

The Albion Process™ at the GPM Gold Project – The success of a technology



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Outline

1. Albion Process™ technology
2. Performance of the Albion Process™ at GPM
3. Review of global installations
4. The Future for Refractory Gold Projects



1. Albion Process™ Technology

Albion Process™

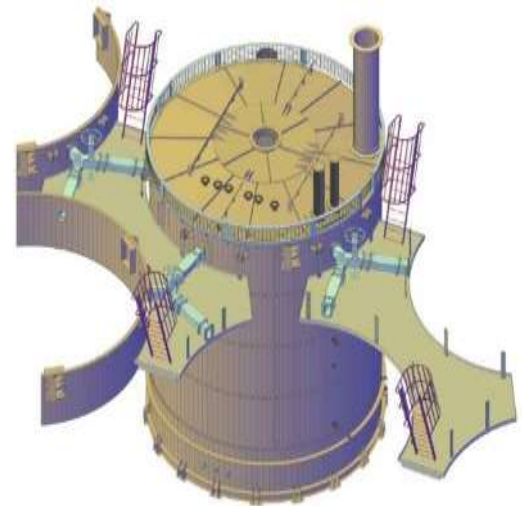
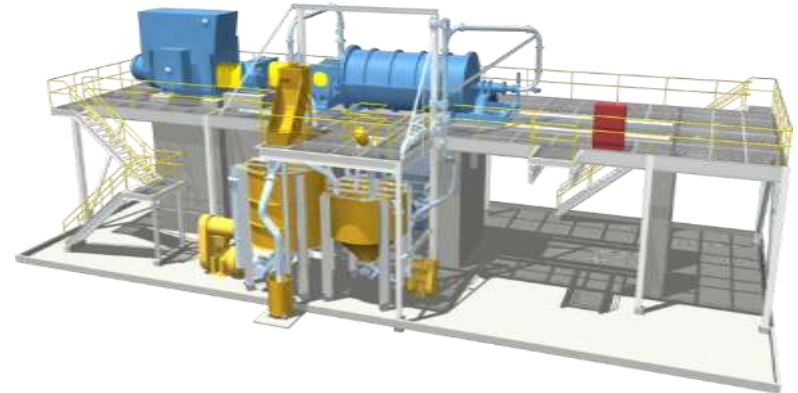
The Albion Process is a combination of mechanical and chemical liberation

- **Ultrafine grinding:**

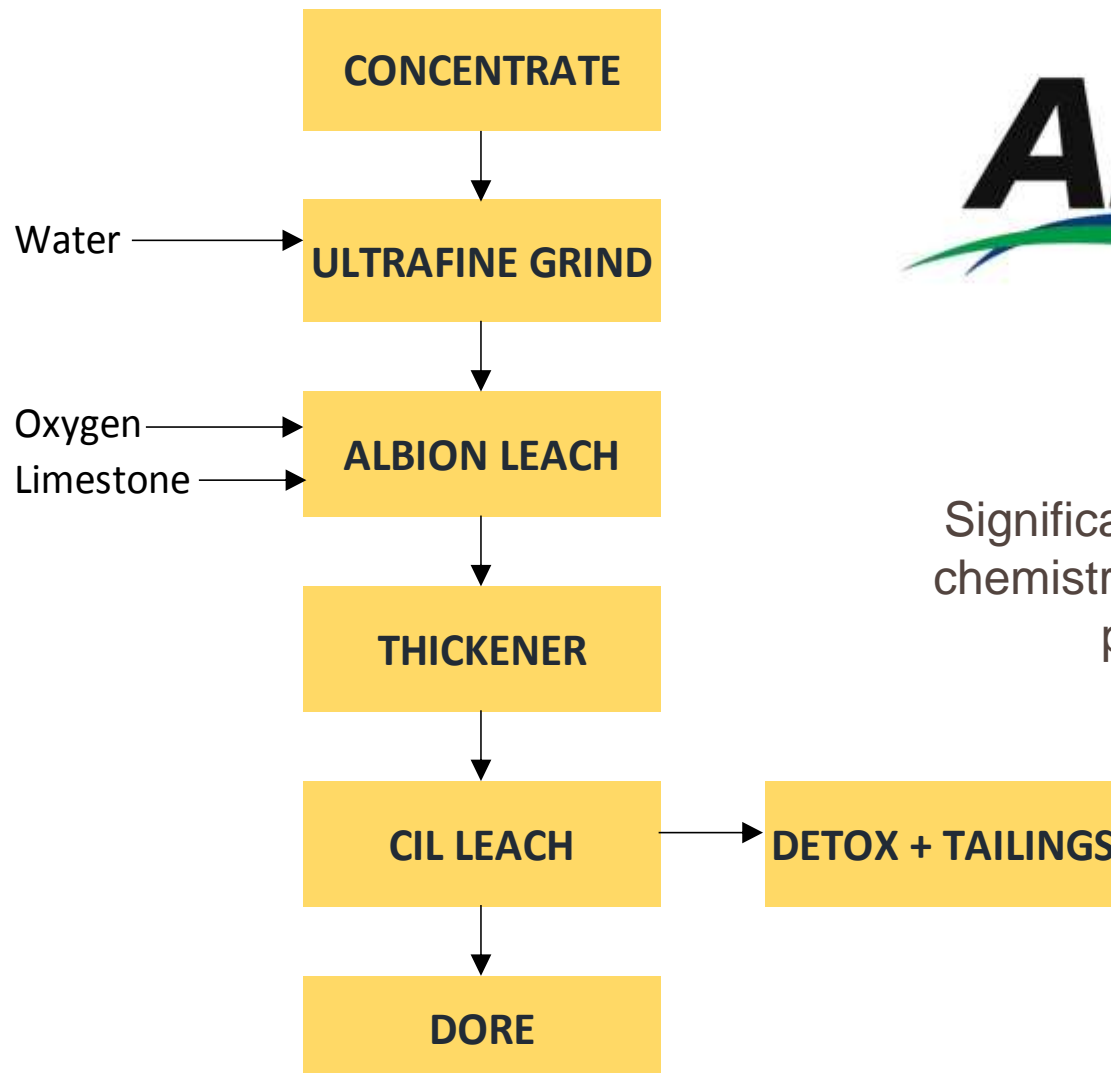
- *IsaMill™ stirred mill:*
- FeS_2 = 80 % passing 10 microns
- CuFeS_2 = 80 % passing 12 – 18 microns
- $\text{Ni}_9\text{Fe}_9\text{S}_{32}$ = 80 % passing 10 – 14 microns
- ZnS = 80 % passing 16 – 20 microns

