

# CHAMPION IRON

## BLOOM LAKE SITE VISIT

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A RARE SOLUTION  
TO DECARBONIZE STEELMAKING

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## TECHNICAL REPORTS AND QUALIFIED PERSON

On August 22, 2023, Champion announced the updated mineral resource and reserve estimates for Bloom Lake reported in the technical report prepared pursuant to National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and Chapter 5 of the ASX Listing Rules entitled "Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves for the Bloom Lake Mine, Fermont, Québec, Canada" by BBA Inc., SRK Consulting (U.S.), Inc., Soutex and Quebec Iron Ore Inc. dated September 28, 2023 and filed on October 3, 2023 (the "2023 Technical Report"). Champion is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the 2023 Technical Report and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the 2023 Technical Report continue to apply and have not materially changed. The 2023 Technical Report is available on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

On January 30, 2024, Champion announced the results of the Kami Project's study reported in the technical report prepared pursuant to NI 43-101 and Chapter 5 of the ASX Listing Rules entitled "Pre-Feasibility Study for the Kamistatussat ("Kami") Iron Ore Property, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada" by BBA Inc., Soutex, G Mining Services Inc., WSP Canada Inc., Systra Canada and AtkinsRéalis Inc. dated March 14, 2024 (the "Kami Project Study"). Champion is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Kami Project Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the Kami Project Study continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Kami Project Study is available on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Mr. Vincent Blanchet, P. Eng., Engineer at Quebec Iron Ore Inc., the Company's subsidiary and operator of Bloom Lake, is a "qualified person" as defined by NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved, or has prepared, as applicable, the disclosure of the scientific and technical information contained in this Presentation and has confirmed that the relevant information is an accurate representation of the available data and projects for the relevant projects. Mr. Blanchet's review and approval does not include statements as to the Company's knowledge or awareness of new information or data or any material changes to the material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the 2023 Technical Report or the Kami Project Study. Mr. Blanchet is a member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec.

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Reference to P62: Platts TS1 IODEX 62% Fe CFR China; P65: Platts IO Fines 65% Fe CFR China.

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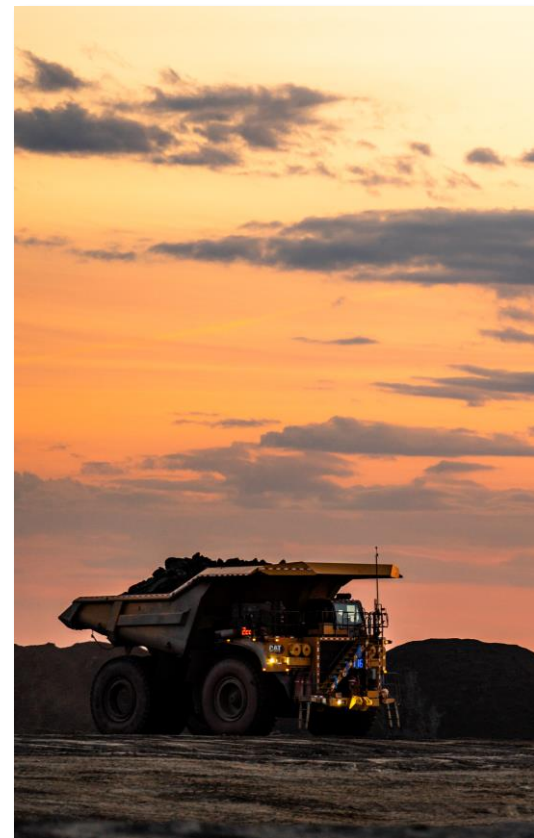


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TOPIC	TIME	PRESENTERS
Introduction and sustainability commitment	15 min	Michael Marcotte David Cataford
Market dynamics	15 min	David Cataford
Operational and financial performance	15 min	David Cataford
Growth opportunities	15 min	Alexandre Belleau
Closing remarks and Q&A	15 min	Michael O’Keeffe
Wood Mackenzie presentation	15 min	Kyle Lundin Cicero Machado





# INTRODUCTION

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## VISION

Leverage the force of responsible materials to decarbonize and brighten the future.



# MISSION

**Produce responsible materials  
with ingenuity to reduce the carbon  
footprint with and for those who  
seek change.**

## UPHOLDING VALUES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



### PRIDE

Develop a collective sense of belonging in all spheres of iron ore mining



### INGENUITY

Leverage employee creativity and expertise to achieve and maintain efficient practices aimed at operational excellence



### RESPECT

Respect for people, resources, the environment, safety standards, partnerships and equipment.



### TRANSPARENCY

Promote transparent communications through active listening and open dialogue



# SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT

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# 2023 ESG

## Performance Highlights

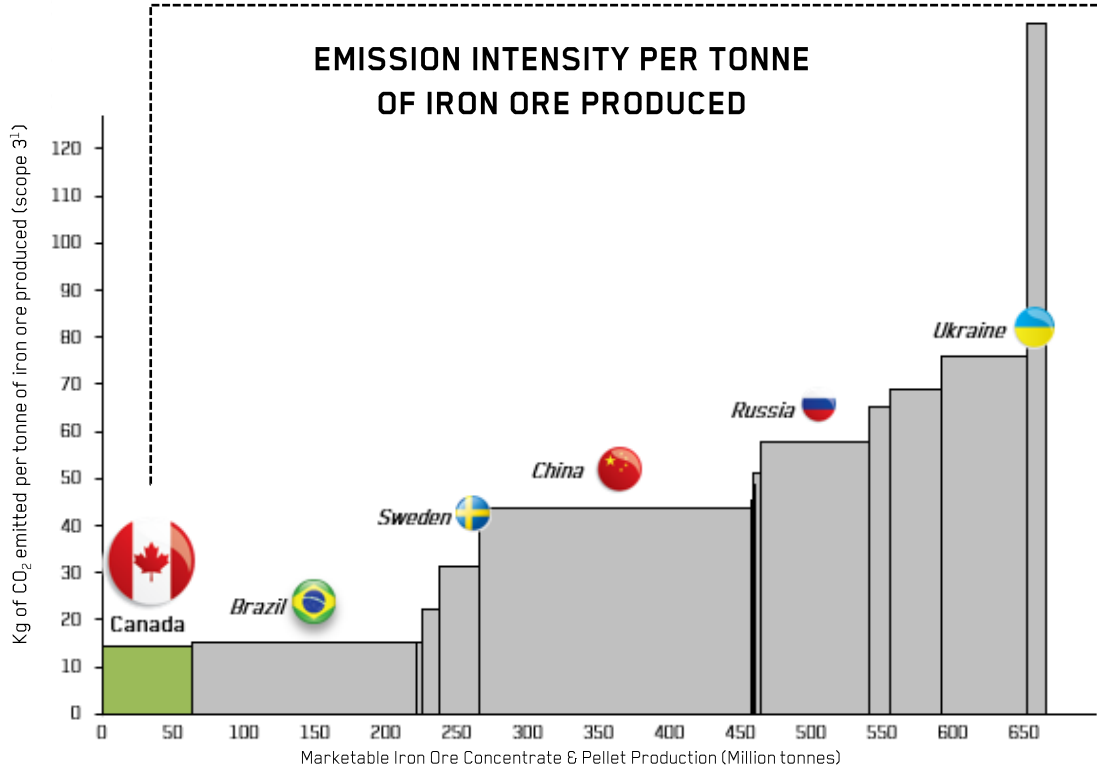


## COMMITTED TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS

- Substantial investments completed since Bloom Lake's recommissioning in 2018, enabling the Company to reduce average annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by more than 30%, compared to the previous owner
- Committing to mine-site greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions of 40% by 2030<sup>1</sup>
- The Company is also committed to be carbon neutral by 2050
- Targets are in line with the Paris Agreement 2°C scenario and the Canadian government GHG reduction plan<sup>2</sup>



CANADIAN IRON ORE IS PRODUCED WITH ONE OF THE LOWEST CARBON INTENSITY GLOBALLY



Benefiting from access to hydroelectric power, 55.6% of all energy consumed at Bloom Lake is renewable, nearly double the industry average<sup>2,3</sup>, resulting in an industry leading position in emission intensity of 8.95 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>/tonne of iron ore produced<sup>3</sup>

Sources: Wood Mackenzie 2020 data, Champion Iron Limited, public company reports  
Notes:<sup>1</sup> Scope 3 stops at Third Party Port and Transport Fees Downstream but excludes BOP supply / Iron ore supply |<sup>2</sup> Approx. 100% of electrical power provided by Hydro-Québec comes from renewable power; Industry average estimated using public company disclosure of renewable and non-renewable energy sources |<sup>3</sup> Data for FY24

