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## FY2020 HIGHLIGHTS KEY METRICS IMPROVING





CONCENTRATE PRODUCED

7,903,700 WMT

CONCENTRATE SOLD

7,577,400 DMT

TOTAL CASH COST

\$52.7/DMT

ALL-IN SUSTAINING COST

\$62.7/DMT



REVENUE

\$785.1M

**EBITDA** 

\$348.5M

ADJUSTED NET INCOME

\$172.7M

ADJUSTED EPS

\$0.32

#### **FY2020 HEALTH & SAFETY**

- → Continuous monitoring and improvement of the Bloom Lake mine's H&S protocols
- → Initiated new simulation programs to optimize emergency response time
- → Continuous training to adapt the work environment with implemented COVID-19 risk mitigating measures



FISCAL YEAR 2020 - SAFETY STATISTICS  QUEBEC IRON ORE + CONTRACTORS								
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY2020			
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)	4.28	4.85	4.37	2.58	4.1			
Disability Injury Severity Rate (DISR)	6.85	33.99	26.62	17.54	24.94			

- → No known cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Company
- → Adapted operations in line with government directives
- → Strict measures to remain in place to safeguard the health and safety of our employees, partners and communities

#### **FY2020 FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY**

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- → No occurrence of major environmental issues
- → Completed a \$28.8M accelerated dam rising program on time and on budget
- → Revegetation plan now covering 41 hectares
- → Initiated trial with new blasting compound to reduce Nitrogen Oxide emissions (Nox)
- → New initiative with nearby communities to recover and distribute wood harvested by our operations





→ <u>Post FY2020 results</u>: Completed the Company's first Sustainability Report, highlighting its alignment with stakeholders regarding its diligence on the environment, social and governance responsibilities

#### **FY2020 CREATING A POSITIVE IMPACT**

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500 Employees

42 Local and indigenous jobs

\$196M Sourcing from local suppliers

\$65.6M Mining and municipal taxes paid

\$65.8M Salaries & benefits





100% Tailings Management compliance

95% Reused or recycled mining wastewater

22 hectares of revegetated area in calendar 2019

#### **FY2020 MILESTONES**



- Optimized capital structure
- Completed Bloom Lake Phase II expansion project Feasibility Study and approved related initial C\$68M budget
- Mitigated impacts of the COVID-19 to operations and the Company





ANNOUNCED DEAL TO ACQUIRE 100% OF QUEBEC IRON ORE ("QIO") & REFINANCING



PHASE II FEASIBILITY STUDY RELEASED & APPROVED C\$68M BUDGET



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CLOSING OF ACQUISITION OF QIO & REFINANCING



ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RE-DOMICILE TO CANADA



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RAMP DOWN OPERATIONS FURTHER TO GOVERNMENT COVID-19 CONTAINMENT DIRECTIVES



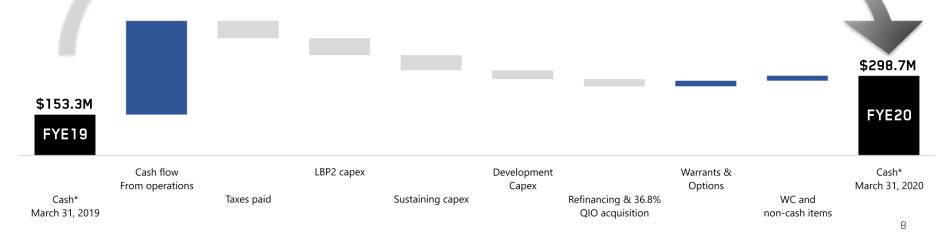
## FY2019 → FY2020 STRENGTHENING POSITION



### CASH ON HAND\* INCREASE OF \$145.4M YOY

#### LONG-TERM DEBT\* INCREASE OF \$2.47M YOY

- ✓ Acquired the remaining 36.8% minority interest in the subsidiary operating Bloom Lake (QIO) for C\$211M
- ✓ Deployed \$58M during FY2020 on Phase II expansion related projects
- ✓ Accelerated tailings containment dam rising work by \$28.8M
- ✓ Improved cost of debt from weighted average cost ranging from 12.37%-14.75% to an annualized interest rate of 4.8%



