

## **Preliminary Data on the Metallogenesis of the Valle del Cura Región ,San Juan, Argentina.**

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Valle del Cura (VdC) is a morphologically distinct topographic feature located in the high Andes of the San Juan Province. Argentina, which adjoins the El Indio volcanic belt of Chile.

Recent exploration has confirmed the prescence of gold and silver mineralization in several prospects along the VdC; hosted by the volcanic series which show geographic geologic, stratigraphic and structural continuity with El Indio belt.

The prospects are from south to north: El Carmen, Río Frio, Sancarron, Veladero, Lama, Ortiga and Taguas among others; several of which have received recent exploration drilling.

Presently, Veladero appears to be the most important prospect as the mineralization comprises 5,85 M Oz Au and 73 M Oz Ag; indicated reserves; the economicity of which is being studied . Exploration continues.

Preliminary data regarding the mineralization present in these prospects is presented. The various geometries: dissemination in fractures, pipe-like features, veins,etc; distinct metal distributions within alteration patterns and other characteristics of the prospects and their genesis are discussed. Comparisons with available data from Au/Ag mines located in the El Indio belt are attempted.