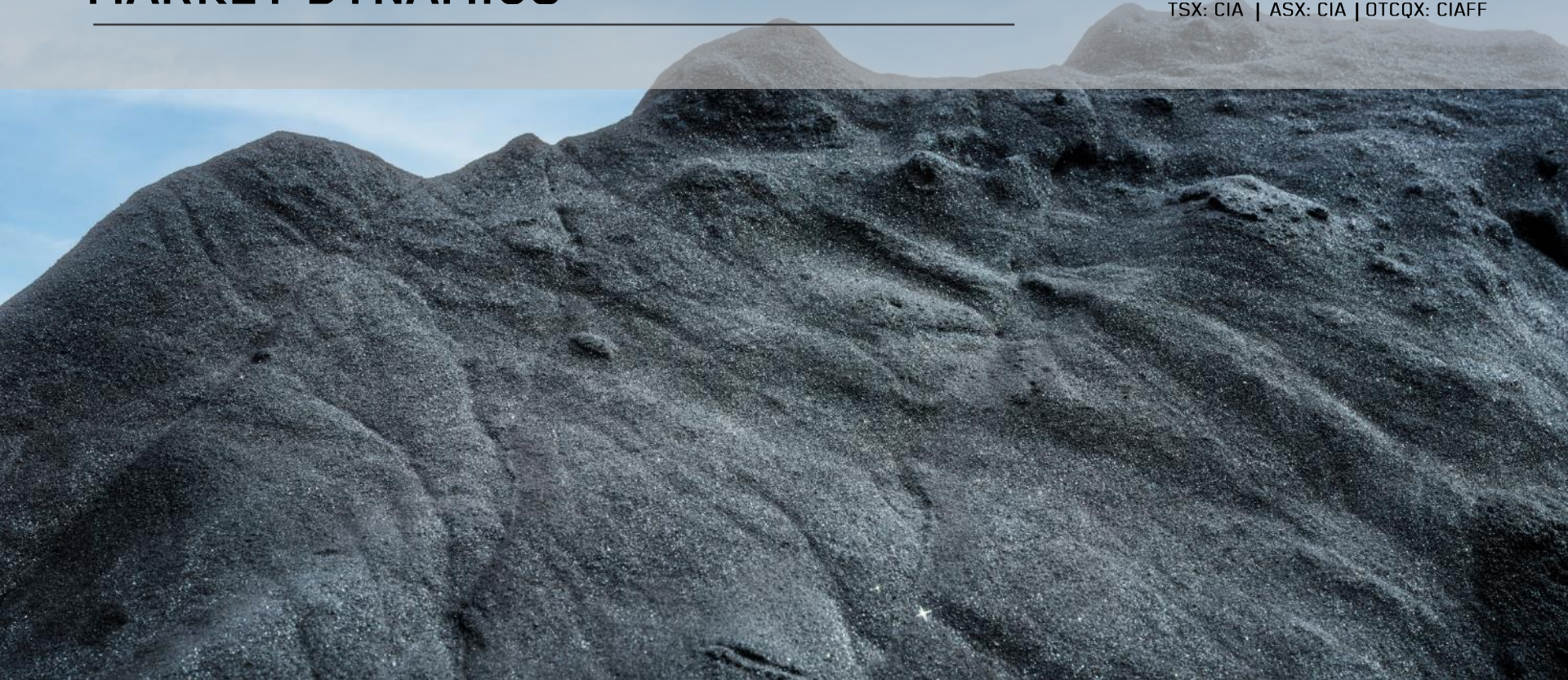


# MARKET DYNAMICS

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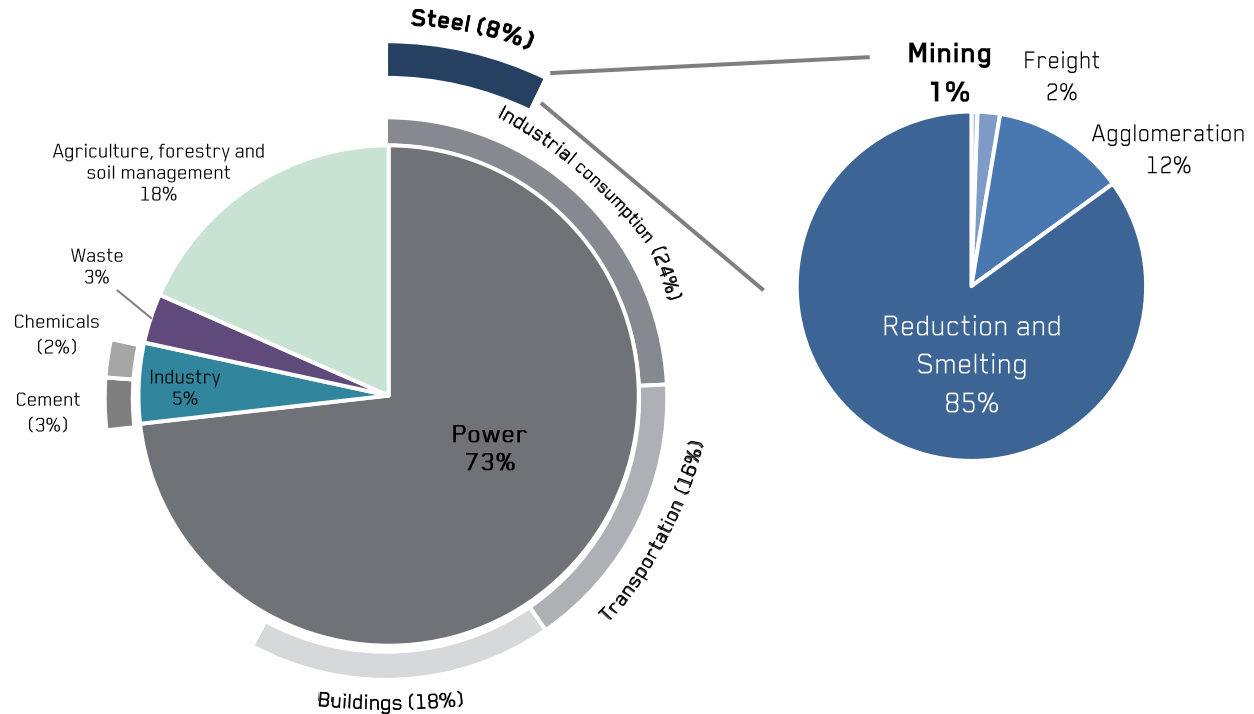
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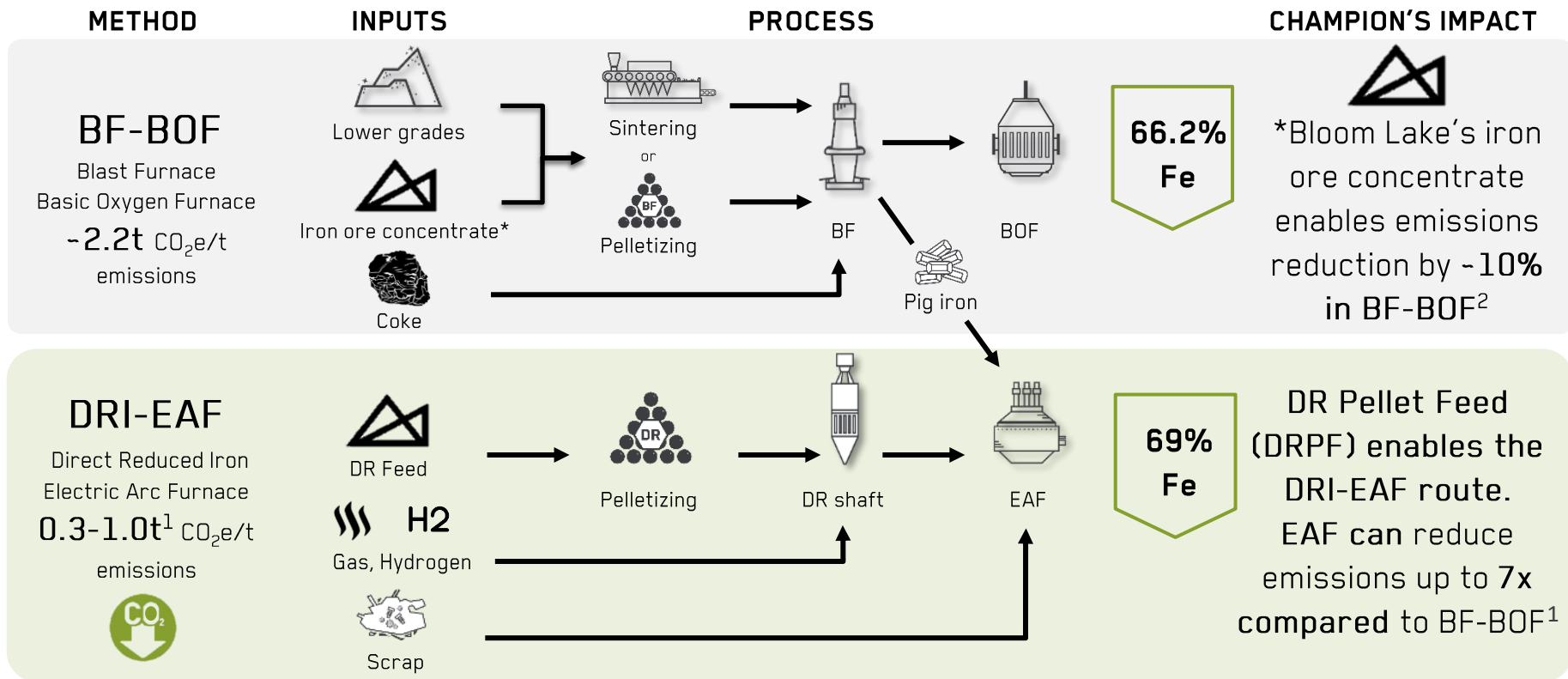
## THE STEEL INDUSTRY NEEDS TO EVOLVE TO LIMIT EMISSIONS

- Steelmaking increased its share of global emissions in the last 20 years, now representing 8%-10% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions<sup>1</sup>
- 85% of steelmaking emissions are generated by the reduction and smelting of iron ore<sup>2</sup>



High-purity iron ore contributes to reducing emissions in steelmaking

## STEELMAKING METHODS AND REQUIRED SUPPLY CHAIN

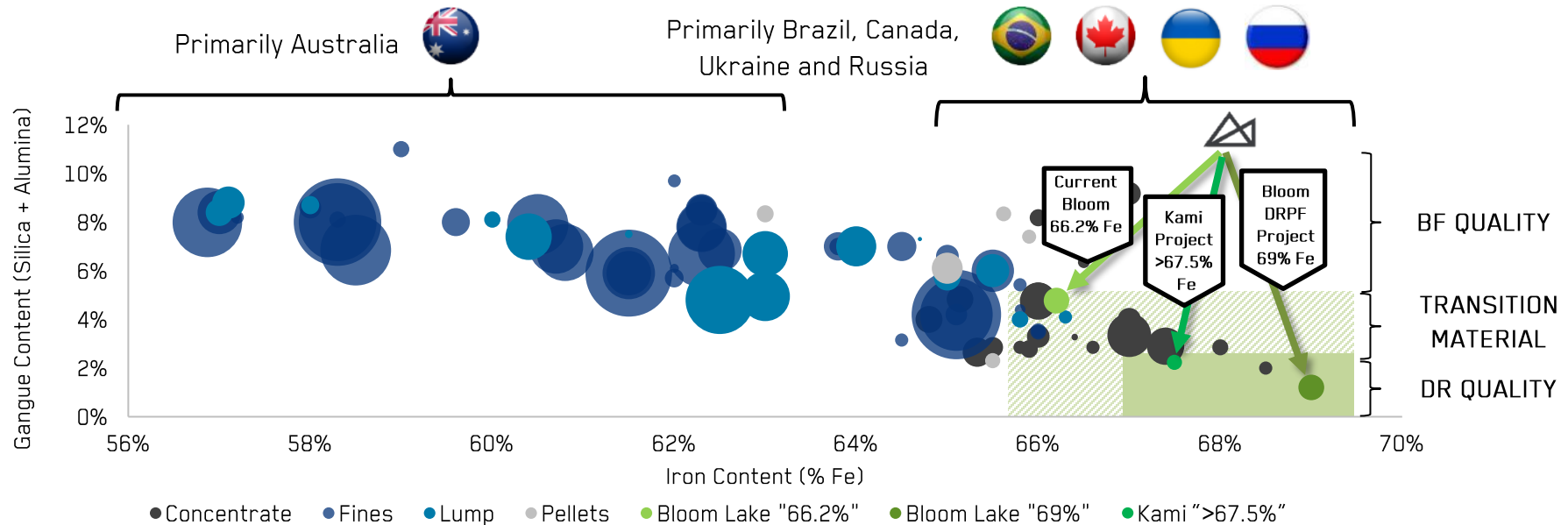


Sources: data by Minespans by McKinsey, Wood Mackenzie

Notes: Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) is an intermediate form of processed iron (Direct Reduced pellets) used in green steelmaking, specifically in Electric Arc Furnaces (EAFs). Elevated silica & alumina levels increase slag formation in EAFs, which is difficult to remove | <sup>1</sup> -0.3 t using hydrogen and -1.0 t using natural gas | <sup>2</sup> Based on data from Wood Mackenzie; Champion's iron ore concentrate induces significant slag reduction and energy efficiency in the blast furnace

## MARKET LEADING HIGH-PURITY DR QUALITY PRODUCT IN A GROWING MARKET

### SUMMARY OF IRON AND GANGUE CONTENTS



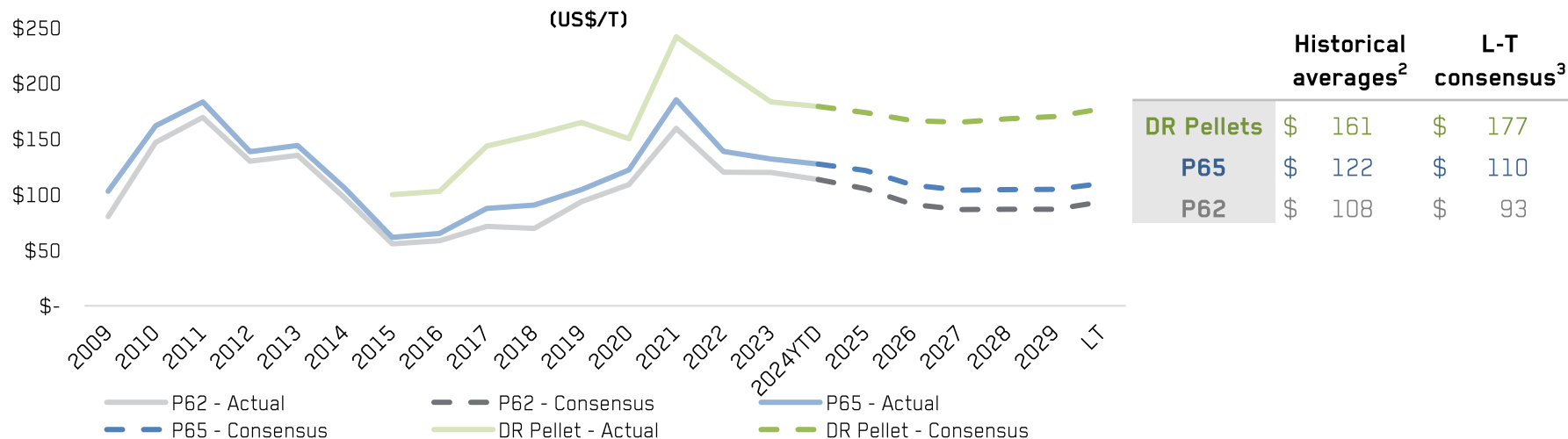
Few deposits can produce DR quality iron ore concentrate required in DRI-EAF steelmaking to produce advanced steels. Champion's 69% Fe iron ore concentrate is expected to be a market leading DR quality product



## LONG-TERM IRON ORE CONSENSUS PRICES SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW HISTORICAL AVERAGES

- The P62 and P65 index consensus prices are 13.9% and 9.8% below historical average prices, while DR pellet premiums are expected to rise from historical average prices<sup>1,2</sup>
- Iron ore supply growth is limited by low price expectations, inflationary pressures, rising cost of capital, increasing ESG expectations and long lead times to deliver projects compared to other commodities

