

# Developing U.S. Copper Resources

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Technical information in this presentation has been reviewed and approved by Thomas Bissig, Professional Geologist, VP Exploration of the Company and Zach Allwright, Professional Engineer, VP Projects and Evaluations of the Company, both a "Qualified Person" as defined under National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). Both have verified the data contained herein (where possible) which included a review of the sampling analytical and test methods underlying the data, information and opinions disclosed herein.

All amounts are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise stated.

## FARADAY COPPER: HIGHLIGHTS

### **Building a Premier North American Copper Company**





 Scarcity of development-ready copper assets provides excellent opportunity for the project

- Gold program targeting potential gold inclusion in future resource updates
- Technical Report update (H1 2025)

Notes:

a) The Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") for the Copper Creek project was published in a news release dated May 3, 2023. For the complete MRE tables and related notes refer to the relevant slides at the end of this presentation.

b) Tier-One mining jurisdiction is defined as one of the top 10 jurisdictions in the Investment Attractiveness Index of the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies, 2022.



Low Capital Intensity, Long Life U.S. Copper Project Owned by a Developer



Enterprise Value / M&I Mineral Resources (b)

Source: Company disclosure. S&P Capital IQ and S&P Capital IQ Pro as at December 7, 2023.

- a) Includes copper projects with recent technical studies (preliminary economic assessment, prefeasibility study, and definitive feasibility study). Located in the Americas and owned by non-producing companies. All mine plan inventory figures displayed are as at the effective date of the most recent study.
- CuEq mine plan inventory includes Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources contemplated as mine plan inventory within a technical report as descripted in Footnote (a), and is based on applicable prices utilized in the b) Copper Creek PEA of \$3.80/lb Cu, \$20.00/oz Ag, and \$13.00/lb Mo, and consensus long-term commodity prices of \$1,750/oz Au, \$0.90/lb Pb and \$1.25/lb Zn.
- Faraday Copper's figure excludes the Contact Copper project as the Mineral Resource is deemed to be historical. C)

## **CORPORATE OVERVIEW**

### **TSX-listed Under the Symbol "FDY"**

Analyst Coverage					
CG/Canaccord Genuity		Dalton Baretto			
PI FINANCIAL experience. driven.		Connor Mackay			
<b>D</b> Securities		Arun Lamba			
Financial Overview					
C\$107.3 M	Market Cap	Market Capitalization			
C\$40.0 M	Recent Fina	Recent Financing (Feb 14, 2023)			
C\$20.0 M	Cash & Equivalents (Sept 30, 2023)				
176.0 M	Shares Outs	Shares Outstanding			
11.9 M	Options				
12.5 M	Warrants	Warrants			
2.7 M	Restricted Share Units				



Notes: Market Capitalization as of November 14, 2023. Shares Outstanding, Options, Warrants, and Restricted Share Units as of September 30, 2023. Ownership as of February 14, 2023.

Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at an exercise price of \$0.60 at any time up to September 2026.

Peer Index includes the peer group in the slide titled "Faraday Copper: Compelling Investment" within the Enterprise Value chart.

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31.9%

23.4%

5%

-9.0%

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### **COPPER CREEK: TOP MINING JURISDICTION**

### Arizona Ranked Seventh for Investment Attractiveness (Fraser Institute, 2022)

- 100% owned property in Pinal County, Arizona
- Near mining and service hubs with skilled labour:
  ~80 road km northeast of Tucson
  ~25 road km northeast of San Manuel
- Excellent infrastructure with access to road, rail and renewable power
- Two smelters in the region: Hayden (Asarco) & Miami (Freeport)



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## **COPPER CREEK: LARGE LAND PACKAGE**



- ~65 km<sup>2</sup> Property offers strategic benefits
- Mineral claims include patented claims, unpatented claims and state prospecting permits
- Optionality for infrastructure placement
- Solar power generation potential
- Ranch includes ~26,000 acres of surface rights through active grazing leases

