



LA FORTUNA PROJECT

Quality Assurance and Quality Control:

All technical information for the Company's La Fortuna project is obtained and reported under a formal quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) program under the supervision of Qualified Persons, Kieran Downes, P.Geol., the Company's president, and Gary Roste, P.Geol.

Rock samples collected are placed in plastic rock sample bags and the sample number is marked on the bag. The sample site is also tagged and numbered. Sample locations are recorded by hand-held GPS.

Diamond drill core is sampled by cutting or splitting into approximately equal halves with one half sent for analysis and the remaining half labeled and retained in core boxes for future reference. Cut core is placed into clean, new transparent plastic sample bags into which pre-printed sample tickets are placed. The laboratory places one of these tickets in the pulp bag and the other in the reject bag. A third sample ticket is stapled in the core tray along with the meterage represented by the sample. The fourth sample ticket remains in the sample tag book with the hole number and meterage marked.

Sealed sample bags are placed in rice sacks for shipment to the laboratory. A record is kept of all samples shipped. Samples are dispatched via commercial transport to Alex Stewart Assayers laboratories in Mendoza, Argentina, an ISO 9001:2000-accredited laboratory.

Rock and drill core samples are dried, crushed to -10-mesh and a 1.2 kilogram split is pulverized to 75 microns (>85%).

Gold:-

- Sample size 50 grams.
- Fire assay fusion with atomic absorption finish.
- Samples with greater than 10,000 parts per billion (ppb) gold re-assayed by fire assay fusion with a gravimetric finish.

Metallic screen assaying is performed on samples carrying visible gold or assaying greater than 10 g/t gold in a routine assay.

Silver:-

- Aqua regia dissolution with atomic absorption finish.
- Samples with greater than 50 grams silver re-assayed by gravimetry.

Multi Element Analysis

- 39 element ICP analysis following aqua regia dissolution.

Mercury

- Aqua regia dissolution with flameless (argon carrier) atomic absorption finish.