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# **Developing the Cactus Open** Pit Copper Project in Arizona

Proposed Heap Leach and SX/EW Project



ASCU is a brownfield copper exploration and development company, focused on developing the Cactus Project on private land in Arizona. The Company benefits from a strong social license to operate, in place and onsite infrastructure, a sizeable mineral resource, permitted onsite water access and a known state-led permitting process.

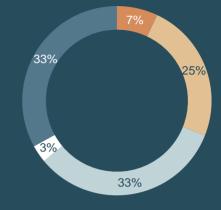
## Cactus Project - Copper

Cactus is a proposed open pit operation with a 31-year LOM, targeting 86k short tons of copper cathode production per year. The project has the potential to sell its copper cathodes directly into the US domestic supply chain. Robust project economics are shown below, demonstrating industry leading capital intensity.

PEA ECONOMICS, Aug 2024	\$3.90/lb	\$4.50/lb
NPV8 (after-tax)	\$2,032 M	\$2,927
IRR (after-tax)	24%	30%
Payback Period	4.9 yrs	4.5 yrs
LOM FCF (unlevered)	\$7,295 M	\$9,777 M
CAPEX	\$668 M	\$668 M
NPV:CAPEX	3.0x	4.4x

\*All currency referenced is in US dollars, unless otherwise stated using a \$3.90/lb copper price in the Financial & Economic Model. All tons are short tons, unless otherwise stated; See ASCU PPT for forward looking statements and cautionary language. The PEA is preliminary in nature and it includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. There is no certainty that the project described in the PEA will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. For more detailed information on the PEA, please refer to the corresponding news release dated August 7, 2024, and technical report filed on August 27, 2024, both available on the Company's website and under its profile on sedarplus.ca.

#### **OWNERSHIP**



- Nuton (Rio Tinto) ■Tembo
- Insitutional
  - Management
- Retail

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Shares Outstanding	133 million
Options	7.6 million
PPSU/DSU	1.7 million
Fully-Diluted	143 million
Cash	US \$31 million

#### **MANAGEMENT**

George Ogilvie Pres, CEO and Director Nick Nikolakakis CFO and VP Finance Nick Hayduk VP Corp Dev. GC and CS Alison Dwoskin Director IR Bernie Loyer SVP Projects Doug Bowden VP Exploration Travis Snider VP Sustainability and ER

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## Why Arizona Sonoran Copper Company?



## QUALITY

- · Large Copper Porphyry Project
- Open Pit
- Management
- Tier 1 Location



## **GENERATIONAL MINE**

- LOM 31 years
- 86K short tons per year
- Copper Cathodes
- 5.5 km Mine Trend
- Exploration Potential



## **LOW RISK**

- Brownfield
- Low Capital Intensity
- Streamlined Permitting
- Social License

## **Cactus Project: Mineral Resource Estimate**

MATERIAL TYPE	TONS KT	GRADE CUT %	GRADE CU TSOL %	CONTAINED TOTAL CU (K LBS)	CONTAINED CU TSOL (K LBS)
Total Measured	67,500	0.86	0.66	1,156,500	887,200
Total Indicated	565,200	0.54	0.40	6,138,200	4,491,700
Total M&I	632,600	0.58	0.43	7,294,800	5,378,900
Total Inferred	474,000	0.41	0.25	3,839,900	2,387,500

Please see arizonasonoran.com/projects/mineral-resources/ for notes and disclaimers.



# **Next Steps at The Cactus Mine**

2024

✓ MRE Update
✓ 3Q24 PEA

- Metallurgy (ASCU/Nuton)
- Drilling Infill at PS and CW
- Initiate Prefeasibility

2025

H2 2025 Complete Prefeasibility Study

- · Early Works Program
- · Complete Permitting
- Initiate Definitive Feasibility Study

2026

Complete DFS

**Construction Decision** 

Project Financing\*

18-24 Month Construction

2028

First
Cathode
Production

\* Project financing, construction and first cathodes are reliant on a positive construction decision.

## **Analyst Coverage**



















