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## **NorthIsle Investment Highlights**



### Robust **Preliminary Economic Assessment**

- Superior economics with significant exposure to Cu, Au, Mo + Re
  - Long mine life of 22 years
  - Average annual production of 156mlbs CuEq. over LOM
  - Attractive economics with C\$1.1 billion After-tax NPV (8%) and 19% After-tax IRR
  - Short payback of 3.9 years

### Rapid and Sustainable Development

- British Columbia among the top quartile of the best mining jurisdictions in the world
- Collaborative Approach to consultation with First Nations and local communities
- Leveraging brownfield infrastructure from neighbouring BHP Island Copper Mine
- Critical path items for baseline studies have been contracted in Q4 2021; PFS targeted for commencement in 2022

### **Exceptional** Leadership

- Sam Lee, President & CEO: +\$100 billion of M&A and equity transactions over 20 years
- Dale Corman, Chairman: Former CEO of Western Silver and Gold \$1.2 billion merger with Glamis
- Robin Tolbert, VP Exploration: Over 40 years experience exploring in major global porphyry regions
- Kevin O'Kane, Director: ~40yrs of mining experience with BHP and SSR

### **District Scale Exploration**

- District play with surface expression of porphyry-related mineralization over 50 km of strike
- NW Expo drilling identified high grade gold-rich porphyry which supports the overall exploration theses at North Island
- Numerous exploration targets including Pemberton Hills, Macintosh, NW Expo and Goodspeed undergoing staged surface geophysics and drilling programs during 2022

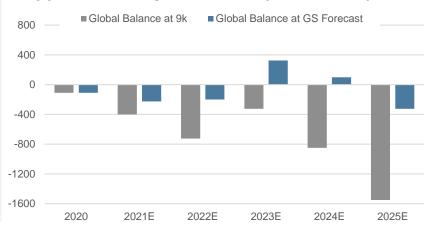
## The World Needs More Copper



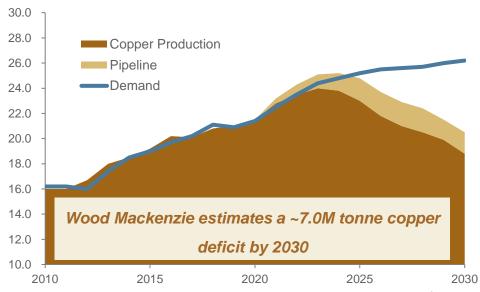
#### Looming copper market deficit

- Shutdowns of major copper-producing countries such as Peru and Chile dampened global mine supply
- Tightness in the physical market with exchange inventories decreasing dramatically
- Market analysts forecast a supply gap ranging from approximately 7 million tonnes to greater than 8 million tonnes by 2030<sup>2</sup>

### Copper Inventory Forecasts (000 tonnes)<sup>1</sup>



### Global Copper Supply / Demand (mt)<sup>2</sup>



#### Diminishing new supply of copper

- Operators facing permitting delays on account of capex escalation, social and other ESG considerations
- The long lead time for the majority of copper supply, combined with the industry's resistance towards new project development, leaves the copper market running out of time to secure the necessary supply to meet forecast demand later in the decade

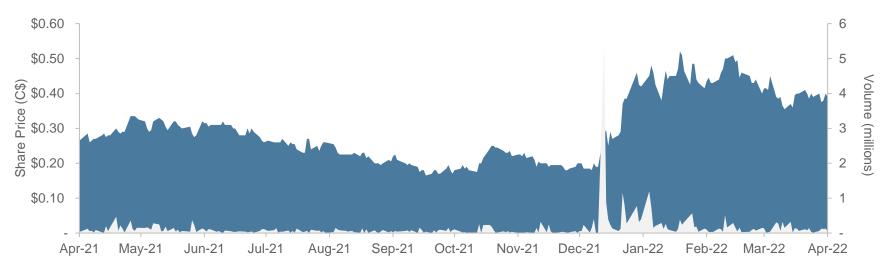
Source: Wood Mackenzie and Goldman Sachs estimates (assumes US\$9000/t copper price through 2025) TSXV: NCX <sub>2.</sub>

Source: Wood Mackenzie. Goldman Sachs forecasts a copper market deficit of 8.2 million tonnes by 2030

### **Capital Markets Profile**

#### SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

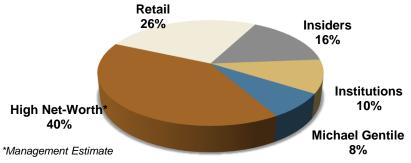




#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Shares Outstanding	181.3 million
Market Capitalization (C\$0.39 - Apr 1, 2022)	C\$71 million
52 Week Trading Range	C\$0.17 - C\$0.52
Options (C\$0.07 – C\$0.34)	12,372,333
Warrants	5,048,000
RSUs & DSUs	633,000
Fully Diluted	199.3 million
Cash (Sep 30, 2021 <sup>2</sup> )	C\$8.6 million
Debt	Nil

#### SHAREHOLDER DISTRIBUTION



#### **ANALYST COVERAGE**



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1. Source: FactSet - Pricing data as of Apr 1, 2022.

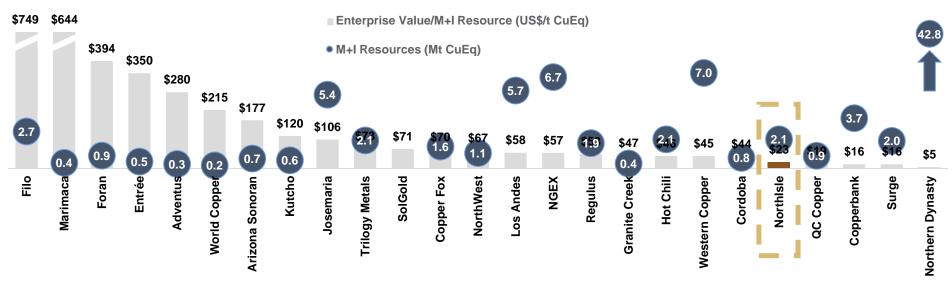
2. Adjusted for gross proceeds from Dec 17, 2021 financing & option exercise.