### **MINERAL RESOURCE (2023)**

MRE is Supported by >200,000 m of Drilling, 83% of Resource is M&I

Category	Tonnes	Cu	Мо	Ag	<b>CuEq</b> <sup>2</sup>	Cu	Мо	Ag	<b>CuEq</b> <sup>2</sup>
Category	(Mt)	(%)	(%)	(g/t)	(%)	(MIbs)	(Mlbs)	(Moz)	(MIbs)
	Open Pit NI 43-101 MRE								
M&I	127.1	0.40	0.008	0.9	0.43	1,123.4	22.6	3.8	1,191.6
Inferred	48.1	0.28	0.006	0.5	0.30	298.4	6.4	0.7	316.0
Underground NI 43-101 MRE									
M&I	294.8	0.47	0.008	1.2	0.50	3,080,4	52.0	11.8	3,264.8
Inferred	35.5	0.42	0.009	0.8	0.45	329.7	7.1	0.9	353.0
Combined NI 43-101 MRE									
M&I	421.9	0.45	0.008	1.1	0.48	4,203.8	74.6	15.5	4,456.4
Inferred	83.6	0.34	0.007	0.6	0.36	628.2	13.4	1.7	669.0

Notes: Totals may not add due to rounding. The MRE for the Copper Creek project was published in a news release dated May 3, 2023 and a technical report titled "Copper Creek Project NI 43-101 Technical Report and Preliminary Economic Assessment Arizona, United States of America" with an effective date May 3, 2023 (the "Copper Creek PEA Technical Report"). For the complete MRE tables and related notes refer to the relevant slides at the end of this presentation.

Pit shell constrained resources with Reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction ("RPEEE") are stated as contained within estimation domains above cut-off grades: 0.13% CuEq for oxide material, 0.14% CuEq for transitional material, and 0.13% CuEq for sulphide material. Pit shells are based on an assumed metal prices of US\$3.80/lb copper, US\$13.00/lb molybdenum, US\$20.00/oz silver, and overall slope angle of 47 degrees (°) based on preliminary geotechnical data. Operating cost assumptions include open pit mining cost of US\$2.25/tonne (t), processing cost of US\$7.60/t for milling transitional and sulphide material, US\$4.56/t for oxide processing, general and administrative ("G&A") costs of US\$1.00/t, and TCRC and freight costs dependent on product and material type.

Underground constrained resources with RPEEE are stated as contained within estimation domains above 0.31% CuEq cut-off grade. Underground bulk mining footprints are based on assumed metal prices of \$3.80/lb copper, \$13.00/lb molybdenum, \$20.00/oz silver, and underground mining cost of US\$7.30/t, processing cost of US\$7.60/t, G&A costs of US\$1.00/t, and TCRC and Freight costs of US\$6.50/t. Cave footprint optimization was completed in Geovia's Footprint Finder software and applied a 700 m maximum height of draw.

Preliminary variable metallurgical recovery by metal and domain are considered for CuEq as follows: copper recovery of 92%, 85%, and 60% within sulphide, transitional, and oxide material, respectively; molybdenum recovery of 78% and 68% for sulphide and transitional material, respectively; and silver recovery of 50% and 40% for sulphide and transitional material, respectively.

## SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE WITH UPSIDE

### **Open Pit and Underground Mineral Resource**



Note: The images above reflect conceptual open pit shells constrained with RPEEE at CuEq<sup>2</sup> cut-off grades of 0.13% for oxide material, 0.14% for transitional material, and 0.13% for sulphide material. Underground footprints constrained with RPEEE are stated as contained within estimation domains above 0.31% CuEq<sup>2</sup> cut-off grades. These were utilized as the resource constraining volumes in the 2023 MRE disclosed in a news release dated May 3, 2023. The potential grade and scale of the open pit and underground inventory is conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient technical analysis to define it as economically viable inventory or mineable reserve.

## **PEA HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Integrated Plan Provides Optionality and Scalability**

Post-tax NPV(7%)	\$713 million
Post-tax IRR	15.6%
Post-tax Payback Period	4.1 years
Initial Capital	\$798 million
Sustaining and Expansion Capital	\$1,689 million
Mine Life <sup>a</sup>	32 years
Open Pit Strip Ratio (waste:ore)	1.2:1
Tonnes Milled <sup>b</sup>	30,000 tpd
CuEq <sup>1</sup> Payable Production <sup>c,d</sup> (per year)	51.1 Kt

Note: Refer to the Endnotes slide at the end of this presentation.

