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Fully Permitted U.S. Domestic Copper

Targeting 2026 Construction Decision

Corporate Presentation – May 2026

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Targeting 2029 Production

Copperwood stands apart as one the most advanced U.S. domestic copper developers targeting a construction decision in 2026.

3.7 Billion Pound Copper Resource	1.8 billion pound M&I resource (54 million tonnes at 1.51% grade), balance inferred
Fully Permitted / FS Complete	Copperwood is one of few fully-permitted projects with a current Feasibility Study
Detailed Engineering Underway	Detailed engineering initiated with DRA Americas Inc, and other partners
2026 Construction Decision	Targeting construction decision H2 2026 and production in 2029.

U.S. Jurisdictional Advantage

With critical mineral prioritization, federal capital is being made available to near-dated copper developers. At the same time, Michigan is one of very few jurisdictions both actively permitting and considering incentivizing mining.

- Copper Designated as Critical Mineral Late 2025
- Expanded Federal Capital Available at DOW & DOE
- $250 Million LOI from U.S. EXIM Bank
- White House & Legislative Support

Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Strengthens Tariffs on Steel, Aluminum, and Copper Imports

The White House | April 2, 2026

- New U.S. aluminum and copper smelting is also underway across America. Earlier this year, Century Aluminum and Emirates Global Aluminum announced a joint venture to build the first new aluminum smelter in the United States in decades, in Oklahoma. Companies such as Highland Copper, Ivanhoe Electric, Rio Tinto, and Wieland are expanding U.S. copper mining, smelting, and fabrication facilities.

Copperwood Overview

Copperwood at a Glance

Copperwood is fully permitted, well understood and has a modest initial capital requirement.

Highlights

Permitting
- Fully permitted project on private land
- All permits in good standing

Mineralization
- Mineralization is hosted at the base of the Nonesuch Formation on the limbs of the northwest-plunging Presque Isle Syncline
- Two sedimentary sequences termed the Lower Copper Bearing Sequence and Upper Copper Bearing Sequence

Mining
- Ramp-accessed room-and-pillar mining method
- Highly mechanized and conventional drill-and-blast

Processing
- Mill-float-mill-float process flowsheet producing a clean copper concentrate
- LOM average copper recovery of 87.6% with a weighted average copper concentrate grade of 25.0%

Infrastructure
- Well-developed regional infrastructure in Michigan's Upper Peninsula
- $50 mm state grant proposed to fund infrastructure development

Logistics
- Concentrate to be transported by truck to rail transload facility
- Possibility to utilize the transload facility at the Humbolt mill

Key Statistics

	Unit	FS
Mine life	years	11
Plant throughput	tpd	6,800
Ann. prod. (Cu)	ktpa	30k
Ann. prod. (Ag)	k oz	110k
Dev. capex[1]	US$ mm	$391
LOM avg. C1 cash cost	US$ / lb	$1.99

