

# American Copper for the US Energy Transition

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Cactus Mine Project NI 43-101 Technical Report and Pre-feasibility Study Arizona, United States of America has an Effective Date of February 21, 2024, a Report Date of March 28, 2024

#### 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



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



**Toronto** 



#### 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

Shareholder since 2020

### An Emerging Lower Risk Copper Developer in Arizona

THE OBJECTIVE OF BECOMING A MID-TIER COPPER PRODUCER IN THE MEDIUM TERM



- PROJECT: Brownfields porphyry copper project, SXEW and heap leach operation on the oxides and enriched material
- PLACE: Top Tier Jurisdiction –
   7 of the largest copper mines in the US in Arizona
- PEOPLE: Highly-experienced owner-operator team in place



### **ECONOMICS**

- Robust PFS, Feb 2024
- 55 kstpa Copper Cathode over 21 years
- 3.0B lbs @ 0.48% Cu TSol P&P copper reserves
- Base case Cu \$3.90/lb:
  - NPV8 (post-tax): \$509 M
  - LOM Revenue: \$9.0 B
  - LOM FCF (post-tax): \$2.4 B



### **LOW RISK**

- Low Capital Intensity
- Private landownership/ streamlined permitting
- In place infrastructure, including access to water
- Social license
- Strong and supportive sponsors

### Capital Structure & Ownership

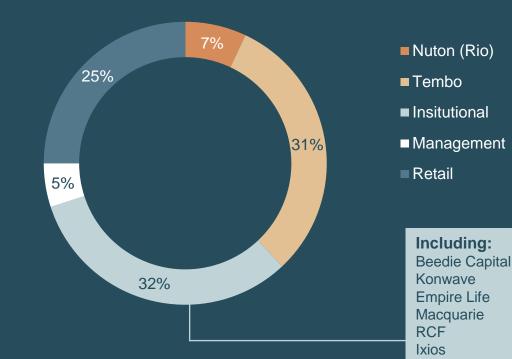
#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Market Capitalization	C\$160M
Shares Outstanding (M)	109.0
Warrants (M)	2.5
Options (M)	7.7
RSU's (M) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.9
DSU's (M)	0.8
Fully Diluted Share Capital (M)	121.1
Cash Q1 2024	US\$15M
Debt	Debt Free

Notes:

(1) RSUs may be issued in shares or cash

#### **OWNERSHIP**



#### **ANALYST COVERAGE**

























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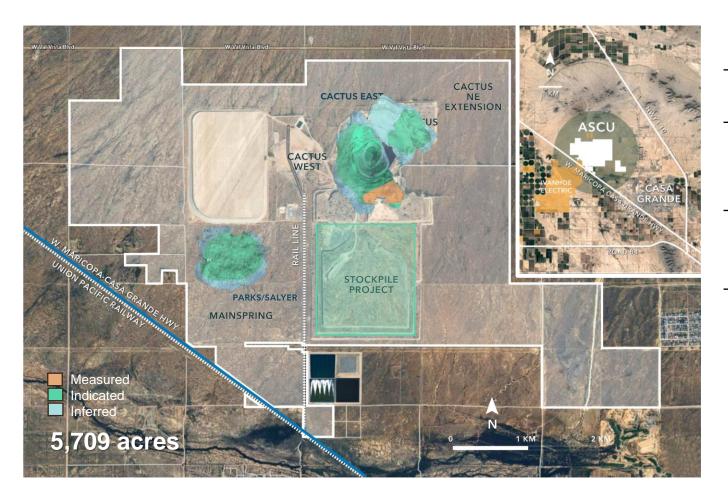
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# Cactus Project

First Quartile Capital Intensity Robust Economics

### Cactus Mineral Resource: Lower Risk Copper Porphyry Project



	Cactus Project Mineral Resource Estimate (As at August 31, 2023)						
	Tons	Tons Grade Pounds					
	kst	Cu%*	Cu Mlbs				
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 Reserves (As at February 21, 2024)						
Proven + Probable	<b>Tons</b> 276,286,000						
	<b>CuT (%)</b> 0.549						
	Cu TSol (%)		0.484				

See ASCU's press release dated February 21, 2024, for full notes and disclosures related to the MRE. See slides 2 & 3 for forward looking statements and cautionary language

Cu (M lbs)

3,031.0

<sup>\*</sup> Cu Tsol grades

### PFS Operational and Economic Highlights (Feb 2024)

# **SXEW Heap Leach Flow Sheet**Onsite Copper Cathodes Production

3.0 Blbs Cu Reserve (P&P)

**\$515M** Initial Capex (inclusive of \$75M contingency)

### 1st Quartile Capital Intensity\*

55 kstpa Cu 21-year Mine Life

\$2.34 AISC

\$1.84 C1 Cost

\$58M avg Annual Sustaining Cost

\*\$10,343/st avg Annual Capital Intensity

\$4.50/lb

Post-tax

**US\$971M** NPV8

**C\$1.26B** NPV8

**22% IRR** 

**US\$3.5B** FCF

**\$3.90/lb** Base Case

Post-tax

**US\$509M** NPV8

**C\$700M** NPV8

**15% IRR** 

**US\$2.4B** FCF

#### Stockpile (years -1-7)

Moving to a leach pad

Cactus West (years -1-7)