- a) Mine life includes active mining (Year 1 29) and final processing of stockpiles (Year 30 32)
- b) Tonnes milled are exclusive of oxide and represent the average over the 32year life of mine.
- c) Average annual production considers the period of active mining during Years 1 29, Year 30-32 includes processing of stockpiles only.
- d) Based on payability in concentrate of 96.5%, 95% and 98.5% for copper, silver, and molybdenum, respectively. Copper cathode payability of 98% is applied.



Note: Rum pit is not shown in the image above. Tonnages and grade are inclusive of Inferred material. Mammoth pit includes the Mammoth and Childs Aldwinkle breccias, and the Copper Prince pit includes numerous breccias such as the Copper Prince, Copper Giant, Copper Duchess, and Copper Knight.



## **RESOURCE POTENTIAL: PHASE II RESULTS** (POST-PEA)





Note: For further details refer to the Company's news releases dated January 17, 2023, March 14, 2023, May 31, 2023 and August 1, 2023.

## **GOLD PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS** (POST-PEA)



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### Childs Aldwinkle Breccia Results:

- Weighted average grade:0.16 g/t gold and 1.52% copper
- 1:10 Au(g/t):Cu(%) ratio suggests strong correlation
- Re-assayed copper provides additional confidence in the database



Polished section photograph of Childs Aldwinkle mineralization

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Note: For further details refer to the Company's news releases dated October 5, 2023.

## **RESOURCE EXPANSION POTENTIAL**



### **Significant Growth Opportunities**



## **TARGETING NEW DISCOVERIES**

**Significant Growth Opportunities in an Underexplored District** 



33 breccia and porphyry targets across the property



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## NEW DISCOVERY: PHASE III RESULTS (POST-PEA)



## **ENVIRONMENTAL & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**



**Building a Framework for Data Collection and Engagement** 



### **ENVIRONMENT**

Baseline environmental monitoring systems in place for data collection to support permitting process

- Flow meters and piezometer installation
- Water sampling and water elevation measurements
- Meteorological station
- Classification of waterways (404 Permit)
- Flora & fauna and archaeological & cultural studies

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Commitment to open dialogue and support for the local economy and social programs

- Stakeholder engagement and outreach
- Community meetings held with San Manuel, Mammoth and Oracle
- Outreach and site visits with Arizona's Native American Groups
- Proactive engagement with regulators including BLM, Arizona Fish & Game, ACOE and ADEQ

## **OPPORTUNITIES AND NEXT STEPS**



Phase II drill program

- Recent results demonstrate potential for resource expansion
- Not included in PEA

Gold by-product potential

- Targeting potential gold inclusion in future resource updates
- Asset scalability
  - Potential for production rate increase
  - Metallurgical program targeting coarser grind and tailings optimization

Phase III drill program

- 20,000 m drill program
- Testing new targets
- Resource expansion
- Define and expand high-grade zones

### District exploration

- New airborne geophysical and spectral surveys
- Field mapping and sampling
- Building a pipeline of exploration targets

### 2023 Base Case PEA



### Technical Study Update (H1 2025)



## **Developing U.S. copper resources**

- Scarcity of development-ready copper projects
- Large undeveloped Mineral Resource
- Significant exploration upside

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# APPENDIX

## **BRINGING A SENIOR MINING COMPANY EXPERTISE**



Faraday has Drawn Senior Mining Company Talent Who Know Good Projects with Real Potential

#### Management



Paul Harbidge President, CEO & Director

Prev: President & CEO of GT Gold, acquired by Newmont for \$456M, former SVP Exploration at Goldcorp and General Manager Exploration at Randgold Resources; Currently Director of Japan Gold



Graham Richardson Chief Financial Officer Prev: Goldcorp / Newmont



Zach Allwright VP Projects & Evaluations Prev: Mining Plus Consulting



Angela Johnson VP Corp Dev. & Sustainability Prev: SSR Mining, Calibre Mining



Dr. Thomas Bissig VP Exploration Prev: Goldcorp / Newmont



Aaron Cohn VP & Country Manager, USA Prev: Ma'aden / Newmont



Stacey Pavlova VP Investor Relations Prev: SSR Mining

### **Board of Directors**



Russell Ball Chair

Prev: CEO, Calibre Mining; CFO, Goldcorp; CFO, Newmont; Currently Director of Ivanhoe Electric and Southern Silver Exploration



