

# American Copper Cathode for American Industry

Advancing the Cactus Project in Arizona

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#### **Preliminary Economic Assessments**

The Preliminary Economic Assessment (or 2024 PEA) referenced in this press release and summarized in the 2024 PEA Technical Report is only a conceptual study of the potential viability of the Cactus Project and the economic and technical viability of the Cactus Project has not been demonstrated. The 2024 PEA is preliminary in nature and provides only an initial, high-level review of the Cactus Project's potential and design options; there is no certainty that the 2024 PEA will be realized. For further detail on the Cactus Project and the 2024 PEA, including applicable technical notes and cautionary statements, please refer to the Company's press release dated August 7, 2024 and the technical report filed on August 27, 2024, both available on the Company's website and under its issuer profile on sedarplus.ca.

Scientific and technical information contained in this presentation have been reviewed and verified by George Ogilvie, a qualified person under NI 43-101, and an officer and director of the Company.

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### ASCU is Developing a Low-Risk Brownfield Copper Project in Arizona

Tier 1 jurisdiction with well-High-quality open pit copper Robust economics projected in the 2024 PEA developed and favourable development asset infrastructure Well-advanced State-led **Construction Decision Experienced &** knowledgeable Management permitting process anticipated in 2H 2026 and Operations teams MRE & PFS - 2H2025 DFS - 2H 2026

### Arizona Produces 70% of Copper Needs in the USA

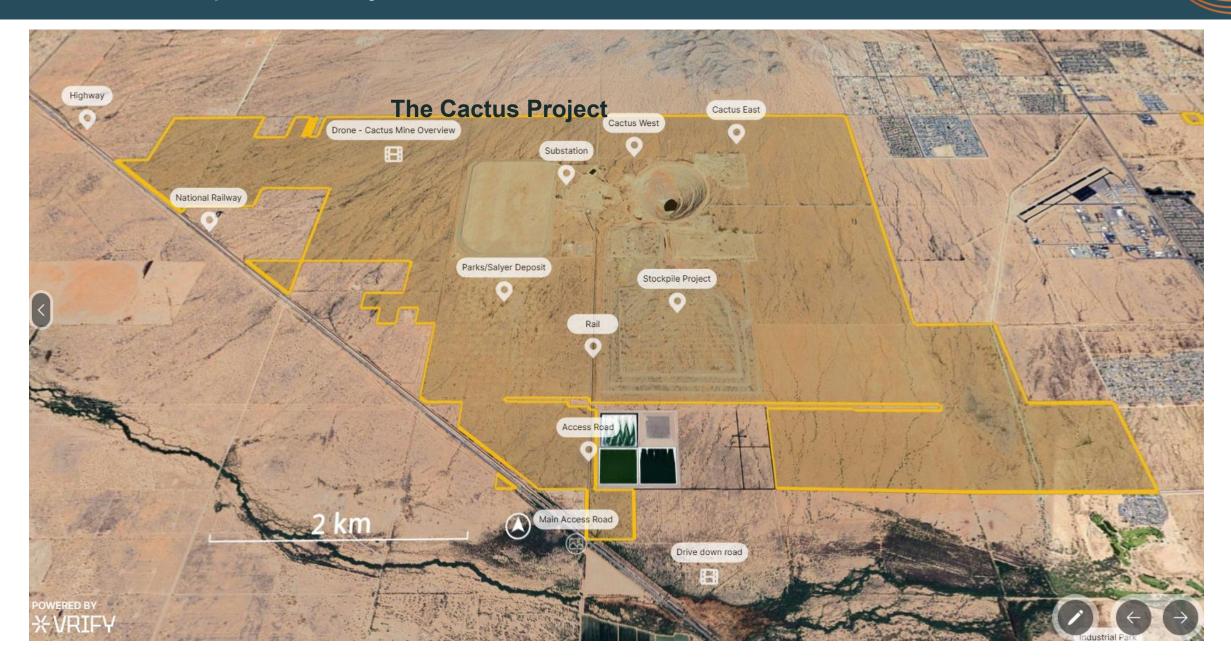






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### Brownfield Open Pit Project with in-Place Infrastructure



### Efficient Open Pit Development at the Cactus Project

#### 100% Owned Cactus Project on Private Land in Casa Grande, Arizona











#### Water

- Onsite
   permitted
   water access
   to non-potable
   water source
- Water rights secured to the year 2070
- Closed water system

#### 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
- Southern Pacific Railroad
- Hwy I-10 accessed via State highways

## Adjacent to the Industrial area

- Access to labour
- Industrial zoning
- Adjacent manufacturing
- Private land
- Brownfield project