### P62, P65 AND DR PELLETS HISTORICAL AND CONSENSUS PRICES

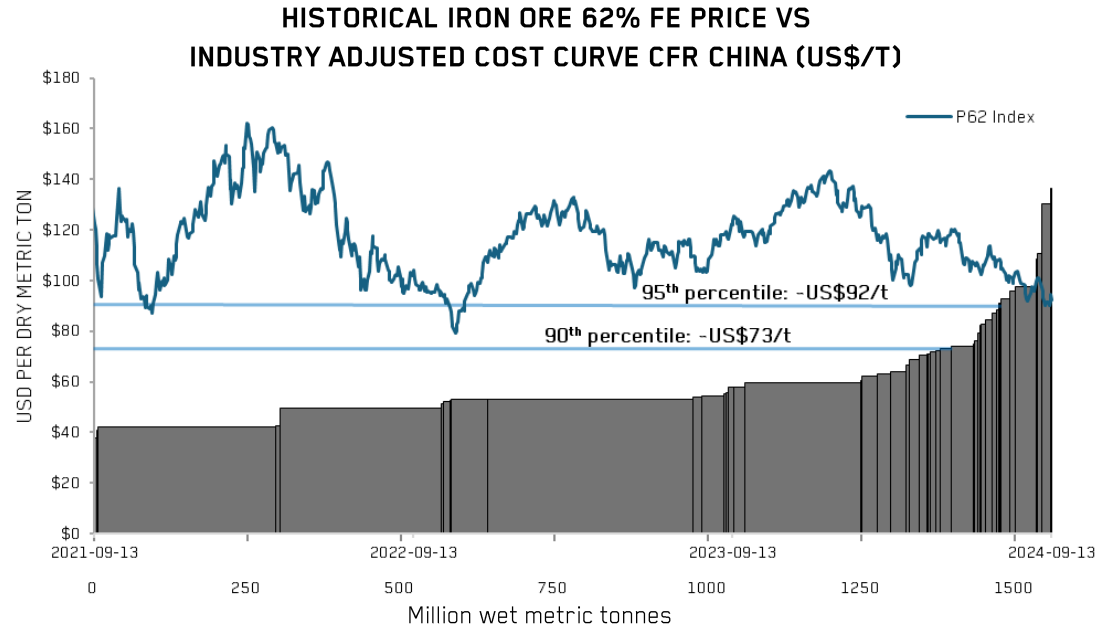


Sources: Champion Iron Limited, Bloomberg, Platts data, Wood Mackenzie

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Prices based on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 | <sup>2</sup> Historical average from 2009 to 2023 for P62 and P65 and 2015-2023 for DR pellets | <sup>3</sup> P62 and P65 broker consensus as of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, including Bank of America, Desjardins, Goldman Sachs, Jarden Group, Raymond James, RBC Securities, Scotiabank, TD; DR Pellet data from Wood Mackenzie

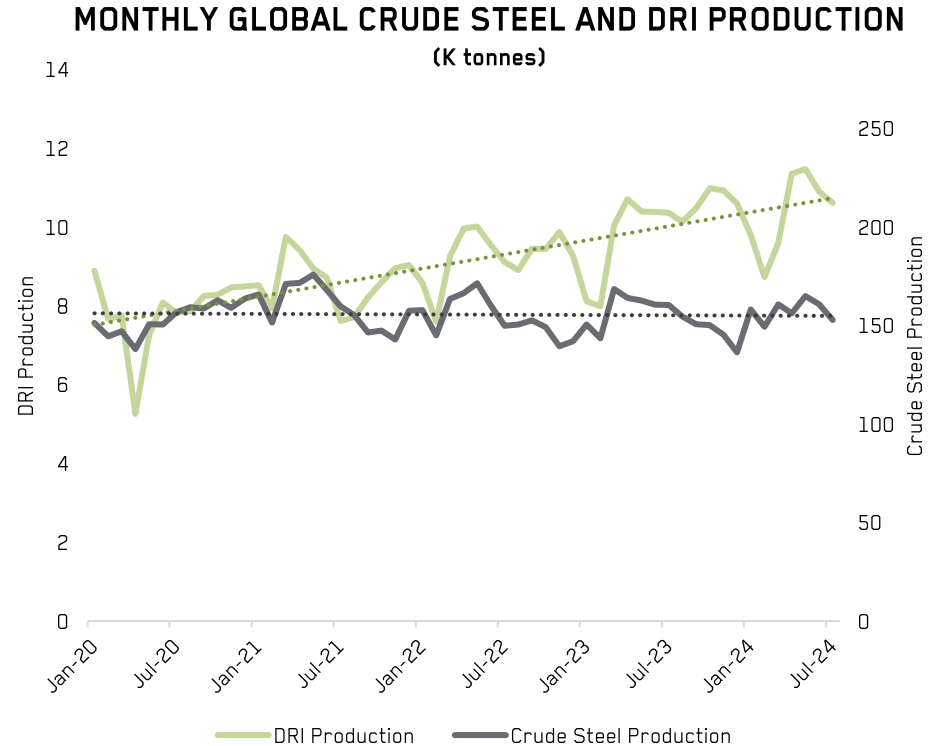
## IRON ORE PRICES SUPPORTED BY RISING INDUSTRY COSTS

- Impacted by weaker steel output in China and seasonally elevated iron ore supply from major hubs, iron ore prices recently tested multi-year lows
- Overall industry operating costs substantially increased in recent years, resulting in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of the global operating costs estimated to exceed US\$92/t, excluding financing costs and other corporate costs
- An extended period of depressed prices could result in substantial iron ore supply disruptions, which could rapidly rebalance the market in the absence of additional global steel demand



## DRI PRODUCTION INCREASING DESPITE A LACK OF GROWTH IN THE STEEL SECTOR

- Supported by several governments, the accelerating industry transition from BF-BOF to DRI-EAF, resulted in increased DRI production despite a depressed steel industry backdrop
- DRI production grew at a compounded annual growth rate of 6.2% since 2021, compared to a slight decline in steel production<sup>1</sup>
- YTD DRI production growth of 6.5% compared to the previous year, compared to a decline of 0.7% for crude steel
- Rising DRI production supports a growing need for additional pellet feed quality iron ore



## GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING THE GREEN STEEL TRANSITION



- At COP28, several countries including Canada, Germany, UK and US, pledged to procure green steel for public infrastructure construction, which is responsible for 25% of global construction revenue
- Europe's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which initiated its first phase in 2023, aims to address carbon leakage for raw materials, including steel
- US, Canada, Australia and Latin America announced public consultations and measures to introduce a mechanism similar to CBAM



## A CRITICAL MINERAL FOR OUR FUTURE



Joining recent announcements by the governments of Québec and Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada's federal government added high-purity iron ore on its critical minerals list



Canada identifies critical minerals as:

- Essential to the development of green steel
- Integral to a sustainable low-carbon economy
- Critical to the country's future economic prosperity



Leveraging this additional support and its vast portfolio of projects, Champion's vision is to unlock the substantial high-purity iron resources hosted in the Labrador Trough and provide a leading solution for the green steel supply chain

# OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

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# WORLD CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

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RARE SOLUTION FOR THE GREEN STEEL SUPPLY CHAIN IN A PROVEN OPERATING HUB AND NEAR AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

## MINING HUB



Mining hub perduring since 1960s  
with proven skilled labor

## ENERGY



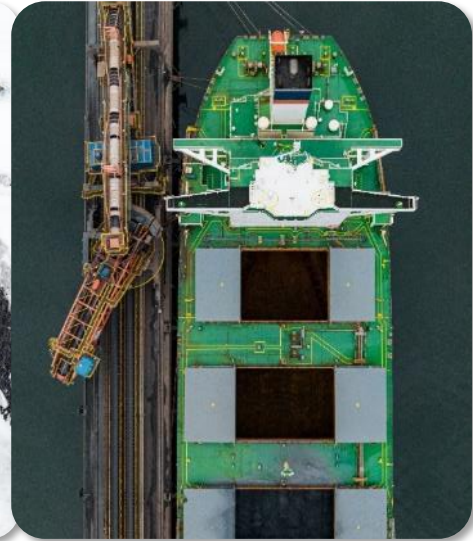
Renewable energy and power  
transmission infrastructure

## RAIL



Proximity to rail with available  
capacity, including the common  
carrier rail network (QNSL)

## PORT



Deepwater port of Sept-Iles  
provides capacity to accommodate  
large vessels



## GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GREEN STEEL SUPPLY CHAIN



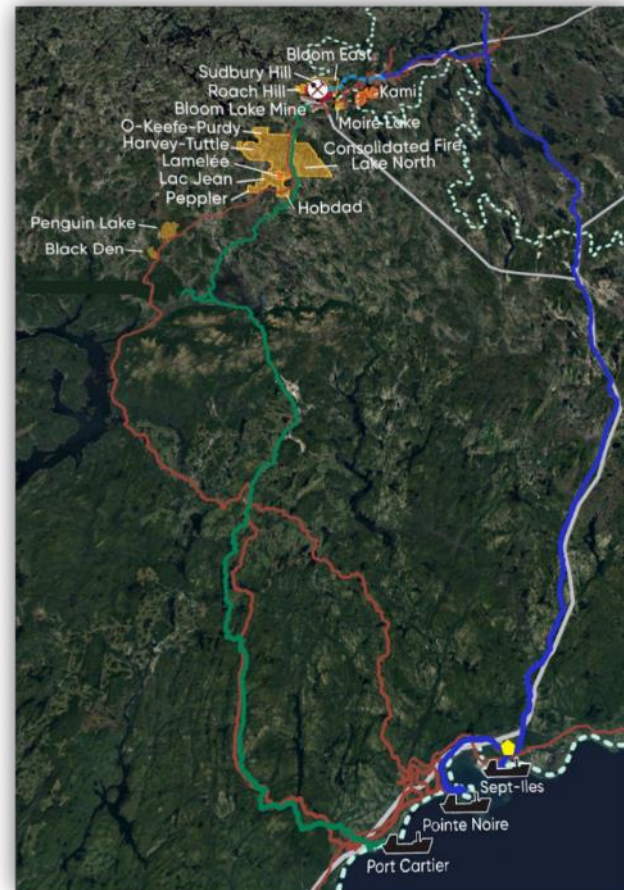
### GLOBAL SCALE OPPORTUNITY

- 7 iron-rich properties within 60 km of Bloom Lake
- 2.2Bt<sup>1</sup> current and 1.5Bt<sup>2</sup> historical Measured and Indicated resources, and 0.4Bt<sup>1</sup> current and 4.9Bt<sup>2</sup> historical Inferred resources



### DEMONSTRATED LOCAL EXPERTISE

- Proven ability to deliver projects on time and on schedule
- Local partnerships to create a positive impact for all stakeholders
- Ability to attract and retain skilled workforce and contractors



Notes: Resources are inclusive of reserves, as of March 31, 2024.<sup>1</sup> Measured and Indicated resources comprised of 1,226Mt for Bloom Lake and 975Mt for Kami; Inferred resources comprised of 246Mt for Bloom Lake and 163Mt for Kami; See disclosure on p. 2 for statements regarding the 2023 Technical Report on Bloom Lake mine and the Kami Project Study.<sup>2</sup> See appendix 1 & 2 for additional details on historical resources. The historical mineral resources and reserves are historical estimates and should not be relied upon. A qualified person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current mineral resources or mineral reserves and Champion Iron is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources or mineral reserves. Certain reserves and resources mentioned are foreign estimates from an Australian perspective.



# BLOOM LAKE SITE OVERVIEW: 2018 RECOMMISSIONING

PRIOR TO ITS RECOMMISSIONING BY CHAMPION IN 2018, BLOOM LAKE BENEFITED FROM OVER US\$3.6B IN INVESTMENTS BY THE MINE'S PREVIOUS OWNERS

## 2018 RECOMMISSIONING<sup>1</sup>

Nameplate capacity: 7.5M tpa

Completed tailings  
pumping system

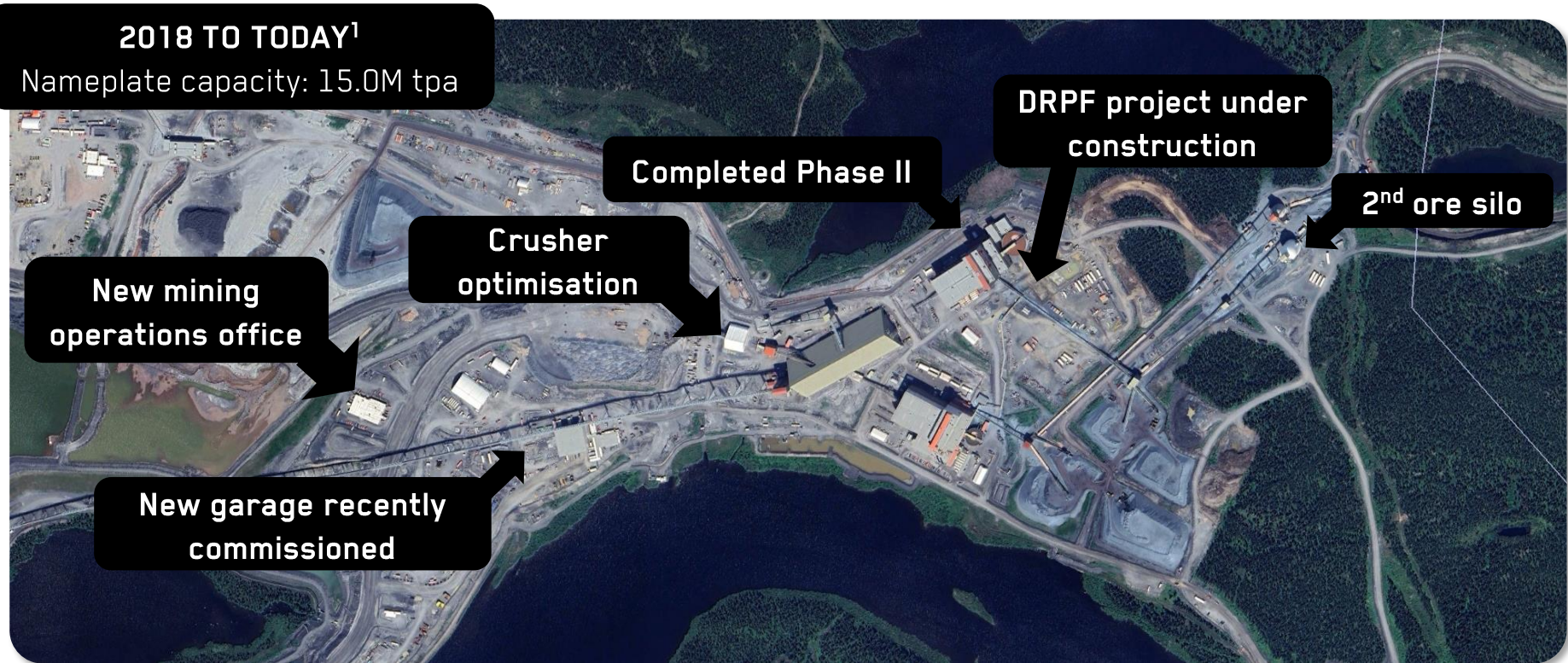
Completed overland  
conveyor and near-pit  
crusher