Open Pit

Parks/Salyer (years 1-21)

Underground

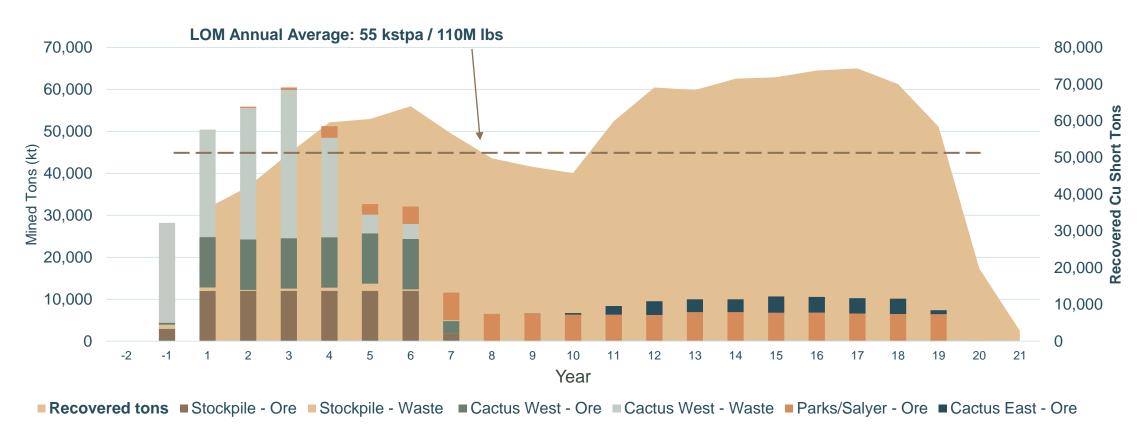
Cactus East (years 9-19)

Underground

### 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 and minimizing mining risks. 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.

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#### **NEXT STEPS AT THE CACTUS PROJECT**

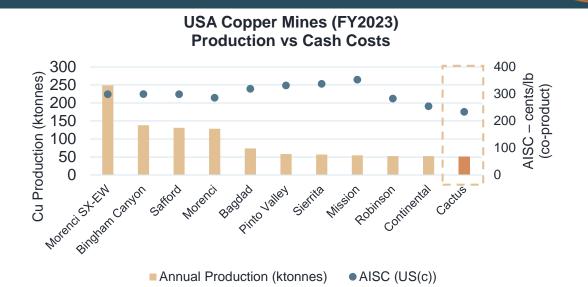
Near Term Construction Decision and Potential First Cathodes

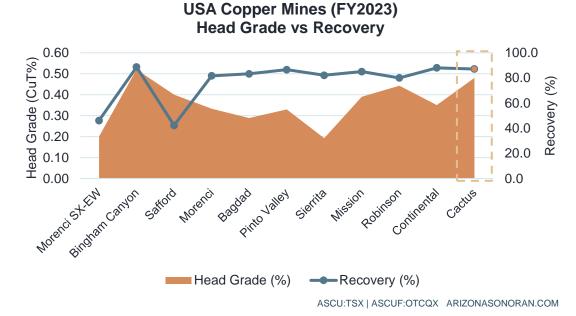
2026-2024 2025 2027 Prefeasibility Study **Prefeasibility Study 18-24 month Construction** Complete Permitting First Cathodes **Preliminary Economic Assessment Definitive Feasibility Study** Metallurgy (ASCU/Nuton) Drilling - Infill at MS and CW **Construction Decision Project Financing** Project financing, construction and first cathodes are reliant on a positive construction decision

### 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	Bagdad	Pima, Arizona	Freeport-McMoRan	Open Pit
5	Pinto Valley	Yavapai, Arizona	Capstone Copper.	Dump, Open Pit, Tailings
6	Sierrita	Gila, Arizona	Freeport-McMoRan	Open Pit
7	Mission Complex	Pima, Arizona	Grupo México	Open Pit, Underground
8	Robinson	White Pine, Nevada	KGHM Polska Miedź	Open Pit
9	Continental	Silver Bow, Montana	Private	Open Pit
11	Cactus	Pinal, Arizona	ASCU	Open Pit, Underground



