



Becoming the World's Leader in Producing Low Cost Green Solar Grade Silicon Metal



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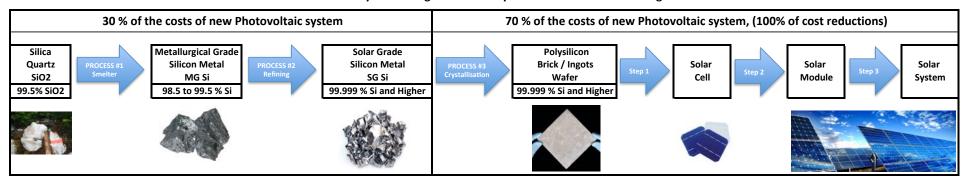
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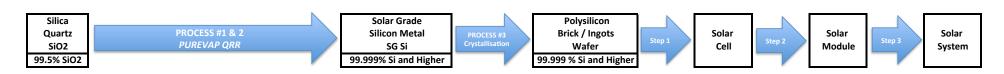
### **Investment Proposition**

#### HPQ IS DEVELOPING THE Disruptive Technology in GREEN Solar Grade Silicon Metal

Present Day Processing - Followed by Downstream Manufacturing



# HPQ PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR a one step Carbothermic Process expected to reduce production cost of Solar Grade Silicon Metal by as much as 80%





SiO<sub>2</sub> 99.0+%



Carbon





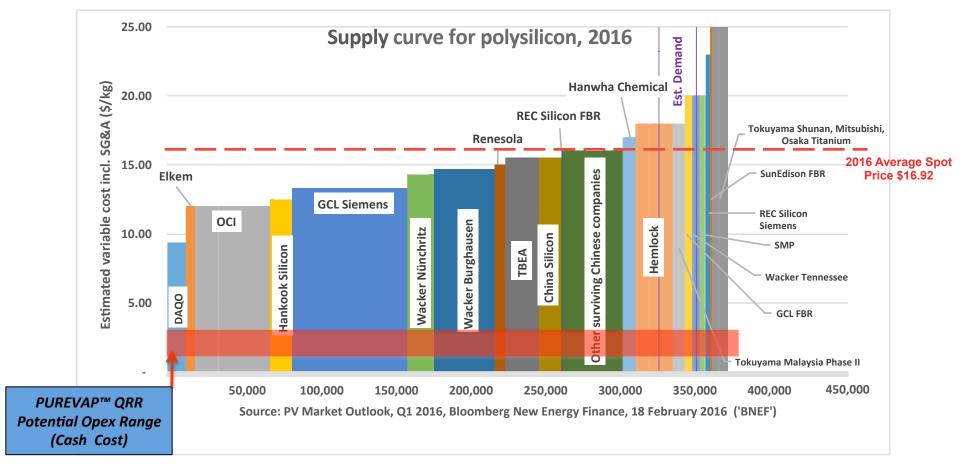
The results are radical but the science is simple!



# PUREVAP™ DISRUPTIVE POTENTIAL Cash Cost Analysis

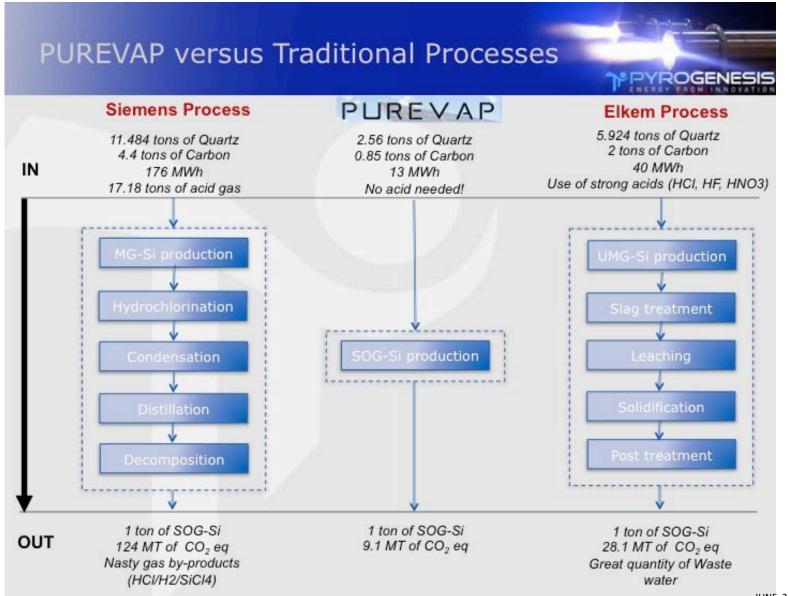
Polycrystalline Silicon Market 2016 – 2025 | © AMMS | Updated: 2 November 2016

The cost curve for SG SI (polysilicon) suggest that long-term solar-grade polysilicon price below USD 15/Kg is not feasible. HPQ and the  $PUREVAP^{TM}$  will challenge that.