[1] Net of pre-production revenue

State Permitting on Private Land

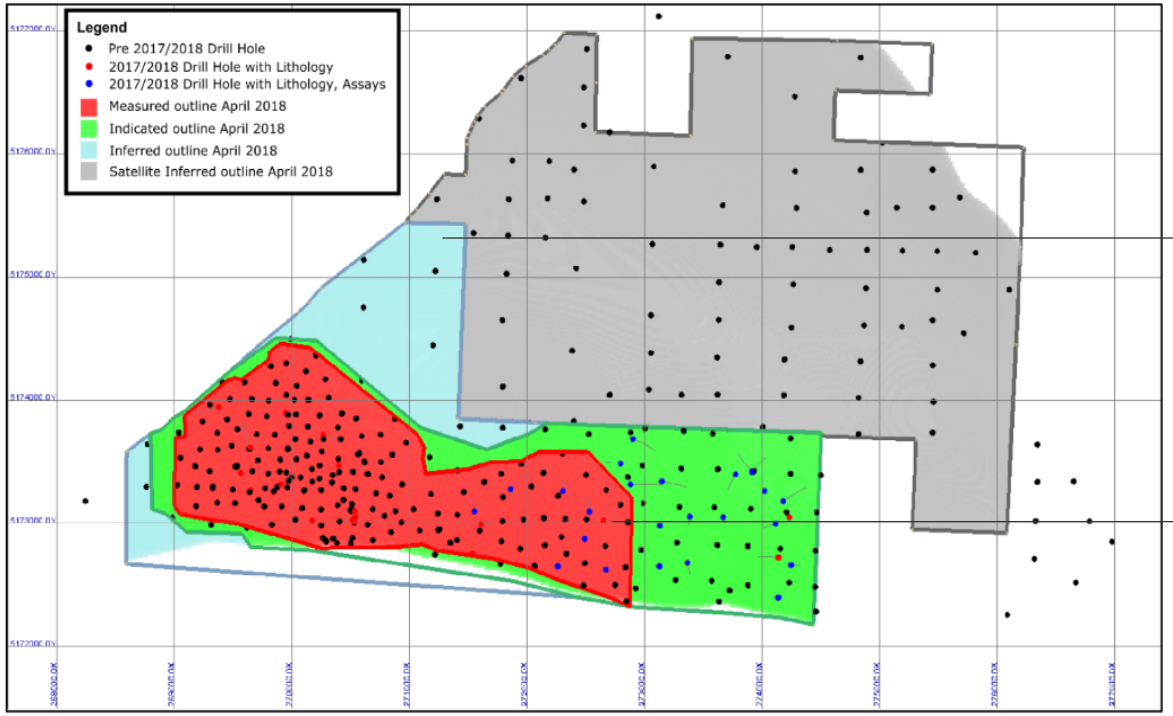
All permits to construct and operate are in hand.
Demonstrated capacity to amend/renew permits as needed.

Copperwood Project	Permit Type
✓	Part 31: Water Resource Protection, NPDES Permit
✓	Part 315: Dam Safety Permit
✓	Part 325: Great Lake Submerged Land Permit
✓	Part 303: Wetland Protection
✓	Part 301: Inland Lakes and Streams
✓	Part 55: Air Discharge
✓	Part 632: Nonferrous Metallic Mining

* The selected utility company will need to permit power to the site gate.

Significant Scale MI&I Resource of 3.7 Billion Pounds

The initial 11 year mine life is based on 54 million tonnes Measured and Indicated. There remains significant potential to increase mine life by infill drilling the additional 79 million Inferred tonnes.



1.9 Billion Pounds Inferred
(79.1 million tonnes at 1.09%)

1.8 Billion Pounds M&I
(54.2 million tonnes at 1.51%)

Concurrent Reclamation Work Complete (September 2025)

Building regional support and operational momentum with early site works and concurrent reclamation.

Initial Site Work

- Initial site impacts complete
- Mitigating wetland constructed
- 717-acre wetland preservation area

Building Regional Support

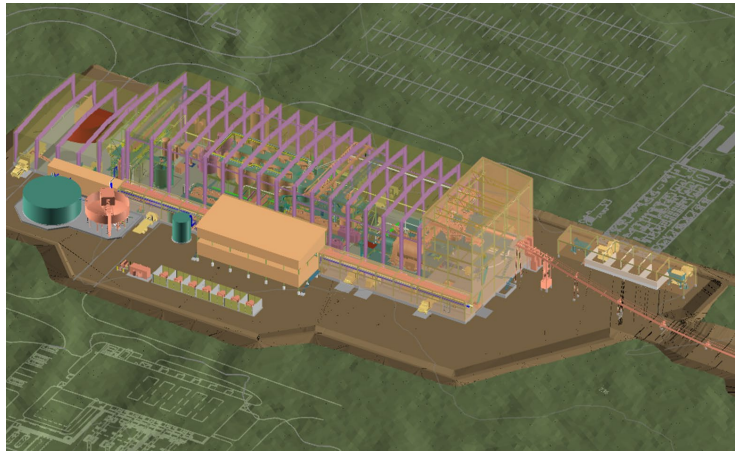
- 22 local government resolutions of support
- Letter of intent signed with Unions
- Support from U.P. state representatives

