and south waste piles respectively
- Irregular footprint to improve natural aesthetics of final piles

The two waste piles are shown in Figure 16-10.

The mined out areas of the pits will be utilized, when possible, for backfill to reduce out of pit storage of the waste materials while reducing haulage cost.



Figure 16-10: Waste Pile Locations

## 16.1.5 Open Pit Production Schedule

The production schedule is based on targeting an annual maximum of approximately 18 million tonnes of total material movement from the mining area.

Figure 16-11 provides an illustration for how the mining operations will sequence through the various pits, pit phases and underground operation. Table 16-3 presents the overall production schedule with annual tonnages of potentially economic mineralization and waste material from all sources.

The underground operation will provide high-grade feed directly to the mill at a rate of 500 tpd. This will offset low grade feed from stockpiles which will be delayed until the underground operation is exhausted. At that time, the stockpiles will provide top up the open pit production in order to maintain overall mill feed at 2,500 tpd.

Gypsum will be segregated on the waste piles in order to provide future access should a market be found for it. The government of Nova Scotia is currently conducting a feasibility study to investigate alternative markets for gypsum. Segregating limestone waste will also be examined should reasonable markets for the product be identified.

	PreStrip	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Main Pit Phase 1								
Main Pit Phase 2								
Main Pit Phase 4								
Main Pit Phase 9								
SW-Ext Phase 3a								
NE Pit Phase 7								
SW-Ext Phase 3b								
NE-Ext Phase 5								
NE-Ext Phase 5b								
NE-Ext Phase 6								
Underground								
SW-Ext Phase 8								

Figure 16-11: Proposed Mining Sequence

**Table 16-3: Mine Production Schedule<sup>1</sup>** 

		Pre-Production	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	LOM
Ore to Mill (tonnes)			877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	533,038	6,677,637
Tonnes per day	tonnes		2,508	2,508	2,508	2,508	2,508	2,508	2,508	2,501	2,507
Zinc Head Grade	%		3.96	3.96	3.82	3.69	3.39	2.81	2.02	1.09	3.20
Lead Head Grade	%		2.40	2.07	2.13	1.76	1.43	1.52	1.41	0.21	1.69
From Open Pits:											
Tonnes per day	tonnes		877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	721,050	500,555	555,940	-	5,288,745
Zinc Head Grade	%		3.96	3.96	3.82	3.69	3.27	1.71	1.79	-	3.36
Lead Head Grade	%		2.40	2.07	2.13	1.76	1.34	1.06	1.73	-	1.85
To Stockpiles:											
Tonnes per day	tonnes		659,395	446,215							1,105,610
Zinc Head Grade	%		1.46	1.46							1.46
Lead Head Grade	%		0.32	0.31							0.32
From Stockpiles:							90,750	197,245	284,578	533,038	1,105,610
Tonnes per day	tonnes						1.86	1.86	1.75	1.09	1.46
Zinc Head Grade	%						0.44	0.44	0.40	0.21	0.32
Lead Head Grade	%										
From Underground:							66,000	180,000	37,282	-	283,282
Tonnes per day	tonnes						6.75	6.94	7.45	-	6.96
Zinc Head Grade	%						3.86	3.97	4.27	-	3.98
Lead Head Grade	%										
Total Ore Mined	tonnes	-	1,537,195	1,324,015	877,800	877,800	787,050	680,555	593,222	-	6,677,637
Total Overburden Dig	tonnes	3,882,000	10,440,000	10,661,000	7,180,000	8,064,000	4,950,000	7,586,000	210,000	-	52,973,000
Total Waste Rock	tonnes	118,000	1,710,805	2,600,985	1,344,200	2,238,200	666,950	1,771,445	334,060	-	10,784,645
Total Gypsum	tonnes	-	3,106,000	3,246,000	8,027,000	3,494,000	1,175,000	100,000	29,000	-	19,177,000
Total Trench	tonnes		975,000	823,000	386,000	281,000	558,000	2,000	7,000	-	3,032,000
Total all Materials	tonnes	4,000,000	17,769,000	18,655,000	17,815,000	14,955,000	8,137,000	10,140,000	1,173,282	-	92,644,282

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This preliminary economic assessment is preliminary in nature and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

## 16.1.6 Open Pit Equipment Fleet

The open pit mining operations will be performed with the equipment presented in Table 16-4. All mining equipment shown will be operated by the owner's employees. Support equipment will include a grader, dozers, water/sand truck, boom truck, pickup trucks, service vehicles, fuel truck, light plants, dewatering pumps, etc. This support equipment will be operated by the owner's employees, on a general basis. Drilling and blasting will be by a service provider.

Haul trucks (90 t)

Hydraulic shovels (10 m³)

Hydraulic excavators (4.6 m³)

Drilling & Blasting equipment

Up to 11 trucks

2 shovels

1 excavator

Contractor provided

**Table 16-4: Major Mining Equipment Fleet** 

# 16.2 Underground Mine

An underground mining operation will target a high grade resource located between the Main and Northeast pits and beneath the highway and Gays River. The underground workings and related facilities are designed to produce 500 tonnes per day of high grade feed to the mill to blend with the lower grade mill feed from the ongoing open pit operations.

The underground project is based on the Mineral Resources in lenses or "blocks" 2 and 5. These are the highest grade underground mineral resource areas (see Figure 16-12). Other reasonable underground mining targets have been identified and will be considered for underground mine during mine operations.

The underground mining targets consist of two flat dipping lenses containing zinc and lead mineralization. The target mineralization widths range between 5 m and 12 m, averaging 7 m. The lenses extend to approximately 130 m below surface and laterally the mine area covers a total strike length of about 300 m.

Principal design considerations for this study are:

- Underground mineral resource target containing 331,673 tonnes grading 7.96% zinc and 4.62% lead;
- Underground and surface infrastructure will be used in conjunction with the open pit mining where possible to reduce engineering and building requirements and to improve continuity/flexibility between surface and underground mining; and

• There is a water bearing "trench zone" occasionally located close or adjacent to the hanging wall contact of the high grade mineralization. The trench zone affected previous underground mining operations in the 1980's and 1990's. Dewatering associated with open pit operations, adjacent to the underground target, is expected to beneficially impact the water table and ease water inflows for the proposed underground mining area. Additional water management techniques will be investigated to mitigate inflows into the underground operation. These may include avoidance of breaking into the trench zone and exposing the underground openings, detailed 3D mapping of the trench zone, advance test drilling to locate the trench zone ahead of mine openings, horizontal drains from the open pits, dewatering wells above the underground operation, and grouting the trench zone in proximity to the underground openings.

## 16.2.1 Underground Mining Method Selection

A mining method was selected to minimize operating costs and dilution; both of which are often relatively high in this type of deposit. A trade-off study comparing three mining methods was completed to determine the most suitable mining method. These were:

- Conventional Shrinkage
- Modified Cut and Fill
- Longhole Stoping

With the Conventional Shrinkage method the ore is drilled and blasted by miners working within the stope using handheld drills. During the mining phase blasted ore is left in the stope to keep it full and act as a working platform for the miners, and only the swell or surplus ore is removed from the stope. Drawpoints are provided at the base of the stope and broken ore is drawn from the stope by scooptrams as required. Once mining of the stope is complete all the remaining ore is removed and the stope left empty. This method is suited to mining steeply dipping narrow ore bodies and is quite selective but is limited in production capacity, is labour intensive, and is more expensive than other stoping methods.

Modified Cut and Fill mining has miners working within the stope using electric hydraulic two boom jumbo drills. This method requires backfill, which for the ScoZinc project would consist of waste development and a surface stockpile from open pit mining. The ore would be loaded by scooptrams into trucks for haulage to surface. This method is quite selective, but like Shrinkage Stoping, is limited in production capacity, is labour intensive, and is higher cost than the Longhole method. The advantage of Cut and Fill over Shrinkage is that the backfill will provide almost immediate support to the hanging wall and footwall as the stope is being mined.

The advantage of both of these methods is their selectivity and lower dilution in comparison to Longhole mining.

While Longhole Stoping offers the best potential for high production rate, high manpower productivity, and lower operating costs there are a number of concerns with this method. First and foremost is dilution.

Dilution is the slough from the walls due to geotechnical conditions. A key geotechnical feature of the deposit is the presence of weak hanging wall and footwall rock, creating a risk of wall slough breaking out from the stope walls. Control of this risk would require appropriate stope design and ground support. While this risk applies to all three mining methods it is most relevant with Longhole mining. Cut and Fill will result in the least wall slough as the stope walls are supported throughout the mining cycle by the backfill. With shrinkage, mining the stope walls are supported by the broken ore during the mining cycle, but wall sloughing can occur during the pull-down phase. A big disadvantage with Shrinkage is that for this method to be practical, the stopes need to be sized a minimum of 75 m long by 50 m high. Based on the rock mechanics analysis, stopes of this size would experience major wall sloughing. With open Longhole mining, wall slough is a major concern.

Cut and Fill mining at a rate of 500 t/d is the preferred option. For all tonnes included in mining blocks 2 and 5, variations of Cut and Fill mining will be utilized as the primary mining method. Cut and Fill will be employed in areas with an ore horizontal thickness of less than 7 meters , while Modified Cut and Fill will be utilized for ore thickness over 7 meters. A variation will be used to recover the sill pillars created for the multiple workings.

#### **Vertical Sequence**

The current mining plan calls for bottom-up mining from one horizon of block 2 and one horizon of block 5 (Figure 16-12).

#### **Horizontal Sequence**

At each lift, crosscuts will typically be driven to the middle of the mineralization and mining then will take place in a centre out fashion. The ore drift will be driven along the footwall to establish the ore/waste contacts. In areas where the ore is greater than 7 meters in width, five meter wide cross cuts will be driven from the footwall contact drift to the hanging wall contact. Each drift will be separated by a 5 meter wide pillar, hence the modified Cut and Fill (Figure 16-12).

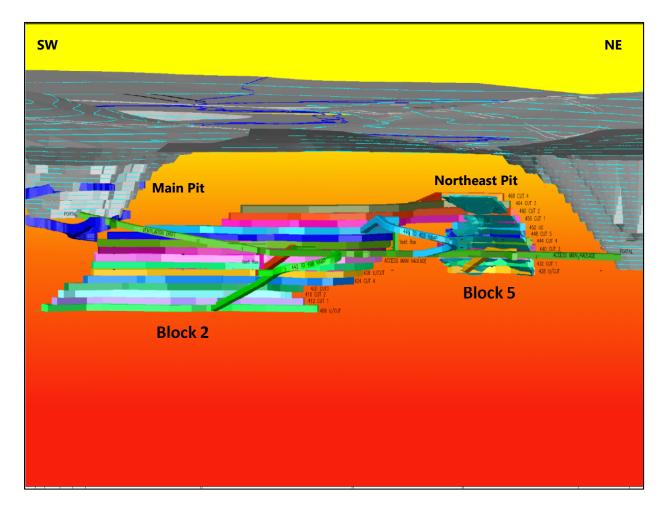


Figure 16-12: General 3D View of Underground Mining Blocks and Planned Development

### 16.2.2 Access System

### 16.2.2.1 Mining Areas

The underground mining target is divided into two mining blocks as shown in Figure 16-12:

Block 2 Mining Zone - Extends from the bottom of the Main open pit to a depth of approximately 130 m and a strike length of approximately 300 m. Only the higher grade upper part of Block 2 is included in this mine plan.

Block 5 Mining Zone – Adjacent to the Northeast pit, extending from about mid pit elevation to about the bottom of the Northeast open pit and has a strike length of approximately 80 m.

#### 16.2.2.2 Mine Access System

The underground mining targets will be accessed by a 4.5 m wide by 4.5 m high ramp grading 15% and designed to accommodate 32 tonne trucks. The portal as well as all access development is located in the footwall of the orebody. From the surface portal, a single ramp will extend to the 439 m level from which point it will split into two ramps one to provide access to block 2 and the second ramp leading to block 5. Each of the two mining zone access ramps are centrally located to the ore zone, and spiral to the bottom and top of the zone, providing access to the various entrances to the Cut and Fill workings as shown in Figure 16-13.

The stoping areas for each mining zone will be accessed by 4.5 m wide x 3.5 m high crosscuts to the ore from the ramp for that zone. The access point will be midway along the strike length of that zone which will provide two headings producing equal quantities of ore over a similar period of time. The vertical spacing of the access cross cuts will be at 25 m intervals. Typical drawings of the main ramp and access cross cuts are shown in Figures 16-13, 16-14 and 16-15.

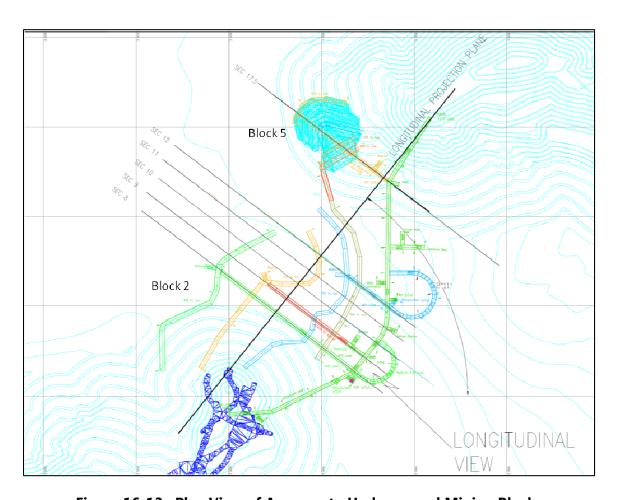


Figure 16-13: Plan View of Accesses to Underground Mining Blocks

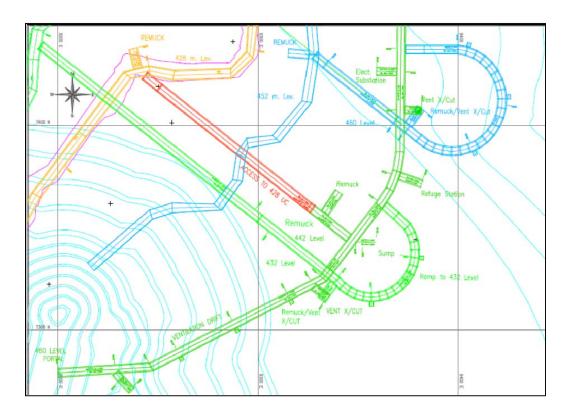


Figure 16-14: Plan View of Ramp from Surface to 468 Level

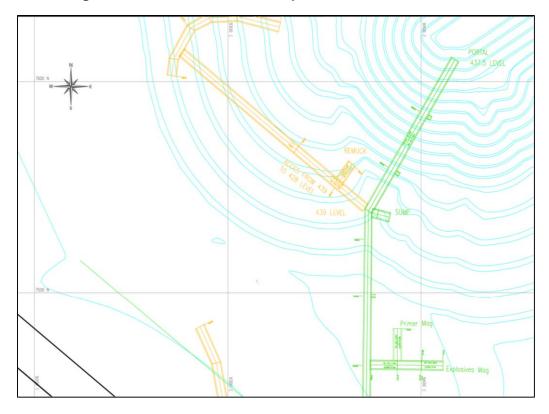


Figure 16-15: Plan View of Ramp from Surface to 439 Level

#### 16.2.2.3 Services and Ground Support

The main haul ramps will be equipped with a 150 mm airline; a 150 mm discharge line and a 75 mm water line. Stope access crosscuts will be equipped with a 50 mm airline, a 50 mm discharge line and a 50 mm water line. Cut and Fill lifts in ore will be equipped with a 50 mm airline and a 50 mm water line. Ventilation ducting will be installed in all headings until connection can be made to the central ventilation exhaust system.

Primary support: 2.2 metres (7 ft 4 in) long – No. 6 or No. 7 resin rebars (with 5 in x 5 in x  $\frac{1}{4}$  in plates) on a 1.2 metre x 1.2 metre (4 ft x 4 ft) pattern. The pattern to be extended across the back and down the walls to within 1.8 metres (6 ft) of the sill. Generally speaking, this can be applied to a drift span of 7.0 metres if no major adverse structures are encountered. Rebar bolts will be installed using electric-hydraulic roofbolters or stopers and jacklegs. Cut and Fill lifts will be bolted using the same 2.2 meter resin rebar set bolts in the back and walls. Screen and cable bolts may be used as required. Typical ground support requirements are shown in Figure 16-16.

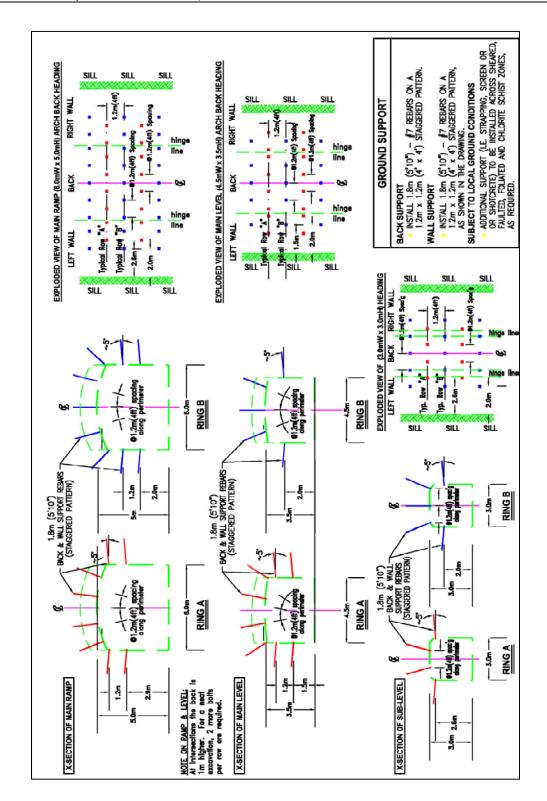


Figure 16-16: Standard Ground Support

## 16.2.3 Details of Stoping System

#### 16.2.3.1 Stope Design

Mechanized Cut and Fill mining is the method selected for the project and it has been carefully adapted and designed to suit the requirements of the ScoZinc underground project, in particular those of a shallow dipping vein, and geotechnical constraints which limit the length of unsupported back and hanging wall spans. This method was also selected in order to use uncemented backfill, thus minimizing operating costs and benefiting the project economics.

The typical Cut and Fill lift size will be 5m high by ore width (average of 7.0 m) and 300 m along strike. The drift height may have to be adjusted down depending on the thickness of the ore and, to keep dilution to a minimum, it may be required to first drill, blast and muck the ore then slash the drift to the size required.

