

# Mines – Growth Projects

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Smelters



Zinc



Copper

# Ore reserves and mineral resources

- **Aitik**

- ore reserve >12 years, large mineral resources - potential, possibility of increased production in a 10-year perspective

- **Boliden Area**

- ore reserve 2 years, small mineral resources – potential, maintained production level in a 10-year perspective

- **Garpenberg**

- ore reserve >10 years, large mineral resources – potential, possibility of increased production in a 10-year perspective

- **Tara**

- ore reserve 6 years, large mineral resources – potential, maintained production level in a 10-year perspective

# Strategic direction - Exploration

- **Close to mine exploration**

- Give priority to close to mine exploration in order to create conditions for a sustainable production including expansion where this is possible.

- **Field exploration**

- Target areas - mainly Norrbotten, Skelleftefältet, Dorotea and Bergslagen.
- Exploration efforts will also be done in Ireland.

- **Expansion**

- Active search for potential projects for new mining operations with focus on copper, including search for cooperation with exploration partners.

# Aitik possible expansion 33 Mtonnes



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# Aitik - Ore reserves and Mineral resources

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	Quantity 000 tonnes
<b>Ore reserves</b>	
Proven	207,000
Probable	12,000
 <b>Mineral resources</b>	
Measured	635,000
Indicated	240,000
Inferred	110,000

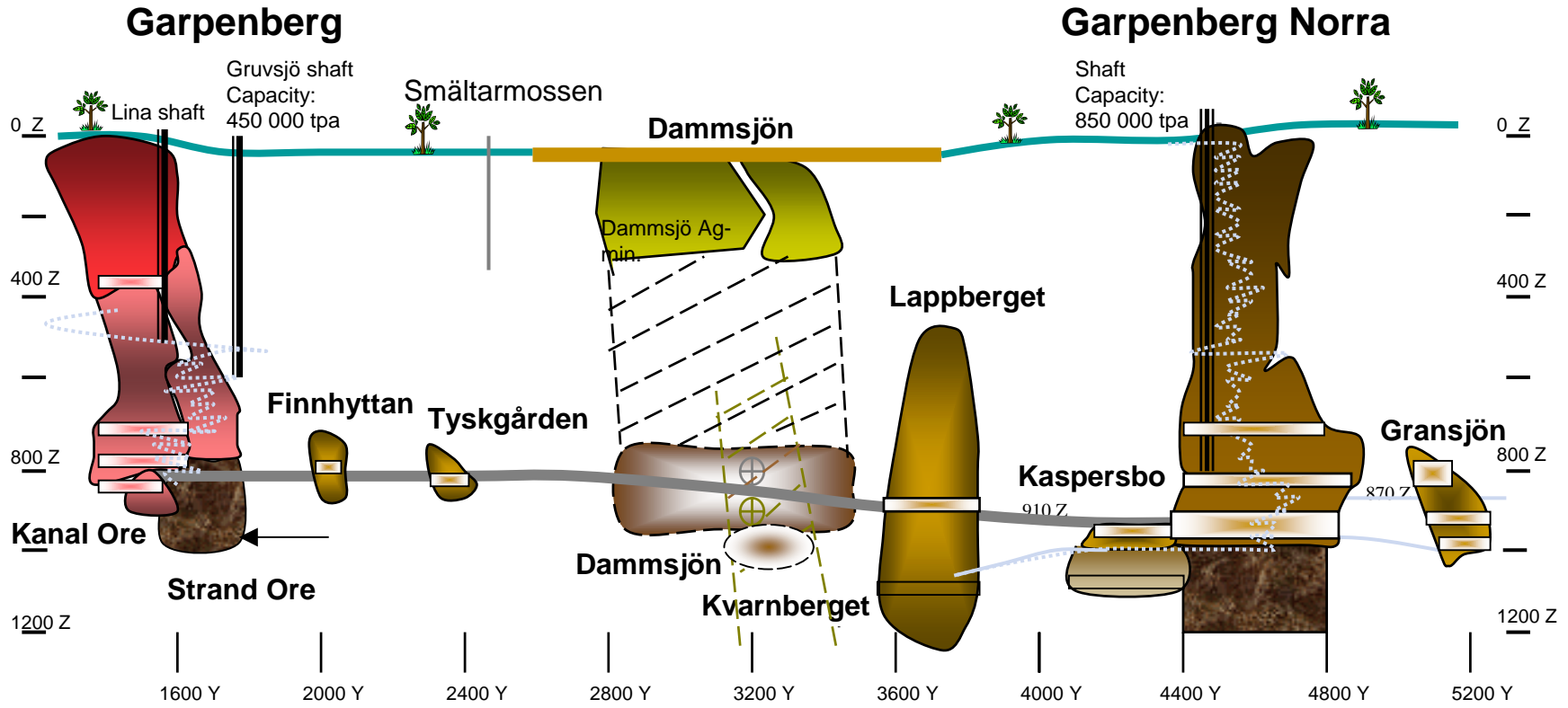
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# Aitik possible expansion

