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# Antimicrobial Copper: new market opportunities

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Antimicrobial  
Copper



# **Problem:** Hospital Acquired Infections

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# Hospital acquired infections (HAIs):

## Worldwide

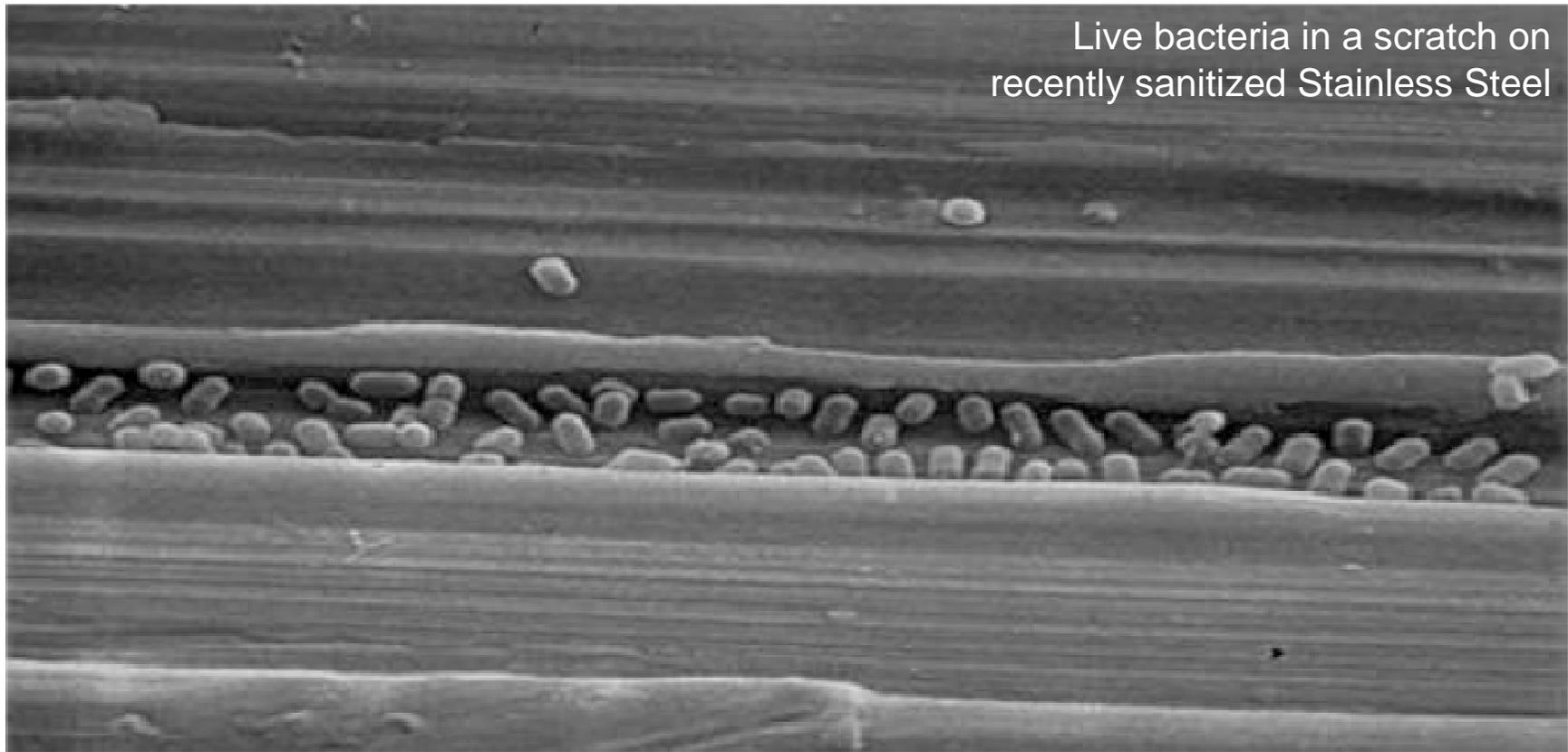
- 7,000,000 infections per year worldwide
- 100,000 deaths annually in the US costing USD 35-45 billion
- 50,000 deaths annually in Europe
- Healthcare Acquired Infections are the 4th leading cause of death

## Chile

- In Chile, around 70.000 HAIs are reported annually and it is estimated that they produce 700.000 extra bed days with additional associated costs reaching USD 70.000.000.

