

Cactus Project Pre-Feasibility Study

American Copper for the US Energy Transition

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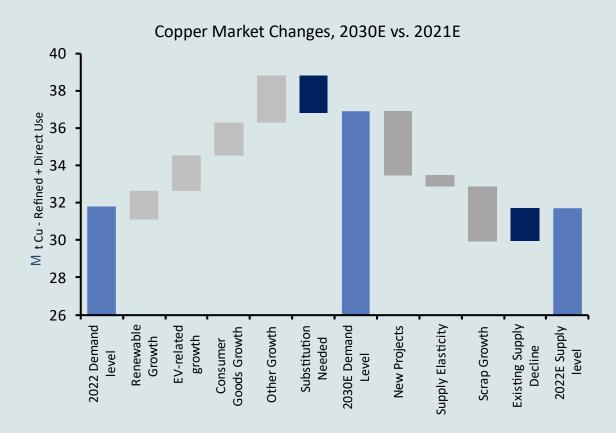
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Copper Incentive Price Needs to Increase

To reach the Net Zero emissions goal, 9.7Mt of new copper supply to be added over the next decade. Meaning US\$23B investment per year will be needed over 30 years to deliver new copper projects to reach zero-carbon targets. – Wood Mackenzie, 2023



Source: BMO Capital Markets

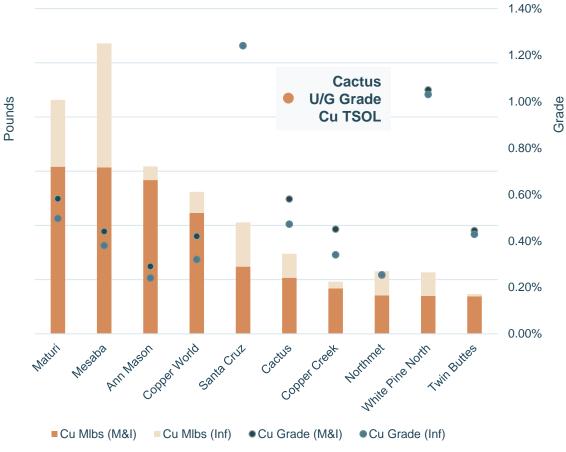


Few Quality Development Assets in the USA

- Florence (Taseko) is the only USA-based copper project currently in construction; also located in Pinal County
- ASCU's Cactus Project is a lower risk emerging copper developer with potential for first cathodes in 2026/2027
 - · Brownfield project of size
 - Streamlined and advanced permitting process
 - Grade
 - Right team

		M	&I	Ir	nf
Project	Company	Mlbs	TCu Grade	Mlbs	TCu Grade
Maturi	Antofagasta	15,415	0.58%	6,163	0.50%
Mesaba	Teck / Glencore	15,344	0.44%	11,443	0.38%
Ann Mason	Hudbay	14,183	0.29%	1,254	0.24%
Copper World	Hudbay	11,154	0.42%	1,940	0.32%
Santa Cruz	Ivanhoe Electric	6,196	1.24%	4,072	1.24%
Cactus	Arizona Sonoran	5,174	0.58%	2,208	0.47%
Copper Creek	Faraday Copper	4,184	0.45%	626	0.34%
Northmet	Teck / Glencore	3,538	0.25%	2,240	0.25%
White Pine North	Highland Copper / Kinterra	3,487	1.05%	2,188	1.03%
Twin Buttes	Freeport McMoran	3,456	0.44%	214	0.43%

Significant Copper Assets in the US (Sorted by M&I Pounds)

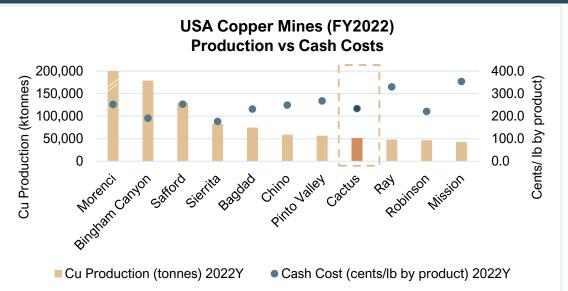


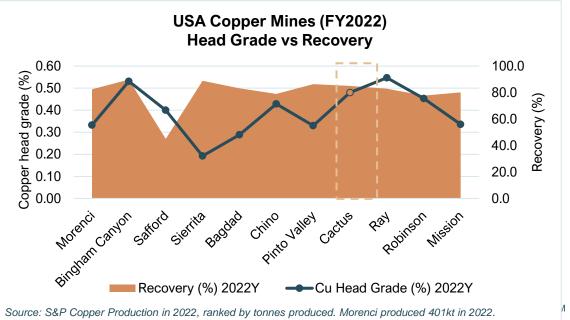
Source: S&P, Removal of Pebble, Resolution and Upper Kobuk Mineral Projects, Sept. 2023

Cactus Project Among USA's Top 10 Copper Operations



	Mine	County and State	Owner	Operation
1	Morenci	Greenlee, Arizona	Freeport (72%) Sumitomo (28%)	Open Pit
2	Bingham Canyon	Salt Lake, Utah	Rio Tinto	Long Hole Stoping, Open Pit, Sublevel Stoping
3	Safford	Graham, Arizona	Freeport-McMoRan	Open Pit
4	Sierrita	Pima, Arizona	Freeport-McMoRan	Open Pit
5	Bagdad	Yavapai, Arizona	Freeport-McMoRan	Open Pit
6	Chino	Grant, New Mexico	Freeport-McMoRan	Open Pit
7	Pinto Valley	Gila, Arizona	Capstone Copper.	Dump, Open Pit, Tailings
	Cactus Project	Pinal, Arizona	ASCU	Open Pit, Sublevel Cave, Stockpile
8	Ray	Pinal, Arizona	Grupo México	Open Pit
9	Robinson	White Pine, Nevada	KGHM Polska Miedź	Open Pit
10	Mission Complex	Pima, Arizona	Grupo México	Open Pit, Underground





Cactus production assumptions based on the Cactus PFS as reported on February 14, 2024.



PFS Technical Highlights

First Quartile Capital Intensity

Robust Economics

PFS Highlights – Heap Leach and SXEW Copper Cathode Production

RE-ESTABLISHING BASELINE FINANCIALS WITHIN CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEAR TERM OPTIMIZATIONS

3.0 Blbs Cu

Reserve (P&P)

55 ktpa Cu

21-year Mine Life

1st Quartile

Capital Intensity

Post-tax

\$509M NPV8

15% IRR

Pre-tax

\$733M NPV8

\$3.90/lb

Post-tax

\$780M NPV8

19% IRR

Pre-tax

\$1,064M NPV8

\$4.25/lb

\$2.34 \$1.84

AISC C1 Cost

Initial CAPEX: \$515M

Capital Intensity: \$10,344/t

Average Annual Sustaining Capital: \$58 million

4 ore Sources

2 UG Mines

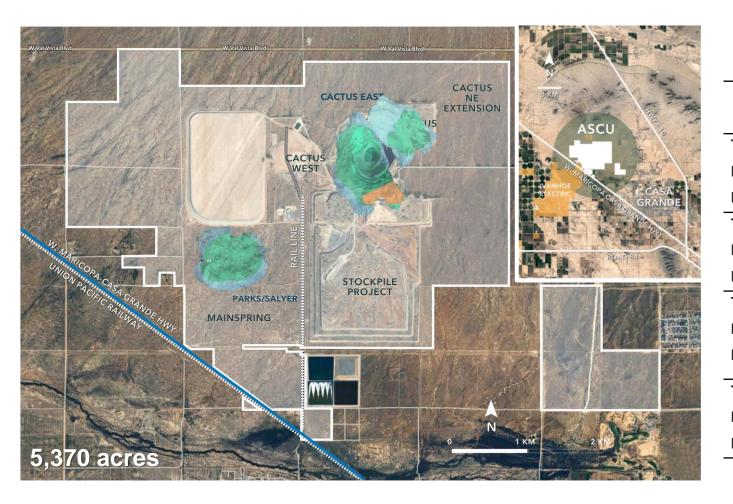
1 Open Pit

1 Stockpile

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Cactus Mineral Resource: Lower Risk Copper Porphyry Project

70% of the mineral resources in Measured and Indicated



	Cactus Project Mineral Resource Estimate					
	(As at August 31, 2023)					
	Tons	Grade	Pounds			
	kt	Cu%*	Cu Mlbs			
Total Measured	10,400	0.241	49.8			
Leachable	9,100	0.230*	41.9			
Primary	1,300	0.315	8.0			
Total Indicated	435,300	0.589	5,124.2			
Leachable	348,500	0.629*	4,387.2			
Primary	86,800	0.425	737.0			
Total M&I	445,700	0.580	5,174.0			
Leachable	357,600	0.619*	4,429.0			
Primary	88,000	0.423	745.0			
Total Inferred	233,800	0.472	2,207.9			
Leachable	107,700	0.607*	1,307.9			
Primary	126,200	0.357	900.0			

Cactus Project Mineral Resource Estimate

^{*} Cu Tsol grades
See PR dated October 16, 2023, for full notes and disclosures related to the MRE.

