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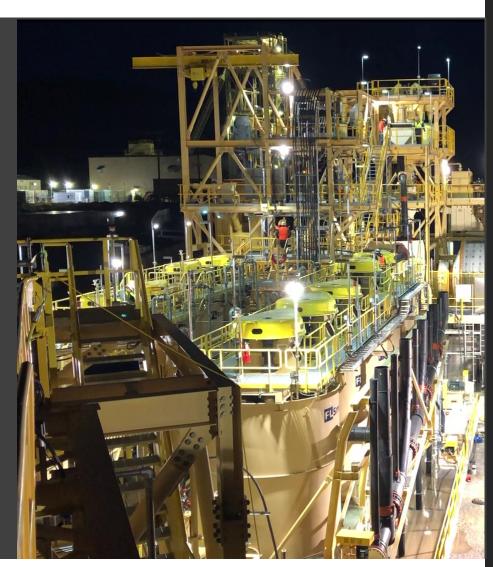
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## BUILDING THE NEXT MID-TIER COPPER PRODUCER

## **NEVADA COPPER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1st new US copper producer in 10 years
- World's top-rated mining jurisdiction
- Dominant land position in re-emerging district
- Underground mine in production
- Innovative design including dry stack tails
- Upside optionality with open pit mine
- Exploration success with new ground known porphyry district with little exploration since Anaconda in the 70's/80's
- Copper has strong fundamentals and is the key to a carbonless future

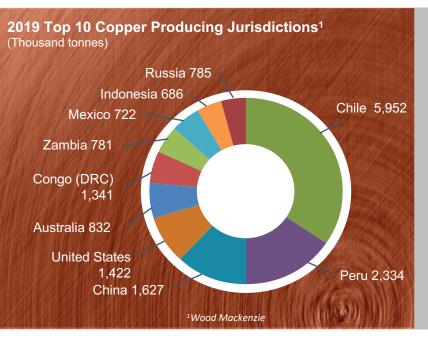


## **Favorable Mining Conditions in Nevada, USA**

- Nevada is Fraser Institute's Top Ranked Mining Jurisdiction in the World
- Desert climate and local topography optimal for efficient and eco-friendly mining techniques.
- No Tailings Dam required as Company is able to use a dry-stack method for tailings and thus achieve high % of recycled water
- Record of strong support from the local community as well as all levels of government
- Project is 8 miles from City of Yerington
- Yerington is a former copper-producing region with superb infrastructure and a skilled, experienced workforce



## LONG TERM OUTLOOK FOR COPPER IS STRONG

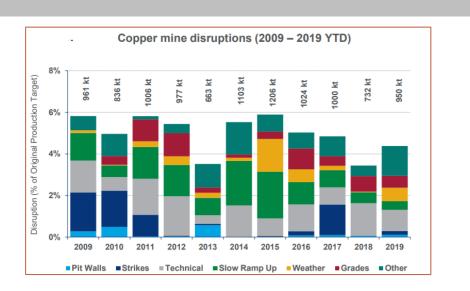


## COPPER FUNDAMENTALS

- Global supply reliant on fragile jurisdictions, with 2019 seeing the greatest disruptions from civil unrest in last 6 years<sup>1</sup>
- Global growth combining with new demand from EVs, grid upgrades, energy storage and green energy infrastructure
- Years of low copper prices and under-investment in new supply means few new projects in the pipeline
- Approvals for new projects have hit a plateau despite a production deficit forecast over the long term<sup>1</sup>
- 2017 saw first decline in copper output in 15 years<sup>2</sup>
- Copper grades globally declining, falling 30% since 2000<sup>2</sup>
- Chinese environmental agenda constraining scrap imports



<sup>1</sup> Source: Wood Mackenzie <sup>2</sup> Source: Pala Investments



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**Key Shareholders Include:** 

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Stephen Gill, Non-Executive Chairman