- **Oxidative Leaching:**

- *Atmospheric pressure leach*
- *Gold Applications – pH = 5.5 (“Neutral Albion Leach”)*
- *Conventional baffled tank (Modular)*
- *Sulphate solutions - no chlorides*
- *Supersonic oxygen injection*



Gold Albion Process Flowsheet



Significant detail of Albion Process chemistry and design is available in published literature.

Albion Process™ - Low Process Risk

All components of the technology are well demonstrated:

IsaMill

- > 130 IsaMills in operation globally
- 17 mills in gold re-grind applications

Atmospheric Leach

- 6 operating Albion Process Oxidative Leach Plants
- Zinc, lead, gold and copper plants
- 700,000 tpa of sulphide concentrate currently processed

Oxygenation System

- >520 HyperSpargers installed in Albion Process and other oxidative leach applications
 - Extremely successful at high utilisation of oxygen of 90+%, above design
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2. GPM Project - Albion Process™ Plant Performance

GPM Gold – The success of a technology

The GPM Gold Project

- Armenian gold project, owned by GeoProMining LLC
- Open cut mine - 1 Mtpa ROM, 14.5 Mt reserves
- Historical grinding & flotation plant (1976) + CIL plant (1997)
- Oxide ores exhausted 2012, gold now refractory in pyrite