First Declared Mineral Reserves – 68% Conversion from M&I

	Cactus Project Mineral Reserves						
	Unit	Cactus West Open Pit	Stockpile Surface	Cactus East Underground	Parks/ Salyer Underground	Totals	
Proven	Tons	3,600,000				3,600,000	
	CuT (%)	0.249				0.249	
	Cu TSol (%)	0.225				0.225	
	Cu (M lbs)	17.9				17.9	
Probable	Tons	71,921,000	76,777,000	27,739,000	96,248,000	272,686,000	
	CuT (%)	0.310	0.163	0.950	0.930	0.552	
	Cu TSol (%)	0.260	0.136	0.885	0.820	0.487	
	Cu (M lbs)	445.4	251.0	527.0	1,789.7	3,013.0	
Proven + Probable	Tons	75,521,000	76,777,000	27,739,000	96,248,000	276,286,000	
	CuT (%)	0.307	0.163	0.950	0.930	0.549	
	Cu TSol (%)	0.259	0.136	0.885	0.820	0.484	
	Cu (M lbs)	463.3	251.0	527.0	1,789.7	3,031.0	

See PR dated February 21, 2024, for full notes and disclosures related to the reserves

High-Grade Underground

Cactus East

0.95% Cu

0.88% Cu TSol

Parks/Salyer

0.93% Cu

0.82% Cu TSol

Low-Grade Open Pit/Stockpile

Cactus West Open Pit

0.31% Cu

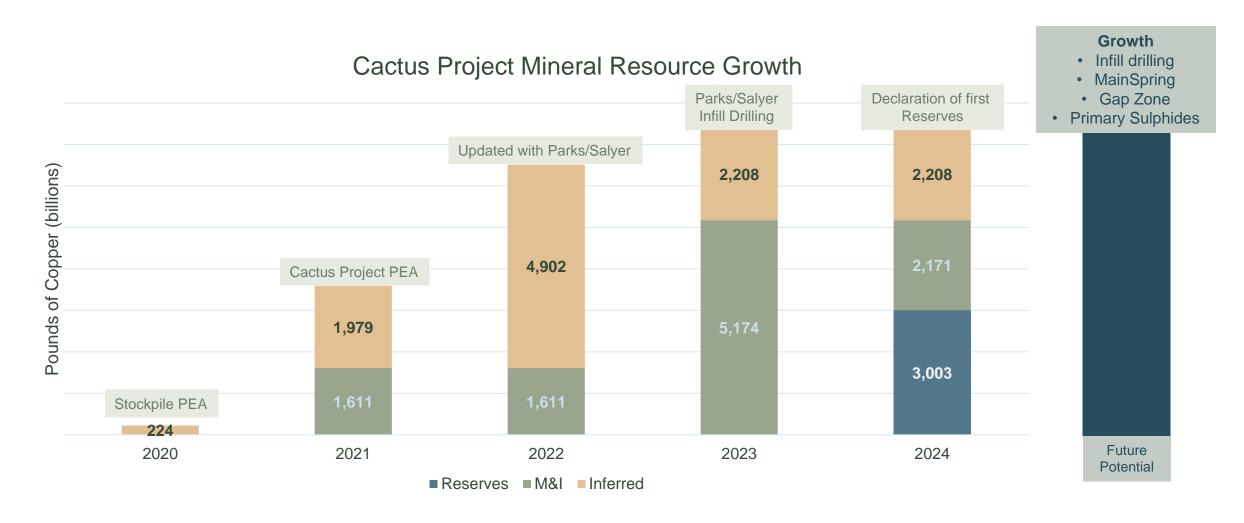
0.27% Cu TSol

Stockpile Surface

0.16% Cu

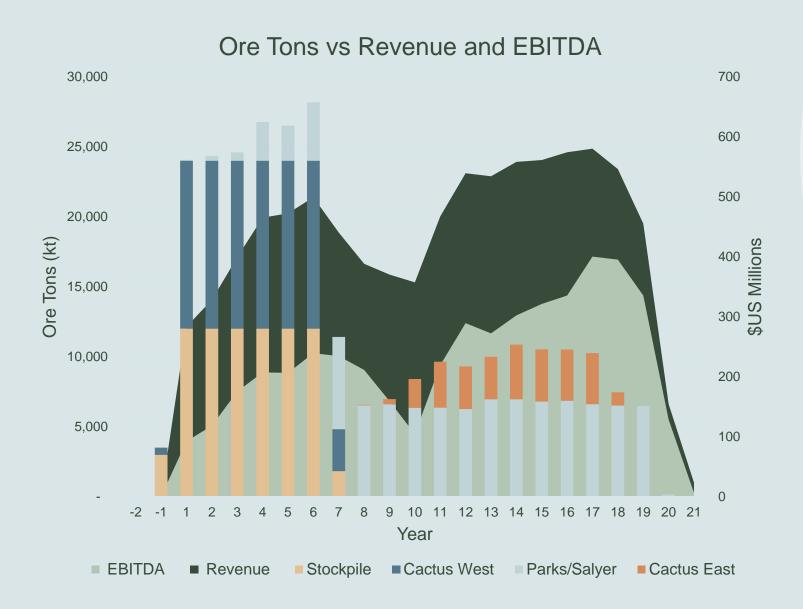
0.13% Cu TSol

Maiden Reserve Declared 4 years after Acquiring Asset



Source: See PR dated Feb 21, 2024 for notes related to reserves and resources from 2023 and 2024. Resources from 2022 have an effective date of Sept 28, 2022, and are listed within Mineral Resource Estimate and Technical Report dated Nov 10, 2022. Notes for Resources from 2020 and 2021 can be found within the Company's PEA, available within the Company's prospectus filed Nov 8, 2021.

Production and Revenue Breakdown



\$8,994 million

Cumulative LOM
Free Cash Flow
\$2,407 million
post-tax

Production Feed Sources via Heap Leach

Low risk entry to production – Stockpile and Open Pit mining to fund U/G development

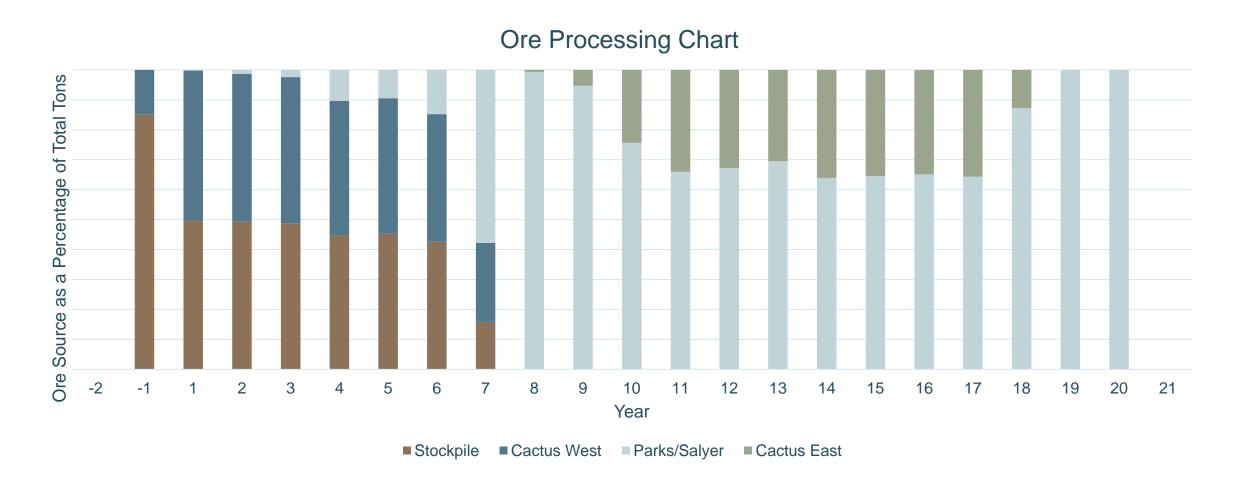
Cactus Production Schedule



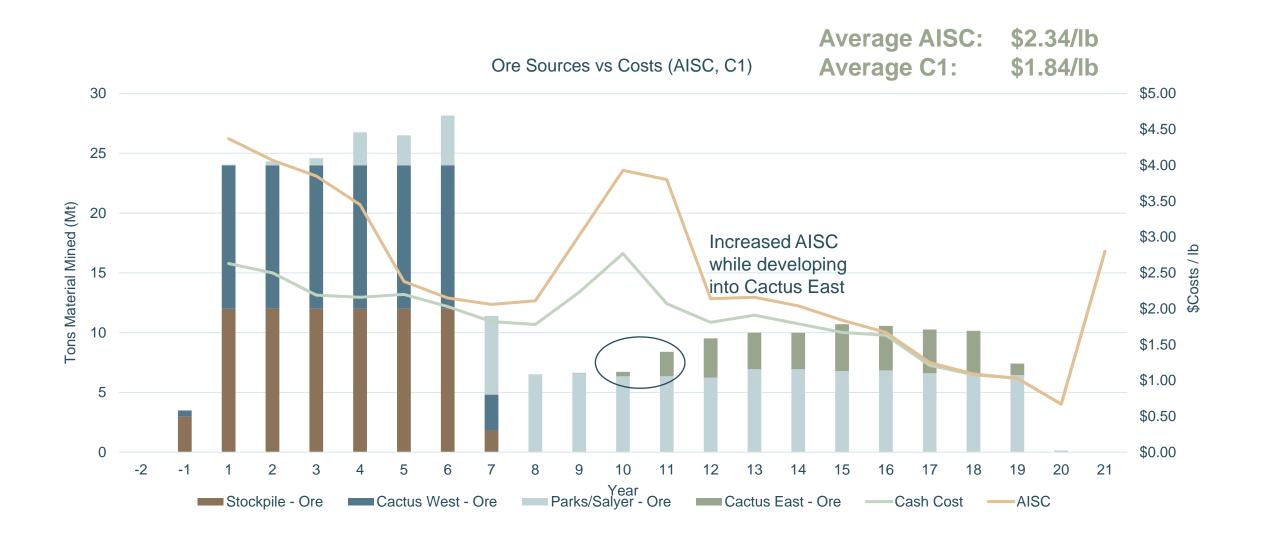
The mining schedule reflects a layered mining plan targeted at early production with low capex, maximizing project returns. Initial plant capacity is designed at 30 ktpa with expansion to 60 ktpa concurrent with underground mining in full ramp up by year 7 of the project start-up.