# PUREVAP™ The Only Environmentally Friendly Option





## Corporate and Capital Summary

Share Price (May 29, 2017)	\$0.135	Cash and equivalent in hand \$900,00		0,000
52 Week Low	\$0.105	Cash value of warrants in the money	\$2,298,679	
52 Week High	\$0.305	Breakdown of warrants Outstanding	#	\$
Shares Outstanding:	169,469,434	\$0.07 Strike Price Warrants - Dec. 17	6,325,000	\$442,750
		\$0.07 Strike Price Warrants - Feb. 18	1,800,000	\$126,000
Warrants:	66,465,139	\$0.07 Strike Price Warrants - Jun. 18	3,915,750	\$274,103
		\$0.07 Strike Price Warrants - Aug. 18	5,959,000	\$417,130
Options:	11,650,000	\$0.07 Strike Price Warrants - Dec. 18	7,006,000	\$490,420
		\$0.10 Strike Price Warrants - Jul 17	232,769	\$23,277
Fully Diluted:	247,584,573	\$0.12 Strike Price Warrants - Feb. 19	4,375,000	\$525,000
		\$0.25 Strike Price Warrants - Jul. 18	6,200,000	-
		\$0.25 Strike Price Warrants - Dec. 18	6,448,211	-
Market Capitalization:	\$22,878,374	\$0.25 Strike Price Warrants - Feb. 19	9,411,766	-
		\$0.25 Strike Price Warrants - March. 19	2,488,234	-
		\$0.30 Strike Price Warrants - Jan. 20	8,000,000	-
Market Capitalization (FD):	1	\$0.30 Strike Price Warrants - Oct. 18	2,840,909	-
	\$33,423,917	\$0.35 Strike Price Warrants - March 18	1,462,500	-

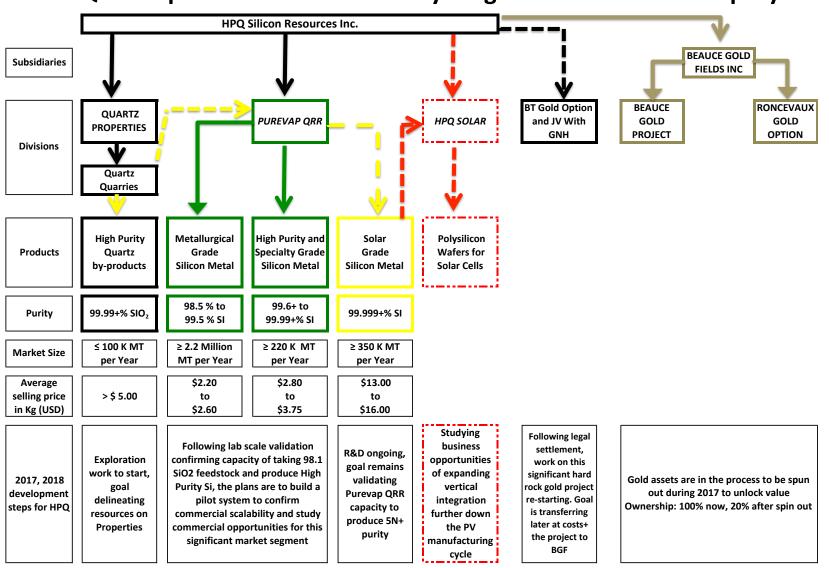
Management	Independent Director (*)	Auditors	Major Investors	
Bernard J Tourillon, BAA, MBA	Richard Mimeau, B.Sc.	Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton	Management & Board	≈ 15% ≈ 22% (FD)
Chairman, CEO and Director	Director	Transfer Agent	Key Investor Group	≈ 14% ≈ 15% (FD)
Patrick Levasseur	Peter Smith, PhD, P. Eng.		Fancamp	≈ 3% ≈ 5% (FD)
President, COO and Director	Director	Computershares	Institutions	≈ 4% ≈ 5% (FD)
,		Consultants	Taiwanese Group	≈ 2% ≈ 3% (FD)
Noelle Drapeau, LLL, MBA, PMP	Robert Robitaille, B.A., L. Ph., MBA	Marcel Drapeau, BA, B.Sc. Comm, LLL	PyroGenesis	≈ 2% ≈ 2% (FD)
Corporate Secretary and Director	Director		TOTAL	≈ 39% ≈ 51% (FD)
Francois Rivard Daryl Hodges H. BSc, M.Sc		Company Lawyer		
CFO	Director	Marc Richer-Laflèche, P. Geo, PhD		
	Director	Technical Advisor (INRS- ETE)	Debt free after	r gold spinout