GPM Gold – The success of a technology

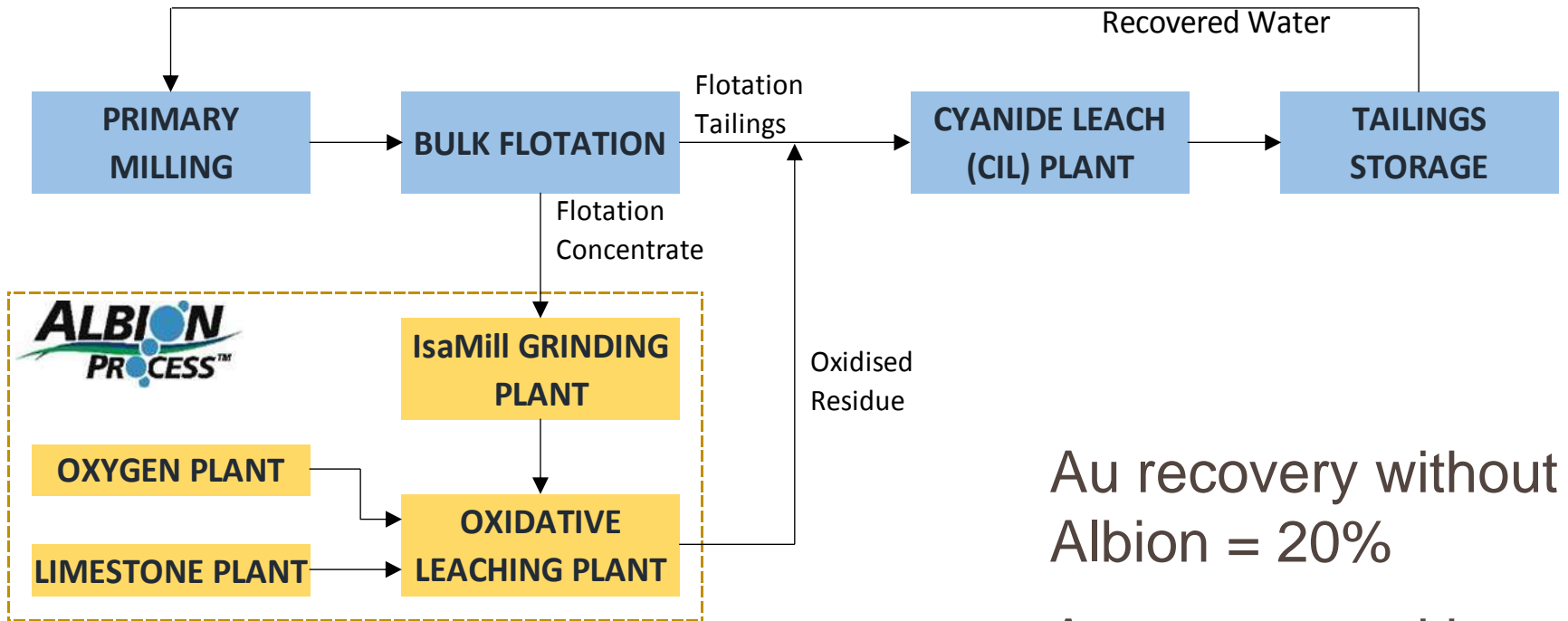
Refractory gold plant installed 2012

- Albion Process™ technology installation
- BFS and Pilot Plant completed 2011 by Core Resources
- Gold recoveries of 95%+ (up from 20% recovery without Albion Process™ treatment).
- Low skill workforce
- Plant tolerates highly variable throughput, sulphur grades and climate
- 100,000 tpa concentrate, producing 120,000 ozpa gold
- Plant production at up to 130% of nameplate design