Tom Albanese, Lead Independent Director

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## **CAPITALIZATION ITEMS**

Symbol	TSX: NCU
Share Price (December 12/20 )	US\$ 0.10
Market Capitalization	US\$ 148M
Senior Debt <sup>1</sup>	US\$ 129M
Cash & Cash Equivalents <sup>1</sup>	US\$ 0.8M
Shares Outstanding	1.4B
Options/Warrants	391M
Fully-Diluted Shares Outstanding	1.8B
30 Day average daily share volume	5.7M

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Mike Ciricillo, President & CEO

Andre Van Niekerk, CFO

Dale Ekmark, COO

Cassandra Joseph, J.D., B.A., SVP General Counsel

Greg French, P. Geol., VP Head of Exploration

Timothy Dyhr, VP Environment & External Relations

## MINE BUILDING & OPERATIONS EXPERTISE

## Andre Van Niekerk, CFO

- Previously CFO of Golden Star Resources where he oversaw the commissioning and ramp-up of multiple new mining operations.
- Previously held senior positions with KPMG.



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## Mike Cicirillo, President and CEO

- Previously Head of Glencore's Worldwide Copper Assets.
- Prior to Glencore worked at Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Inc. as President of Glencore Africa.
- Has lead operations in Africa, Asia, North and South America.



## Dale Ekmark, COO

- Previously CEO and Chairman of OKD in the Czech Republic, COO and **CEO** of Sydvaranger Gruve in Kirkenes, Norway, COO of AMG Mining of the Advanced Metallurgical Group and VP/GM of Detour Gold
- Brings over 26 years of domestic and international experience to Nevada Copper.

## Stephen Gill Non-Executive Chairman

- Managing Partner at Pala Investments Ltd. and former director on various public mining company boards
- Prior to ioining Pala. worked at AMEC Plc. advising on a range of natural resources transactions



## Tom Albanese, Lead Independent Director

- Currently a director of Franco Nevada
- Previously CEO of Rio Tinto plc and Vedanta Resources Limited
- Previously served on the boards of Ivanhoe Mines Limited, Palabora Mining Company and Turquoise Hill Resources Limited



- Previously 13 years as Mining Analyst at Capital Group
- Prior to which spent 13 years with Royal Bank of Canada, as MD of RBC Capital Markets and Chairman of RBC Dominion Securities Strategic Planning Committee





Firestone Diamonds plc. Director of Mantos Copper S.A., Ferrous Resources Limited and Ferrexpo AG. Former CEO of the CIS region and manager of the Moscow office at Glencore International AG



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Markus Scheer, member of the Management Board of KfW IPEX-Bank

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Mining Contractors and Engineers







North

Open Pit

Surface Mineralization

**Deposits** 

Mine Drill

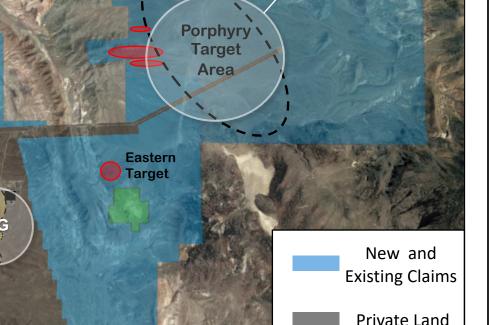
**Targets** 

## **UNDERGROUND MINE**

- Fully-permitted, mineral reserves of 23.9 Mst @ 1.74%
  Cu eq and 13.5-year mine life<sup>1</sup>
- Ramping up to commercial production in 2021, targeting 50M lbs copper per annum LoM
- Avg US\$80m operating cash flow pa over first 5 years³

## **EXPLORATION ACTIVITY**

- Sampling and drilling has encountered copper mineralization in multiple locations
- Drill results include porphyritic signatures. The source of the existing deposits is believed to be a porphyry