<sup>\*</sup> Independent directors may receive additional compensation for project work.



## Corporate Structure and Businesses

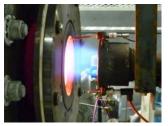
#### HPQ Silicon plans to become a vertically integrated Silicon Metal Company

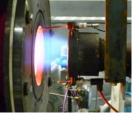


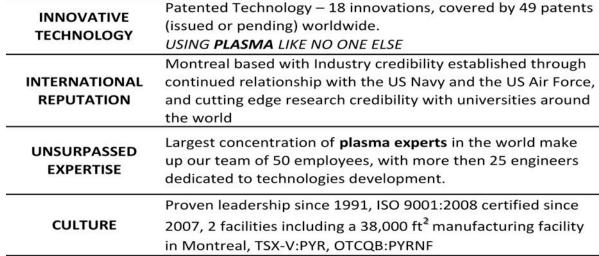


# **Outsourcing R&D And Partnering** With The Industry Leader

# PYROGENESIS











#### STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH PYROGENESIS

- PyroGenesis is developing for HPQ-Silicon's exclusive use the **PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> QRR** (Patent Pending) a 1 Step, Clean Tech process for making SG Si directly from Quartz, using a plasma submerged arc
- HPQ has acquired the intellectual property rights to the **PUREVAP™ QRR** process and will finance the development as it relates exclusively to the production of silicon metal from quartz (\*)
- PyroGenesis is building and will oversee production from a 200 TPY SG Si R&D pilot plant (Press releases August 2, 2016, September 30, 2015)

<sup>\*</sup> PyroGenesis retains a royalty-free, exclusive, irrevocable worldwide license to use the process for purposes other than the production of silicon metal from quartz JUNE 2017 - Page 8



# HPQ PUREVAP™ SCALING UP: Making Rapid Progress

### Proof of Concept Metallurgical Tests Program, Scaling up results



Thin layer of material produced during first tests

15 tests later



First nugget of Si (99.97% SI) produced during final proof of concept test (About 0.1 g)

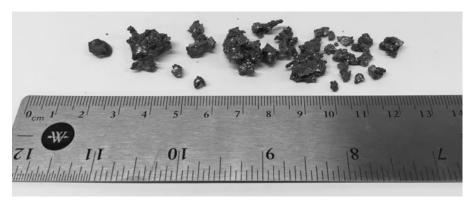
### **Process Characterization Testing Phase, Scaling up results**



Small bead produced during test #24



Series of chunks of 99.93 % Si produced during test #32 (8.8 g)



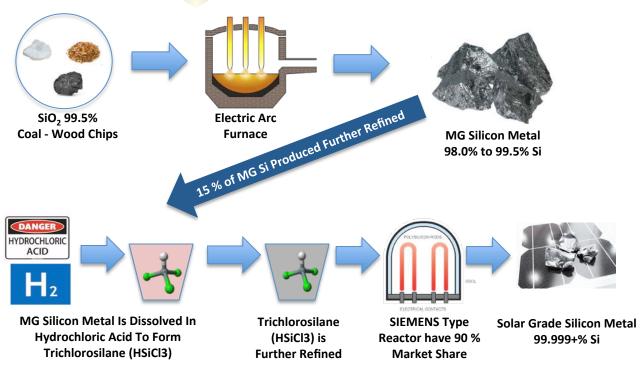
Series of chunks of 99.97 % Si produced during test #51 (8.67 g)

Modification done to the PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR have made it possible for test 51 to produce the same quantity of Si as in test #32, while using smaller batch sizes (55 wt% less)

This represent a 531% increase in Yield!