Low Risk Executable Plan - Begins with Stockpile and Open Pit Ore Sources

LOM Annual Average Production: 110MM lbs / 55 ktpa



Annual Costs and Production Profile



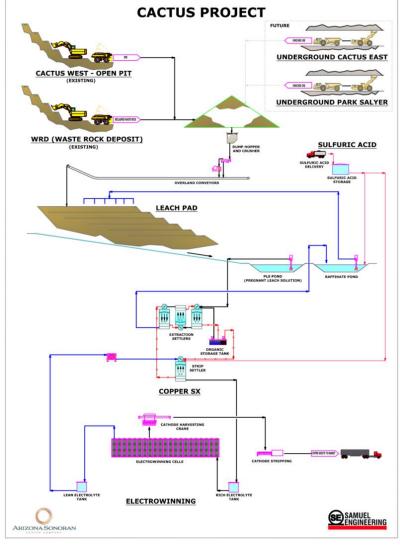
Summary of Key Metrics @ \$3.90/lb Cu

	KEY MET	RICS
NPV @ 8% (Pre-Tax)	\$ millions	\$733
NPV @ 8% (Post-Tax)	\$ millions	\$509
IRR (Post-Tax)	%	15.3
Payback Period	Years	6.8
NPV Capital Intensity	NPV/Capital	1:1
Minalifa	Vasra	0.4
Mine Life	Years	21
Total Payable LOM Cu Production	Millions lbs	2,306
Cu Average Production (Yrs 1-5)	Millions lbs	100
Cu Average Production (Yrs 6-10)	Millions lbs	105
Cu Average Production (Yrs 11-15)	Millions lbs	136
Cu Average LOM Production	Millions lbs	110
Initial Capital	\$ millions	515
Sustaining Capital	\$ millions	1,221
Operating Cash Costs*	\$/Ib	\$1.75
C1 Cash Costs**	\$/lb	\$1.84
AISC (C3) Cash Costs***	\$/lb	\$2.34
Total FCF (post-tax)	\$ millions	\$2,407
Annual Average FCF	\$ millions	\$115

Mining	
Open Pit	\$2.20/ ton mined
Underground	\$20.21/ton mined
Leaching & Processing	\$2.96/ton placed
G&A	\$0.12/ton placed

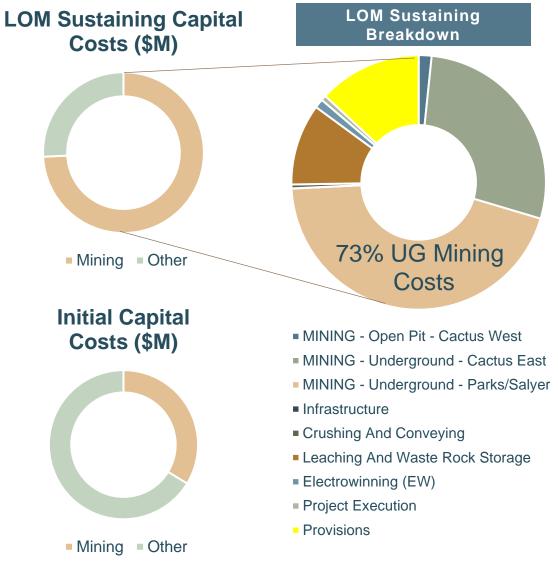
- * Operating cash costs consist of mining costs, processing costs, and G&A
- ** Total cash costs consist of operating cash costs plus transportation cost, royalties, treatment and refining charges *** AISC consist of total cash costs plus sustaining capital, closure cost and salvage value

Heap Leach and SX/EW Flow Sheet



Capital Cost Breakdowns Managing 3 Mines

CAPITALIZED COSTS (US\$M)					
	Initial Capex	Sustaining			
Capitalized Mining and Processing Costs	\$173 million	\$905 million			
Processing	\$4 million	n/a			
Mining (Pre-stripping)	\$78 million	n/a			
MINING - Open Pit - Cactus West	\$24 million	\$20 million			
MINING - Underground - Cactus East	n/a	\$341 million			
MINING - Underground - Parks/Salyer	\$57 million	\$544 million			
MINING - Underground - Combined/Shared	\$11 million	n/a			
Other Capital Costs	\$343 million	\$312 million			
Infrastructure	\$56 million	\$0.3 million			
Crushing And Conveying	\$29 million	\$6 million			
Leaching And Waste Rock Storage	\$66 million	\$126 million			
Solvent Extraction (Sx)	\$30 million	n/a			
Electrowinning (Ew)	\$26 million	\$14 million			
Reagents	\$1 million	n/a			
Process Plant Services And Utilities	\$4 million	n/a			
Project Execution	\$54 million	\$8 million			
Provisions	\$75 million	\$160 million			
Total Capitalized Costs	\$515 million	\$1,221 million			
Average Annualized S	ustaining Capital	\$58 million			



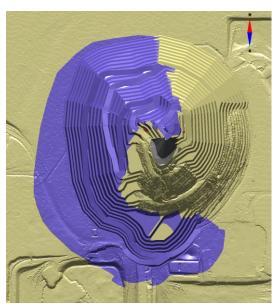
IRR, Payback & Cash Flow Sensitivity Analysis

LEVERAGED TO THE COPPER PRICE

Project Metric				COPPER PRICE		
		\$3.75/lb	BASE CASE \$3.90/lb	\$4.00/lb	LONG TERM \$4.25 / lb Cu	\$4.50 / lb Cu
Pre-Tax (8% disc)	NPV	\$592 million	\$733 million	\$828 million	\$1,064 million	\$1,299 million
Post Tax (8% disc)	NPV	\$389 million	\$509 million	\$587 million	\$780 million	\$971 million
	IRR	14%	15.3%	17%	19%	22%
Payback Period (post-tax)	Years	7.4	6.8	6.4	5.7	5.2
LOM Revenue	\$ millions	\$8,648 million	\$8,994 million	\$9,224 million	\$9,801 million	\$10,377 million
LOM EBITDA	\$ millions	\$4,409 million	\$4,746 million	\$4,971 million	\$5,533 million	\$6,095 million
Total Unlevered FCF (post-tax)	\$ millions	\$2,138 million	\$2,407 million	\$2,585 million	\$3,031 million	\$3,476 million
NPV/Initial Capex Ratio (Post-Tax)		0.8	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.9

All currency referenced is in US dollars, unless otherwise noted LT copper prices based on analyst consensus, January 2024

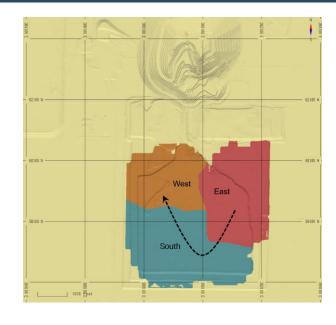
Mining Phases – Years -1 – 7: Cactus West Open Pit and Stockpile

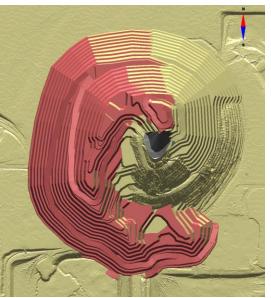


Cactus West Open Pit Phase 1

Pre-production stripping begins year -1 and completes in year 4

Average 28 Mt annually





Cactus West Open Pit Phase 2

Begins Year 2 and is mined out in Year 7

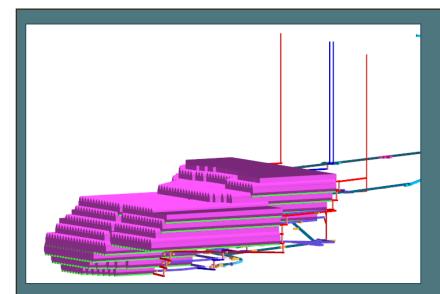
- 12 M Ore Tons per Annum
- Peak mining rate of 47Mt in Years 2 and 3
- 75.5 Mt of leach ore @ 0.307% total copper
- Strip ratio of 1.96 to 1
- Bench elevations range from the 1,440-ft (439 m) level to the 380-ft (116 m) level.