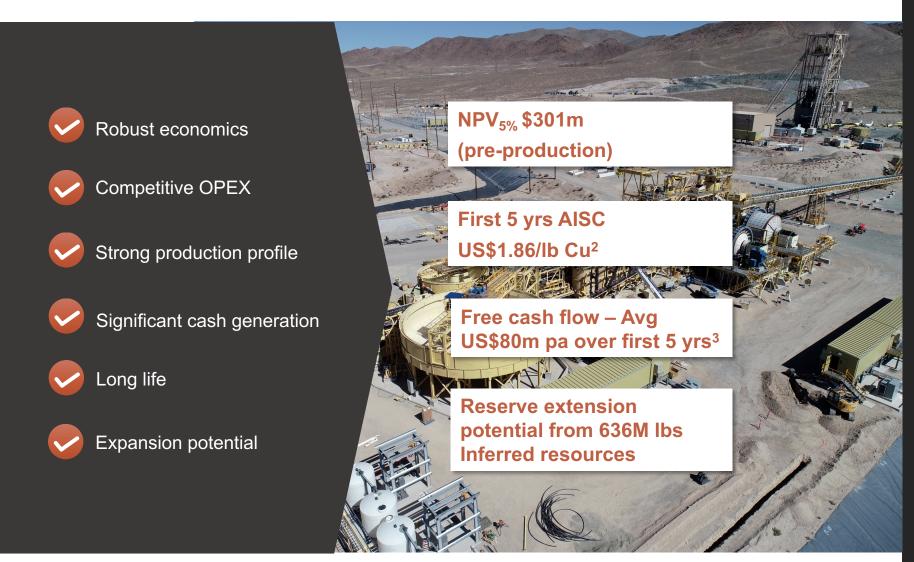


## **OPEN PIT MINE**

- Fully-permitted, mineral reserves of 386 Mst @ 0.50%CuEq (0.65%CuEq first 5 yrs) and 19-year mine life<sup>1</sup>
- Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources of 5B lbs of copper and significant precious metals credits<sup>1</sup>
- Strong project economics including Post-Tax 21% IRR and EBIDA \$239M pa life of mine average<sup>2</sup>
- Significant optimization and growth potential

## **UNDERGROUND MINE: ECONOMICALLY ROBUST WITH EXPANSION POTENTIAL**



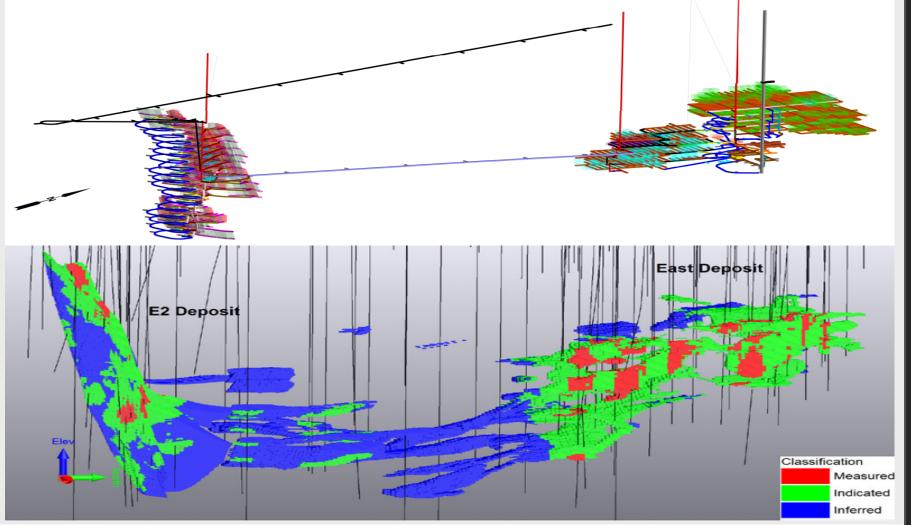


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Consensus prices per the 2019 NI 43-101 Tech Report: US\$2.83 - 3.20/lb Cu, US\$1,276 - 1,325oz Au, US\$18.77-\$20.01/oz Ag.