- **Expansion of Aitik from 18 Mt to 33 Mt through building of a new concentrator with a considerable increased capacity gives:**
  - Improved competitive strength (lower unit costs)
  - Strengthened earning capacity
  - Secures a long term increased concentrate supply (copper)
  - New product Molybdenum and increased gold recovery
  - Improved environment performance
  - Potential for further future expansion/extension
- **Investment in a new concentrator for production increase to 33 Mt amounts to app. 3 000 MSEK**
- **If the investment decision is made during the later part of 2006 the investment can be started in 2006 and be completed during year 2009 with full production from year 2010.**

*All investment costs are preliminary.*

# Garpenberg possible expansion 2 Mtonnes



Production level



# Tara 2.8 Mt

- **Accomplished activities**
- **Identification of efficiency potential**
  - **Organisation**
    - Numbers
  - **Management**
    - Production
    - Maintenance
    - Quality
    - Contractor management
  - **Narrow sectors**
    - Dewatering in the concentrator
    - Dimensioning of machine equipment
    - Quality of drifting



# Appendix

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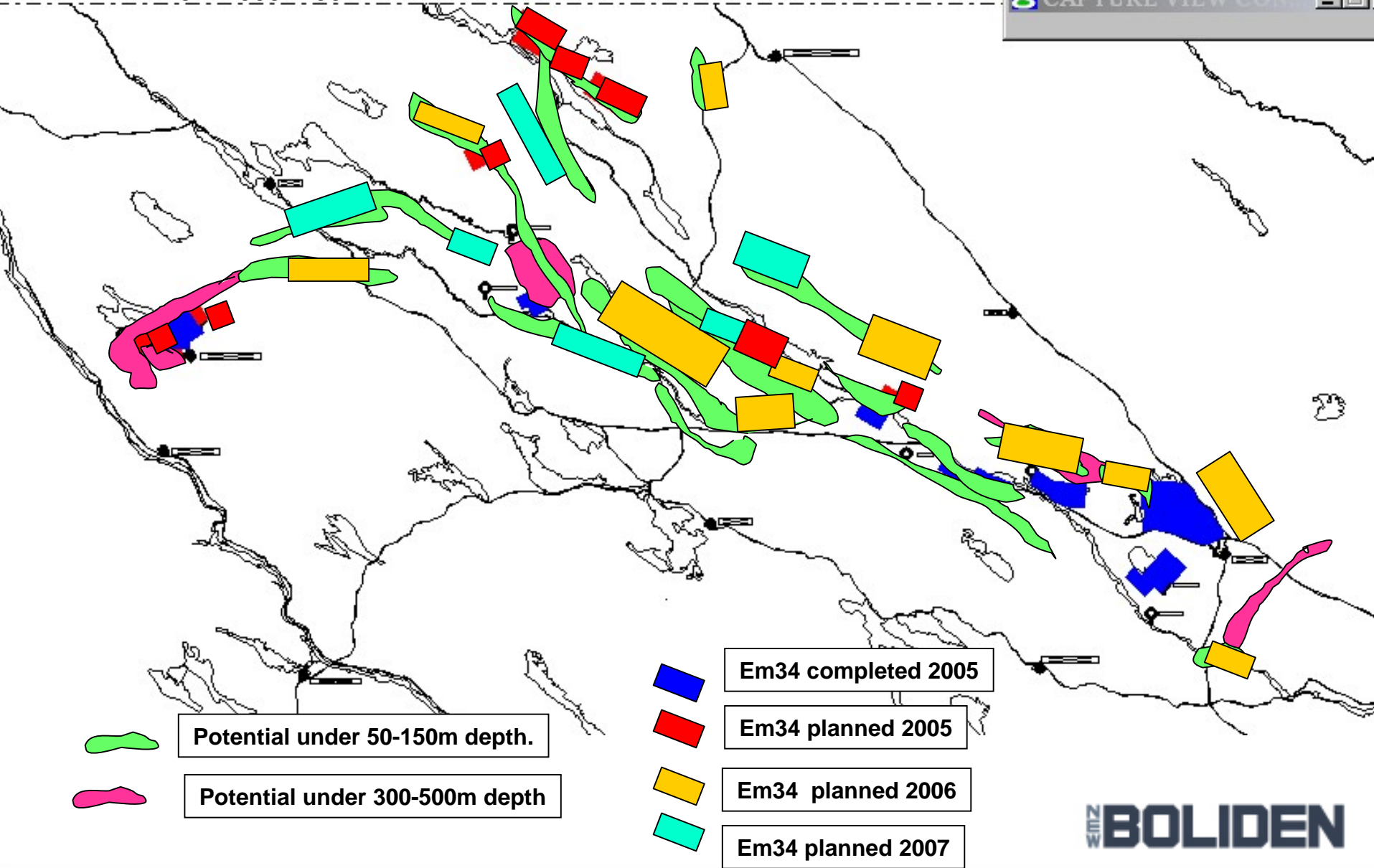
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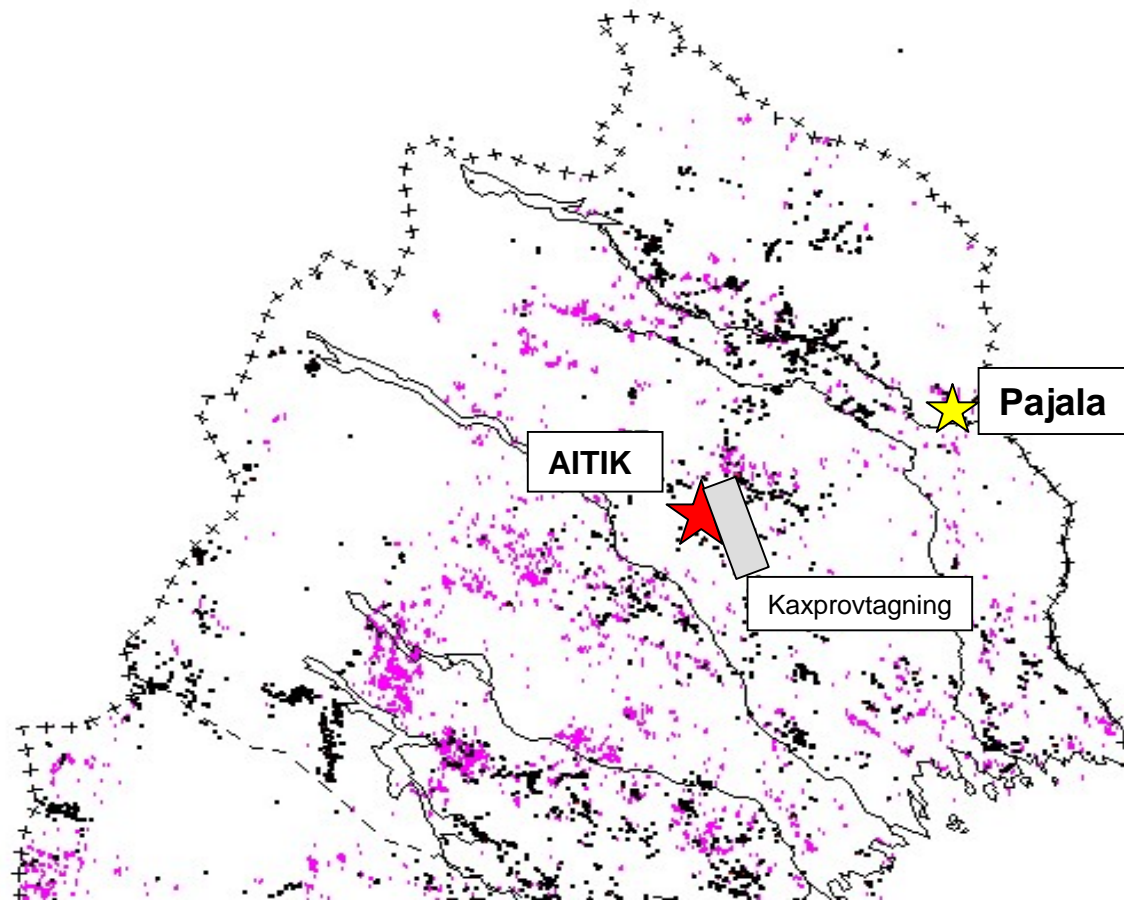
# Skellefte Field VMS target areas