## COMPARISON of TODAY'S PROCESS and PUREVAP™



#### MG SI Key Matrix (98% to 99.5% Si)

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Market Size (Ton)} & \approx 2.2 \text{ Million Tons} \\ \text{Market Size (US\$)} & \approx 6 \text{ Billion} \\ \text{Demand Growth} & \approx 6\% \text{ CAGR} \\ \text{Price (US\$/kg)} & 2.4 \text{ to } 2.8 \\ \text{Cash Cost (US\$/kg)} & 1.75 \text{ to } 2.25 \\ \text{Capex Cost (US\$/kg)} & 7 \text{ to } 14 \\ \end{array}$ 

2015 Data (Sources CRU, Ferroglobe, Bloomberg, Viridis.oq, Roskill)

#### Solar Grade SI Key Matrix (5N and Higher)

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Market Size (Ton)} & \approx 350 \text{ K Tons} \\ \text{Market Size (US$)} & \approx 5 \text{ Billion} \\ \text{Demand Growth} & \approx 15\% \text{ CAGR} \\ \text{Price (US$$/kg)} & 12.80 \text{ to } 15.67 \\ \text{Cash Cost (US$$/kg)} & 12.0 \text{ to } 17.0 \\ \text{Capex Cost (US$$/kg)} & 75 \text{ to } 100 \\ \end{array}$ 

2015 Data (Sources CRU, GTW, IEEE JOURNAL OF PHOTOVOLTAICS, VOL. 5, NO. 2, MARCH 2015, Bloomberg)

#### PUREVAP™ Quartz Reduction Reactor

A Proprietary (Patent Pending) One-step Process To Make Solar Grade Silicon Metal



SiO<sub>2</sub> 99.5% Carbon



**"ELEGANT IN ITS SIMPLICITY"** 



Solar Grade Silicon Metal "Polysilicon" 99.999 + % Si

#### **PUREVAP Process Key Working Matrix**

Combine Market Size (Ton) >2.7 Million Tons
Combine Market Size (US\$) > 11 Billion

Demand Growth >10 % CAGR

Cash Cost (US\$/kg) 1.75 to 2.25

Capex Cost (US\$/kg) 7 (2 K TPY Reactor)

Capex Cost (US\$/kg) 4 (10 K TPY Reactor)

Capex Cost Sources from PyroGenesis Canada Rough Order of Magnitude Study, (Capex and Opex numbers to be refine after Pilot Plant start operation)

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# PUREVAP™ DISRUPTIVE POTENTIAL Capex Analysis

**PUREVAP**<sup>TM</sup> **QRR** US\$18.5 CapEx per kg of annual capacity matrix at Pilot Plant phase demonstrate <u>the disruptive potential of the technology</u>