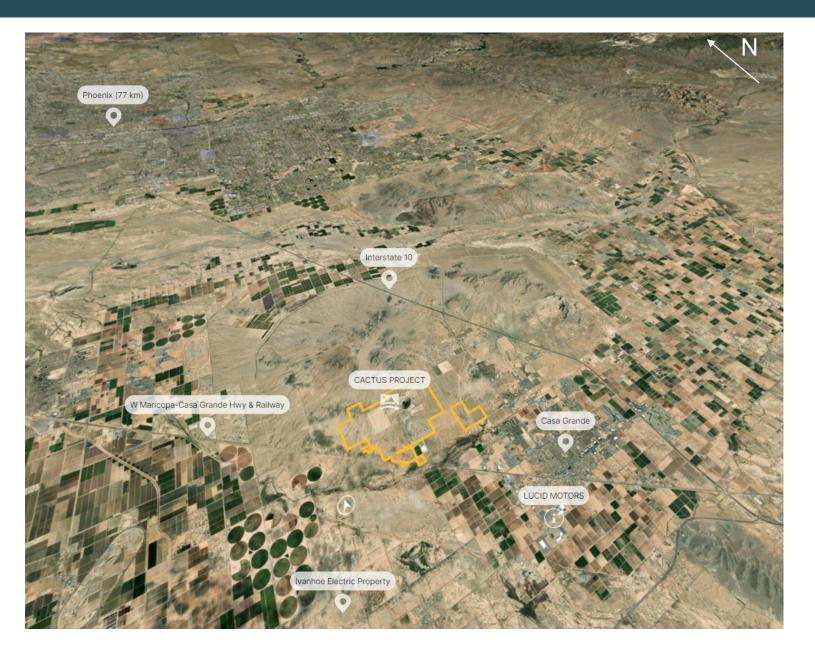




# Location Advantage

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

### Low Risk, Brownfield and Private Land Advantage



#### **Local Benefits to the Cactus Mine:**

- Permitting (streamlined with State and local offices)
- 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

### Cactus Project



### Private Land Advantage: Streamlined and Known Process

Permitting for the updated study has begun with local permitting offices

#### COMPLETE

Indicates major permit

Permits Based on the PEA	Permit Office
Air Quality Dust Permit	Pinal County
Arizona Pollution Discharge Elimination System (402) (SWPPP)	ADEQ
Water Rights Use up to 3,800 acre-ft / year	ADWR
Aquifer Protection Permit For Stockpile Project	ADEQ
General Plan Amendment Including development agreement and city zoning change from residential to industrial	Casa Grande
Aquifer Protection Permit Major amendment	ADEQ
Mined Lands Reclamation Permit (MLRP) and bond	Arizona State Mine Inspector
Industrial Air Permit	Pinal County

ADEQ – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
ADWR – Arizona Department of Water Resources

#### POST-PFS APPLICATION

Permits Requiring Updating Post-PFS	Permit Office
Arizona Pollution Discharge Elimination System (402) (SWPPP)	ADEQ
Aquifer Protection Permit Major amendment	ADEQ
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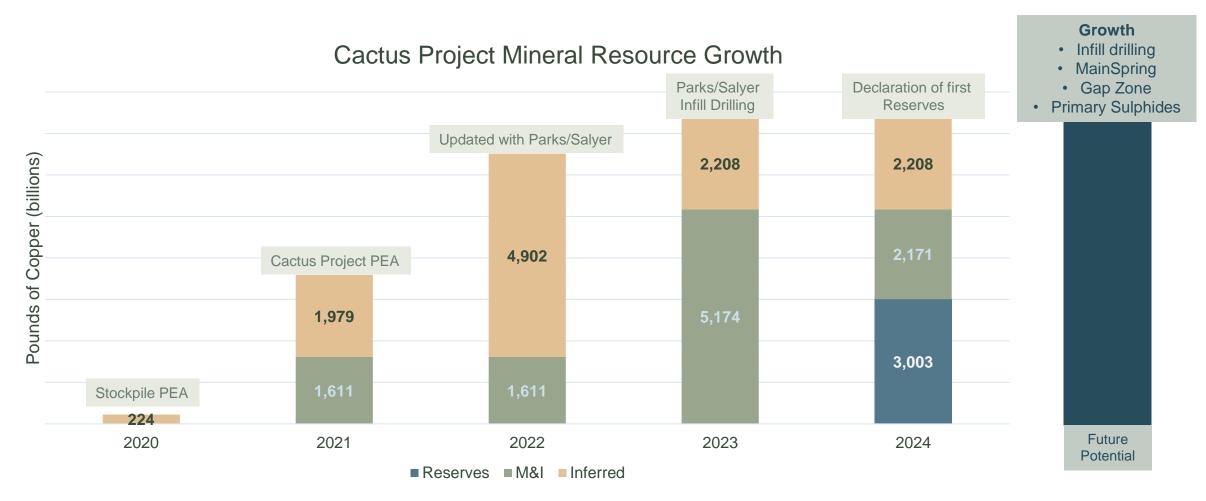
Administrative Permits	Permit Office	Status
Radio Station License, Wireless Communication	FCC	Application post-PFS
Notice of Intent to Clear Land	AZ Department of Agriculture	
<b>Mining Construction Permits</b>	Pinal County	Required pursuant to a
Above-Ground Tank Storage	ADEQ	construction decision
State Notice of Startup/Miner Registration Number	AZ State Mine Inspector/MSHA	



# Opportunities

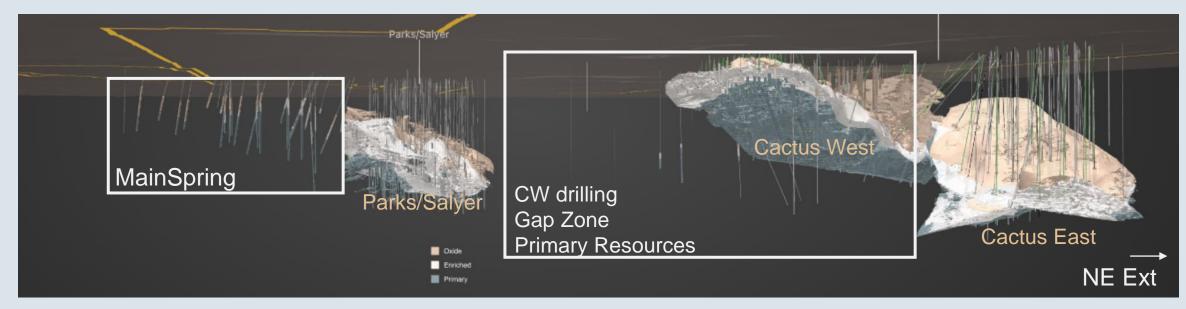
### Maiden Reserve Declared – \$0.01 Discovery Cost

Maiden Reserve Grade: 0.48% Cu TSol



Source: See PR dated Feb 22, 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.