# Social Support for the Project

- Positive perception surveys
- Local employees & contractors
- Supportive public hearings

### Developing a Meaningful Cathode Supplier to the USA

#### 100%-owned project, contemplating heap leach and SX/EW processing, on private land in Arizona

#### **Major Catalysts due in 2H 2025:**

- MRE Update high infill to indicated classification conversion drilling from within the 2024 PEA Parks/Salyer pit shells
- 2025 PFS, building on positive 2024 PEA economics
  - Leverage to copper at a variety of copper price environments
  - Heap leach and SX/EW processing
  - 2 open pits (Parks/Salyer, Cactus West)
  - Significant mining operation in PEA
  - Simple metallurgy
  - Standard SXEW process



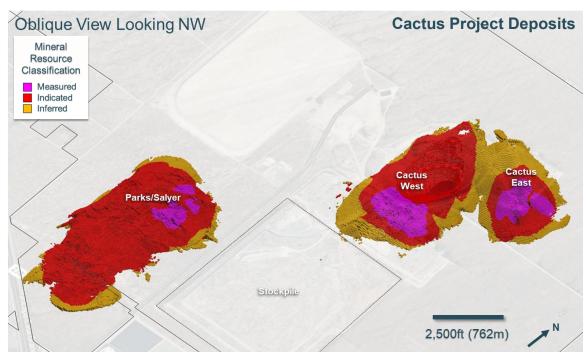
**Trial Pit Layback - Cactus West Pit (Historic Sacaton Pit)** 

#### **2025 Mineral Resource Estimate**

11.0 billion lbs @ 0.48% Total Cu (M&I)

1.7 billion lbs @ 0.37% Total Cu (inf)

#### Parks/Salyer, Cactus West and Cactus East



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### Growth, Derisking and Improved Simplicity at Cactus

PROJECT GROWTH 2021-2025

585%

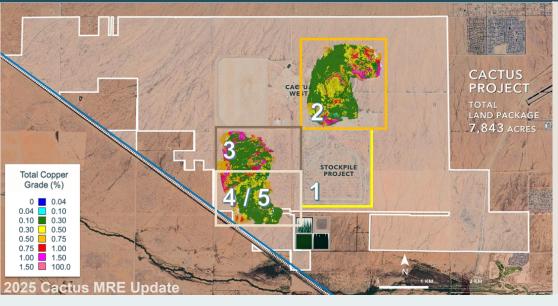
M&I Growth Since 2021

96%

Land Size Increase

550%

NPV8 Increase 2021 PEA to 2024 PEA



1: 2020: Stockpile PEA

7 years, 18k short tons per annum \$127 million NPV8 (after tax)

2: 2021: PEA Inclusion of Cactus West and East

18 years, 28k short tons per annum \$312 million NPV8 (after tax)

3: 2024: PFS Inclusion of Parks/Salyer

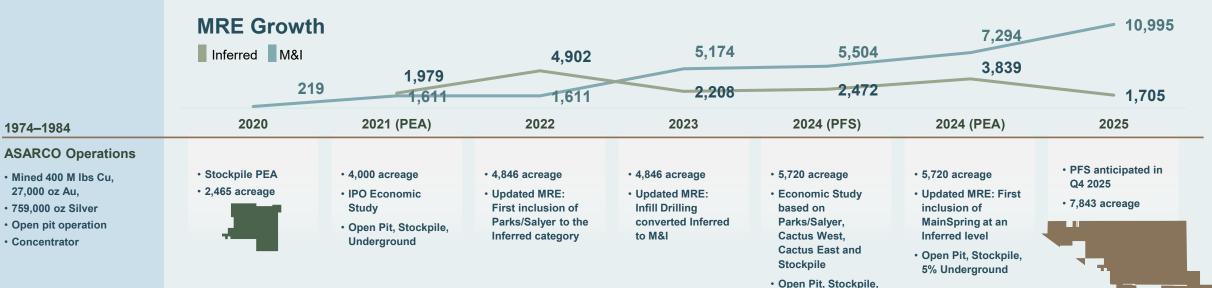
21 years, 55k short tons per annum \$509 million NPV8 (after tax)

4: 2024: PEA Inclusion of Parks/Salyer South

31 years, 86k short tons per annum \$2.0 billion NPV8 (after tax)

5: 2025: PFS Building on 2024 PEA

Anticipated in Q4 2025



See slide 25 for more information on the Mineral Resource Estimates, and the Company's latest AIF for disclosures on the Company's website. \*The 2024 PEA, including the current July 16, 2024 mineral resource estimate (MRE), supersedes all former technical studies and prior MREs in their entirety and such former studies and prior estimates are not, and should not be considered, current. Sources: See PR dated Jul 16, 2024 (and technical report filed Mar 27, 2024) for applicable notes and other details related to MREs from 2024 and 2023, respectively. MREs from 2022 have an effective date of Sep 28, 2022, and are listed within Mineral Resource Estimate and Technical Report dated Nov 10, 2022. Notes for MREs from 2021 can be found within the Company's prospectus filed Nov 8, 2021."