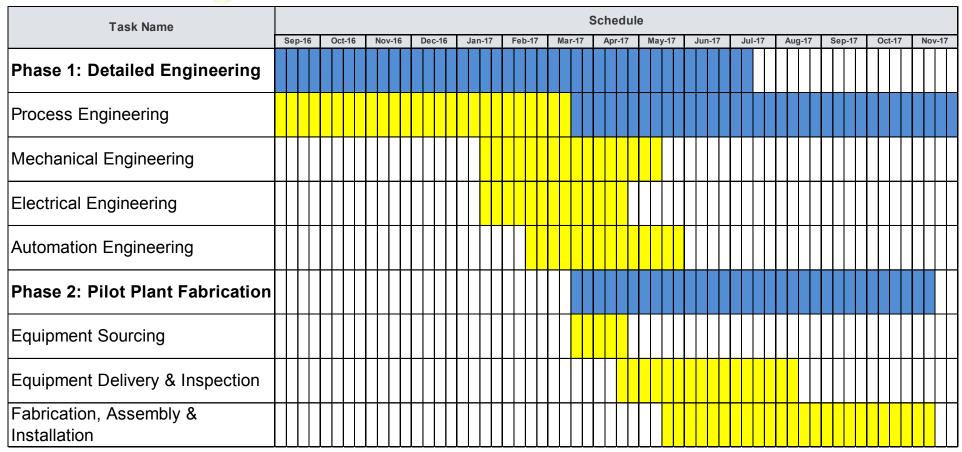
			Capital Cost Per Technologies Available To Produce SG Si Material (all \$ values in USD)				
		EXISTING TECHNOLOGY			<b>NEW TECHNOLOGY</b>	HPQ TECHNOLOGY	
Technologies	Feed Material	Siemens HC	Siemens Hyper Pure	FBR Reactor with Silane	Silicor Aluminum Solvent Refining	PUREVAP QRR R&D Pilot Plant	PUREVAP QRR Commercial plant
Capable of Transforming	Si02 to					Solar Grade Si	Solar Grade Si
Capable of Upgrading	MG Si to	Solar Grade Si (4N - 6N)	Electronic Grade Si (8N - 9N)	Solar Grade Si (5N - 6N)	Solar Grade Si (6N - 7N)		
Number of effective competitors		7			1		1
Key Capex matrix							
Minimum Capacity Requirement (MT)		6,500			19,000	200	10,000
Cap Ex per Kg of annual installed capacity (US\$/kg)		70 (U.S.) 45 (China)	100 (U.S.) 75 (China)	100 (U.S.) 75 (China)	35	18	4
Capital Cost requirements (US\$ million)		455 (U.S.) 292 (China)	650 (U.S.) 488 (China)	650 (U.S.) 488 (China)	665	4	38
SOURCES: IEEE JOURNAL OF PHOTOVOLTAICS, VOL. 5, NO. 2, MARCH 201		. 2, MARCH 2015	Silicor Materials	PyroGenesis Canada Inc (PR August 2, 2016)	Rough Order of Magnitude Study by PyroGenesis		

### Following Pilot Scale Validation of the *PUREVAP™ QRR* process;

 The goal will be to move to a commercial phase, with an objective of building capacity capable of producing 20,000 TPY of SG Si within 5-7 years



## **Design and Pilot Plant Fabrication Schedule**



Phase 3: Hot commissioning of Pilot Plant schedule from Nov 2017

Phase 4: Testing and Operating Pilot Plant schedule from March 2018



## PUREVAP™ PILOT PLANT: CAPITAL NEEDS, TIMING

# The total cost to purchase and commission the *PUREVAP*<sup>TM</sup> *QRR* Pilot Plant and related Intellectual Property is CDN\$8,260,000 to be invested between 08/2016 en 12/2018:

- \$ 1,000,000 for purchase of the related Intellectual Property (Completed)
- \$ 4,430,000 for design, fabrication, assembly, and testing (\$3,190,200 Completed, \$1,239,800 by Nov-2017)
- \$ 520,000 for hot commissioning of the pilot system (To be paid From Dec-2017 to Feb-2018)
- \$ 2,310,000 for testing and operating the pilot system during 10 months (To be paid From March to Dec-2018)

#### The Projected Cash call over the next 24 months are:

- \$1,499,800 for 2017, (To be paid From October 2017 to December 2017)
- \$2,570,000 for 2018

#### **HPQ Silicon funding advantages:**

- The project is eligible for government funding (Provincial and Federal) for 55% to 80% of the cost
  - Discussion with both levels of Government are ongoing, but approvals are only expected during Q3 2017
- Over CDN\$ 2,300,000 worth of warrants are in the money, majority in friendly hands
- The acquisition of PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> Intellectual property opens up additional options for financing because investors want to see direct control over the key intellectual property
- Management is exploring several likely non dilutive paths for financing the Pilot Plant
  - If the shares prices exceed \$C0.40, then over CDN\$ 11,2 Million could be raised via warrant exercises
- HPQ will be entitled to R&D research credits worth about 14% of the CDN\$7,260,000 investment



### HPQ – PUREVAP™ RAW MATERIAL

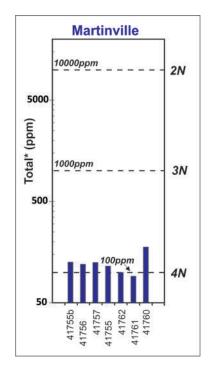
- *HPQ-Silicon* is the largest holder of High Purity Quartz properties in Quebec, with over 3,500 Ha under claims
- The Roncevaux High Purity Quartz, with it up to 3N purity (99.9%  ${\rm SiO_2}$ ) samples is in high demand, and has successfully passed rigorous testing protocols of a major silicon metal producer