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# Even though healthcare furnishings are designed to be easily cleaned - are they really clean?



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## Worldwide infection control practices focus on hand washing and disinfection: It hasn't been enough



**Primordial need:**  
**New complementary methods for  
controlling HAIs**

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# Three Good Laboratory Practice test protocols were co-developed with the EPA

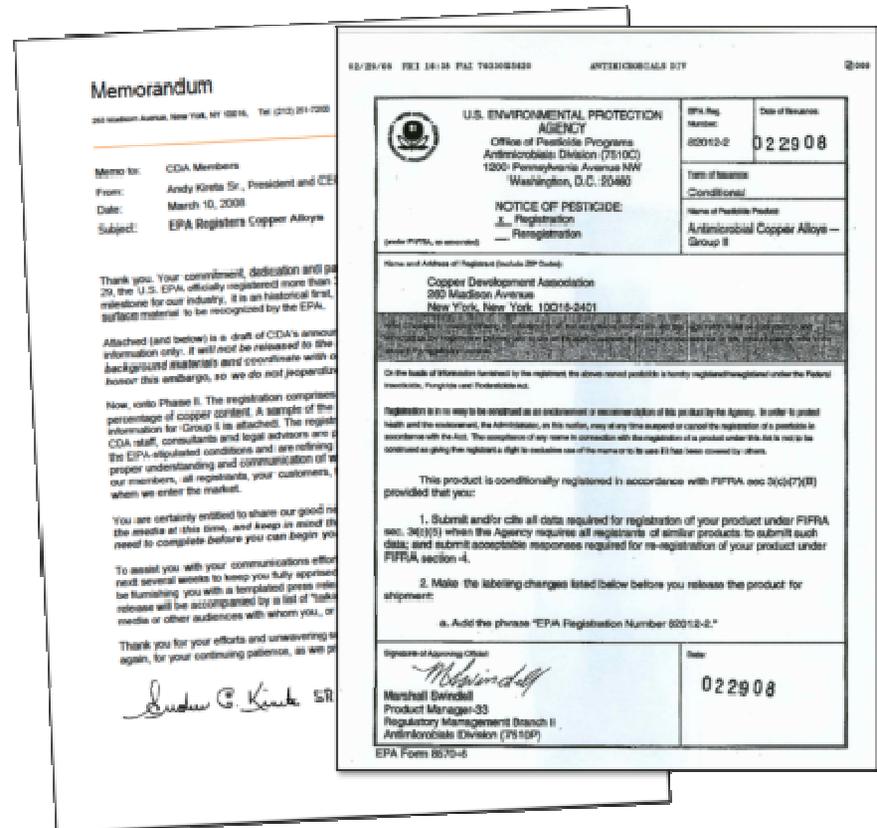
- 1) “Efficacy as a Sanitizer”  
(Kills organisms within 2 hours)
- 2) “Residual Self-Sanitizing Activity”  
(Standard wear/cleaning will not impede efficacy)
- 3) “Continuous Reduction of Bacterial Contaminants”  
(Kills organisms after repeated contaminations)