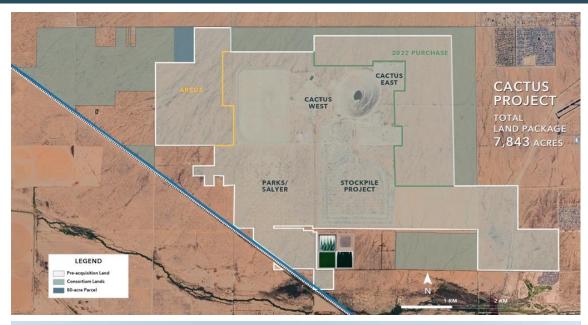
Underground

### Land Acquisitions Deliver on 2024 PEA Recommended Strategy

- 2,123 new acres removes risks and improves operational flexibility in the pending PFS:
  - 2024 PEA identified ~2,000 acres of additional footprint to reduce execution risks

#### Benefits:

- Staged payment plan with a low carry cost of capital
- Improves operational flexibility for:
  - Leach pad and waste pile placements
  - Future exploration success
  - Primary sulphide opportunity
  - Operational and costing improvements
- More access points to State highways and Southern Pacific Railroad





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### 2025 Acquisition of Adjacent Land to the Casa Grande Industrial Area



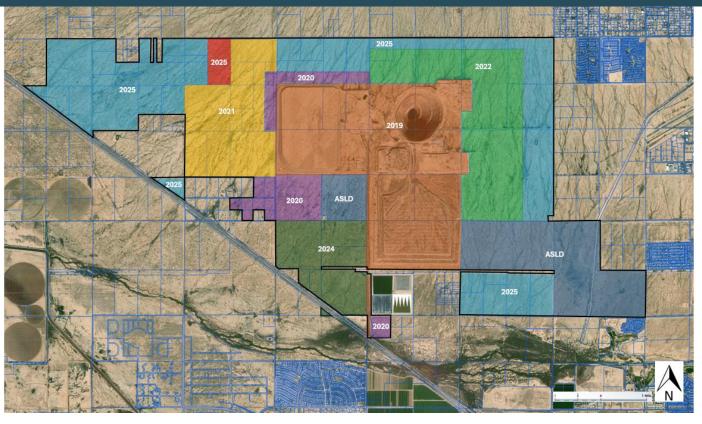
#### **BENEFITS:**

- Private land acquisitions
- Accelerated 2024 PEA strategy to minimize future inflationary pressures and improve operational flexibility

#### COST:

- \$20 million combined cash and share payments, in 4 equal payments (2025-2028)
- Final \$82 million cash payment (2029)

#### \$23,000 AVERAGE ACQUSITION COST PER ACRE SINCE 2019



- Favourable carrying interest rate of 6.0%, accrued annually beyond 2025 and payable on maturity
- Pre-payment rights with no penalty

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

Near Term Construction Decision for Onsite Cathode Production

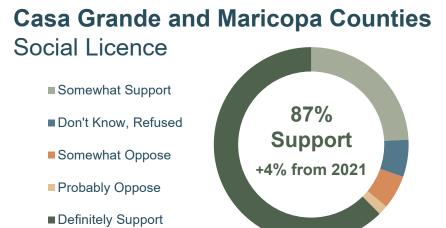
\*Construction and first cathode production are reliant on Project Financing and, in turn, a positive Final Investment Decision

2026 2024 2025 Buy-down Royalties 2026 DFS **First Cathode** MRE Update Appoint H&P Debt Project Financial Advisor **Production** 2024 PEA **Finalize Permits** Metallurgy **Final Investment** Land Acquisition **Decision\*** Drilling - Infill at P/S and CW Initiate Pre-feasibility Study **Project Financing\* MRE Update** 18-24 month Construction\* 2025 Prefeasibility Study Initiate Definitive Feasibility Study

### Known Permitting Process and Supportive Social License

#### **Permits**

- Proven permitting success per 2021 PEA
- Permit applications to begin in H2 2025, upon completion of 2025 PFS engineering
- Anticipated completion in H2 2026
- Three completed land General Plan Amendments