### NorthIsle is Undervalued

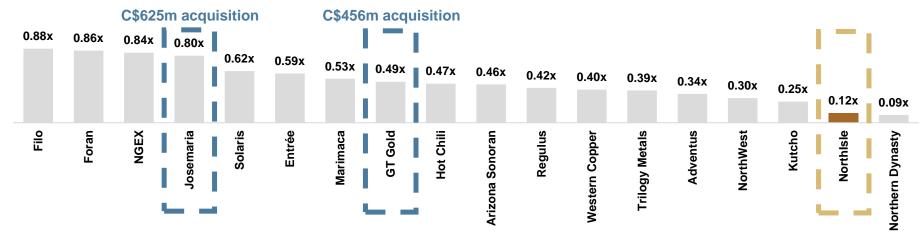
### Significant Resource at an Attractive Valuation



Enterprise Value / M+I Resources & M+I Resource



**Price / Net Asset Value (Analyst Consensus)** 



Immense potential to re-rate as North Island is advanced

## **Industry Leading Leadership**



✓ PROVEN TRACK RECORD
in finding and developing
world class mines

✓ OVER 200 YEARS ✓ SUSTAINAB collective mining and to mineral dis capital markets experience development

✓ **SUSTAINABLE APPROACH**to mineral discovery and project
ce development



Sam Lee, CFA President & CEO<sup>1</sup>,
Director
Advised on +\$100 billion of M&A and equity
transactions over 20 years including several large
porphyry projects

# Dale Corr

Dale Corman, P.Eng Chairman<sup>1</sup>

Discovery of Penasquito through to Feasibility Sold to Glamis Gold for \$1.2 billion Founder of Western Copper & Gold

#### Nicholas Van Dyk, CFA Chief Financial Officer

Public company executive experience over 16 years of progressively senior finance and public company executive experience including responsibility for project development, disclosure, financings, governance and investor relations

#### Robin Tolbert, P.Geo. VP Exploration

Over 40 years exploration and development experience in major copper porphyry regions including British Columbia, Arizona, Mexico, Argentina, Mongolia, and Alaska

#### Michelle Tanguay Head of Sustainability & Community Relations

Former executive of Newmont, Argonaut Gold and Ethos Gold over 25 Years Responsible for environmental and social performance

#### **David Douglas, CA Corporate Secretary**

Over 30 years of experience in the accounting, corporate finance, and mining industries.

#### Jack McClintock, P.Eng Strategic Advisor<sup>2</sup>

Over 40 years experience with Rio Algom, Billiton, and BHP Discovered Spence Deposit (BHP) - Production: ~230ktCupa

#### Cameron Brown, P.Eng Technical Advisor<sup>2</sup>

More than 45 years experience in mineral process and plant maintenance Current VP Engineering for Western Copper & Gold

#### Kevin O'Kane, P.Eng Non-Executive Independent Director<sup>1,2</sup>

Spence, Cerro Colorado, Minera Escondida, Island Copper (BHP) over 37 years Director of SolGold PLC and retired Chief Operating Officer at SSR

#### Martino De Ciccio, CFA Non-Executive Independent Director

Vice President Strategy and Investor Relations at Endeavour Mining Former executive at La Mancha Resources

#### Larry Yau, CA Non-Executive Independent Director

Over 20 years of financial and business experience gained primarily in the mining and resources sectors. Currently the CEO of Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.



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- Member of the Technical and Sustainability Committee
- 2. Member of the Technical Advisory Committee

## **Steps Towards Sustainability**



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#### Contribute to the Reduction in Carbon Emissions

- Access to clean BC power makes a low carbon emission mine conceivable
- Copper is driving the green energy revolution and is critical for expanded electrification infrastructure

2

#### **Connecting with our Communities**

- Commitment to supporting First Nations and community objectives
- Generate employment and business opportunities for the people of Northern Vancouver Island while ensuring we safeguard the land for future generations



#### Make the Footprint Smaller

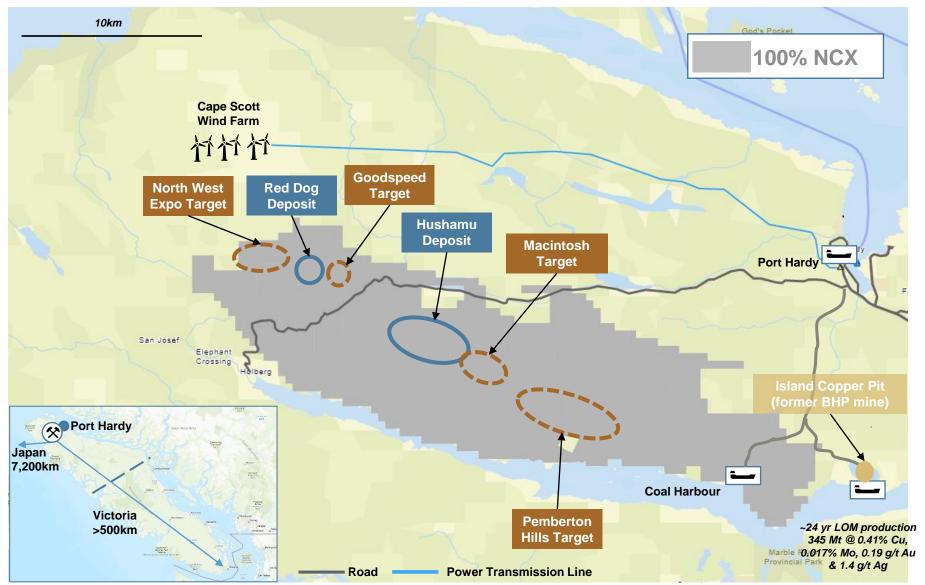
- Right size project while maximizing economics
- Potential to ship pyrite leaving less behind
- Potential to utilize neighbouring historical Island Copper pit for tailings

Cape Scott Wind Farm

## North Island – Exceptional Infrastructure

Historical logging and mining activity has left a legacy of roads, power and ports





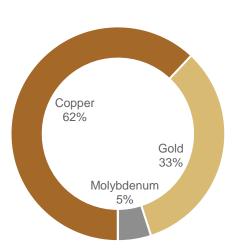
## North Island – Project Benchmarking

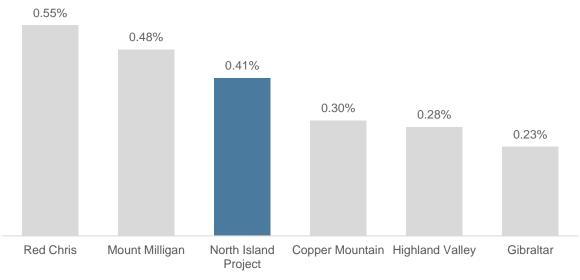


Grades compare well with current operating mines in British Columbia

METAL VALUE DISTRIBUTION (based on 2021 PEA recoveries)