Optimized  
Phase I plant

Renegotiated rail contract  
and access to new berth

# BLOOM LAKE SITE OVERVIEW: TODAY

BLOOM LAKE NOW BENEFITS FROM OVER US\$4.5B INVESTED, INCLUDING THE COMPLETED PHASE II PROJECT

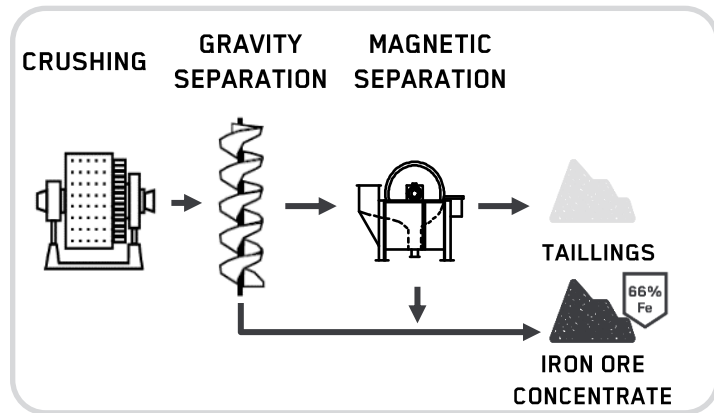




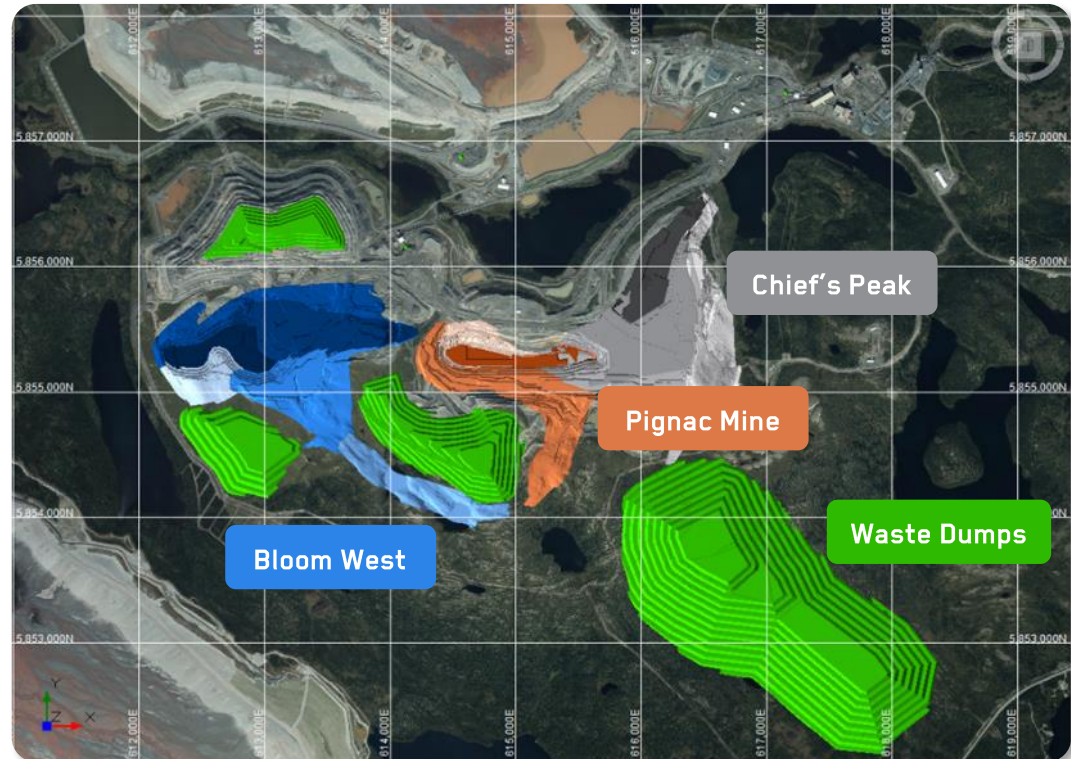
# MINING VOLUME INCREASE

## BLOOM LAKE MINE: A LONG-LIFE ASSET WITH A PROVEN FLOWSHEET

### SIMPLIFIED FLOWSHEET



### FINAL PIT AND WASTE DUMPS CURRENT DESIGNS



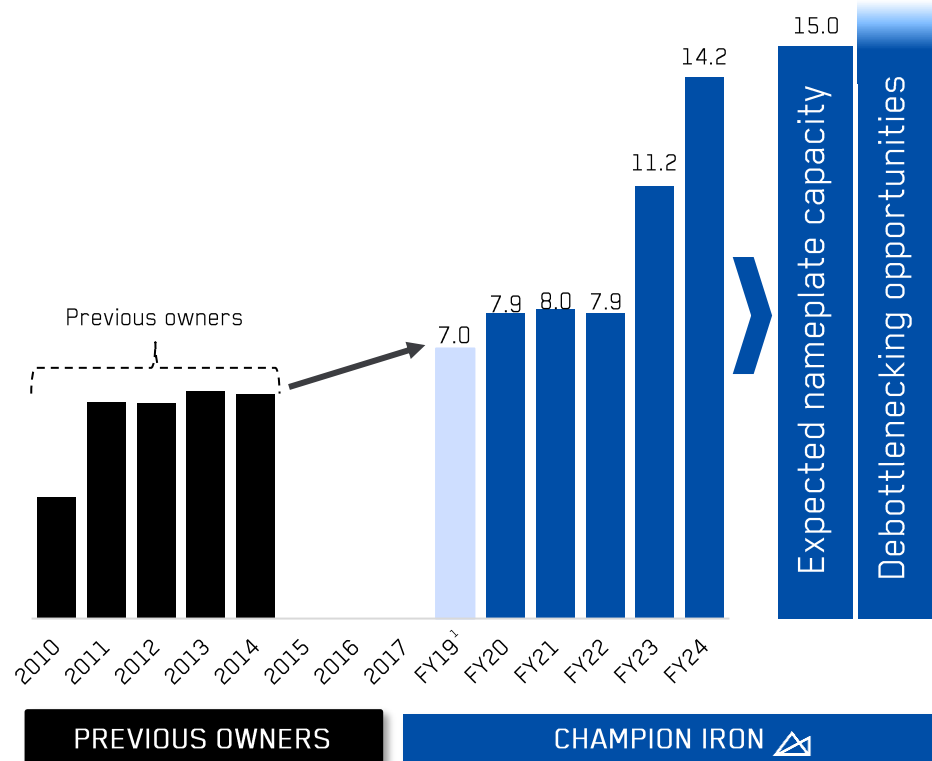
# SOLIDIFYING OPERATIONS

- Annual production of 14.2M wmt in FY2024, an increase of 26.6% year-over-year, representing 94.4% of Bloom Lake's expanded nameplate capacity of 15M tpa
- Q1/FY25 Results: Reported production of 3.9M wmt, benefiting from work programs completed to solidify operations and no major scheduled semi-annual shutdowns in the period



Note: <sup>1</sup> Reflects Bloom Lake's commissioning year

## BLOOM LAKE PRODUCTION HISTORY (MILLION WMT/YEAR)



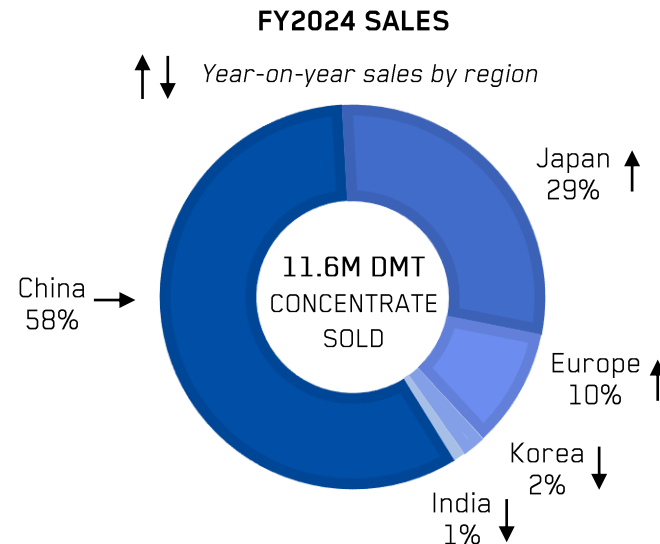


# RECORD SALES AND DIVERSIFIED CUSTOMERS

- Record annual iron ore concentrate sales of 11.6M dmt in FY2024, an increase of 9.9% year-over-year
- Increased sales in Europe and successfully achieved first customer inventory linked sales strategy through the port of Rotterdam, optimizing access to customers
- Advanced pricing discussions with several customers for the DRPF product
- Q1/FY25: Record quarterly iron ore concentrate sales of 3.4M dmt, up 16.0% from the previous quarter and up 34.3% from the prior-year period



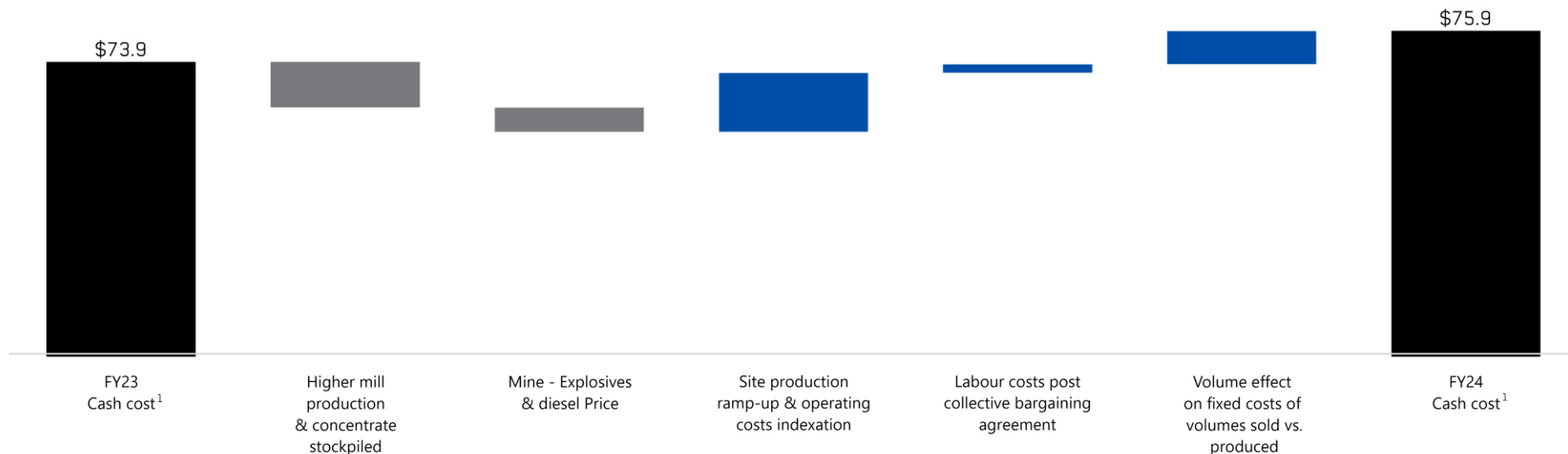
Note:<sup>1</sup> As at June 30, 2024



- The Company continues to seek improvements from the rail operator to receive contracted haulage services to ensure that Bloom Lake's production, as well as the 3.0M wmt iron ore concentrate currently stockpiled at Bloom Lake<sup>1</sup>, is hauled over future periods

