

Hay Mountain: a large, undrilled Cu-Mo-Au Porphyry – Skarn target in the Laramide Copper Province, AZ, USA

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The Opportunity

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SIZE	LOCATION
 <u>TARGET 1</u>: 4 X 2 km Cu-Au-Mo geochem – EM – mag anomaly District-scale potential 	 Laramide Copper Province, AZ Multiple Tier 1 mines and projects Safe jurisdiction, active mining and project development
EASY EXPLORATION	UNTESTED TARGETS
 Road accessible, year-round exploration possible Drill ready with valid drill permits in 	 Exposed mineralization but no previous drilling Additional undrilled terrate in district
• Drill-ready with valid drill permits in	 Additional undrilled targets in district

SWUS Copper Province: A Land of Giants



- Globally significant province with over 270Mt contained copper
- Porphyry, skarn and carbonate replacement deposits (CRD)
- Active mining and project development
 - Morenci (Freeport)
 - Resolution (Rio Tinto BHP)
 - Taylor (South 32)
- Hay Mountain ideally located in remote Cochise County



What is Hay Mountain?

- A large (4 x 2km) undrilled porphyry skarn CRD target
- Analogous to nearby Bisbee skarn (4.58Mt Cu*) and Tombstone CRD districts
- 55km² property 100% controlled by LS
 - 50.57km² State MEPs
 - 4.43km² Federal Claims
- Target supported by:
 - Geology: surface Cu mineralization
 - Geochemistry: zoned Cu-Au-Mo-Zn-Mn anomaly
 - Geophysics: coincident EM mag
- Drill ready and permitted



View looking to the north with surrounding low, rolling hills of Naco Group limestone

*Leveille and Stegen, 2012

District-scale Geophysics





RESIDUAL GRAVITY

Strong NW-trend to regional gravity features highlighting long-lived structural control



RESIDUAL MAGNETICS Magnetic highs underlying Tombstone Caldera and adjacent to the Bisbee porphyry – skarn district

Hay Mountain Tenure & Access





Hay Mountain Project

- Tenure not currently controlled by Liberty Star is Private Surface and Mineral rights, owned by local ranchers
- Property access is currently through private land to the east of Target 1
- New State MEPs secure property access from US Highway 80 to the west

Liberty Star New State MEP's (5,917.82 acres)
 Liberty Star Federal Mineral Claims (1,095 acres)



Exploration History



- 2005: Biogeochemical sampling & multi-element analysis 162 samples
- 2011: Staking, geological prospecting and mapping
- 2011: Biogeochemical sampling & multi-element analysis 609 samples
- 2013: Geotech heliborne ZTEM and airmag survey, 432 line km and interpretation
- 2019:
 - Drill target definition:
 - 3D ZTEM and 3D Magnetic inversion and interpretation by Geotech
 - 3D data integration and modelling by Alan King
 - Biogeochemical review by Dr. Pim van Geffen

Hay Mountain Geology





Stratigraphy & Mineralization





• Hay Mountain stratigraphy equivalent to, and above, Bisbee ore hosts

• Two main ore types at Bisbee:

• Porphyry copper

Carboniferous

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Permo

Devo-nian

Cambrian

Precambrian

- Mined in the Lavender Pit
- Estimated production*: 92.6Mt @ 0.81% Cu
- Replacement
 - Bedding parallel "mantos" and structurally controlled "chimneys"
 - Aggregate production*: 53Mt @ 6% Cu
- Target at Hay Mountain is high grade replacement ore and related blind porphyry copper mineralization

Surface Geochemistry



- 772 vegetation samples collected
- Aqua regia digest, ICP-MS analysis
- QAQC and Z-score
 normalization completed
- Cu response corrected for root uptake of Mg
- Robust, multi-element anomalies evident in data



Target 1 Geochemical Summary



- Coherent and coincident copper – gold – moly anomaly defines Target 1
- Additional targets in dataset currently under evaluation
- Surface copper mineralization also evident at Target 1
 - Malachite goethite calcite quartz on "leakage structures" within limestone
 - Stylolitic calcite veins
 - Similar style of mineralization found distal to skarn / CRD deposits in Central Peru



Outcropping Mineralization



Hay Mountain

• "Leakage structures" present on surface, indicating an untested source of hydrothermal fluids at depth



Fracture-controlled calcite – malachite – goethite mineralization after carbonate – sulfide veins



Stylolitic calcite fracture fill in weakly calcite-veined limestone

Carbonate-hosted deposits, Peru

 By comparison, similar subtle indications of mineralization lies distal to major Cu-Zn polymetallic deposits in central Peru



Stylolitic calcite veins in weakly recrystallized limestone

Photos courtesy of R Tosdal



Geophysics



- Heliborne ZTEM & airmag survey completed by Geotech in 2013
 - 432 line km
 - 200m line spacing in south, 400m line spacing in north
- 3D inversion of ZTEM data and 3D magnetization vector inversion (MVI) completed in 2019
- Coincident ZTEM conductors and mag highs within and adjacent to Target 1
 - Skarn / CRD Targets
- Central mag low with ZTEM conductor at depth Porphyry Target



3D Modelling



- 3D view from above, looking to NW
- ZTEM conductors (red) and MVI mag inversion (grey) show coincidence with Target 1 Cu (green) – Au (yellow) – Mo (blue) biogeochem anomaly
- Cross sections illustrate structural complexity, with target aligning with mapped major NW-trending faults



3D Modelling



- 3D view from below, looking towards the west
- This view shows the vertical continuity of a ZTEM conductor below the central gold (yellow) biogeochem anomaly
- Alignment of the biogeochem and ZTEM anomaly with major WNW striking normal and reverse faults is also apparent



Geological & Exploration Context



- Multiple datasets indicate presence of a robust target that has never been drilled
 - Surface mineralization, akin to that above major carbonate-hosted deposits in Peru
 - Biogeochemistry coincident multi-element anomalies
 - Geophysics
 - Magnetic highs, potentially indicating magnetite-bearing copper mineralization and intrusive source
 - ZTEM conductors, potentially indicating well-developed sulfide-bearing mineralization
- Region known to host porphyry and carbonate-replacement / skarn mineralization in same host rocks
 - Bisbee porphyry / skarn deposits (Freeport, exhausted)
 - Tombstone Ag-Au-Pb-Zn vein and CRD deposits (Aztec Minerals, active exploration)
 - Taylor Hermosa Pb-Zn-Ag CRD deposit (South 32, mine development)
- High grade targets, easily tested by drilling

Forward Strategy in 2020



- Corporate restructuring to optimize JV opportunities
- Secure JV partner for drill testing of Hay Mountain
 - Q1:
 - Discussions initiated with several potentially interested major mining companies
 - Execute NDAs and provide data access for detailed due diligence by interested major mining companies
 - Q2:
 - Conduct field reviews and negotiate JV terms
 - Execute commercial agreement
 - Q3-4:
 - Drill testing of priority targets
- Leverage proprietary data sets to develop pipeline of targets in broader Hay Mountain district for Liberty Star

Corporate Overview



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