### Near-term Opportunities to Enhance Base Case Economics and Operations



#### **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 ft (358 m) @ 0.43% CuT)

#### Exploration

- Gap Zone (low grade mineralization drilled)
- NE Extension (ECN-128 991 ft (302 m) @ 0.42% CuT)
   3,000 ft (990 m) NE of Cactus East
- Primary Resources excluded from reserves (Nuton)
  - 745M lbs Cu 88,000 kt @ 0.42% TCu M&I -
  - 900M lbs Cu 126,200 kt @ 0.36% TCu Inf

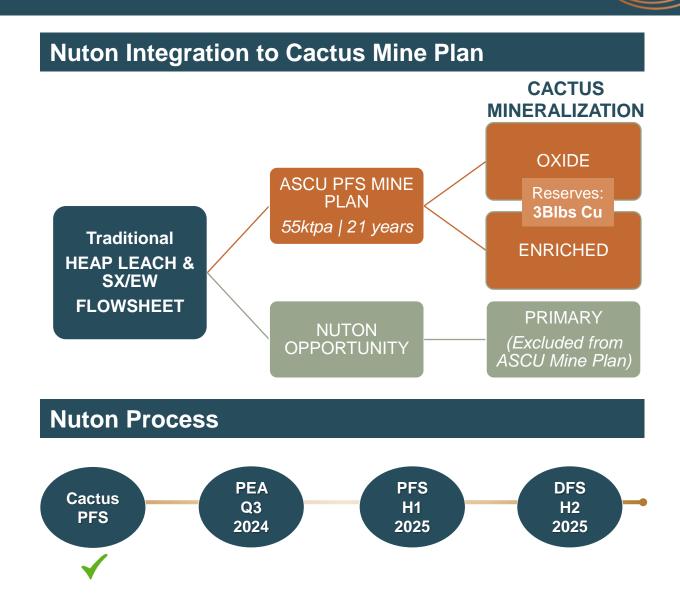
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#### Nuton and Cactus: Potential to Joint Venture Announced in December 2023

- Nuton is a technology developed within the Rio Tinto Innovations department for an environmentally-conscious alternative to milling primary sulphides
  - Commitment to delivering the lowest footprint copper and enabling Positive Impacts
  - Partnered with Aldebaran, Regulus, McEwen Copper, Lion Copper and Gold, Excelsior Mining
- Option to Joint Venture signed in December 2023
  - Ability for Nuton to purchase between 35-40% of the Cactus Project
  - ASCU would remain as operator
  - Execution triggers include:
    - 1. NPV value uplift in excess of ~39% based on ASCU-PFS (expected 2H2024)
    - 2. Successful column testing
    - 3. Participation in payments
  - If exercised, will pay to ASCU:
     ASCU PFS NPV \* ownership \* 0.65x
  - Exercise decision post-Nuton PFS



### Potential to Unlock Significant Value for ASCU and Cactus

Access to US\$33M in non-equity non-dilutive funding US\$24M drawn, US\$9M available

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





### Benchmarking ASCU to Copper Developers

Similar future production profile to ASCU with a P/NAV of 0.25x

P/NAV: 1.16x

Acquired at a 23% premium<sup>(2)</sup>

	Arizona Sonoran	<b>Olvanhoe</b>	marimaca	FORAN	FILO	FARADAY COPPER	₩	<b>ERO</b>	COPPER MOUNTAIN MINING CORPORATION
Market Capitalization (C\$M)	\$160	\$1,510	\$340	\$1,430	\$3,140	\$160	\$260	\$2,010	\$590 <sup>(2)</sup>
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)	84	84 / 90	60	87	75	84	84	69	72
Mineral Reserves (P&P)	276.2 Mt at 0.56% Cu	n/a	n/a	25.7 Mt at 2.51% CuEq	259 Mt at 0.39% Cu**	n/a	n/a		
Measured & Indicated Attributable Resource (MIbs CuEq)	5,174	6,188	1,984	2,096	6,161	4,456	-	2,868	7,296
Inferred Attributable Resource (Mlbs 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	113	-	<b>102</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	64 <sup>(1)</sup>
LOM C1 Cash Cost (US\$/Ib CuEq)	\$1.84	\$1.36	\$1.22	\$1.79	\$1.54	\$1.67	-	\$1.36 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$3.88 <sup>(1)</sup>
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
Year of Study Completion	2024	2023	2020	2022	2023	2023			

Source: S&P Capital IQ. Company Filings. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. See Cactus PFS dated February 2024 for more details. Market Capitalizations as of June 2024. \*IA is an Initial Assessment, compliant with US Securities rules; Total Filo reserves are calculated using 0.34 g/t Au and 16 g/t Ag, with no CuEq grade provided.