## In total six bacteria were tested:

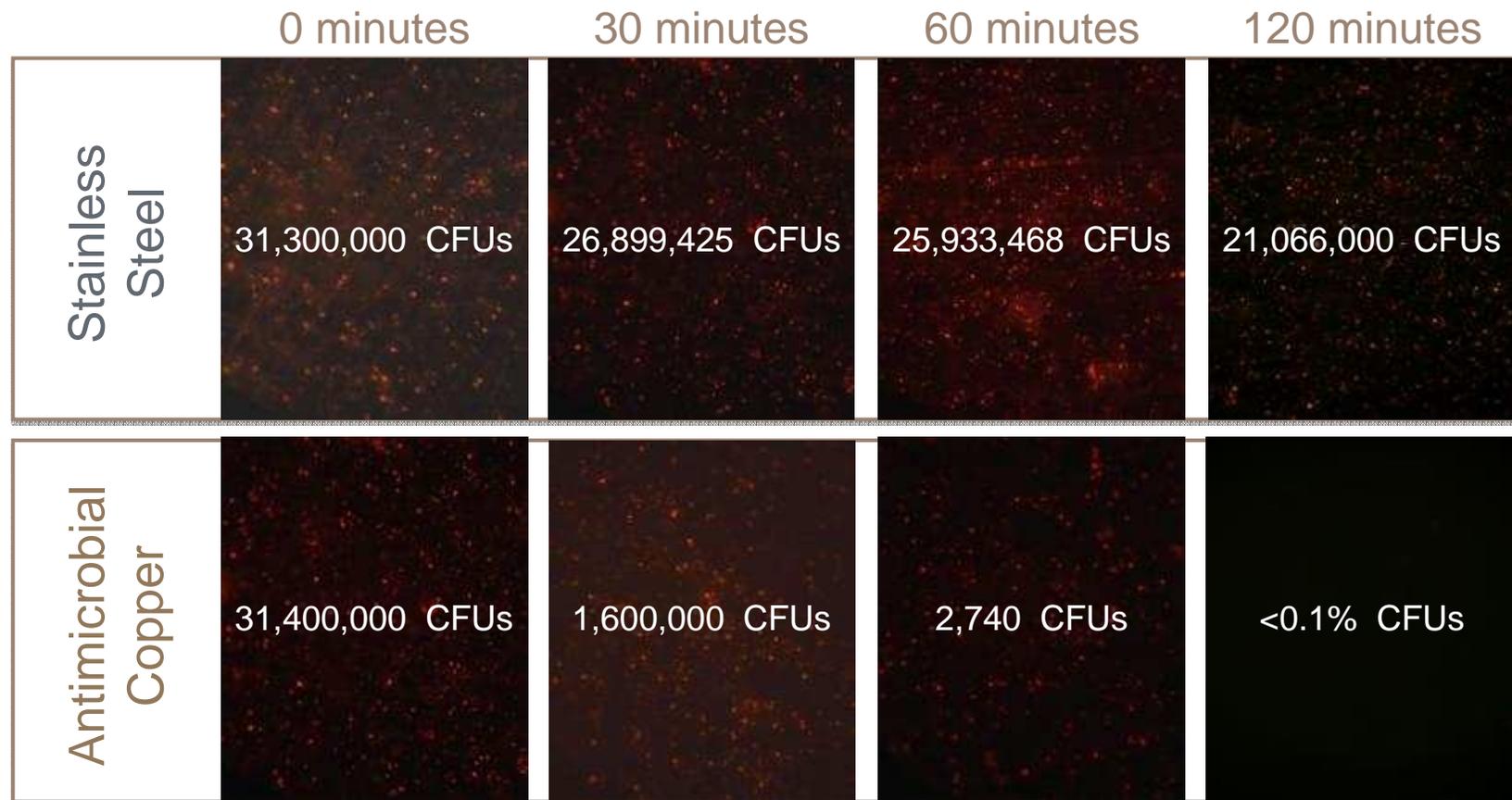
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Enterobacter aerogenes*
- *Escherichia coli* O157:H7
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)*
- *Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus faecalis (VRE)*

# EPA Registers Copper and Copper Alloys antimicrobial property

- In February 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the registration of antimicrobial copper alloys, with “public health” claims.
- Copper is the first and only solid surface material to be recognized by the EPA as being antimicrobial and can legally make “public health” claims.
- The EPA registration is based on independent laboratory testing using EPA-prescribed protocols that show the metals’ ability to kill specific disease-causing bacteria including Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), one of the most virulent strains of antibiotic-resistant bacteria and a common cause of hospital- and community-acquired infections.
- The registration states that, “When cleaned regularly, Antimicrobial Copper Alloys surfaces kill greater than 99.9% of (specific) bacteria within two hours, and continue to kill more than 99% of (these) bacteria even after repeated contamination.” Copper alloy surfaces are a supplement to standard infection control and hygienic practices. .