Ore removal will be done directly from mucking blasted breasts, and sill mucking of the completed lifts. The mining of the Cut and Fill lifts must be advanced along strike, from the central access crosscut from the main ramp to the extremity of the mining zone. Because of the water bearing trench zone in the hanging wall, three test holes three drill steels in length will be drilled with all rounds of Cut and Fill breasts in ore. This will reduce the danger of breaking into the trench zone when blasting.

The ore will be drilled with two boom electric hydraulic jumbos. The modified Cut and Fill mining involves drifting along strike in the ore zone, following the footwall "ore"/waste contact. Cross cuts will be driven from the footwall drift to the opposite wall (i.e. from footwall to hanging wall,). The drifts will be separated by 5 meter wide rib pillars (zone dependant). When drifting is complete, services (pipe, vent duct, power cables) will be stripped from the heading. The heading will be backfilled to within 0.5 meters to 1 meter from the back, using five yard scooptrams with ejector buckets. Following backfilling, the entrance will be backslashed at +15% to establish a face for the next cut. The mining cycle is then repeated.

A typical stope section and plan are shown in Figures 16-17 and 16-18. Cross sections of stopes and accesses are shown in Figures 16-19 through 16-22.

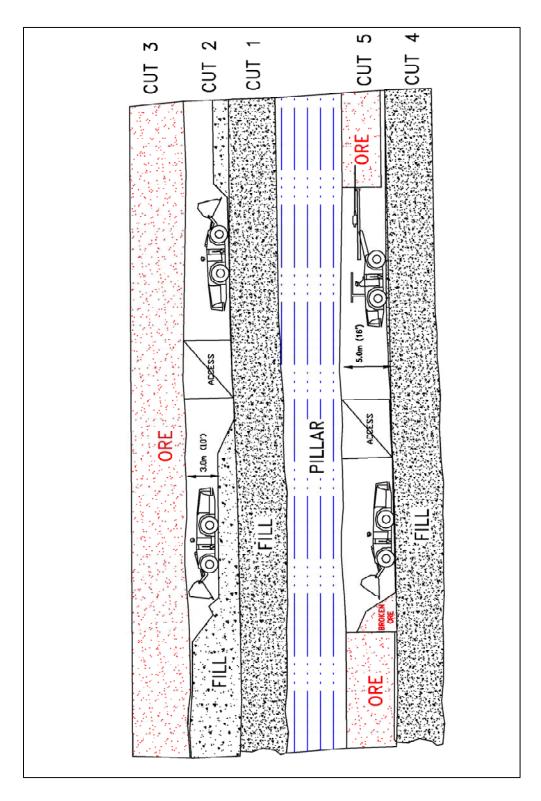


Figure 16-17: Typical Stope Section

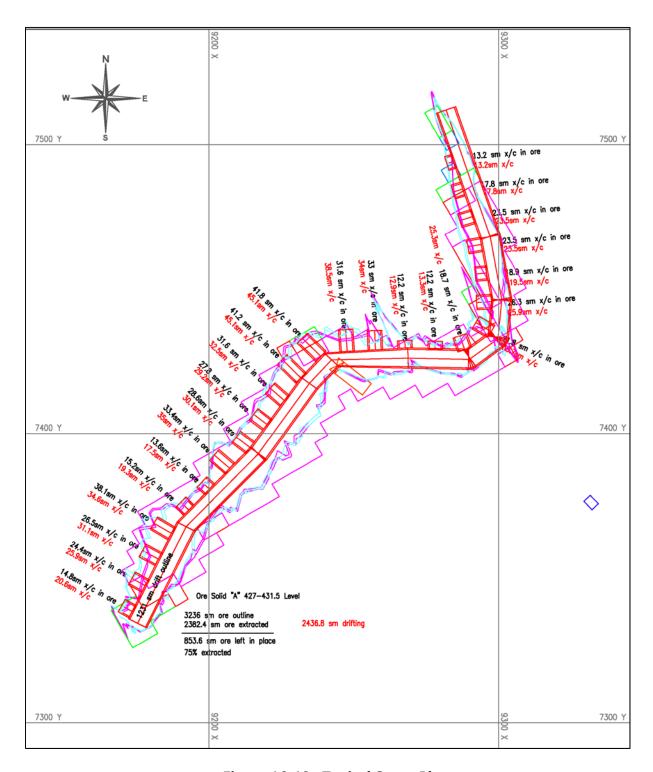


Figure 16-18: Typical Stope Plan

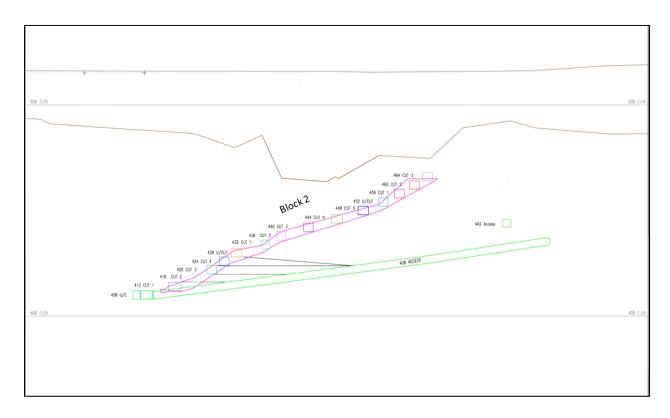


Figure 16-19: Cross Section 8

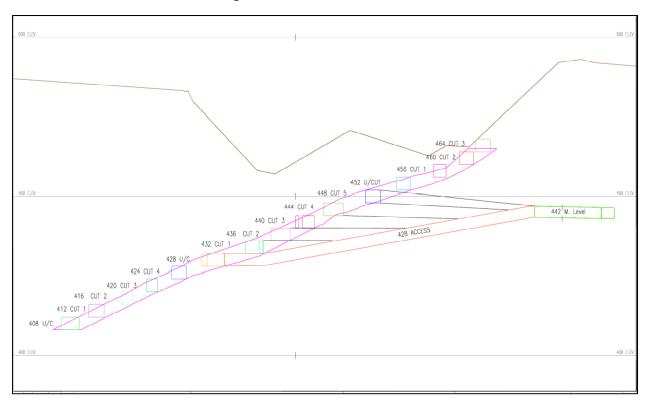


Figure 16-20: Cross Section 9

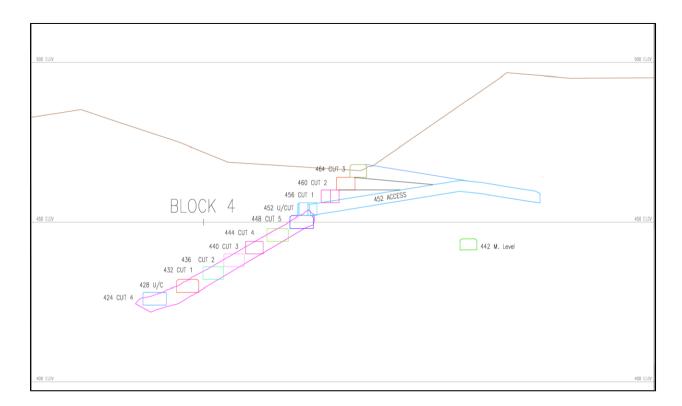


Figure 16-21: Cross Section 12

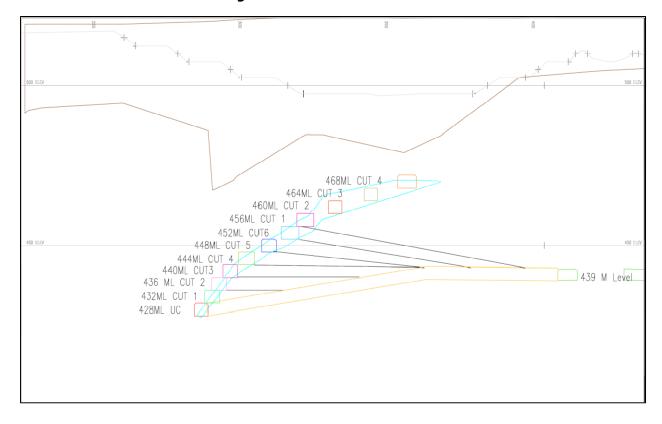


Figure 16-22: Cross Section 17.5

#### 16.2.3.2 Stoping Operations

Strict geological and engineering control will be required to minimize dilution and maximize recovery. This will include detailed geological mapping and sampling of the Cut and Fill lifts which, in combination with diamond drill hole data, will be used for the detailed ore projections between the stoping blocks. If low grade areas are identified, the design pillar locations will be reviewed to determine if they can be moved to into the low grade and improve mining recovery.

#### 16.2.3.3 Raise Development

Two short conventional raises will be driven from the 442m level to the 460 m level (about 15 meters) and from the 432m level to the 442 m level (about 8 meters). The ventilation raises will be equipped with manways for a secondary egress from the mine.

#### 16.2.3.4 Crown Pillar

It is necessary to leave a crown pillar to provide a safe barrier between the top of mining blocks 2 and 5 and the bottom of the planned open pits. There is evidence from the diamond drilling that the bedrock is weathered close to surface. With a maximum mining opening expected of 5.5 m and considering some possible sloughing to 6.0m wide, then with a rule of thumb height to width ratio of three, a crown pillar of 18 m vertical would be suitable.

#### 16.2.3.5 Backfill

The purpose of backfill is not to transmit the rock stresses, but to provide confinement to the rock mass so the rock itself will retain a load carrying capacity and will improve load shedding to the abutments. This leads to less deterioration in ground conditions in the mine, improving the safety and the economics of the mining operations. With the Modified Cut and Fill method the pillars remain inside the stope to support the back. The mined out stopes can be backfilled with un-cemented fill; tight filling is not necessarily required. Pillars are extended through several layers of fill and the fill is contributing to the pillar supporting ability. Backfilling of the Cut and Fill stopes is planned on an ongoing basis for use as support. Waste produced from development will be placed in mined out stopes, versus hauling waste to surface, whenever possible. Five yard scooptrams using ejector buckets will be used to place the waste fill in the stopes.

Mine waste rock brought to the surface will be segregated according to its acid generating potential and stored in dedicated stockpiles, although there is no history of acid generating material at Gays River. Potentially acid generating mine rock, if encountered, will be returned underground for use as backfill, none will remain on the surface upon completion of mining activities. Non-acid generating rock will be used for construction or will be returned underground as backfill. Any additional backfill required will be from a surface stockpile created by the open pit mining.

#### 16.2.4 Mineable Resource

As this report is a Preliminary Economic Assessment there are no declared mineral reserves. The Mineable Resources for the underground operation were estimated based on the high grade Mineral Resources targeted for inclusion in the mining plan with appropriate application of mining dilution, recovery and economic factors. The Mineable Resources are summarized in Table 16-5.

Lead Grade (%) Mining Zone Tonnes Zinc Grade (%) Block 2 284,078 8.53 4.95 Block 5 47,595 4.56 2.63 Total 7.96 4.62 331,673

**Table 16-5: Underground Mineable Resources** 

#### 16.2.4.1 Dilution

Mining dilution is waste rock that is mined with the ore and cannot be separated out prior to transport to the concentrator. The dilution can be planned, which is waste included in the design to make it practical and efficient, or unplanned which is waste mined due to overbreak (mining outside the plan limits) or sloughing from the back and walls due to geotechnical reasons.

For Cut and Fill mining, planned dilution was estimated by specifying a minimum mining width of 4.0m (13 ft). The minimum mining width was chosen based on the mining method, planned equipment, length of exposed hanging wall and horizontal width of the exposed back. Unplanned dilution due to overbreak and hanging wall sloughing was estimated at 10% to all Cut and Fill lifts.

A second source of dilution will be mucking dilution. This dilution will be the mucking of some backfill waste while the final mucking of the Cut and Fill lift is done. The resulting overall dilution was estimated to be 17.0%.

#### 16.2.4.2 Mining Recovery

Mining recovery is the recovery of the mineral resources included in the mine plan and does not apply to those mineral resources already excluded as being outside the mine plan. Recovery losses result from resources left behind in pillars, ore left in the stope during sill mucking, and ore that does not meet specified economic criteria.

The resources left unmined in pillars was estimated based on the stope layout design as previously described. In total, it has been estimated that 31% of the mineral resources included

in the mine plan will be lost as a combination of non-recoverable sill pillars and stope mucking resulting in an overall mining recovery of 69% (see Figure 16-18).

Following the application of mining recovery to the diluted resources contained within the mine plan, the underground Recoverable Mineral Resources were estimated and are presented in Table 16-6.

Mining Recoverable Mineral Resource Diluted Mining Recovery Zone Resource Mining Pillars Overall Tonnes Zinc Grade Lead Grade (tonnes) (%) (%) (%) (%)(%)Block 2 332,371 75 98 73 7.45 4.27 242,631 Block 5 55,686 40 98 38 40,651 4.06 2.28

98

69.5

283,282

6.96

3.98

**Table 16-6: Underground Recoverable Mineral Resources** 

## 16.2.5 Development Schedule

388,057

#### 16.2.5.1 Development

Total

Mine and stope development totals are summarized in Table 16-7.

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Table 16-7: Capital and Operating Development

Development Type	Width x Height	Ore / Waste	Length
	(m)		(m)
Capital			
Ramp/Remucks/Sumps, etc	4.5 x 3.5	Waste	980
Raises and Manways	2.7 x 2.7	Waste	46
Sub Total			1,026
Operating			
Drifts and Cross Cuts	4.5 x 3.5	Waste	250
Backslashing/Crosscuts/Remucks	4.5 x 4.5	Waste	834
Drifts and Cross Cuts	4.5 x 4.5	Ore	293
Sub Total			1,377
Total Mine			
Ramp/Remucks/Backslashing	4.5 x4.5	Waste	1,814
Raises and Manways	2.7 x 2.7	Waste	46
Drifts and Cross Cuts	4.5 x 3.5	Waste	250
Drifts and Cross Cuts	4.5 x 4.5	Ore	293
Total			2,403

## 16.2.5.2 Development Schedules

All development will be completed by ScoZinc personnel. Initially the ramp and lateral development will be developed at an advance rate of 4.0 m (1.0 round) per day. Once the ventilation raise has been completed to surface, waste development will be accelerated to 6 m per day until the entire mine has been developed. Conventional raise development is scheduled at 2.2 m per day. A summary of the mine development cost by type of development is presented in Table 16-8 and a table of waste produced is displayed in Table 16-9.

**Table 16-8: Development Cost By Category** 

Development Type	Ore / Waste	Cost
		(\$ x 1,000)
Capital		
Ramp/Remucks/Sumps, etc	Waste	3,108
Conventional Raises	Waste	18
Raises and Manways	Waste	10
Sub Total		3,136
Operating		
Drifts and Cross Cuts	Waste/Ore	1,466
Backslashing/Crosscuts/Remucks	Waste	2,250
Definition Drilling Drifts	Waste	54
Sub Total		3,770
Total Mine		
Ramp/Remucks/Backslashing	Waste	3,108
Drifts/Backslashing/Crosscuts/Remucks	Waste/Ore	3,716
Conventional Raises	Waste	28
Definition Drilling Drifts	Waste	54
Total		6,906

**Table 16-9: Development Waste** 

Development Type	Capital Period	Operating Period	Total
	(tonnes)	(tonnes)	(tonnes)
Drifts and Ramps	39,332	49,285	88,618
Raises	426		426
Total	39,758	49,285	89,044

#### 16.2.6 Production Schedule

All ore production will come from Cut and Fill stopes. Production is scheduled at a rate of 180,000 tonnes per year, (500 t/d, 360 days per year) with 242,631 tonnes scheduled from Block 2 and 40,651 tonnes from Block 5. Production from the underground operation will go directly to the mill and be blended with lower grade feed from the open pits and stockpiles (see Table 16-3).

Cut and Fill mining will produce on average one 4.0 meter long x 5.0 meter wide x 5.0 meter high ore round per day, or approximately 280 tonnes per day. Mining areas are assumed to be in the mining cycle 75% of the time, and in the backfill cycle or otherwise unavailable for mining 25% of the time. The annual productivity of a single Cut and Fill area will be 210 tonnes per day. To attain the scheduled production rate of 500 tonnes per day the mine is planned to have three mining areas producing ore.

## 16.2.7 Underground Mobile Equipment

Haulage ramps, stope access cross cuts, and Cut and Fill mining will be done using two-boom electric hydraulic jumbos, 3.8 m³ (5 yd³) scooptrams and 32 tonne trucks. Waste development will be hauled to remuck bays where it will be loaded onto 32 t trucks by scooptrams and either hauled to surface or used to backfill mined out Cut and Fill lifts. Ore will be hauled to remuck bays located in the stope access crosscuts, where it will be loaded onto 32 t trucks by scooptrams and hauled to surface. Run-of-mine ore will be trucked via the mine ramp to surface and dumped on a stockpile near the portal.

A summary of underground equipment required is presented in Table 16-10.

**Table 16-10: Underground Mobile Equipment** 

Category	Number of Units	
	Capital	Operations
Diesel Equipment:		
Scooptram 3.8 m³ (5 yd³) c/w ejector buckets	3	
Underground Trucks 32 Tonne	2	
RBM2D Two Boom Jumbo	2	
Bolter	1	
ANFO Truck c/w Basket	1	
Scissor Lift Truck	1	
Personnel Carriers Toyota	3	2

Non Diesel Equipment:		
Shotcrete Machine - Dry Mix		1
Ventilation Fans 48" - 150 hp		5
1,500 cfm Compressor c/w Tank	1	
U/G Submersible Pumps - 13hp	3	3
U/G Submersible Pumps - 30hp	2	
U/G Submersible Pumps - 140hp	1	1
Support Equipment:		
Mine Rescue equipment	1	
Surveyor's Equipment	1	
Grout Pump and Mixer	1	
Portable Electrical Substations 1000KVA	1	1
Hand Held Drills - Stopers		4
Hand Held Drills - Jacklegs		4
Ventilation bulkheads LOM		5
Refuge Stations		3
Main Vent Fans, Heaters	1	
Surface Buildings	1	
Main Dewatering Pump Station		1

## 16.2.8 Underground Fixed Equipment

Underground installations will be mobile including such items as electrical substations. Permanent installations will include main mine dewatering system, refuge stations, and ventilation bulkheads. The requirements for these units of equipment are included in Table 16-10.

## 16.2.9 Manpower

The underground mine is planned to be developed and operated by ScoZinc personnel. Initial development of the project will take 12 months at which time ore from the underground operation will be processed in the mill.

ScoZinc will be responsible for all technical services including geology, mine planning, surveying and supervision of the mining personnel for scope of work and assurance that all mining standards and safety procedures are being diligently adhered to.