Cu-equiv based on price s of \$3.00/lb Cu, \$1,300/oz Au and \$17.00/oz Ag and met recoveries of 92%,78% and 70% respectively.

Inferred resources, 29 Mst grading 0.1.09% Cu



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## **OPEN PIT PFS RESULTS SUMMARY:** STRONG CASH GENERATOR, LOW CAPEX, LONG LIFE





## Permitted



Robust economics



Low upfront capex



Competitive opex



Long life



**Excellent recoveries** 



Strong EBITDA



Significant cash generation



**Expansion potential** 



Potential financing partner

## **OPEN PIT PFS HIGHLIGHTS** 1

Project Economics	Post-Tax 21% IRR and \$829M NPV <sub>7.5%</sub>
CAPEX	Pre-production capex: US\$672 million
OPEX <sup>2</sup>	\$1.73/lb Cu (C1) and \$2.03/lb Cu (AISC) <sup>5</sup>
Mine life <sup>4</sup>	19 years production. 386 Mst @ 0.50%CuEq (0.69%CuEq first 5 yrs)
Cu Recoveries	North Pit 90% South Pit 88%
EBITDA <sup>5</sup>	\$239M per annum life of mine average
Annual free <sup>3</sup> cash flow	Avg cashflow \$180Mpa of 17 steady state years
Expansion potential	Inferred in pit & mineralization open to the North & West
Potential financing	Nevada Copper has already partnered with KfW IPEX Bank to complete the underground mine

Technical Report, entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report: Nevada Copper Corp. Pumpkin Hollow Project, Open Pit and Underground Mine Prefeasibility Study (PFS)", with an effective date of January 21st, 2019. AISC is defined as C1 plus sustaining capital expenditures.

Utilizes long-term copper price of \$3.20/lb.

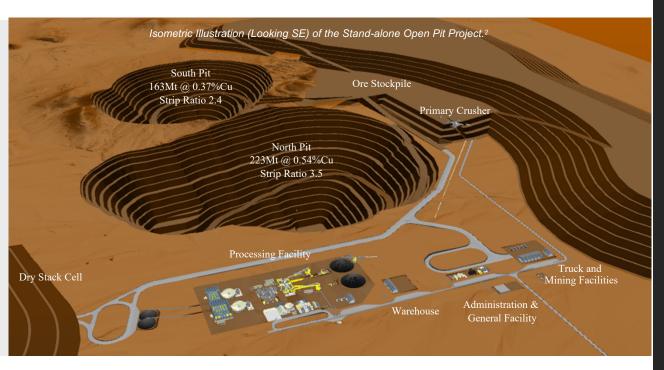
Cu-eq. calculated using prices with process recoveries based on pit location: Cu \$3.20/lb with 90% to North ore and 88% to South ore; Au \$1,325/Oz & 67.3% for both North and South ore; and Ag \$20.01/Oz & 56.3% for both North and South. EBIDA and AISC are Non-IFRS measures. For more information please see "NI 43-101 Technical Report: Nevada Copper Corp. Pumpkin Hollow Project, Open Pit and Underground Mine Prefeasibility Study (PFS)"

## FAVORABLE UPFRONT COST, SIMPLIFIED BUILD AND PHASED EXPANSION:

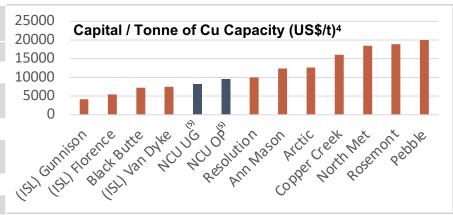


## Conventional truck-and-shovel

- √ Low capital intensity of US\$9,544/annual tonne of Cu-eq production<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Phased production growth comprising initial production scale of 37kstpd with potential expansion to 70kstpd
- ✓ Potential to fund ongoing development work and construction through future cash flows from Underground Project, reducing need to access equity capital markets