## Cu Eq. M&I RESOURCE GRADE FOR CURRENT BC OPERATING MINES<sup>1</sup>





	Tonnes,		Grade					Contained Metal				
	'000	Cu, %	Au, g/t	Mo, %	Re, ppm	CuEq, %	Cu, blb	Au, moz	Mo, mlb	Re, t	CuEq, blb	AuEq, moz
Indicated												
Hushamu	472,854	0.20%	0.23	0.008%	0.35	0.40%	2.08	3.50	83.40	165.50	4.18	8.23
Red Dog	54,490	0.22%	0.31	0.004%	-	0.46%	0.26	0.54	4.81	-	0.55	1.09
Total	527,344	0.20%	0.24	0.008%	0.31	0.41%	2.35	4.04	88.20	165.50	4.74	9.33
Inferred												
Hushamu	414,293	0.15%	0.18	0.006%	0.29	0.31%	1.37	2.40	54.80	120.14	2.80	5.52
Red Dog	2,979	0.17%	0.25	0.002%	-	0.36%	0.01	0.02	0.13	-	0.02	0.05
Total	417,272	0.15%	0.18	0.006%	0.29	0.31%	1.38	2.42	54.93	120.14	2.83	5.57

Source: Agentis Capital, Company Filings

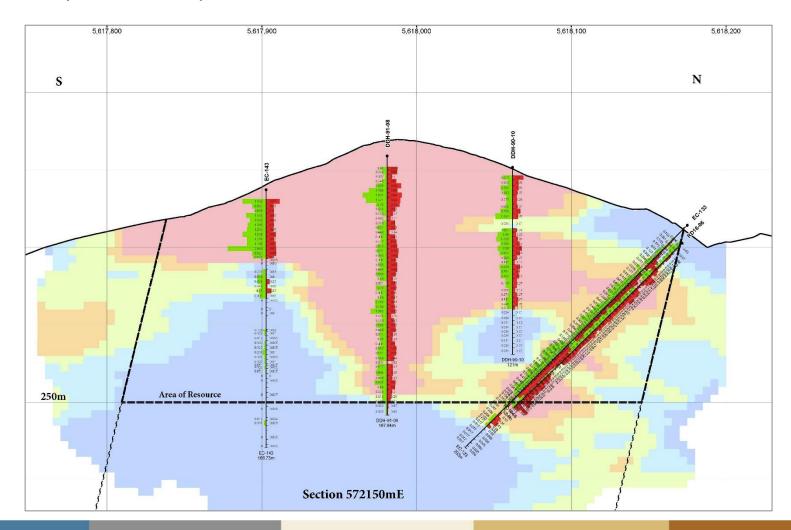
For Cu and Au Eq, the commodity prices used are as follows: U\$\$3.25/lb Cu, U\$\$1,650/oz Au, U\$\$10.00/lb Mo and U\$\$1,256/kg Re, assumes 100% metal recoveries.

1) Open pit resources only; Cu Eq uses North Island PEA commodity prices and 100% metal recoveries. U\$\$20/oz assumed for silver.

## Simple and Straightforward Mining



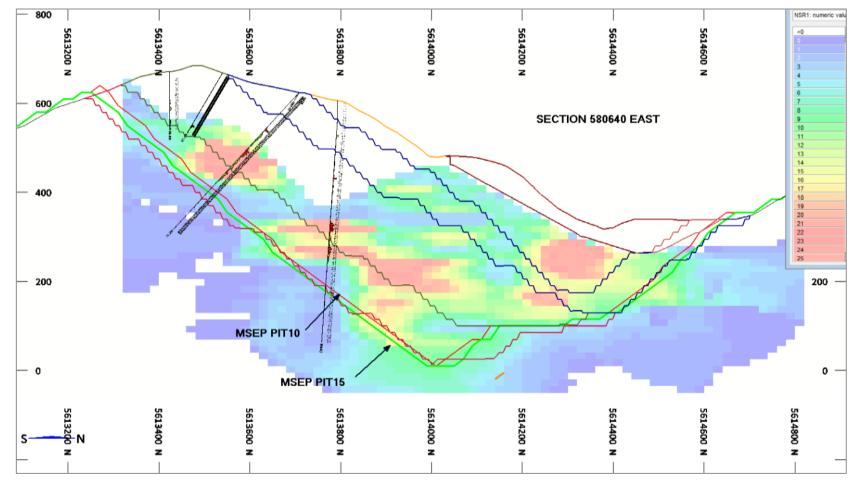
- ▶ Red Dog is a higher-grade initial feed source which outcrops at surface
  - Strip ratio less than 0.2x
  - Excellent potential to expand



## Simple and Straightforward Mining



- ▶ Hushamu is a large tonnage porphyry system occurring near surface
  - Predictable copper porphyry mineralization open for expansion
  - Can be tested with a minimal number of drill holes



### **Summary – 2021 North Island PEA**



- ✓ Robust economics
- ✓ High leverage to copper and gold
- ✓ Significant production profile
- ✓ Simple flowsheet
- ✓ Low-cost production
- ✓ High IRR & 22-year mine life
- ✓ Improved recoveries
- ✓ Premium copper concentrate
- ✓ Expansion potential
- ✓ Growth potential

#### PEA HIGHLIGHTS - BASE CASE<sup>1,2</sup>

NPV	After-tax C\$1.1bn NPV <sub>8%</sub> (C\$1.7bn NPV <sub>5%</sub> ) Pre-tax C\$1.5bn NPV <sub>8%</sub> (C\$2.3bn NPV <sub>5%</sub> )
IRR	After-tax 19.0% IRR Pre-tax 21.7% IRR
Payback	3.9 years
Free Cash Flow	First 6 years avg: C\$321m after-tax LOM avg: C\$224m after-tax
Initial Capital	C\$1.4bn over a 2 year construction period
Annual Production	First 6 years: 112mlb Cu; 112koz Au; 2.7mlb Mo LOM: 96mlb Cu; 100koz Au; 3.0mlb Mo
Recoveries	86.4% Cu; 46.8% Au; 59.5% Mo
AISC	First 6 years: C\$0.77/lb Cu & C\$2.01/lb Cu Eq LOM: C\$0.90/lb Cu & C\$2.14/lb CuEq
Strip Ratio	0.71
Mine Life	22 years at 75,000 tpd

Base case commodity prices used in the 2021 PEA are as follows: US\$ 3.25/lb Cu, US\$ 1,650/oz Au, US\$ 10.00/lb Mo, US\$1,256/kg Re, US\$:C\$ 0.75x

2. The 2021 PEA report detailing the disclosures in this presentation was filed on March 22, 2021 and is available on the Company's website and on SEDAR.