GPM Albion Process™ Plant Performance

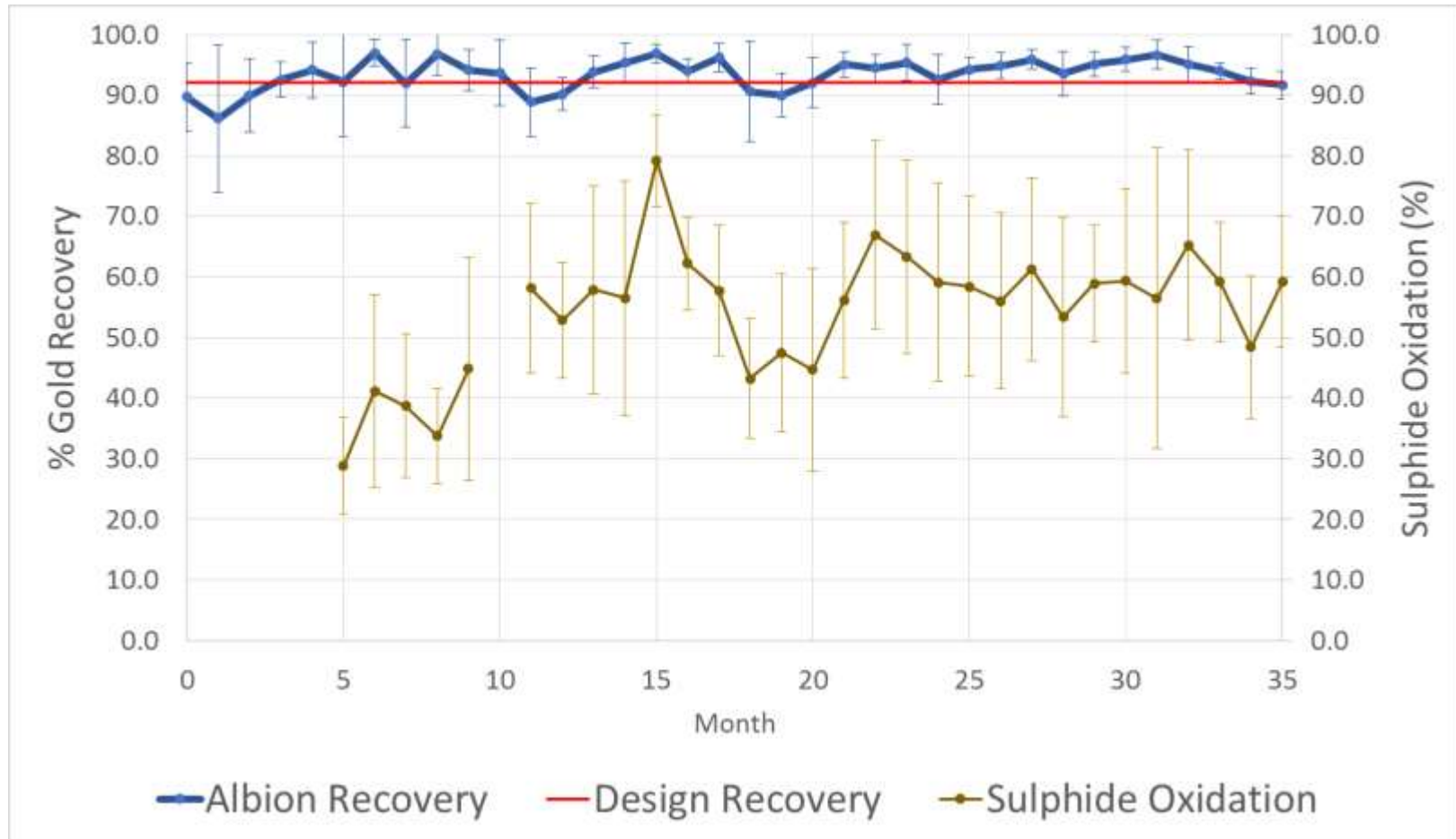
Process Plant Overview



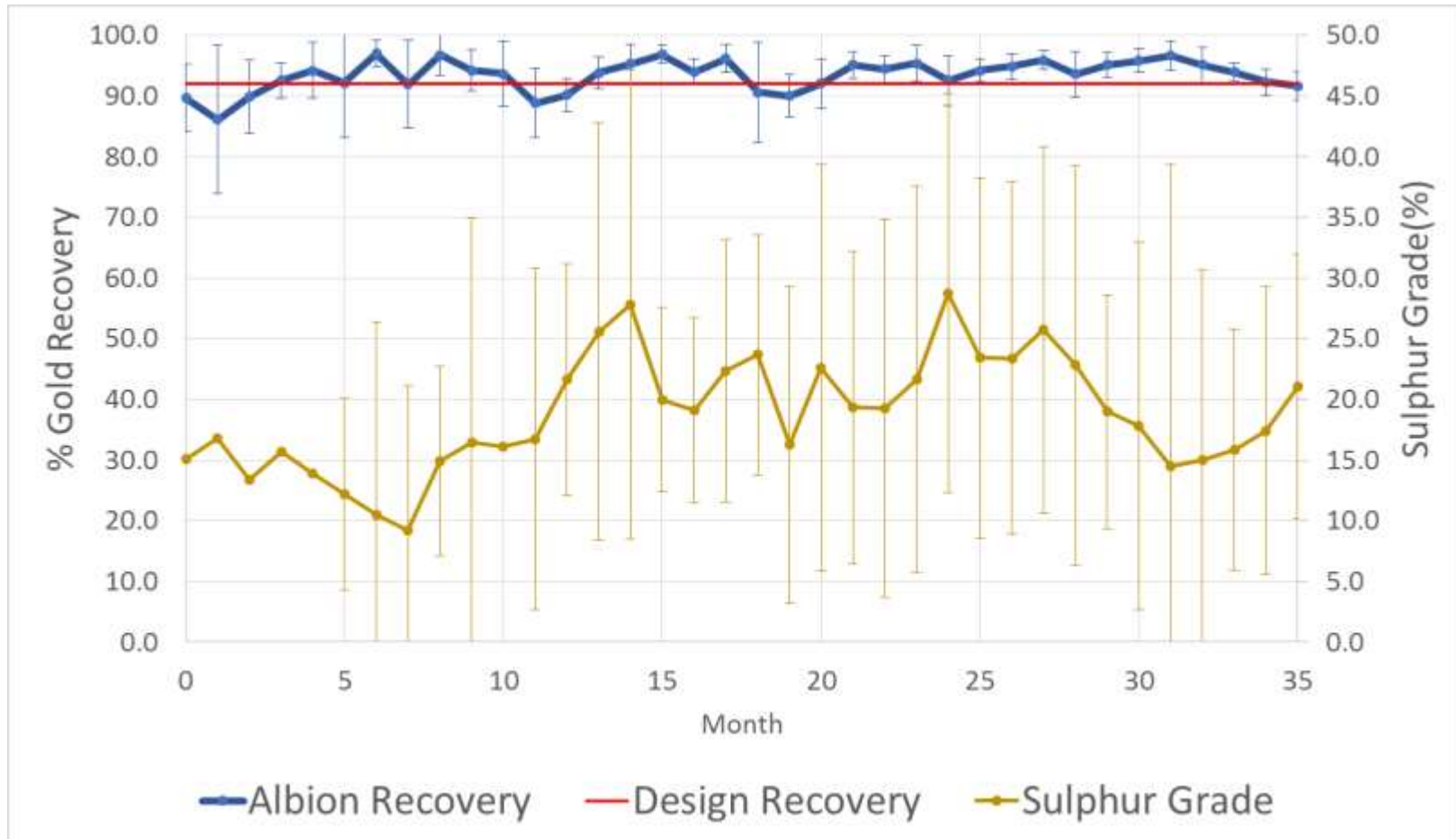