Polling completed by Highground Public Affairs Consultants October 2024

Major Required Permits	Office	Last Received Permit	Next Steps	
Jurisdictional Delineation Survey	Army Corps of Engineers	No Federal Nexus (2022)	Complete	
Water	Arizona Department of Water Resources	3,800 acre-ft per year until 2070	Complete	
	Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)	Aquifer Protection Permit (2021 PEA)		
Air	Pinal County	Industrial Air Permit (2024 PFS)	Application post-2025 PFS	
Mined Land Reclamation and Bond	Arizona State Mine Inspector	MLRP and Bond (2021 PEA)		

### We are Committed to Operating Sustainably



#### Positive Work Culture

- Meaningful work opportunities
- Prioritize wellbeing and safety



### Part of the Community

- Open dialogue with all stakeholders
- Support local economic development



#### Responsible Operations

- Environmentally responsible
- Investing in low carbon and water efficient technology



#### Renewable Energy Future

 LME Grade A Copper Cathodes for direct sale to the secondary market

#### ASCU IS...

- 1. Revitalizing a previously abandoned site
- 2. Contributing to local economic development
- 3. Powering a renewable energy future
- 4. Contributing to US copper needs

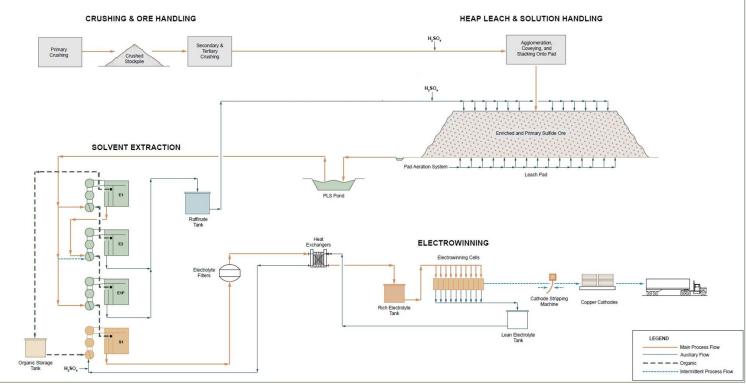
### ASCU's SX/EW Flowsheet: Copper Cathodes in the USA

#### **Benefits of cathode production include:**

- Cathodes produced onsite, for sale directly to the secondary market
- Lower capital intensity
- Simpler process to finished product
- Reduced GHG emissions
- Reduced water usage

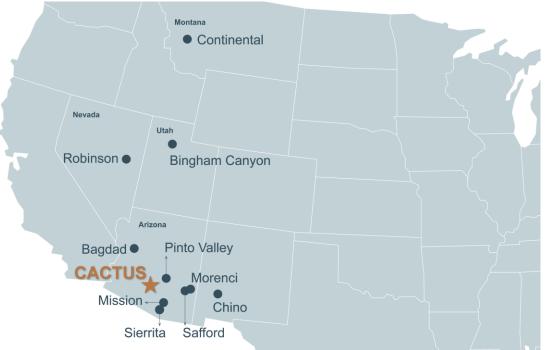
Cactus is one of five development projects in the USA currently considering SX/EW, to produce copper cathodes.





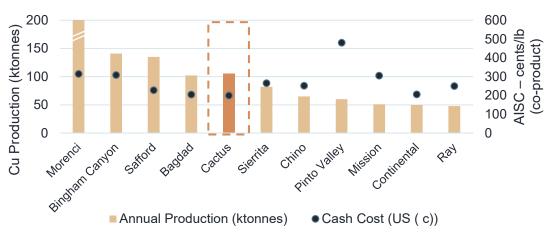
### A Meaningful Potential Contributor to Copper Production in the USA