ScoZinc will provide all the manpower, equipment and facilities required for the development of the project and life-of-mine ore production. The manpower to be provided includes miners, direct supervision, on-site safety supervisor, first aid attendant, training services and other support staff. Contractors will be used as required for specialty work such as driving Alimak raises and diamond drilling.

#### 16.2.9.1 Mining Manpower

The manpower required for the underground mining over the life-of-mine from start of project to end of production is shown in table 16–11.

**Table 16-11: Manpower** 

Category	Personnel
Staff:	
Mine Foreman	1
Shiftboss	4
Safety/Training	1
Senior Engineer	1
Planning Engineer	1
Surveyor	1
Geologist	1
Timekeeper/Clerk	1
Subtotal Staff/Support	11
Mining:	
Lead Mechanic	1
Mechanic	11
Electrician	2
Surface Equip operator/Dryman	1
Subtotal Maintenance	15
Development Miner	12
Stope Miner	12
Scoop Operator	8
Truck Operator	8
Subtotal Mining	40
Total	66

#### 16.2.10 Mine Ventilation

#### 16.2.10.1 Ventilation Overview

Primary ventilation will be provided through a downcast ventilation drift from surface. Fresh air will be forced down through the surface ventilation drift into the mine and through a series of ventilation raises into the stopes then will exhaust up the main ramp to surface. Ventilation raises will be equipped with a ladder in order to provide alternate egress from the mine (see Figure 16-23).

Two 200 kw fans each delivering 80 m<sup>3</sup>/s (170,000 cfm) and a direct fired propane mine air heater will be installed on surface on the top of the ventilation raise. Fans will be designed to supply air into the mine for a total mine supply of 160 m<sup>3</sup>/s (340,000 cfm). Ventilation doors and bulkheads will be constructed at strategic locations throughout the mine to prevent short-circuiting.

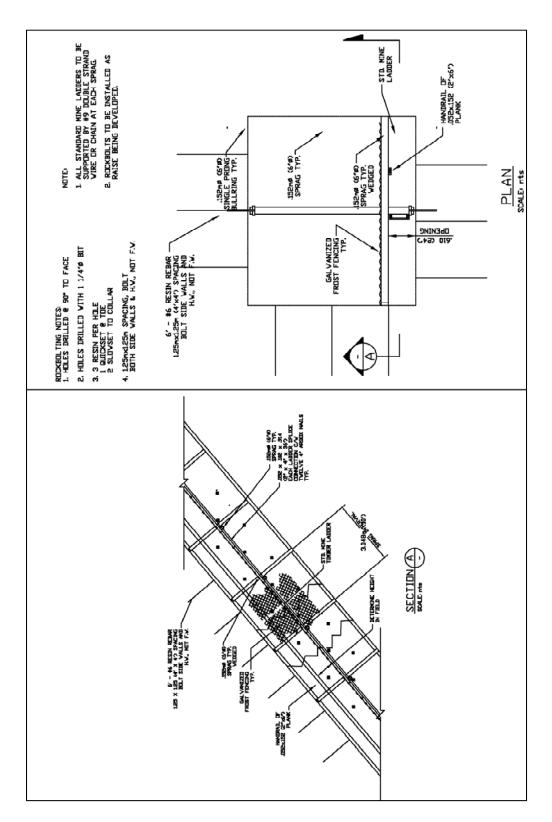


Figure 16-23: Standard Vent-Escape Raise

#### 16.2.10.2 Ventilation Requirements

The mine ventilation system is designed to support the planned fleet of diesel haulage equipment as well as provide adequate ventilation for drilling and other activities. The provision of sufficient dilution air for the diesel haulage equipment is the dominant requirement.

The mine airflow estimates were estimated in two ways; one by stacking with the equipment being applied at 100%. The second was by applying the minimum requirement of 71 cfm/HP for all equipment. Both gave very similar results and the first was used as the basis for design after an allowance for leakage.

The fleet of diesel operated equipment planned for use in the underground mine with the related ventilation requirements is listed in Table 16-12.

	HP	No.			Circuit	Required	Required
Description	per	of	Total	MSHA	Stacking	Airflow	Airflow @
	Unit	Units	HP	(cfm/unit)	(%)	Stacking	71 cfm/HP
Truck 32 t	400	2	800	65,000	100	130,000	56,800
Scooptram 3.8 m <sup>3</sup> (5 yd <sup>3</sup> )	193	3	579	25,000	100	75,000	41,109
Development Jumbo – 2 boom	160	2	320	14,000	100	28,000	22,720
Rockbolter	138	1	138	12,000	100	12,000	9,798
Scissor Lift	138	1	138	12,000	10012	12,000	9,798
Anfo Loader	138	1	138	12,000	100	12,000	9,798
Jeep – Toyota	128	5	640	7,500	100	37,500	45,440
Sub Total			2,753			306,500	195,463
Allowance for leakage @ 10%						30,650	19,546
Total					337,150	215,009	
Use for Design (cfm) (use the larger of the airflow calculations)					340,000		
Use for Design (m³/s)					160		

**Table 16-12: Mine Ventilation Requirements** 

#### 16.2.10.3 Underground Ventilation System

Ventilation has been planned with an intake fresh air system consisting of a vent drift from surface connected to a series of interconnected raises and an access ramp connecting to each of the stope entrances. Fresh air will be drawn into the stopes via the access drift using fans and vent tubing and exhausted through the Cut and Fill stopes to the access ramps, which will exhaust to surface. Block 5 will be fed fresh air from the vent drift via steel vent ducting exhausting to surface via the main ramp.

The intake raise system for each of the mining zones has a similar design. The short ventilation raises are  $2.7 \text{ m} \times 2.7 \text{ m}$  with a manway installed to provide for secondary egress. The raises are generally inclined at 50 degrees so that the manways can be installed continuous without landings. There is an individual short raise between each of the Cut and Fill stope access drifts extending down to the bottom of the mine.

Fresh air will be forced down each of the raises by a surface mounted fan and then down through the vent drift system. Ventilation bulkheads with fan manifolds and/or regulators and mandoors will be constructed at each Cut and Fill stope access to manage the air to be delivered to the various stopes. Generally, a fan and ducting will be used to move the air from the raise bulkhead into the stopes and to the working face. The ventilation air will generally exhaust through the stopes, then out the access drift to the ramp and to surface. The air will be provided by the surface fans with 160 m³/s (340,000cfm) of airflow through its own dedicated intake raise.

#### 16.2.10.4 Development Ventilation

The ventilation for the first phase of development will be via 48" ventilation ducting. The main ventilation raises to surface will be developed at this point to serve as an intake and then the ventilation fan will be moved to the base of this raise. Based on air column calculations, the maximum volume that can be provided to this area using a 48" diameter vent with a 150 hp fan is 75,000 cfm. Upon completion of the ventilation raise to surface, the permanent fan and mine air heater will be installed. As the ramp is deepened, extension of the downcast raise will be given high priority so that the fans and vent ducting can be moved level to level as the ramp advances.

Cut and Fill stope development is supplied with fresh air via a series of fresh air raises, developed in the stope access cross cuts. Installation of 150 HP fans and 48" vent tubing will be used to deliver 35  $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  (75,000 cfm) to the sublevels. Cut and Fill drifting development will require 30  $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  (65,000 cfm).

#### 16.2.10.5 Surface Ventilation Fans

Two 200KW fans will be installed on surface on the start of the ventilation drift to supply air to the mining zones for a total mine air flow of 160 m<sup>3</sup>/s (340,000 cfm). Fans will be equipped with a direct fired propane mine air heater to prevent freezing during the winter months.

# 16.2.11 Underground Mechanical and Electrical Installations

#### 16.2.11.1 Compressed Air

The compressed air requirements for underground mining are estimated at 0.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s (1,500 cfm). Compressed air requirements were minimized by equipment choice. Compressed air is necessary for drilling, pumping, loading explosives and to ensure supply of air to refuge stations. At the start of development one 0.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s (1,500 cfm) electric compressor will be used to supply compressed air needs. The compressor will be housed in a building close to the portal.

The compressed air will be distributed underground via a 150 mm (6") schedule 40 steel pipeline mounted in the main ramp.

#### 16.2.11.2 Fresh Water

Fresh water for drilling and washdown will be distributed underground from the surface water supply system via a lightweight pipeline located in the main ramps. This pipeline will be 100 mm (4") diameter from surface to the main north-south junction of the ramp from which point separate 52 mm (2") pipelines will be installed.

#### 16.2.11.3 Mine Water Discharge

Mine water will be discharged to surface from a series of sumps equipped with submersible electrical sump pumps. A preliminary estimate of the expected volume of water requiring discharge from the mine is approximately 0.946 m<sup>3</sup>/min (250 USGPM).

The regular water inflow during the ramp development will be handled initially by a stage pump system using 13 hp ,58 hp and 140 hp pumps. Main sumps will set up during ramp development to handle the maximum expected inflow of 0.946 m³/min. The main collection sump for the mining zones will be located on the main ramp collecting the water from all mining areas. A 6″ discharge line will be installed in the main ramp from the clear water sump to surface.

#### 16.2.11.4 Explosive Storage

Explosives will be brought to the site as required by a licensed contractor and stored underground. There will be no storage of explosives on surface, except in the earliest stages of the mine development. Explosive magazines will be licensed according to *Mine Regulations*. This study is based on the use of ANFO, however, emulsion explosives will be used where needed. Emulsion explosives are more expensive but have a lower concentration of ammonia compounds.

Typical plan and section layouts for explosive and primer storage are shown in Figure 16-24.

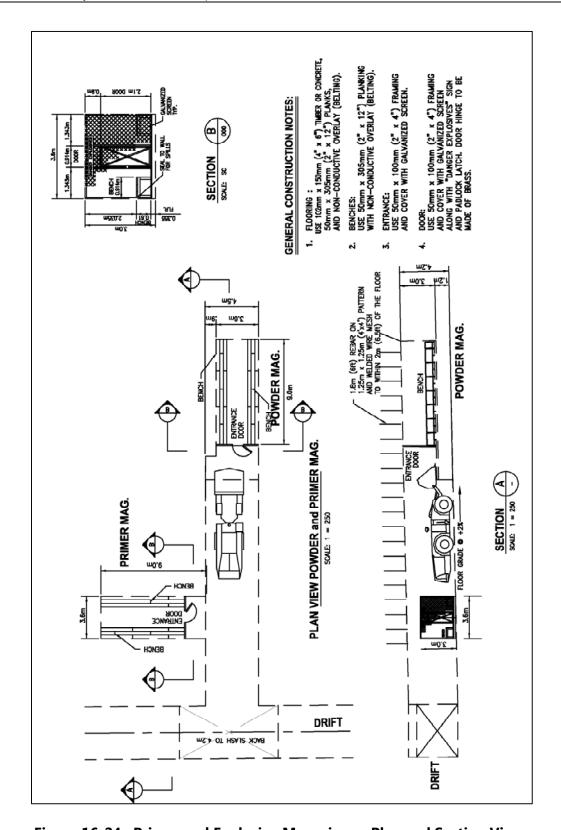


Figure 16-24: Primer and Explosive Magazines – Plan and Section Views

#### 16.2.11.5 Underground Communications

The underground communications will be by telephone. Telephones will be installed on surface in the office/dry building, and underground in refuge stations.

#### 16.2.11.6 Underground Electrical Power Distribution

Power will be fed underground at 4160 V from the existing main surface substation. The primary 4160 V feeders will be installed in the ramps and will feed portable 1,000KVA, 4160/600V transformers for use by underground equipment. Portable substations are included in the equipment list.

#### 16.2.11.7 Men/Materials Handling

All movement of personnel and supplies in and out of the mine will be through the ramp system. Service equipment will include a scissor lift truck for installing equipment in the mine, as well as ground support, and five Toyotas for personnel and light supplies.

#### 16.2.11.8 Fuel and Lubricant Storage

Diesel equipment will be fueled daily on surface from an approved diesel tank at an approved fueling station. Lubricants will be transported in bladders underground to an approved lube station. Lubricants, including hydraulic oils, will be stored in appropriate self contained modules (Lube-cubes or Sat-stats). The lube storage bays will be equipped with a fire suppression system and fire resistant doors as per regulated.

#### 16.2.11.9 Sanitary System

Sinks for hand washing, with heated mine water and chemical toilets will be available at each mine refuge stations.

#### 16.2.12 Emergency Systems

#### 16.2.12.1 Mine Emergency Response System

The ScoZinc Mine will have personnel trained on mine rescue present on site at all times. A mine rescue station will be maintained at the mine site and will contain emergency equipment to adequately supply two teams. An underground emergency mine warning system will be installed which will introduce ethyl mercatan (sour gas) from pressurized cylinders into the mine ventilation intake. This warning system can be activated manually or by phone.

#### 16.2.12.2 Secondary Egress

Secondary egress from the mine will be provided by the installation of ladderways in the ventilation raises. Each of these raise systems are located close to the main ramp and extend from the lowest level in that mining area through to a main vent raise that goes to surface. Each

of the raise systems are fresh air intakes from surface so that they will normally always be assured to be in fresh air.

# 17 Recovery Methods

## 17.1 The Flowsheet

#### 17.1.1 The Flowsheet - 2008

The existing plant operated for a significant time period prior to 2008 with an unusual flotation flowsheet. It incorporated a larger than normal number of flotation cleaning stages and significant recirculation of process flows. It is the intent of Selwyn to reconfigure the process plant, mainly through re-piping of process flows to better reflect "best practices" in flotation. A snapshot of the existing flowsheet as operated in approximately 2008 is shown in Figure 17-1.

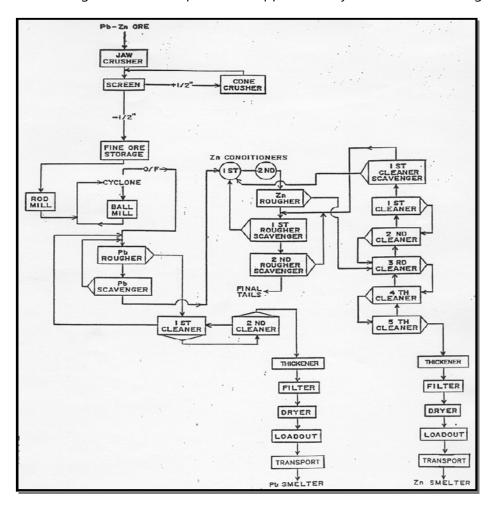


Figure 17-1: Process Flowsheet 2008

Surprisingly, the previous metallurgical performance was not considered unacceptable with the plant configuration.

The following improvements are planned in the rehabilitation of the ScoZinc operation:

- 1) The installation of a tertiary crusher to increase crushing capacity to match proposed plant throughput and a larger vibrating screen to replace the existing crushing plant screen.
- 2) The installation of modern vibratory feeders under the fine ore bin to better manage feed rates to the grinding circuit.
- 3) The installation of a 6 stream on-stream analyzer in the flotation plant to monitor and provide detailed information on flotation performance on a real-time basis.
- 4) The installation of pH monitoring equipment in the lead and zinc rougher circuits as well as the zinc cleaner circuit and process controls to monitor lime addition automatically by the use of a programmable controller and lime control valves.
- 5) The flotation circuit re-configured along the lines of the flowsheet used in flotation test work at ALS Metallurgy, simplifying the operation and reducing circulating loads.
- 6) Use of the zinc re-grind to grind the entire rougher zinc flotation concentrate.
- 7) Two pressure filters, one for zinc and another for lead, to replace the existing vacuum filtration units and thermal dryers.

#### 17.1.2 The Flowsheet - 2013

The new proposed flotation flowsheet is shown in Figure 17–2.

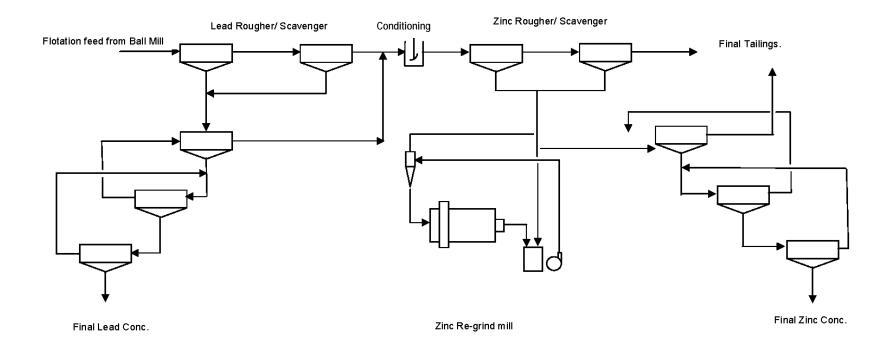


Figure 17-2: Proposed Flotation Process Flowsheet 2013

# 17.2 The Existing Plant

The ScoZinc processing plant was constructed during the late 1970's by Canada Wide Mines (Esso). Esso operated for less than two years during the period 1979-1981. Seabright converted the mill to process gold during the mid-to-late 1980's. Westminer later re-converted and updated the mill to process zinc and lead, then operated it for a short time during the period 1989-1991. In all, 1,795,271 tonnes of zinc and lead ore have been processed in the mill (see table 6-1).

External and internal views of the plant are shown in Figure 17-3.





Figure 17-3: Views of the Outside and Inside (Right) of the Mill

The mill building housed the primary jaw crusher, fine crushing, grinding, flotation, reagent storage and mixing facilities and concentrate dewatering equipment. In addition, the mill offices, an analytical laboratory and metallurgical laboratory are located in the building.

# **17.3** 2007-2008 Mill Operations

The plant throughput rates approximated 55,000 dmt per month in 2008. Selwyn proposes to make modifications which, together with improved plant availability, will permit average mill feed rates of about 73,000 dmt per month, or 877,800 dmt per annum.

Copies of the original Kilborn Engineering drawings are available, although plant design criteria could not be found. The nominal mill capacity was shown to be 1,500 short dry tons per day, or 1,360 dmt per day. Selwyn proposes to commence operations at an average rate of 2,500 dmt per day. The 2008 and proposed mill throughput rates are shown below (Figure 17-4.)

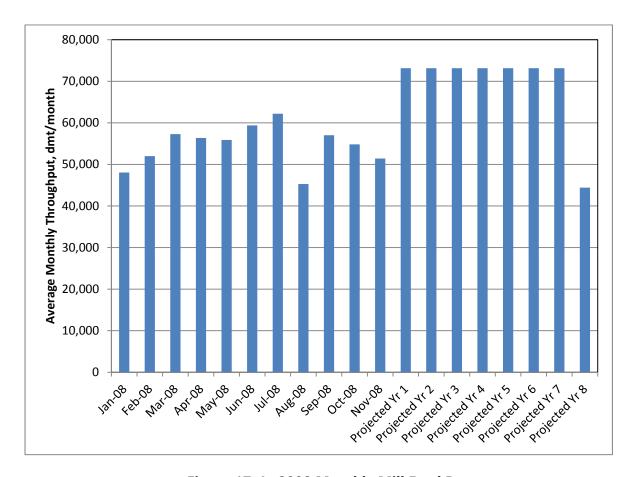


Figure 17-4: 2008 Monthly Mill Feed Rates

To achieve the increased mill feed rates, plant modifications are proposed to mitigate most of the problems that challenged the previous operators. In addition, an effective preventive maintenance program is proposed to increase the plant availability from 85 percent to 95 percent; a more reasonable value for a plant of this type. A rigorous operating crew training program is planned to improve safety and operating efficiencies.