Au recovery without Albion = 20%

Au recovery with Albion = 95-98%

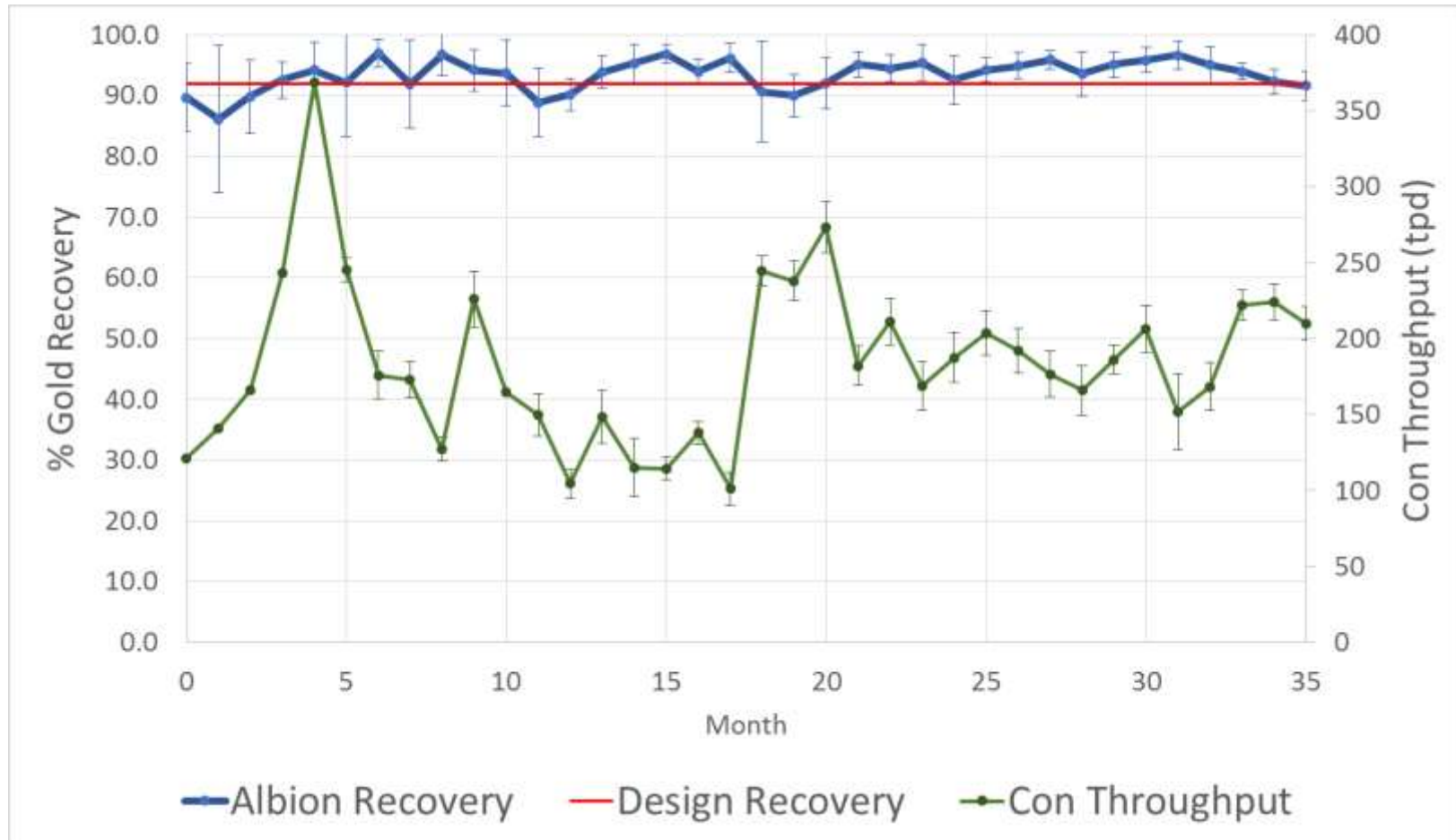
3 years of stable gold recoveries