Historic Stockpile

Begins -1 and is mined out in Year 7

- c.3.0 M tons of ore sent to the leach pad in pre-production
- 12 M Ore Tons per Annum
- 76.8 Mt of leach ore @ 0.163% total copper

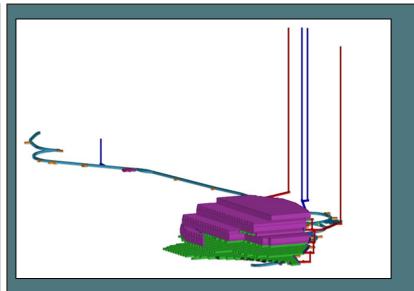
Underground Mining Phases Years 1-20: Parks/Salyer and Cactus East



Parks/Salyer Sub Level Cave

Begins Year 1 and is mined out in Year 20

- Steady state mining approx. 6.5 Mtpa
- A total of 96 Mt of leach ore @ 0.82% Cu TSol
- Level begins at 1,120 ft (341 m) below the surface
- 11 sublevels to a final depth of 1,930 ft (588 m) Surface portal and twin decline access:
 - 1. Ore haulage using an inclined conveyor
 - 2. Providing access for personnel and equipment



Cactus East Sub Level Cave

Begins Year 9 and is mined out in Year 19

- Steady state mining approx. 3.5 Mtpa
- A total of 28 Mt of leach ore @ 0.89% Cu TSol
- Level begins at 1,325 ft (404 m) below the surface
- 7 sublevels to a final depth of 1,845 ft (562 m)
- Single decline access through a portal within the existing Cactus West pit.
- Vertical conveyor ore haulage to surface, trucks may be used, if necessary through decline

Metallurgy – High recoveries of Oxide and Enriched 2 years of metallurgical testing

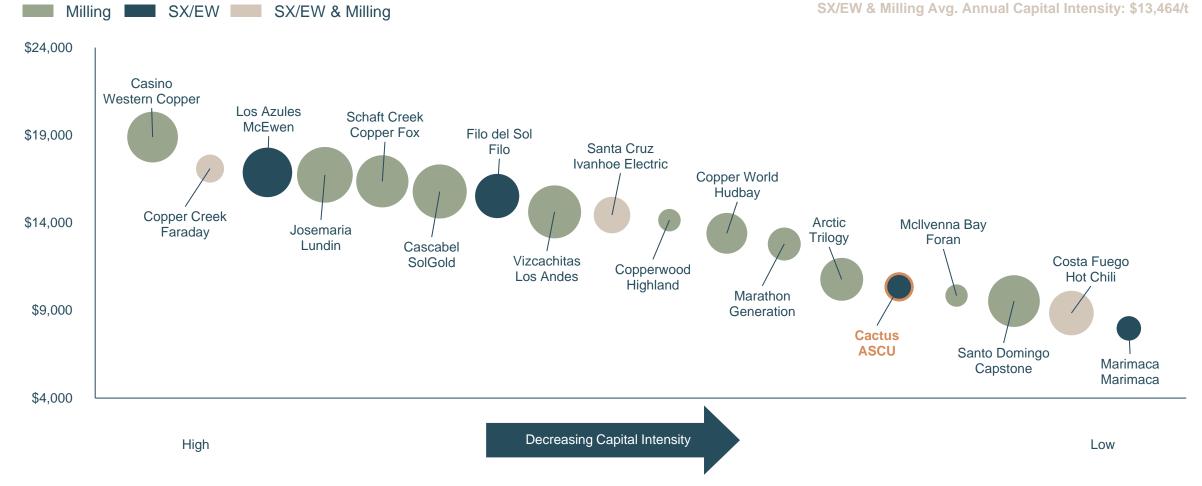


Lower Capital Intensity Provides a Lower Risk Path to Copper Production

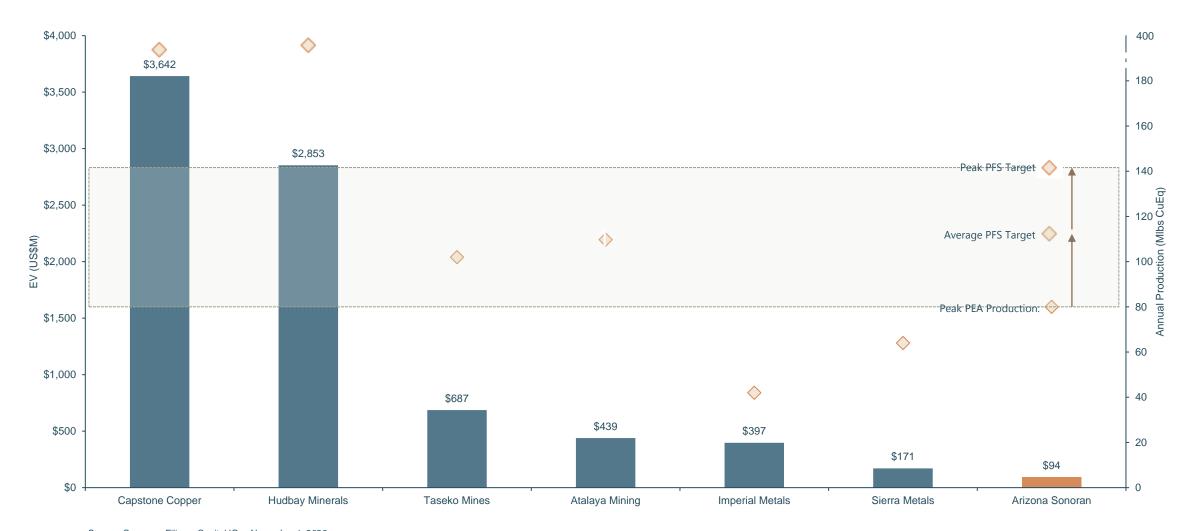
Peer Benchmarking - Capital Intensity (Based on Average Annual Copper Equivalent Production)⁽¹⁾

Capital Intensity (US\$/t) | Bubble Size Based on Annual Production

Milling Avg. Annual Capital Intensity: \$13,952/t
SX/EW Avg. Annual Capital Intensity: \$12,847/t



Junior Copper Producer Benchmarking (Enterprise Value and Production)



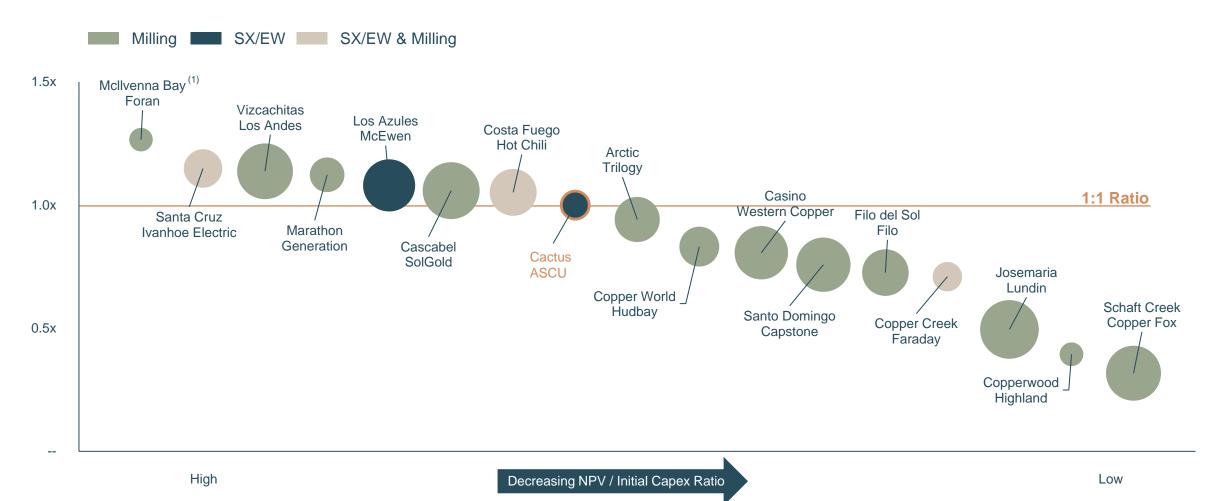
Source: Company Filings, Capital IQ - November 1, 2023

(1) Arizona Sonoran production shown as peak production of ~80 Mlbs, an additional data point is shown as the Company's goal of +100 Mlbs of annual copper production

Cactus Amongst Most Attractive Projects to Generate NPV for Lower Capital vs Peer Group

Peer Benchmarking – After-Tax NPV_{8%} / Initial Capex

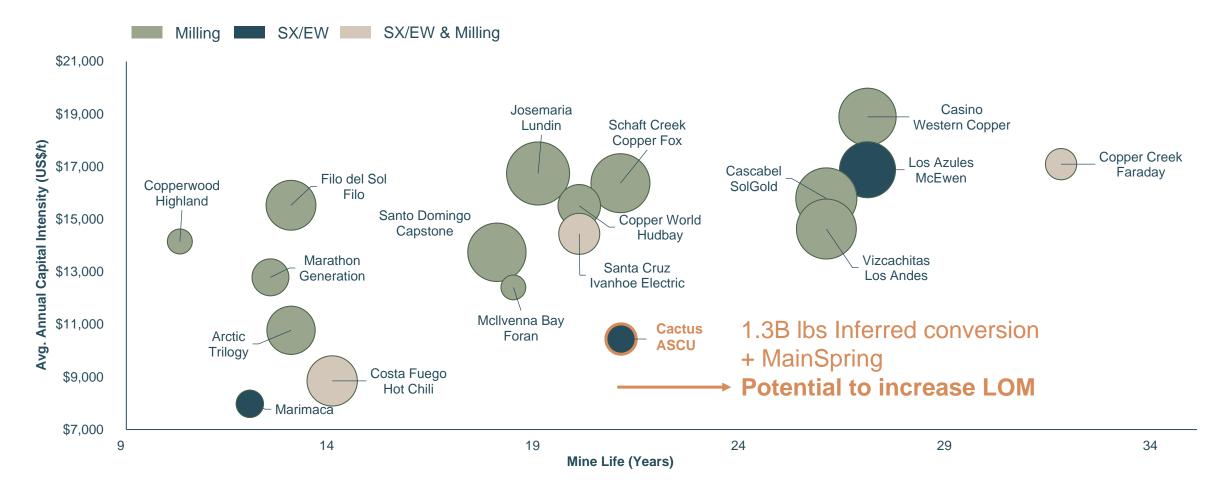
Ratio | Initial Capex (US\$M) | Bubble Size Based on Annual Production



