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## 45% ZINC ASSAY RETURNED FROM LA PROVIDENCIA

**Azure Minerals Ltd** (ASX: AZS) today announced it has received very positive assay results from initial surface sampling on its 100% owned La Providencia Project (the Project) in Sonora, Mexico.

La Providencia is one of Azure's three new projects acquired in May as part of the Company's ongoing program of regional exploration, target identification and project acquisition. The property is 8,816 hectares (88 km<sup>2</sup>) in area and is located approximately 50 kilometres north of Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora, Mexico (Figure 1) where Azure has an established exploration team and administration office.

Sampling identified a large anomalous area of 2,500m by 1000m containing high grade zinc, lead and silver mineralisation. Anomalous values of gold and copper were also returned. High grade assays include:

- **Zinc**      **45.4%** & **35.9%**
- **Lead**      **5.3%** & **4.7%**
- **Silver**    **532g/t** & **238g/t**
- **Gold**      **4.81g/t** & **2.19g/t**
- **Copper**    **0.95%**

Samples were collected from the central part of La Providencia which shows strong alteration and mineralisation at surface (Figure 2). Reconnaissance to the north and south of this central area indicates that the alteration system continues in both directions, giving a potential total mineralised strike length of 10 to 12 kilometres within the property. Sampling has not yet been undertaken in these extension areas.

Historic artisanal mine workings, which exploited mineralisation hosted in skarns, breccias and associated porphyry intrusions, are common throughout the property. Mineralisation is mostly carbonate replacement-style, where limestones have been altered and replaced by sphalerite (zinc sulphide) and galena (lead sulphide) introduced by hot magmatic fluids associated with porphyry intrusions.

Mexico is renowned for its world class Carbonate Replacement Deposits (CRD), which can be both large and high grade, for example Santa Eulalia 48Mt @ 300g/t Ag, 7.5% Zn, 7% Pb. Azure considers that La Providencia has potential to host polymetallic mineralisation of this style.

In addition, La Providencia is situated in a similar geological setting to the adjacent Ramard Project, held by TSX-listed Colibri Resource Corp, where recent drilling intersected massive sulphide mineralisation containing high grade silver, zinc and lead (including: **4.5m @ 158g/t silver, 10.8% zinc & 2.6% lead**).

Assays and location details of strongly mineralised samples are contained in Table 1.

## PROJECT ACQUISITION PROGRAM

To date, Azure has identified and staked three areas containing strong evidence of mineralisation, including historical mine workings, anomalous surface geochemistry and mineralised drill intercepts. Each new property is located near to an existing mine or advanced stage exploration project. However, despite the obvious prospective nature of the properties, none of Azure's new properties have yet been systematically evaluated by modern exploration methods.

Azure's project acquisition program is continuing to evaluate a number of other exciting prospects, and new applications are expected to be made and announced in the forthcoming months.

