





"EIT Raw Materials: 1st Greek Raw Materials Community Dialogue"

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## **KASSANDRA MINES**



## Location map







#### Reserves

## Hellas GOLD

#### **Mavres Petres Mine:**

Mixed sulphide deposit

6.0% lead (Pb), 8.3% zinc (Zn), 170 g/t silver (Ag)

0.5 million tonnes of ore Mine life ~2 years (actively exploring the orebody to extend mine life)

#### **Olympias mine:**

Mixed sulphide deposit

4.6% lead (Pb), 6.0% zinc (Zn), 9 g/t gold (Au), 138 g/t silver (Ag)

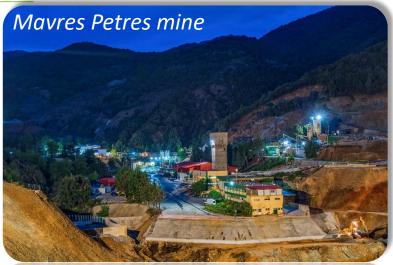
11.5 million tonnes of ore Mine life >25 years

#### **Skouries mine:**

**Porphyry deposit** 

0.54% copper (Cu), 0.83 g/t gold (Au)

146.2 million tonnes of ore Mine life >30 years





#### The investment in brief

#### **Mavres Petres Mine**

- Continue UG mine operation (Mavres Petres)
- Operation of existing flotation plant (Stratoni)

#### **Olympias Mine**

- Upgrading and development of existing UG mine
- Recommissioning & operation of upgraded flotation plant

#### **Skouries Mine**

- Combination of open pit and underground mine
- Flotation plant and recovery of free gold
- Disposal areas to be put into operation in stages and rehabilitated in phases

#### **New Ore Treatment Facilities in Madem Lakkos**

- New flotation plant for Mavres Petres and Olympias ore
- New metallurgy plant for Cu, Au & Ag production
- New Olympias Madem Lakkos adit for transportation, exploration and ventilation
- New Kokkinolakkas TMF, high environmental protection standards

Parallel development of the 3 mines (Mavres Petres, Olympias & Skouries) & full vertical integration







## Background



The company established in 2003

- ✓ January 2004: The transfer contract ratified by the Greek Parliament
- ✓ July 2011: EIS approved by Joint Ministerial Decision
- ✓ February 2012: Technical Studies Approved

  The company began operating as a subsidiary of the Canadian firm Eldorado Gold
- ✓ April 2013: The Council of State confirmed the legality of the EIS approval (18 more judgments in our favour followed)

All permits issued by the Government

## License to operate



All permits issued by the Government

Social License must be granted

Mine operation

## Social license to operate



Community perception of the mine legitimacy Acceptance

**Credibility of** the mine

**Approval** 

**Development** of full trust

(Psychological)

**Co-Ownership** 

**Social license** to operate the mine





## From acceptance to full trust

#### **Actions taken:**

- √ Financial
- √ Social
- ✓ Environmental

## Financial actions to build true trust

#### Financial actions taken so far:

#### □ National economy

- √ \$700 million invested so far
- ✓ More than 2,000 jobs created Annual cost per employee: € 45,000
- √ 30-35% of total revenues a year pumped back into the national economy (in the production phase)

### ☐ Local economy

- ✓ €150 million directly into the local economy between 2006 and 2015 (supplies and contracting work)
- ✓ The figure rose from €2.5 million in 2006 to €30 million a year in 2015
- ✓ More housing and growing population in the mining villages







Financial actions to build true trust (cont.) Hellas

# Financial actions over the next 20 years:

- ✓ Investment worth \$1.5 billion
- √ €1.6 billion in direct taxes and €1.5 billion in salaries
- ✓ €1 billion insurance contributions
- ✓ €2.5 billion to local businesses and suppliers
- ✓ €150 million on environmental projects
- ✓ €30 million on CSR activities





Kokkinolakkas TMF dam construction

### Social actions to build true trust

## **Transparency – Open communication:**

- ✓ Ongoing dialogue and real answers- data about everything
- ✓ Announcements, press releases, press conferences, reacting immediately by providing information in every crisis

Official information, direct from the company: site, blog, social media, etc.

An outward-looking approach: Members of Official institutions, activities, conferences, events









#### Hellas GOLD Eληνικός Χρυσός Α.Ε.

#### Social actions to build true trust

#### **Social Investment:**

- ✓ €13 million spent over the last 10 years on CSR activities
- ✓ €19 million spent on infrastructure works in NE Halkidiki between 2006 and 2015
- ✓ Summer internships for local students. 350 students in 2015
- ✓ Open Doors Policy: More than 5,000 citizens have visited Hellas Gold's projects







#### Environmental actions to build true trust

#### **Environmental actions taken:**

- ✓ Cleaning and rehabilitation of old mine waste disposal areas
- ✓ Enhancement & remodeling of released areas
- ✓ Mine water management
- √ Waste management
- ✓ Integrated environmental monitoring program & website



Cleaning and rehabilitation of old mine waste disposal areas (cont.)

