



Soltoro drills a bulls-eye in Mexico

Soltoro Ltd. [SOL-TSXV] is a Canadian exploration company exploring 10 projects with a focus on securing bulk tonnage gold, silver and copper projects in Mexico that have the potential to attract major mining companies.

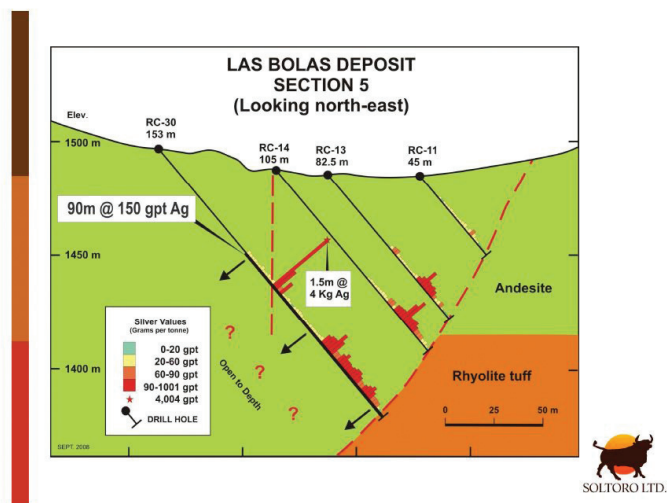
Mexico's Sierra Madre epithermal gold/silver belt is a prolific mining area with dozens of small scale mines, and a history of mining going back to the 1500s. Many Canadian companies have had success here, but most deposits are modest in size. The precious metals zone extends through the Sierra Madre mountain belt in the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Sinaloa and Durango where the topography is rough, and into Jalisco state where the topography is more subdued and mining friendly. Recent discoveries in the flat central plain area of Zacatecas state, by Canadian companies Western Silver and Canplats have led to the understanding that Mexico also hosts world-class bulk tonnage gold/silver and polymetallic deposits. Soltoro's projects include both the Sierra Madre epithermal style and bulk tonnage polymetallic style deposits. Most of the company's projects are in Jalisco state, where it is a major land holder. Soltoro's Quila Project is a joint venture with **Southern Silver Exploration Corp.** [SSV-TSXV; SEG-Frankfurt] where drilling is planned by January 2010.

Near Guanichango, Jalisco, within the same mine trend, is the El Rayo Project which hosts two main gold/silver mineralized structures with over five kilometres of strike length. This property is providing exciting results and is the current focus of the company's exploration efforts. At the Las Bolas Zone, a 40-hole drill program hit bulk tonnage silver mineralization in every hole. A review of the cross sections shows the mineralization is blossoming as the zone goes deeper, and the zone clearly needs more drilling to scope out the orebody size that could be extracted by open pit. So far, the zone

is all oxidized material and has been drilled to a vertical depth of 100 metres, and the company expects the oxidized material to extend to a vertical depth of 150 metres. The Las Bolas Zone looks to lend itself to open pit/heap leach mining. An analogous discovery in Mexico was Corner Bay's Alamo Dorado deposit. It was sold to Pan American silver for a value of \$134 million. The Las Bolas Zone would have to get five times bigger to match Alamo Dorado's silver resource. To date, only 500 metres of the 1.7-kilometre Las Bolas structure has been drilled, so the potential is there. Alamo Dorado has a grade of 63 grams silver/tonne and 0.3 grams gold/tonne. Las Bolas has an average grade of 119 grams silver/tonne and no gold.

At the El Rayo structure just a few kilometers away from Las Bolas, a 1,000-metre long gold zone is currently being explored. The best drill intercept to date has been 38 metres of 1.78 grams gold/tonne. This target is equal in size and potential to Las Bolas, and gold is more easily leachable than silver, so this may ultimately be a more important zone. Recent soil sampling has defined a flexure open to the northeast with gold values up to 5.0 grams gold/tonne over 150 metres. Drilling of the El Rayo and Las Bolas zones is planned where the potential exists for another Alamo Dorado sized discovery.

The company has nine other projects under development. Suffice to say, Andrew Thomson and his team of ex-Cominco geologists have worked hard to build value in this company, and have done so without unduly expanding the company's share structure. At current market prices, Soltoro has a market capitalization of only \$6 million. Timing for its next round of drilling is set for the fall. The market for the company's shares should get sunnier then. ■



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