Key Team in Place

- Project Director – Trace Arlaud
- Site Manager – Mike Foley
- Environmental Director – Andrea Martin

Phase 1 Engineering Complete (October 2025)

Targeting 40% engineering completion by H2 2026 to support a construction decision and project financing.

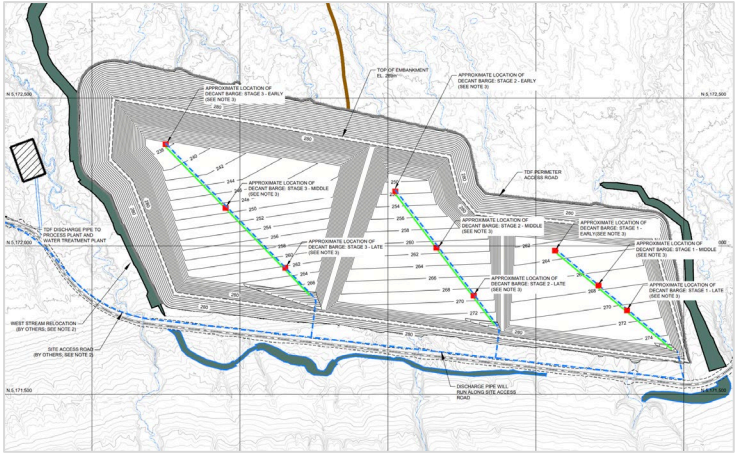


Mine & Process Plant

- → DRA engaged Q1 2025
- → Historical data review complete
- → Commenced key trade-off studies to further de-risk and optimize the project

Water Management

- → Foth engaged February 2025
- → Defining climatic design criteria
- → Updating water balance to produce preliminary analysis for each project stage

