

Ayawilca Zinc-Silver-Tin Deposit, Peru Learnings in the exploration for CRDs

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What is a CRD (Carbonate Replacement) Deposit?

- Key characteristics:
 - Typically **zinc-rich** sulphide deposits hosted in **limestones** with lead and silver (± Cu, Au, or Sn).
 - Size and grade: Typically high to very high-grade Zn grades, irregular bodies form moderate to large deposits.
 - Geometry & scale: Flat bodies ('mantos') and ribbons, chimneys, pipes, veins can be elongated over several km.
 - Intrusions: Many CRDs have **no known intrusions** (though their presence is inferred due to alteration/geochem).
 - Replacements: Massive to semi-massive sulphides of pyrite, sphalerite, galena, chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, arsenopy
 - Sulphidation: Low to intermediate sulphidation minerals (po, py, sph, dickite) predominate but high sulphidation assemblages (alunite, enargite, pyrite, pyrophyllite) can occur.
 - Volcanic domes/diatremes: Some CRD's have formed in limestones on the flanks of **dacites/rhyolite** domes.
 - Mineralogically zoned: copper or tin in the cores, zinc-lead zones and distal silver-carbonate-Mn veins.



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- Key characteristics:
 - Skarns: Are <u>excluded from this CRD</u> definition but some descriptions include skarns as an endmember of the CRD family.
 - Most CRD's do not contain characteristic skarn minerals (garnets, pyroxenes).
 - CRD Examples best examples are in Peru, Mexico, SW USA:
 - Hermosa, Arizona (South32):
 - Cerro de Pasco / San Gregorio, Peru (Volcan, El Brocal)
 - Ayawilca, Peru (Tinka) subject of this talk
 - Santa Eulalia, Mexico
 - Kipushi, DRC



Type CRD examples - Hermosa, Arizona



Hermosa Deposit, Arizona

- Acquired by South32 in 2018 for US\$1.3 billion.
- 101 Mt at 8.4% Zn+Pb in M&I resources at Taylor deposit at time of buy-out in 2018 <u>and</u>
- 63 Mt at 10% Mn in Central oxide deposit (+ Zn-Ag).
- Repeated limestones in thrust faults (blue) at depth.
- Shallow plunge from oxidised Mn-rich Ag-Zn mineralization near surface (plunging to west).
- No intrusions.

Source: Arizona Mining (2018)

Type CRD examples - Marcapunta - Colquijirca, Peru



Source: Bendezu (2007) Note: vertical exaggeration 2:1



CRDs can provide attractive economics



• Comparative economic metrics between VMS, CRD and Cu Porphyry mines

Parameter	Unit	Average Porphyry Mine	Average VMS Mine	Average CRD Mine
Average CuEq Head Grade	%	0.46%	3.50%	3.60%
Average Annual CuEq Produced	ktpa	316	25	30
Cash Operating Costs	\$/t milled	\$17.50	\$87.38	\$78.20
Development Capex				
Initial Capex	MUS\$	\$6,138	\$264	\$368
Sustaining Capex	MUS\$	\$3,037	\$208	\$182
Closure	MUS\$	<u>\$60</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>\$20</u>
Total Capex	MUS\$	\$9,235	\$492	\$570
Capital Intensity - CuEq produced basis	\$/CuEq t	\$19,445	<mark>\$10,665</mark>	\$12,413
Stifel Cash Costs	\$/CuEq lb	\$2.42	\$2.12	\$1.81
Stifel AISC	\$/CuEq lb	\$2.51	\$2.44	\$2.06
Stifel AIC	\$/CuEq lb	\$3.00	\$2.80	\$2.58
Financial Metrics				
NPV (8%)	MUS\$	\$2,691	\$251	\$355
IRR	%	13.7%	27.6%	28.5%
Payback	years	8	5	5
NPV/Initial Capex	_	0.44	0.95	0.96

Source: Stifel estimates, CapIQ

CRDs can provide:

- A manageable-scale project for a developing company to be able to finance and construct.
- Profit margins are typically robust.
- IRR values for CRD deposits are typically attractive (>25%).
- Payback period for CRDs is shorter than for porphyries.