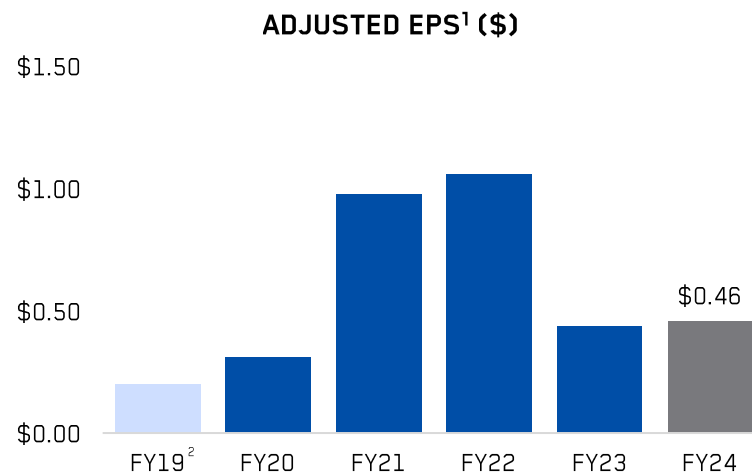
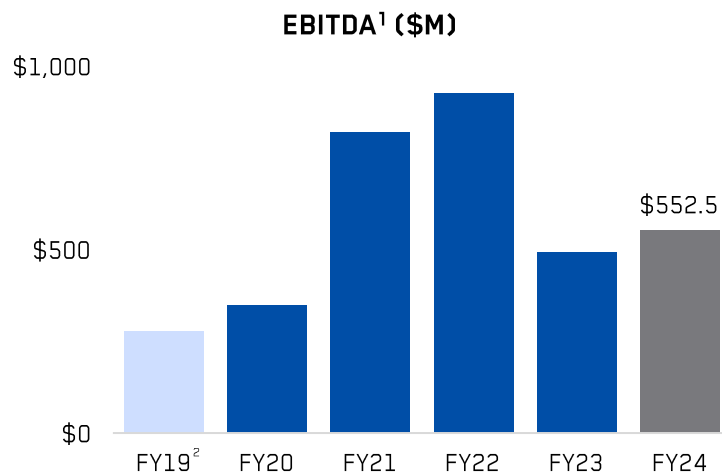
- FY2024 results: Total cash cost<sup>1</sup> of \$75.9/t, positively impacted by higher mill production with the completion of the second plant, offset by site production ramp-up and operating costs indexation
- Q1/FY25 Results: Mining and processing costs<sup>1</sup> of \$47.9/dmt produced, an improvement of 17% quarter-on-quarter, and total cash cost<sup>1</sup> of \$76.9/dmt which remained comparable to the previous quarter due to the impact of change in inventory valuation

**CASH COST<sup>1</sup> FY24 VS FY23 (\$/T)**



# FY2024: FINANCIAL RESULTS

- Improved financial results year-on-year, positively impacted by higher sales volume, partially offset by higher net finance costs and higher current income and mining taxes
- For the year ended March 31, 2024, revenues totaled \$1,524.3M (+9.3% YoY), net cash flow from operating activities of \$474.6M (+101.1% YoY), EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$552.5M (+12.0% YoY) and adjusted EPS<sup>1</sup> of \$0.46 (+4.6% YoY)
- Q1/FY25 Results: Reported EBITDA<sup>1</sup> and EPS of \$181.2M and \$0.16, respectively (+113% and +220% vs. Q4/FY24)



BALANCE SHEET



\$294.7M Cash and cash equivalents<sup>5</sup>

\$267.4M Working capital<sup>1,2</sup>



\$543.7M Short-term & Long-term debt<sup>3</sup>

LIQUIDITY POSITION



Cash<sup>5</sup> net of debt of \$18.4M  
(including working capital)



\$600.9M Available & undrawn loans<sup>4</sup>

As at June 30, 2024

→ Total cash and cash equivalents<sup>5</sup>, working capital and undrawn credit facilities exceeding \$1.1B

→ The Company expects its liquidity position to gradually benefit from the sales of the 3.0M wmt of iron ore concentrate stockpiled at Bloom Lake



STRATEGIC SHAREHOLDERS

- 9.1% management ownership<sup>6</sup>
- 8.4% Québec government shareholding<sup>7</sup>
- 8.1% WC Strategic Opportunity LP<sup>8</sup>

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Non-IFRS financial measure, ratio or other financial measure. Refer to the disclaimer at the page 2 of this presentation | <sup>2</sup> Receivables: \$215.9M; Prepaid expenses and advances: \$56.2M; Inventories: \$337.4M; Accounts payable and other: (\$315.1M), including \$51.8M of dividends payable at June 30, 2024 (paid in July 2024); Income tax payable: (\$26.9M) | <sup>3</sup> Short-term and long-term debt face value includes US\$230M term loan, US\$75.0M from Caterpillar Financial Services, \$75M from FTQ and \$51.2M from Investissement Québec | <sup>4</sup> Undrawn loans included US\$400M revolving facility and US\$39.0M from Caterpillar Financial Services | <sup>5</sup> Including \$34.8M in restricted cash for the previously declared dividend payment completed on July 3, 2024 | <sup>6</sup> Management ownership including board of directors as at September 4, 2024 | <sup>7</sup> Through Investissement Québec, as at May 14, 2021 | <sup>8</sup> WC Strategic Opportunity LP filing as at August 3, 2021



# GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

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## DE-RISKING A VAST PROJECT PORTFOLIO REQUIRED FOR THE GREEN STEEL SUPPLY CHAIN

### PRODUCTS OPTIMIZATION



#### UPGRADE BLOOM LAKE UP TO 69% FE

Concentrator(s) to DRPF quality iron ore



#### DIRECT REDUCTION (DR) PELLETS

Evaluating pelletizing opportunities,  
including potential for cold pelletizing

### MINING VOLUME INCREASE



#### KAMI STUDY COMPLETED 9M TPA PROJECT

Evaluating strategic partnerships and  
opportunities to improve economics



#### BLOOM LAKE BEYOND 15M TPA

Ongoing evaluation to debottleneck  
operations and significant mineral resources  
creating opportunities beyond LoM



#### CLUSTER II

Sizeable opportunity comparable in scale  
to Simandou Block 3 & 4<sup>1</sup>

# DIRECT REDUCTION PELLET FEED PROJECT

## POSITIVE IMPACT FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS

- Project to upgrade the Phase II plant (7.5M tpa) from **66.2% to a 69% Fe** (industry leading DR quality iron ore)
- Expected to attract significant additional pricing premium over the P65 index
- One of the few iron ore deposits in the world capable of upgrading to DR quality
- Project designed to be carbon neutral and not expected to create additional environmental impact
- Construction phase of the Project expected to create approximately 150 jobs with 70 permanent quality jobs once completed

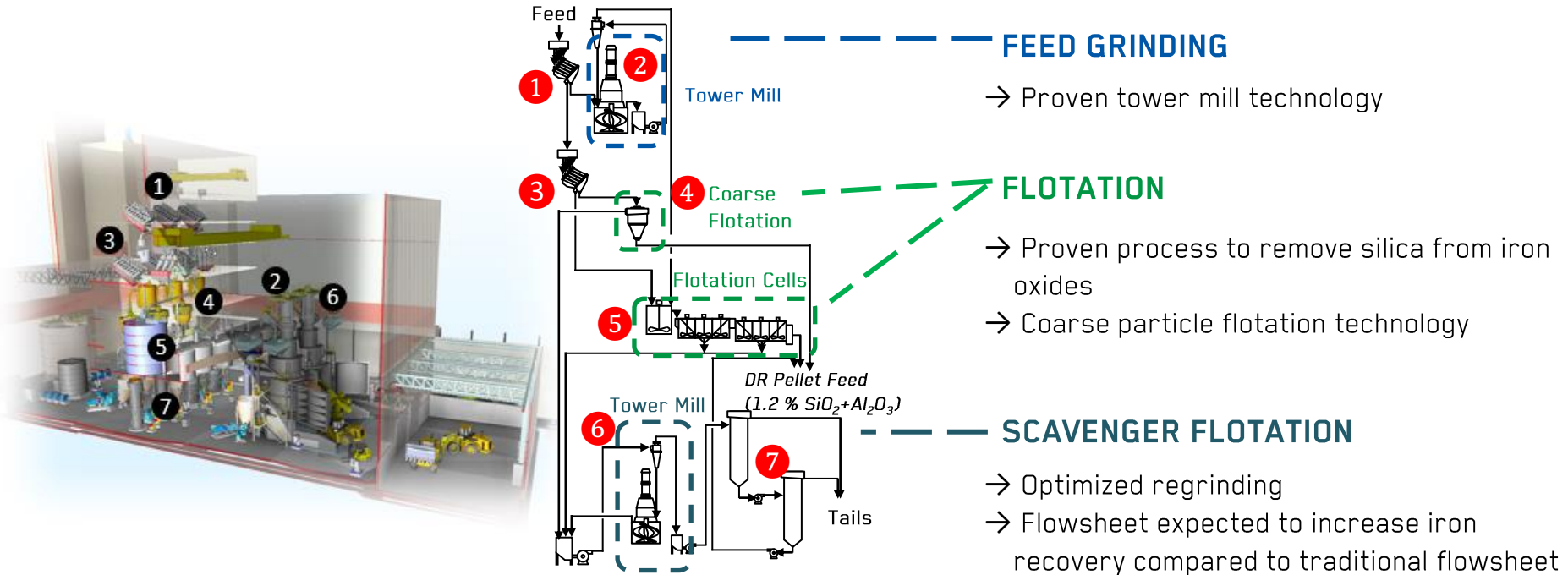


Opportunity for regional communities to benefit from the transformation to DRPF, while creating a positive impact globally by contributing to greener steelmaking



# DIRECT REDUCTION PELLET FEED

## PROJECT USING PROVEN AND OPTIMIZED TECHNOLOGIES

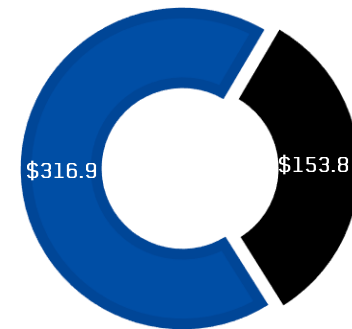


Significant research and development, combining local and global expertise, resulting in an efficient project expected to significantly reduce energy consumption

# DRPF PROJECT UPDATE

→ As at June 30, 2024, cumulative investments of \$153.8M from estimated total capital expenditures of \$470.7M<sup>1</sup>, with the project remaining on budget and on schedule for an expected commissioning in calendar H2 2025

## DRPF PROJECT TOTAL EXPECTED CAPEX<sup>1</sup> AS OF JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 (\$M)



■ Remaining capex ■ Cumulative spend to date

Valuation <sup>2</sup>	\$M	US\$M
Net Present Value ("NPV")	Pre-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> \$1230.1	Pre-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> \$918.0
	After-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> <b>\$738.2</b>	After-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> <b>\$550.9</b>
Internal Rate of Return ("IRR")	Pre-tax IRR of 30.1%	
	<b>After-tax IRR of 24.0%</b>	

Foundation work



Flotation cells



Thickener structure



Grinding equipment



Note: <sup>1</sup> Estimated capital expenditure for the DRPF project as per the details of the study completed in January 2023 | <sup>2</sup> Refer to Champion Iron's press release dated January 26, 2023

# DIRECT REDUCTION PELLET FEED

## 5 LEVERS TO JUSTIFY PREMIUMS FOR DR PELLET FEED QUALITY IRON ORE



Premium pricing for DR quality iron ore over BF feed



Higher Fe content versus DR benchmark should attract additional premiums vs other DR quality iron ore



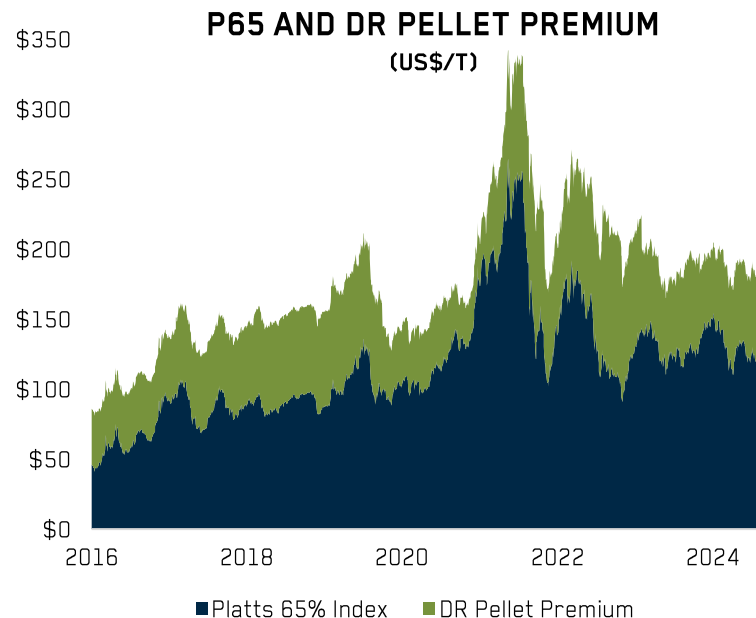
Lower gangue versus DR benchmark should attract additional premium vs other DR quality iron ore



