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# **SOLARPACK-** Company Profile

#### **Company Overview**

- Started operations in 2005 in Spain
- 60 highly specialized professionals
- 79 MW own developed and built
- 160 MW under management
- 25 MW under construction
- 300 MW pipeline under development

#### **Business Model and Activities**

- Development
- Engineering
- Financial structuring (project finance)
- Construction
- Operation and Maintenance
- Project Management and consulting

#### **Global Presence**



- Modules: poly, mono, thin film, CPV, CIGS...
- Average performance: +9,9% over BC
- Average availability: 99,54%



# **SOLARPACK-** Plants under operation or construction

Project	Location	Power DC	Year	Financing
Isla Mayor	Spain	8,4 MW	2007	Santander
Lebrija	Spain	3,84 MW	2008	Santander
Llerena 1	Spain	4,8 MW	2008	Barclays
Llerena 2	Spain	4,1 MW	2007	Barclays
Ampliación Isla Mayor	Spain	0,5 MW	2008	Barclays
Tejeda de Tietar	Spain	5,8 MW	2011	Industrial Group
Guijo de Coria	Spain	6,2 MW	2011	Triodos
Calama Solar 3	Chile	1,1 MW	2012	IDB-Proparco
Tacna Solar	Peru	22 MW	2012	OPIC
Panamericana Solar	Peru	21 MW	2012	OPIC
Pozo Almonte	Chile	25 MW	2013	IDB-Proparco



# **SOLARPACK-** Variety of environments











### Why solar and mining succeed in Chile? PV needs Wh

- Solar Resource
- Land availability
- Interconnection
- Opened Electrical market
- Support for renewables
- Long term PPAs
- Good macro economic conditions
- Long term financing/ Low WACC
- Small gap LCOE vs. spot prices
- Legal security
- Transparency
- Custom duties, taxation etc.
- Cultural and language barriers

- What Chile offers
- > 6,500 Wh/m2 daily average
- >100,000 km2 of desert
- Extensive electrical grid & load
- Open access for interconnection
- 5%-10% from NCRE
- Free clients → Bilateral PPAs
- Solid economic growth
- USD financing → > 15 years
- Relatively high electricity prices
- Good environment for investment
- Administration is very transparent
- Trade agreements main countries
- Opened to international business

POLITICAL

TECHNICAL

REGULATORY

ECONOMIC



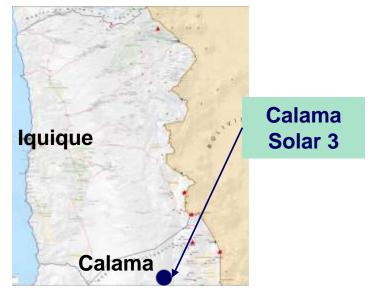
# Calama Solar 3: 1<sup>st</sup> PPA Experience

#### **Project Description**

- 1.1 MWdc
- Avoids emissions of c. 2,152 tons of CO2
- Calama (Chile)
- On line since April 2012
- Off taker CODELCO
- Owner, EPC and O&M: Solarpack



#### Project Location



#### Key features

- Polycristaline silicon modules
- 1 axis horizontal trackers
- R&D area with CIGS, thin film and CPV
- Performing in excess of forecasts

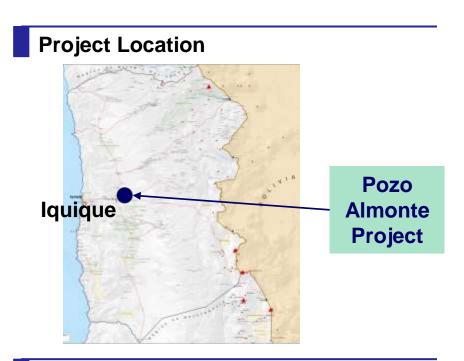


# Pozo Almonte projects: 1<sup>ST</sup> PPA tender experience

### **Project Description**

- 25.4 MWdc
- Pozo Almonte (Chile)
- Development started in 2009
- July 2012: PPA awarded by Collahuasi
- Supply of 60 GWh of electricity per year (- 48,000 tons of CO2)
- Owner, EPC and O&M: Solarpack