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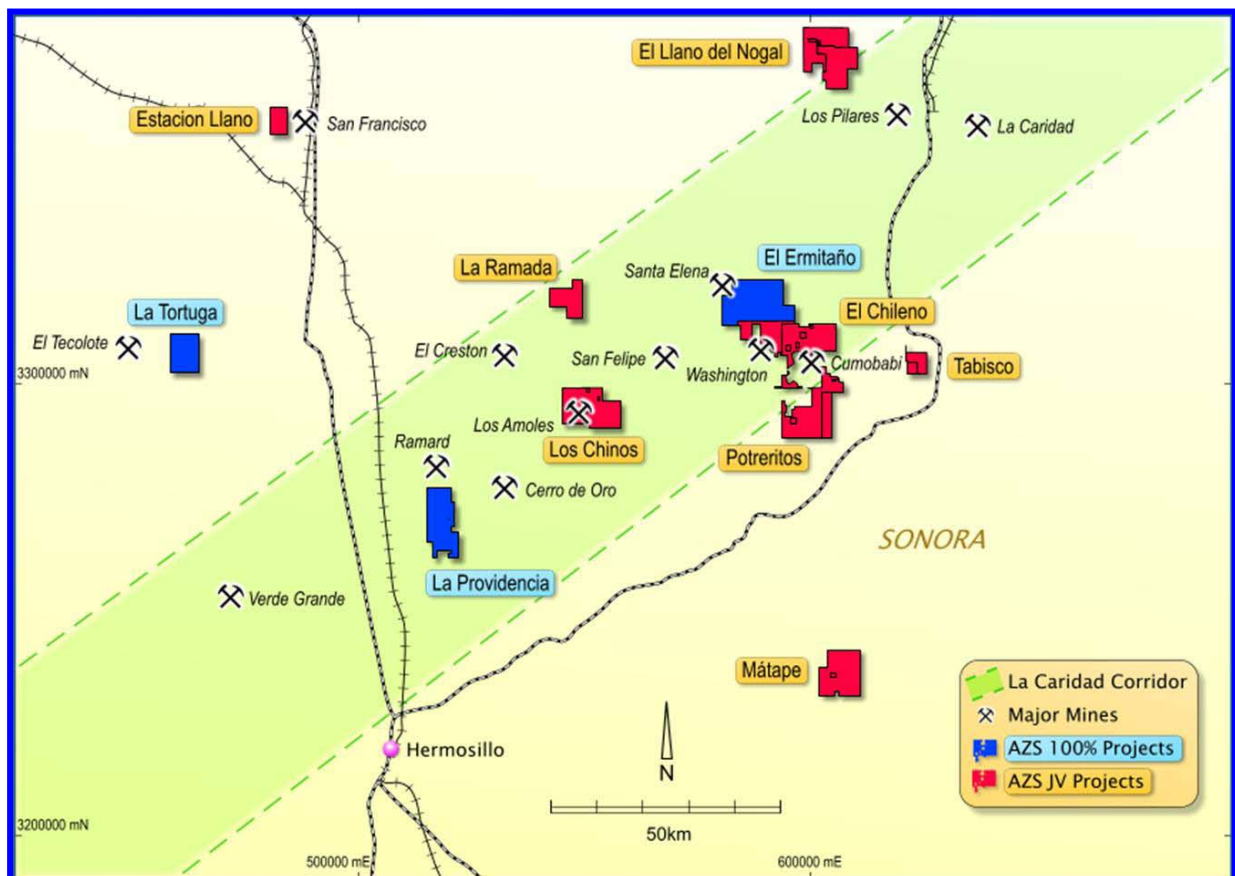
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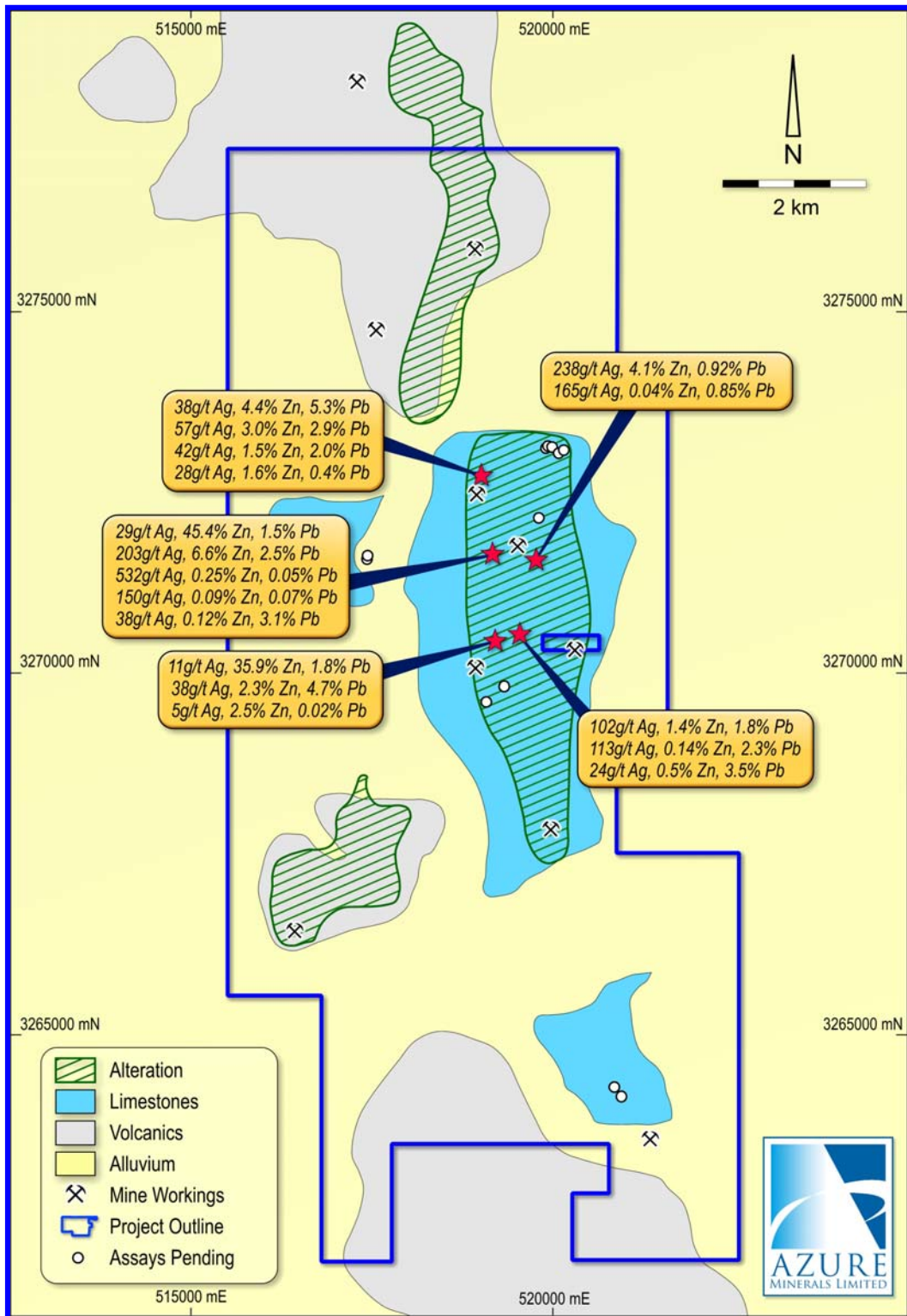
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Figure 1: La Providencia - Project Location Plan