## **2021 PEA Summary Economics**

Robust Economics with Significant Upside to Current Metal Prices



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	\$1,059			
■ NPV (C\$m, 8%)				
OIRR	19.0%	22.3%		
After-tax Economics				
Metal Price Scenario	2021 PEA Base Case <sup>1</sup>	2021 PEA Spot Feb 2, 2021 <sup>2</sup>		
NPV <sub>5%</sub>	C\$1,683m	C\$2,116m		
NPV <sub>8%</sub>	C\$1,059m	C\$1,396m		
IRR	19.0%	22.3%		
Payback	3.9 years	3.5 years		
AISC (byproduct)	C\$0.90/lb Cu	C\$0.69/lb Cu		
Capital Cost	C\$1	.4Bn		
Sustaining Capital	C\$197m			

The Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") is preliminary in nature and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would allow them to be categorized as mineral reserves and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized.

<sup>1. 2021</sup> PEA: US\$3.25/lb Cu, US\$1650/oz Au, US\$10.00/lb Mo and US\$1,256/kg Re.

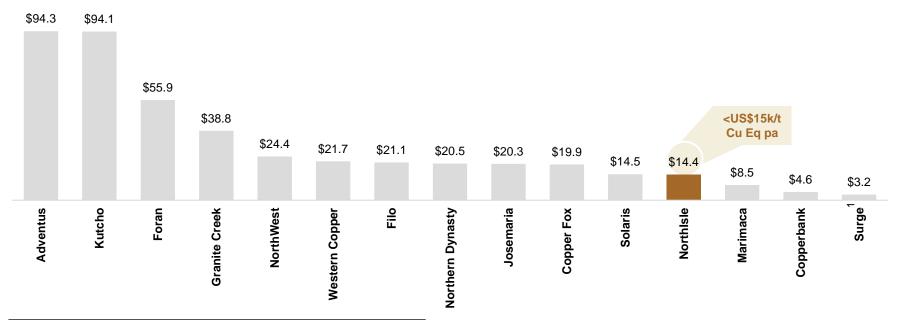
<sup>2.</sup> Spot Prices as of February 2, 2021: US\$3.51/lb Cu, US\$1835.60/oz Au, US\$10.03/lb Mo and US\$1,256/kg Re.

## **Summary of Initial Capex**

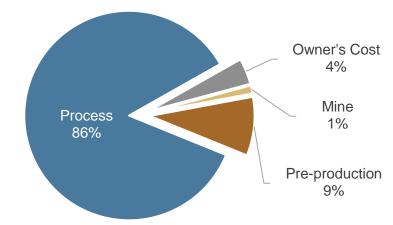
### Capital efficient due to significant existing infrastructure



#### CAPEX / THROUGHPUT (US\$000/TPD)



Area	C\$ million
Mine	17.8
Pre-production	130.9
Process	1,235.4
Owner's Cost	57.9
Total	\$1,442.0



## **Competitive Operating Costs**

Potential for first quartile AISC

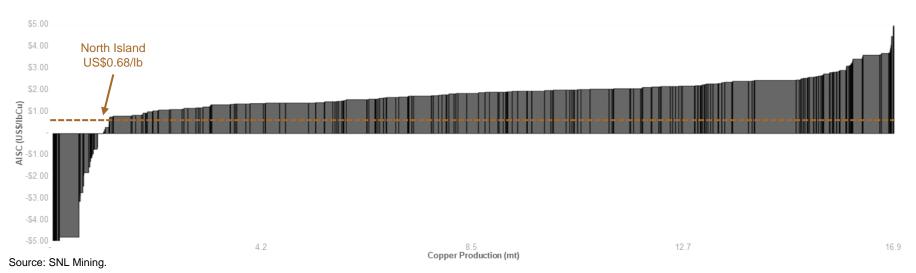
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- North Island will be a low-cost producer of highly marketable concentrate products
  - ▶ LOM AISC of C\$0.90/lb Cu (US\$0.68) places North Island firmly in the first quartile of the global copper cost curve

#### **Total Site Operating Costs**

Area	C\$/tonne processed
Mining Cost <sup>1</sup>	\$3.84
Processing	\$5.52
Owner's Cost	\$0.38
Water Treatment	\$0.06
Total	\$9.81

**Copper Production Cost Curve (AISC, net of by-product)** 



Mining Cost includes leased mining equipment.

### **Exploration Focus**

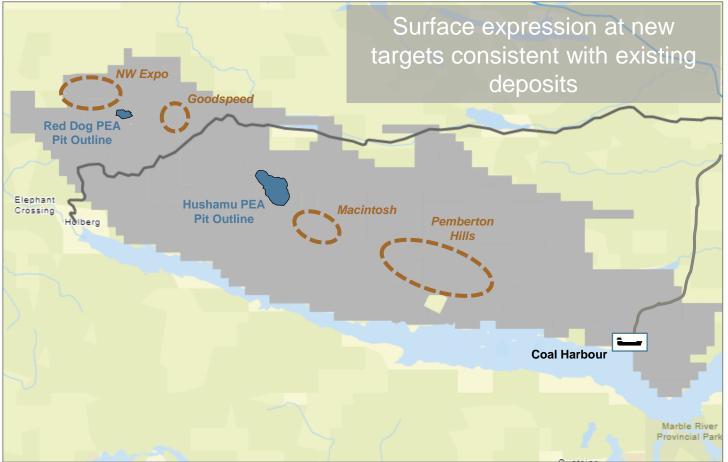
North Island is a camp-scale asset with multiple highly prospective porphyry systems



Near-Deposit Expansion







# Targets for New Discoveries









## Staged Exploration Plan

Multiple targets with extensive surface porphyry alteration consistent with 2022 Exploration Priority

existing deposits



### **Red Dog**

55mt Indicated; 3mt inferred

1.2km x 0.8km high-level porphyry alteration with shallow holes showing increasing copper and gold grades to depth immediately south of deposit