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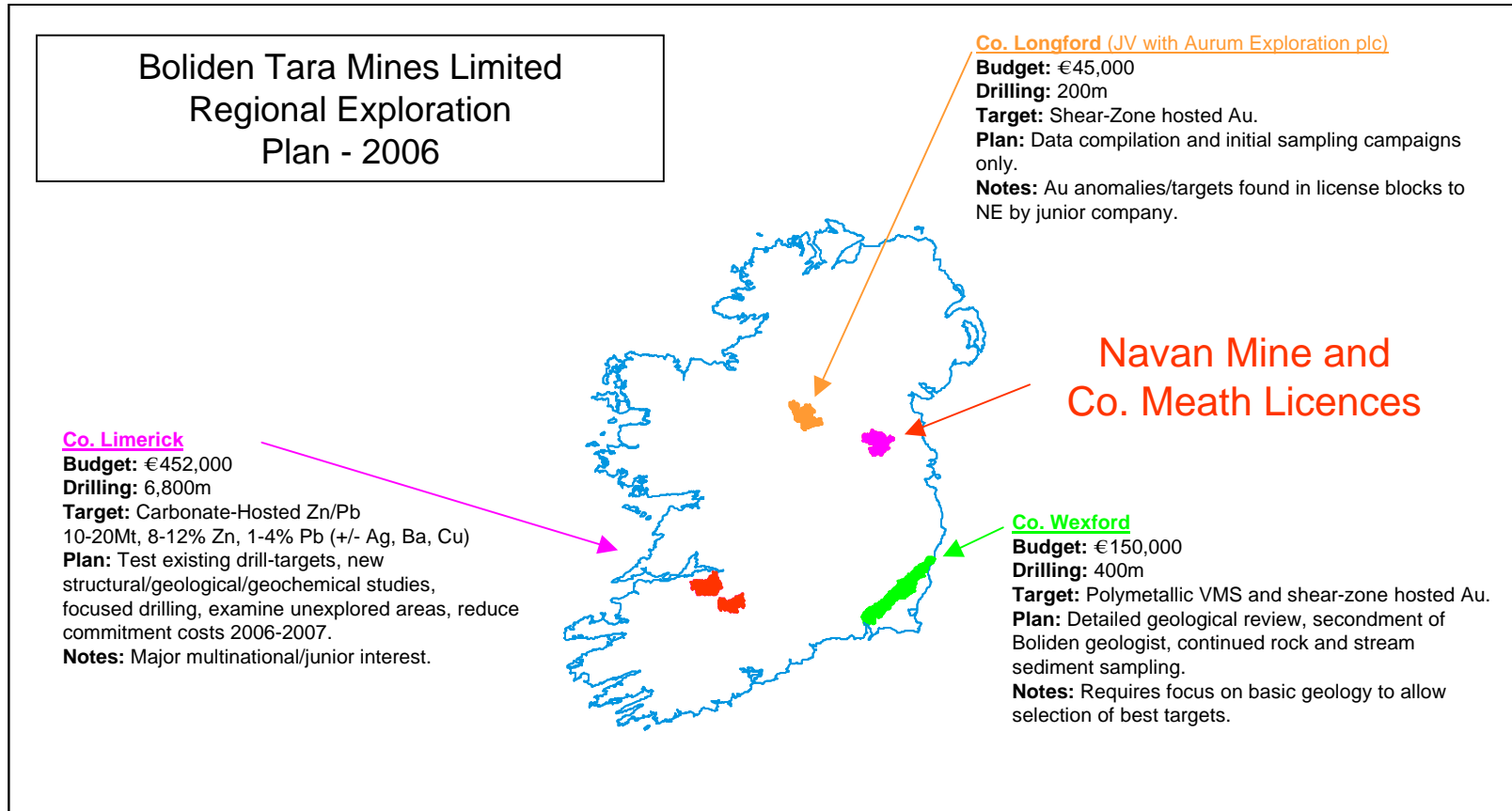
# Norrbotten