Potential freight savings to service leading DRI/EAF hubs in EU and US

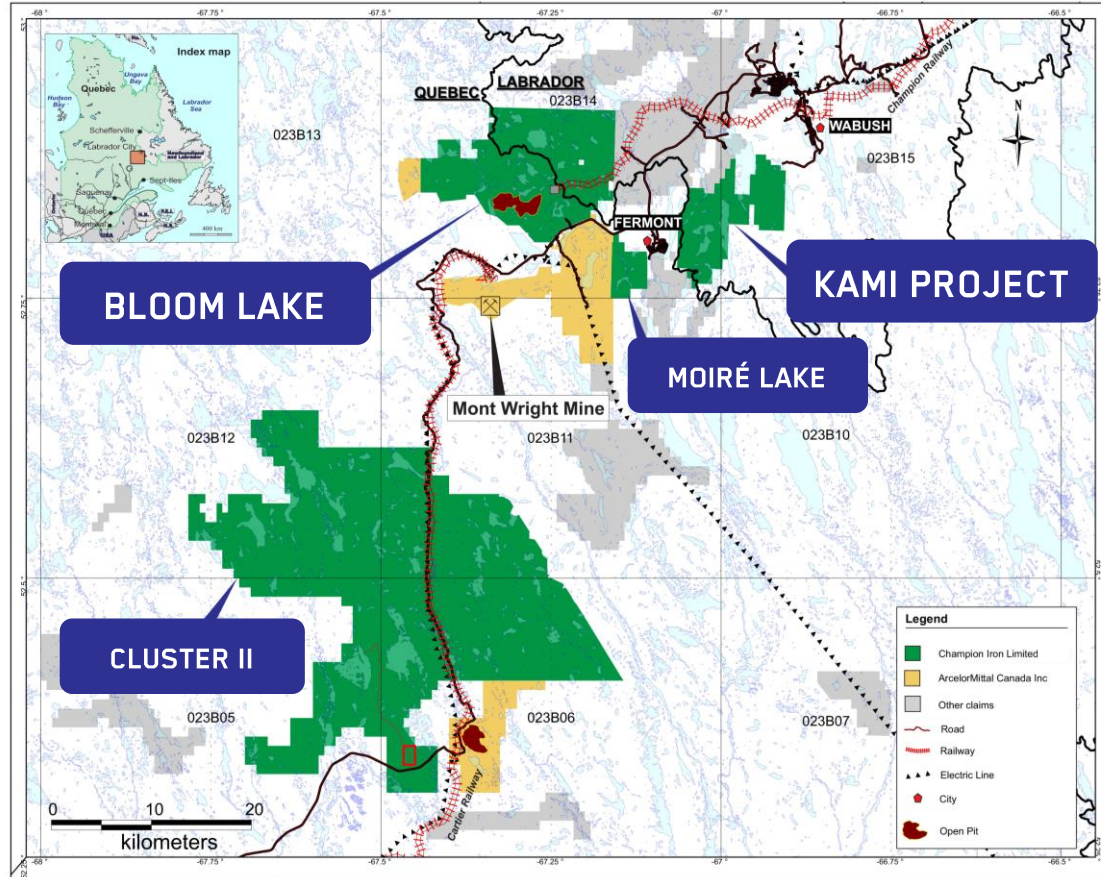


Potential carbon cost savings in steelmaking



Continued active discussions with prospective customers to eventually supply DR quality iron ore, including pricing premiums to the Company's existing high-purity iron ore concentrate





## KAMI PROJECT

- Sizeable high-purity iron resource, significantly de-risked by the Project's previous owners
- Strategically located near available infrastructure only a **few kilometers southeast of Bloom Lake** in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Expected access to **hydroelectric power**
- **Mining friendly** jurisdiction with a long history of supporting iron ore operations
- Benefits from **permitting work** completed by the previous owner



Completed a study evaluating the opportunity to construct a mining operation, including a concentrator, a tailings management facility and related infrastructure to produce DR grade pellet feed iron ore from the Kami mine



Project estimated to **produce 9.0M wmt per year of DR grade** pellet feed iron ore at above 67.5% Fe, with a 25-year life of mine



Project **flowsheet to rely on proven technologies**, including equipment currently installed at Bloom Lake



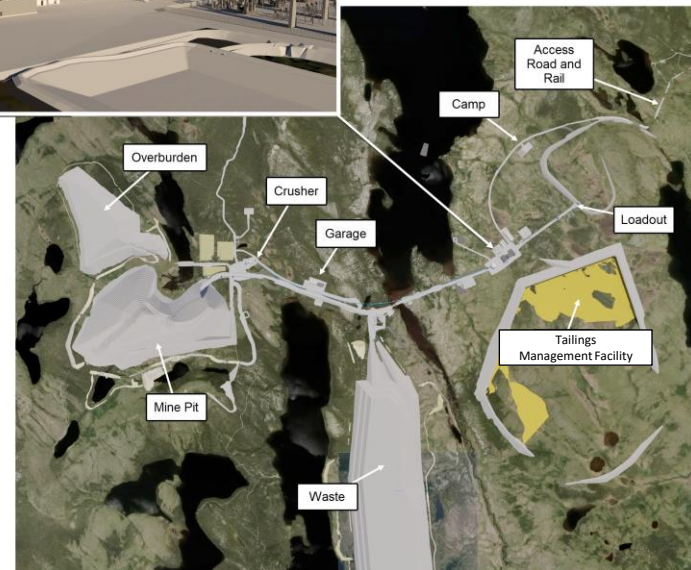
**Potential to access the same rail and port infrastructure** as Bloom Lake



Project is estimated to require a **48-month construction period**



Project expected to hold an **industry leading position for emission intensity per tonne** of high purity iron ore concentrate produced



- Positive findings of the study, resulting in after tax economics of:
  - Base case NPV of \$541M and IRR of 9.8%
  - 3-year trailing prices NPV of \$2,195M and IRR of 14.8%
- Completion of the study enables the Company to consider the project in relation to its portfolio of organic growth projects while aiming to maintain a prudent balance sheet and avoid equity dilution
- The Company expects to continue refining the Project, engage with stakeholders, including prospects to improve economics, advance permitting and work on strategic partnership opportunities prior to considering a final investment decision



Source: Champion Iron Limited

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Project economics derived from (i) P65 index and (ii) an additional premium for DR grade quality iron ore | <sup>2</sup> Including CSR and miscellaneous | <sup>3</sup> Based on calendar year 2021 to 2023

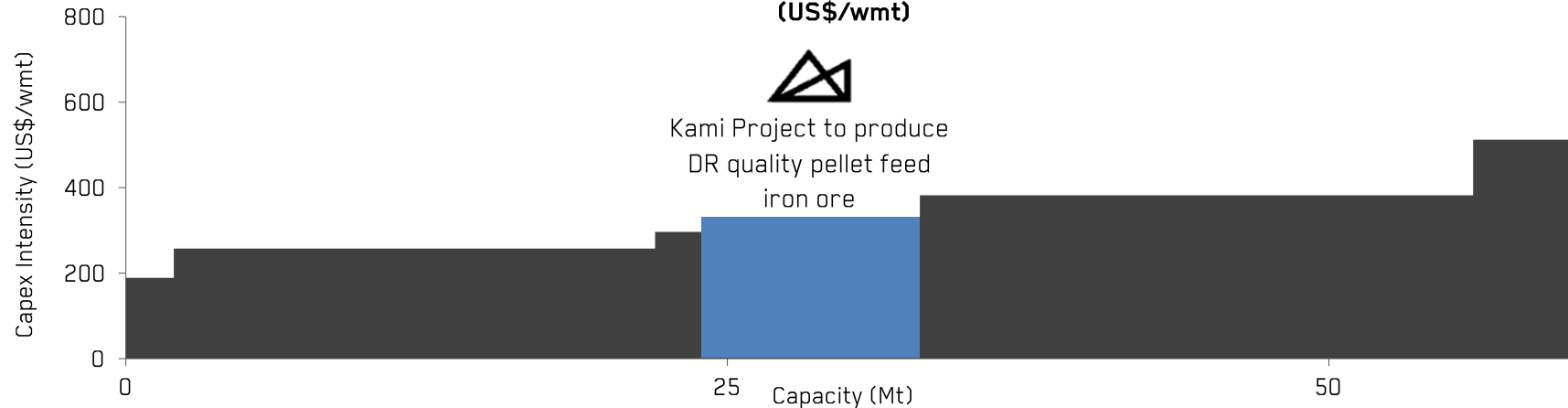
PROJECT ECONOMICS	BASE SCENARIO		MARKET PRICE SCENARIO	
	C\$	US\$	3-Year trailing scenario <sup>3</sup>	
	C\$	US\$	C\$	US\$
P65 Index price assumption <sup>1</sup> (\$/t)	\$156.0	\$120.0	\$197.9	\$152.2
PRE-TAX				
NPV8% (\$M)	\$1,482	\$1,140	\$4,034	\$3,103
IRR (%)	12.1%		18.0%	
AFTER-TAX				
NPV8% (\$M)	\$541	\$416	\$2,195	\$1,688
IRR (%)	9.8%		14.8%	

CAPEX AND OPEX	C\$	US\$
Initial Capex (M)	\$3,864	\$2,972
C1 Total Cash Cost per dmt	\$76.1	\$58.5
Total All-in Sustaining Costs per dmt (AISC) <sup>2</sup>	\$89.5	\$68.9



- Kami Project's expected capital intensity of US\$331/wmt of production capacity is competitive with recently completed high-grade concentrate greenfield projects' capital intensity average of US\$328/wmt<sup>1</sup>
- Recently completed project's capital intensity implies a replacement value for Bloom Lake of nearly US\$5B, equivalent to C\$12.3/share, without consideration for other assets in the Company's portfolio<sup>2</sup>

**HIGH-PURITY FE GREENFIELD COMPLETED PROJECTS CAPEX INTENSITY (2014-2022)**  
(US\$/wmt)

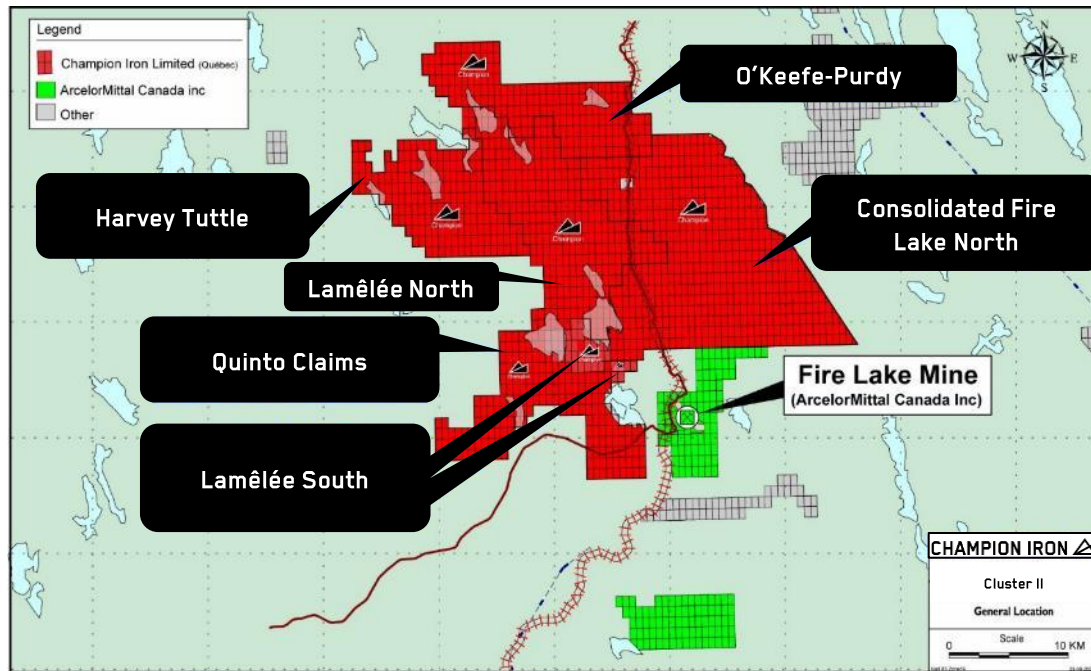


High-grade iron ore projects, critical for the green steel transition, require significant capital investments

## DE-RISKING ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST HIGH-PURITY IRON ORE RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES

- One of the largest undeveloped hubs of high-purity iron ore resources globally
- \$24.0M in exploration and evaluation expenditures across the Company's portfolio in FY23/FY24, including work on Cluster II properties
- Repurchased most royalties on regional resources in recent years

### CLUSTER II



- Ongoing sustainable environmental management and priority on the health and safety of our employees, partners and communities
- Optimize operations at Bloom Lake, including the ongoing evaluation to debottleneck operations to produce beyond its 15M wmt nameplate capacity, and seek improvements from the rail operator to receive contracted haulage services
- Advance the DRPF project and position the Company for future growth, including the potential for strategic partnerships for the Kami project
- Diligent capital management and shareholder returns