An increase in primary grind size distributions is probable as the plant throughput is increased; no definitive data on the impact of increasing throughput is currently available. Flotation performance is expected to be slightly affected by increasing plant throughput. On-going plant evaluation is required during start-up and commissioning of the ScoZinc operation.

Disruptions in mill throughput rates were principally attributed to a lack of capacity in the crushing plant, and difficulties caused by significant amounts of "sticky fines" in the mill feed. A "temporary" portable crusher was installed in May 2008 to provide short-term relief during a period of crusher maintenance. Mill throughput rates as high as 2,500 dmtpd were achieved once the supplemental crushing equipment was brought on line. The new process plan is to install new primary and secondary crushers with a refurbished tertiary crusher and an increase in

the screening capacity to mitigate most of the materials handling problems. The fine ore bin slot feeders will be re-designed and replaced to improve material flow in this area, where chronic problems disrupted the consistent flow of ore to the grinding circuit.

The grinding circuit comprises an 8' x 12', 400 HP rod mill and an 11'x 15', 900 HP ball mill. Rod and ball mill work indices were reported by SGS Lakefield (November 26, 2007) to be 11.7 kWh/t and 10.9 kWh/t, respectively. Promptly upon achieving grinding circuit stability, regular surveys of grinding and flotation circuit products will be performed. Based on the results of this work, modifications might be required to provide optimum metallurgical performance at the higher mill throughput rates.

The metallurgical performance of the flotation circuit was reasonable in 2008, notwithstanding what appears to be excessive circulating loads due to the complex flowsheet selection. Inadequate flotation capacity generally results in high flotation pulp densities, inadequate retention times, excessive froth and lip loadings; symptoms that are not readily evident, but individually and collectively adversely affect flotation performance.

The existing plant is virtually devoid of basic instrumentation and process control systems. Improvements in operations will be realized by the staged introduction of prioritized instrumentation and process control systems. The feed system from the fine ore bin has been identified as a key area for improvement and automation. Plans are in place and monies have been budgeted to make these improvements. With the existing belt scale, and drive control on the fine ore bin feed system for the rod mill, feed rate will be automated to maximize feed rates and efficiencies.

The proposed new concentrate thickeners are of adequate size to accommodate the planned increased plant throughput. Controls and automation will be added to the thickeners to improve performance. The vacuum filters were inspected and found to be in very poor condition. Selwyn has removed the vacuum filters and dryers and will replace them with two pressure filters which will provide increased flexibility in the concentrate dewatering circuit. Elimination of the oil used to fuel the two concentrate dryers will offset the capital cost of the new pressure filters.

An estimation of the expected metallurgical performance of the modified grinding/flotation plant is shown in Table 17-1 and is derived from the results of the ALS Metallurgy report.

**Table 17-1: Expected Metallurgical Performance of ScoZinc Operational Plant** 

		Total Y1	Y 2	Y 3	Y 4	Y 5	Y 6	Y 7	Y 8	Total LOM
Tonnes	t	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	533,038	6,620,838
Feed Grade	% Pb	2.40	2.07	2.13	1.76	1.43	1.52	1.41	0.21	1.68
	% Zn	3.96	3.96	3.82	3.69	3.39	2.81	2.02	1.09	3.19
Lead Concentrate										
Lead Recovery	%	85.7	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	91.0	84.9	90.0
Zinc Recovery	%	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Lead Con Grade	% Pb	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	65.0	70.9
	% Zn	4.1	4.5	4.2	4.9	5.5	4.3	3.4	11.9	4.5
Lead Con. Production	t	23,787	23,289	23,964	19,801	16,088	17,101	15,863	1,462	141,356
Zinc Concentrate										
Lead Recovery		3.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	1.8
Zinc Recovery		87.7	88.6	87.9	87.2	85.7	82.7	78.6	73.8	85.8
Zinc Con Grade	% Pb	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6
	% Zn	57.0	57.0	57.0	57.0	57.0	57.0	57.0	57.0	57.0
Zinc Con. Production	t	50,015	54,028	51,694	49,554	44,719	35,775	24,452	7,524	317,762

# 18 PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE

# 18.1 Transportation and Offsite Infrastructure

Infrastructure requirements for the ScoZinc open pit mine are discussed within this section. Halifax is the provincial capital of Nova Scotia and in combination with surrounding communities forms a major center of population, government, business, education, industry, and transportation services. The mine site is 55 kilometers northeast of Halifax and is directly accessible from the paved provincial Highway 277 or 224.

Zinc concentrate was trucked in bulk to Sheet Harbour, Nova Scotia where it was loaded onto a bulk ocean carrier. Lead concentrate was loaded into lined ocean shipping containers, and trucked to the Port of Halifax.

Robert Stanfield International Airport is located approximately 20 kilometers southwest of the property and provides both daily domestic and international airline services.

The property area is rural and has been extensively developed for agricultural purposes in the past. Access to mainline rail facilities is possible at the nearby town of Milford (8 km by paved road) and direct access to deep-water shipping facilities with post-Panamax capacity is present through the ice-free, deep water port of Halifax (Figure 18-1).



Figure 18-1: Port of Halifax

Year round, deep water access, storage and ship loading facilities for lead and zinc concentrates are also available at the seaport of Sheet Harbour, a distance of 80 kilometers from the mine site over paved roads. Sheet Harbour is a natural harbour on the Atlantic coast that remains ice free in the winter months, the Harbour can handle vessels up to 40,000 tonnes in displacement (Figure 18-2).



Figure 18-2: Sheet Harbour

Rail transport facilities have also been used for concentrate shipping. A railway siding is located in Milford, eight road-kilometers from the site.

#### 18.2 Onsite Infrastructure

Due to the mine's operational history, existing onsite infrastructure will continue to be maintained and used as the ScoZinc mine goes into production.

The required infrastructure for the Main zone and Southwest expansion is currently in place. Some minor road development will be required during the pre-strip to access the north wastepile and the expansion of the south wastepile. In addition, the Northeast zone will require service and haul roads and other minor infrastructure such as out-buildings, staging areas and working areas. As this is a Preliminary Economic Assessment, the detailed design of these improvements has not been performed.

Due to site expansion, new access roads will be required onsite. A new at-grade intersection may be required at the existing mine main entrance to provide a safe highway crossing for trucks into the Northeast zone.

The existing roads are in adequate condition and will require minor realignments, extensions, intersections and signage to accommodate the increased traffic and additional operational areas.

The main ScoZinc Access Bridge was inspected by Allnorth on July 27, 2011. The assessment indicated that additional to regular inspection and maintenance, there are signs of distress and deterioration that require replacement and/or repair within 2-3 years.

Power is supplied through the regional grid at industrial rates. ScoZinc owns and maintains step-down transformers adjacent to the mill. Most of the mill's water requirements are satisfied by in-process recycling and, if required, make-up water will be drawn from the perennial Gays River.

The existing tailings pond is large enough for the life of the proposed operation. It is located just south of the mill on the footwall side of the deposit. The pond's design capacity was ten million tonnes. Approximately two million tonnes of tailings have been stored there, indicating a current capacity of about eight million tonnes. One (1) raise, of one (1) meter, is planned for the tailings dams and is accounted for in the economic analysis.

There is sufficient area for waste rock and overburden storage on the property. The main area for waste rock storage lies adjacent to the tailings pond on its northwest shore, on the footwall side of the deposit.

# 19 MARKET STUDIES AND CONTRACTS

## 19.1 Markets

ScoZinc has several potential markets for concentrate sales. Historically (2007-2009) the ScoZinc concentrate was sold to smelters in Europe, South Africa and Asia through contracts with major trading companies. The ScoZinc mine concentrates are deemed highly desirable by smelters due to their high concentrate quality, grading 57% zinc and 70% lead, and low levels of deleterious metals. These characteristics enable marketing of the ScoZinc concentrate at favorable terms as its purity is suitable for blending by smelters worldwide.

## 19.2 Concentrate Sales

Historically, ScoZinc established multi-year concentrate purchase contacts with MRI Trading AG ("MRI") and Trafigura AG ("Trafigura") under terms consistent with the market terms at that time. The purchase contracts accounted for 100% of zinc production and 100% of lead production in which Trafigura and MRI each had the obligation to purchase 50% of the produced zinc concentrate. Trafigura also had the obligation to purchase 100% of the lead concentrate produced; in both cases ScoZinc had obligation to sell its zinc and lead concentrate production under the established quantities and terms.

ScoZinc expects to once again establish concentrate purchase contracts with one or more metal trading companies under terms consistent with the current market terms. This PEA assumes that long-term treatment and refining charges will be \$190/dmt of concentrate for zinc; and \$150/dmt of concentrate for lead.

# 19.3 Zinc Analysis

Wood Mackenzie was engaged in early 2013 to provide forecast data on zinc and lead treatment and refining charges for zinc and lead concentrates. This section and section 19.4 stem from their analysis. Annual global treatment and refining charge and metal price forecasts for zinc and lead are presented in Figure 19-1. The estimates are based on customary quality of concentrate and may vary with quality outside of the normal range.

# 19.3.1 Zinc Consumption

The near term outlook for zinc consumption is positive, with demand expected to grow at 5.0% per annum until 2015 (Wood Mackenzie, January 2013). This growth rate largely reflects continued industrialisation in China, where forecast capital investment plans support steel, and hence galvanizing, demand.

In the longer term, China's economic expansion will become less zinc intensive as the authorities move to gradually restructure the Chinese economy and reduce its dependency on capital investment and exports and increase the contribution to growth from the less metals intensive domestic service sector. This reduction in demand will not be compensated by equivalent growth elsewhere in the world and as a consequence global zinc consumption growth will moderate in the long term to average 3.4% p.a. over the period 2015-2025.

Despite the slower pace of growth projected for zinc demand in the coming years, the urbanization and industrialization of China and other economies will ensure that incremental growth in global zinc consumption remains significant in absolute terms, with forecast growth averaging 570kt/a over the period 2015-2025.

## 19.3.2 Zinc Mine Supply

In the near term, the outlook for mined zinc supply is one of sustained, albeit limited, growth, with mine capability projected to increase to 14.7Mt/a Zn by 2015 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 1.1%. Forecast mine production capability is based on the currently identified ore reserves and mineral resources of individual mines and as such the depletion by mining of these results in a declining trend of mine production capability which is projected to be 12.1Mt/a in 2020 and 9.8Mt/a in 2025. New capacity to meet the growth in demand for zinc will arise from expansions and mine life extensions at existing mines and the development of new capacity from projects that are currently being advanced through the development process as well as new discoveries. Mine production is projected to increase to 14.9Mt/a in 2015 and then to grow at a CAGR of 3.3% to 20.9Mt/a by 2025 setting an annual average requirement for new output of 600kt/a.

#### 19.3.3 Market Balance and Prices

#### 19.3.3.1 Concentrate Market and Treatment Charge

2012 saw serious underperformance of Chinese smelters with global refined output contracting year-on-year. Global mine output continued to grow and the concentrate market moved into surplus. Annual surpluses are expected to persist to 2016 before the market moves to deficit with concentrate inventory trending down and stabilising at around 40 days of smelter demand.

The zinc concentrate treatment charge (TC) is determined by bi-lateral negotiation between mines and smelters; it is positively correlated to changes in the zinc price and inversely correlated to the supply of concentrate with restricted supply resulting in reduced TCs and surplus supply resulting in higher TCs.

Our forecast realised treatment charge ranges between \$240/t and \$430/t concentrate over the period to 2020 depending on the projected zinc price and concentrate stock availability in any

year. The increase and range in treatment charges reflect the price participation component of smelters as metal prices rise with forecast supply shortfall.

#### 19.3.3.2 Refined Balance and Zinc Price

The normal inverse correlation between refined inventory and the metal price (increasing stocks and falling price) was reversed following the 2008/09 recession with both stock and price moving higher due to investment fund activity in the base metals 'asset class'. Exchange stocks on the LME and SHFE exceeded 1.3Mt in 2012 equivalent to 36 days of demand and total implied inventory was 102 days of demand. Following four years of surplus, we judge that China moved to a refined deficit in 2012 but with the rest of the world still in modest surplus. Over the medium term we project a succession of annual market deficits that will return global implied refined inventory levels to a historic norm of between 50 and 60 days of consumption. This fundamentally-sound outlook, further supported by our analysis of project incentive pricing and the operating cost/price relationship of the global zinc mining industry, underlies our view that the zinc price will increase from current levels of around \$2000/t to a projected base case long-term price of \$2600/t in real terms (Wood Mackenzie, January 2013).

# 19.4 Lead Analysis

# 19.4.1 Lead Consumption

The near-term outlook for global lead demand growth is positive, with demand expected to rise at 4.5% p.a out until 2015. Although Europe remains largely at the mercy of prevailing economic conditions, US demand has recovered well and will continue to benefit from strong auto output and industrial battery sector growth. Chinese growth, whilst slowing, is still robust, driven by strong e-bike and auto markets and demand for stationary batteries in telecoms upgrades.

Longer term, global lead demand growth is forecast to be 3.4% p.a. in the period 2016 to 2025. Although many growth opportunities still exist via further telecoms upgrades, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) applications, stop-start battery technology and growing global vehicle populations, this will be partly offset by improving battery quality. Chinese infrastructure spending growth is also expected to slow and although India and Brazil have good prospects, these are likely to unfold gradually over time (Wood Mackenzie, January 2013).

# 19.4.2 **Supply**

#### 19.4.2.1 Lead Mine Supply

Global lead mine capability is forecast to grow by a CAGR of 4.7% out until 2015. Most of the growth centres on China, but there is also a significant contribution expected from Latin

America. This more than offsets a number of upcoming mine closures on reserve depletion, such as Brunswick in Canada and Kassandra in Greece.

Mine capability will decline post 2015 and it falls to probable and possible projects to provide new sources of mine supply. Taking these into account global lead mine production growth is forecast at 4.4% p.a. to 2025, after taking into account a general disruption allowance (Wood Mackenzie, January 2013).

#### 19.4.2.2 Refined Lead Supply

Global refined production capability is expected to grow at a CAGR of 1.7% p.a. between 2011-2025. China will continue to drive growth, at 3.0% p.a. or 2.2Mt, driven by new operations and capacity expansions at existing plants (Wood Mackenzie, January 2013).

#### 19.4.3 Market Balance and Prices

#### 19.4.3.1 Concentrate Market and Treatment Charge

Over the past decade primary smelting capability has increased rapidly, mainly driven by expansions in China which have resulting in a 10.5% p.a increase in capacity, from 1.1Mt in 2001 to 3.2Mt in 2011. The move to zinc only or zinc-copper mine projects, coupled with robust lead demand, has resulted in limited availability of clean, low silver concentrate.

The restricted supply of concentrate is set to prevail to 2018 as growth in primary output continues to outweigh growth in global mine supply. Concentrate stocks will remain at or near a low of 30 days of requirement. Scrap feed to primary smelters will be constrained by a tight scrap market and increasing competition from secondary producers. Beyond 2018, additional mine supply from new projects should increase concentrate availability as mine supply from new projects come on stream.

The lead concentrate treatment charge (TC) is determined by bi-lateral negotiation between mines and smelters. It is positively correlated to changes in the lead price and inversely correlated to the supply of concentrate with restricted supply resulting in reduced TCs and surplus supply resulting in higher TCs.

Our forecast realised treatment charge ranges between \$224/t and \$414/t concentrate over the period to 2020 depending on the projected lead price and concentrate stock availability in any year. For the longer term, the projected base case average annual TC is \$338/t concentrate in real terms specific to our long-term zinc price forecast of \$2500/t Pb in real terms (Wood Mackenzie, January 2013).

#### 19.4.3.2 Refined Balance and Lead Price

After several years of surpluses the refined lead market returned to deficit in 2012 and is expected to remain undersupplied for the next few years. A period of robust global demand growth, coupled with tight raw material supply in both the primary and secondary (scrap) sectors will limit supply growth. The supply side is at further risk from increasing environmental legislation. Refined stocks accumulated over the past few years of surpluses will swiftly be eroded and stocks will bottom out close to historical low levels. Prices will rise accordingly over the period, reaching a cyclical peak of \$3000/t in 2016.

This period of higher prices is expected to encourage more refined production on stream and so from 2017 the refined market is forecast to return to surplus. Lead demand growth will stabilise following the post-recession recovery, and from 2015 our demand forecast reverts to a trend average. From 2020 we have set our refined stocks in days of consumption at an average of 38 days and our lead price forecast reverts to a trend average of \$2500/t.

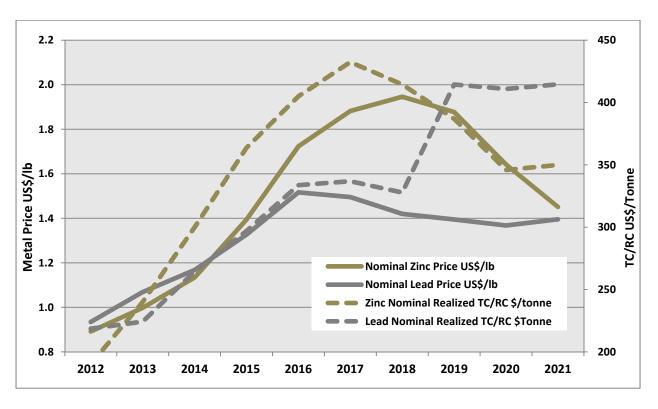


Figure 19-1: Wood Mackenzie 2012-2021 Zinc and Lead Price Forecast

# 20 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, PERMITTING, AND SOCIAL OR COMMUNITY IMPACT

It is important to recognize that the ScoZinc Mine is an existing operation with significant environmental databases, operating history, and valid permits and licenses that allow for the mining, processing of ores, and the shipping concentrates. Roughly half of the resources used in this economic analysis are already under permit and mining of those resources (Southwest Extension) can begin immediately.

Another important aspect of the project status with respect to permits, environment and community is the experience of regulators and community with the project and the fact that environmental baseline conditions are already understood. In combination these factors limit the overall permitting risk and anticipated timelines for permitting of project expansions to include the entire mineral resource used in this analysis.