# *E. Coli* O157:H7 on Stainless Steel and Antimicrobial Copper



Epifluorescence Images after Staining with Viability Fluorophore CTC

# No other material comes close to Antimicrobial Copper

Antimicrobial Copper    Silver-Containing Coating A  
Stainless Steel    Silver-Containing Coating B    Triclosan-Containing Plastic

## Antimicrobial effectiveness under typical indoor conditions

CFU (Colony Forming Units) of MRSA  
Millions



Antimicrobial Copper is the most effective\* touch surface material, killing greater than 99.9% of bacteria\* within 2 hours of exposure.

No other material, such as silver-containing coatings or stainless steel, comes close.

# Market Potential: market research

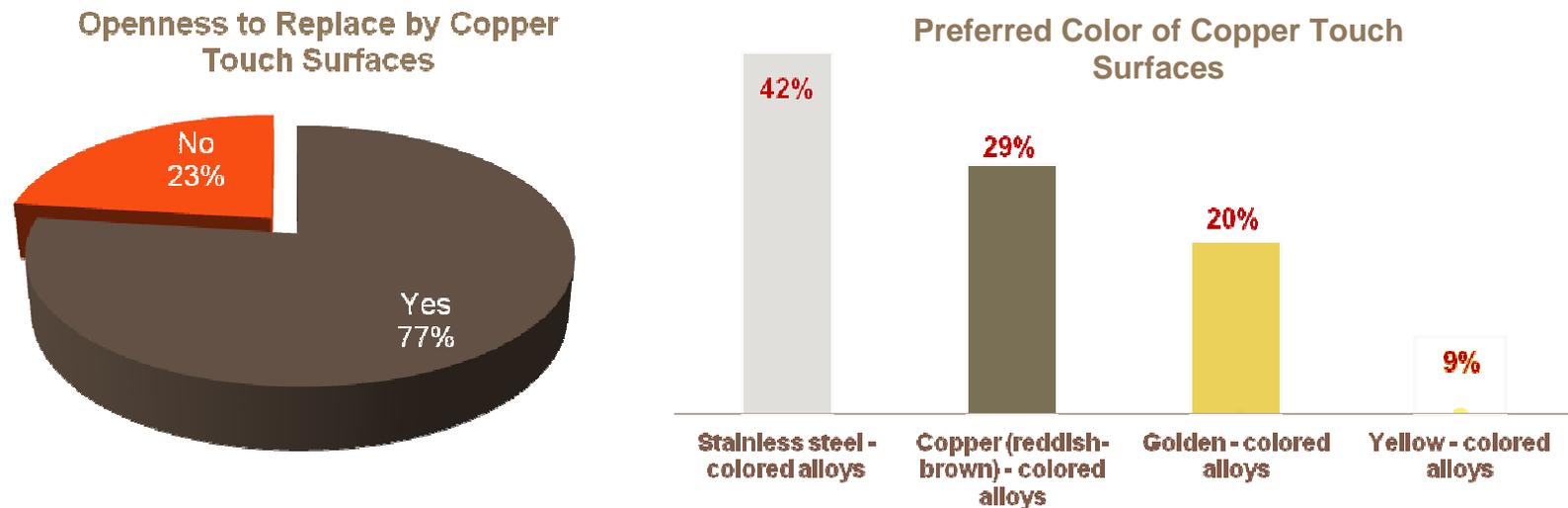
**The estimated cost savings that could be achieved in the developed regions of the world ranges from USD 10 –14 billion accounting for an overall savings of 12 – 17 percent (2/2)**

Annual Cost Savings that can be achieved using Copper Touch Surfaces	Low Estimate	High Estimate
<b>Total Cost Savings</b>	~ USD 9.7 Billion	~ USD 13.9 Billion
<b>Approximate annual Costs associated in combating HAI's in the developed regions of the world</b>	USD 80.000.000.000	
<b>Potential Percentage of Cost Savings by using Copper Touch Surfaces in the developed regions of the world</b>	<u>12%</u>	<u>17%</u>

- The estimated potential increase in the demand of copper due to its antimicrobial properties is expected to be in the range of 550,000 – 1,000,000 tones, considering one-time replacement of the top 10 product in the geographies covered in the study.