Cu porphyry mines:

- NPVs are much higher, but the initial capital costs for porphyries are huge.
- Life of Mine is typically measured in decades due to the large size of deposit.



Grade of CRDs vs Porphyries



- CRD av. grades are ~ 3.5% CuEq (according to Stifel 2023) but are highly variable.
- Some deposits have exceptional grade.
- Porphyry av. grades are ~0.65% Cu (higher if Au is present).





Peru: world-class mining belt

Peru is a world mining leader in numerous commodities:

- 2nd in global copper production from several porphyry deps in the south of the country and the Antamina skarn deposit
- 3rd in global zinc production from CRD, skarn & VMS deps
- 3rd in global silver production from CRD, skarn, epithermal, VMS deps
- 1st in South American gold production epithermal, porphyry deps
- 1st in South American tin production sheeted vein





Central Peru - a major base metal province

- 200 km from Lima, good access to coast / port /zinc smelter.
- From Huanuco to Ayawilca is a 3 hour drive from airport.
- 15 km straight line distance to Uchucchacua mine (Buenaventura) and 40 km to Atacocha/ El Porvenir mines (Nexa).
- Ayawilca is at 4,200 masl.
- Water sources nearby.





Central Peru - Limestones key hosts

- Two important Mesozoic-age host rocks in central Peru are the Pucara limestone (Triassic) and the Jumasha limestone (Cretaceous).
- The mineralization age is much younger (10Ma 20Ma).
- Two types of deposits:
- Skarns: Formed at depths of a few km in the earth's crust at contacts with intrusions.
- **CRDs:** Formed at shallow depth (epithermal) in the earth with 'distal' intrusions often not observed.
- Largest deposits in Central Peru:
 - Cerro de Pasco (CRD): 175Mt at 7% Zn, 2% Pb, 90g/t Ag and 50 Mt at 2% Cu (Baumgartner, 2008)
 - Antamina (skarn): ~ 2Bt @ 0.8% Cu, 0.6% Zn, 10 g/t Ag (Minera Antamina)





Regional Geology of Central Peru







Basement rocks

Ayawilca Project - looking to northeast



220 KV Power line

Ayawilca

• Ayawilca is a district covering at least 4 km2: three known mineral deposits

- Zinc Zone Zn + Ag + Pb mineralization largest of the resources
- \circ Tin Zone Sn + Fe ± Cu ± Ag mineralization
- Colquipucro Ag ± Zn ± Pb carbonate mineralization



Colquipucro

Ayawilca - Exploration History



Death rate ~ 4% highest in world



Ayawilca Zinc Zone - 2021 Mineral Resources



Indicated resource:

19.0 Million tonnes at:

7.15% zinc

0.22% lead

16.8 g/t silver

Inferred resource:

47.9 Million tonnes at:

5.36% zinc

0.35% lead

20.0 g/t silver

Notes:

1. Cut-off for resources: US\$55/t

- Metal price assumptions were, US\$1.20/lb Zn, US\$22/oz Ag, and US\$0.95/lb Pb. Metal recovery assumptions were, 92% Zn, 85% Ag, and 70% Pb. The NSR value for each block was calculated using the following NSR factors; US\$16.23/% Zn, US\$0.27/g Ag, and US\$10.20/% Pb.
- 3. Payability is as follows; Zn 84%, Pb 94%, and Ag 47%
- 4. The NSR value was calculated using the following formula: NSR = Zn(%)*US\$16.23+Ag(g/t)*US\$0.27+Pb(%)*US\$10.20



0.04 million tonnes Lead 10.3 million ounces Silver

Contained metal (Inferred):

2.56 million tonnes Zinc0.15 million tonnes Lead30.7 million ounces Silver



Ayawilca Tin Zone - 2021 Mineral Resource



Inferred resource:

8.4 million tonnes @ 1.02% tin

Contained metal (Inferred): 84,000 tonnes tin

• Cassiterite is the dominant tin mineral - can be separated by gravity

Notes:

1. CIM (2014) definitions were followed for Mineral Resources.

2. Mineral Resources are reported above a cut-off grade NSR value of US\$60/t.

3. The requirement of a reasonable prospect of eventual economic extraction is met by having a minimum modelling width for mineralized zones of three metres, a cut-off based on reasonable input parameters, and continuity of mineralization consistent with a potential underground mining scenario.