Capital Description	Initial <sup>5</sup>	Expansion <sup>5</sup>	Sustaining <sup>5</sup>	LoM Capital <sup>5</sup>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Mining	128 <sup>2</sup>	106	291	525
Process Plant (including tailings filtration)	427	333	-	759
Infrastructure	90	35	-	125
Dry Stack, Site Water, Environment & Reclamation	7	-	119	126
Owner/G&A <sup>3</sup>	20	-	-	20
Total	672	473	410	1,555
1 Resed on 37ketnd mill feed period of copper pr	nduction after ra	amp up		



Based on 37kstpd mill feed period of copper production, after ramp-up

<sup>2</sup> Includes pre-production mobile equipment leasing cost

<sup>3</sup> Includes concentrate handling offsite and bond for external power construction

<sup>4</sup> Source: Global Mining Research

<sup>5</sup> Technical Report, entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report: Nevada Copper Corp. Pumpkin Hollow Project, Open Pit and Underground Mine Prefeasibility Studies (PFS)", with an effective date of January 21st, 2019

## OPEN PIT: ROBUST ECONOMICS AND OPTIONALITY<sup>1</sup>



- Strong economics for the open pit production plan
- LoM of 37kstpd for 6 years and then 13 years at 70kstpd production rate (19 years)
- Timing of expansion to 70kstpd is flexible and decision will be based on market conditions. There is no obligation to expand in a specific year for technical reasons



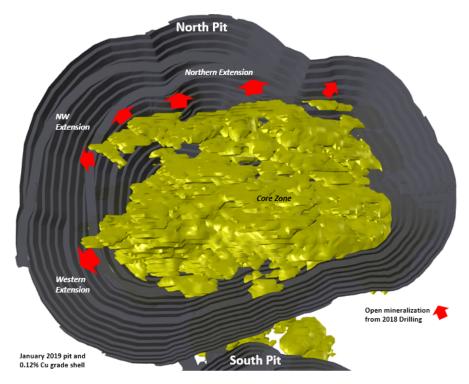
Sensitivity analysis shows that without the 70kstpd expansion, favorable economics are delivered with a 29 year LOM and a post-tax NPV  $^{7.5\%}$  of \$643M and a 19% IRR

## **Exploration Drilling**

- ✓ Extended open pit deposit, both within and beyond the existing pit shell
- ✓ Demonstrated further expansion potential in multiple directions

## **Further Drilling**

- ✓ Current reserve model excludes significant Inferred Resources (197M lbs Cu²)
- ✓ Potential to test full extent of deposit and upgrade Inferred Resources for inclusion in Open Pit mine plan



Open zones of Western Open Pit North deposit awaiting further drilling

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## ATTRACTIVE WHOLE OF PROPERTY ECONOMICS<sup>1</sup>