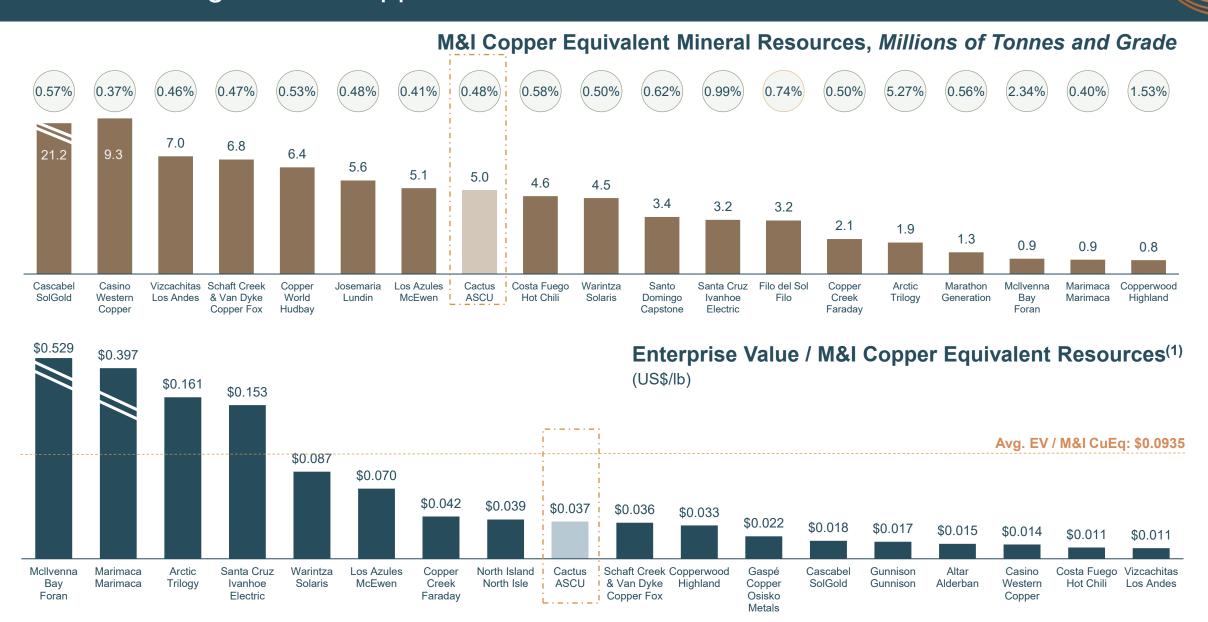


	Mine	County and State	Owner	Operation
1	Morenci	Greenlee, Arizona	Freeport (72%) Sumitomo (28%)	Open Pit
2	Bingham Canyon	Salt Lake, Utah	Rio Tinto	Long Hole Stoping, Open Pit, SL Stoping
3	Safford	Graham, Arizona	Freeport-McMoRan	Open Pit
4	Bagdad	Yavapai, Arizona	Freeport-McMoRan	Open Pit
Cactus		Pinal,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

### USA Copper Mines (FY2024) Production vs AISC



### Benchmarking: Junior Copper M&I and Grade vs. EV/lb



### Few Developers Filling the Copper Supply Gap

Attractive entry point for investors as ASCU moves through technical studies and towards targeted Final Investment Decision next year



Peer Benchmarking – Consensus P/NAV & Estimated Start Date

Ratio | Estimated Production Date

### Benchmarking ASCU Relative to Americas Copper Development Projects

		Arizona Developers		Americas Developers			Other Arizona Projects	
	ARIZONA SONORAN	<b>Olvanhoe</b>	FARADAY COPPER	marimaca	Western COPPER AND GOLD	TRILOGY	HIDBAY	Taseko)
Market Capitalization (US\$M) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$345	\$1,301	\$229	\$1,004	\$293	\$279	\$4,744	\$1,046
P/NAV Multiple <sup>(2)</sup>	0.3x	0.6x	0.6x	0.8x	0.3x	0.6x	1.1x	0.7x
Asset Name	Cactus <i>Brownfield</i>	Santa Cruz Greenfield	Copper Creek Brownfield	Marimaca Greenfield	Casino <i>Brownfield</i>	Arctic Brownfield	Copper World Brownfield	Florence Greenfield
Economic Study Level	PEA	PFS	PEA	FS	FS	FS	PFS	Construction
Jurisdiction	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Chile	Yukon	Alaska	Arizona	Arizona
2P Mineral Reserves (Mlbs CuEq) <sup>(3)</sup>	n/a	3,245	n/a	1,648	14,047	n/a	4,112	2,316
Measured & Indicated Attributable Resource (Mlbs CuEq)(3)(6)	10,995	7,120	4,610	1,865	20,218	4,137	14,014	2,549
Inferred Attributable Resource (MIbs CuEq)(3)(6)	1,708	7,615	694	130	8,329	355	2,429	266
Mine Life (Years)	31	23	32	13	27	13	20	22
Annual Attributable LOM Production (Mlbs CuEq Payable) <sup>(4)</sup>	172	125	103	95	338	241	218	69
Capital Intensity (LOM US\$/t CuEq) <sup>(4,5)</sup>	\$8,551	\$21,805	\$17,094	\$13,651	\$18,893	\$10,775	\$13,402	\$7,383
Initial Capex (US\$M)	\$668	\$1,236	\$798	\$587	\$2,894	\$1,177	\$1,323	\$232
NPV : Capex	3.0 : 1	1.1 : 1	0.7 : 1	1.2:1	0.6 : 1	0.9 : 1	0.8 : 1	4.0 : 1
Headline After-Tax NPV (US\$M)	\$2,032	\$1,376	\$566	\$709	\$1,867	\$1,108	\$1,100	\$930
Headline After-Tax IRR (%)	24%	20%	16%	31%	18%	23%	19%	47%
Payback (years)	4.9	4.4	4.1	2.6	3.3	3.1	5.9	2.6
LOM C1 Cash Cost (US\$/lb CuEq)	\$1.82	\$1.32	\$1.79	\$1.84	\$1.45	\$1.84	\$1.85	\$1.11
Economic Study Long-Term Copper Price (US\$/lb Cu)	\$3.90	\$4.25+\$0.14	\$3.80	\$4.30	\$3.60	\$3.65	\$3.75	\$3.75
Year of Study Completion	2024	2025	2023	2025	2023	2023	2023	2023