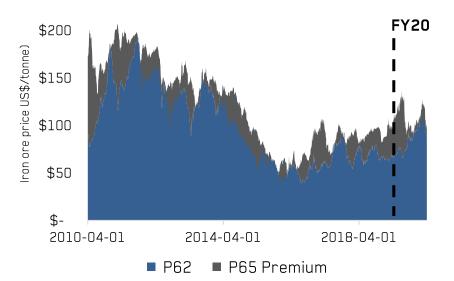
<sup>\*</sup> Cash on hand includes short-term investments; Long-term debt face value

#### **FY2020 INDUSTRY OVERVIEW**

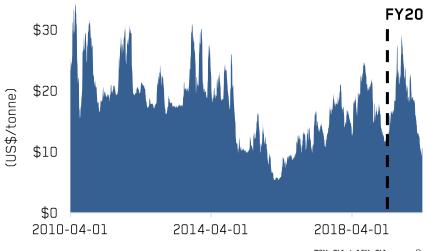


- → P65 index average of US\$106.4/dmt in FY2020, an increase of 16% from the previous year
- → Average premium of P65 over P62 of 12.1%, compared to an average premium of 29% in the previous year
- → Volatile C3 freight index averaging US\$18.55/t in FY2020, effectively unchanged from the previous year

#### P62 & P65 PREMIUM - 10 YEARS (US\$/T)



#### C3 FREIGHT INDEX - 10 YEARS (US\$/T)



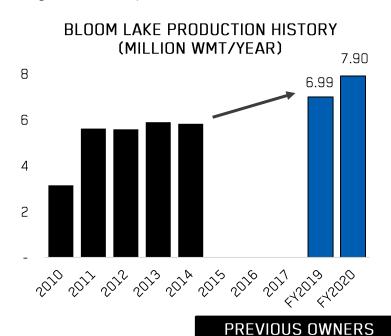
## **FY2020 OPERATIONAL RESULTS**



## FY2020 RESULTS SETTING HISTORICAL RECORDS AT BLOOM LAKE

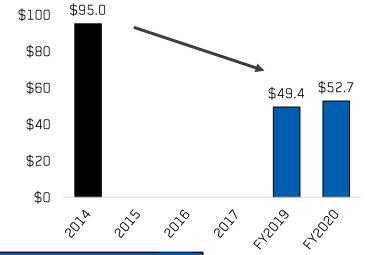
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→ Highest annual production on record



→ Managed costs to optimize cash flow from operations

#### TOTAL CASH COST (C\$/DMT)



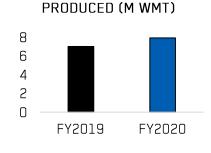
#### **FY2020 OPERATIONS OVERVIEW**

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- → Achieved recovery near the 83% target
- → Consistent product quality with no penalties for contaminants
- → Post FY2020 results: Mitigated the impact of the COVID-19 to operations and reported near nameplate capacity production of 1.8M wmt of iron ore concentrate in Q1/FY2021

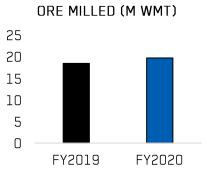
FISCAL PERIODS	Q1/20	Q2/20	Q3/20	Q4/20	FY2020
Iron ore concentrate produced (M wmt)	1.99	2.19	1.83	1.89	7.90
Iron ore concentrate sold (M dmt)	1.91	1.86	1.92	1.89	7.58
Waste mined (M wmt)	3.58	3.57	3.41	3.18	13.74
Ore mined (M wmt)	5.11	5.39	4.91	5.41	20.82
Strip ratio	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.60	0.70
Ore milled (M wmt)	4.78	5.45	4.64	4.88	19.75
Head grade Fe (%)	32.5	32.3	32	31.7	32.1
Recovery (%)	82.1	83.9	81.7	82.3	82.6
Product Fe (%)	66.2	66.3	66.4	66.5	66.4





IRON ORE CONCENTRATE





## **FY2020 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

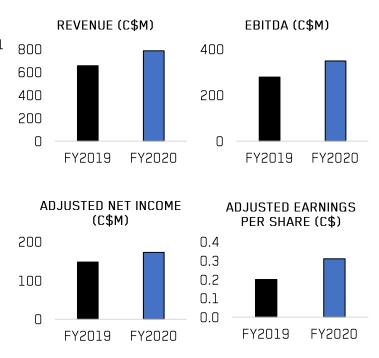


#### **FY2020 FINANCIAL RESULTS**



- → Robust operational results leading to improvement in financial metrics
- → Adjusted EPS\* improvement of 60% year over year at \$0.32/share
- $\rightarrow$  Post FY2020 results: Reported record adjusted EPS of \$0.17/share in Q1/FY2021

