

Investing in Russian Mining: Risks and Opportunities

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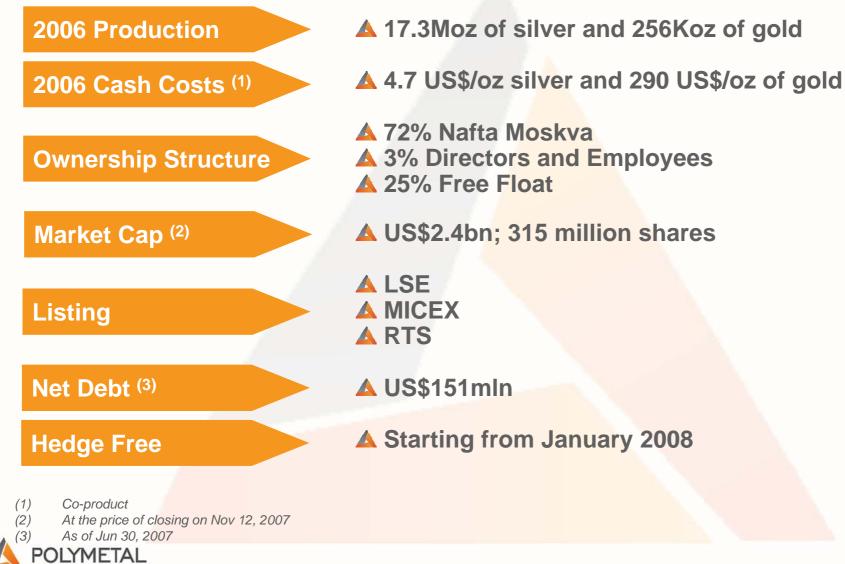


Overview of Polymetal



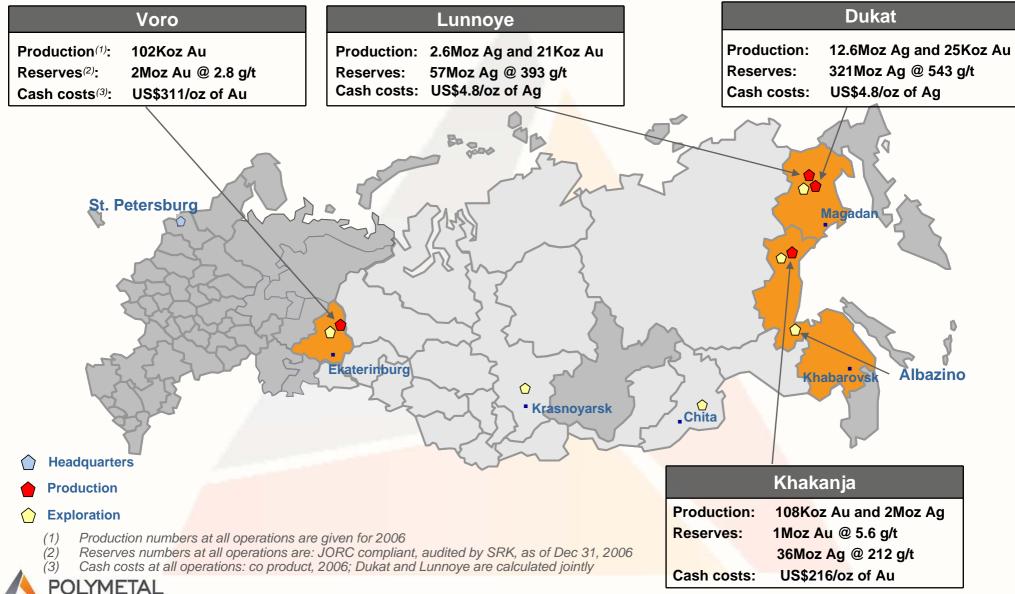


Polymetal represents an excellent opportunity to invest in a mid-tier company with top quality assets





Polymetal owns a portfolio of long-life and high-grade mines





Polymetal is well positioned to capitalize on Russian gold opportunities

Russia's advantages for gold/silver miner

- Large and highly underexplored territory
- Rules of the game are clearly formulated: taxation, licensing, and permitting procedures are predictable
- Sparsely populated with environmental issues relatively less acute

Our position vis-à-vis Russia-specific risks

- All reserves/resources are JORCcompliant and audited by reputable independent consultants (SRK, Snowden)
- Majority of reserves/resources come from operating mines
- Multiple operations





Adherence to Global Standards in HSE practices and social responsibility is a key priority for Polymetal

> Firm commitment to a sound environmental policy

> > 2006 external audit confirmed company met World Bank environmental management guidelines

- Continued focus on upgrading safety procedures
 - In 2006 SRK Consulting audited and certified the company's health and safety practices