## Mineralized boulders Boliden and SGU

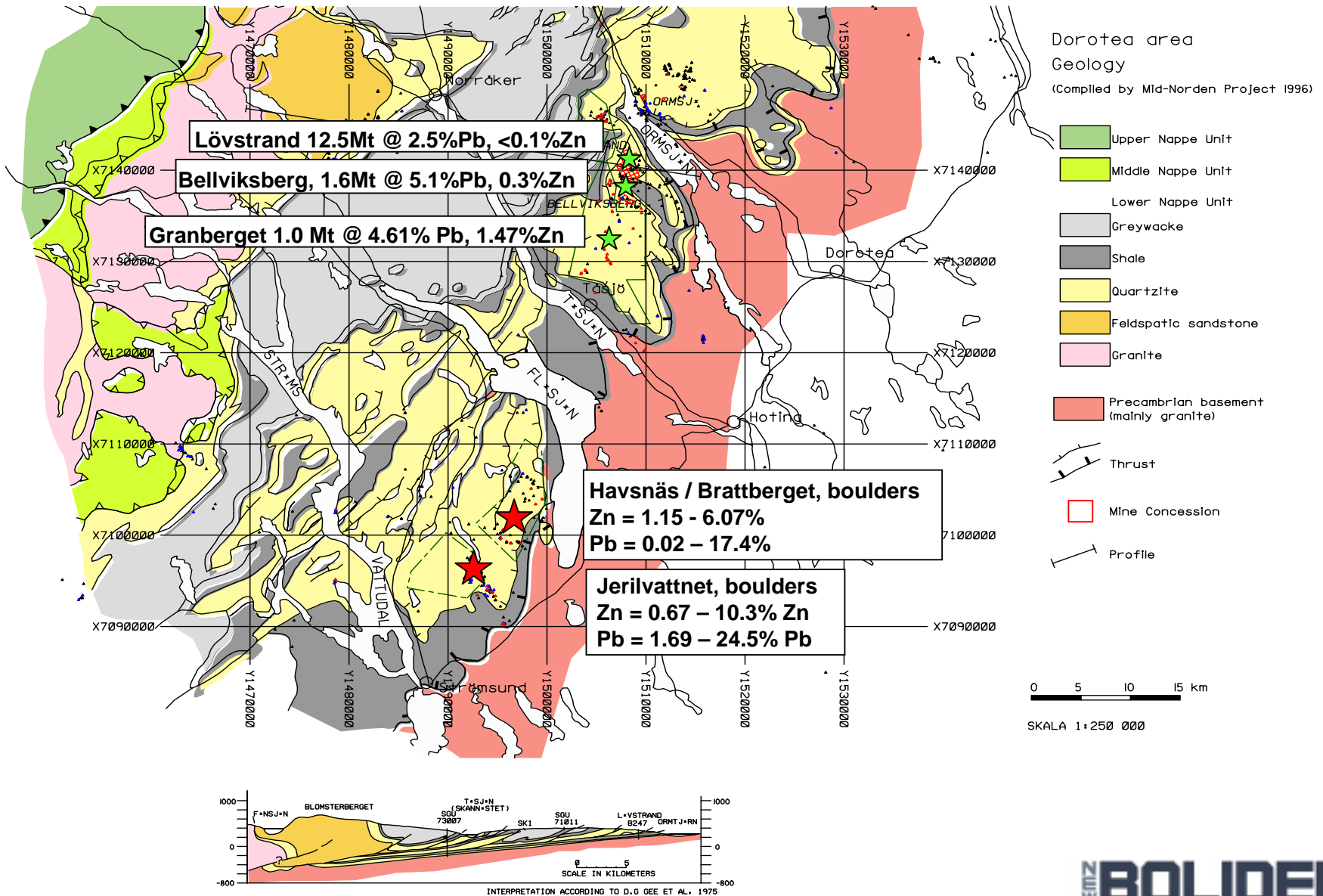


# Tara Mines

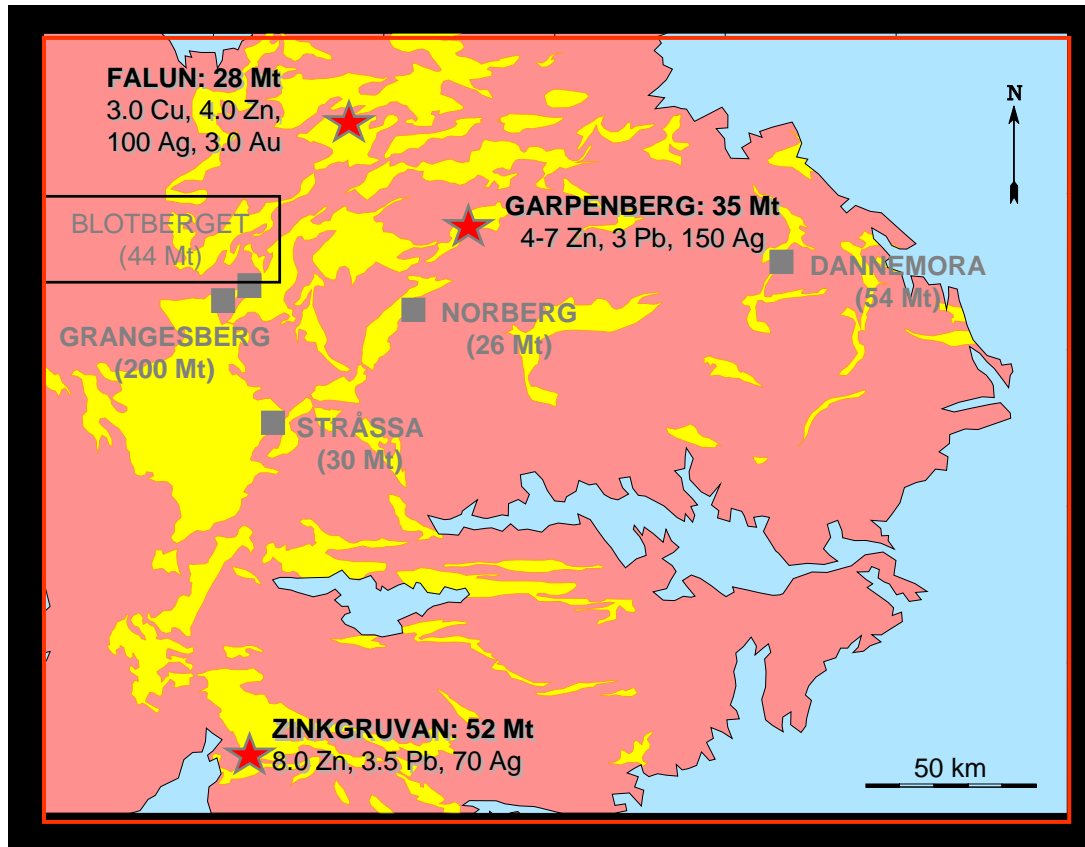
## Target areas 2006



# Dorotea area



# Bergslagen



## Bergslagen VMS-Bälte

- ★ VMS Deposits
- Fe Deposits >25 Mt

# Copper Smelters – Growth Projects

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# Copper smelters´ growth projects

