

# **Smelter Gross Profit Drivers**

Capital Markets Day November 23rd 2012

Karl Söderberg
Director Finance, Boliden Smelters



2012-11-23

# **Gross profit Components**

## Treatment charge (TC)

calculated/based on Dry Metric Ton (dmt) of raw material

## Refining charge (RC)

 calculated/based on pound of payable metal in for copper (oz for gold and silver)

#### Free metal

the difference between recovered metal and payable metal

#### Premium

paid above LME price for finished products

### By-products

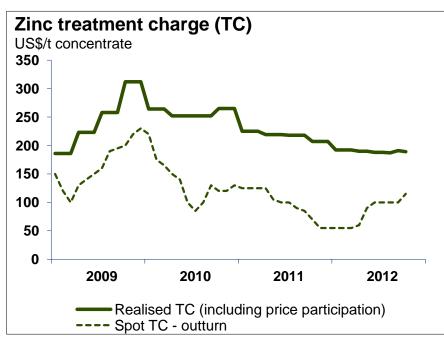
Sulpuric acid, Aluminium flouride, Ni- sulphate Cu- sulphate, Selenium etc.

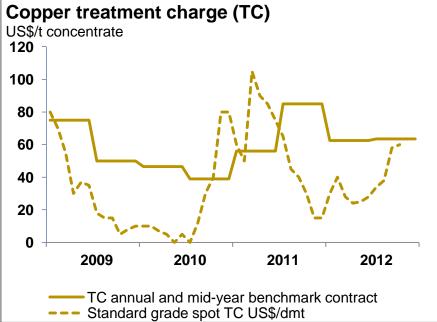
Raw material driven



# Treatment Charge (TC) & Refining Charge (RC)

- Paid by miners to smelters for converting raw material to metal
- Negotiated annually between miners and smelters
- Drivers
  - Supply & demand
  - Quality
  - Metal price (price escalators for zinc)





Source: © CRU (www.crugroup.com)

## Free metal

- Free metal is the difference between produced (recovered) metal and payable metal
- Drivers
  - Contract terms (payables)
  - Process recovery in Smelter
  - Metal price

## Typical payables & recoveries

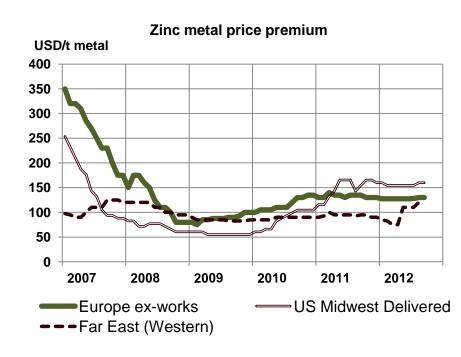
|            | Cu    | Au     | Ag      | Zn       |
|------------|-------|--------|---------|----------|
| Payable    | 96,6% | 95,0%* | 90,0%** | 85,0%*** |
| Recovery   | 97,5% | 99,0%  | 98,0%   | 97,0%    |
| Free metal | 0,9%  | 4,0%   | 8,0%    | 12,0%    |

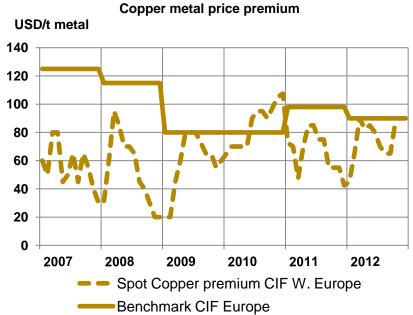
- \* subject to 1 gram minimum deduction (20 g/mt)
- \*\* subject to 30 gram minimum deduction (300g/mt)
- \*\*\* subject to 8%-units minimum deduction (53,33%)



## **Premiums**

- The value of metal premium depends on:
  - Regional supply/demand
  - The product
  - The amount of value added in customer service functions
  - Delivery and payment terms