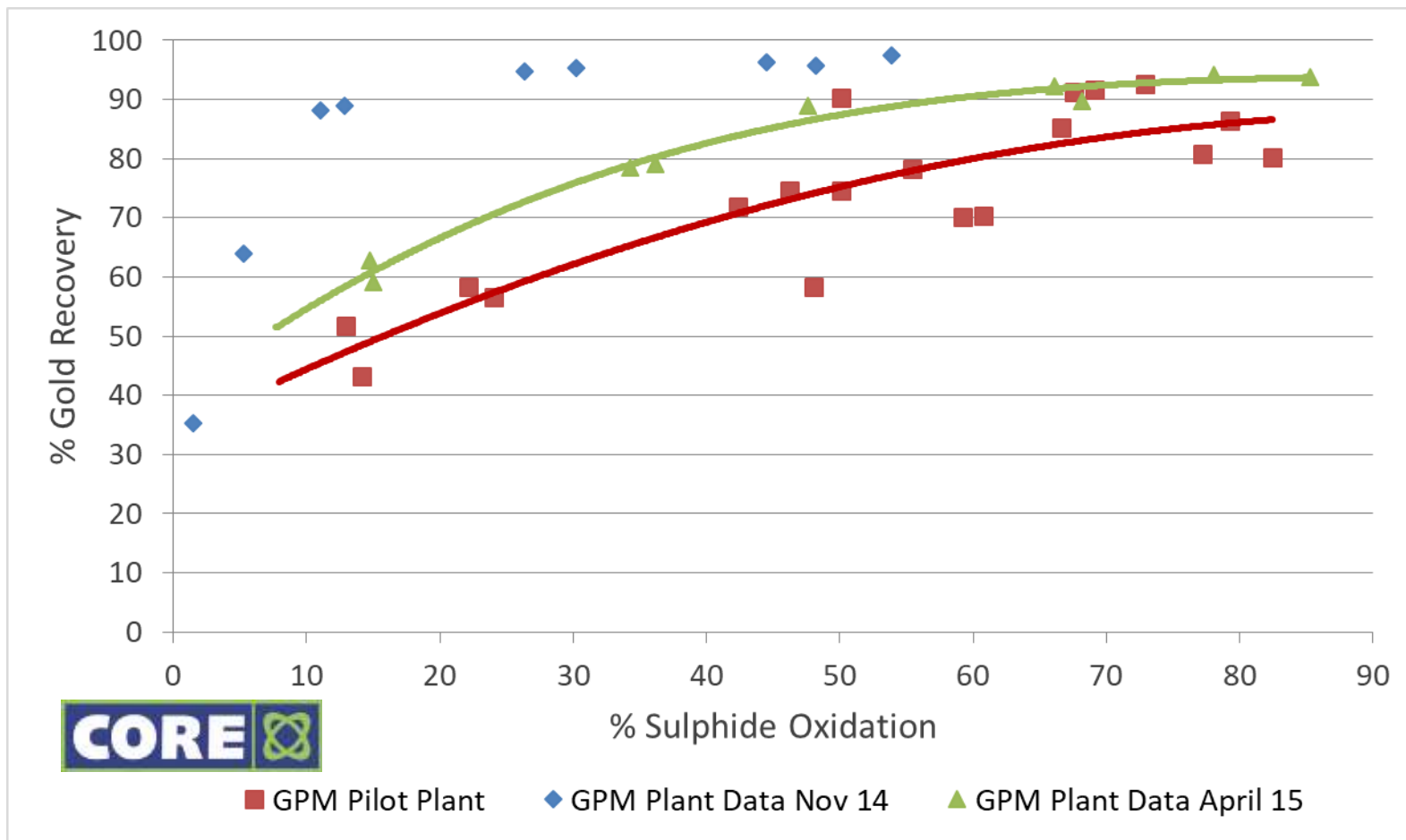
Variable Sulphur Grades (<10% to >30%)



Variable Throughput (100 – 350 tpd)