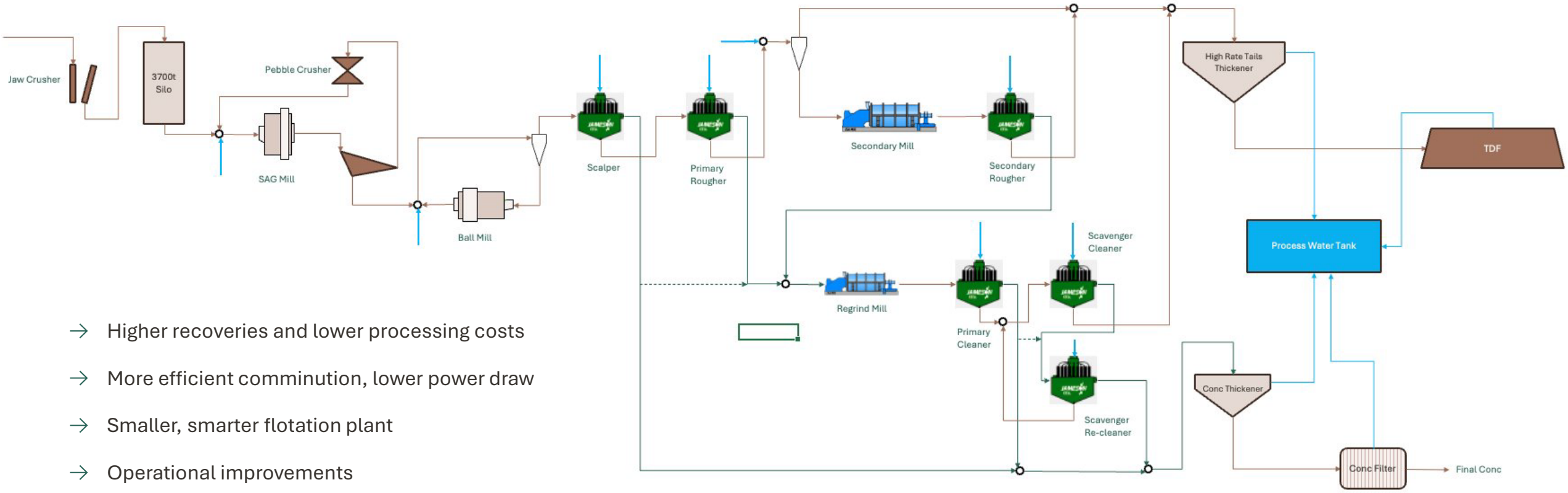


Tailings Disposal Facility

- → Tetra Tech engaged May 2025
- → Commenced assessment of all available geotechnical information
- → Phase 2 targeting 85% engineering complete

1.6% Additional Copper Recoveries

The simplified flow sheet, which also incorporated ultrafine flotation technology (Glencore Jameson cells), increased copper recoveries from 86.0% to 87.6%, while also lowering processing cost per tonne.

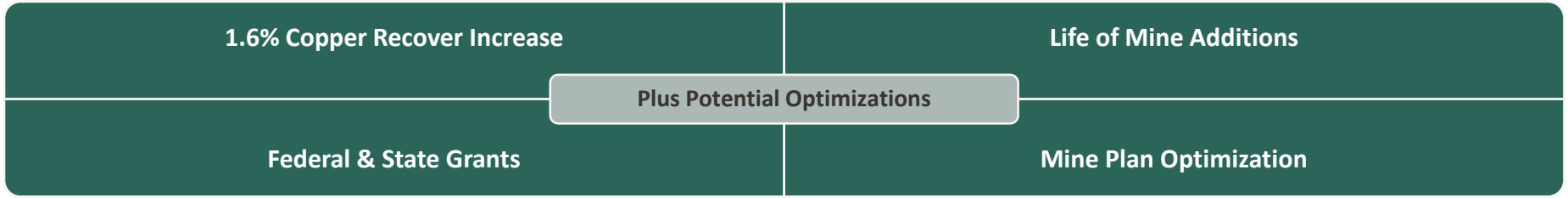


- → Higher recoveries and lower processing costs
- → More efficient comminution, lower power draw
- → Smaller, smarter flotation plant
- → Operational improvements

Project Economics / Leverage to Copper Price

A 25% increase in copper price (from $4.00 to $5.00 per pound) triples Copperwood NPV to $507 million, with further non-linear NPV increases at $6.00 copper price.

Metric*	$4.00 Copper Price	$5.00 Copper Price	$6.00 Copper Price
After-tax NPV [8%]	$168 million	$507 million	$855 million
After-tax IRR%	17.6%	33.4%	47.6%
Average Annual Operating Cash Flow[1]	$142 million	$208 million	$274 million



*All figures in $USD
1) First full five years

Peer Comparison

Highland Copper belongs in an asset class of strong North American copper developers.

Metric	Highland Copper Copperwood	Arizona Sonoran Cactus	Ex-New World Antler	Foran McIlvenna Bay
Location	Michigan, USA	Arizona, USA	Arizona, USA	Saskatchewan, CA
Mine Type	Underground	Open Pit, Underground	Underground	Underground
Expected Production	30 ktpa	90 ktpa	30 ktpa	39 ktpa
Study Stage	FS	PFS	PFS	FS
Fully Permitted	✓	--	--	--
M&I Grade	1.51%	0.48%	3.30%	2.02%
Capital Intensity ($/ lb Cu)	$6.51	$4.93	$4.49	$7.43
Market Capitalization (USD) 5/5/2026	$83 million	$1.2 billion	$160 million	$2.5 billion
Status		ACQUISITION UNDERWAY – 2026 HUDBAY	ACQUIRED – 2025 KINTERRA	ACQUIRED – 2026 eldorado gold

Strategic White Pine Divestment

The $30 million divestment of White Pine strengthens the balance sheet, funds Copperwood to a construction decision and puts sole focus on the near-dated, fully permitted Copperwood project.