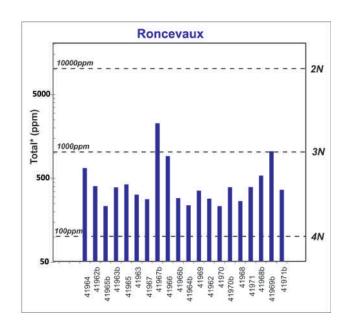
The Martinville High Purity Quartz is unique and rare with samples up to 4N purity

 $(99.99\% SiO_2)$ 







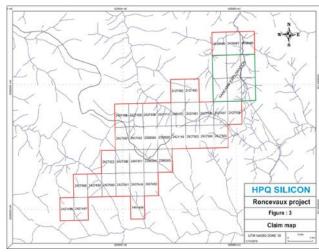


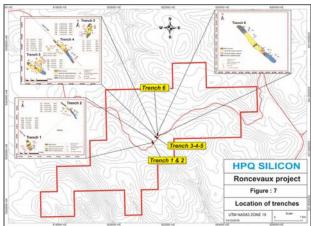


#### HPQ VERTICAL INTEGRATION STRATEGY

# Plans Are To Establish HPQ Quarry Operations in order to meet our Raw Material Requirement For Future *PUREVAP™ QRR* Plants.

- For 2017, HPQ plans on developing the Roncevaux Quartz Potential:
  - Key goal, delineating a significant resource
- A Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), based on the fact that the PUREVAP<sup>™</sup> QRR process is the only process in the world that can transform 98.1% SiO<sub>2</sub> into 99.9+% Si will be undertaken in 2018
- Until its completion, all our financial models will be based on purchasing the raw High Purity Quartz required for the plants, in the open market at market prices
- Upon successful start of quarry operations on Roncevaux, HPQ Silicon will be a fully integrated Silicon Metal Producer







# Why Invest in HPQ Now?

# HPQ Is Canada's Only Public Pure Play Investment In the Lucrative Solar Grade Silicon Market

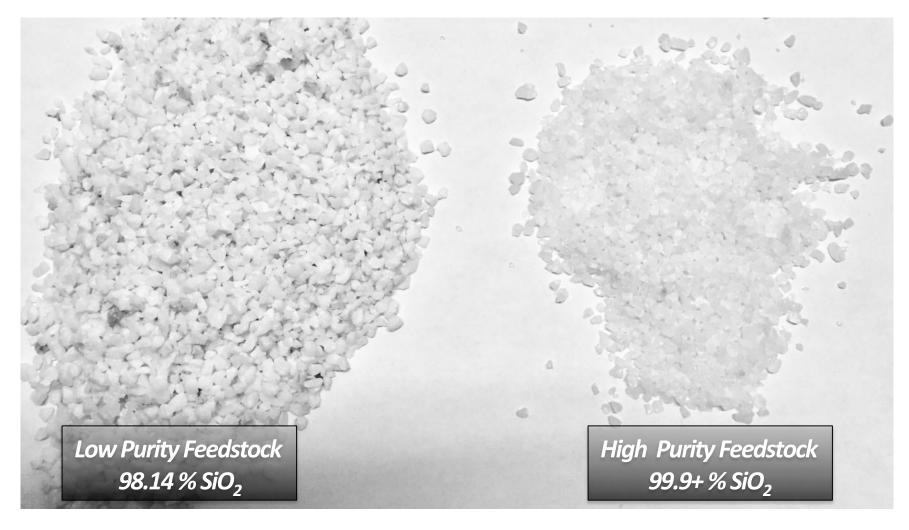
HPQ Silicon proven bench test success now graduating to Pilot Plant

### HPQ PUREVAP™ Proprietary disruptive technology:

- Low Opex, Low Capex, Minimal Carbon Footprint and Environmentally friendly
  - Less than 20% of the Industry's cash cost,
  - 5% of Industry Capex, and
  - Estimated 75% reduction in carbon footprint
  - No Nasty by-products (Hydrochloric acid(HCI)/H2/Silicon Tetrachloride (SiCI4))
- 200 TPY Pilot Plant almost completed and talking to potential industry partners
- The only one step process in the world that can take low quality feedstock (98.1% SiO<sub>2</sub>) and produce High Purity Silicon Metal (99.97% Si)



# Appendix: Supporting Slides (slides 17 - 23)



**PUREVAP**<sup>TM</sup>

"Feedstock Flexibility: A Visible Advantage"