In addition, the risks and potential costs associated with environmental and community issues are well understood and based on operating experience and history of the mine. As such the financials for environment and community matters that are input to the economic model are accurate to a feasibility level.

# 20.1 Environment and Existing Socio-Economic Conditions

#### 20.1.1 Environment

The climate conditions for the Project area are based on the nearest climate station with historical data. The Upper Stewiacke climate station (operated by the Meteorological Service of Canada) is located approximately 60 km northeast of Gays River. Based on data collected between 1971 to 2000, the average total annual precipitation is 1322 mm, which includes 199 cm of average snowfall per year and 1123 mm of average rainfall per year. Rainfall patterns remain fairly constant throughout the months of May to August increasing through September through December. Average annual temperature is 6.1 °C, with an average monthly range from - 6.4 °C to 18.4 °C.

Topography in this region of Nova Scotia is dominated by mainly Carboniferous rocks (shale, limestone, sandstone, gypsum) upon which deep soils derived mainly from glacial outwash have developed. These central lowlands provide a topography that is variable in nature from lowland plains to rolling hills and rarely exceed 90 metres above sea level.

The local geology consists of a dominance of Lower Carboniferous (Mississippian Age) Windsor Group strata with occurrences of the Meguma mapped southwest and northeast of the Gays

River/Cooks Brook area. The Project is situated between the Carboniferous Basin to the north which extends over much of central Nova Scotia, and a smaller synclinal extension of Carboniferous rocks, defined by the Cooks Brook Syncline, to the south. Prominent structural features include the Black Brook and Cooks Brook faults, generally trending northeast-southwest, sub-parallel to the regional trend of the area's major units.

The Project area is classed as well drained, fine textured soil on hummocky terrain that lies in the southern extent of the Central Lowlands, adjacent to the Rawdon/Wittenburg Hills and the Eastern Interior Ecodistricts (Neily et al 2003).

The local hydrogeological regime can be characterized as two separate systems with the degree of interaction between the two systems highly dependent on the topography and local geology. The surficial deposits aquifer systems have a near surface water table within the low (clay till) to highly permeable (sand, gravel) materials. In the deeper bedrock aquifers, groundwater flow is dependent upon the degree to which fractures and voids within the strata are connected and the hydraulic head differences between these openings. In many areas, these systems will act completely separately from each other as groundwater in the near surface systems discharges directly to surface water bodies e.g. Gays River. The hydrogeological regime in the Project area is complex; controlled by a karsted gypsum/carbonate contact which has been in-filled with Cretaceous-age sands and clays. Two overlying Pleistocene glacial cycles and recent deposition of the river alluvium adjacent to the meandering Gays River complicate the hydrogeology. Several sand units form aquifers that are separated by zones of permeable clays which are probably interconnected in the karsted gypsum deposits overlapping the mineral deposit.

The Gays River is the principal watercourse in the area, with its headwaters in Lake Egmont. The Main Branch of the Gays River flows north and west past the Project site, to converge with the South Branch Gays River. Drainage for the Gays River sub-system of the Stewiacke-Shubenacadie River system collects from the valley sides to the north and south of the emerging Cooks Brook and Gays River. This drainage starts its west to southwest flow direction towards the confluence with Shubenacadie River located at a large wetland known as MacPhee Pond after which the Shubenacadie River runs north to the Bay of Fundy.

In the Project area, the Gays River is a meandering channel with overall low gradient and limited riffles and abandoned pools. The substrate sediments are predominately silt with very minor boulders and cobbles. The active channel averages 10 metres in width with a range of water depths from several centimeters to several metres.

There are several wetland complexes in the Project area. In Nova Scotia wetlands are protected under the provincial Environment Act and an approval is required for their alteration. A wetland

survey and compensation plan may be required as a component of the Project development for areas not currently under Industrial Authorization permit.

Surveys of plants and animals have been completed for the general project area. Previous work has identified Hepatica Americana (nobilus) or the round-leaved Liverwort which is considered endangered in Nova Scotia by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (NSDNR). Other flora species of interest include two plant species and one lichen species. Canada lily (Lilium canadense), wood nettle (Laportea canadensis) and the lichen (Sticta fuliginosa) are considered sensitive to human interaction by NSDNR. Site specific surveys for plant species of interest may need to be completed for new development areas contemplated by this report.

Previous surveys of wildlife in the general area have not identified any species of concern. Additional surveys of wildlife habitats may be required for specific areas of additional disturbance that are contemplated by this report.

## 20.1.2 Socio-economic Setting

The Project is located in Cooks Brook, a small unincorporated community in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) that borders the community of Gays River, Colchester County. This community lies between the larger communities of Middle Musquodoboit, Lantz and Shubenacadie. The population of the surrounding area is described by Nova Scotia Finance, Community Counts to fall within three "communities" namely Middle Musquodoboit, Lantz, and Wittenburg. The total population of these three areas is 6816 (2006 Census). About 28% of the population is under 20 years of age and 13% is 65 years of age or older. Population growth between 1996 and 2006 was about 3%. English is spoken by over 99% of the population. The average family income for the area ranges from \$56,500 to \$67,000 per annum (the more affluent area being Lantz).

In the local area there is a range of land uses focused on resource based industries such as agriculture, forestry and mining. The mine site is located in an agricultural area that extends from the Musquodoboit Valley north into Colchester County. Agricultural land use accounts for approximately 5% of the Gays River area.

The area is primarily forested with mixed use (mainly residential and small business) located along the secondary roads. Sawmills and a wood pellet manufacturing plant are located near Middle Musquodoboit. Forested lands are primarily privately owned. Private woodlot owners are a significant source of supply to these facilities. ScoZinc Limited (ScoZinc) owns about 50% of the property in the Gays River area.

Project permits currently require and mandate a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) comprised of local residents and mine site staff. The committee meets on a regular basis to discuss issues

from the community in regards to the mining operations. Past meetings have highlighted noise from the operations as a key issue for local residents as well as dust and potential impacts to Gays River quality and flow. Employment and opportunities for local people is also an important issue. The operation expects to draw significant numbers of its workforce from the nearby communities and as such employees will also provide a valuable source of communication on local issues. It is anticipated that the requirement for a Community Liaison Committee will continue to be a requirement of Industrial Authorizations for future project expansions.

All local residents rely on wells for water supply. Potential impacts to groundwater wells from localized dewatering of the aquifers through mining or changes to aquifers from blasting shocks have been realized as a possibility. Bonding of \$147,500 is in place with the Government of Nova Scotia for the purposes of supplementing water supply of local residents in the event of impacts to water supply wells. The bonding amount is based on residents within a certain proximity of the mine site. As the Project expands, the requirement for bond will likely need to be increased to account for the greater number of residents that fall within that perimeter.

Archaeological studies of the Project area have been completed for various phases of the project development. Given the proximity to Gays River and the long post-colonial history of the area, pre-contact and post contact archaeological sites may occur within the Project footprint. Previous surveys have identified both types of sites in proximity to the area. However, significant human influence (forestry, agriculture etc.) on the land in recent history would likely have disturbed any archaeological resources in the area. Archaeological surveys of new disturbance areas contemplated by this development may be required during the permitting process of the project.

## 20.1.3 Summary of Environment and Socio-economic Issues

Environmental studies of the project area have identified a few plant species of interest although none that would require significant management plans. Footprint-specific surveys may be required for new areas of disturbance anticipated by the development scenario identified in this report.

Community communication and involvement is mandated to a Community Liaison Committee through existing Project permits. This committee is and will continue to be the primary tool for communicating with local residents regarding their concerns or issues with the Project. Noise, dust and impacts to water wells have been identified as key community issues. Bonding requirements have been established as mitigation for impacts to water wells and it can be expected that the overall bond requirement will increase as the footprint of the project increases and the number of residences within the certain proximity of the Project increases.

Archaeological sites in the area of the Project are not uncommon. Footprint specific surveys may be required for new development areas and there is a possibility of identifying pre and post contact archaeological remains in the project area. Management of any such finds may require avoidance through adjustments in project plans or, if this is not possible, excavation of any identified sites prior to project disturbance.

#### 20.1.4 First Nations

First Nation involvement with past operators of the mine and mill were favourable and meaningful. First Nations were involved in Mi'kmaq ecological knowledge gathering in the late 1990's, 2005, and again in 2012. In 2006, an archaeological site of significance (the Sinkhole Site) was mitigated using First Nations involvement and staff in an area of Gays River. The site had been planned for disturbance by a previous mine plan. Contact has been made with representatives from the closest First Nations community of Indian Brook and preliminary discussions held about mutually beneficial programs. ScoZinc will pro-actively engage in further discussions and are cognizant of the "Mi'kmaq - Nova Scotia - Canada consultation Terms of Reference".

# 20.2 Regulatory Process and Project Permitting

# 20.2.1 Mine Permitting – Nova Scotia

The Province of Nova Scotia has a well defined mine permitting process. The predevelopment permitting process can be generalized into two stages, defined as Stage 1 or the Environmental Assessment Process (EAP) and Stage 2 or Permits, Leases, and Approvals. Stage 1 is completed first, followed immediately by Stage 2, and once Stage 2 approvals are in place, mining activities can commence.

# 20.2.2 Stage 1 – Environmental Assessment

The EAP for a mine proposal normally occurs following advanced exploration, and a positive economic analysis to warrant mine development. In Nova Scotia the EAP begins with the proponent presenting an overview of the mining project at a "One Window Committee meeting comprised of Nova Scotia Department of Environment (NSE), Nova Scotia Department of Labour, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and any other regulators the government determines to be relevant based on the project specifics. The meeting is designed to inform the regulators of the project and for the regulators to advise the proponent on any possible regulatory issues from their respective departments. At the end of the meeting, the Department of Environment will inform the proponent if the project must be registered under the EAP.

Following the One Window Committee meeting but prior to registering for the EAP, the proponent will usually meet with members of the One Window Committee and hold a project open house for the public to ensure all potential topics are addressed in the registration document. Once the proponent is satisfied all topics have been addressed, a finalized registration document is submitted to the Department of Environment for Registration. Within seven days of the project's registration, the proponent must publish a Notice of Registration to inform the public of the project and where to obtain details. Copies of the document are also distributed by the Environmental Assessment Administrator to applicable regulators for review and comment. Following the public review and comment period, the Environmental Assessment Administrator summarizes comments received from the public and regulators, and submits to the Minister for an approval decision. From submission of the registration document to the Ministers decision is approximately fifty days. If it is an "Approval" decision, there are usually terms and conditions which must be addressed at Stage 2.

## 20.2.3 Stage 2 – Permits, Leases, Approvals

Stage 2 follows an EAP Approval decision and as mentioned previously involves the steps to attain the Permits, Leases, and Approvals required for mining activities. The three generally required are a Mineral Lease, Land Access Agreements, and an Industrial Approval. A Mineral Lease grants exclusive rights (20 year term) to some or all of the mineral resources in a specified area but does not allow any field activity beyond exploration. The approval time for a new lease is generally 60 days or less if all required information has been submitted. Land Access Agreements is as described whereby the proponent must have a legally binding agreement to access the project area. The length of time required to acquire these agreements is variable.

An Industrial Approval (10 year term) is to construct, operate, or reclaim an open pit, milling facility, or bulk solids handling load out facility. The submission document is fairly substantial and if an Environmental Assessment was required, must address all of the terms and conditions outlined in the approval. Once the document has been submitted and determined to be "adequate" by the Department of Environment, the approval process can take up to 60 days unless deficiencies are identified and the approval time period extended by the regulators.

## 20.2.4 Status of Permits and Licenses for the Project

A status summary of mine and facility permitting is outlined below and on the attached Figure 20-1, "Mine Permitting":

Location	Permitting Status	Notes
Main Pit, Waste Rock Dump, Mill, Tailings Facility	<ul> <li>Mineral Lease 10-1,         Industrial Approval,         Environmental         Assessment are approved.     </li> <li>Land Access Agreements in place.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To address Land Access         Agreements, ScoZinc has purchased         all relevant land titles.</li> <li>Indicated in purple hatching on         Figure 20-1</li> </ul>
Sheet Harbour	<ul> <li>Industrial Approval in- place (approved).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Only an Industrial Approval is required for bulk solids handling load out facility.</li> <li>Not indicated on Figure 20-1 based on location.</li> </ul>
Southwest Expansion, Waste Rock Dump Expansions	<ul> <li>Mineral Lease 10-1, 12-1, 12-2, Environmental Assessment, and Industrial Approval are approved.</li> <li>Land Access Agreements in place.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To address Land Access         Agreements, ScoZinc has purchased         all relevant land titles.</li> <li>Indicated in yellow hatching on         Figure 20-1.</li> </ul>
Northeast Extension	<ul> <li>Mineral Lease 10-1         approved.</li> <li>Permitting has currently         not been initiated.</li> <li>Land Access Agreements         in place.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Will likely require an Environmental Assessment through the Provincial Environmental Assessment process but may also require a Federal review. If regulators determine the expansion can be assessed at a Provincial level, the time estimate for an Environmental Assessment and Industrial Approval is expected to be 15 months for all permits to be in place but if the expansion is determined to require Federal review, the time estimate will likely be 30 months. This can be done in conjunction with other expected Project expansions.</li> <li>To address Land Access Agreements, ScoZinc has purchased all relevant land titles.</li> <li>Indicated in red hatching on Figure 20-1.</li> </ul>
Southwest Extension Pit	<ul><li>Mineral Lease 10-1 approved.</li><li>Permitting has currently</li></ul>	Will likely require an Environmental     Assessment through the Provincial     Environmental Assessment process

	not been initiated.  • Land Access Agreements in place.	but may also require a Federal review. If regulators determine the expansion can be assessed at a Provincial level, the time estimate for an Environmental Assessment and Industrial Approval is expected to be 15 months for all permits to be in place but if the expansion is determined to require Federal review, the time estimate will likely be 30 months. This can be done in conjunction with other expected Project expansions.  • To address Land Access Agreements, ScoZinc has purchased all relevant land titles.  • Indicated in blue hatching on Figure 20-1
Northeast Zone and Underground	<ul> <li>Mineral Lease 10-1         approved.</li> <li>Permitting has currently         not been initiated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Will likely require an Environmental Assessment through the Provincial Environmental Assessment process but may also require a Federal review. If regulators determine the expansion can be assessed at a Provincial level, the time estimate for an Environmental Assessment and Industrial Approval is expected to be 15 months for all permits to be in place but if the expansion is determined to require Federal review, the time estimate will likely be 30 months. This can be done in conjunction with other expected Project expansions.</li> <li>To address Land Access Agreements, ScoZinc will likely need to purchase one relevant land title.</li> <li>Indicated in orange hatching on Figure 20-1</li> </ul>

# 20.2.5 Shipping

Future deposit developments will use existing public roads that require no upgrading or infrastructure changes such as bridges. The primary route for the transport of zinc concentrates

from the mill facility will be Highway 224 to Upper Musquodoboit and Highway 277 to Sheet Harbor. All previous operations at the mine site used the same route for shipping zinc concentrate. The expected average daily number of trucks on this route (B-train styled with closed boxes) is four which is a small percentage (less than 2%) of the daily truck traffic based on recent data from public sources. Lead shipments are currently planned to be shipped through the Port of Halifax via Highway 224 to Highway 102 utilizing containers as the primary mode of transport. Only two to three containers per week are planned to be shipped to the Port of Halifax.

# 20.3 Waste, Water, and Site Monitoring

# 20.3.1 Waste Management

Tailings generated by the milling process will be pumped to the existing tailing storage facility. Dam raises will be required to establish the needed catchment size to accommodate the additional tailings volume generated by the project expansions. The costs to increase the capacity of the existing TSF are captured in the capital and operating budget for the operation. The tailings disposal plan will safely maximize usage of the existing storage area before raises occur.

Solid waste generated at the Project site will consist of unusable rock, organics and other naturally occurring materials stripped from the areas. Waste rock will be used, as appropriate, for infrastructure development with the excess being stored in a waste rock stockpile near the pit or backfilled into the mined out portion of the pit. Low grade ore from the pits will be segregated and stockpiled for future processing at a later date. Gypsum excavated during pit stripping may be segregated and stockpiled for shipping off site. Gypsum is considered a commodity and there is a large gypsum mining operation about 15 km by road from the Project site.

Garbage produced on the mine site will be brought back to the existing facilities and trucked away for appropriate reuse or disposal to a provincially approved waste disposal facility.

All of the administration, processing and support facilities will remain at the existing site location and are serviced by an on-site sewage treatment system.

## 20.3.2 Water Management

Water at the Project occurs in four management streams; tailings supernatant, pit water from pit dewatering, contact water from the mill and ancillary buildings, and contact water from waste rock stockpiles and other disturbed mining areas.

Tailings supernatant will be released to the existing tailings pond which is located as a component of the TSF at the toe of the tailings beach. Water for the milling process is recycled to the mill from this pond via pump and pipelines. Excess water in the tailings pond is discharged to the environment via an outflow structure where it flows to Annand Brook and from there to the Gays River upstream of the mine. Discharge through this structure is monitored for quality and volume by third party lab facilities and flow measuring devices. The water management process and associated structures are consistent with the current operating parameters and permits for the Project.

Pit water from open pit dewatering is pumped and gravity fed to the tailings pond at the TSF. Similarly to tailings supernatant, these waters will eventually be recycled to the mill or discharge to the environment via Annand Brook.

Contact water from the mill and ancilliary facilities is controlled by ditching and naturally flows towards the Main Pit or to a water storage pond outside the mine office building that in turn flows back to the pit. Water directed to the pit will be managed with the pit water and directed to the TSF. The water storage pond outside the mine office is intended as back-up fire suppression water for the operation.

Contact water from the North Barrier Berm will be captured in settling ponds located at the base of the berm to ensure that the overall drainage and flow patterns leading into the existing catchment areas are maintained. The ponds will be designed to ensure that the limits of any Industrial Authorization that may be granted by NSE for the project are not exceeded. Water will be discharged directly to the environment via pond spillways assuming that water quality limits are achieved in those ponds. Contact water from the South Stockpile is directed to the TSF. In addition to the ponds, straw bales, straw waddles, and other sediment trapping devices are utilized to ensure water quality.

The site is currently subject to the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (MMER) approach and guidelines as well as some additional requirements from the Province via the existing Industrial Approval. Historically the operations discharges have met all requirements except minor copper exceedance that were properly reported and corrective actions were successful.

## 20.3.3 Site Monitoring

Monitoring of the project site will be carried out by internal project staff with the assistance of qualified consultants. The cost for support staff, lab analysis and supporting external resources has been incorporated into the General and Administration (G&A) costs of the current Project economic model.