- **Active involvement in local communities**
 - Cooperating with local and regional authorities to implement long-term social infrastructure investment projects





Russian Mining Environment: Key Factors





Government Levels in Russian Federation

Federal

- Ministry (Ministry of Natural Resources)
 - ▲ Formulates policies
 - Submits Proposals to legislature
 - Deals with strategic (oneoff) issues
- ▲ Agency (Subsoil Agency)
 - ▲ Executes polices
 - Enforces regulations
- Oversight Body

 (<u>Rosprirodnadzor</u> –
 Environment Oversight,
 <u>Rostekhnadzor</u> –
 Technical/Safety oversight
 - Ensures all participants' compliance with relevant polices/regulations

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Regional

Governor

- **A** Construction permitting
- Taxation privileges (profit, property)
- Access to federal infrastructure financing
- Regional branch of federal agency
 - ▲ Local tasks
 - A Reports to Moscow
 - ▲ Independent from governor
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Municipal

- Mayor (Head of Municipal Administration)
 - ▲ Land usage rights
 - Public approval of new projects (public hearings)
 - Access to common infrastructure



Taxation system: Very Stable

Federal taxes (no concessions possible)

- VAT (18%, 0% for gold/silver)
- Personal Income Tax (13% flat)
- Mineral Royalty
 (6.0% gold; 6.5% silver, 8% base metals)
- ▲ Social Contribution Tax (from 28% to 2%, regressive)

Regional taxes

- Corporate Income Tax (24%, up to 5% can be waived)
- Property Tax (2.2%, up to 1.1% can be waived)
- A Payments for waste disposal

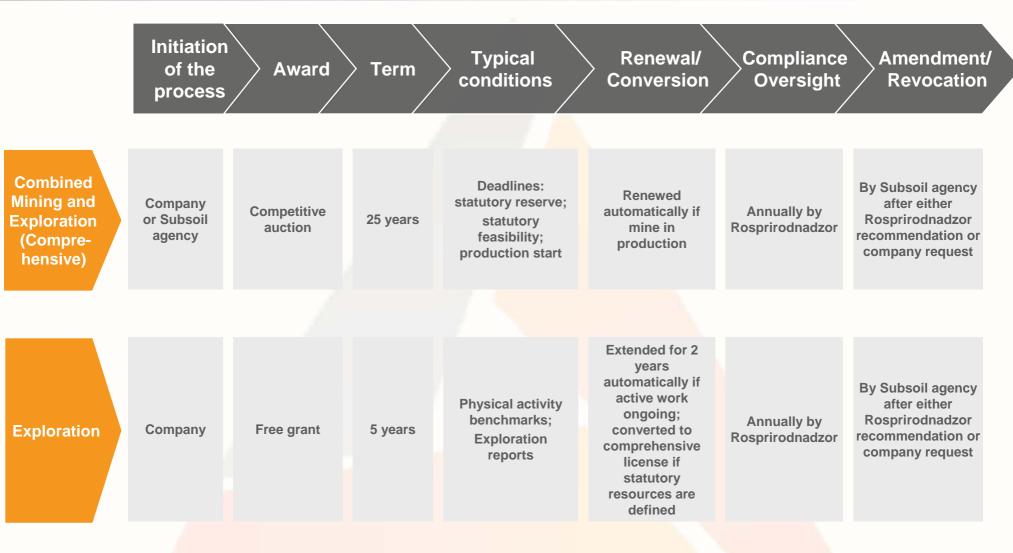
Municipal taxes

- ▲ Land tax
- ▲ Vehicle levy





Licensing System: Cumbersome Yet Transparent







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Permitting Process: Bureaucratic, but More Predictable than in Most Countries

	1. Statutory Reserve Confirmation ('TEO Konditsii')	2. Statutory Feasibility Study ('Project')	3. Environmental Impact Assessment ('OVOS')	4. Comprehensive Expertise
Input	 ▲ Geological model ▲ Preliminary economic calculations 	▲ Reserve calculation ▲ Feasibility study elements (mining, processing, infrastructure)	 Statutory feasibility study ('Project') Calculations of emissions, effluents and waste disposals Public hearing protocol 	 Statutory FS 'OVOS' Supporting materials
Regulatory Body	GKZ (State Reserve Commission), subordinate to Subsoil Agency	Rostekhnadzor (Technical Oversight Body) with auxiliary approvals by 14 various government bodies	Rostekhnadzor	Federal Expertise Agency (reports to Ministry of Regional Development)
Result	State-approved reserve calculation with cut-off grades	Approved study sufficient for detailed engineering	Approved EIS (Environmental Impact Study)	Permission to start construction