Audra Walsh Prev. CEO, Minas de Aguas Tenidas (MATSA)



**Randy Engel** Prev. EVP, Strategic Development, Newmont



Katherine Arnold Prev. Director, Environment, Hudbay



Robert Doyle Prev. CFO, Pan American Silver



Arndt Brettschneider Currently VP Operations & Projects, Filo Mining



Alan Wilson Prev. International Exploration Manager, Antofagasta

## **COPPER CREEK: MINERAL RESOURCES (2023)**



	Grade				Contained Metal				
Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Cu	Мо	Ag	CuEq <sup>2</sup>	Cu	Мо	Ag	CuEq <sup>2</sup>
outogory		(%)	(%)	(g/t)	(%)	(Mlbs)	(Mlbs)	(Moz)	(Mlbs)
<u>Open Pit (OP)</u>									
Measured	67.2	0.48	0.008	1.2	0.51	710.5	12.5	2.6	751.1
Indicated	59.9	0.31	0.008	0.6	0.33	412.9	10.1	1.1	440.5
M&I	127.1	0.40	0.008	0.9	0.43	1,123.4	22.6	3.8	1,191.6
Inferred	48.1	0.28	0.006	0.5	0.30	298.4	6.4	0.7	316.0
<u>Underground (UG)</u>									
Measured	34.5	0.47	0.011	1.6	0.51	359.8	8.0	1.7	388.0
Indicated	260.3	0.47	0.008	1.2	0.50	2,720.6	43.9	10.0	2,876.8
M&I	294.8	0.47	0.008	1.2	0.50	3,080.4	52.0	11.8	3,264.8
Inferred	35.5	0.42	0.009	0.8	0.45	329.7	7.1	0.9	353.0
Total (OP + UG)									
Measured	101.6	0.48	0.009	1.3	0.51	1,070.3	20.5	4.4	1,139.1
Indicated	320.2	0.44	0.008	1.1	0.47	3,133.5	54.0	11.2	3,317.3
M&I	421.9	0.45	0.008	1.1	0.48	4,203.8	74.6	15.5	4,456.4
Inferred	83.6	0.34	0.007	0.6	0.36	628.2	13.4	1.7	669.0

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## **COPPER CREEK: NOTES TO MINERAL RESOURCES**



- CuEq: Copper equivalent; g/t: Grams per tonne; Mlb: Million pounds; Moz: Million troy ounces; Mt: Million tonnes
- The mineral resources in this estimate were prepared in accordance with the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines (CIM, 2014) prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by CIM Council.
- Pit shell constrained resources with RPEEE are stated as contained within estimation domains defined by the following cut-off grades: 0.13% CuEq for oxide material, 0.14% CuEq for transitional material, and 0.13% CuEq for sulphide material. Pit shells are based on an assumed copper price of \$3.80/lb, assumed molybdenum price of \$13.00/lb, assumed silver price of \$20.00/troy ounce (oz), and overall slope angle of 47 degrees based on preliminary geotechnical data. Operating cost assumptions include open pit mining cost of \$2.25/t, processing cost of \$7.60/t for milling transitional and sulphide material, \$4.56/t for oxide processing, general and administrative ("G&A") costs of \$1.00/t, and treatment charges and refining charges ("TCRC") and freight costs dependent on product and material type.
- Underground constrained resources with RPEEE are stated as contained within estimation domains above 0.31% CuEq cut-off grade . Underground bulk mining footprints are based on an assumed copper price of \$3.80/lb, assumed molybdenum price of \$13.00/lb, assumed silver price of \$20.00/oz, underground mining cost of \$7.30/t, processing cost of \$7.60/t, G&A costs of \$1.00/t, and TCRC and freight costs of \$6.50/t. Cave footprint optimization was completed in Geovia's Footprint Finder software and applied a 700 m maximum height of draw.
- Average bulk density assigned by domain is as follows: 2.47 grams per cubic centimetre (g/cm3) for all near-surface breccias, 2.60 g/cm3 for the deeper Mammoth and Keel breccias, porphyry mineralisation, and all other areas outside of breccias.
- Preliminary variable metallurgical recovery by metal and domain are considered for CuEq as follows: copper recovery of 92%, 85%, and 60% within sulphide, transitional, and oxide material, respectively; molybdenum recovery of 78% and 68% for sulphide and transitional material, respectively; and silver recovery of 50% and 40% for sulphide and transitional material, respectively.
- Mineral Resource (MRE) copper equivalent (CuEq) values are calculated using commodity type and price, considering the relevant preliminary recovery rate based on domain. For example, sulphide CuEq = [(Cu grade/100 \* 0.92 Cu recovery \* 2,204.62 \* \$3.80) + (Mo grade/100 \* 0.78 Mo recovery \* 2,204.62 \* \$13.00) + (Ag grade \* 0.50 Ag recovery \* \$20.00/31.10348)]/(0.92 Cu recovery \* 2,204.62 \* \$3.80) \* 100.
- Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) copper equivalent (CuEq) values are calculated using commodity type and price, considering the relevant recovery rate based on domain, applied using a regression formula as a function of grade. Recovery regression formulas are based on the outcomes of the 2023 metallurgical test work and associated recovery guidance. Metal prices used in the calculation include \$3.80/lb copper, \$13.00/lb molybdenum, \$20.00/oz silver.
- Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that all or any part of the mineral resources will be converted into mineral reserves in the future. The estimate of mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing, or other relevant issues.
- All quantities are rounded to the appropriate number of significant figures; consequently, sums may not add up due to rounding.