# Q&A

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## NOTES ON HISTORICAL ESTIMATES USED IN THE PRESENTATION

1. The historical Moiré Lake resource estimates are based on the NI 43-101 technical report titled "Technical Report and Mineral Resource Estimate on the Moiré Lake Property" by P&E Mining Consultants Inc. dated May 11, 2012 and having an effective date of March 28, 2012. The historical mineral resources mentioned are strictly historical in nature, are non-compliant with NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition) and should therefore not be relied upon. A qualified person or competent person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current "mineral resources", "mineral reserves" or "ore reserves", as such terms are defined in NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition), and it is uncertain whether, following evaluation and/or further exploration work, the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves in accordance with NI 43-101 or the JORC Code (2012 edition). Champion is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves. These reserves and resources are not material mining projects and are for properties adjacent to or near the Company's existing mining tenements and therefore the reports on these mineralisations have not been prepared in accordance with the JORC Code (2012 edition) and the ASX Listing Rules.
2. The historical Lac Lamélie resource estimates are based on the NI 43-101 technical report titled "NI 43-101 Technical Report and Mineral Resource Estimate on the Lac Lamélie South Resources Quebec - Canada" by Met-Chem, a division of DRA Americas Inc. dated July 28, 2017 and having an effective date of January 26, 2017. The historical mineral resources mentioned are strictly historical in nature, are non-compliant with NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition) and should therefore not be relied upon. A qualified person or competent person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current "mineral resources", "mineral reserves" or "ore reserves", as such terms are defined in NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition), and it is uncertain whether, following evaluation and/or further exploration work, the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves in accordance with NI 43-101 or the JORC Code (2012 edition). Champion Iron Limited is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves. These reserves and resources are not material mining projects and are for properties adjacent to or near Champion Iron Limited's existing mining tenements and therefore the reports on these mineralisations have not been prepared in accordance with the JORC Code (2012 edition) and the ASX Listing Rules.
3. The historical Consolidated Fire Lake resource estimates are based on the National Instrument 43-101 technical report titled "Preliminary Feasibility Study of the West and East Pit Deposits of the Fire Lake North Project" by BBA Inc., P&E Mining Consultants Inc. and Rail Cantech Inc. dated February 22, 2013 and having an effective date of January 25, 2013. The historical mineral resources mentioned are strictly historical in nature, are non-compliant with NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition) and should therefore not be relied upon. A qualified person or competent person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current "mineral resources", "mineral reserves" or "ore reserves", as such terms are defined in NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition), and it is uncertain whether, following evaluation and/or further exploration work, the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves in accordance with NI 43-101 or the JORC Code (2012 edition). Champion Iron Limited is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves. These reserves and resources are not material mining projects and are for properties adjacent to or near Champion Iron Limited's existing mining tenements and therefore the reports on these mineralisations have not been prepared in accordance with the JORC Code (2012 edition) and the ASX Listing Rules.
4. The historical Quinto Claims resource estimates are based on the National Instrument 43-101 technical reports titled "Mineral Resource Technical Report, Peppler Project, Quebec" (as regards Peppler Lake), "Mineral Resource Technical Report, Lamelee Project, Quebec" (as regards Lamélie) and "Mineral Resource Technical Report, Hobdad Project, Quebec" (as regards Hobdad), each by G H Wahl & Associates Consulting dated February 15, 2013 and having an effective date of December 31, 2012. The historical mineral resources mentioned are strictly historical in nature, are non-compliant with NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition) and should therefore not be relied upon. A qualified person or competent person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current "mineral resources", "mineral reserves" or "ore reserves", as such terms are defined in NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition), and it is uncertain whether, following evaluation and/or further exploration work, the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves in accordance with NI 43-101 or the JORC Code (2012 edition). Champion Iron Limited is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves. These reserves and resources are not material mining projects and are for properties adjacent to or near Champion Iron Limited's existing mining tenements and therefore the reports on these mineralisations have not been prepared in accordance with the JORC Code (2012 edition) and the ASX Listing Rules.
5. The historical Harvey Tuttle resource estimates are based on the National Instrument 43-101 technical report titled "Technical Report and Resource Estimate on the Harvey-Tuttle Property Québec, Canada" by P&E Mining Consultants Inc. dated April 13, 2011 and having an effective date of February 25, 2011. The historical mineral resources mentioned are strictly historical in nature, are non-compliant with NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition) and should therefore not be relied upon. A qualified person or competent person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current "mineral resources", "mineral reserves" or "ore reserves", as such terms are defined in NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition), and it is uncertain whether, following evaluation and/or further exploration work, the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves in accordance with NI 43-101 or the JORC Code (2012 edition). Champion Iron Limited is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves. These reserves and resources are not material mining projects and are for properties adjacent to or near Champion Iron Limited's existing mining tenements and therefore the reports on these mineralisations have not been prepared in accordance with the JORC Code (2012 edition) and the ASX Listing Rules.
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7. The historical Penguin Lake resource estimates are based on the National Instrument 43-101 technical report titled "43-101 Technical Report and Mineral Resource Estimate on the Penguin Lake Project" by MRB & Associates dated February 3, 2014 and having an effective date of May 1, 2013. The historical mineral resources mentioned are strictly historical in nature, are non-compliant with NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition) and should therefore not be relied upon. A qualified person or competent person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current "mineral resources", "mineral reserves" or "ore reserves", as such terms are defined in NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition), and it is uncertain whether, following evaluation and/or further exploration work, the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves in accordance with NI 43-101 or the JORC Code (2012 edition). Champion Iron Limited is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves. These reserves and resources are not material mining projects and are for properties adjacent to or near Champion Iron Limited's existing mining tenements and therefore the reports on these mineralisations have not been prepared in accordance with the JORC Code (2012 edition) and the ASX Listing Rules.



## CHAMPION IRON LIMITED MINERAL RESOURCES AND MINERAL RESERVES

CHAMPION IRON LIMITED - MINERAL RESOURCES (MILLION DRY METRIC TONNES)										
PROPERTY	GROUP	MEASURED		INDICATED		MEAS + IND		INFERRED		SOURCE
		Mt	Fe%	Mt	Fe%	Mt	Fe%	Mt	Fe%	
Bloom Lake	Bloom Lake	170	30.4	1 056	28.4	1 226	28.7	246	26.6	Bloom Lake measured, indicated and inferred resources are based on the 2023 Technical Report "Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves for the Bloom Lake Mine", with effective date as at April 1st, 2023. Values in this table have been adjusted for depletion as at March 31st, 2024.
Kami	Rose North	82	31.0	339	29.9	420	30.1	90	29.9	Kami measured, indicated and inferred resources are based on the 2024 Pre-Feasibility Study "Pre-feasibility Study for the Kamistatusset (Kami) Iron Ore Property", with effective date as at December 22nd, 2023.
	Rose Central	94	29.3	364	28.9	457	29.0	60	28.0	
	Mills Lake	37	30.5	61	30.3	98	30.4	13	29.6	
	Total	212	30.2	763	29.5	975	29.6	163	29.2	
Consolidated Fire Lake North*	Fire Lake North (West Area)	24	35.4	405	32.6	429	32.7	329	30.9	Historical estimates. See note 3.
	Fire Lake North (East Area)	3	34.2	262	29.6	265	29.6	192	28.7	
	Fire Lake North (Subtotal)	27	35.2	667	31.4	694	31.5	522	30.1	
	Bellechasse	-	-	-	-	-	-	215	28.7	
	Dil can	-	-	-	-	-	-	967	33.2	
	Total	27	35.2	667	31.4	694	31.5	1 704	31.7	
Moiré Lake*	Moiré Lake	-	-	164	30.5	164	30.5	417	29.4	Historical estimates. See note 1.
Quinto Claims*	Peppler Lake	-	-	327	28.0	327	28.0	216	27.5	Historical estimates. See note 4.
	Lamêlée North	-	-	272	29.4	272	29.4	653	30.5	
	Hobdad	-	-	-	-	-	-	508	27.4	
	Total	-	-	599	28.6	599	28.6	1 377	28.9	
Lamêlée South*	Lamêlée South	-	-	75	31.6	75	31.6	229	30.5	Historical estimates. See note 2.
Harvey Tuttle*	Harvey Tuttle	-	-	-	-	-	-	947	23.2	Historical estimates. See note 5.
Penguin Lake*	Penguin Lake (45% CIA interest)	-	-	-	-	-	-	239	33.1	Joint Venture with Cartier Iron Corporation. Champion has 45% interest in the mining claims, therefore 45% of the total resources are listed. Historical estimates. See note 7.
Grand total		409	30.6	3 323	29.5	3 732	29.6	5 322	29.0	Partially historical estimates. See notes 1 through 7.

CHAMPION IRON LIMITED - MINERAL RESERVES (MILLION DRY METRIC TONNES)									
PROPERTY	GROUP	PROVEN		PROBABLE		Mt	P&P Fe%		SOURCE
		Mt	Fe%	Mt	Fe%				
Bloom Lake	Bloom Lake	167	29.9	523	28.1	690	28.6		Bloom Lake proven and probable reserves are based on the 2023 Technical Report "Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves for the Bloom Lake Mine", with effective date as at April 1st, 2023. Values in this table have been adjusted for depletion as at March 31st, 2024.
Kami	Rose deposits (Single Pit)	167	29.7	476	29.0	643	29.2		Kami proven and probable reserves are based on the 2024 Pre-Feasibility Study "Pre-feasibility Study for the Kamistatusset(Kami) Iron Ore Property", with effective date as at December 22nd, 2023.
Consolidated Fire Lake North*	Fire Lake North (West Pit)	21	36.2	268	33.4	289	33.6		Historical estimates. See note 3.
	Fire Lake North (East Pit)	3	34.2	173	30.2	176	30.3		
	Fire Lake North (Subtotal)	24	36.0	441	32.2	465	32.4		
	Grand total	358	30.2	1 440	29.7	1 798	29.8		Partially historical estimates. See note 3 and 6.

\* The historical mineral resources and reserves are historical estimates and should not be relied upon. A qualified person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current mineral resources or mineral reserves and Champion Iron is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources or mineral reserves

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## NOTES ON MINERAL RESOURCES AND MINERAL RESERVES FOR THE BLOOM LAKE MINE

### Mineral Resources

1. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and have not demonstrated economic viability under the assumptions contained in the 2023 Technical Report. All figures have been rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimates.
2. The resource estimate is reported undiluted at a cut-off grade of 15% iron.
3. The 2023 resource shell is based on a long-term P65 iron price of US\$110.24/dmt, a premium of US\$2.04/dmt for the 66.2% Fe concentrate and an exchange rate of 1.27. It was made using Geovia Whittle (software version 4.7.2).
4. The qualified person ("QP") for the mineral resource estimate, as defined by NI 43-101, is Erik Ronald, P. Geo., of SRK. The effective date of the estimate is April 1, 2023.
5. The geological interpretations for the Bloom Lake deposit were based on lithological logging, analyses from drill core, grade control data, geological maps, historical models, and ground magnetic surveys. The geology and controls on the mineralization are considered well understood.
6. The mineralized iron formation units in the lithology model include iron formation, silica iron formation, and limonite. The iron formation model further differentiates the iron formation units into operational quality categories of low (under 0.6%), moderate and elevated (over 16%) CaO + MgO values.
7. All 3D digital geological modelling was performed using Leapfrog Geo™ software. In the QP's opinion, the geological model is appropriate for the size, grade distribution, and geometry of the mineralized zones and is suitable for mineral resource estimation of the Bloom Lake project.
8. The mineral resource model is based on 6.0 m composite intervals within the iron formation. Grade capping was reviewed but deemed unnecessary and was not applied. Ordinary kriging (OK) was used for the estimation of CaO, Fe, MgO, and SAT. AI203 was estimated into the block model using inverse distance weighting to a power of three (ID3) estimation.
9. Mineral Resources were classified into measured, indicated, and inferred mineral resources categories based on the geological understanding of mineralization and structure on the property, the quality of the underlying drilling data, history of mining production and reconciliation, mineralization and grade continuity, and drillhole spacing.
10. The QP is satisfied that the mineral resources were estimated following CIM Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices Guidelines (November 2019). The mineral resources may be affected by further infill and exploration drilling that may result in increases or decreases in subsequent mineral resource estimates. The mineral resources may also be affected by subsequent assessments of mining, environmental, processing, permitting, taxation, socio-economic, and other factors.