#### SIMPLE PUREVAP<sup>TM</sup> 1-STEP PROCESS

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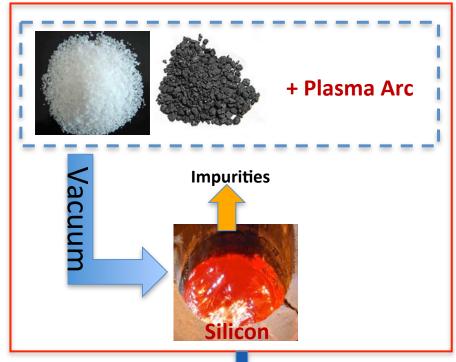
#### **Quartz Reduction Reactor**

- Quartz reduction with carbon using plasma submerged arc
- Silicon refining under vacuum to remove impurities

#### **Vacuum Arc Furnace**

- Reaching very low air pressure level
  - √ (m bar)
- Very high temperature plasma arc
  - √ +3500 degC
- Resulting in vaporized impurities before
   Si can vaporize
  - ✓ P, K, Mg, Zn, Ca, Mn, Pb, Al, Fe, etc

#### **ONE STEP**







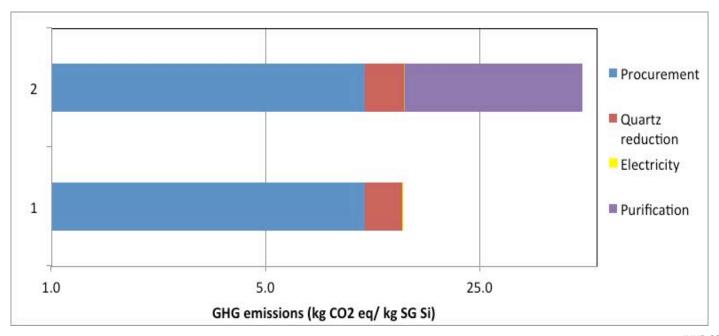
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## **Carbon Footprint 75% Lower Than Conventional Process.**

The *PUREVAP™ QRR* process is estimated to generate 14.1 kg CO2 eq/Kg SG Si;

The Siemens process (the industry standard) normally generates 54.0 kg CO2 eq/Kg SG Si of emissions.\*

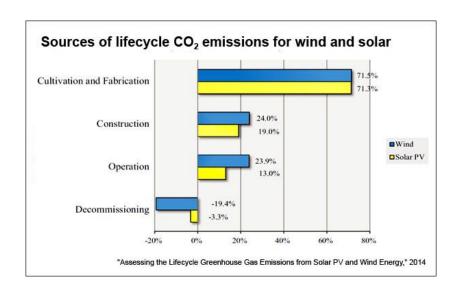
• This represents 75% fewer greenhouse gas emissions, which is justified by elimination of the emissions emanating from the use of chemicals, as well as, energy consumption from the additional purification step.



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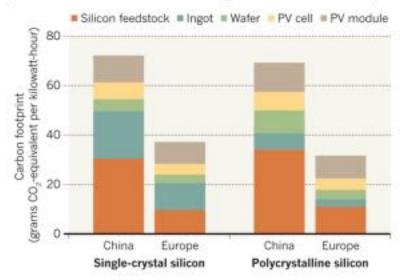
# PUREVAP™ Environmentally Competitive Advantage



Traditional process of transforming quartz in solar grade silicon metal represent the biggest contributing source to the lifecycle of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for solar energy

#### SOLAR POWER'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

The carbon dioxide emissions created when photovoltaic (PV) solar panels are made in China are twice as high as for those made in Europe.



China's coal intensive electricity grid means that making silicon solar panels there – although Cheaper – leaves a carbon footprint almost twice as large as that making it in Europe.