Site environmental monitoring anticipated for the operation have been identified as follows:

- Hydrogeology Groundwater monitoring wells have been and will be established at appropriate locations in the vicinity of Project facilities. Groundwater will be monitored for level and quality through the operations and closure phases of the Project. Precise locations and analysis parameters will be established as a component of future Industrial Approvals.
- Surface Water Surface water quality and flow volume monitoring has been and will be carried out at environmental discharge locations, in the receiving environment upstream and downstream of the discharge location where appropriate, and in other locations as required. The precise locations and analysis parameters of the monitoring program will be established in future Industrial Authorizations.
- Wetlands Areas planned for disturbance will be surveyed for the presence, size and quality of wetlands. A Wetlands Compensation Plan will be developed and carried out in accordance with Nova Scotia policy where required.
- Domestic Wells Water wells on private property that fall within the perimeter prescribed for water well bonding will be tested for recharge and quality in advance of initiating operations (where allowed by the land owner). The Community Liaison Committee will provide a communications link between the Project General Manager and the local residents if domestic well impacts are alleged. Follow-up monitoring can be carried out and mitigations initiated if impacts are found.
- Blast Surveys Prior to commencing operations, residences and buildings within a prescribed perimeter of blasting operations will be surveyed for condition (where allowed by the land owner). The Community Liaison Committee will provide a communication link between the Project General Manager and local residents when blasting damage is alleged. Follow up inspections can be carried out in the event of a complaint and mitigations developed based on the outcome of these inspections.
- Dust Additional Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and emissions monitoring may be required to measure the effects on suspended particulate matter and exhaust emissions once the expansion process begins and as it continues on. Particulate monitoring throughout different phases of the expansion process can be conducted utilizing a Beta Array Monitor or High Volume Sampling. Air quality monitoring locations and parameters will be established in future Industrial Authorizations.
- Noise Managing noise issues will be dependent on complaints received from local residents via the Community Liaison Committee in communication with the Project General Manager. Noise issues are likely to be episodic and associated with specific activities, locations, residence proximity, and climate conditions. Management of noise complaints will be case specific and depend on those attributes of the perceived issue.

- Archaeology Personnel involved in all ground disturbances related to the construction and mining activities will be made aware of the potential for archaeological and/or cultural resources and the appropriate actions to take in identifying and reporting such features.
- Flora & Fauna The monitoring program for Hepatica Americana (nobilus) that was implemented by previous operators will be continued by ScoZinc. Site specific habitat surveys required for expansion areas may identify additional species requiring monitoring and/or mitigation. The precise nature and type of these monitoring and mitigation programs will be prescribed in future Environmental Assessments and Industrial Approvals.
- Socio-economic Parameters The only socio-economic parameter likely to require future monitoring will be Traditional Land Use Surveys by First Nations. These surveys are typically done in advance of site disturbance to document plant and animal species in the area that are used by First Nations.

## 20.4 Reclamation

The needs and wishes of a community, as well as the mining process, may change as the project proceeds resulting in the requirement for a "Final Reclamation Plan" to be submitted six months prior to the end of the extraction phase of the mine life. This Plan is prepared by the proponent in consultation with the CLC, NSE, NSDNR and possibly other parties such as a community groups or technical organizations. This "final reclamation plan" is then approved and the proponent begins the work. The plan often includes monitoring components for aspects such as surface water quality, groundwater quality, water levels, vegetation growth and wetlands health. When the proponent completes all of the requirements of the Environmental Assessment, Industrial Authorization and any other reclamation related conditions, the proponent is able to get back the reclamation bond value in full. Nova Scotia also allows for portions of the bond to be released if progressive reclamation is part of the project. For example, if 20 percent of the area has been reclaimed to the goal in the "preliminary reclamation plan", a portion of that bond may be released if NSE and NSDNR are satisfied with the work completed.

In accordance with the above noted process, no final reclamation plan for the Project has been prepared or submitted. The requirements noted here are inferred from the currently approved reclamation plan which covers the Main Pit, tailings storage facility, and mine buildings. The Reclamation Plan for the Southwest Expansion was submitted in early 2012 and is in the final stages of approval.

Reclamation for the entire Project will ultimately include:

- removal of infrastructure and buildings;
- final rehabilitation of stockpiles;
- final surface contouring and sediment erosion control;
- assessment and remediation (if required), of any contaminated soils;
- rehabilitation of the former mining pits and tailings management area (including slope stabilization);
- pit flooding;
- water level control;
- revegetation, and;
- monitoring.

## 20.4.1 Post-Reclamation Monitoring

This section outlines monitoring specific to reclamation activities. The current Environmental Assessment and Industrial Authorization for Site Operations prescribe required monitoring for the duration of site operations that includes a number of aspects (surface water, groundwater, rare plants, etc.). ScoZinc anticipates that in keeping with the currently approved reclamation plan, post-reclamation monitoring for the expanded project, including groundwater levels, surface water quality, vegetation and aquatic habitat will be carried out for a period of three years subsequent to final site reclamation.

Key elements of the Reclamation Plan may include:

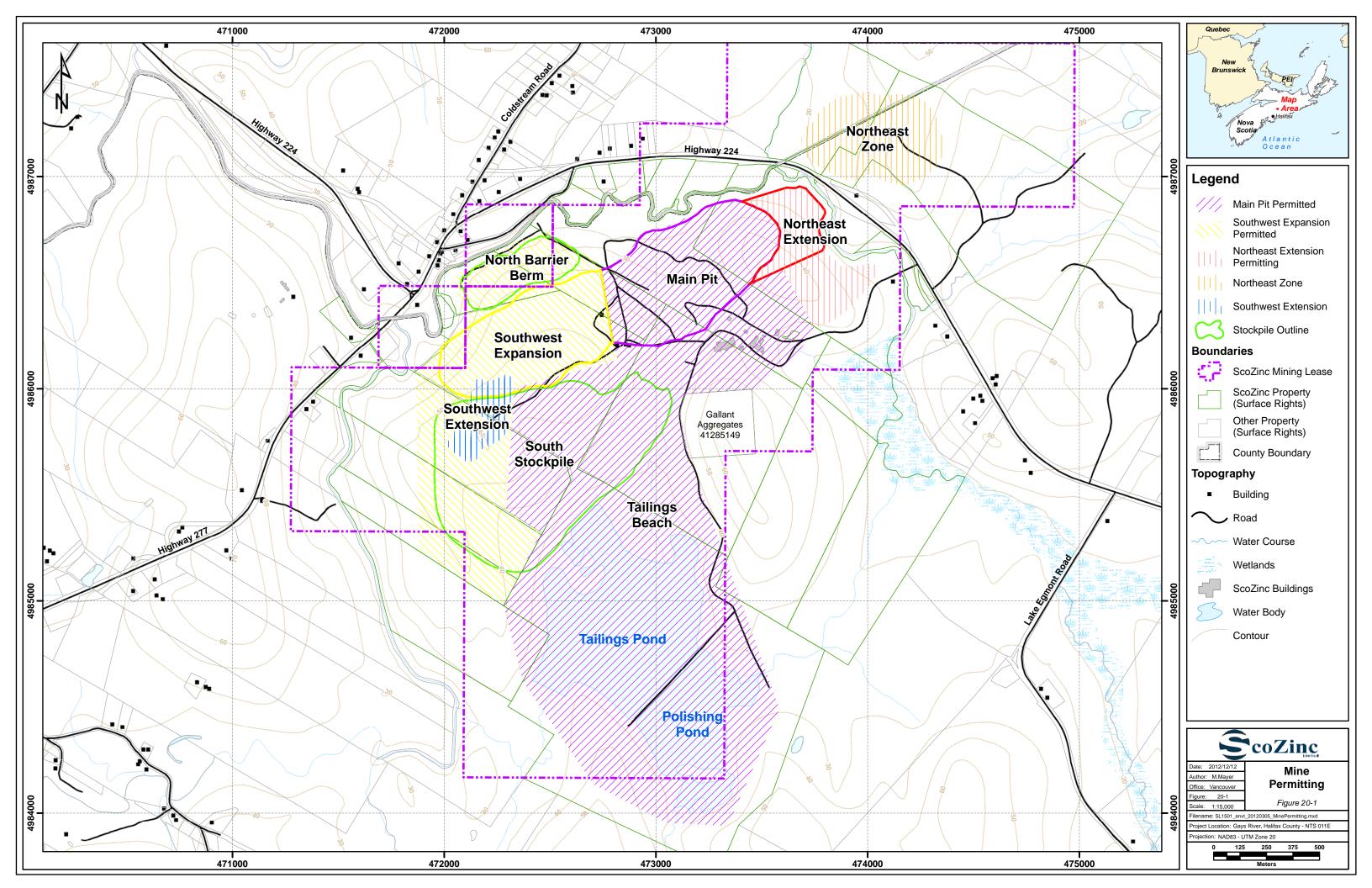
Vegetative	Periodic inspections of the effectiveness of re-vegetation efforts will be
Cover	needed. Areas identified as requiring additional effort will be noted, and
	a program to address the deficiencies in the re-vegetation will be
	developed and submitted to NSDNR and NSE for review.
Slope and	Slopes on stockpiles and shorelines of the lakes created by reclamation
Shoreline	activities will be inspected for issues of erosion on a routine basis during
Inspections	reclamation operations. Inspections on a quarterly basis are proposed for
	the various Pits for a period of three years after pit closure or less as
	agreed to by NSDNR, NSE and the CLC. ScoZinc recognizes that
	additional monitoring may be required after the reclamation program is
	complete, if so directed by NSDNR and/or NSE.

Pit Water Quality	• Before decommissioning, the water being pumped from the Pits to the Tailing Management Area will be monitored for general chemistry and metals according to stipulations set forth in the IA. Upon cessation of dewatering operations in the Pits, this monitoring will be replaced by seasonal water quality measurements from two depths (0-1 m and 1 m from bottom) in a central location of the pit lake for general chemistry and metals. An in-situ water quality meter may be used to provide a suite of parameters such as temperature, conductivity, and pH. It is proposed that monitoring continue for two years after the water level in the pit has reached pre-mining site elevation and then be re-assessed by ScoZinc and NSE to determine if refinements to the program are required or cessation of the program is approved.
Groundwater Levels and Quality	• The site is well equipped with monitoring wells that are used to address the current IA requirements for both water level and water quality monitoring. It can be expected that additional monitoring wells will be required to address the future phases of the Project including the Southwest "Tadpole" Pit and the Northeast Pit. All available wells in this network will be monitored on a monthly basis for water level and for general chemistry and metals after mine closure. Each year, ScoZinc will review the data and consult with NSE on any required refinements to the

#### 20.4.2 Reclamation Bonding

program.

ScoZinc currently has a performance bond for the protection of domestic water supplies (\$147,500) and a reclamation bond of \$2.6 Million held with the Province of Nova Scotia. The domestic water supply related bond has been in place for over six years and has never needed to be drawn from due to an unresolved water supply related issue. The reclamation bond amount was calculated based on the Reclamation Plan submitted to and accepted by the Province in 2011. Bonding for the Southwest Expansion, permitted in 2012, is currently under negotiation with the Provincial Government. The initial cost estimate by the Province for the reclamation of this additional area is \$3.7 Million. Two aspects of the bond; progressive bonding based on annual footprint expectations and the total amount of the bond, are currently under discussion. No additional bonding has been factored into the current economic model of the Project. It is expected that progressive reclamation of the historic project components (mined out pit areas and existing rock dumps and stockpiles) in conjunction with progressive bonding by the Government will allow the total bond requirements to be maintained at the current estimate of \$6.3 Million as the Project progresses through the Northeast Extension, Northeast Pit, and Southwest "Tadpole" Pit expansion phases.



# 21 CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS

# 21.1 Capital Costs

#### 21.1.1 Capital Cost Summary

The projected initial capital cost is shown in Table 21-1.

**Table 21-1: Initial Capital Cost Summary (excluding Working Capital)** 

Item	Projected Capital Cost (thousands)
Mill refurbishment	\$7,446
Mine capital expenditures	\$19,034
G & A – Re-staffing	\$1,735
Contingency on non-quoted/calculated items	\$1,390
Subtotal	\$29,605
Plus: Project acquisition cost	\$10,000
Total	\$39,605

The projected initial mine capital cost is shown in Table 21-2. This is associated with the open pit mine only as capital for the underground operation begins in Year 5 as sustaining capital.

**Table 21-2: Initial Mine Capital Cost Summary** 

Item	Projected Capital Cost (thousands)
Capitalized mining equipment down payment	\$6,173
Capitalized pre-stripping costs (including pit dewatering)	\$6,203
Capitalized reclamation bond top-up	\$3,700
Capitalized mine preparation	\$1,767
Capitalized support equipment purchase (used)	\$1,191
Total	\$19,034

The initial waste stripping will be performed by ScoZinc using its labour force and leased equipment. The planned mine equipment fleet includes Caterpillar 777 (90.9 tonne capacity) haul trucks, Caterpillar 6018 (10 m³ capacity bucket) diesel-powered hydraulic excavator, and a Caterpillar 390D (4.6 m³ capacity bucket) excavator. ScoZinc undertook a very thorough

equipment analysis with a major equipment supplier providing pricing on the purchase/lease and maintenance of the equipment fleet.

The initial mining equipment fleet will be leased and will consist of two Caterpillar 777 haul trucks, two Caterpillar 6018 hydraulic shovels (one will be delivered late in the Pre-stripping process in order to prepare for operations), and ancillary equipment. The mill ore handling loader will be a Caterpillar 990-H, this loader is sized to support mine operations with the loading of the haul trucks should significant delays with the excavator(s) impact production. Two trucks would be leased during the pre-production stripping stage and an additional eight trucks would be added to the lease fleet in production year 1. The ancillary equipment consisting of a grader, and two dump bulldozers, and one pit dozer would also be leased. The major mine equipment will be leased under a lease-to-own type contract.

Any other equipment required for open pit mine operations will be rented on an as needed basis. The production drilling and blasting equipment will be supplied by the drilling and blasting contractor.

No salvage value has been included and no closure cost relating to the mining equipment is included. It is assumed that mine equipment salvage values will offset closure costs.

### 21.1.2 Mill Capital Costs

The principal capital cost programs in the mill relate to the crushing, grinding and concentrate drying sections.

The crushing circuit has been one of the major impediments to stable and efficient operations, particularly during cold weather. The crushing circuit presented the greatest challenges to ScoZinc operations under the former management. It is proposed to modify, with additions and changes, the current system into a three-staged crushing circuit, complete with a larger vibrating screen.

The first stage of the grinding circuit is the fine ore bin which feeds the grinding circuit by two parallel slot feeders from its base. The feeders had poor performance, were beyond repair and have been removed. ScoZinc proposes to mitigate historical problems of feeding from the fine ore bin through the use of seven (7) new variable drive vibrating feeders.

The former concentrate vacuum filters have been removed and scrapped. The rotary dryers for drying concentrate have been removed and placed into storage. The drying process will now be accomplished with two (2) vertical-plate filter presses. These units utilize a compressed air, high pressure water and filter cloth to remove the majority of the water from the respective zinc and

lead concentrates. The drying process will no longer require fuel oil thus reducing the overall mill emissions and reducing the costly use of fuel oil.

Most of the remaining plant capital costs relate to a thorough and comprehensive program of refurbishment for all items of process equipment; much of this was completed from mid 2011 to mid 2012.

## 21.2 Operating Costs

#### 21.2.1 Open Pit Mine Operating Cost

The open pits will be developed and operated using conventional open pit mining practices and equipment with plans and designed layout in conformance with regulatory requirements.

Drilling and blasting will be performed by a qualified and licensed contractor, under the direction of ScoZinc management, as previously done. Loading and haulage operations will be conducted by ScoZinc's equipment operators using a combination of leased and rented mine equipment. The lease and rental equipment will be maintained by the equipment supplier under a maintenance and repair type contract. Refuelling, tire inspection and miscellaneous maintenance work not covered by the maintenance and repair contract will be carried out by ScoZinc maintenance personnel or other contractors as the need arises.

The open pit mine operating cost components include:

- Mine operating labour costs;
- Subcontracted drilling and blasting costs;
- Equipment leasing and rental costs;
- Mine equipment operating costs such as fuel, lubricants, parts, ground engagement tools, and maintenance supply costs; and
- Mine indirect operating costs.

The total open pit mining cost is summarized in Table 21-3. The estimated annual mine operating costs vary in the cashflow model as material quantities and unit operating costs vary from year to year.

**Table 21-3: Open Pit Mine Operating Cost Summary** 

Item	\$/tonne of material moved	\$/tonne of mill feed
Mine direct labour cost	0.38	5.50
Drilling and blasting cost	0.35	4.99
Mine equipment operating costs	0.90	12.96
Mine indirect costs	0.05	0.68
Subtotal	1.68	24.13
Mine equipment leasing costs	0.29	4.16
Total	1.97	28.29

ScoZinc staff continue to develop detailed operational plans based upon and guided by the plan developed for the updated PEA presented herein. These plans provide detailed haulage roads, ground control bench designs, design steps to address the underground works, and best disposal methods for overburden waste to minimize long and uphill loaded hauls.

### 21.2.2 Underground Mine Operating Cost

Planning for an underground mining operation targets a high grade resource located between the Main and Northeast pits, beneath the highway and Gays River. The underground workings and related facilities are designed to produce 500 tonnes per day of high grade feed to the mill to blend with the lower grade mill feed from the ongoing open pit operations.

The Mechanized Cut and Fill mining method was selected for the project and has been carefully adapted and designed to suit the requirements of the ScoZinc underground project. This method was also selected in order to use uncemented backfill, thus minimizing operating costs and benefiting the project economics. The work will be conducted by ScoZinc personnel with used mining equipment.

Underground mining operations are to commence in Year 5 of the overall life of mine schedule. About eight months of pre-production development will be capitalized as sustaining capital, largely in Year 5, followed by about 4 months of production providing high-grade feed to the mill. Year 6 will be a full production year and will see the completion of access development. About 3 months of production in Year 7 will complete the underground mining operation.

Underground capital and operating costs are presented in Table 21-4.