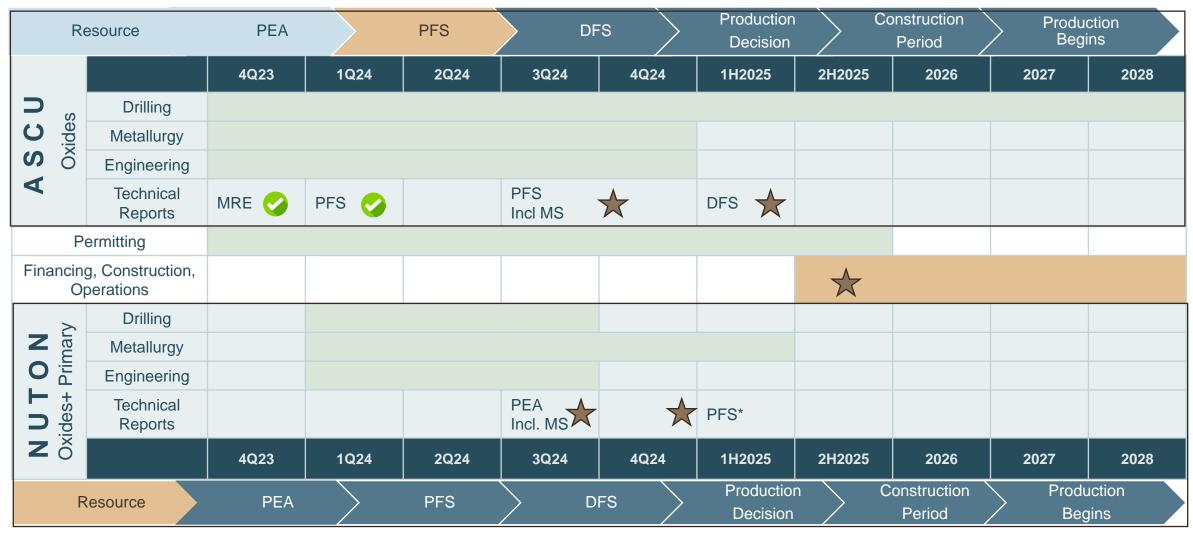
Lowest Capital Intensity with 20+ LOM and Short Window to Production

Peer Benchmarking – Mine Life vs Capital Intensity (Based on Avg. Annual Copper Equivalent Production)⁽¹⁾

Years | Avg. Annual Capital Intensity (US\$/t) | Bubble Size Based on Avg. Annual Production



Dual Process Timeline – Nuton and ASCU



*Both parties are working towards a PFS completion in Q4 2024 MS = MainSpring



Catalyst for rerate target



Complete

Benchmarking ASCU to Copper Developers

Similar future production profile to ASCU with a P/NAV of 0.31x

P/NAV: 1.16x

Acquired at a 23% premium⁽²⁾



Olvanhoe



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	SONORAN	ELECTRIC	marimaca		MINING	FARADAT COPPER		COPPER	MINING CORPORATION
Market Capitalization (C\$M)	\$160	\$1,370	\$325	\$1,280	\$2,670	\$87	\$214	\$2,118	\$590 ⁽²⁾
Asset Name	Cactus / Parks Salyer	Santa Cruz / Tintic	Marimaca	McIlvenna Bay	Filo del Sol	Cu Creek / Contact Cu	Kay	Caraiba	Copper Mountain
Economic Study Level	PFS	IA*	PEA	FS	PFS	PEA	Historic	Production	Production
Development Type (Greenfields or Brownfields)	Brownfields	Greenfields	Greenfields	Brownfields	Greenfields	Greenfields	Brownfields	n/a	n/a
Jurisdiction	Arizona	Arizona / Utah	Chile	Sask.	Argentina	Arizona	Arizona	Brazil	ВС
Fraser Institute Policy Perception Index (Rating Out of 100)	85	85 / 91	69	91	77	85	85	48	76
Measured & Indicated Attributable Resource (Mlbs CuEq)	5,174	6,188	1,984	2,096	6,161	4,456	-	2,868	7,296
Inferred Attributable Resource (MIbs CuEq)	2,208	4,072	312	337	2,552	669	-	1,063	2,599
Mine Life (Years)	21	20	12	18	13	32	-	16	31
Annual Attributable LOM Production (Mlbs CuEq Payable)	110	175	79	65	340	264	-	102 ⁽¹⁾	64 ⁽¹⁾
LOM C1 Cash Cost (US\$/Ib CuEq)	\$1.84	\$1.36	\$1.22	\$1.79	\$1.54	\$1.67	-	\$1.36 ⁽¹⁾	\$3.88 ⁽¹⁾
Capital Intensity (LOM US\$/t CuEq)	\$10,343	\$14,445	\$11,348	\$12,407	\$15,531	\$17,094	-	n/a	n/a
Headline After-Tax IRR (%)	15%	23%	34%	22%	20%	16%	-	n/a	n/a
Headline After-Tax NPV (US\$M)	\$509	\$1,317	\$524	\$370	\$1,310	\$713	-	663.7	\$1,245
Economic Study Long-Term Copper Price (US\$/Ib Cu)	\$3.90	\$3.80	\$3.15	\$3.50	\$3.65	\$3.80	-	\$3.00	\$3.60

Source: S&P Capital IQ. Company Filings. The Integrated Cactus PEA is preliminary in nature, it includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to the them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized. Market Capitalizations as of January 9, 2024.

^{*}IA is an Initial Assessment, compliant with US Securities rules

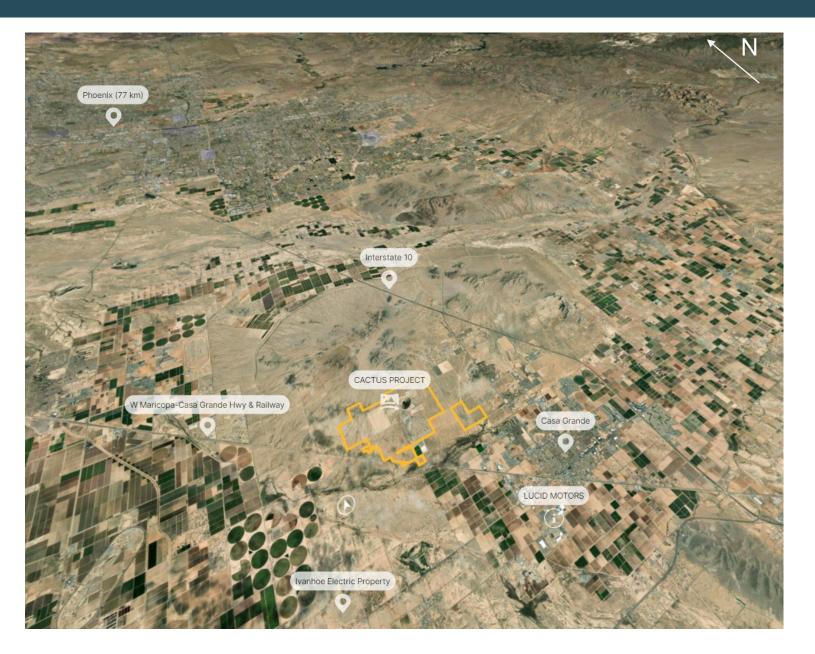
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Location Advantage

Brownfield property with +\$30M infrastructure 100%-owned private land

Low Risk Location, on 100% Owned, Private Land



Brownfield Project, c.\$30 million infrastructure savings

- Water (onsite access to non-potable water source)
- Access to labour (no camp required)
- Power (Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant nearby with power lines onsite)
- Highway (direct access to I-10)
- Railroad (direct access to Union Pacific)
- Just-in-time inventory accounting
- Located in the Industrial Park of Casa Grande. Nearby factories include:
 - Walmart Distribution, Kohler, Frito-Lay, Abbott Labs, Lucid Motors, Nikola trucks, Intel Chips, SATCO

Brownfield and Private Land Advantage

In place Infrastructure, environmentally conscious









Water

- Onsite wells accessing non-potable aquifer at depth
- Water permits in hand

Power

- Opportunity to use 100% clean nuclear energy from Palo Verde plant in Phoenix;
- 69 kv line already onsite

Roads/ Railroad

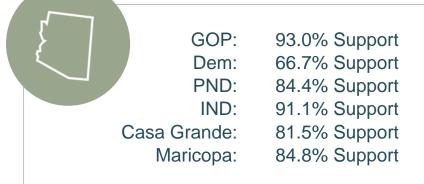
 Easy access from onsite rail and road to nationwide network of highways and railroads

Heap Leaching

- Less capital intensive
- Uses less water, less energy
- Produces cathodes onsite

Casa Grande and Maricopa Counties





Polling completed by Highground Public Affairs Consultants December 2021

Private Land Advantage: Streamlined and Known Process

Permitting for the updated study has begun with local permitting offices

ADWR - Arizona Department of Water Resources

GOMPLETE

Permits Based on the PEA		Permit Office
Air Quality Dust Permit		Pinal County
Arizona Pollution Discharg System (402) (SWPPP)	ge Elimination	ADEQ
Water Rights Use up to 3,800 acre-ft / year	r 🔂	ADWR
Aquifer Protection Permit For Stockpile Project	•	ADEQ
General Plan Amendment Including development agree zoning change from resident	-	Casa Grande
Aquifer Protection Permit Major amendment	•	ADEQ
Mined Lands Reclamation Permit (MLRP) and bond	•	Arizona State Mine Inspector
Industrial Air Permit	•	Pinal County
Indicates major permit	ADEQ – Arizona Department	of Environmental Quality