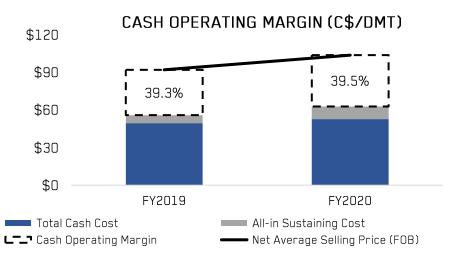
Financial Results (\$ MILLION)	Q1/FY20	Q2/FY20	Q3/FY20	Q4/FY20	FISCAL 2020
Revenues	277.9	160.4	171.1	175.7	785.1
EBITDA	166.9	62.6	57.9	61.1	348.5
Operating income	163.3	57.9	53.3	52.1	326.6
Net income (loss)	74.2	-1.7	30.2	18.4	121.1
Adjusted Net income	74.2	49.9	30.2	18.4	172.7
Net Cash flow from operations	91.9	104.9	28.1	84.6	309.6
Earnings per share - basic	0.09	0.00	0.07	0.04	0.20
Adjusted Earnings per share - basic	0.09	0.11	0.07	0.04	0.32
Average realized selling price (\$/dmt)	145.7	86.2	89.0	93.1	103.6
Total cash cost (\$/dmt)	54.3	48.3	54.2	53.9	52.7
All-in sustaining cost (\$/dmt)	62.8	66.2	62.2	59.8	62.7
Cash operating margin (\$/dmt)	82.9	20.0	26.8	33.3	40.9
Cash operating margin (%)	56.9	23.2	30.1	35.8	39.5



#### **FY2020 ROBUST OPERATING MARGIN**



- → Stable total cash cost metrics and robust pricing resulted in an improvement to the cash operating margin year over year
- → Sustaining cost increased with a \$28.8M accelerated tailing program and investments in operational enhancements aimed at improving short-term mine and plant reliability, in order to optimize cash flow from operations
- → Post FY2020 results: cash operating margin of 53.4% in Q1/FY2021
- → Focused on managing costs with operations returning to normal further to the Government of Québec's COVID-19 containment directives



#### **FY2020 IMPROVING BALANCE SHEET**





298.7M Cash S-T Investments at FYE2020 and 347.5M at Q1/FY2021-\$10M Working capital at FYE2020 and -\$5.2M at Q1/FY2021



\$283.7M Long-Term Debt\*\* at FYE2020 and \$272.6M at Q1/FY2021





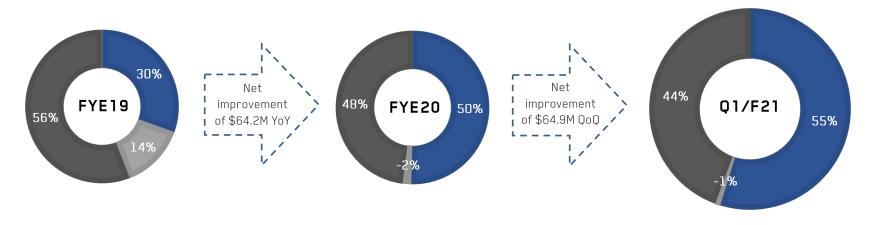


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■LTD Face value\*\*

■ Cash and cash equivalents\*

■Working Capital

\*\*Face value using Constent Fx

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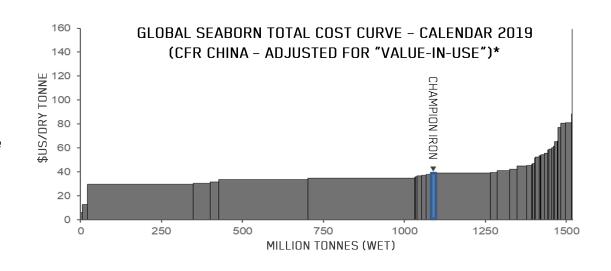
<sup>\*</sup>Cash and cash equivalent including short-term investments

## POSITIONING FOR THE FUTURE



# PROVEN COST STRUCTURE TO COMPETE GLOBALLY

- → Bloom Lake has proven cost structure
- → Product quality premium offsets freight differential when compared to Australian operators
- → Producer within the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the cost curve remained profitable in the biggest recent downturn in 2015