- **Projects under construction**
  - Harjavalta expansion/modernization
  - Bergsöe lead refinery relocation
  
- **Potential projects**
  - Rönnskär´s refinery expansion from 240 000 tpy to 300 000 tpy
  - Refinery expansion by 16 000 tpy as the first step



# Harjavalta Expansion/Modernization

- **Expansion of Harjavalta's smelter production from 165 000 tpy to 210 000 tpy**
  - One new, more efficient concentrate dryer replacing existing two units
  - The smallest of four converters will be replaced by a bigger one
  - Increase of slag concentrator capacity
- **Expansion and modernization of Pori refinery from 125 000 tpy to 153 000 tpy**
  - Replacing the conventional starting sheet technology with a modern permanent cathode technology
  - Equal anode dimensions in Pori and Rönnskär

# Harjavalta Expansion/Modernization (contd.)

- **Capital expenditure 400 MSEK**
- **Reduction of smelting unit costs by 18 % and refinery unit costs by 25 %, for the whole tonnage**
- **The start-up will be in the autumn 2007, full production from the beginning of 2008**
- **Additional concentrates purchased from external market on the long term contracts**
- **Cathode production sold to existing and new customers in Europe**
- **Ca. 60 000 tpy as blister/anode copper, partially to Rönnskär, partially to blister customers in Europe**

# Bergsöe's Lead Refinery Relocation

- **New lead refinery is under construction close to the smelting furnace**
  - **No change in production volumes**
  - **Savings in**
    - **Personnel costs, reduction by 20 persons**
    - **Maintenance**
    - **Internal transportation**
- **Total capital expenditure is 56 MSEK**
- **Reduction of the unit costs by 10 %**
- **The start-up will be this August**

# Rönnskär's Possible Expansion Alternatives

- **Refinery expansion from 240 000 tpy to 300 000 tpy**
  - Harjavalta's excess blister/anodes, 60 000 tpy would be refined
  - expansion of existing tankhouse
  - same permanent cathode technology as today
- **Capital expenditure is 700 MSEK**
- **Reduction of refinery unit costs by 6 % for the whole 300 000 tpy production**
- **Project implementation 18 months**
- **Additional cathode production would be sold to existing and new customers in Europe**

# Rönnskär's Possible Expansion Alternatives (contd.)

- **Refinery expansion by 16 000 tpy as the first step**
  - anodes delivered from Harjavalta for refining
  - additional tanks installed at existing tankhouse building
- **Capital expenditure is 55 MSEK**
- **Would cut unit costs by 4 % for the whole 256 000 tpy production**
- **Project implementation 12 months from decision**

# Zinc Smelters – Growth Projects

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# Kokkola possible expansion

- **Expansion from 280 000 tpy to 300 tpy**
- **Additional raw material need is marginal.**
- **Capital expenditure 120 MSEK**
- **Would cut cash costs by 3 %**
- **Project implementation in two steps where step one is decided and will take Kokkola to 290 tpy pace from April 2007.**

# Investment high lights

- **A project with robust good profitability down to prices below 1/3 of today's LME zinc price.**
- **A project that will reinforce Kokkola's position being one of the worlds most efficient and modern Zinc-smelters.**