4. The NSR value was based on estimated metallurgical recoveries, assumed metal prices, and smelter terms, which include payable factors, treatment charges, penalties, and refining charges. Metal price assumptions were, US\$11.00/lb Sn. Metal recovery assumptions were, 70% Sn for blocks with Sn:Cu \geq 5 and 40% for Sn:Cu < 5. The NSR value for each block was calculated using the following NSR factors, US\$141.64 per % Sn for blocks with Sn:Cu \geq 5 and 40% for Sn:Cu < 5. The NSR value for each block was calculated using the following NSR factors, US\$141.64 per % Sn for blocks with Sn:Cu \geq 5 and US\$80.94 for blocks with Sn:Cu < 5.

5. The NSR value was calculated using the following formulae: If Sn:Cu \geq 5: USSNSR = Sn(%)*US141.64, If Sn:Cu < 5: USSNSR = Sn(%)*US

6. Numbers may not add due to rounding.



Ayawilca Geology

- The Ayawilca deposit is a "blind" discovery, lying beneath sandstone cover.
- Mineralization hosted by the Pucara limestone.
- High-grade zinc mineralization lies focused along NNWtrending Colquipucro Fault.
- Tin mineralization focused along NE trending trans-Andean structure.
- Colqui Silver Zone outcropping mineralization at northern end has a Ag resource with abundant Mn oxides





Ayawilca airborne magnetics - RTP

- Strong magnetic anomaly over Ayawilca along NE-SW trend (~200-300 nT in heli-borne survey)
- Magnetic anomaly caused by pyrrhotite and pre-cursor magnetite
- High-grade zinc mineralization occurs on the margins of the magnetic highs and areas of lower magnetic intensity (i.e., edges of pyrrhotite bodies)
- Two main structural trends are very important – NNW (350) and ENE (060)
- Colquipucro has no mag signature





Geochemistry and Geophysics - Mags, Gravity, Soils





IP Resistivity and Chargeability - 350 m depth slices









North-South cross section along Colquipucro Fault

- 4 km of known mineralization plunging at shallow angle to the south (cf. Hermoza)
- Best mineralization near intersections with trans-Andean faults
- Undrilled at southern end...





Ayawilca longitudinal section along magnetic anomaly





<u>Tin at Ayawilca: Pyrrhotite (+ cassiterite) mantos</u>

- Cassiterite is hosted in pyrrhotite-pyrite-Fe carbonate-tourmaline mantos, spongy texture
- Pyrrhotite is magnetic, replaces precursor magnetite



Hole A21-187 (South area): 12 metres at 3.1% tin from 262 metres, including 2.0 metres at 5.4% tin from 266 metres



Tin and Zinc: Are they genetically related?

- Tin (pyrrhotite) mineralization correlates with the magnetic anomaly at Ayawilca and plunges to the NE
- Zinc mineralization is best developed on the edge of the pyrrhotite bodies at West and South Ayawilca
- Are the tin and zinc mineralization events related in space and time? We believe they are...



Mineral Resources Map



Tin is transported in reduced, acidic brines...





- Geochemical model predicts the precipitation of cassiterite as hydrothermal fluid is neutralised.
- Sn would be precipitated in a proximal setting, with Zn and Pb more distal in the pyrite stability field due to acid neutralisation and oxidation.
- This is exactly what we observe at Ayawilca...

Tinka is focused on growth of Zinc Zone Resource



- 11,000 metres of diamond drilling was completed from June 2022 to May 2023 focusing on resource definition and expansion of the Zinc Zone.
- West Ayawilca: holes were drilled on east-west grid for the first time.
- Breccia bodies: Semi-massive to massive sulphide mineralization in pipe-like bodies connected at the base.
- South Ayawilca: Discovery of ultra high-grade zinc mineralization, defined by a series of fan holes.