**Drilling completed** at 2 targets in Q3 2021

IP planned 2022

### Hushamu

473mt Indicated: 414mt inferred

Deposit open for 300m to the southeast. Previously assumed waste but demonstrated ore grades in some holes

4,000 metres of drilling budgeted for late 2021 / early 2022

**Deposit remains** open

In-fill commenced

### Northwest Expo

1.5km open IP anomaly, partially tested with three historic holes all in copper-gold mineralization

Drilling Completed in Q4 2021 indicated new gold rich zone

Add'l Assays **Pending** 

Resource targeted or Q4 2022

### **Macintosh**

Recent logging roads have exposed a large area of previously unknown high-level porphyry alteration

Wireless IP and clay mapping identified several drill targets which are now being tested

Area included within proposed Hushumu multi-year permit

### **Pemberton** Hills

3.5km x 1.5km highlevel intense alteration zone with historical hole ending in 0.14%Cu. 2021 drilling confirmed significant vertical extent of system

Surface mapping and clay analysis, in addition to wireless IP, will assist in drill targeting

### Goodspeed

Recent mapping has outlined 300m x 500m of alteration and copper mineralization similar to Hushamu, Red Dog and Island Copper

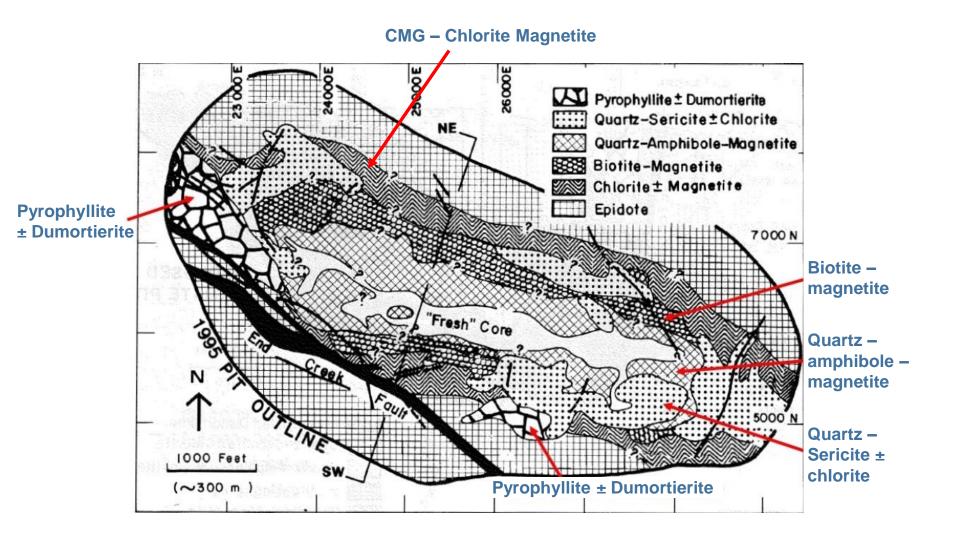
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		Q4 21	Q1 22	Q2 22	Q3 22	Q4 22	2023
	Hushumu	Drilling					
	NW Expo	Assays	Mapping IP &	Permitting	Drilling	Res. Est.	
	Red Dog	Assays	Mapping IP &	Permitting ===			Drilling
	Macintosh	Mapping / IP	IP / Drilling	Interp.			
	Goodspeed	Mapping	Mapping IP &	Permitting ===			Drilling
TSX	Pemberton	Mapping		Mapping IP &	Permitting		

### **Island Copper Mineralization**

1995 Pit Outline and alteration map informs structural understanding





### NW Expo - New High Grade Gold Zone

### Drilling in Zone 1 has defined an open volume with high gold grades



- NW21-03 intersects 84.8m grading 1.20 g/t Au Eq. including 25m grading 1.46g/t Au Eq.
- Drilling confirms a trend of gold-rich copper porphyry mineralization covering 480 meters strike length by 360 meters dip length with an average width of 86 meters and open in multiple directions
- Grades in the gold-rich zone at Northwest Expo in the range of three to five times higher than those at Hushamu and Red Dog
- Assays for five drill holes at Northwest Expo remain pending that are targeting the eastern extent of interpreted large porphyry-related alteration system
- Northwest Expo is approximately 3km to the northwest of Red Dog and not part of current resources

#### **Zone 1 Significant Intercepts**

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Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	True Width (m)	Au Grade (g/t)	Cu Grade (%)	Mo Grade (%)	Re Grade (g/t)	Au Eq. Grade (g/t)
NW21-03	280.25	365.05	84.8	84.0	0.92	0.19	0.005	0.17	1.20
Including	280.3	305.0	24.8	24.8	1.30	0.10	0.007	0.30	1.46
EC-218	323.8	438	114.2	114.0	0.53	0.11	0.004	*	0.70
EC-228	151.85	221.9	70.1	70.0	1.15	0.22	0.018	*	1.52
EC-233	329.2	423.7	94.5	94.0	0.86	0.13	0.002	*	1.04
EC-234	286.5	384.0	97.5	97.5	0.94	0.16	0.003	*	1.18
EC-245	148.0	264.9	116.9	110.0	1.18	0.15	0.001	*	1.80
Including	234.7	264.9	30.2	28.4	2.03	0.25	0.001	*	2.37
EC08-254	270.00	386.00	116.0	95.0	1.00	0.17	0.005	0.37	1.26
Including	322.0	352.0	30.0	24.6	1.50	0.21	0.008	0.24	1.82

<sup>\*</sup> Not analyzed in historical drilling.