<sup>(1)</sup> Figures are 2022 actuals (2) Hudbay acquired Copper Mountain at an exchange ratio of 0.381 Hudbay shares per Copper Mountain share, representing a US\$439M equity value and a 23% premium based on the April 12, 2023, closing price

### Enterprise Value to M&I Resource

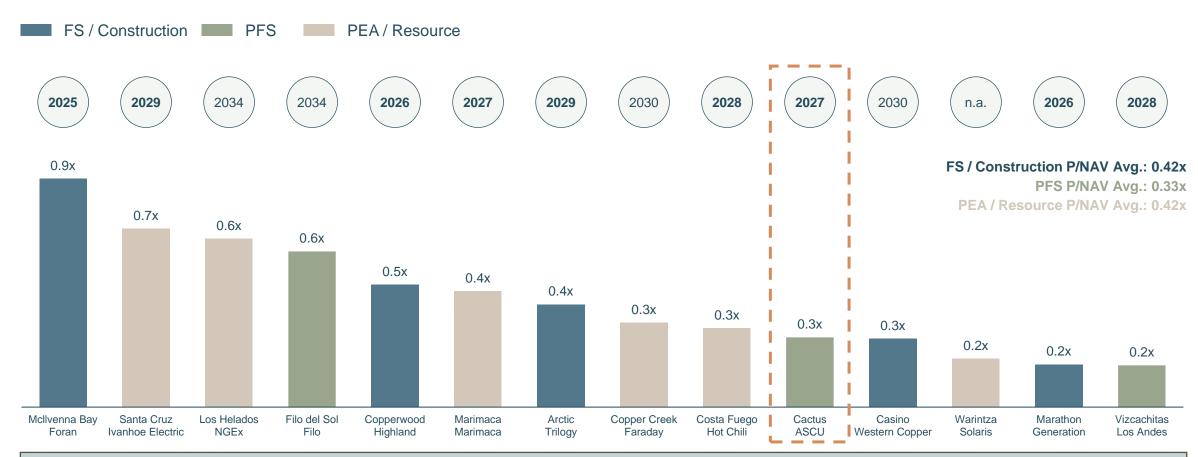
Peer Benchmarking – Enterprise Value / M&I Copper Equivalent Resources<sup>(1)</sup>



### Few Developers Filling the Copper Supply Gap

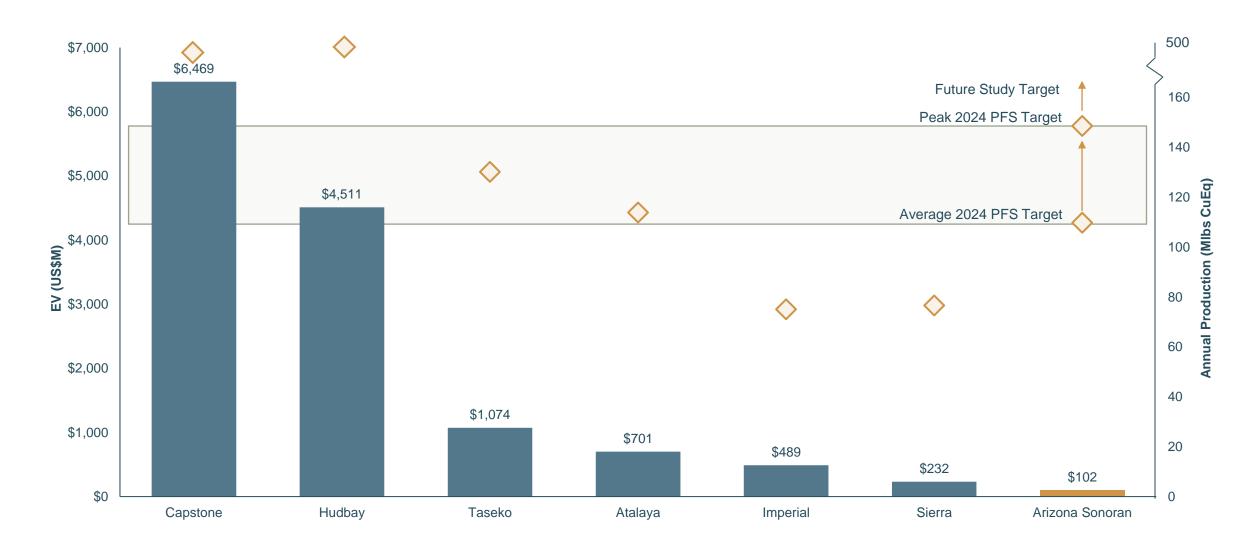
#### Peer Benchmarking – P/NAV & Estimated Start Date

Ratio | Estimated Production Date



Attractive entry point for investors as valuation and P/NAV should improve as project is derisked

#### Junior Copper Producer Benchmarking (Enterprise Value and Production)



### ASCU Presents an Attractive Entry Point for Investors

- 1. Lower Risk Exposure to Copper Development
- 2. Robust Financial Outlook
- 3. Substantial and Scalable Production Capacity
- 4. Strategic Location
- 5. Commitment to Sustainability