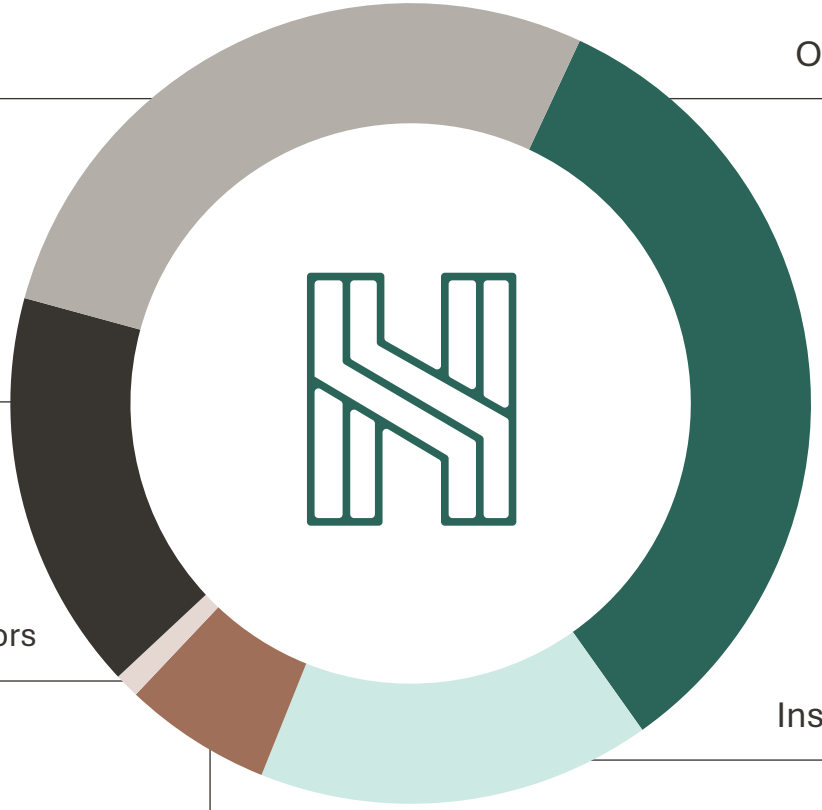
Before Transaction	Measure	After Transaction
$11.7 million	**Debt[1]**	Nil
$7.5 million	**Cash[2]**	$24.0 million
Copperwood, 34% White Pine	**Assets**	Copperwood
Funding Needed	**FID Funding**	Fully Funded Copperwood FID

1) Estimated at projected transaction close date.
2) "After Transaction" cash equal to cash reported at 12/31/2025 plus expected transaction cash receipts (per binding offer). Note that the proposed transaction with Kinterra still needs to formally close.

Backing from Key Mining Funds

28%
Orion Mine Finance

33%
Other Shareholders



19.9%
Condire Investors

1%
Management and Directors

6%
Osisko Gold Royalties

12%
Institutional Holding

Capital Structure

736 million
shares outstanding

41 million
options o/s at December 2025

~$24.0 million
cash (post White Pine sale)

Nil Debt
Eliminated January 2026

Analyst Coverage

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Balanced Board

Barry O'Shea

CEO, Director

Stephen Hicks

Highland Chair
CEO, JM Longyear

Experienced Management

Trace Arlaud

Project Director

Jonathan Cherry

Independent Director
CEO, Perpetua

Melanie Miller

Independent Director
Former GM Hemlo
Mine Barrick

Peter Hemstead

Interim CFO

David Tennant

Independent Director
Former Partner M&A
McCarthy Tetrault LLP

Iain Farmer

Director
VP Corporate
Development, Osisko

Wynand van Dyk

Technical Advisor

U.S. EXIM $250 Million LOI

Positive momentum and visibility in Washington DC, highlighted by receipt of $250 million LOI from U.S. EXIM for project financing. Initiating competitive project financing process.

