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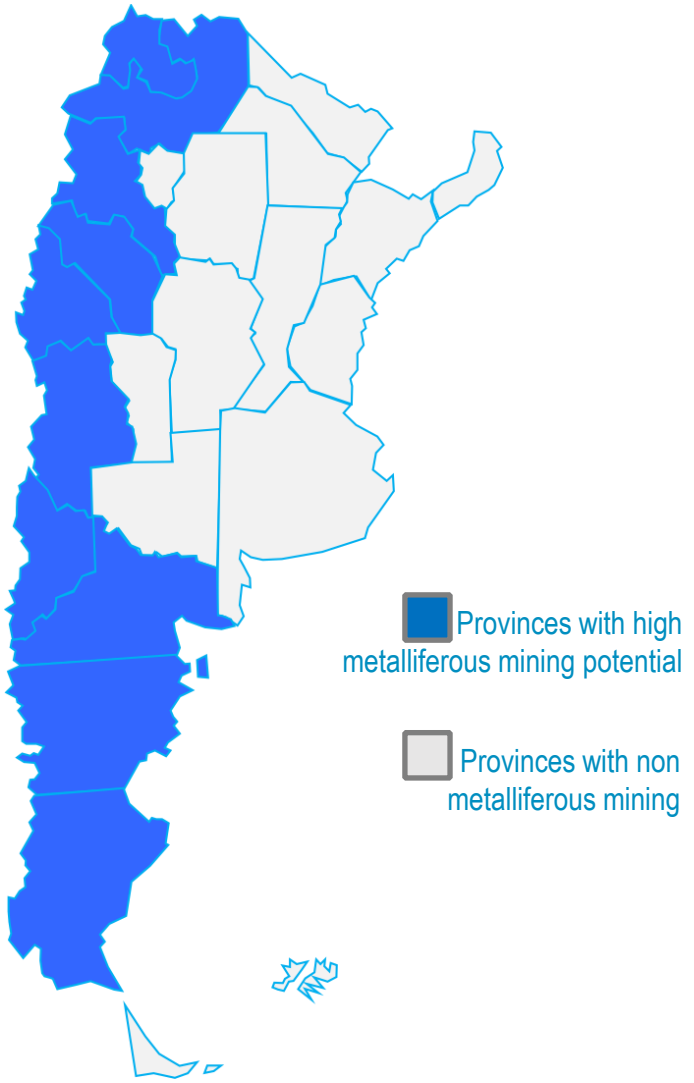
# Mining well-being and quality of life in a Federal Country

- 1 Federal Government
- 23 Provinces
- 2000+ Municipalities
- 1 autonomous City-State

All coexist within the same territory



# What does Argentina's Federalism look like?

Like all federal systems, a "balancing act" to achieve unity in diversity: *E Pluribus Unum*, within a Civil Law context.

| As per the Constitution: | FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS |
|---|---|---|
| Natural resources | • Ownership of natural resources limited to federal lands (very rare) | • Original owners of all natural resources within their territories<br>• Broad regulatory powers and responsibilities |
| Legislative powers | • Enacts selected substantial laws (Codes), that apply country-wise<br>• Includes Mining Code | • Regulate procedural matters<br>• Define and issue most permits<br>• Grant and record mining titles |
| Environment | • Sets minimum-protection levels<br>• Police powers limited to cross-border matters | • Enact complementary regulation (can be more stringent but not more lenient than the federal minimum)<br>• Ample police powers and responsibilities |