**Figure 2: La Providencia - Geology and Sampling Plan**



## OTHER MEXICAN PROJECTS

These new 100% owned projects fall outside the Strategic Alliance Area of the joint venture between Azure and Toronto-listed Geoinformatics Exploration Inc (TSX-V: GXL) and as such do not form part of that joint venture.

Azure holds 14 projects in Sonora, Mexico in joint venture with Geoinformatics. Under the terms of the joint venture agreement, Azure must spend US\$4 million on the projects by July 2009 to earn a 51% interest. Approximately US\$2.5 million has been spent to date. If GXL elects not to contribute at that stage, Azure can increase to a 75% interest in all projects by sole funding a pre-feasibility study by July 2011.

**TABLE 1: SIGNIFICANT SURFACE SAMPLING ASSAYS**

SAMPLE No.	Northing (mN)	Easting (mE)	Silver Ag (g/t)	Zinc Zn (%)	Lead Pb (%)
719466	3271545	519830	238	4.1	0.92
85001	3270470	519254	5	2.5	0.02
85002	3270471	519252	38	2.3	4.7
85003	3270471	519241	11	35.9	1.8
85006	3270518	519552	102	1.4	1.8
85007	3270505	519542	24	0.50	3.5
85008	3270510	519581	113	0.14	2.3
85010	3271686	518888	38	0.12	3.1
85013	3271702	519195	29	45.4	1.5
85014	3271702	519201	203	6.6	2.5
85015	3271688	519309	532	0.25	0.05
85016	3271685	519307	150	0.09	0.07
85017	3271630	519747	165	0.04	0.85
85021	3272740	519024	28	1.6	0.38
85022	3272753	519025	38	4.4	5.3
85023	3272752	519026	57	3.0	2.9
85024	3272809	519043	42	1.5	2.0

**NOTES:**

1. Samples assayed at ALS-Chemex (Vancouver) using ICP-AES and fire assay (for gold) methods
2. Assay results quoted to two significant figures

*Information in these documents that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Pat Manouge, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Manouge is a full-time employee of Azure Minerals Limited. Mr Manouge has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Manouge consents to the inclusion in the documents of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*