Table 21-4: Underground Capital<sup>1</sup> and Operating Cost Summary

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Total
Capital Cost (Sustaining) <sup>1</sup> (thousands):				
Capital Development	4,501	328		4,829
Project Development	7,639			7,639
Salvage & Severance			-1,826	-1,826
Total Capital Cost	12,140		-1,826	10,642

Operating Cost (annual) (thousands):				
Operating Development	2,006	1,566	200	3,771
Ore Extraction	1,447	3,947	817	6,211
General Mine Expense (including	779	2,124	440	3,343
Major Repairs)				
Total Annual Operating Costs	4,232	7,637	1,457	13,325

Operating Cost (per tonne mill feed):				
Ore Extraction	21.93	21.93	21.93	21.93
Operating Development	30.39	8.70	5.36	13.31
General Mine Expense (including	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80
Major Repairs)				
Total Unit Operating Costs	64.12	42.43	39.09	47.04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes 15% contingency

#### 21.2.3 Mine Labour

The mine will be operated on a two twelve-hour shifts per day, 365 days per year basis with rotating crews. Labour supply within the province is more than ample to supply the needs of the operation. Labour rates used in this study are on par with current mining operations in the region.

### 21.2.4 Mill Operations and Processing Cost

A comparison of the actual 2008 Mill Process cost per dry metric tonne versus projected annual mill operating costs per dry metric tonne is shown in Table 21-5.

**Table 21-5: Annual Mill Operating Cost Projections** 

Item	2008 January to September Cost (per DMT)	LOM Unit Cost (per DMT)	Difference
Total Processing Cost	\$12.16	\$13.63	\$1.47
Power Cost	\$2.39	\$3.44	\$1.05
Mill Mobile Equipment		\$0.86	\$0.86

In preparing the Mill Processing cost estimate, a detailed review of the 2008 actual costs were performed. Major changes in the mill, along with changes from the mine operations were factored into the revised cost estimate. The impact of a twenty-five percent (25%) increase in mill through-put was factored into keys areas such as power. Other factors such as mill reagent costs were reviewed from 2008 and it was determined that purchases for the floatation process were impacted by excess inventory at the beginning of the year, thus requiring adjustments. A zero-base budget alternative was not prepared due to the significant advantage of utilizing the historic mill operating history to predict future cost when adjusted for proposed improvements to the process. However, the historical data was reviewed and revised to reflect recoveries and adjusted reagent consumptions as indicated by recent metallurgical test work.

As can be seen from Table 21-5, the power cost is anticipated to be significantly higher due to increased rates and planned through-put increase. The overall energy cost and mill emissions will be reduced by the use of the pressure filter press for dewatering the concentrate product. Replacing the former disc filters and thermal dryers will eliminate the use of fuel oil to dry the product and the bottleneck caused by the dryer chute(s) plugging. In addition to the changes in the mill, all of the mine dewatering cost are now included in the power cost (calculations included with cash flow analysis). Formerly, approximately half of the power for the pumps was provided by diesel powered generators resulting in higher costs; the switch to grid power increases overall operational energy efficiency along with improved reliability.

The other significant change in cost for the mill operation is the inclusion of the mobile equipment assigned to the mill being included with mill expenses. The equipment assigned to the primary crusher, a Cat 990-H front-end loader, will be utilized to feed the crusher as well as blend crushed ore of varying grades into the process to maintain a consistent ore grade for the mill. In addition, the concentrate loader will be included in mill costs as this is a function of the mill operations.

#### 21.2.5 General and Administration Costs

The General and Administration (G&A) Costs are summarized in Table 21-6, where:

- Administration costs include projected management / administrative / support services labour costs as well as insurance, taxes, security, indirect equipment operating, office operating and consulting costs. Labour costs account for 49% of the Administration cost in production year 1. The mine indirect cost includes the mine staff labour cost during the pre-stripping phase.
- Safety and environmental costs include the coordinator labour cost, training and hygiene costs, environmental monitoring and contracted environmental services costs.
- Human resources costs include employee training, staff recognition, employee development and recruiting costs.

**Table 21-6: General and Administration Costs** 

Area	Steady-State Annual Spending (\$ thousands)	CAD\$ per Tonne Mill Feed
Administration	2,064	2.34
Safety & environmental	638	0.76
Human resources	60	0.07
Total	2,762	3.17

# 22 ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

The potential economic viability of the Project was evaluated using a discounted cash flow analysis approach. In summary, using the Base Case metal Pricing assumption (see Section 22-1) the results of the preliminary economic assessment indicate that:

- The Project has a mine life of approximately 7.6 years and offers an approximate 1.56 year payback.
- The Project has an estimated pre-tax internal rate of return (IRR) of 49.0% and an after-tax IRR of 46.2%.
- The Project has a pre-tax net present value (NPV) of \$61.3 million and an after-tax NPV of \$51.9 million, both using a 5% discount rate. At an 8% discount rate, the pre-tax NPV is \$52.4 million and the after-tax NPV is \$44.4 million.
- The Project has an average C1 zinc cash cost of production of CAD \$0.51 per pound of zinc over the planned life of the operation (after deducting credits for lead).

This preliminary economic assessment is preliminary in nature and includes Inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

# 22.1 Input Parameters

The input parameters to the cashflow model are listed below. All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars, except where noted.

Base Case Zinc price: \$US 1.00/lb (for life of mine)
 Base Case Lead price: \$US 1.10/lb (for life of mine)
 US:CDN exchange rate: \$US 1.00 = \$CDN 1.02

Zn mill recovery (life of mine) 84.6%
Zn Concentrate Grade: 57%
Zn Concentrate Moisture 8%
Zn Payable from Smelter 85%

• Zn Treatment Charge: \$190 per tonne of concentrate

Land Freight: \$11.61/tonneOcean Freight: \$US 50/tonne

Pb mill recovery (life of mine) 89.8%
Pb Concentrate Grade: 71%

Pb Concentrate Moisture 7%Pb Payable from Smelter 95%

• Pb Treatment Charge: \$150 per tonne of concentrate

• Land Freight: \$11.61/tonne

• Liners: \$70 per container

Ocean Freight: \$US 50/tonne
Project Acquisition Cost: \$10 million
Capital Cost: \$28.22 million

• Working Capital & Contingency: \$4.55 million

No annual inflation or escalation was included

No salvage value for mill and equipment on final closure

#### 22.2 Results

The results of the economic analysis are as follows:

- The Project has a mine life of approximately 7.6 years with a project payback of approximately 1.56 years.
- Total payable metal production over the life of the project is projected to be 343 million lbs (155,700 tonnes) of zinc and 212 million lbs (96,300 tonnes) of lead.
- Total life-of-mine gross revenue is about \$468 million, of which 59% is derived from zinc and 41% derived from lead.
- The life of mine C1 zinc cash cost of production is CAD \$0.51 per pound of zinc (after deducting credits for lead).

The economic results are summarized in Table 22-1 and the cash flow model is shown in Table 22-3.

 Pre-tax
 After-tax

 NPV (5%)
 \$61.3 M
 \$51.9 M

 NPV (8%)
 \$52.4 M
 \$44.4 M

 IRR
 49.0%
 46.2%

**Table 22-1: NPV and IRR Summary** 

This preliminary economic assessment is preliminary in nature and includes Inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

#### 22.3 Sensitivities

The economics of the project are most sensitive to exchange rate, metal prices, the grade of the potentially mineable mineralization, and operating costs. The results of the sensitivity analysis are shown in Figure 22-1 (5% discount rate case) and Figure 22-2 (8% discount rate case).

Table 22-2 presents the results of the metal price sensitivities analysis and includes the economics based on the Wood Mackenzie forecast discussed in section 19 and shown in Figure 19-1.

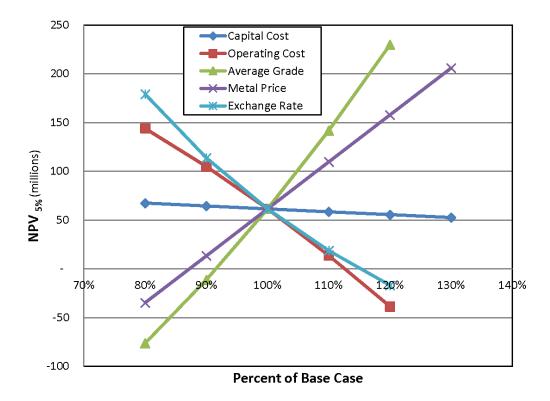


Figure 22-1: NPV<sub>5%</sub> Sensitivity

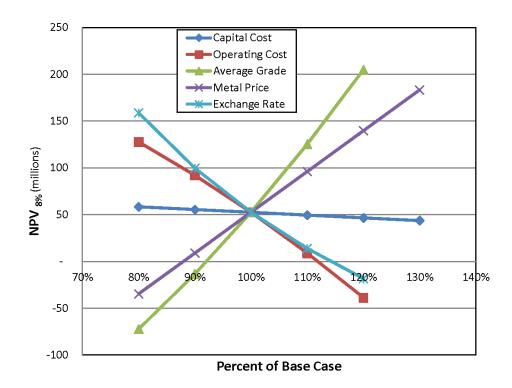


Figure 22-2: NPV<sub>8%</sub> Sensitivity

**Table 22-2: Metal Price Sensitivities Analysis** 

Zinc/Lead	NPV	Pre-Tax	NPV A	fter-Tax	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Price US\$/lb	NPV 5%	NPV 8%	NPV5%	NPV 8%	Pre-Tax	After-Tax	Period			
0.80/0.90	-31.4M	-31.6M	-31.4M	-31.6M	0.0%	0.0%	9.71			
0.90/1.00	15.0M	10.4M	15.0M	10.4M	17.3%	17.3%	2.66			
1.00/1.10*	61.3M	52.4M	51.9M	44.4M	49.0%	46.2%	1.56			
1.10/1.20	107.7M	94.4M	84.1M	73.7M	76.2%	68.7%	1.12			
1.20/1.30	154.1M	136.4M	116.2M	102.8M	101.5%	89.2%	0.84			
1.30/1.40	200.5M	178.4M	148.2M	131.8M	125.9%	108.8%	0.65			
1.40/1.50	246.8M	220.4M	180.1M	160.7M	149.6%	126.1%	0.57			
Wood Mackenzie	Wood Mackenzie Forecast 2014 to 2021 Annual Metal Prices and Treatment and Refining Charges									
Aggregate forecast prices and TC/RC's	222.6M	195.1M	163.1M	142.8M	95.8%	84.1%	1.28			

<sup>\*</sup> Base Case

**Table 22-3: Cashflow Model Detail** 

Profit & Loss											
	(Cdn \$'s)	Pre-Production	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	LOM
Ore to Mill (tonnes)			877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	877,800	533,038	6,677,637
Tonnes per day			2,508	2,508	2,508	2,508	2,508	2,508	2,508	2,501	2,507
Zinc Head Grade	%		3.96	3.96	3.82	3.69	3.39	2.81	2.02	1.09	3.20
Lead Head Grade	%		2.40	2.07	2.13	1.76	1.43	1.52	1.41	0.21	1.69
From Open Pits:											
Tonnes per day			877,800.00	877,800.00	877,800.00	877,800.00	721,050.00	500,555.00	555,940.00	-	5,288,745.00
Zinc Head Grade	%		3.96	3.96	3.82	3.69	3.27	1.71	1.79	-	3.36
Lead Head Grade	%		2.40	2.07	2.13	1.76	1.34	1.06	1.73	-	1.85
From Stockpiles:			-	-	-	-	90,749.89	197,244.80	284,577.54	533,037.78	1,105,610.00
Tonnes per day			-	-	-	-	1.86	1.86	1.75	1.09	1.46
Zinc Head Grade	%		-	-	-	-	0.44	0.44	0.40	0.21	0.32
Lead Head Grade	%										
From Underground:			-	-	-	-	66,000.00	180,000.00	37,282.00	-	283,282.00
Tonnes per day			-	-	-	-	6.75	6.94	7.45	-	6.96
Zinc Head Grade	%		-	-	-	-	3.86	3.97	4.27	-	3.98
Lead Head Grade	%										
Zinc Concentrate	t Zn in Con		34,729	34,737	33,556	32,423	29,733	24,699	17,708	5,829	213,413
Lead Concentrate	t Pb in Con		21,035	18,186	18,697	15,417	12,580	13,309	12,382	1,105	112,712
Zinc Recovery	%		87.7%	88.6%	87.9%	87.2%	85.7%	82.7%	78.6%	73.8%	84.6%
-	%			91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	84.9%	89.8%
Lead Recovery	%		85.7%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	91.0%	64.9%	89.8%
Recovered Zinc	t		30,457	30,777	29,496	28,273	25,481	20,426	13,918	4,302	183,130
Recovered Lead	t		18,027	16,550	17,014	14,030	11,448	12,111	11,267	938	101,386
Metal Payable from Smelter - Zinc	%		85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%
Metal Payable from Smelter - Lead	%		95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Payable Zinc	lbs.		57,074,753	57,673,718	55,272,669	52,980,843	47,749,292	38,276,828	26,081,562	8,061,947	343,171,612
Payable Lead	lbs.		37,756,043	34,661,389	35,634,767	29,383,854	23,976,498	25,365,986	23,597,956	1,964,560	212,341,052
Zinc Price	\$ / lb.		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Lead Price	\$ / lb.		\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$ 1.10
Zinc Revenue			58,239,544	58,850,733	56,400,683	54,062,085	48,723,767	39,057,988	26,613,839	8,226,477	350,175,115
Lead Revenue			42,379,231	38,905,640	39,998,208	32,981,877	26,912,396	28,472,025	26,487,502	2,205,118	238,341,997
Revenues from Operations			100,618,775	97,756,373	96,398,890	87,043,962	75,636,163	67,530,013	53,101,341	10,431,595	588,517,112
TC/RC's & Freight - Zinc			14,613,579	14,766,939	14,152,168	13,565,363	12,225,862	9,800,506	6,677,996	2,064,204	87,866,616
TC/RC's & Freight - Lead			5,853,732	5,373,934	5,524,848	4,555,700	3,717,339	3,932,766	3,658,649	304,587	32,921,556
Gross Revenue			<b>80,151,464</b> 1,603,029	<b>77,615,499</b> 1,552,310	<b>76,721,874</b> 1,534,437	68,922,899	<b>59,692,962</b> 1,193,859	<b>53,796,741</b> 1,075,935	<b>42,764,696</b> 855,294	8,062,804	<b>467,728,940</b> 9,354,579
Provincial Royalty						1,378,458				161,256	
Net Revenue	_		78,548,435	76,063,189	75,187,437	67,544,441	58,499,103	52,720,806	41,909,402	7,901,548	458,374,361
Operating Expenses - Open Pit Mine			32,579,129	34,690,529	36,627,049	30,247,542	21,402,335 4,231,543	7,325,914 7,636,380	5,088,204 1,456,987	400,448	168,361,149 13,324,911
Operating Expenses - Underground   Operating Expenses - Mill	wiirie		12,168,041	12,259,041	12,259,041	12,259,041	12,259,040	11,905,552	11,808,875	6,128,848	91,047,477
Total Operating Expenses			44,747,169	46,949,569	48,886,089	42,506,583	37,892,918	26,867,846	18,354,066	6,529,296	272,733,536
Gross Profit			33,801,266	29,113,620	26,301,348	25,037,858	20,606,185	25,852,960	23,555,336	1,372,252	185,640,824
ScoZinc SG&A Interest (income) expense			3,070,668	2,762,000	2,762,000	2,762,000	2,762,000	2,762,000	2,307,000	2,307,000	21,494,668
EBITDA		0	30,730,597	26,351,620	23,539,348	22,275,858	17,844,185	23,090,960	21,248,336	-934,748	164,146,156
Net Changes in Working Capital	•		-3,162,326	414,825	232,615	116,669	379,420	-421,549	244,378	1,880,311	-315,658
Sustaining capital	1		-250,000	-4,851,000	-7,804,500	-2,640,000	-15,401,491	-15,113,797	1,746,563	0	-44,314,225
Restart capital		-29,604,965									NA
Acquisition		-10,000,000									NA
Cash flow before taxes		-39,604,965	27,318,271	21,915,445	15,967,462	19,752,527	2,822,114	7,555,614	23,239,277	945,564	119,516,273
Income taxes (payable) refund			0	0	0	-4,633,910	84,920	-1,846,044	-6,661,579	637,579	-12,419,034
Cash flow for Debt Servicing		-39,604,965	27,318,271	21,915,445	15,967,462	15,118,617	2,907,033	5,709,570	16,577,698	1,583,143	107,097,239

<sup>\*\*</sup> A conservative approach is taken to capitalize pre-production expenses and amortize at 25% per annum. Many of the pre-production expenses can be written off 100% in the year incurred, increasing the tax pool to offset against taxable income.

Mine Operating Cost per Tonne Milled	\$ 37.11	\$ 39.52	\$ 41.73	\$ 34.46	\$ 29.20	\$ 17.05	\$ 7.46	\$ 0.75	\$ 27.21
Mill Operating Cost	\$ 13.86	\$ 13.97	\$ 13.97	\$ 13.97	\$ 13.97	\$ 13.56	\$ 13.45	\$ 11.50	\$ 13.63
Total Cost per Tonne Milled	\$ 50.98	\$ 53.49	\$ 55.69	\$ 48.42	\$ 43.17	\$ 30.61	\$ 20.91	\$ 12.25	\$ 40.84
Strip Ratio	10.6	13.1	19.3	16.0	10.2	18.9	1.0		13.4
Mine Cost per Tonne Moved	8.14	1.95	1.96	1.70	1.71	1.84	0.65	0.34	1.96
C1 Cash Cost (Lb. Zn Metal)	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.17	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.51

# 23 ADJACENT PROPERTIES

Selwyn's Scotia Mine complex adjoins the Getty property to the east and drilling results clearly show that the Getty deposit to be a contiguous extension of the carbonate bank complex that hosts zinc-lead mineralization at Scotia Mine. At the effective date of this report no mining was taking place at the Scotia Mine. However, Roy et al (2006) reported on mine reserves as part of a NI 43-101 compliant feasibility study prepared for Acadian and the deposit was mined by Acadian using open pit methods from 2007 until closure in late 2008. Roy e al. (2011) subsequently provided an updated NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate for the Scotia Mine Main Zone and Northeast Zone deposits, results of which are detailed elsewhere in this report. Comparison of Scotia Mine reserve and resource figures with Getty deposit resource figures shows that higher metal grades and larger tonnages are present at Scotia Mine.

Approximately 1.5 kilometers to the southwest of the Getty deposit, on adjacent exploration claims now held by Selwyn, the Carrolls Farm zinc-lead prospect was discovered by Acadian in 2007 in dolomitized carbonate. The historic Carrolls Corner zinc-lead prospect occurs in a comparable geological setting 700 meters further to the west. In combination, these appear to reflect a continuously mineralized trend extending from Scotia Mine westerly to the Carrolls Corner area. Further extensions to the west have not been evaluated to date. The prospect areas mentioned do not have associated mineral resources at present but both show good potential for future resource delineation.