## ✓ The example of the old AsPy disposal area METBA

- Area 100 stremmas
- Nursery plant (2,5 M plants & 20 jobs)



Before (2008)





Cleaning and rehabilitation of old mine waste disposal areas (cont.)

## ✓ The example of the old Olympias AsPy stockpiles

- Area 30 stremmas
- 300.000 t AsPy & 70.000 t contaminated soils removed





Before (2012)



Cleaning and rehabilitation of old mine waste disposal areas (cont.)

## ✓ The example of the old Olympias tailings pond

- Area 300 stremmas
- Old tailings removed 2.4 Mt







Cleaning and rehabilitation of old mine waste disposal areas (cont.)

- ✓ The example of the old Olympias waste rock stockpile
  - Area 30 stremmas
  - 180.000 t waste rock removed





Before (2012)

Today



## Enhancement & remodeling of the wider area

# √ The example of the archaeological site in the wider Olympias mill area

- Pottery workshops & storage buildings. Early Hellenistic period (from the end of 4th century BC)
- The site was excavated in 2000 and is preserved since. The enhancement will start within 2017





Today

Plan



#### Mine water management

# ✓ Mine water treatment: Actions to improve environmental performance

#### **Current mine water treatment scheme:**

- Lime addition (for precipitation of metals as hydroxides)
- Removal of suspended solids (clarification ponds)

#### Additional treatment stages under development:

- pH adjustment and aeriation for oxidation
- Filtering with sand and catalyst
- Absorption with Activated carbon

Parameter	Units	Limits	Goal	Potable water limits	
рН	-	6-8,5	6-8,5	-	
Pb-t	μg/lt (ppb)	100	7,2	10	
Cd-t	μg/lt (ppb)	20	0,25	5	
As-t	μg/lt (ppb)	500	30	10	
Zn-t	μg/lt (ppb)	2000	125	-	
Fe-t	μg/lt (ppb)	15000	15000	200	
Mn-t	μg/lt (ppb)	2000	2000	50	
Cr-d	μg/lt (ppb)	200	50	50	









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#### Mine waste management

## ✓ Mine waste: Actions to reduce surface disposal

#### STRATONI MINE (ROM 1Mt) - Surface disposal 10% of ROM

- Products PbS & ZnS concentrates 25% ROM
- Coarse tailings total recycling after mixing with cement to backfill the mining voids 65% ROM
- Fine tailings & neutralization sludge disposal 10% ROM
- Waste rock total recycling as construction material 11% ROM

#### **OLYMPIAS MINE (ROM 11.5 Mt): Surface disposal 0% of ROM**

- Products PbS, ZnS & AsPy concentrates 50% ROM
- Tailings total recycling after mixing with cement to backfill the mining voids 50% ROM
- Waste rock total recycling as construction material 17% ROM

#### SKOURIES MINE (ROM 146,2 Mt): Surface disposal 0% of ROM

- Product Cu/Au concentrate 2% ROM
- Tailings recycling to backfill the open pit 38% ROM
- Tailings recycling after mixing with cement to backfill the mining voids 15% ROM
- Tailings disposal 45% ROM
- Waste rock total recycling as construction & rehabilitation material 25% ROM

	2014		2015		2016 YTD	
	Quantity (tn)	Income (€)	Quantity (tn)	Income (€)	Quantity (tn)	Income (€)
Recycling Common (paper, plastic, etc.) & Non hazardous Industrial Waste (scrap, cables, wood, etc.)	445	38.570	724	89.948	822	119.979
Hazardous Industrial Waste Management	107	-9.641	117	-109.067	67	-33.508

28.929







(chemicals, oils, asbestos, etc.)

**TOTAL** 



-19.119

86.471



Integrated environmental monitoring program (320 stations)



#### A. Environmental media

- Air
  - Air quality
  - Ambient dust
  - Meteorological parameters
- Water and sediments
  - Surface water
  - Ground water
  - Drinking water
  - Sea Water and sediments
  - Coastal quality
  - River mouth water and sediments
- Soils
  - Soil quality
  - Landslides
- Acoustic environment
- Ecology (flora fauna)