### **PEA HIGHLIGHTS**

**51,100 tpa** Life-of-Mine Average Annual Payable CuEq<sup>1</sup> Production

3.4 Blb

Life-of-Mine Payable CuEq<sup>1</sup> Production

**4.2 Blb** 

Measured and Indicated Copper Mineral Resource<sup>a</sup>

#### **KEY FINANCIAL DATA**

Post-tax NPV(7%)	\$713 million		
Post-tax IRR	15.6%		
Post-tax Payback Period	4.1 years		
Post-tax NPV(7%) / Initial Capital Ratio	0.9:1		
Initial Capital	\$798 million		
Sustaining and Expansion Capital	\$1,689 million		
Closure and Reclamation	\$170 million		
Metal Prices	\$3.80/lb Cu, \$13.00/lb Mo, \$20/oz Ag		

#### ANTICIPATED PRODUCTION PROFILE

Mine Life <sup>b</sup>	32 years		
Tonnes Milled <sup>c</sup>	10.8 Mtpa / 30,000 tpd		
Open Pit Strip Ratio (waste:ore)	1.2:1		
Copper Recovery (sulphide)	94.4%		
Payable Production (per year) <sup>d, e</sup>			
Copper	106 Mlbs		
Molybdenum	1.4 Mlbs		
Silver	324.6 Koz		
CuEq <sup>1</sup>	51.1 Kt		
Costs (by product) <sup>3</sup>			
LOM Production Cash Costs	\$1.67/lb Cu		
LOM All-in Sustaining Costs	\$1.85/lb Cu		

Note: Refer to the Endnotes slide at the end of this presentation.

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Mine life includes active mining (Year 1 - 29) and final processing of stockpiles (Year 30 - 32) b)

Tonnes milled are exclusive of oxide and represent the average over the 32-year life of mine. c)

Average annual production considers the period of active mining during Years 1 - 29, Year 30 - 32 includes processing of stockpiles only. d)

Based on payability in concentrate of 96.5%, 95% and 98.5% for copper, silver, and molybdenum, respectively. Copper cathode payability of 98% is applied. e)

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## **PEA: GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT**

### Data Collected for Open Pit and Underground Mine Design

- Geotechnical core logging
- Geomechanical data
- Fracture orientation
- Rock mass classification
- Geologic structure domaining
- Rock strength
- Laboratory test work
- Vibrating Wire Piezometer



W = 10.6m

H = 24m

H = 24n

ISA = 53 Dea

- Competent host rock with reliable slope stability and reduced strip
- Overall pit slope angle of 50 degrees, supporting a low strip ratio
- 24-metre double bench height, or 12-metre single bench height



- Rock mass indicates a potential production range of 30 ktpd to 45 ktpd, implying there is a production rate upside beyond the PEA
- A caving rate of 55 m/year is expected
- Preconditioning is not expected to be required.