Source: S&P Capital IQ. Company Filings. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. Market Capitalizations as of August 26, 2025.

Converted to CuEq at LT broker consensus metal prices; Inclusive of reserves

- (5) Initial capital expenditure divided by average annual attributable LOM copper equivalent production
- (6) Cactus MRE update, as of September 16, 2025, economic parameters will be updated in a pending 2025 PFS due in Q4 2025

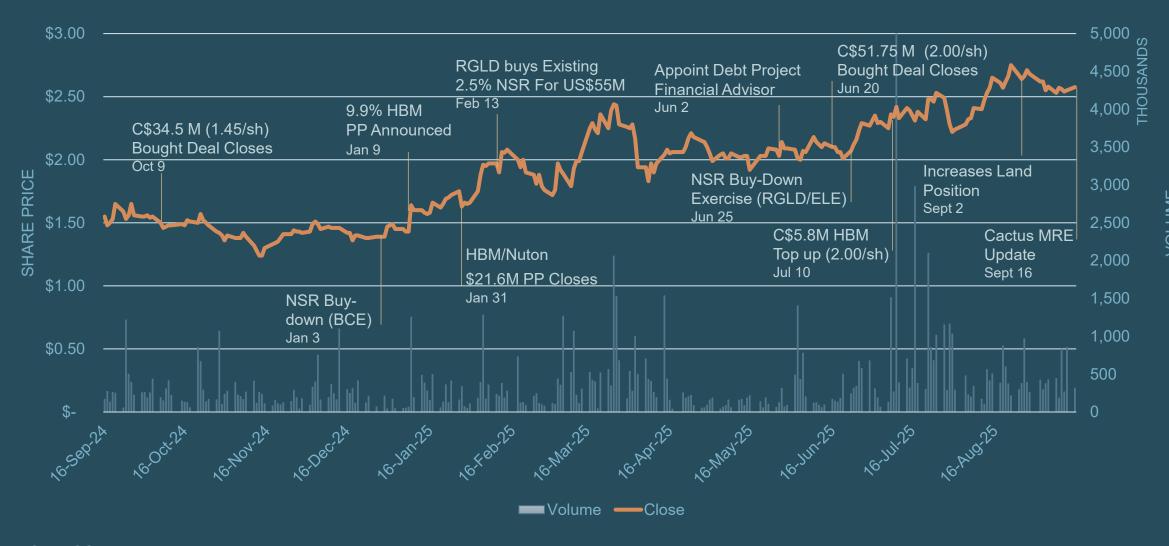
<sup>(1)</sup> MCAP's are shown on a FDITM basis

<sup>(2)</sup> Corporate P/NAV multiples shown

<sup>4)</sup> Copper equivalent production calculated using stated metal prices from each project's latest கூடுப்பாகு ASCUF:OTCQX ARIZONASONORAN.COM

### ASCU Value: +62% YoY +85% YTD

#### Momentum and Accumulation as Cactus Advances from PEA towards PFS



\*See ASCU press releases on the noted dates July 14 - Tembo Capital completed private 17.5 M share block trade

### Capital Structure & Ownership

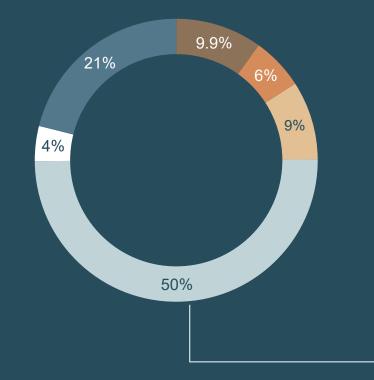
#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Market Capitalization	C\$485M
Shares Outstanding (M)	179.7
Options (M)	7.9
RSU's (M) <sup>(1)</sup>	1.0
DSU's (M)	0.7
Fully Diluted Share Capital (M)	189.4
Cash	US\$58M