# 24 OTHER RELEVANT DATA AND INFORMATION

There is no other relevant data or information that we are aware of that has not been presented in the other sections of this report.

# 25 INTERPRETATION AND CONCLUSIONS

The Gays River Deposit, consisting of the Main and Northeast deposits, define a shallow zinc-lead-mineralized zone has been outlined over strike length of almost four kilometers. Near surface mineralization at the Getty Deposit measures over one kilometre along strike.

Outcrops are rare, but both deposits sub-crop under the unconsolidated glacial till overburden. The dolostone host rock drapes over a paleo-shoreline of metasediments at dips that vary between 30-40 degrees and vertical, averaging 40-60 degrees. Thickness varies from less than one meter to over ten meters in true thickness.

The zinc is contained in a very low-iron sphalerite that is highly marketable.

Mineral resources were identified in Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories. For the Gays River Deposit, in both the Main and Northeast Zones, Measured plus Indicated mineral resources totaled 5.77 million tonnes with average grades of 3.00% zinc and 1.56% lead. Inferred mineral resources in the designed pits totalled 0.63 million tonnes with average grades of 2.53% zinc and 1.48% lead. The block cut-off grade was 0.75% zinc-equivalent.

Due to the inclusion of less than 10% Inferred material in the production schedule, this report is presented as a preliminary economic assessment. However, this study is largely founded on historical production records, detailed engineering and negotiated cost quotations typical of a feasibility level study.

The Base Case economics of the two Gays River pits are robust with a pre-tax net present value (discounted at 5%) of \$61.3 million, IRR of 49.0% and payback in 1.56 years based on Base Case metal price assumptions of US \$1.00 per pound for zinc and US \$1.10 per pound for lead. After-tax economics show an NPV of \$51.9 million and IRR of 46.2%.

For the Getty Deposit, Cullen et al. (2011) determined, using a block cut-off grade of 2% zinc-equivalent, that Measured plus Indicated mineral resources totaled 4.36 million tonnes with average grades of 1.87% zinc and 1.44% lead (refer to Table 14-16). Inferred mineral resources totaled 0.96 million tonnes with average grades of 1.73% zinc and 1.59% lead. The majority of the outlined mineral resources could likely be mined using surface mining methods. The mineral resources of the Getty deposit are not included in this preliminary economic assessment.

For the Gays River Deposit, some of the identified mineral resources are located underneath Gays River between the proposed Main and Northeast pits, including considerable high grade mineralization. Sandy soil lies underneath Gays River, so mining close to the river could be susceptible to water inundation. Additional mineral resources that lie close to, or underneath Gays River would be relatively more expensive to recover due to the added cost of either (a)

diverting the river and mining by open pit, or (b) recovering the higher grade portions using underground mining methods. The latter is the most practical approach after the Main and/or Northeast pits are established and pit dewatering having drawn down the local water table.

An underground operation based on Cut and Fill mining with un-cemented backfill, producing 500 tonnes per day of high grade mill feed from the high grade zone between the Main and Northeast pits is included in this preliminary economic assessment. A drawdown of the water table in the proposed mine area, would be achieved largely by the pumping associated with the open pit operations. The development of the underground mine access requires a sustaining capital investment of about \$11.7 million, most within Year 5 of the overall mining schedule, to develop access to the high grade zones. Diluted and recoverable underground mineral resources are estimated at 283,000 tonnes grading 6.96% zinc and 3.98% lead. This material will be blended with open pit and stockpile feed to the mill over approximately two years beginning in the second half of Year 5 of the Life of Mine plan.

The two conventional open pits and the proposed underground mine will provide a blended feed to the mill. Production scheduling is based on an average production rate of 877,800 tonnes per year (or 2,500 tonnes per day) into the mill over an average of 351 operating days per year. The average waste to ore ratio for the life-of-mine open pits is 13.4 to 1 (excluding pre-stripping which is included in the capital costs). Approximately 62% of the waste is readily removed without blasting, including soils that will be used for reclamation, and 22% of the waste is gypsum, which will be stockpiled for possible future sale: no value for gypsum has been used in the PEA. Open pit mine dilution and mining losses are assumed to be 10% and 5%, respectively. The material movement rate, including ore and waste, in the 7.6 year production schedule peaks at approximately 53,000 tpd. In-pit diluted mineral resources are 6,394,000 tonnes grading 3.03% zinc and 1.59% lead.

Aggregate production from the two open pits and the underground mine is estimated at 6,677,000 tonnes grading 3.20% zinc and 1.69% lead.

Updated equipment capital and operating cost estimations by a major mine equipment supplier have also been included in this PEA along with the new metallurgical data.

Table 25-1 compares the results of this new updated Preliminary Economic Assessment with the previous Nov 22, 2012 updated PEA based on the current metal prices of US\$1.00 for zinc and US\$1.10 for lead, and assumes an all equity basis.

Table 25-1: Comparison of Results Between Current and Previous PEA

	Previous PEA (Nov 22, 2012 news release)	Current PEA
Mill Processing Rate (tonnes per day)	2,500	2,500
Unit Operating Costs (per tonne milled) for first five years	\$52.89	\$50.35
Unit Operating Costs (per tonne milled) for life of mine	42.31	\$40.84
Restart Capital (including contingency and working capital)	\$30.6 M	\$32.8 M
Zinc Price	\$1.00	\$1.00
Lead Price	\$1.10	\$1.10
Exchange Rate (CDN\$ to US\$)	1.00	0.98
Pre-Tax NPV (at 5%)	\$38.7	\$61.3
Pre-Tax NPV (at 8%)	\$32.5	\$52.4
After-Tax NPV (at 5%)	\$35.9	\$51.9
After-Tax NPV (at 8%)	\$30.1	\$44.4
Pre-Tax Internal Rate of Return	36.5%	49.0%
After-Tax Internal Rate of Return	35.5%	46.2%
Payback	2.24 years	1.56 years
Zinc C1 Cash Cost for first five years	\$0.66	\$0.55
Zinc C1 Cash Cost for life-of-mine	\$0.64	\$0.51
Annual Average EBITDA for first five years	\$16.8 M	\$24.1 M
Zinc Treatment Charge	\$190	\$190
Lead Treatment Charge	\$100	\$150

Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

The inclusion of the new metallurgical test work results, a small underground operation, updated equipment costs and a revised exchange rate demonstrate improved economics for the project regardless of the higher lead treatment charge used in the current PEA (Table 25-1).

The Gays River deposits (Main and Northeast) and the ScoZinc facilities are prepared for final refurbishment and restart of mining operations.

## **26 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The objective of the following recommendations is to improve the certainty of achieving and expanding the economics forecasted in this study. Recommendations from the report dated October 8, 2012 and titled "Updated Mineral Resource Report for the Gays River and Getty Deposits" (available on SEDAR) are included herein for continuity and clarity.

### 26.1 Geology

In advance of any further drilling being done on the Gays River deposits, the Northeast zone should be revisited and remodeled under a similar cut-off grade to the work done during this study for the Main Zone and its Southwest extension. Previous work used a 0.5% zinc equivalent cut-off above 100 metres and a 2.0% zinc equivalent cut-off below. It is assumed that given the positive results of the updated resource modeling on which this study is based, further mineralization could be identified through more detailed analysis, thereby better defining the mineralizing system that will allow for a more accurate assessment for future drilling. The remodeling work is estimated to cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

Selwyn should re-examine the RQD and RMR geomechanical data collected in the 2011 drilling program and use it to better define criteria for the physical properties of the host rocks to the Gays River and Getty deposits. This geomechanical assessment is estimated to cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

For the Getty deposit, Cullen et al. (2011) used a 1% (zinc plus lead) cut-off; meaning it is possible that there is additional zinc-lead mineralization outside of the currently modeled solids. This remodeling would also align the modeling of the Getty deposit with that of the Gays River deposit and will allow for a more accurate assessment for future drilling. This remodeling work is estimated to cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

Future drilling should consider the known timelines for gaining permits for mining from the Nova Scotia Government in respect of the Northeast zone and Getty deposits, which are outside of Selwyn's current Environmental Assessment and Industrial Approval.

At this time, only a drilling program on the Northeast zone is recommended because of the immediate potential synergies with the zinc-lead mineralization of the Main Zone and its Southwest Extension. Drilling additional meters on the Northeast zone would not only further define and increase the confidence categories of the mineral resource, but would also allow for the collection of additional geomechanical data and hydrogeological information. Based upon the 2011 drilling on the Main Zone, a drill program of 5,000 metres on the Northeast zone is estimated to cost between \$800,000 and \$900,000.

## 26.2 Mining

Detailed geotechnical investigations should be performed to examine the geometry and stability of the open pit walls during dewatering and planned mining operations. The work should identify appropriate final wall designs to ensure safe operations. This work is estimated to cost between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

It is recommended that detailed mine planning be carried out by qualified engineers taking into consideration the historic underground workings, geotechnical stability, worker and visitor safety, regulatory requirements, existing underground survey records, pit bench layout and stability monitoring aspects. As part of the detailed mine planning work, a screening level risk assessment should be used to assess the possible need for additional engineered controls to eliminate or mitigate associated potential risks in the open pits, along the haul routes, and at the mine material stockpile locations. Engineered controls are measures or procedures proactively designed to eliminate or mitigate risks. This work will be performed by in-house technical staff supported by external consultants and is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

## 26.3 Metallurgy

A preliminary investigation of possible mill improvements should be conducted by experts in zinc-lead processing plants working closely with senior site technical staff. This will serve as a basis for defining the scope of ongoing investigations for effective mill improvements. This work should be performed by industry experts during the mill refurbishment phase and is estimated to cost between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

It is recommended that ScoZinc plan to conduct plant process surveys as soon as reasonable circuit stability has been achieved in addition to the following recommendations:

- Implement effective crew training programs, prior to plant commissioning.
- Ensure the assay laboratory, metallurgical laboratory and on-stream sampling/analysis systems are commissioned, to the maximum extent possible, prior to the resumption of operations.
- Arrange to send samples of intermediate and exit flotation circuit products to a qualified laboratory for mineralogical analyses, once reasonable circuit stability has been achieved.
- Conduct bench-scale flotation tests at the minesite laboratory on composite samples of mill feed. By so doing, the effects of grind, regrind, retention times and other key variables can be rapidly determined. Plant results can be compared with the best results achieved in the laboratory to provide an indication of potential improvements in plant performance.

This work is included in the restart capital cost and the first year of operating costs.

### 26.4 Gypsum

It is recommended that Selwyn review existing information on the quantity and quality of gypsum rock and assess market opportunities for gypsum sales. The present preliminary economic assessment assumes that gypsum rock produced by the pit waste stripping operations would be disposed of and aggregated in the mine waste stockpile. This will largely be an internal assessment but may require external market assistance. The work is estimated to cost \$20,000 to \$30,000.

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- 3. I am a Professional Engineer (Mining) registered with the Association of Professional Engineers of Manitoba.
- 4. I have worked continuously in the mining industry for 38 years. I have been involved in many different aspects of mining from supervision to engineering.
- 5. I have read the definition of "qualified person" set out in National Instrument 43-101("NI43-101") and certify that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI43-101) and past relevant work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a "qualified person" for the purposes of NI-43-101.
- 6. I was a Co-Author of the report titled "ScoZinc Mine Preliminary Economic Assessment Update, Gays River, Nova Scotia" dated June 12, 2013. I the author of section 16.2 of the Technical Report.
- 7. I have read NI43-101 and Form 43-101F1. This Technical Report has been prepared in accordance with that Instrument and Form.
- 8. I am located in Flin Flon, Manitoba and have been working as a mining consultant from August 2008 until the present.
- 9. I am independent of ScoZinc Limited and Selwyn Resources Ltd.
- 10. I am not aware of any material fact or material change with respect to the subject matter of the Technical Report, the omission to disclose which makes the Technical Report misleading.
- 11. I consent to the filing of the Technical Report with any stock exchange and other regulatory authority and any publication by them, including electronic publication in the public company files on their websites accessible by the public.
- 12. As of the date of this certificate, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed to make the report not misleading.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013

'Gerald P. Beauchamp' (Original Signed and Sealed)

Gerald P. Beauchamp, P. Eng. Independent Mining Consultant

#### **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHOR**

I, Richard N. MacInnis, P. Eng. do hereby certify that:

- 1. I currently reside in Enfield, Nova Scotia and I am currently employed as General Manager ScoZinc Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Selwyn Resources Ltd. Vancouver, BC. ScoZinc Ltd is Located at 15601 Highway 224, Cooks Brook, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 2. I graduated with a Certificate in Engineering from Mount Allison University, Sackville New Brunswick in 1970. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Metallurgical Engineering from Dalhousie University in 1972.
- 3. I am a Professional Engineer (Metallurgical), registered with the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia (Registered Professional Engineer, No. 7995).
- 4. I have worked continuously as an Engineer in various parts of North America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa for more than 30 years since my graduation from university. I have been involved in many aspects of and in many roles in the global mining industry including executive, team leader, and team member on projects in stages from advanced exploration through development to operations.
- 5. I have read the definition of "qualified person" set out in National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") and certify that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI 43-101) and past relevant work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a "qualified person" for the purposes of NI 43-101.
- 6. I was a Co-Author of the report titled "ScoZinc Mine Preliminary Economic Assessment Update, Gays River, Nova Scotia" dated June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. I am responsible for sections 18 and 20 of the Technical Report.
- 7. I have read NI 43-101 and Form 43-101F1. This Technical Report has been prepared in accordance with that Instrument and Form.
- 8. I am located at the Scotia Mine property and have been working there from August 2011 until the present.
- 9. Prior to the closing of the acquisition of ScoZinc Limited in June 2011, I had no involvement with ScoZinc Limited or Acadian Mining Corporation.
- 10. I am not aware of any material fact or material change with respect to the subject matter of the Technical Report that is not reflected in the Technical Report, the omission to disclose which makes the Technical Report misleading.

- 11. I am non-independent of the issuer, and am employed as the General Manager of ScoZinc Ltd.
- 12. I consent to the filing of this Technical Report with any stock exchange and other regulatory authority and any publication by them, including electronic publication in the public company files on their websites accessible by the public.
- 13. As of the date of this Technical Report, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed to make those sections of the technical report not misleading.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013

'Richard N MacInnis' (Original Signed and Sealed)

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Richard N. MacInnis P. Eng. General Manager ScoZinc Ltd

#### CERTIFICATE OF CO AUTHOR

I, Joseph P. Ringwald, P. Eng., FCIM do hereby certify that:

- 1. I am a Professional Engineer employed as Vice President Mining with Selwyn Resources Ltd. with offices at Suite 700 509 Richards Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6B 2Z6, Canada.
- 2. I graduated with a Bachelors degree in Mining and Mineral Process Engineering from the University of British Columbia in 1988.
- 3. I am a Professional Engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (no. 24195). I am a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum ("CIM") and a member of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada ("PDAC").
- 4. I have worked continuously as an Engineer in various parts of North America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa for more than 25 years since my graduation from university. I have been involved in many aspects of and in many roles in the global mining industry including executive, team leader, and team member on projects in stages from advanced exploration through development to operations.
- 5. I have read the definition of "qualified person" set out in National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") and certify that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI 43-101) and past relevant work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a "qualified person" for the purposes of NI 43-101.
- 6. I was a Co-Author of the report titled "ScoZinc Mine Preliminary Economic Assessment Update, Gays River, Nova Scotia" dated December 20, 2012. I directed and reviewed work that was carried out by the other authors and authored Sections 1, 2, 15, 16.1, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26 of the Technical Report.
- 7. I have read NI 43-101 and Form 43-101F1. This Technical Report has been prepared in accordance with that Instrument and Form.
- 8. I have visited the Scotia Mine property several times between January 2011 and present, most recently on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 9. Prior to the closing of the acquisition of ScoZinc Limited in June 2011, I had no involvement with ScoZinc Limited or Acadian Mining Corporation.

- 10. I am not aware of any material fact or material change with respect to the subject matter of the Technical Report that is not reflected in the Technical Report, the omission to disclose which makes the Technical Report misleading.
- 11. I am non-independent of the issuer, and am employed as the Vice President Mining for Selwyn Resources Limited.
- 12. I consent to the filing of this Technical Report with any stock exchange and other regulatory authority and any publication by them, including electronic publication in the public company files on their websites accessible by the public.
- 13. As of the date of this Technical Report, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed to make those sections of the technical report not misleading.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013

'Joseph P. Ringwald' (Original Signed and Sealed)

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Joseph P. Ringwald, P. Eng., FCIM

Vice President Mining, Selwyn Resources Ltd.

#### CERTIFICATE OF CO AUTHOR

I, Wolfgang Anton Schleiss, B.Sc., M.Sc., P.Geo., do hereby certify that:

- 1. I am a full time Professional Geologist employed with Selwyn Resources Ltd. as Vice President Exploration located at #700-509 Richards Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 2Z6.
- 2. I am a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, B.Sc Geology, 1981 and Michigan Technological University, M.Sc. Geology, 1986.
- 3. I am a member in good standing with the Society of Economic Geologists (Fellow) and Geological Society of America (Fellow).
- 4. I have continuously practiced my profession in Geology from 1982 to present.
- 5. I have read the definition of "qualified person" set out in National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") and certify that by reason of education, experience, and affiliation with a professional association, I meet the requirements of a Qualified Person as defined in draft National Policy 43-101.
- 6. I was a Co-Author for the report titled "ScoZinc Mine Preliminary Economic Assessment Update, Gays River, Nova Scotia" dated June 12, 2013. I am responsible for Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 23.
- 7. I have read National Instrument 43-101, Standards for Disclosure of Mineral Properties and Form 43-101F1. This technical report has been prepared in compliance with that instrument and form.
- 8. I have visited the Scotia Mine on a number of occasions between January, 2012 and present. My last visit occurred between January 3 and January 21, 2013.
- 9. Prior to the closing of the acquisition of ScoZinc Limited in June 2011, I had no involvement with Scozinc Limited or Acadian Mining Corporation.
- 10. I am not aware of any material fact or material change with respect to the subject matter of the Technical Report that is not reflected in the Technical Report and that this Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed to make the technical report not misleading.
- 11. I am non-independent of the issuer, and am employed as Vice President Exploration for Selwyn Resources Ltd.

- 12. I consent to the filing of this Technical Report with any stock exchange and other regulatory authority and any publication by them, including electronic publication in the public company files on their websites accessible by the public.
- 13. As of the date of this Technical Report, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed to make those sections of the technical report not misleading.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013

'Wolfgang Anton Schleiss' (Original Signed and Sealed)

Wolfgang A. Schleiss, B.Sc, M.Sc., P.Geo Vice President Exploration, Selwyn Resources Ltd.