Bolded holes are from 2021 drilling

Copper and gold equivalent calculations based on the following metal prices which were used in the Company's 2021 PEA on the North Island Project:

Cu = US\$3.25/lb, Au = US\$1,650/oz, Mo = US\$10/lb, Re = \$1,256/kg. Calculations assume 100% recovery; totals may not add due to rounding

#### Note on equivalent calculation:

Copper equivalent is determined by calculating total contained metal value/ tonne, dividing by the copper price, and then dividing the resultant number of pounds of copper by 2204.6. Gold equivalent is determined by calculating total contained metal value/tonne, dividing by the gold price, and then multiplying the resultant number of troy ounces of gold by 31.103

## NW Expo - New High Grade Gold Zone

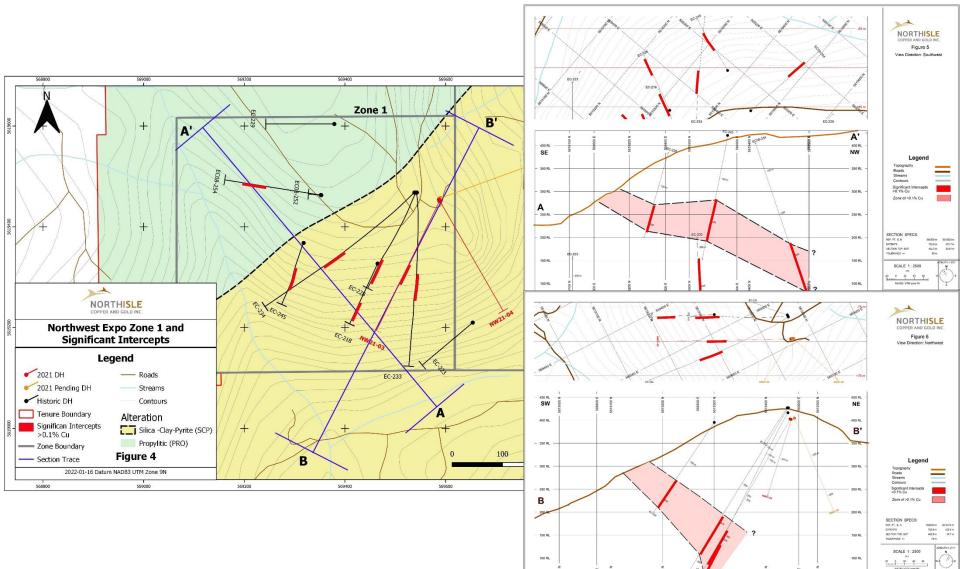
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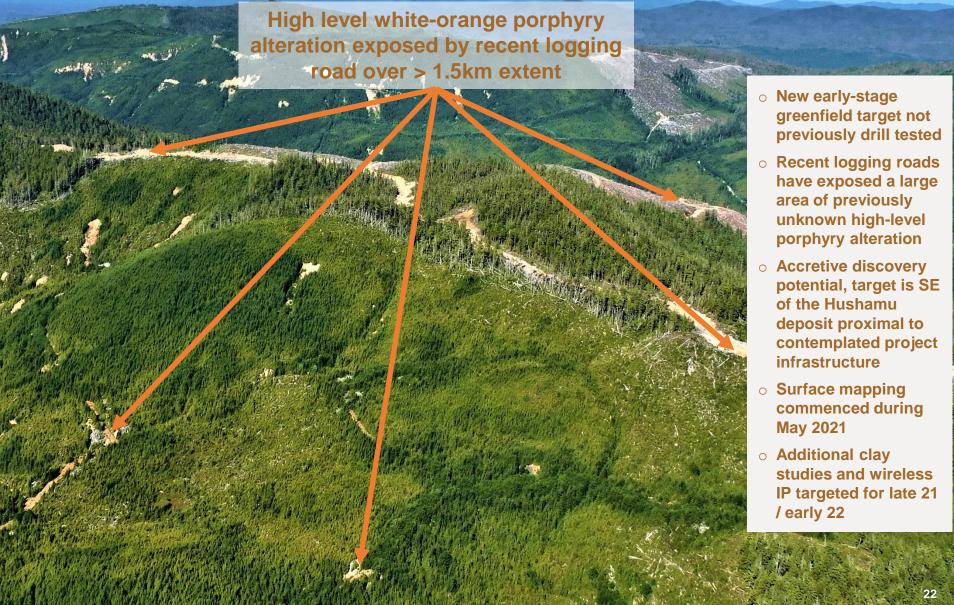
Northwest Expo



## **Macintosh – New Discovery Potential**

Recently Exposed Area of High-Level Porphyry Alteration



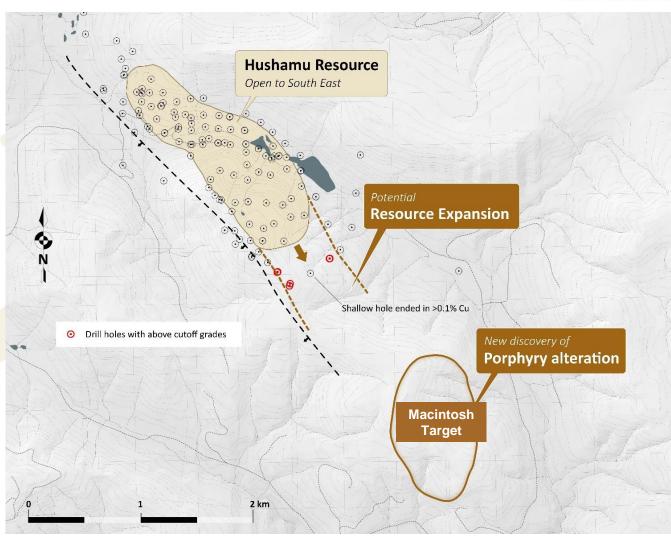


### **Hushamu – Expansion Potential**

Significant Opportunity for Expansion



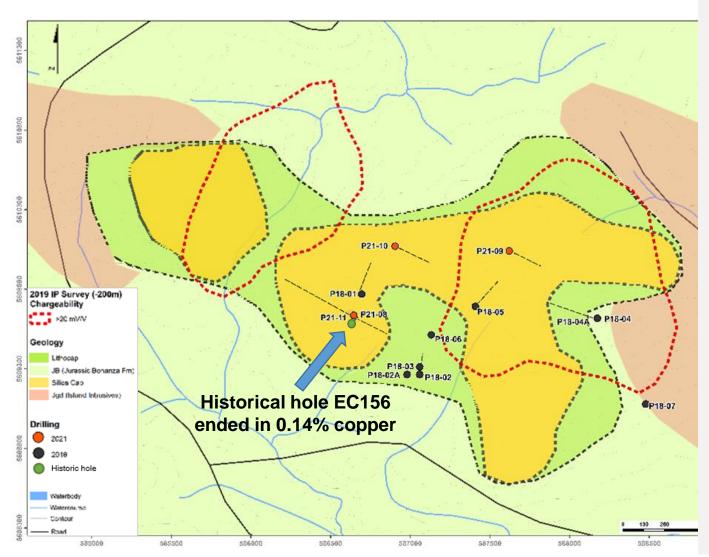
- Hushumu deposit remains open to the southeast
- 2021 drilling targeted in-fill and extension; deferred to early 2022 due to weather
- Additional infill
   drilling planned for
   2022 in order to
   improve resource
   confidence in support
   of future PFS
- Macintosh target in close proximity is a near-term focus