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## Over 70 percent of the respondents in all geographies analyzed were open to the idea of implementing copper touch surfaces in hospital environment



# Chilean experience:

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# Hospital trial at “Hospital del Cobre Dr. Salvador Allende Gossens”



Project with financial support of Innova Chile Corfo (governmental agency), UNTEC, ICA and Codelco: “*Desarrollo de Plataforma de Conocimiento y Capacidades Locales para la Creación de Nuevos Productos que utilicen la Propiedad Antimicrobiana del Cobre (08CM01-19)*”.

# Copperized objects

## Copperized Objects



CHAIR ARMS



BED RAILS



BED LEVER



TRAY TABLE



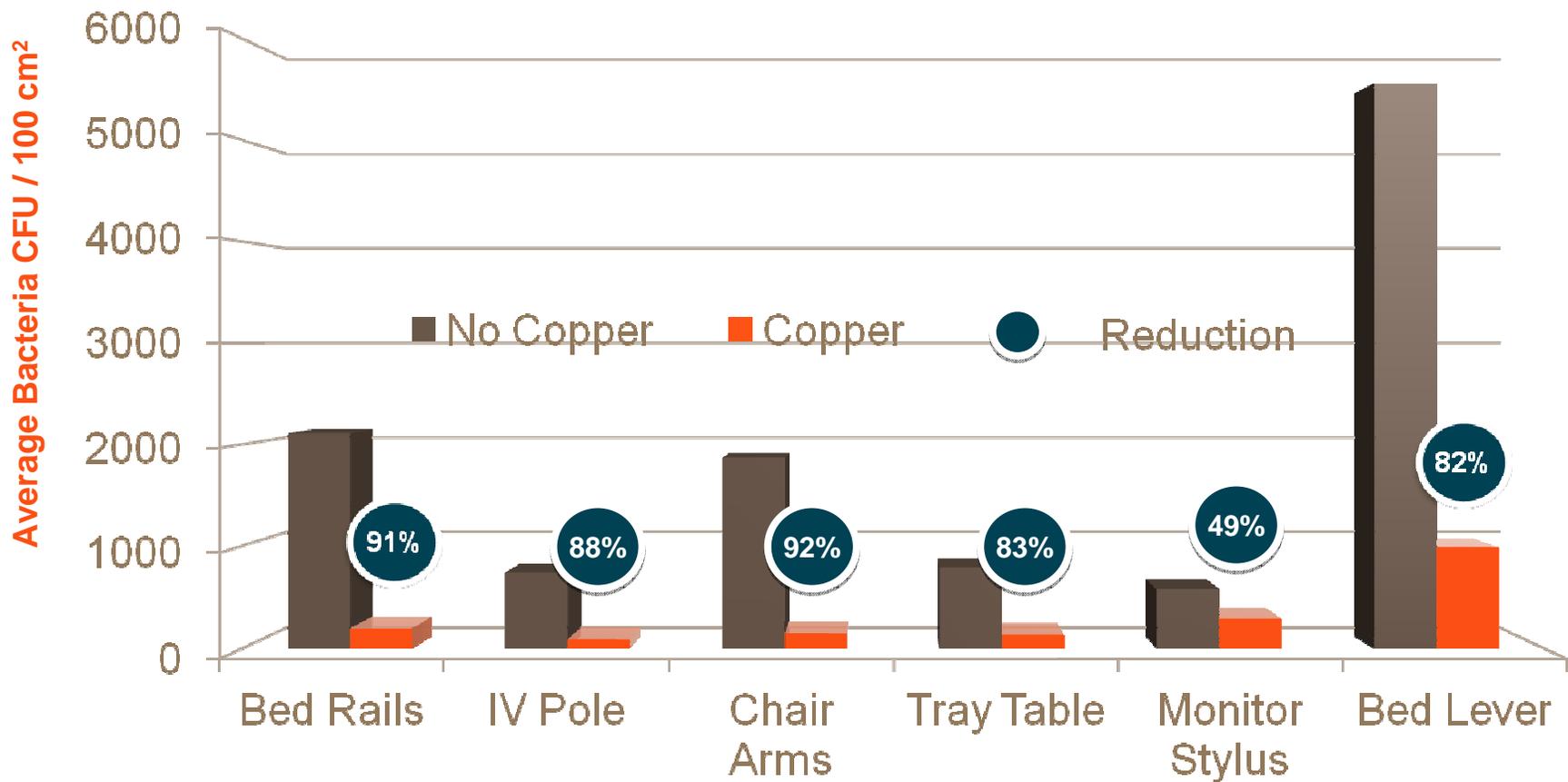
IV POLE



STYLUS PEN

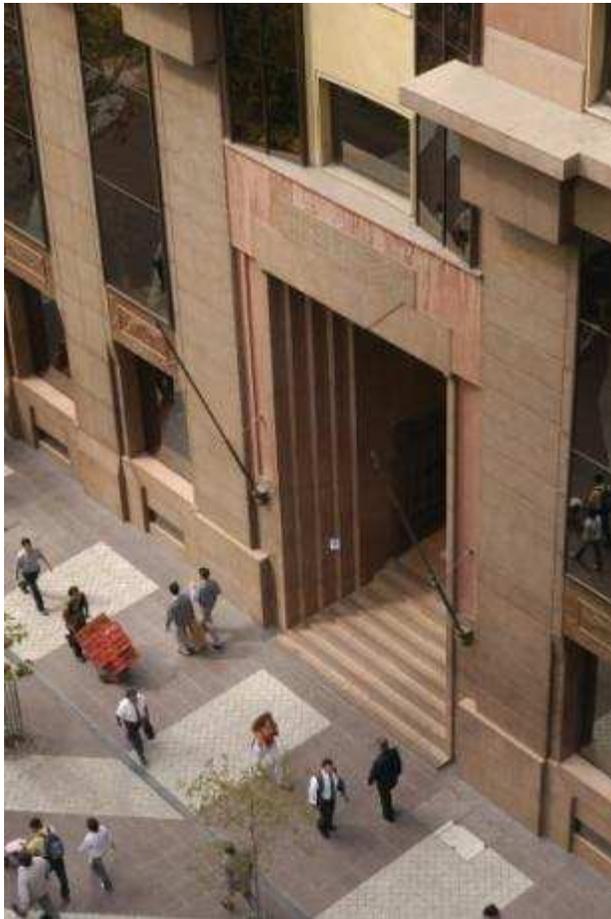
# Clinical Trials Results: Calama, Chile

## ~90% reduction on copper surfaces



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## Headquarter of Codelco, first building in Chile protected by Antimicrobial Copper Cu+