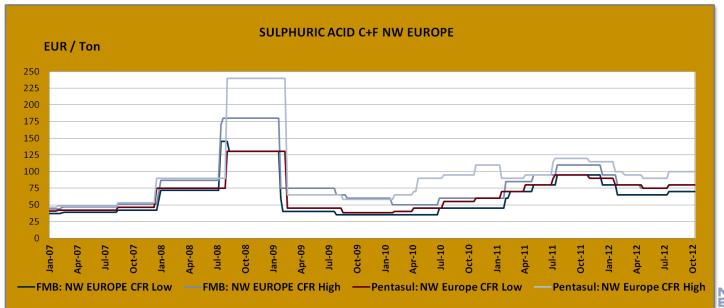




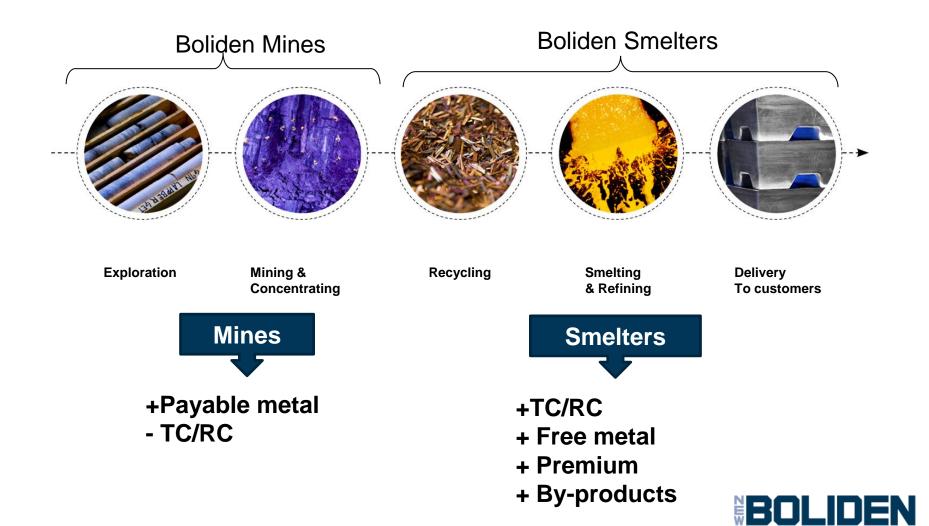
Source: © CRU (www.crugroup.com)

# **By-products**

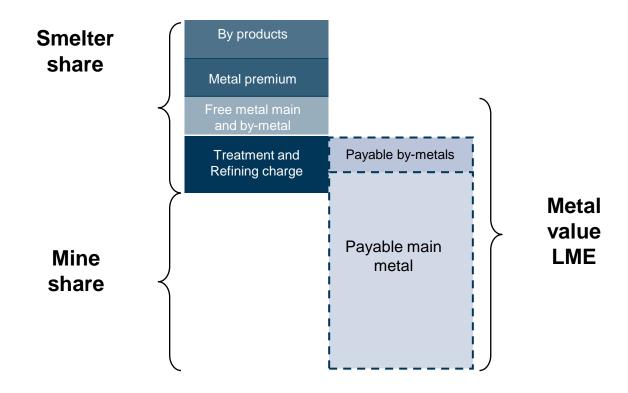
- Main by-product is sulphuric acid
- Other by-products include aluminium flourid, Copper sulphate, Nickel sulphate, selenium and other precious metals
- Priced as products, not directly based on LME
- Not payable in raw material
- Supply and demand driven price



## **Gross Profit in The Boliden value chain**

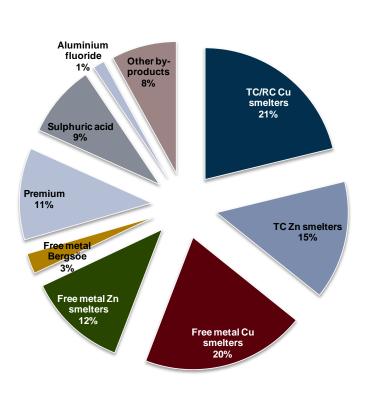


# Value split between mines and smelters





# **Gross Profit Distribution 2012 Q1-Q3**



| Gross Profit component | Contains  |  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| TC/RC Copper smelters  | TC/RC on Cu, Ni & Pb concentrate and secondary raw materials  |  |
| TC Zinc smelters       | TC on concentrate and secondary raw materials                 |  |
| Free metal Cu smelters | Over recovery of copper, gold, silver, lead and zinc          |  |
| Free metal Zn smelters | Over recovery of zinc and silver                              |  |
| Free metal Bergsöe     | Over recovery of lead   |  |
| Premiums               | Paid above LME price  |  |
| By-products            | Sulphuric acid, Aluminium fouride, Cu- and Ni-sulphate, OPM's |  |