Permits Requiring Updating Post-PFS	Permit Offic

OST-PFS APPLICATION

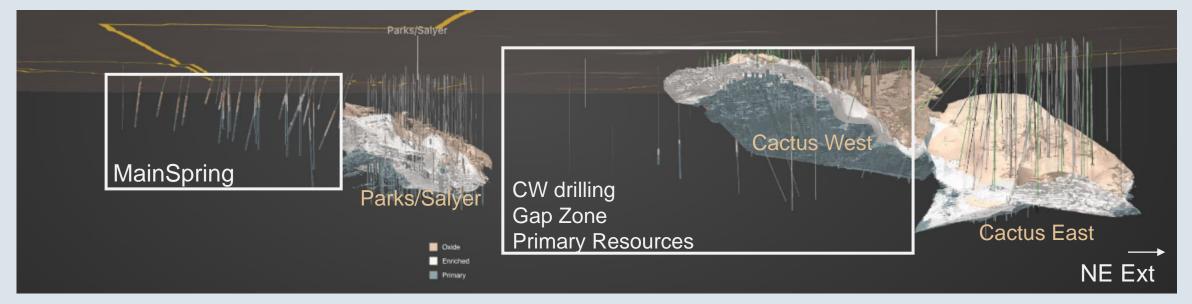
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Arizona Pollution Discharge Elimination System (402) (SWPPP)	ADEQ
Aquifer Protection Permit Major amendment	ADEQ
Mined Lands Reclamation Permit (MLRP) and bond	Arizona State Mine Inspector
Industrial Air Permit	Pinal County

Administrative Permits	Permit Office	Status
Radio Station License, Wireless Communication	FCC	Application post-PFS
Notice of Intent to Clear Land	AZ Department of Agriculture	Required pursuant to a construction decision
Mining Construction Permits	Pinal County	
Above-Ground Tank Storage	ADEQ	
State Notice of Startup/Miner Registration Number	AZ State Mine Inspector/MSHA	



Opportunities for Optimization

Near-term Opportunities to Enhance Economics



Expansion Opportunities

- 1.3B lbs leachable Inferred resource
 - Potential conversion of Inferred to M&I
 - 107,700 kt @ 0.61% Cu TSol
- MainSpring property
 - Mineralization at 42 m depth, starter pit potential
- Parks/Salyer infill drilling
 - Measured drilling shows higher grades and thicknesses in the core of the system

Cactus West infill drilling

 Extended mineralization 674 ft (205 m) below resource shell (ECW-150 - 1,174.2 ft (358 m) @ 0.43% CuT)

Exploration

- Gap Zone (low grade mineralization drilled)
- NE Extension (ECN-128 990.7 ft (302.0 m) @ 0.42%
 CuT) 3,000 ft (990 m) NE of Cactus East
- Primary Resources excluded from reserves (Nuton)
 - 745M lbs Cu 88 kt @ 0.42% TCu M&I -
 - 900M lbs Cu 126,200 kt @ 0.36% TCu Inf
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Nuton: Strategic Transaction to Unlock Substantial Value for ASCU

Access to US\$33M in non-equity non-dilutive funding US\$18M drawn, US\$15M undrawn

Creates a Straightforward Mechanism for Significant Project Funding

Reduction of Execution Risks via JV Partnership Framework with Global Mining and Innovation Leader

Option decision post-Nuton Case PFS





Capital Structure & Ownership

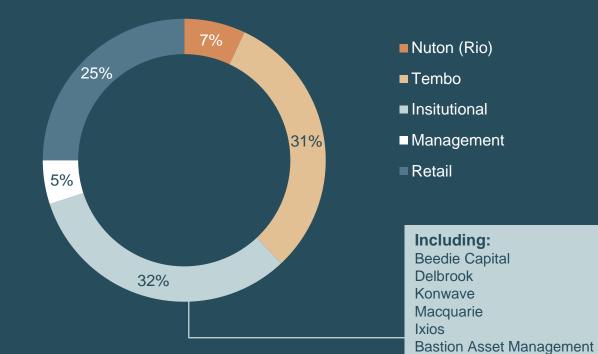
CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Market Capitalization	C\$130M
Shares Outstanding (M)	109.0
Warrants (M)	2.5
Options (M)	5.6
RSU's (M) ⁽¹⁾	0.2
DSU's (M)	0.5
Fully Diluted Share Capital (M)	117.9
Cash post-Nuton Option Agreement	US\$20M
Debt	Debt Free

Notes:

(1) RSUs may be issued in shares or cash

OWNERSHIP



ANALYST COVERAGE







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Management Team with Track Record of Execution



George Ogilvie, P.Eng. PRESIDENT, CEO & DIRECTOR

+30 years of management, operating and technical experience in the mining industry. Previously President & CEO of Battle North (sold to Evolution Mining), CEO of Kirkland Lake, and CEO of Rambler Metals



Bernie Loyer SVP Projects

+35 years building and delivering large scale mining projects. Prior positions at SolGold (Cascabel), Goldcorp (Penasquito and Cerro Negro), Torex Gold (Morelos and Media Luna), BHP (Escondida) and at FLSmidth Minerals.



Nick Nikolakakis, BASc, MBA VP FINANCE AND CFO

+27 years of North American executive mining finance experience. Former VP Finance and CFO of Battle North, Rainy River and Placer Dome, VP Corporate Finance at Barrick and other positions at North American Palladium and BMO Nesbitt Burns.



Rita Adiani, LLB Hons SVP STRATEGY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

+16 years of mining experience across strategy & business development, investment banking and corporate law. Previously EVP and Head of Business Development at Xiana Mining, MD at NRG Capital Partners, VP at Societe Generale and Senior Corporate Finance Manager at La Mancha



Doug Bowden, MSc. **VICE PRESIDENT, EXPLORATION**

+40 years mining experience throughout North America and Mexico. Responsible for managing exploration programs for Amselco, BP Minerals, Kennecott and Western Uranium. Senior executive positions held at Gold Summit Corporation, Western Uranium and Concordia



Travis Snider, B.Sc, Env Chem, SME VICE PRESIDENT, SUSTAINABILITY & EXTERNAL RELATIONS

+20 years experience in the mining industry in Arizona. Previously Mining Project Manager at Engineering & Environmental Consultants, SVP of Operations for Sierra Resource Group and VP of Mining & Oil operations for Wilcox



Alison Dwoskin, CPIR
DIRECTOR, INVESTOR RELATIONS

+15 years in investor relations. Formerly
Manager, Investor Relations of Klondex
Mines and Eastmain Resources. Began her
career at a Toronto-based IR firm, broadly
specializing in mining

STRONG SPONSOR SUPPORT

RioTinto

- Global leading diversified metals and mining company with operations in 35 countries.
- Innovating technologies to advance the mining industry
- Shareholder since 2022, option to JV signed in Dec 2023

TEMBO CAPITAL

- Private equity fund investing in junior and mid-tier mining companies, with low cost, quality assets managed by high caliber teams
- Shareholder since 2020





An Emerging Lower Risk Copper Developer in Arizona

High build probability in the heartland of US copper country

QUALITY

- Brownfields porphyry copper project, SXEW and heap leach operation on the oxides and enriched
- Arizona Tier 1 Jurisdiction
- Among Top 10 copper operations in the US
- 3.0B lbs @ 0.48% Cu TSol P&P copper reserves

ECONOMICS

- Robust PFS, Feb 2024
- 55 kstpa Copper Cathode over
 21 years
- NPV8 (post-tax): \$509 million
- LOM Revenue: \$9.0 B
- LOM FCF (post-tax): \$2.4 B

LOW RISK

- Low Capital Intensity
- Highly-experienced owneroperator team in place
- Private landownership/ streamlined permitting
- In place infrastructure, including access to water
- Social license

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



Questions



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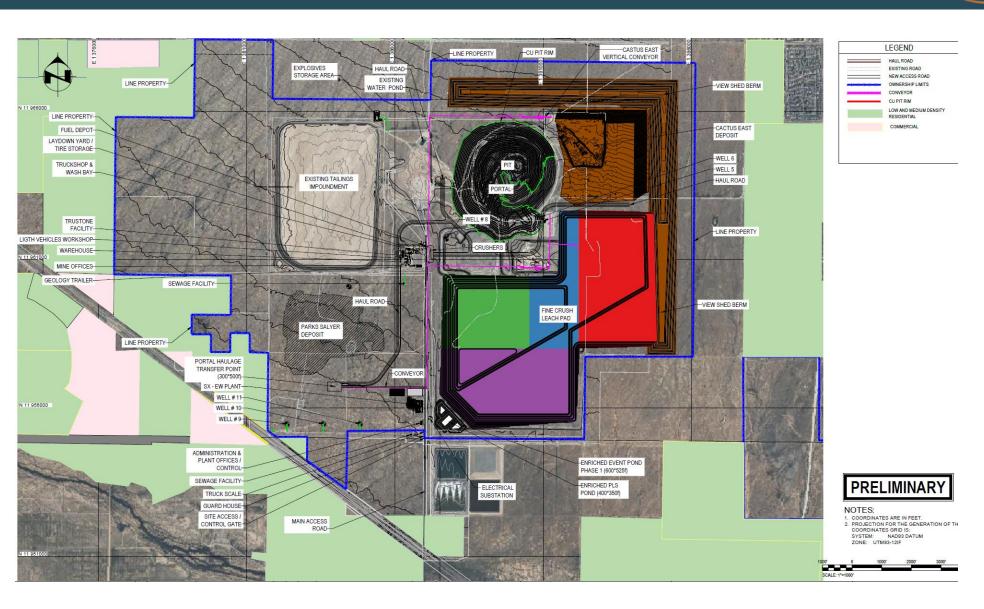