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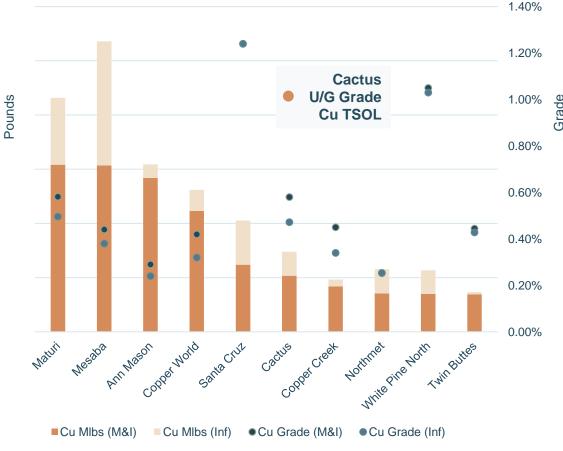
# Appendix

### 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

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Project	Company	eany Mibs		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%
<b>Copper World</b>	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%
<b>Copper Creek</b>	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)

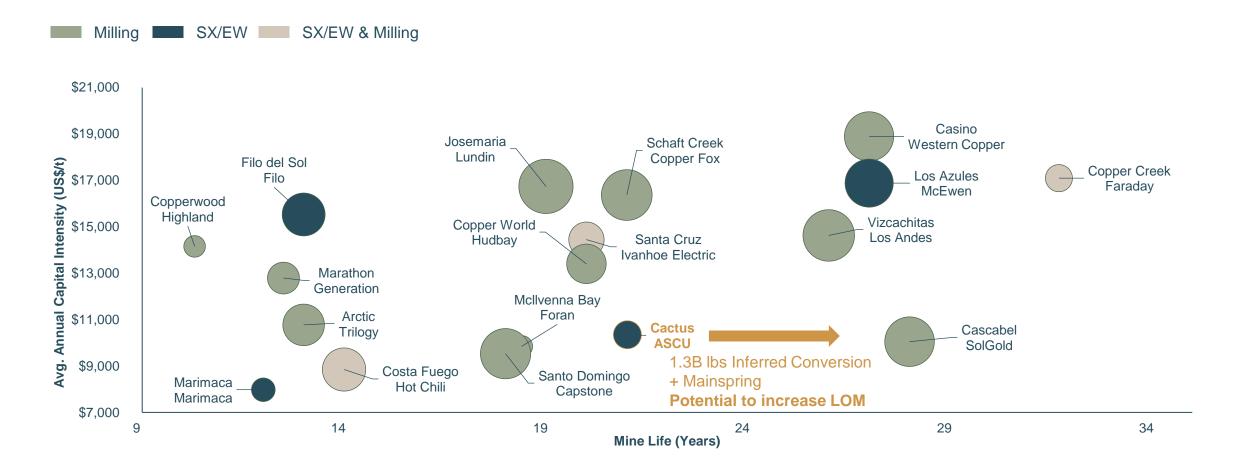


Source: S&P, Removal of Pebble, Resolution and Upper Kobuk Mineral Projects, Sept. 2023

### Lower Capital Intensity with 20+ LOM and Short Window to Production Decision

Peer Benchmarking – Mine Life vs Capital Intensity (Based on Average Annual Copper Equivalent Production)<sup>(1)</sup>