U.S.EXIM / Federal Support	• LOI for $250 million project financing • Ongoing discussion with DOE and DOD
Private Equities	• Orion CMC • Assessing Other Partners
Offtakers	• Glencore / Jameson Cells • Initiating Competitive Process
Banks	• Identify Bank Interest

Operational Execution Drives Upcoming Catalysts

Achievements

- **Q3 2025** - Ultrafine Flotation Recovery Improvement ✓
- **Q3 2025** - US EXIM $250 million Letter of Intent ✓
- **Q4 2025** - Completion of Phase 1 Engineering ✓
- **Q4 2025** – Trade of Greenstone Block ✓
- **Q4 2025** - $30 million White Pine Divestment ✓
- **Q4 2025** - Concurrent Reclamation Complete ✓
- **Q2 2026** – White House Acknowledgement ✓

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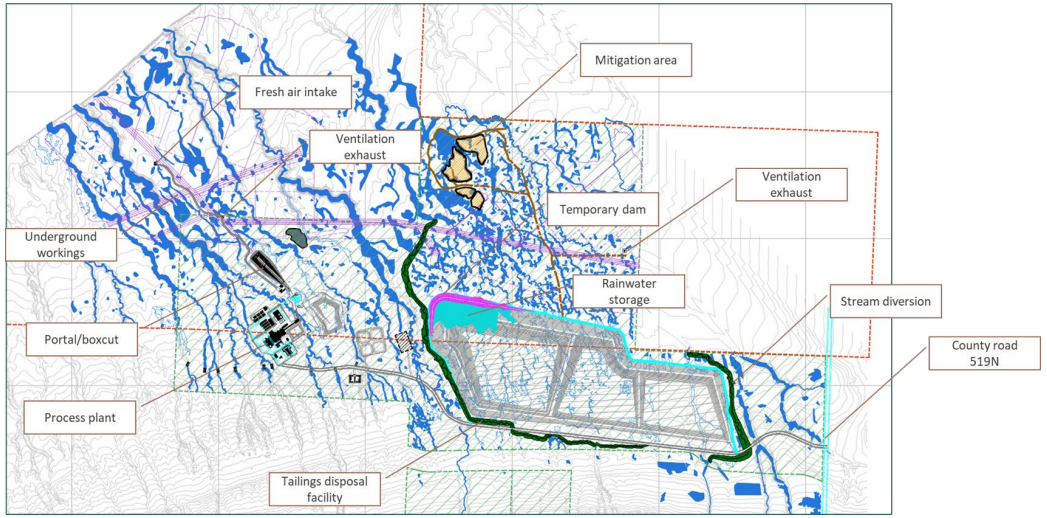
GREENSTONE RESOURCES

Upcoming Catalysts

- **Q2 2026** - Determination on State Grant
- **Q2 2026** – Conclusion on Mine Plan Review
- **H1 2026** - Review of Federal Funding Opportunities
- **H1 2026** – Initiate Debt Financing Process
- **H2 2026** - Completion of Phase 2 Engineering
- **H2 2026** - Potential Construction Decision



Appendix

Mineral Resource Estimate*

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Deposits	Resource Category	Tonnage (M t)	Copper Grade (%)	Silver Grade (g/t)	Copper Contained (M lbs)	Silver Contained (M oz)
LCBS	Measured	27.9	1.7	4.5	1,023	4.1
	Indicated	16.1	1.4	2.4	504	1.2
	M + I	44.0	1.6	3.7	1,527	5.3
	Inferred	2.3	1.1	1.2	56	0.1
UCBS	Measured	0.1	1.0	4.6	2.0	-
	Indicated	10.1	1.1	3.1	253	1.0
	M + I	10.2	1.1	3.1	255	1.0
	Inferred	-	-	-	-	-
Satellite LCBS	Inferred	49.7	1.1	2.5	1,210	3.9
Satellite UCBS	Inferred	27.1	1.1	5.7	630	5.0