#### Notes:

- (1) RSUs may be issued in shares or cash
- (2) Capital Structure as of September 2, 2025 and cash as of July 28, 2025

#### **OWNERSHIP**





- Nuton RioTinto
- Tembo
- Institutional
- Management
- Float

#### Including:

Fourth Sail Beedie Capital Ixios **Grandeur Peak** Konwave Earth Resources Mackenzie Financial **Bastion Asset Management** 

#### **ANALYST COVERAGE**







Capital Markets

















iShares S&P/TSX Small Cap Sprott Junior Copper ETF

Sprott Copper Miners ETF

**Themes Copper ETF** 

### Mining-Savvy Management Team with Track Record of Execution



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

+35 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** 

+40 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

+30 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



Nick Hayduk,
VP CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT, GENERAL COUNSEL & CORPORATE SECRETARY

25 years as a corporate lawyer, incl. 20 years of senior legal, strategic and management experience within the mining industry. Previously held **executive legal positions within Excellon Resources**, **Battle North Gold**, **Lundin Mining**, **Kinross**, **Goldcorp and Placer Dome** 



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

+25 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

20 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



**Kevin Canario**, CPA, CA DIRECTOR, FINANCE

18 years in accounting and finance experience in the mining industry working in both assurance and various leadership roles, including CFO for both INV Metals and the Ore Group of Companies, Controller for Battle North Gold

### Leading Copper Developer in the United States



Large Copper Porphyry Project
Management
Tier 1 Location
Advancing to Construction
decision in 2H 2026



Project upside
Pre-production stage
Leverage to the Copper Price
Strategic partnerships in place
Mineral resource growth
potential



Brownfield (Low Capital)
In place infrastructure
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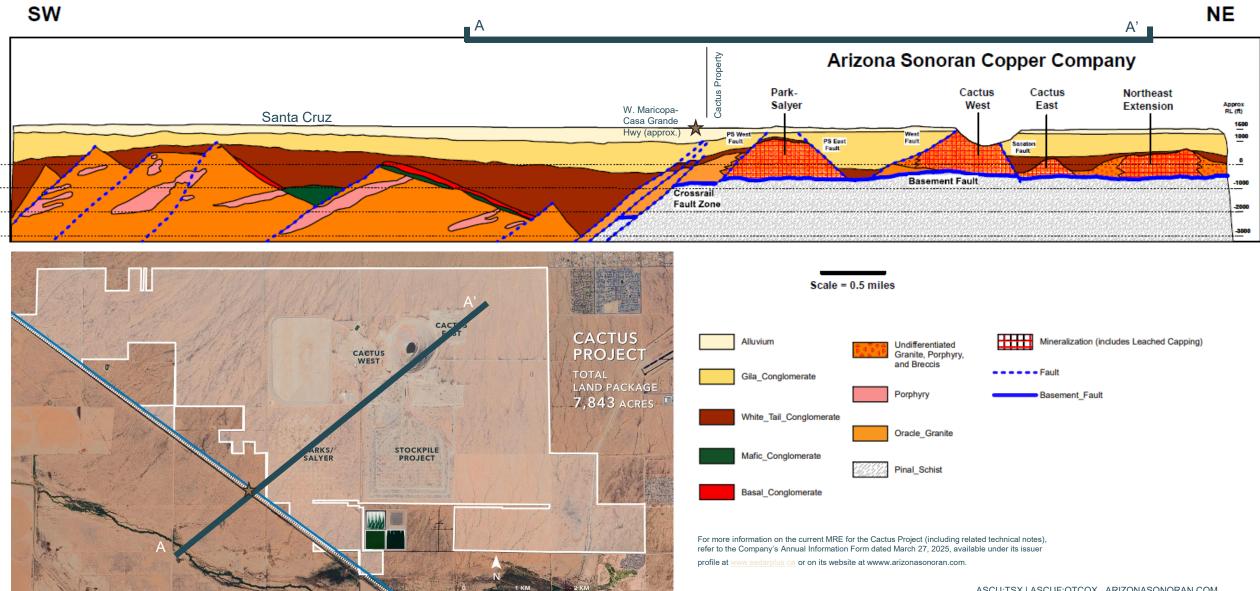