Years | Avg. Annual Capital Intensity | Bubble Size Based on Annual Production

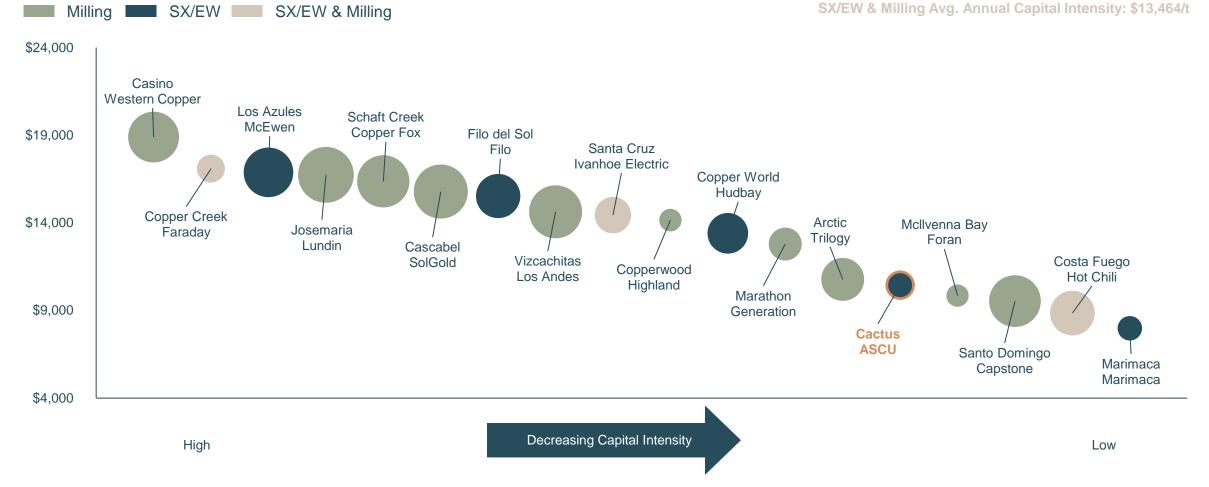


### Lower Capital Intensity Provides a Lower Risk Path to Copper Production

#### Peer Benchmarking - Capital Intensity (Based on Average Annual Copper Equivalent Production)<sup>(1)</sup>

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



### IRR, Payback & Cash Flow Sensitivity Analysis

#### LEVERAGED TO THE COPPER PRICE

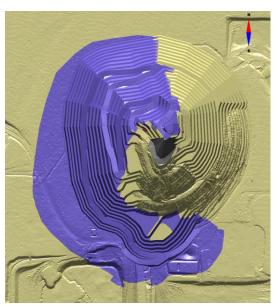
Project Metric		COPPER PRICE					
		\$3.75/lb	BASE CASE \$3.90/lb	\$4.00/lb	\$4.25 / lb Cu	CURRENT Cu \$ \$4.50 / Ib Cu	
Pre-Tax (8% disc)	NPV	\$592 million	\$733 million	\$828 million	\$1,064 million	\$1,299 million	
Post Tax (8% disc)	NPV	\$389 million	\$509 million	\$587 million	\$780 million	\$971 million	
	IRR	14%	15.3%	17%	19%	22%	
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 Refer to slides 2 and 3 for notes on non-IFRS and non-GAAP measures, or ASCU's press release dated Feb 21, 2024.

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



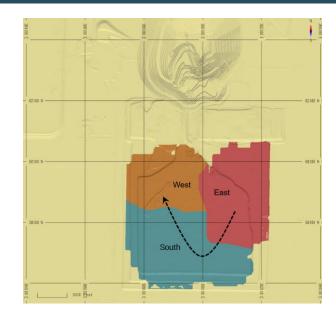
### Mining Phases – Years -1 – 7: Cactus West Open Pit and Stockpile



## 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

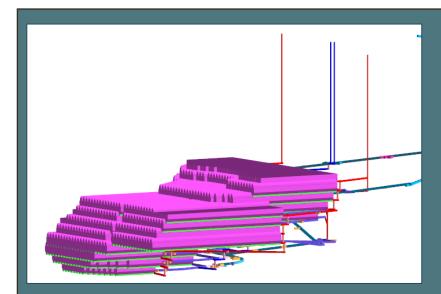
- 12 M Ore Tons per Annum
- Peak mining rate of 47Mt in Years 2 and 3
- 75.5 Mt of leach ore @ 0.307% total copper
- Strip ratio of 1.96 to 1
- Bench elevations range from the 1,440-ft (439 m) level to the 380-ft (116 m) level.

#### **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

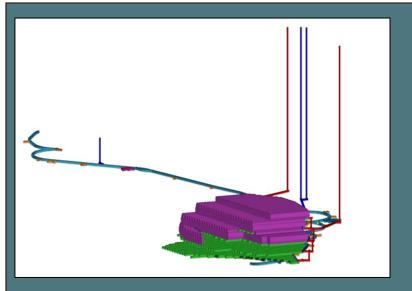
### Underground Mining Phases Years 2-20: Parks/Salyer and Cactus East



#### 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

### Reactivating a Brownfields Property Using New Technologies



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#### **ARIZONA SONORAN COPPER COMPANY**

Heap leach and SXEW operation considered

2019-2021

2022

2023

2024

Next Steps

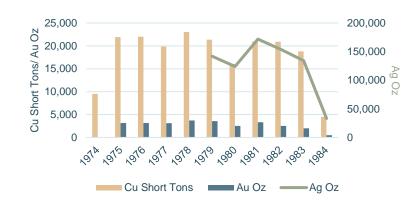
- Purchases
   Sacaton and
   name change
   to Cactus Mine
- Issues PEA on Stockpile
- Raises US\$25M
- Acquires
   Parks/Salyer
- Commencement of permitting process
- Declare maiden MRE & updates PEA w/ Cactus
- Obtains Water and APP (Stockpile) Permits
- IPO C\$45 Million FINancing

- Builds board and team
- OTC Listing
- Infill and exploration drilling at Cactus and P/S
- Improves Metallurgy
- Confirmation no Federal Nexus Water
- C\$35m Financing Includes Rio Tinto
- Declares 2.9B lb maiden resource at P/S
- Launches
   Metallurgical
   program

- Expands operations and development team
- Infill drilling: indicated program complete; measured program underway
- C\$32.5m Financing
- MLRP and Industrial Air Permit received
- Improves metallurgy ASCU
- Preliminary Nuton results – Rio Tinto
- Building owner/operator team
- Option to JV with Nuton, US\$33M cash financing

- Issues PFS on standalone case
- Rezones
   MainSpring,
   acquires more land
- Completes
   MainSpring inferred drilling
- PEA, Updated PFS and FS Studies
   expected 2024 and 2025
- Permitting
   Based on PFS mine
   plan
- Testing with Rio Tinto's Nuton Technologies in process
- Project Financing subject to PFS and FS outcomes
- Construction subject to PFS and FS outcomes. 18–24month construction period
- Production upon positive construction decision

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**HISTORICAL PRODUCTION (CONCENTRATE)** 