### **METALLURGICAL SUMMARY**

### **High Metal Recoveries and Clean Concentrate**

**2023** Test work was assimilated with the historical test work to form the basis of the process design criteria for the PEA

- High copper recovery from sulphide materials
- Concentrate grades over 30% copper
- 190µm sulphide material and 160 µm for transitional material selected for the PEA base case. Test work indicates that a coarser grind (> 200 µm) may be optimized for sulphide materials in future.
- Assay data and metallurgical test work from variability sample concentrates confirmed no deleterious elements above penalty levels
- Solid–liquid separation test work confirmed processed material is amenable to dry stack tailing storage

	Recovery (%)				
Domain	Cu	Мо	Ag		
Oxide	75.0%	n/a	n/a		
Transitional	74.7%	70.9%	66.9%		
Sulphide	94.4%	74.9%	78.1%		

Notes: Summary of tonnes weighted average of metallurgical recoveries by domain and by commodity, as applied in the PEA.; Metallurgical recoveries in the PEA were applied using regression curves as a function of head grade; n/a = not applicable



Notes: The image displays metallurgical composite samples overlaid with open pit shells and underground shapes as part of the RPEEE process used to constraint the current MRE



## **MINE PRODUCTION SCHEDULE**

### **Life-of-Mine Processed Material**



### SITE INFRASTRUCTURE



Note: Information presented on this slide is based on the Copper Creek PEA as at May 3, 2023.

## **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**



### Low Initial Capital with a two-year construction period **Developed using EPCM project development approach with**

quotes, design driven quantity estimations and first principles

#### **Initial Capital includes:**

- Process plant and oxide infrastructure, crushing and materials handling
- Mining and site infrastructure includes pre-strip activities and based on contractor operated surface mining

#### **Expansion Capital is associated with:**

- Addition of a molybdenum circuit (Year 3)
- Underground development and infrastructure
- Underground equipment required for production

#### **Contingency:**

- The initial capital cost estimation for the processing infrastructure has a 20% contingency application.
- Total initial capital has a 15% contingency consideration, reflective of the detailed capital estimation basis
- **Closure and Reclamation**: Progressive reclamation approach (including 20% contingency)

#### **Initial Capital Expenditure**





Contingency

Process Plant and Tailings

- Surface Infrastructure
- Open Pit Mine
- Closure and Reclamation

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Note: Information presented on this slide is based on the Copper Creek PEA as at May 3, 2023.

### **OPERATING COSTS**

### Average Life-of-Mine Production Cash Costs<sup>3</sup> of \$1.67/lb Copper

#### **Open Pit:** Contractor-operated conventional truck and shovel

- Open pit operating cost applied to mineralized material and waste
- Mill feed from stockpiles has additional rehandle costs

**Underground**: Underground pre-production development via contractor, transitioning to owner-operated block caving

- Cost per tonne excludes capitalized development
- Cost inclusive of key activities such as production mucking, crushing, conveying, mine services and mine operating staff

Processing: Discrete estimates for material types and includes mill G&A

- Sulphide at \$5.91/t processed
- Transitional at \$5.74/t processed
- Molybdenum plant adds additional \$0.39/t processed
- Oxide at \$6.71/t leached

**Offsite Charges:** includes land transportation costs and refining charges for overseas smelters

**G&A:** Benchmarked against comparable sized operations

- The project would not require a camp facility given accessible from nearby townsites
- Includes Arizona Property taxes

Developed from first principles based on quantities generated from mine design, production schedule and processing by material type

Operating Costs	Units	Open Pit	Underground
Mining <sup>a</sup>	\$/t mined	\$2.43	\$7.30
Processing <sup>b</sup>		\$6.26	\$6.30
Offsite charges <sup>c</sup>	\$/t processed	\$2.51	\$2.51
General and administrative (non-mill) <sup>d</sup>		\$1.45	\$1.45
Total unit costs <sup>e</sup>	\$/t processed	\$13.01	\$17.56

<sup>a</sup> Open pit mining unit costs apply to both mineralized material and waste, but exclude stockpile rehandle costs of \$1.47/t rehandled. Underground mining unit costs exclude capitalized development and mill feed generated from mine development. <sup>b</sup> Includes processing-related general & administrative costs.