# And what about the country?

## Regionally imbalanced: A small part of the country concentrates many of its key elements

However, when the 3 main metalliferous mining regions are considerered…

…Mining holds the key to a more integrated, sustainable and balanced country

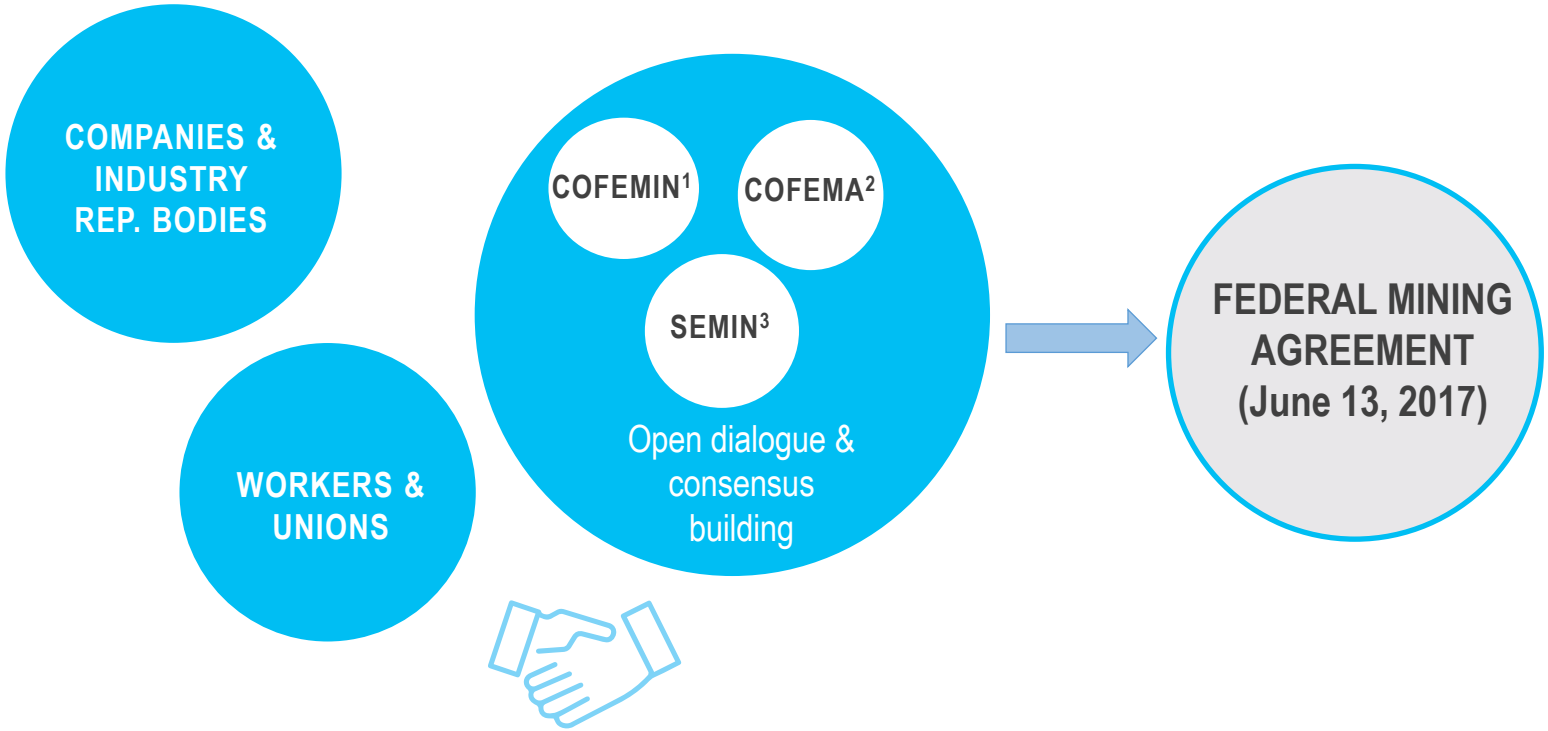
**CENTER AND BUENOS AIRES REGION**

- 29,8% of the surface
- 75% of national GDP
- 71,8% of total exports
- 67% of total population
- 70% of road network