## Potential combined economics of standalone underground and standalone open pit

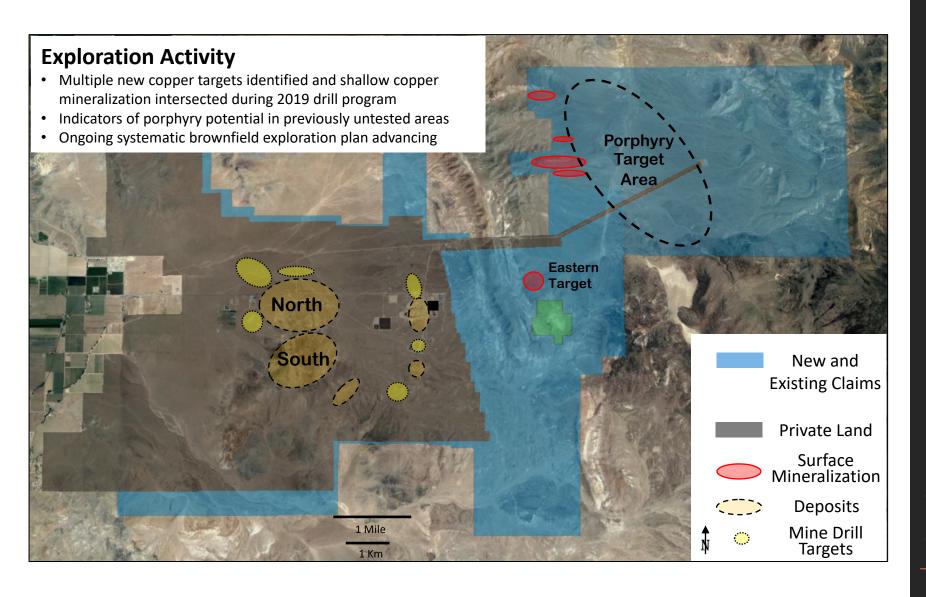
- √ Combined IRR of 24% pre-tax (22% post-tax)
- ✓ Combined NPV<sub>7.5%</sub> of US\$1,320M pre-tax (US\$1,062M post-tax)<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Further drilling of inferred resources of both Open Pit and Underground project have potential to increase reserves

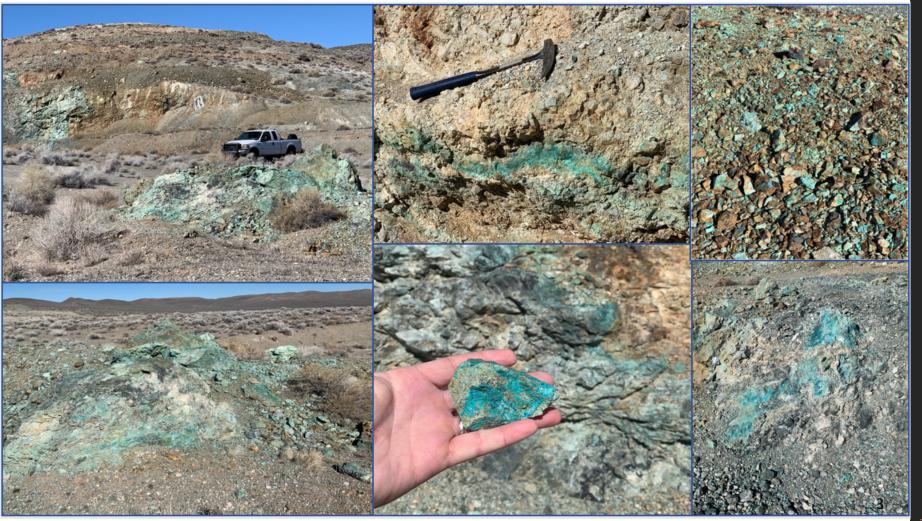


Economic input assumptions draw from the details provided throughout the 2019 NI-43-101 Technical Report for each stand-alone underground and open pit component of the property. Timeline for the open pit construction starting in 2021 with production ramping up in 2023. The results are based from a combination of production, revenue, costs and cashflows as in each stand-alone economic model. Technical Report, entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report." Nevada Copper Corp. Pumpkin Hollow Project, Open Pit and Underground Mine Prefeasibility Studies (PFS)", with an effective date of January 21st, 2019.

The "Combined NPVs" are the arithmetic sum of the individual case NPVs. However, note that the NPVs assume different start dates and will not match the NPV of the combined annual net cashflows.