<sup>c</sup> Offsite charges are based on land transportation costs of \$46.35 per wet metric tonne, treatment charges of \$75.00 per dry

metric tonne, refining charges of \$0.080/lb, \$0.50/oz, and \$1.30/lb for copper, silver, and molybdenum, respectively.

<sup>d</sup> Includes \$0.45/tonne average cost over the life of mine related to Arizona property tax.

<sup>e</sup> Amounts will not sum as mining costs are presented on a per tonne mined basis.

## **ECONOMIC SENSITIVITY**

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### Well-positioned to Leverage the Copper Price



- Molybdenum: An increase of \$10/lb would increase the post-tax NPV<sub>(7%)</sub> by approximately \$129 million
- Silver: An increase of \$5/oz would increase the post-tax NPV<sub>(7%)</sub> by approximately \$15 million

## **TARGETING NEW DISCOVERIES**

### **Empirical Data Informs Technical Decisions**



New Airborne Geophysical Survey (VTEM)



New Structural Interpretation



New Airborne Spectral Survey



#### New Geophysical Processing (ZTEM)



## **PERMITTING PATHWAY**

### **Plan of Operations and 404 Permit**









- Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") copper equivalent ("CuEq") values are calculated using commodity type and price, considering the relevant recovery rate based on domain, applied using a regression formula as a function of grade. Recovery regression formulas are based on the outcomes of the 2023 metallurgical test work and associated recovery guidance. Metal prices used in the calculation include \$3.80/lb copper, \$13.00/lb molybdenum, \$20.00/oz silver.
- 2. Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") copper equivalent values are calculated using commodity type and price, considering the relevant preliminary recovery rate based on domain. For example, sulphide CuEq = [(Cu grade/100 \* 0.92 Cu recovery \* 2,204.62 \* \$3.80) + (Mo grade/100 \* 0.78 Mo recovery \* 2,204.62 \* \$13.00) + (Ag grade \* 0.50 Ag recovery \* \$20.00/31.10348)]/(0.92 Cu recovery \* 2,204.62 \* \$3.80) \* 100.
- 3. Production cash costs and all-in sustaining cash costs, net of by-product credits, per pound of copper or CuEq are non-IFRS financial performance measures with no standardized definition under IFRS. The Company believes these metrics are useful performance indicators based on industry standards and disclosures. Production cash costs are based on the direct operating costs, including mining, processing, and G&A, offsite charges, net of by-product credits. By-product credits are calculated using commodity prices: \$13.00 per pound of molybdenum, and \$20.00 per ounce of silver. Sustaining cash costs include sustaining capital expenditures and royalties.

#### Sampling Methodology, Chain of Custody, Quality Control and Quality Assurance:

All sampling was conducted under the supervision of the Company's geologists and the chain of custody from Copper Creek to the independent sample preparation facility, ALS Laboratories in Tucson, AZ, was continuously monitored. The samples were taken as ½ core, over 2 m core length. Samples were crushed, pulverized and sample pulps were analyzed using industry standard analytical methods including a 4-Acid ICP-MS multielement package and an ICP-AES method for high-grade copper samples. Gold was analyzed on a 30 g aliquot by fire assay with an ICP-AES finish. A certified reference sample was inserted every 20th sample. Coarse blanks were inserted every 20th sample. Approximately 5% of the core samples were cut into ¼ core and submitted as field duplicates. On top of internal QA-QC protocol, additional blanks, reference materials and duplicates were inserted by the analytical laboratory according to their procedure. Data verification of the analytical results included a statistical analysis of the standards and blanks that must pass certain parameters for acceptance to ensure accurate and verifiable results.

## **CONTACT COPPER: EXPLORATION UPSIDE**

- 100% owned, 5,900+ acres of patented and unpatented mining claims in Nevada, US
- Excellent access to a major highway, power, water and local mining services
- Open pit, heap-leach copper oxide opportunity
- Deposit open in all directions; additional untested drill targets



Notes: Conceptual resource block model section from historical data presented in a technical report titled "NI 43-101 Pre-Feasibility Study on the Contact Copper Project" prepared for International Enexco, Ltd. by Hard Rock Consulting, LLC dated and filed by International Enexco Ltd. on SEDAR on October 1, 2013.

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