Notes on Mineral Resources: ***1)*** *Mineral Resources are reported using a copper price of $4.00/lb and a silver price of $25/oz.* ***2)*** *A payable rate of 96.5% for copper and 90% for silver was assumed.* ***3)*** *The Copperwood Feasibility Study reported metallurgical testing with recovery of 86% for copper and 73.5% for silver.* ***4)*** *Cut-off grade of 0.9% copper was used, based on an underground "room and pillar" mining scenario.* ***5)*** *Operating costs are based on a processing plant located at the Copperwood site.* ***6)*** *Assuming a long-term copper price of $4.00/lb, a sliding scale 5.5% Net Smelter Return ("NSR") royalty on the Copperwood Project is payable to leaseholders.* ***7)*** *Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources have a drill hole spacing of 175 m, 250 m and 350 m, respectively.* ***8)*** *A minimum mining thickness of 2m was applied. No additional unplanned mining dilution and mining loss were considered for the Mineral Resources.* ***9)*** *Rock bulk densities are based on rock types.* ***10)*** *Classification of Mineral Resources conforms to CIM Definition Standards (2014).* ***11)*** *The Qualified Person for the estimate is Mr. James Purchase, P.Geo.,of GMSI. The estimate has an effective date of February 28, 2022.* ***12)*** *LCBS: Lower Copper Bearing Sequence.* ***13)*** *UCBS: Upper Copper Bearing Sequence.* ***14)*** *The quantity and grade of reported Inferred Resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred Resources as Indicated or Measured Mineral Resources.*

*0.9% Cu Cut-off Grade. Effective Date February 28, 2022.

Mineral Reserves Estimate*

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Copperwood	Tonnes (MT)	Cu Grade (%)	Ag Grade (g/t)	Cu Contained (M lbs)	Ag Contained (M oz)
Proven	18.2	1.49	4.47	597	2.6
Probable	7.5	1.34	2.56	222	0.6
Proven & Probable	**25.7**	**1.45**	**3.91**	**820**	**3.2**

Notes on Mineral Reserve Estimates: ***1)*** *The Mineral Reserves were estimated using the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Estimation of Mineral Resources & Mineral Reserves Best Practice Guidelines (Nov 29, 2019) and CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Reserves, (May 10, 2014).* ***2)*** *Mineral Reserves are estimated at a cut-off grade of 1% Cu. The cut-off will vary depending on the economic context and the operating parameters.* ***3)*** *Mineral Reserves are estimated using a long-term copper price of $4.00/lb and a silver price of $25.00/oz.* ***4)*** *Assuming a long-term copper price $4.00/lb, a sliding scale 4.0% NSR royalty on the Copperwood Project is payable to leaseholders. A 1.5% NSR royalty on the Copperwood Project payable to Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. This also includes an additional 11.5% silver mineral royalty payable to Osisko Stream Royalties.* ***5)*** *Mineral Reserves are estimated using an ore loss of 3%, a dilution of 0.1 m for the floor and a 0.25 m for the back of the stope and the development.* ***6)*** *The economic viability of the mineral reserve has been demonstrated.* ***7)*** *A minimum mining height of 2.1 m was used.* ***8)*** *The copper recovery was estimated at 86%.* ***9)*** *The Qualified Person for the estimate is Carl Michaud, P. Eng., Underground Engineering Manager for GMSI. The estimate has an effective date of May 25, 2022* ***10)*** *The numbers may not sum due to rounding; rounding followed the recommendations in NI 43-101.* ***11)*** *The geotechnical parameters of the previous technical report from June 2018 were used in this Feasibility Study update.*

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