## **EXPLORATION PROGRAM: NEW GROUND**





## **EXPLORATION PROGRAM: OPEN PIT ADVANCEMENT**

## **Open Pit Exploration**

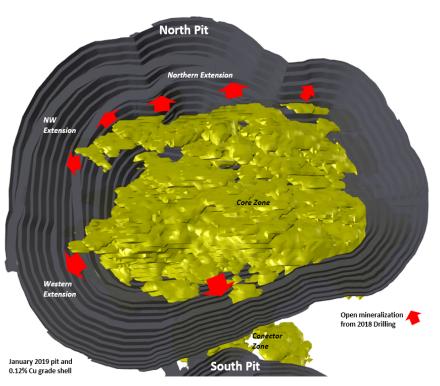
Drill test open extensions to the Open Pit ore body and follow up on previous drilling results

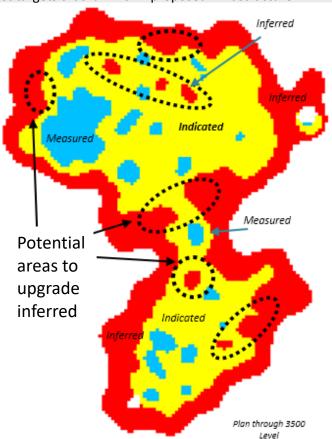
- Drill test the new, shallow mineralization in the Northern & NW Extension areas
- Drill test a possible offset of mineralization west of the open pit
- Drill test the connector zone between the north and south pits

## **Open Pit Advancement**

Infill drilling of in-pit inferred material to increase resource tonnage and grade

- Current resource model excludes Inferred Resource mineral inventory (197M lbs Cu)<sup>1</sup>
- Drill areas classified as waste rock and Inferred with goal to convert to Indicated resources in pit and on boundary (open mineralization) and upgrade areas of poor core recovery
- Drill-test targets that fall within proposed infrastructure

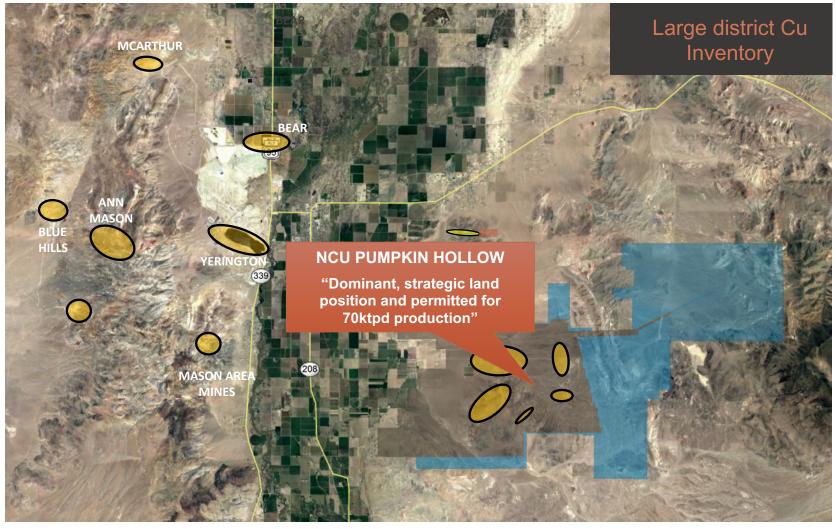




## FIRST MOVER ADVANTAGE IN A REGION WITH MAJOR POTENTIAL



Nevada Copper's Geologic Advisory Council (GAC) has been formed. We are leveraging their vast experience and knowledge of the Yerington District to optimize our growth strategy





## MINERAL RESERVES

## **Mineral Reserve Estimate (Underground)**

Note: Effective date on the Underground Mineral Reserve is September 15, 2017

	Tons	Cu	Au	Ag
Category	(millions)	%	oz/st	oz/st
Proven	7.4	1.85	0.007	0.144
Probable	16.5	1.47	0.006	0.138
Net Reserves	23.9	1.59	0.006	0.139

## **Mineral Reserve Estimate (Open Pit)**

The current mineral resource estimate for the Open Pit was disclosed April 16, 2019 and the related NI 43-101 Technical Report was filed on SEDAR in April 16, 2019, with an effective date of January 21, 2019. The tons, grades, and classification of the Mineral Reserves estimate in the Open Pit PFS mine plan are below.