## Pemberton Hills - New Discovery Potential

Buried Cu-Au-Mo porphyry target beneath an aerially extensive lithocap



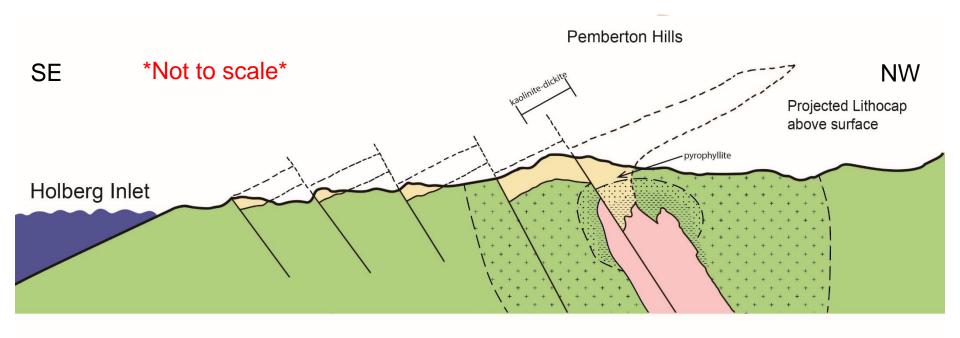


- 6.5km x 1.5km area of highlevel advanced argillic alteration and silica cap comprised variably of kaolinite, dickite, smectite, pyrite and silica typically found above buried porphyry deposits
- Large IP target subject of various exploration programs by NorthIsle since 2017, including four 2021 holes which tested lithocap with approximately 1,000m drill hole.
- Regional structural geology, combined with clay vectoring, pyrite abundance from 2021 drilling, IP and surface sampling indicate system is NE of area drilled to date.
- Surface clay analysis and IP planned for 2022 to aid in future drill targeting

## Pemberton Hills - New Discovery Potential

Block faulting consistent with regional structures





Pemberton Hills Schematic Cross-section showing Hypothesized dip and faulting of Lithocap

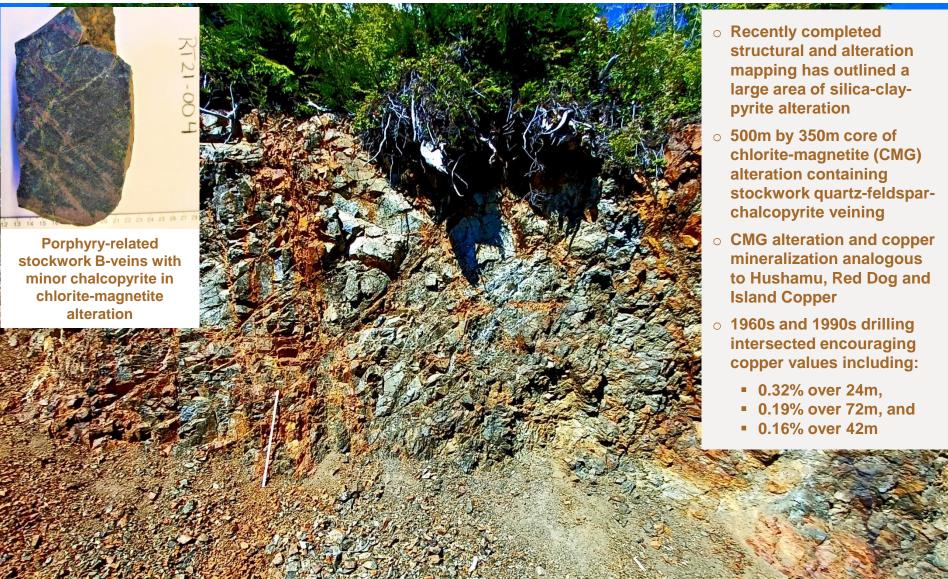
### Legend

- Bonanza Group
- Lithocap/Silica Cap
- Intrusion (granodiorite?)
- Hypothical locus of porphyry Cu-Au-Mo mineralization
- + Propylitic

## **Goodspeed – New Discovery Potential**

Goodspeed outcrop with CMG and copper mineralization





## **Milestones and Next Steps**

**Engagement** 

**Technical Studies** 

**Permitting** 



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2021	2022	2023	2024+
<ul> <li>✓ 2021 PEA Results announced including updated recoveries and economics</li> <li>✓ Surface exploration at Goodspeed and Macintosh</li> <li>✓ Commencement of baseline work including permitting</li> <li>✓ Continued First Nations engagement including targeted completion of early-stage agreements - H2</li> <li>• 10,000m drill program at Hushamu, Red Dog, Pemberton Hills and NW Expo – results expected H1 2022</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Target commencement of pre-feasibility study covering the Hushamu and Red Dog deposits</li> <li>Metallurgical testwork targeting gold recovery, grind size and reagents</li> <li>Continued in-fill drilling at Hushamu, updated resource estimate, regional exploration</li> <li>Ongoing baseline assessment, source term development</li> <li>Submission of initial project description and commence tailings BAT</li> <li>Continued First Nations engagement including TK/TLU</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Target commencement of feasibility study for the North Island Project</li> <li>Ongoing baseline assessment, source term development</li> <li>Detailed project description and EA Readiness Decision</li> <li>Initiation of Provincial construction permitting</li> <li>Continued First Nations engagement</li> <li>Continuing regional exploration initiatives</li> <li>Commence financing / partnership discussion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Target completion of North Island Feasibility Study</li> <li>Commence Draft EIS</li> <li>MA / EMA planning and engagement, permitting</li> <li>Financing / partnership negotiations ongoing</li> <li>FEED / detailed engineering</li> <li>Continuing regional exploration initiatives</li> <li>Complete EIS (end 2025)</li> <li>Construction decision (early 2026)</li> </ul>
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## **APPENDIX**