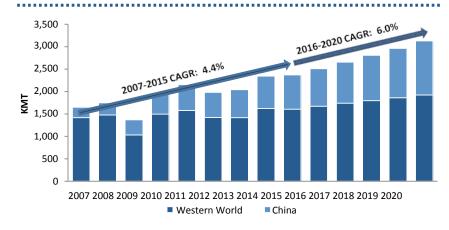
Source: Study led by Fengqi You at Northwestern University (Nature V 510, 19 June 2014)

ADVANTAGE PUREVAP $^{\text{M}}$  GOING FORWARD, AS MORE AND MORE SOLAR PRODUCER WILL BE ASK TO CONSIDER THE LIFECYCLE CO $_2$  FOOTPRINT OF THEIR PROJECTS

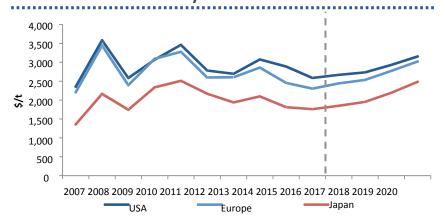


#### GROWING METALLURGICAL GRADE SILICON METAL MARKET

# Growth in MG Si Consumption Expected to Accelerate from Historical Levels



# Rising MG Si Demand Expected to Drive Price Recovery in 2017-2020



Source: CRU 2015, Ferroglobe

Note: Silicon consumption, pricing, and capacity data are from CRU.

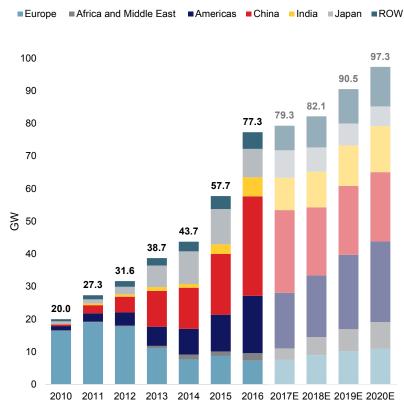
- MG Si 2015 consumption was 2.2 Million Tons;
  - > \$US 6 billion in worldwide sales
- Demand is expected to grow at 6.0% CAGR from 2016 – 2020
- CRU forecasts a 2017-2020 price recovery for MG Si driven by rising MG Si demand
- In 2015, 15 % of Global MG Si (98.5% Si) production was further refined to Solar Grade Si (SG Si, or "Polysilicon") at 99.999% (5N) purity
  - 350 K Tons of SG Si was sold in 2015 (≈ \$US 5Billion)
- Growth will be largely driven by the growing demand for Solar Grade (SG) Si (Polysilicon) material to be used in Photovoltaic (PV) solar panels
- Each Watt (W) of energy produced by a PV solar system demands ≈ 5 gr of SG Si
- GTM Research estimates that Installed PV demand to growth 15 % - 23 % annually, representing about 10 Gigawatt (GW) per year
- Significant SG Si Deficit are forecast from 2017 on as Gigawatt (GW) produce with Solar panels increases



### Very Strong Growth in PV Demand

- China still most important market, but reduced installations in coming years
- India and other emerging markets continue to grow
- Long term market outlook is increasingly geographically diversified

#### PV Installations by Region



Results based on IHS Markit, Technology Group, PV Demand Market Tracker, Q4 2016. This data is not an endorsement of REC Silicon. Any reliance on the results are at the third party's own risk. Visit www.technology.ihs.com for more details

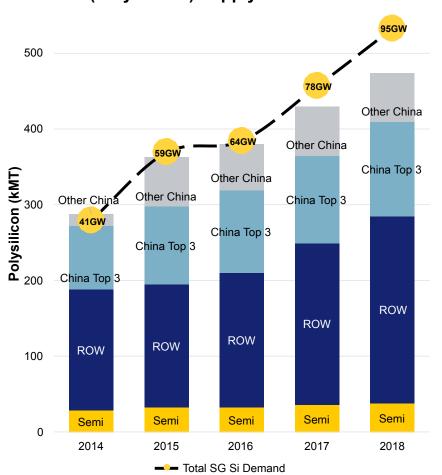
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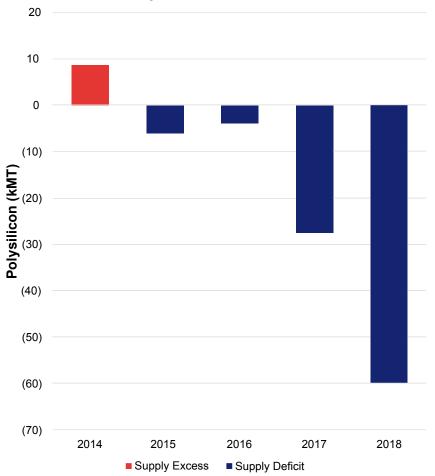


## Low SG Si (Polysilicon) Production Limiting PV Growth





#### SG Si (Polysilicon) Market Balance Forecast







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