		Average Or	e Grades		Contained Metal		
Confidence Category	Ore (Mst)	Cu (%)	Au (oz/st)	Ag (oz/st)	Cu (Mlbs)	Au (Koz)	Ag (Koz)
Proven Mineral Reserves (North)	75.4	0.65	0.002	0.070	983	151	5,302
Proven Mineral Reserves (South)	31.3	0.36	0.002	0.045	223	48	1,420
Proven Mineral Reserves (North + South)	106.6	0.57	0.002	0.063	1,206	199	6,722
Probable Mineral Reserves (North)	147.4	0.48	0.001	0.055	1,407	215	8,086
Probable Mineral Reserves (South)	131.7	0.37	0.002	0.049	977	203	6,458
Probable Mineral Reserves (North + South)	279.1	0.43	0.001	0.052	2,384	419	14,544
Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves	385.7	0.47	0.002	0.055	3,590	617	21,266

Note: Effective date of Open Pit Mineral Reserve is January 21, 2019.

CIM industry best practices were followed in the development of the Mineral Reserve.

Inferred Mineral Resource was considered waste for the open pit reserve estimate.

The cutoff 0.129% Cu for the North Pit and 0.132% Cu for the South Pit is based on the copper processing recoveries (90% for the North Pit, 88% for the South Pit) and costs. Dilution was assumed 5% and mining recovery of 98%.

Calculations used price forecast/recoveries: Cu \$2.75/lb & described above, Au \$1,343/toz & 67%, and Ag \$19.86/toz & 56%.

A selling cost of \$0.55/lb was applied to the Cu in concentrate to account for NSR. No selling costs were applied to Au or Ag. NSR and CuEq calculations.

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		Cu (%)	Au (oz/st)	Ag (oz/st)	Cu (Mlbs)	Au (Koz)	Ag (Koz)
Measured Mineral Resources	134	0.561	0.002	0.064	1,508	255	8,593
Indicated Mineral Resources	419	0.417	0.001	0.051	3,492	623	21,185
Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources	553	0.452	0.002	0.054	5,000	879	29,778

Confidence	Ore (Mst)		Average Ore Grades		Contained Metal		
Category		Cu (%)	Au (oz/st)	Ag (oz/st)	Cu (Mlbs)	Au (Koz)	Ag (Koz)
Inferred Mineral Resources	28	0.358	0.001	0.040	197	37	1,088

## **Mineral Resource Underground Eastern Area**

Effective date on Underground Mineral Resource is April 15, 2015

Category	Cutoff Grade %/Cu	Tons (millions)	Grade %/Cu	Contained Cu lb (millions)	Grade Au oz/st	Contained Au ozs (thousands)	Grade Ag oz/st	Contained Ag ozs (thousands)	Grade Fe	Contained Fe tons (millions)
Measured	0.75	12.1	1.60	389	0.006	74	0.127	1,541	18.7	2.3
Indicated	0.75	41.9	1.33	1,114	0.005	217	0.112	4,716	17.6	7.4
Measured + Indicated	0.75	54.1	1.39	1,503	0.005	291	0.116	6,257	17.8	9.6
Inferred	0.75	29.2	1.09	636	0.003	87	0.064	1,875	12.8	3.7

CIM industry best practices were followed in the development of Mineral Resource estimate. Measured and indicated resources are stated as inclusive of reserves. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do have demonstrated economic viability.

<sup>•</sup>Totals may not total due to rounding. Cu Eq. calculated Mineral Resources were estimated at a cutoff grade of 0.12% Cu

<sup>•</sup>Resources were contained within a pit shell produced using a Cu price of \$3.75/lb, Au \$1,343/Troy Oz and Ag at \$19.86/Troy Oz. Includes North, South and South-East deposits.

<sup>•</sup>Excludes materials that are oxidized, transition or volcanics. Columns using prices / recoveries: Cu \$3.20/lb & 89.3%; Au \$1.325/Oz & 67.3%; and Aq \$20.01/Oz & 56.3%.