# Mining public policy aimed at regional development

✔ Argentina's Federal system requires **sub-national consensus**

✔ Mining sector dynamics require **multi-stakeholder consensus**

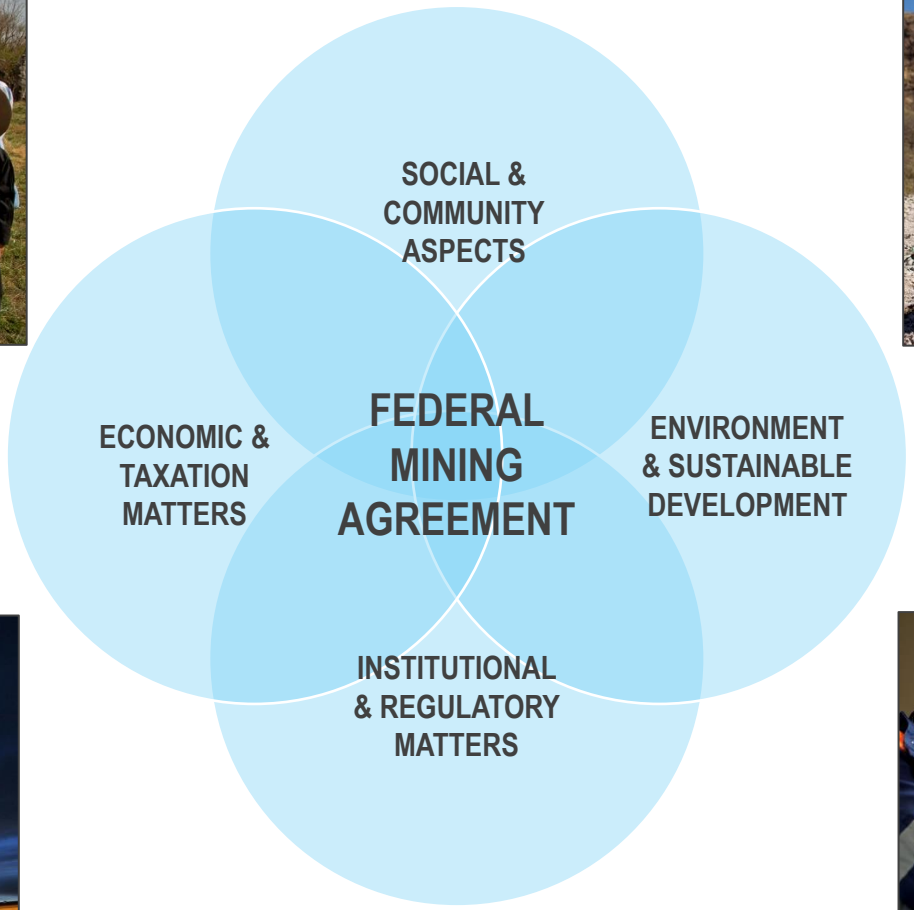



✓ ***BROAD POLITICAL CONSENSUS AND SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR MINING AS DEVELOPMENT ENGINE OF ARGENTINE REGIONS***

✓ ***MINING AS A MEANS TO ENHANCE WELL-BEING AND QUALITY OF LIFE***

[1] Mining Federal Council (Advisory Board)
[2] Environmental Federal Council (Advisory Board)
[3] Mining Secretariat

# Federal Mining Agreement[1] covers all relevant areas



[1] As of this date, entered into by Federal and 16 Provincial Governments

# FMA sets out quality of life and wellbeing-enhancing initiatives

- MAXIMIZATION OF LOCAL BENEFITS OF MINING ACTIVITIES
- GOV'T-LED INTERACTION BETWEEN COMMUNITY & MINING CO's AT EARLY STAGES OF THE PROJECT

- MAPPING & MATCHING OF LOCAL CAPACITIES AND MINING CO's LABOR AND GOODS/SERVICES DEMANDS
- EDUCATION & HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

- MINING ROYALTIES TO BE APPLIED LOCALLY & FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
- LOCAL METS SMEs ENCOURAGED AND PROMOTED

- MULTI-STAKEHOLDER TRANSPARENCY POLICY (GOVT'S and MINING CO's)
- ARGENTINE MINING INFORMATION CENTER ("CIMA") & CADASTRAL RECORDS

Thank you very much

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