Appendix

General Plan Arrangement of Heap Leach and SX/EW Operation

GP Arrangement:

- Sufficient land availability
- Arcus not utilized (W of TSF)
- Ability to expand land position



Enterprise Value to M&I Resource

Peer Benchmarking – Enterprise Value / M&I Copper Equivalent Resources⁽¹⁾



Few Developers Filling the Copper Supply Gap

Peer Benchmarking – P / NAV & Estimated Production Start Date

Ratio | Estimated Production Date



Attractive Entry Point for Investors as Valuation and P/NAV should improve as project is de risked

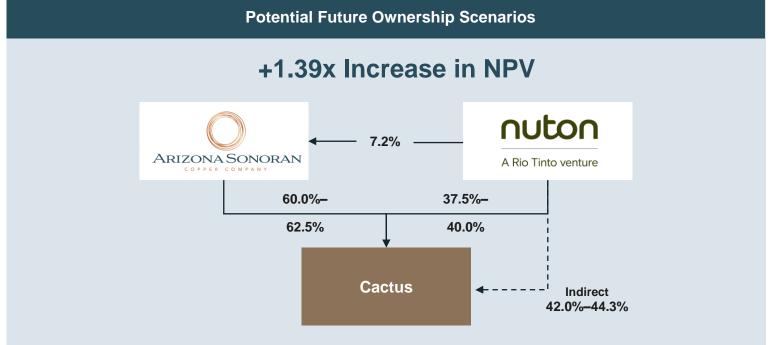
Nuton Potential Ownership and Timeline

2024 2025

- Work program with Nuton
- Standalone PFS to include MainSpring
- Anticipated completion of Nuton PFS
- Potential exercise of option by Nuton
- Completion of Nuton BFS and final investment decision
- Production decision
- Construction (18-24 mos)

Potential for first production of copper cathodes





Journey Towards Net Zero - Partnership with Minviro

PFS / FS

- Design parameters used to scope impact
- GHG inventory assessment (Scope 1, 2 and 3)
- Consideration of impact of diesel fuel, sulfuric acid, carbonate minerals, electricity, cement in operations across Scopes 1 and 2
- 100% renewable energy solutions
- Careful water use and management
- Waste and pollution management air quality, dust management and tailings management
- Establishing carbon trading and offset policies/trading to the extent required

PRODUCTION AND REPORTING

- Establishing reporting KPIs
- Reporting to international standards (e.g. SASB, TCFD)

Construction

- Investment in low carbon technologies and minimizing direct impacts (Scope 1 & 2)
- Supply chain management to minimize Scope 3 emissions
- Local procurement and workforce hiring generating positive social impact
- Compliance with global standards (e.g., Equator Principles) to align with debt financing

ESG – Setting the Pace for Net Zero Carbon Emissions

- Revitalizing a brownfield site
- · Reduced carbon footprint
- Proactive air quality management
- Careful and efficient water stewardship
- Zero discharge operation
- Concurrent reclamation
- Habitat restoration
- Waste management
- Plan for responsible closure



RESPONSIBLE OPERATIONS

We operate in an
environmentally responsible
manner, investing in low
carbon and water efficient
technologies



A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL

We are commited to mining sustainably:
revitalizing a previously abandoned
site, contributing to local
economic development,
and powering a renewable
energy future

OUR CORE VALUES

GOOD GOVERNANCE



POSITIVE WORK CULTURE

We provide meaningful work opportunities and prioritize worker wellbeing and safety

- Meaningful and engaging opportunities
- Positive health and safety culture
- Diverse, equitable and inclusive workplace
- Competitive pay and benefits
- Work-life balance
- Respect for human rights
- Ethical work environment

- Copper in renewable energy
- Copper in the electric vehicle sector
- Growing copper needs in the US

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RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE

We will produce LME grade copper, a critical component in powering the renewable energy and electric vehicle sectors in the US

PART OF THE COMMUNITY

We are commited to open dialog with all stakeholders and supporting local economic development

- Commitment to open dialog
- Respecting local culture and traditions
- Supporting the local economy
- Leveraging local talent
- Building a talent pipeline
- Sourcing locally
- Supporting programs that improve quality of life in our host communities

ASCU is actively exploring use of renewable energy for its operations with the goal of becoming a "Net Zero Carbon Emissions" copper producer

Ability to also reduce carbon footprint by Arizona Public Service's transition to renewable resources (65% by 2030 and 100% by 2050)

Key Consultants and PFS Contributers

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Nat Burgio	FAusIMM (CP)	Principal Geologist	AGP Mining Consultants Inc.
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Copper Consensus Forecast

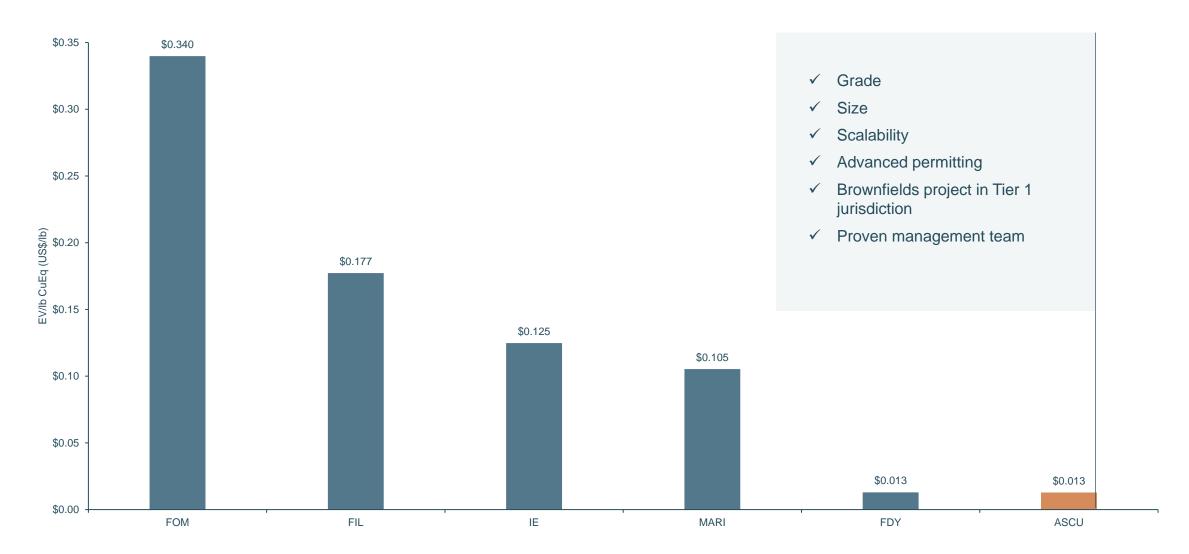
Copper (US\$/lb)

Date	Firm	2024	2025	2026	2027	LT
24-Jan-24	CIBC	\$4.00	\$4.25	\$4.25	\$3.80	\$3.80
21-Jan-24	Deutsche Bank	\$3.95	\$4.54	\$4.76	\$4.56	\$4.26
19-Jan-24	Stifel	\$3.94	\$4.25	\$4.50	\$4.50	-
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19-Jan-24	Morgan Stanley	\$4.05	-	-	-	\$3.58
19-Jan-24	JPMorgan	\$3.86	-	-	-	\$4.10
18-Jan-24	BNP Paribas	\$3.86	\$4.08	\$4.26	-	\$3.86
17-Jan-24	Canaccord	\$4.25	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.25	\$4.25
17-Jan-24	Eight Capital	\$4.25	\$4.50	\$4.25	\$3.75	\$3.75
17-Jan-24	Paradigm	\$4.25	\$4.00	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75
16-Jan-24	HSBC	\$4.00	\$3.93	\$3.85	\$3.90	\$3.30
16-Jan-24	Cantor	\$3.55	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
16-Jan-24	Berenberg	\$3.88	\$3.92	\$4.08	-	-
15-Jan-24	Scotia	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$5.00	\$5.25	\$4.25
15-Jan-24	Desjardins	\$3.60	\$3.90	\$4.15	\$4.15	\$4.15
15-Jan-24	BMO	\$3.78	\$3.63	\$3.97	\$4.26	\$3.95
15-Jan-24	BofA	\$3.91	-	-	-	\$3.86
15-Jan-24	UBS	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
14-Jan-24	National Bank	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.80	\$3.80	\$3.65
12-Jan-24	Barclays	\$3.90	\$4.00	-	-	\$3.75
11-Jan-24	RBC	\$4.25	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.00
11-Jan-24	Cormark	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$3.85
11-Jan-24	Raymond James	\$3.93	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
10-Jan-24	TD	\$4.09	\$4.25	\$4.50	\$5.00	\$4.24
09-Jan-24	Macquarie	\$3.55	\$3.86	\$4.08	\$4.54	\$3.76
04-Jan-24	Jefferies	\$3.95	\$4.65	\$5.25	\$5.50	\$4.00
06-Dec-23	Haywood	\$4.15	\$4.25	\$4.25	\$4.25	\$4.25
verage		\$3.95	\$4.12	\$4.23	\$4.26	\$3.91

