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The former Sienna Gold has changed its management team and Precious Metals. What is the status of the company?

BH: We have an asset, Igor, which has a good-sized gold and silver resource. There is potential to develop a mine, however we would need to expand the resource in order to hit a threshold of economic viability. We plan to expand the resource by the end of 2013 through drilling, and in early 2014 we will do a preliminary economic assessment. We see this as a potential underground opportunity, the following step would be to drive in a ramp in order to start exploration from underground. As a result, we see this as a pre-development project. We believe we can develop the first resource, which we already have, to pre-feasibility.

KA: We have shut down the Calgary office and moved it to Vancouver. Our focus is on putting the story out there and marketing the story. We do not want to go back to the market until the stock has increased significantly. It's difficult, considering hardly anyone outside of Peru knows the story about the Igor property. Jorge Benavente is from Peru so it is crucial to have someone like him as a chairman.

Could you give us more details about Igor?

BH: The Igor project consists of two concessions totaling 20 square kilometers in the department of La Libertad from Trujillo. The project is right in the heart of the northern Peru gold and copper belt. Indeed our project is in a region with a number of mines and projects, including Barrick's Lagunas Norte, Rio Alto's La Arena and Sulliden's Shalamarca. It's a prolific, strongly mineralized gold belt; but also we are in a region where you can put mines into production with good government infrastructure in place in terms of permitting. Also, there is power that reaches the nearby project and available water and limited agricultural activity. The project shares the geological setting of the adjacent Callanquitas structure, which is a brand-new discovery from last year, which is very exciting. It is an initial resource there is a great opportunity to find a large deposit in the property.

We are targeting a 2,000-3,000 mt/d underground operation at 4 g/t gold equivalent. Because of topography we can allow for simple ramp access and the total cost would be much lower than comparable projects. We believe with a budget of \$2.5 million in 2013 we can drill 7,000 meters and capture the data we need to support a PEA and metallurgical test work. We are working on some road access to start drilling and we already have all the permits in place.

Peru has hit headlines in recent years due to problems with community relations. What is the status of the Igor property?

BH: We have two communities of around 150 people each, and we employ 50-60 people on the project. We are formalizing informal miners in the area. La Libertad is a great department to work in. They work hard to support the mining industry, even in the most remote parts of the department. They are upgrading roads constantly and improving infrastructure.

I have worked in many countries since 1979, and right now I do not think there is a country I would Peru. Every country has its own challenges. Peru is a country that has a long history of mining a Considering there are very clear templates for project permitting and the availability of highly-sk outstanding place to do mining. There are local communities that have needs that must be acknowled company's obligations.

How have the markets received the management changes that took place in March 2013?

KA: The market has been quiet but the volume has doubled over the first three months starting March 1 is great because liquidity is very important for a lot of investors. The stock has gone down from \$0.26 to index for gold explorers has performed far worse over the same period of time. We have also closed the fir are able to raise financing in these tough markets and that distinguishes us from a lot of juniors. We are a and the BVL, and we are also going to list on the OTCQX in New York, which will give us three tra challenges we face is educating investors that Peru is a fantastic jurisdiction. In Canada, it is not yet pere

What are the prospects of the company moving forward?

BH: The company has what people are looking for. In 12 months from now, we may have a PEA complete in the PEA would be over a million ounces of gold equivalent. We like the higher cut-off grade of 2.5 g/ million mt at over 4 g/t gold equivalent. If we can get to 6 million mt at those grades, that wou underground operation for a 10-year mine life.

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