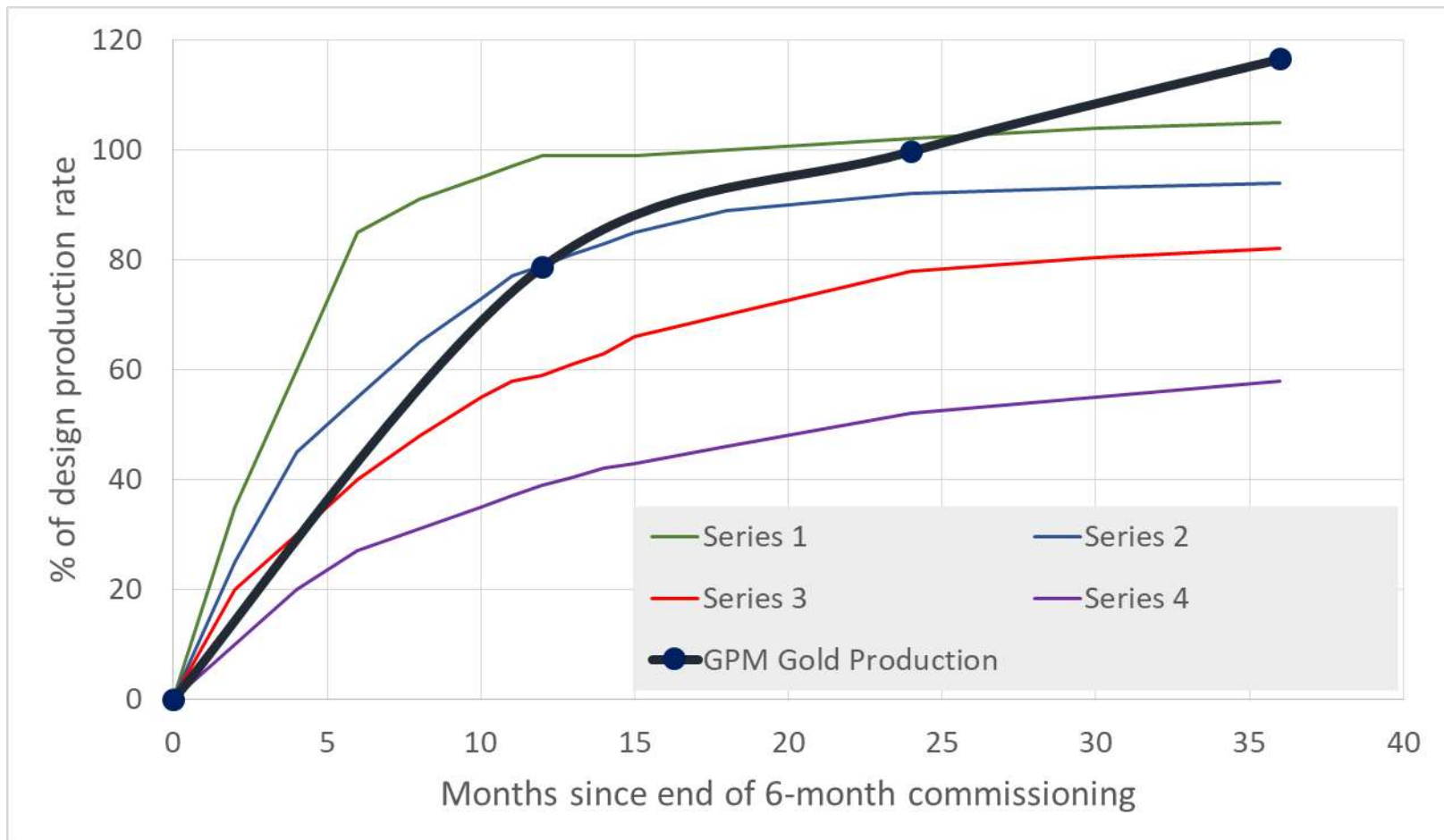
Better than Pilot Plant



GPM Ramp Up – Relative McNulty Curve



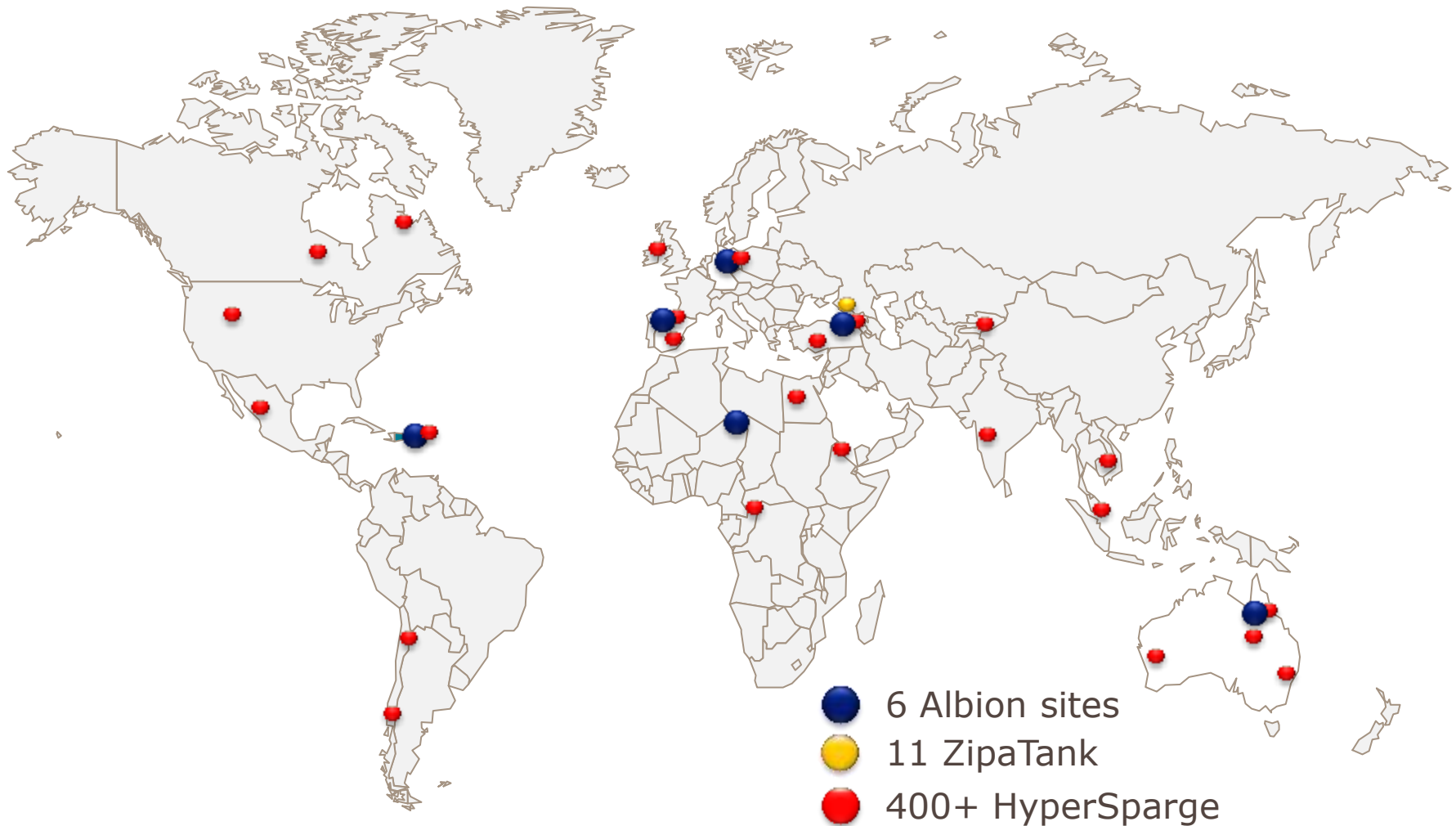
Series 1-2 Performance





3. Albion Process™ - Global Installations

Albion Process™ Installations



GPM Gold Project – Albion Process™ Plant



Oxidative Leach Circuit



M5000 IsaMill™



Limestone Grinding Plant



Commodity – Gold

Location – Armenia

Client – GeoProMining

Refractory pyrite concentrate

120,000 ozpa gold

Commissioned March 2013

Application: Recovery of precious metals from a refractory arsenic bearing deposit within the setting of a soviet era mining complex

Las Lagunas Tailings – Albion Process™ Plant



M5000 IsaMill™ being installed



HyperSpargers™ oxygen addition



First gold pour from Albion



Commodity – Gold

Location – Las Lagunas, Dominican Republic

Client – Panterra

Complex arsenopyrite/gold tailings

80,000 ozpa gold

Commissioned in 2012

Application: Albion Process required to recover gold from complex matrix in tails dam (80% recovery, up from 35%), and leave arsenic minerals inert

Copper Project – Albion Process™ Plant



Oxidative Leach Circuit



First Copper Cathode Production



Commodity – Copper

Location – Africa

Client – Confidential

Copper Concentrate

10,000 tpa copper cathode

>99 % copper recovery

Commissioning late 2017

Application: Recovery of copper and cobalt from low and medium grade concentrates in the African region

Asturiana de Zinc – Albion Process™ Plant



Oxidative Leach Circuit



Sparging systems



Commodity - Zinc

Location – Spain

Client – Glencore

Bulk lead/zinc concentrate

4,000 tpa zinc cathode

>99 % zinc recovery

Commissioned 2010

Application: Recovery of zinc from a bulk concentrate as electrowon cathode with lead and silver in residue for smelting

Nordenham – Albion Process™ Plant



Oxidative Leach Circuit