## **Green Demand to Benefit Copper**

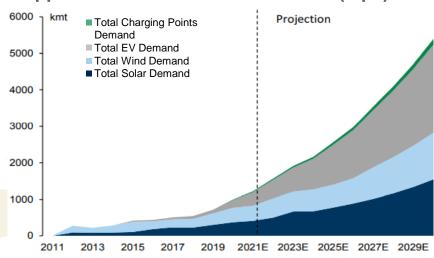


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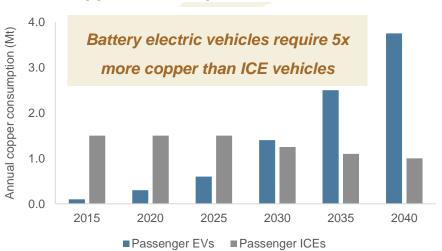
### **Environmental & social-based policy shifts** underway

- Metals are at the center of the next commodity super cycle and green demand is poised to drive copper usage
- New policies globally addressing the issue of climate change via growing decarbonization commitments
- Biden Administration has proposed US\$2 trillion in infrastructure spending focused on clean energy

#### Copper Demand from Green Sectors (ktpa)<sup>2</sup>



#### Annual Copper Consumption in EVs and ICEs<sup>1</sup>



#### **Electrification is here to stay**

- Global EV penetration will boost copper consumption
  - Copper is a crucial metal in developing electric vehicles and ancillary infrastructure
- According to Wood Mackenzie, the growing adoption of EVs is anticipated to represent an incremental ~1.3M tonnes of annual copper demand by 2025 and ~2.7M tonnes of annual demand by 2030, respectively

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

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## Cu Market Conditions Look Promising....



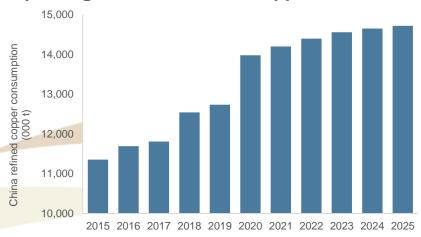
# Favourable macro conditions to support rising copper prices

- Unprecedented expansionary monetary and fiscal policies is driving a strong stimulus-backed global recovery underpinned by U.S. dollar weakness
- IMF estimates the global economy to grow 5.5% in 2021 and 4.2% in 2022
- Manufacturing PMI data shows major countries are returning to pre-COVID levels

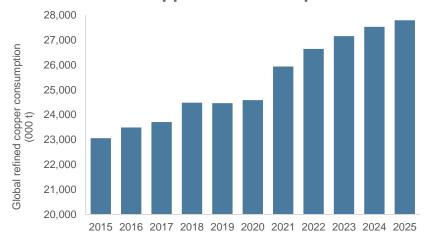
#### Strong consumption in China underpins demand

- Significant rebound in China's economic activity
  - Imports in the first 11 months of 2020 jumped 40% YoY, as the construction and auto sector recovered robustly from the pandemic
- Strong credit availability to support commodity-intensive lending
- Property sales remain positive which may translate into robust completions and rising housing starts

#### Improving Chinese Refined Copper Demand<sup>1</sup>



### Global Refined Copper Demand Expected to Grow<sup>1</sup>



TSXV: NCX 1. Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence 31

## ...as do those for our by-products

North Island by-products add to already robust economics



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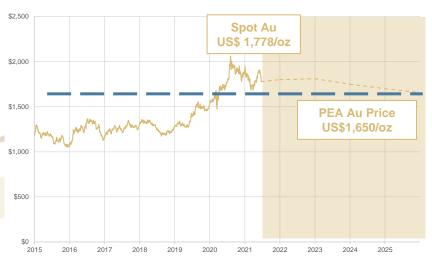
#### Inflation concerns aiding the gold market

- Gold has rebounded from its earlier highs in January
- An important by-product for North Island, the mine will produce an average of 99k oz of gold per year over LOM
- At US\$1650/oz, gold represents approximately 33% of total revenue at North Island over LOM. This improves materially with spot gold prices and consensus estimates into the economics of the project

### A strong molybdenum market only adds to profitability

- Tight supply and surging consumer demand have recent pushed molybdenum prices to 5-year highs
- Over the LOM, North Island will produce approximately 2.9
   million lbs on average per year
- The recent surge in molybdenum prices would materially benefit the economics of the project

#### Gold Price Performance – 2015-2025E<sup>1</sup>



#### Molybdenum Price Performance - 2015-YTD 2021



Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence Reflects broker consensus gold price forecasts from 2021-2025

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Pricing data as June 22, 2021

## How Copper Fits a Greener Economy<sup>1</sup>



#### **Electric Vehicles**

Electric vehicles have more than 5 times the copper of ICE vehicles and by the end of decade they will account for around 40% of the green copper demand



#### **Solar Panels**

Copper is critical for efficiency and performance of photovoltaic panels and thanks to their rapidly declining cost and deployment they will be the second driver of green demand after EVs is key for efficiency and performance of PV

#### **Wind Turbines**

Copper demand from wind energy will account for 20% of green demand, with copper intensity expected to grow as offshore projects will require twice as much copper as those onshore and are expected to become more prevalent



#### **Energy Storage**

In EVs copper is predominantly used for batteries and in the future the development of grid energy storage systems will represent a key upside source of demand for copper



## The Time is NOW for Copper



Supportive supply and demand fundamentals improving the copper market outlook

### **Key Supply Drivers**



COVID-related supply disruptions



Declining inventory levels and head grades



Maturing global supply with a limited pipeline

### **Key Demand Drivers**



Reflationary recovery/expansion



EV revolution bolstering demand



New policy shifts focused on decarbonization

## **BC: Supportive Tier 1 Jurisdiction**







- ✓ Top quartile best mining jurisdiction (F.I.)
- ✓ Numerous mines permitted in last 10 years, most recently Brucejack
- √ 5 copper-gold deposits currently in production
- ✓ Northern Vancouver Island is dependent on resource-based industries
- ✓ Local communities support mining from positive experience with previous Island Copper operation (BHP) & active largescale aggregate quarry
- ✓ Port Hardy's FILOMI (Fishing, Logging, Mining) Day festival celebrates region's main economic drivers

### **Pemberton Hills**

Lithocap is interpreted to dip towards Holberg Inlet





### **Pemberton Hills**



Clay mineralogy, chargeability and pyrite abundance are all important indicators for fluid flow source in a porphyry system