Legend 2022/23 drill holes - Current news release 2022/23 drill hole - Results pending Footprint of zinc mineralization at West and South Ayawilca 2022/23 drill hole - Previously released Pre 2022 drill hole SMS pipe-like breccia bodies (West) and MS bodies (South) 200 Metres

Ayawilca longitudinal N-S section (2022-23 results)

Longitudinal Section of West and South Ayawilca (VIEWING EAST)

North Z





Z' South

South Ayawilca - ultra high-grade zinc discovery





• A23-212: 145 m at 1% zinc from 158 m, our best drill hole ever at Ayawilca in Jan '23



South Ayawilca

C South Ayawilca - Cross Section A23-212 (LOOKING NORTH EAST)

- Massive zinc sulphide mineralization is focused within an overturned fold ("anticline").
- Grade is concentrated along the overturned limb of fold and in the fold hinge.
- 100 m true width.





Anticline at South Ayawilca - looking south







South Ayawilca - ultra high-grade zinc discovery



- A22-202: 39 m at 20% zinc from 170 m, including 10.4 metres at 42% zinc from 193 m.
- Best zinc grades occur along an overturned limb of an anticline next to a sandstone footwall and in hinge.



South Ayawilca -Silver Zone discovery on 060 Fault



Paragenesis

Magnetite (precursor)

- Stage 1: Pyrrhotitecassiterite-chalcopyrite
- Stage 2: Sphalerite-pyritemarcasite
- Stage 3: Galena-sphaleritesilver sulphosalts-Fe carbonate in veins



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West Ayawilca cross section - looking north



- Semi-massive sulphide pipe-like bodies hosted by limestone up to the sandstone contact.
- Massive sulphide mineralization at the base of the limestone.
- Focused by the regional anticline and the Colquipucro Fault





West Ayawilca - breccia pipe-like mineralization





A22-207: 45 m at 11.5 % zinc from 248 m

Mrm irregular vits massive sphalerite fragments

A22-197: 26 m at 8.4% zinc from 282 m



West Ayawilca - massive sulphide manto at base



A22-200: 16 m at 22% zinc from 312 m



Tinka's porphyry and skarn targets

Magnetic Anomalies

- Airborne magnetic data covers all of Tinka's mining claims (460 km2)
- Ayawilca lies on an important Andean cross structure (NE-SW) clearly shown in the magnetics
- Silvia project (acquired from BHP) has several magnetic targets with outcropping highgrade Cu-Au skarn mineralization.





Silvia NW Cu-Au target

- Undrilled
- 46m at 1.9 g/t Au & 0.8% Cu
- (Incl. 6m at 12.8 g/t Au & 2.7% Cu in trench sample)
- Skarn outcrop approximately 100 m wide and up to 500 m long, exposed in glaciated valley floor
- Airborne magnetic survey in progress...





Key takeaways: Tools for exploring for CRDs

- Geophysics and surface geochemistry: Very important to use a combination of exploration methods (magnetics was the most helpful geophysical method at Ayawilca for zinc, even though not a direct detection method for sphalerite). High conductivity anomalies in the IP survey highlighted the pyrrhotite bodies.
- **Structural controls**: Very important to understand the structural controls as early as possible, so that drilling can be well directed.
- **Zonation**: Understand and look for alteration zoning patterns in outcrops and drill holes e.g, manganese alteration, carbonate veining, brecciation textures, Ag-Pb haloes, etc.
- **Drilling**: Drill perpendicular to the main structural controls, which can vary in different parts of the mineralized district. Drilling in different orientations early in the exploration is a good idea!
- Grade: Target high-grade as early as possible...



Tinka corporate



Tinka Resources Limited is listed in Canada on the TSXV exchange (Ticker TK)

Shares issued and outstanding	391 million
Options	9 million
Fully diluted shares	400 million
Market capitalization (C\$0.16/share)	C\$64 million
Cash (at Mar 31, 2023)	C\$9 million
Debt	Nil
52 week high/low	C\$0.22/\$0.12

SHAREHOLDERS	
Buenaventura*	19%
Nexa Resources*	18%
Sentient Equity Partners	19%
Other institutions	<u>14%</u>
Total Institutional	70%
Management & Insiders	3%
Retail	27%





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