Sparging system



Commodity - Zinc
Location – Germany
Client – Glencore

Bulk lead/zinc concentrate
35,000 tpa zinc cathode
>99 % zinc recovery
Commissioned 2011

Application: Recovery of zinc
from a bulk concentrate as
electrowon cathode with lead
and silver in residue for
smelting

MRM – Albion Process™ Plant



Oxidative Leach circuit



Off Gas Scrubber



HyperSparge system



Commodity - Zinc

Location – Australia

Client – Glencore

Bulk lead/zinc concentrate

150,000 tpa of cleaned zinc concentrate

Commissioned 2014

Application: Selective oxidation of galena in a bulk concentrate to chemically liberate lead from zinc



4. The Future for Refractory Gold Projects

Demonstrated Alternative

	Albion Process™	POx
Demonstrated high recoveries	✓	✓
Demonstrated in current operations	✓	✓
Guaranteed by technology provider	✓	✓/✗
Lower capital costs	✓	✗
Simple equipment + low skills requirement	✓	✗
Short commissioning and ramp up period	✓	✗
Can treat high carbonate material	✓	✗
Tolerates variable feed rate and quality	✓	✗
High availability and low maintenance	✓	✗

Albion Process – Project Development

Study phase well defined and understood

- Scale up now well understood, less sample and testwork required to define process.
- Phase 1 – Amenability testwork and Class 5 Engineering Study (+/- 40%)
- Phase 2 – Further batch testwork and Class 4 Engineering Study
- Phase 3 – Feasibility study
- Piloting can be conducted if client requires, but not required for process guarantees.
- Study management can be provided by Core Resources (GT's laboratory and marketing partner).
- Basic engineering conducted by Glencore Technology.

Flexible project delivery model

- Can work direct to client or through engineering companies



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Albion Process – Technology Access

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Thank You.