Motorial Type	KTons	CuT	TSol	Contained
Material 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 Measured	10,400		0.241	49,800
		INDICATED		
0.11	70.000	Cactus	0.050	F4F 000
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
	T	Stockpile	0.450	0.47.000
Oxide	71,100	Davids /Calcar	0.153	217,300
Oxide	10.000	Parks/Salyer	0.921	183,700
Enriched	10,000 120,200		1.037	2,493,000
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
	·	0.040	0.340	·
Primary	122,300	0.342	0.044	837,100
Total Inferred	184,300	Stockpile	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	0.2	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	0.5	i89	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	0.5	80	5,174,000				
	IN	FERRED						
Total Leachable	107,700		0.607	1,307,900				
Total Primary	126,200	0.357		900,000				
Total Inferred	233,800	0.4	72	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 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022, Cactus resource estimates have an effective date of 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, Parks/Salyer resource estimates have an effective date of 19<sup>th</sup> 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 = 0.522% TSol; primary underground material = 0.691% CuT. For stateland property Oxide 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.

See slides 2 and 3 for cautionary language and forward-looking statements.

#### 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.

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### Rediscovering the World-Class Santa Cruz Copper Porphyry System

Santa Cruz porphyry copper system extends northeast over P/S and beyond the Cactus Mine Project.

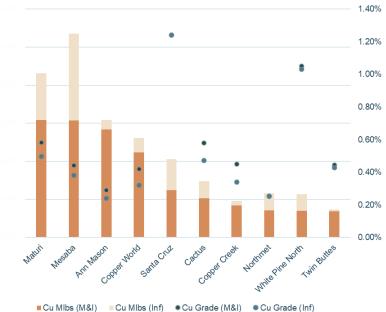
ASCU – active drilling - IE – active drilling

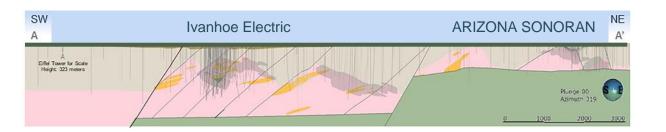
#### **Ivanhoe Electric Mineral Resource Estimate**

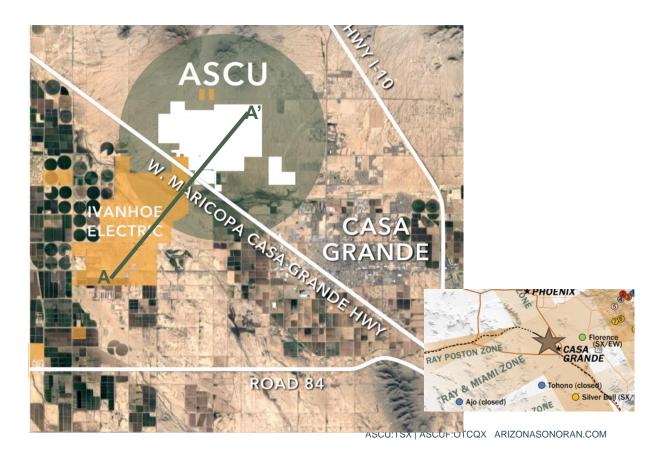
Source: Ivanhoe Electric Technical Report

- Indic 226 Mt of 1.24% CuT, 0.82% Cu TSol
- Inf 149 Mt of 1.24% CuT, 0.82% CuTSol
- (0.39% cut-off \$3.70/lb Cu)









### Benchmarking ASCU to Select Large Copper Projects

Market Metrics	Units	ARIZONA SONORAN COPPER COMPANY	<b>Olvanhoe</b> ELECTRIC	FILO
Market Cap	US\$M	\$119	\$1,301	\$2,357
Enterprise Value	US\$M	\$102	\$1,221	\$2,303
P/NAV	Ratio	0.3x	0.7x	0.6x
Asset Overview				
Asset		Cactus / Parks Salyer	Santa Cruz	Filo del Sol
Location		Arizona	Arizona	Chile/Argentina
Stage		PFS	IA	PFS
Mine Type		OP   UG	OP   UG	OP
Processing Type		SX/EW	SX/EW & Milling	SX/EW
Mineral Resource Estimate				
Mineral Reserves (P&P)	Mlbs CuEq   %	3,031   0.55%		4,302   0.39% <sup>(1)</sup>
Measured & Indicated Attributable Resource	Mlbs CuEq   %	5,174   0.58%	6,188   1.24%	6,245   0.39% <sup>(1)</sup>
Inferred Attributable Resources	Mlbs CuEq   %	2,208   0.47%	4,072   1.24%	2,527   0.31% <sup>(1)</sup>
Asset Metrics				
Mine Life	Years	21	20	13
LOM Avg. Annual Production	Mlbs CuEq	110	175	275 <sup>(2)</sup>
LOM Cash Cost	US\$/lb	\$1.84	\$1.36	\$1.54
Pre-Production Capex	US\$M	\$515	\$1,146	\$1,805
Sustaining Capex	US\$M	\$1,212	\$976	\$140
Asset Economics				
Copper Price	US\$/lb	\$3.90	\$3.80	\$3.72
After-Tax NPV(8%)	US\$M	\$509	\$1,317	\$1,310
After-Tax IRR	%	15.3%	23.0%	20.0%
Capital Intensity	US\$/t	\$10,347	\$14,445	\$14,495