# Headquarter of Codelco, first building in Chile protected by Antimicrobial Copper Cu+

Antimicrobial Copper Cu+ Touch Surfaces in Headquarter of Codelco



DOOR KNOBS



MAIN ENTRANCE  
HANDLES



INSIDE GLASS DOOR  
HANDLES



POLE



RECEPTION DESKS



INSIDE LIFT HANDRAILS

# New market opportunities



The mark of the most  
effective\* antimicrobial  
touch surfaces

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**Wherever you find this mark, you can trust Antimicrobial Copper is continuously killing bacteria\* that cause infections**



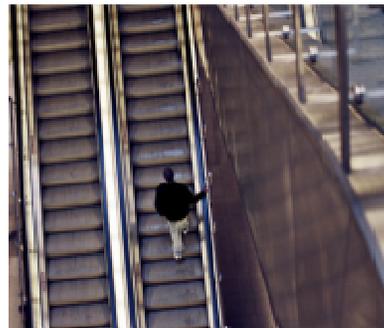
The Antimicrobial Copper mark is used by leading product manufacturers and copper fabricators to indicate that their products are made from Antimicrobial Copper, the world's most effective\* antimicrobial touch surface material.

# Opportunities exist beyond healthcare

## Touch Surface Applications



MEDICAL &  
HEALTHCARE



PUBLIC  
BUILDINGS



PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT



ELECTRONICS



SCHOOLS



FOOD &  
HOSPITALITY



SPORTS  
FACILITIES



FAUCETS

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