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### Cactus and the Casa Grande District Schematic Long Section



### Cactus Project Mineral Resource Estimate

Material	Tons	Grade	Grade	Contained	Contained			
Туре	kt	CuT %	Cu Tsol %	Total Cu (k lbs)	Cu Tsol (k lbs)			
Measured								
Total Leachable	101,500	0.91	0.79	1,853,400	1,605,800			
Total Primary	29,900	0.42	0.05	251,000	30,200			
Total Measured	131,400	0.80	0.62	2,104,400	1,636,000			
Indicated								
Total Leachable	658,000	0.48	0.42	6,354,900	5,580,200			
Total Primary	353,400	0.36	0.04	2,535,900	270,900			
Total Indicated	1,011,400	0.44	0.29	8,890,800	5,851,100			
	M&I							
Total Leachable	759,500	0.54	0.47	8,208,300	7,186,000			
Total Primary	383,200	0.36	0.04	2,786,900	301,100			
Total M&I	1,142,800	0.48	0.33	10,995,200	7,487,100			
Inferred								
Total Leachable	95,100	0.40	0.34	760,900	653,400			
Total Primary	138,400	0.34	0.04	947,100	121,500			
Total Inferred	233,400	0.37	0.17	1,708,100	774,900			

See slide 27 for notes and disclaimers related to the Cactus MRE. See also ASCU press release dated September 16, 2025

### Notes to the Mineral Resource Estimates

2024 PEA, supersedes all former technical studies and prior MREs in their entirety and such former studies and prior estimates are not, and should not be considered, current. Sources: See PR dated Jul 16, 2024 (and technical report filed Aug 27, 2024) and PR Feb 22, 2024 (and technical report filed Mar 27, 2024) for applicable notes and other details related to MREs from 2024 and 2023, respectively. MREs from 2022 have an effective date of Sep 28, 2022, and are listed within Mineral Resource Estimate and Technical Report dated Nov 10, 2022. Notes for MREs from 2020 and 2021 can be found within the Company's 2021 PEA, available within the Company's prospectus filed Nov 8, 2021.

NOTES to the September 16, 2025 Mineral Resource Estimate:

- 1. Total soluble copper grades (Cu TSol) are reported using sequential assaying to calculate the soluble copper grade. Leachable material includes oxide and secondary enriched material types. Primary includes Primary Sulfide material. Tons are reported as short tons.
- 2. Stockpile mineral resource estimates have an effective date of March 1, 2022, Cactus and Parks/Salyer mineral resource estimates have an effective date of September 16, 2025. All mineral resource estimates use a copper price of US\$4.20/lb.
- 3. Technical and economic parameters defining mineral resource conceptual pit shells: 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 mineral resource estimates: mining cost US\$27.62/t, G&A US\$0.55/t, and 5% dilution. Underground mineral resource estimates are only reported for material located outside of the conceptual open pit mineral resource estimate shells. Designation as open pit or underground mineral resources are conceptual and not indicative of the mining method that may be employed at the mine design stage.
- 5. Technical and economic parameters defining processing: Oxide heap leach (HL) processing cost of U\$\$2.24/t assuming 86.3% recoveries, enriched HL processing cost of U\$\$2.13/t assuming 90.5% recoveries, sulphide mill processing cost of U\$\$8.50/t assuming 92% recoveries. HL selling cost of U\$\$0.27/lb; Mill selling cost of U\$\$0.62/lb.
- 6. Royalties of 2.54% applies to the Cactus private lands and an assumed 2.50% applies to state lands. No royalties apply to the Parks/Salyer South (formerly, the MainSpring property).
- 7. Variable cut-off grades were reported depending on material type, conceptual mining method, potential processing method, and applicable royalties. For Cactus private lands and state lands Oxide conceptual open pit or underground material = 0.087% or 0.483% TSol respectively; conceptual enriched open pit or underground material = 0.081% or 0.459% TSol respectively; conceptual Primary Sulphide open pit or underground material = 0.079% or 0.477% TSol respectively; enriched open pit or underground material = 0.079% or 0.477% TSol respectively; enriched open pit or underground material = 0.095% CuT respectively. Stockpile cutoff = 0.095% TSol.
- 8. 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. See also more detailed cautionary statements at the end of this press release.
- 9. 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 estimate; it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading Inferred mineral resources to an Indicated or Measured classification. See also more detailed cautionary statements at the end of this press release.
- 10. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

For more detailed information on the Project's current mineral resource estimates, please refer to the 2024 PEA technical report filed on August 27, 2024, available on the Company's website and under its profile on sedarplus.ca.