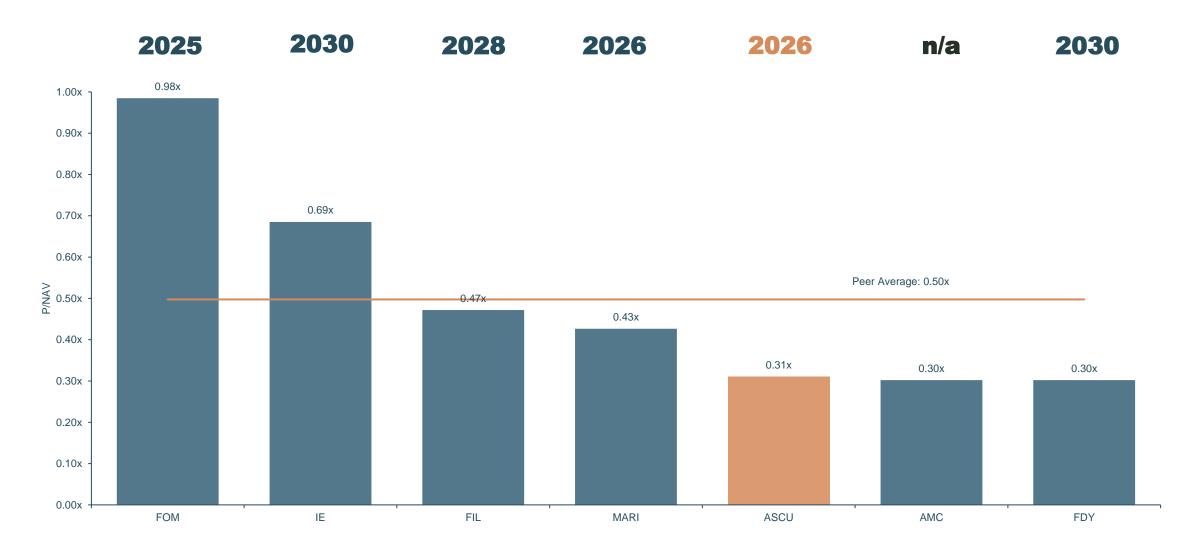
Source: CIBC, January 2024

Value Proposition: Benchmarking to Copper Developers

Low-Risk Copper Developer in Top Tier Jurisdiction



Copper Development Peers (P/NAV) and Anticipated Production Starts



Source: Company Filings, Capital IQ, November 1, 2023

Material Type	KTons	CuT	TSol	Contained	
wateriai Type	(Kt)	%	%	Cu (Klbs)	
		MEASURED			
	000	Cactus	0.407	500	
Oxide	200		0.137	500	
Enriched	8,900		0.232	41,400	
Total Leachable	9,100		0.230	41,900	
Primary	1,300	0.315		8,000	
Total Indicated	10,400		0.241	49,800	
		INDICATED			
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Oxide	73,300		0.352	515,800	
Enriched	73,900		0.661	977,400	
Total Leachable	147,200		0.507	1,493,200	
Primary	73,000	0.348		507,600	
Total Indicated	220,300		0.454	2,000,800	
	74.400	Stockpile	0.450	0.47.000	
Oxide	71,100	D. 1. (0.1	0.153	217,300	
Oxide	10.000	Parks/Salyer	0.921	183,700	
Enriched	10,000 120,200		1.037	2,493,000	
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Total Leachable	130,200		1.028	2,676,600	
Primary	13,800	0.833		229,400	
Total Indicated	143,900		1.009	2,906,100	
		INFERRED			
Oxide	33,000	Cactus	0.326	214,900	
Enriched	29,000		0.374	216,800	
Total Leachable	62,000		0.348	431,700	
Primary	122,300	0.342	2011	837,100	
Total Inferred	184,300		0.344	1,268,800	
Oxide	1,200	Stockpile	0.127	3,000	
Oxide	1,200	Parks/Salyer	0.121	3,000	
Oxide	8,700		0.925	161,700	
Enriched	35,700		0.996	711,500	
Total Leachable	44,500		0.982	873,200	
Primary	3,900	0.797		62,900	
Total Inferred	48,400		0.967	936,100	

Total Resources					
MEASURED					
Total Leachable	9,100		0.230	41,900	
Total Primary	1,300	0.315		8,000	
Total Measured	10,400	0.241		49,800	
INDICATED					
Total Leachable	348,500		0.629	4,387,200	
Total Primary	86,800	0.425		737,000	
Total Indicated	435,300	0.589		5,124,200	
M&I					
Total Leachable	357,600		0.619	4,429,000	
Total Primary	88,000	0.423		745,000	
Total M&I	445,700	0.580		5,174,000	
INFERRED					
Total Leachable	107,700		0.607	1,307,900	
Total Primary	126,200	0.357		900,000	
Total Inferred	233,800	0.472		2,207,900	

See slide 39 for notes to the mineral resources

Notes to the Mineral Resource Estimate

- 1. Leachable copper grades are reported using sequential assaying to calculate the soluble copper grade. Primary copper grades are reported as total copper, Total category grades reported as weighted average copper grades of soluble copper grades for leachable material and total copper grades for primary material. Tons are reported as short tons.
- 2. Stockpile resource estimates have an effective date of 1st March, 2022, Cactus resource estimates have an effective date of 29th April, 2022, Parks/Salyer resource estimates have an effective date of 19th May, 2023. All resources use a copper price of US\$3.75/lb.
- 3. Technical and economic parameters defining resource pit shell: mining cost US\$2.43/t; G&A US\$0.55/t, 10% dilution, and 44°-46° pit slope angle.
- 4. Technical and economic parameters defining underground resource: mining cost US\$27.62/t, G&A US\$0.55/t, and 5% dilution,
- 5. Technical and economic parameters defining processing: Oxide heap leach (HL) processing cost of US\$2.24/t assuming 86.3% recoveries, enriched HL processing cost of US\$2.13/t assuming 90.5% recoveries, Primary mill processing cost of US\$8.50/t assuming 92% recoveries. HL selling cost of US\$0.62/lb.
- 6. Royalties of 3.18% and 2.5% apply to the ASCU properties and stateland respectively. No royalties apply to the MainSpring (Parks/Salyer South) property.
- 7. For Cactus: Variable cutoff grades were reported depending on material type, potential mining method, and potential processing method. Oxide material within resource pit shell = 0.099% TSol; enriched material within resource pit shell = 0.092% TSol; primary material within resource pit shell = 0.226% CuT; oxide underground material outside resource pit shell = 0.522% TSol; primary underground material outside resource pit shell = 0.691% CuT.
- 8. For Parks/Salyer: Variable cut-off grades were reported depending on material type, associated potential processing method, and applicable royalties. For ASCU properties Oxide underground material = 0.549% TSol; enriched underground material = 0.549% TSol; enriched underground material = 0.545% TSol; enriched underground material = 0.518% TSol; primary underground material = 0.686% CuT. For MainSpring (Parks/Salyer South) properties Oxide underground material = 0.532% TSol; enriched underground material = 0.505% TSol; primary underground material = 0.669% CuT.
- 9. Mineral resources, which are not mineral reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, sociopolitical, marketing, or other relevant factors.
- 10. The quantity and grade of reported inferred mineral resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there is insufficient exploration to define these inferred mineral resources as an indicated or measured mineral resource; it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to an indicated or measured classification.
- 11. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Notes from the Reserves

Mineral Reserves have an effective date of November 10, 2023. The Qualified Person for the underground estimates of Cactus East and Parks/Salyer is Nat Burgio of AGP Mining Consultants Inc. The Qualified Person for the open pit estimates of Cactus West and Stockpile is Gordon Zurowski of AGP Mining Consultants Inc.

The Mineral Reserves were estimated in accordance with the CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Reserves.

The Mineral Reserves are supported by a combined open pit and underground mine plan, based on open pit and underground designs and schedules, guided by relevant optimization procedures.

Inputs to that process are:

- Metal prices of Cu \$3.70/lb.
- Processing costs which are variable and based upon material type, processing destination, copper grade, and copper recovery. Processing costs include a fixed unit cost component, a net consumption cost, and a cost for refining and selling copper cathode.
- General and administration cost of \$0.47/ton processed.
- Royalty, cost of 2.5% for BCE land and 2.54% for Parks/Salyer, Cactus and Stockpile Ores, excluding BCE ore royalty discussion noted below.
- Process recoveries which are variable depending upon mineralization type, sequential copper grades, and comminution size.
- Open pit geotechnical design criteria from Call and Nicholas, Underground geotechnical design criteria from Call and Nicholas, Open pit mining costs including an escalation factor with pit depth.
- Underground mining cost of \$27.62.

The footprint delineations for the Cactus East and Parks/Salyer mines were based on a resource model block cash flow dollar value (CFTC1) of \$27.62 (net of process, G/A and royalties). Drawpoints were shut-off when the grade value fell below a CFTC1 of \$27.62 following the necessary removal of swell material within the footprint.

Dilution and mining loss adjustments are incorporated into the underground mining inventories by way of cave flow modelling software. Inferred resources included in the mixing process have been assigned zero grade. No allowance for mining dilution or ore loss has been provided in the open pit mining inventories.

Yes, the financial model tells us a royalty buy-back is warranted.