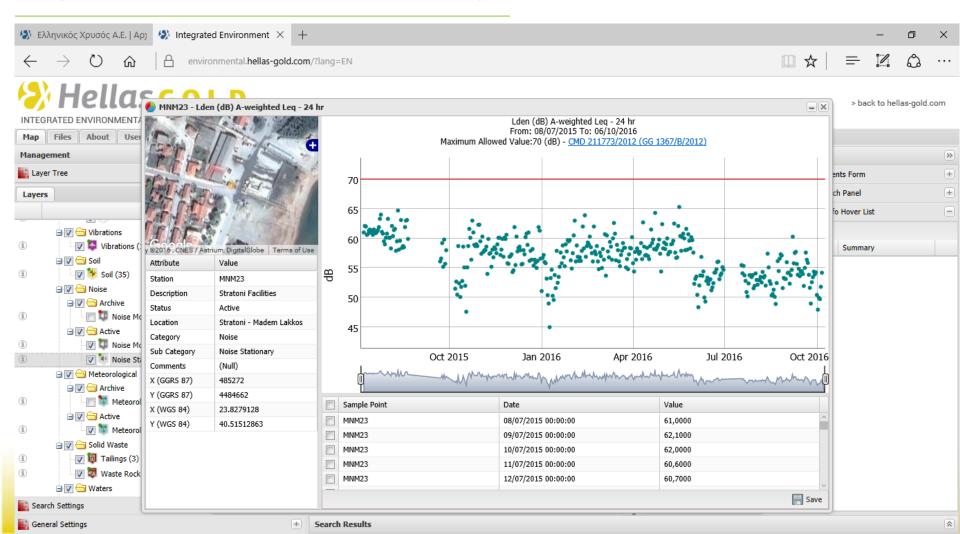
#### B. Operational parameters

- Mine water
- Drinking water
- Seismicity
- Noise level
- Vibrations
- Energy consumption
- Production parameters
- Dust emissions
- Mining wastes
- Landslides





## Integrated environmental monitoring database & website



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#### **Distinctions and Awards:**

- ✓ ISO 14001 Environmental Management System
- ✓ ISO 50001 Energy Management System
- ✓ OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System
- ✓ ISO 39001 Road Traffic Safety Management
- ✓ Responsible Business award SILVER (2016)
- ✓ CSR Prize from Federation of Industries of Northern Greece as part of the Greek Value awards.
- ✓ CRI SILVER (2015) and BRONZE (2014) award
- ✓ Winner & Gold Health and safety awards for our H&S policies and contingency plans.
- ✓ HR Awards





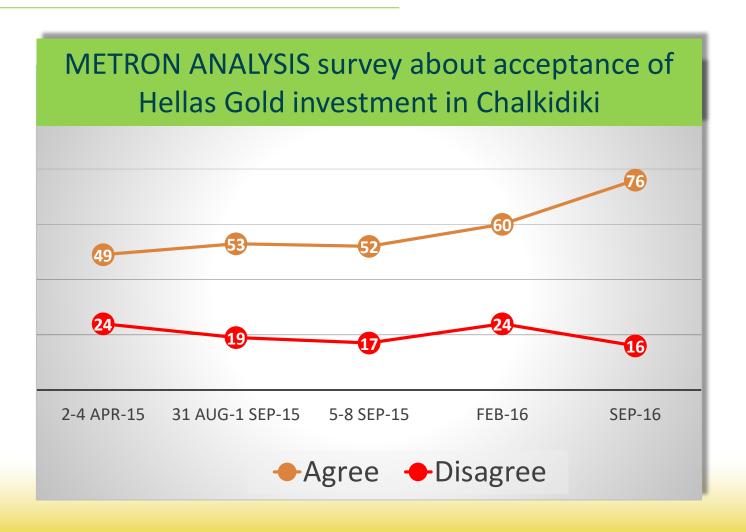








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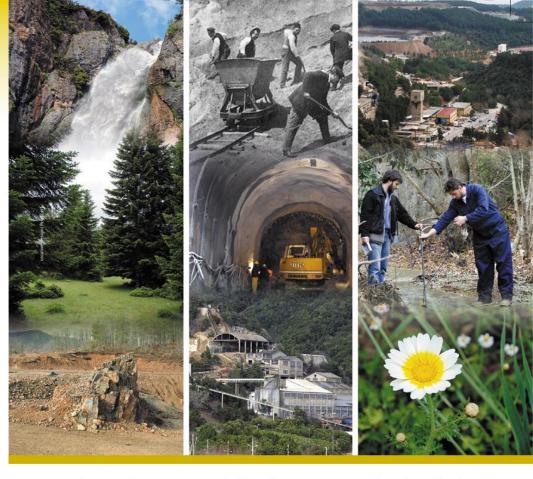


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The industry has to act positively to recover its reputation and gain a "social license to operate" in a process that, beginning at the level of individual mines and projects, would, over time, create a new culture and public profile for the mining industry

Jim Cooney Director of international and public affairs of Placer Dome Washington, 1997

## **THANK YOU**



...what nature gives us is a **gift** \_\_\_\_

...what has a history has a **future** 

...what makes our lives better needs care

Our society and environment are important to all of us



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