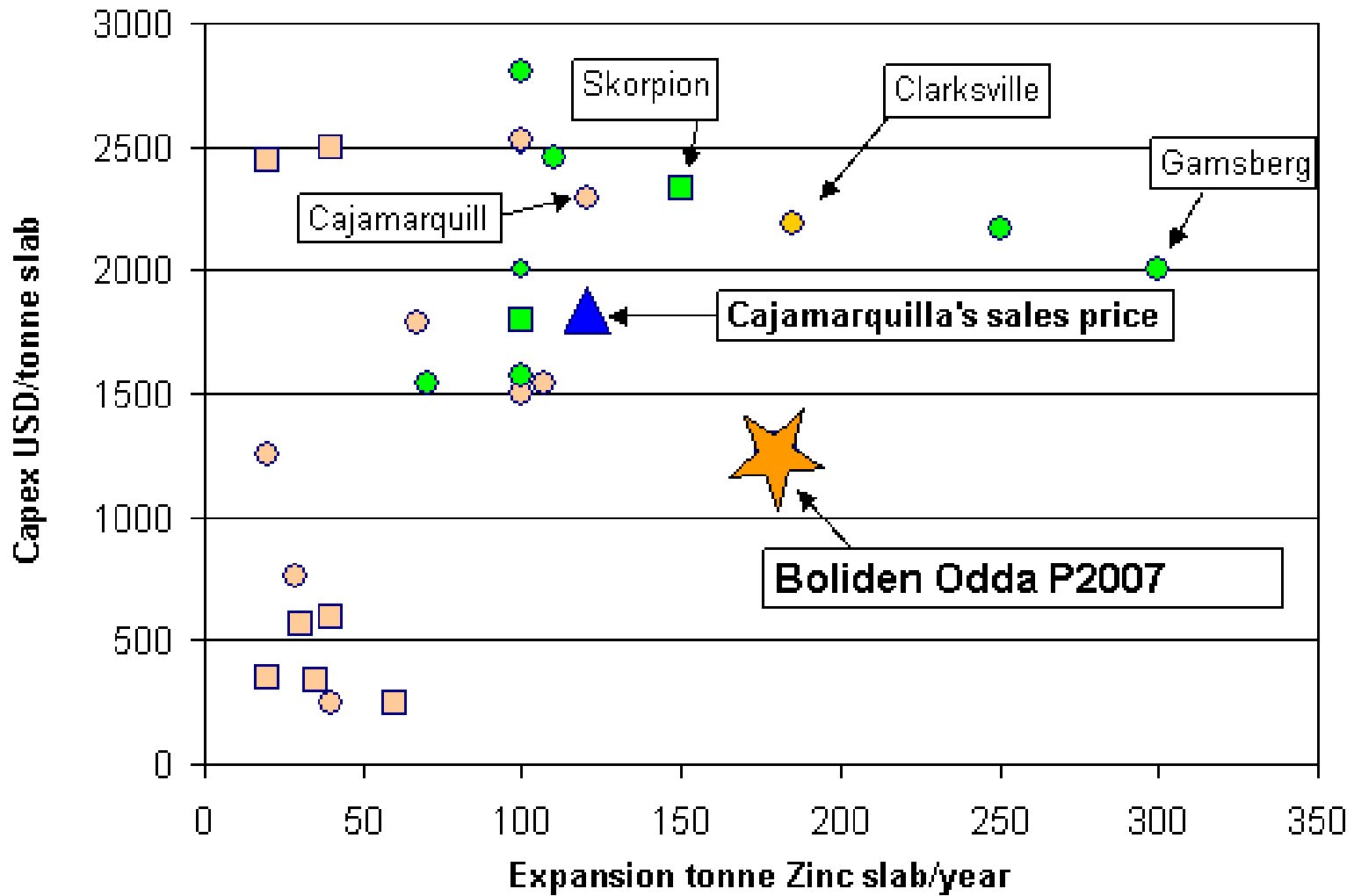
# Odda possible expansion

- **Expansion from 160 000 tpy to 340 000 tpy**
- **Additional raw material need of approximately 300 000 tpy**
  - **Commercial contracts.**
  - **Long term off-take.**
  - **Own mine expansions.**
  - **Acquisitions.**
- **Capital expenditure 2 000 MSEK**
- **Would cut cash costs by 25 %**
- **Project implementation 22 months from decision**

# Investment high lights

- **A project with robust good profitability down to prices below 1/3 of today's LME zinc price.**
- **A project with relative investment per ton that is world-class.**
- **A project that places Odda among the 15% lowest cash-cost producers.**

### Specific Capex USD/annual tonne



# Summary

- **Continued good market forecasts for Boliden's metals**
- **Strong European position**
- **Internal growth projects create competitive edge**