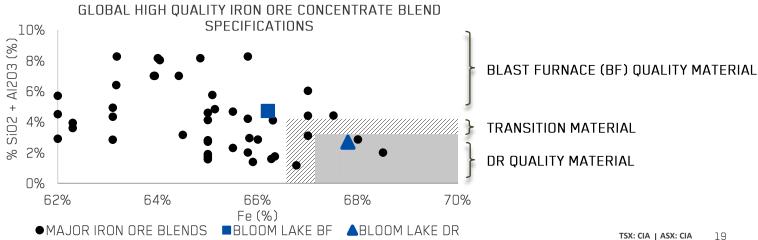


<sup>\*</sup>Source: Champion Iron Limited, Wood Mackenzie data, calendar 2019;

#### PROVEN PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

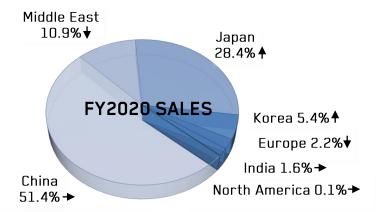


- Successfully completed a commercial production test of 132,000 tonnes of concentrate aimed to qualify as Direct Reduction ("DR") pellet feed material, which can be converted by DRI producers and utilized in Electric Arc Furnaces ("EAFs")
- Post FY2020 results: Product confirmed to have DR pellet feed material qualifications and new order placed, resulting in 207,900 tonnes of DR quality iron ore concentrate produced



#### **DIVERSIFIED CUSTOMER BASE**

- → Sold iron ore concentrate to 6 new customers in fiscal year 2020
- → Sold DR quality concentrate to a new European customer
- → Engaged with 22 different customers since the commissioning of Bloom Lake in February 2018
- → Post FY2020 results:
  - $\sqrt{\phantom{0}}$  Engaged with a new customer in China
  - $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Sold DR quality concentrate to a customer in the Middle East





# PHASE II PROJECT: 7.4M → 15M TPA DE-RISKING GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

- Announced the positive results of the Feasibility Study for the PII expansion project
- ✓ Approved initial budget of \$68M

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✓ Announced the suspension of discretionary spending in response to the Government of Québec's COVID-19 containment directives

June 20, 2019

#### Fall 2019 / Winter, 2020

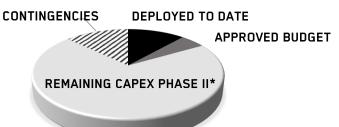
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July 28, 2020



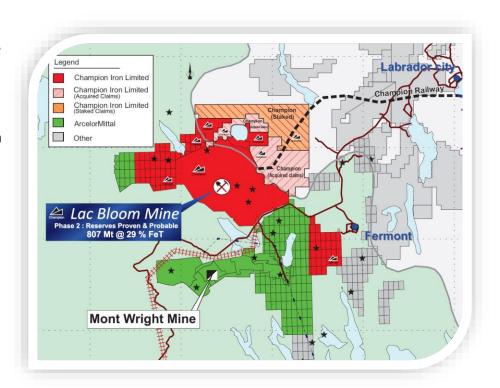
- De-risked the project by completing concrete and civil work
- ✓ Ordered long lead items
- ✓ Advanced detailed engineering

- ✓ Resumed discretionary spending
- ✓ Increased Phase II budget by \$30M, from the initial \$68M, ahead of the deferred final Board of Directors' decision on the project



#### **ACQUIRED LAND PACKAGE**

- → Post FY2020 results: Acquired claims covering a 38 km² area and staked 31.75 km² in additional claims directly North of the Bloom Lake mining lease
- → Now controls 178.2 km² area of prospective exploration land directly North of Bloom Lake
- → Strategically positions the Company to possibly extend current mine life and/or offer growth opportunities for the future



#### **FISCAL YEAR 2021 FOCUS**

- ightarrow Priority on the health and safety of our employees, partners and communities
- → Manage costs while mitigating the risks of the COVID-19 pandemic
- → Diligently advance the Phase II expansion project with the approved budget
- → Continuously considering non-dilutive financing alternatives for the Phase II expansion project ahead of the final Board of Directors' approval
- → Enhance product development and improvement of operations



#### THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF

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#### Our employees' effort recognized globally

- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Recipient of the PLATTS "Rising Star Company" award
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Recipient of the Ernst  $\epsilon$  Young's "Entrepreneur of the Year" award
- √ Recipient of the Young Mining Professional "Peter Monk" award









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