### Key features

- Polycristaline silicon modules
- 1 axis horizontal trackers
- R&D area in Puerto Patache
- On line in 4Q 2013



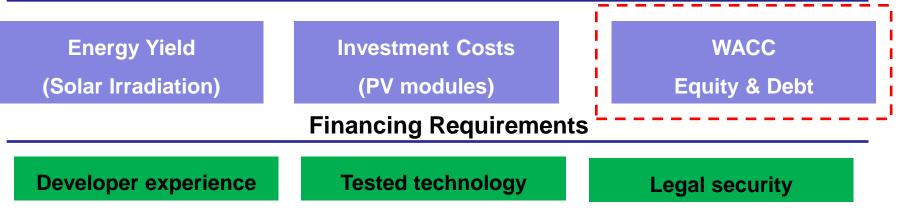
# **Solar PV Project Finance Requirements**

#### **Description and Target**

- Highly capital intensive projects → 60-75% of the total costs due to construction capex
- Low operating expenses → 75-85% EBITDA margins
- Predictable production → predictable cash flows → high leverage → competitive WACC

**Competitive tariff (low LCOE)** 

### **Economic Drivers**



**Predictable Cash Flows: PPA with long term bancable offtaker** 



# Mining Industry Energy Supply Requirements

### **Requirements met by PV**

- Competitive prices → solar PV now in the range of 100 USD/MWh
- Low uncertainty → PV has very predictable production → energy hedge
- Energy diversification and independence
- Clean generation and mitigation of environmental impact
- Positive social/economic impact in region → Value stays local

#### Other requirements: Constant supply...

- PV does not meet this at a competitive price yet...
- However:
  - Predictable production allows to plan well ahead and match PV supply with other traditional power contracts

#### No need to reinvent the wheel! COLLAHUASI has matched PPA contracts and

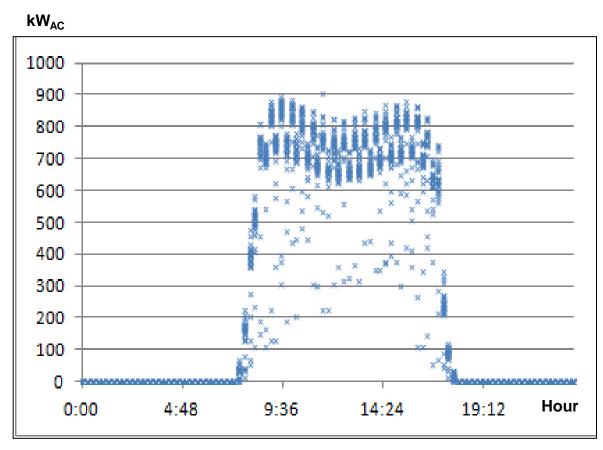
will save c. USD 20 m in 20 years



### **No Power Guarantee but Predictable Curve**

### **Daily Production Curves for Calama (Jul 2013)**

Worst case scenario (july) shows the profile below





Facts

- Real production > forecast
- Wind & low humidity: ↓ cleaning
- No firm power but\*:
  - 100%-90%: 18% time
  - 90%-80%: 28% time
  - 80%-70%: 52% time



# Many Ways of Implementation

### Description

Deres	Energy sold: Grid Op. or direct		<ul> <li>Non-recourse financing</li> </ul>		
Pure	"Take or Pay" with or wo max Q		<ul> <li>Stable purchase price</li> </ul>		
PPA	<ul> <li>Fixed price in USD indexed CPI</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>No upfront investment from minin</li> </ul>		
	Hedge between a fixed USD PPA		Those in Pure PPA and		
PPA	price and spot prices in market		Ease to match conventional PPAs		
Swap			<ul> <li>But Buyer needs spot exposure</li> </ul>		
EPC	<ul> <li>Plant owned by mining co.</li> <li>Turnkey, fixed price EPC contract</li> <li>Performance guarantees</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Tax benefits</li> <li>Lower energy price if WACC mining co. is lower than IPP</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Different options to supply solar energy to mining co.</li> <li>Quality in development + engineering + construction + O&amp;M is key</li> <li>Challenge of financing the asset requires highly experienced Sponsors and</li> </ul>					

**Contractors** 

### Advantage

- -recourse financing
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