### Mineral Reserves

1. The mineral reserves were estimated using the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Standards for Mineral Resources and Reserves, Definitions and Guidelines prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions and adopted by the CIM Council on May 10, 2014.
2. The QP for the mineral reserve estimate, as defined by NI 43-101, is Olivier Hamel, P. Eng., of Quebec Iron Ore Inc. ("QIO"), a subsidiary of the Company. The effective date of the estimate is April 1, 2023.
3. In the ultimate pit design, all measured resources and associated dilution/ore loss were converted to proven mineral reserves. All indicated resources and associated dilution/ore loss were converted into probable mineral reserves.
4. Stockpiles are excluded from reserve calculations due to their small size (<1 Mt).
5. Bulk density of ore is variable but averages 3.39 t/m<sup>3</sup> (pre-dilution).
6. Remaining strip ratio is 0.96:1 (including overburden).
7. Mining dilution was calculated using a 2-m contact skin.
8. The average mining dilution is 1.73% at a grade of 0% Fe. Dilution was applied block by block and shows a wide range of local variability.
9. The average ore loss is 1.91% at a grade of 29% Fe. Ore loss was applied block by block and shows a wide range of local variability.
10. Mineral reserves are based on a mining surface projected to April 1, 2023. The last survey was done in Q3 2022.
11. Mineral reserves are estimated at a cut-off grade of 15% Fe (diluted), which has historically been used. Current cost/revenue model allows to calculate a break-even cut-off grade and the result of 14.1% Fe supports the current practices.
12. Mineral reserves are estimated using a long-term iron ore reference price (Platt's 65%) of USD99/dmt and an exchange rate of 1.27 CAD/USD. A price adjustment to 66.2% of USD1.83/dmt was added.
13. Reserve open pit optimization was conducted using Geovia Whittle (software version 4.7.2) to determine the optimal economic shape of the open pit to guide the pit design process.
14. SAT stands for SATMAGAN, an industry standard device that measures the magnetic content by weight of a sample. This value is assumed to be the magnetite content by weight.
15. The author is not aware of any known environmental, permitting, legal, title-related, taxation, socio-political or marketing issues, or any other relevant issues not reported in the 2023 Technical Report, that could materially affect the mineral reserve estimate.
16. Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

## NOTES ON MINERAL RESOURCES AND MINERAL RESERVES FOR THE KAMI PROJECT

### Mineral Resources

1. The Mineral Resource estimate described above has been prepared in accordance with the CIM Standards (Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, 2014) and follows the Best Practices Guidelines outlined by the CIM (2019).
2. The qualified person for this Mineral Resource Estimate is Christian Beaulieu, P.Geo., consultant for G Mining Services Inc. Mr. Beaulieu is a member of the Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland & Labrador (#10653) and of l'Ordre des géologues du Québec (#1072).
3. The effective date of the Mineral Resource Estimate is November 15, 2022.
4. The cut-off grade used to report Open Pit Mineral Resources is 15.0% total iron (TFe).
5. Density is applied by rock type and is related to the amount of iron in each block.
6. Pit optimization parameters are described as follows:
  - I. Based on a P65 index iron price of US\$115/dmt
  - II. Concentrate grade of 65.2% Fe
  - III. Exchange rate of 1.30 C\$/US\$
  - IV. Metallurgical recoveries of 83.55%
  - V. Mining costs of US\$2.11/t mined
  - VI. Total ore based costs of US\$5.33/dmt
  - VII. Overall slope angle varies from 48.4° to 51.6° for the footwall and hanging wall domains respectively.
7. Measured, indicated and inferred mineral resources have been defined mainly based on drill hole spacing.
8. Mineral resources (Rose Central, Rose North and Mills Lake combined) have a stripping ratio of 2.0:1 (W:O).
9. The tonnages and grades outlined above are reported inside a block model with parent block size of 10 m x 20 m x 10 m, and subblocks of 5 m x 10 m x 5 m.
10. Tonnages have been expressed in the metric system and metal content as percentages. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
11. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves as they have not demonstrated economic viability. The quantity and grade of reported inferred mineral resources are uncertain in nature.
12. The qualified person is not aware of any factors or issues that materially affect the mineral resource estimate other than normal risks faced by mining projects in the province in terms of environmental, permitting, taxation, socio-economic, marketing, political factors and additional risk factors regarding indicated and inferred resources.
13. See the appendix to the Company's quarterly activities report filed on January 31, 2024, on the ASX at [www.asx.com.au](http://www.asx.com.au) on January 31, 2024, for additional information regarding Joint Ore Reserves Committee ("JORC").

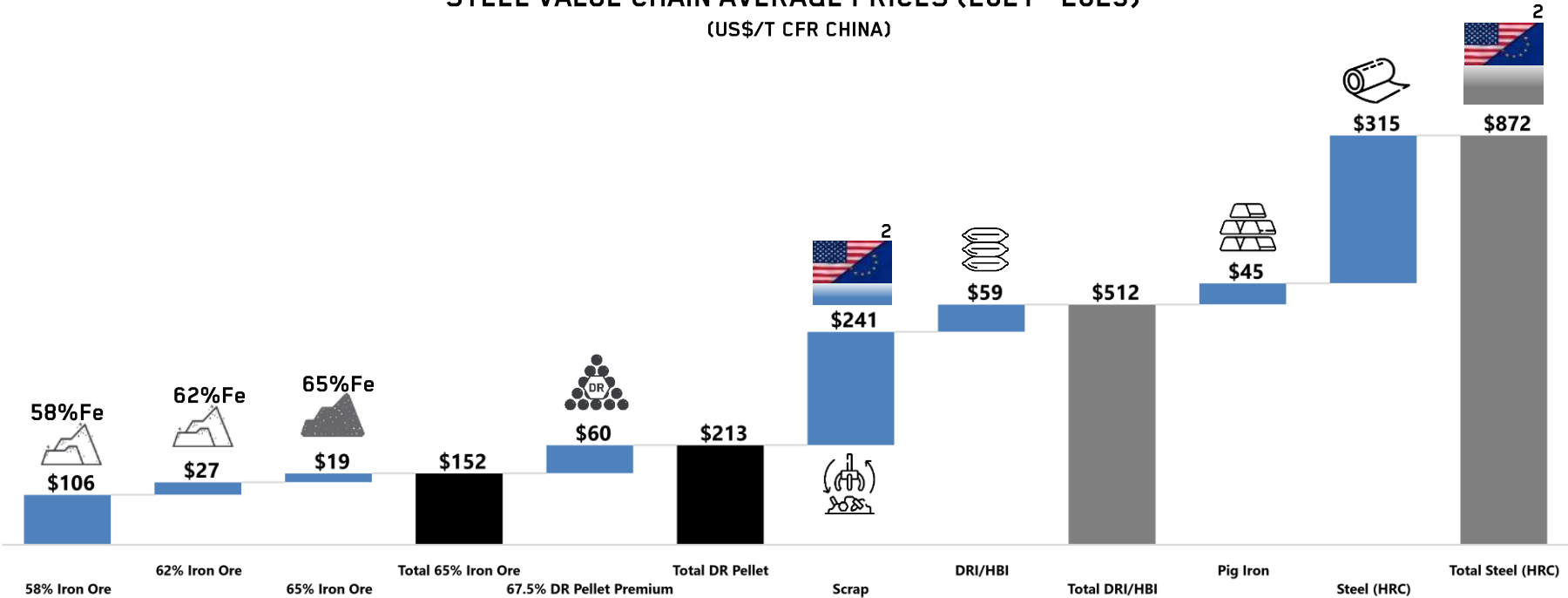
### Mineral Reserves

1. The qualified person for this Mineral Reserve Estimate is Alexandre Dorval, mining engineer at G Mining Services Inc. Mr. Dorval is a member of the Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland & Labrador (#11042), of the Professional Engineers of Ontario (#100214598) and of l'Ordre des Ingénieurs du Québec (#5027189).
2. Mineral Reserves based on an updated Lidar dated September 2011.
3. Mineral Reserves are estimated using a long-term iron price reference price (Platt's 62%) of US\$ 80/dmt and an exchange rate of 1.30 C\$/US\$. An Fe concentrate price adjustment of US\$ 20/dmt was added as an iron grade premium.
4. The effective date of the Mineral Reserve Estimate is November 15, 2022.
5. Bulk density of ore is variable but averages 3.1 t/m<sup>3</sup>.
6. Cut-Off Grade of 15% TotFe used to calculate reserves.
7. The average stripping ratio is 1.6:1 W:O.
8. The Mineral Reserve includes a 1.4% mining dilution.
9. The number of metric tonnes was rounded to the nearest thousand. Any discrepancies in the totals are due to rounding; with rounding following the recommendations detailed in National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101").
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HIGH-PURITY IRON OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE PREMIUMS ACROSS THE GREEN STEEL SUPPLY CHAIN

STEEL VALUE CHAIN AVERAGE PRICES (2021 - 2023)<sup>1</sup>  
(US\$/T CFR CHINA)



Sources: Champion Iron Limited, Platts data, Fastmarkets, Wood Mackenzie  
Notes: Numbers may not add up due to rounding. <sup>1</sup> Data as of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024; 58, 62, 65% index, BF & DR pellet, Scrap = CFR China; HBI = FOB New Orleans, adjusted for shipping; Pig Iron = FOB Brazil, adjusted for shipping; HRC = CFR China <sup>2</sup> Scrap and HRC in US/EU have on average been trading above Chinese prices.

# All eyes on DRI

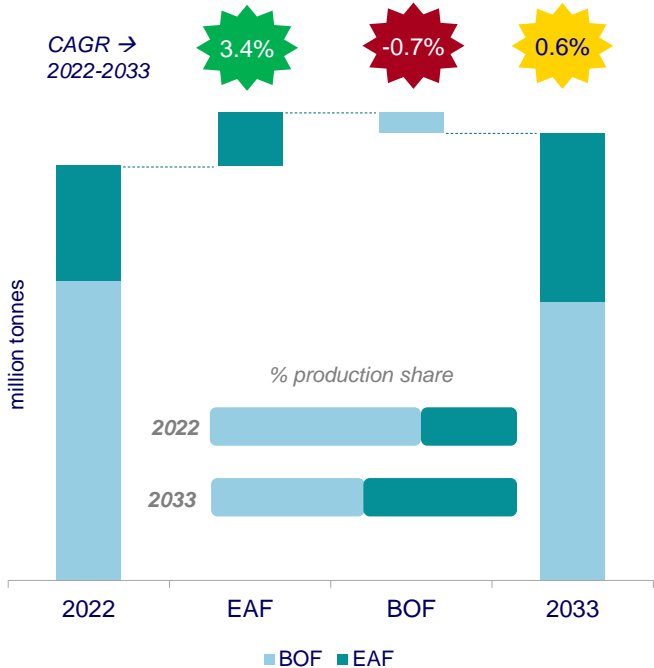
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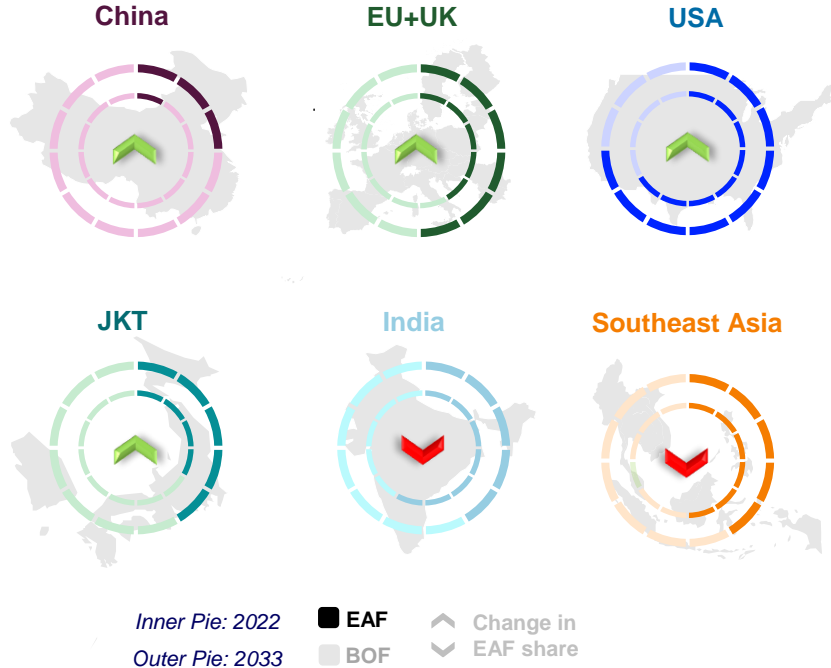


# EAF preference to rise as emission containment measures kick in

## Decarbonisation initiatives to elevate EAF output



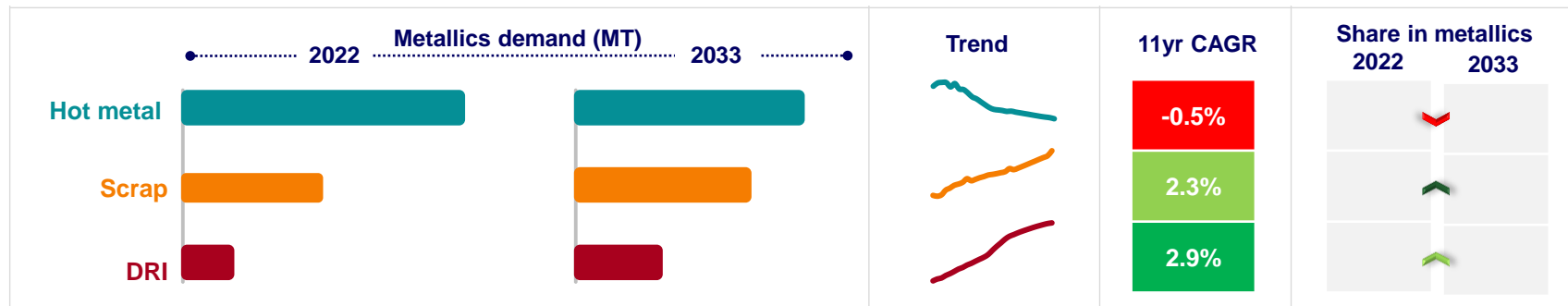
## Region-wise share of steelmaking routes





# Hot metal to be negatively impacted due to rising EAF preference

Scrap and DRI rapidly becoming the most sought after metallic due to its low-carbon footprint

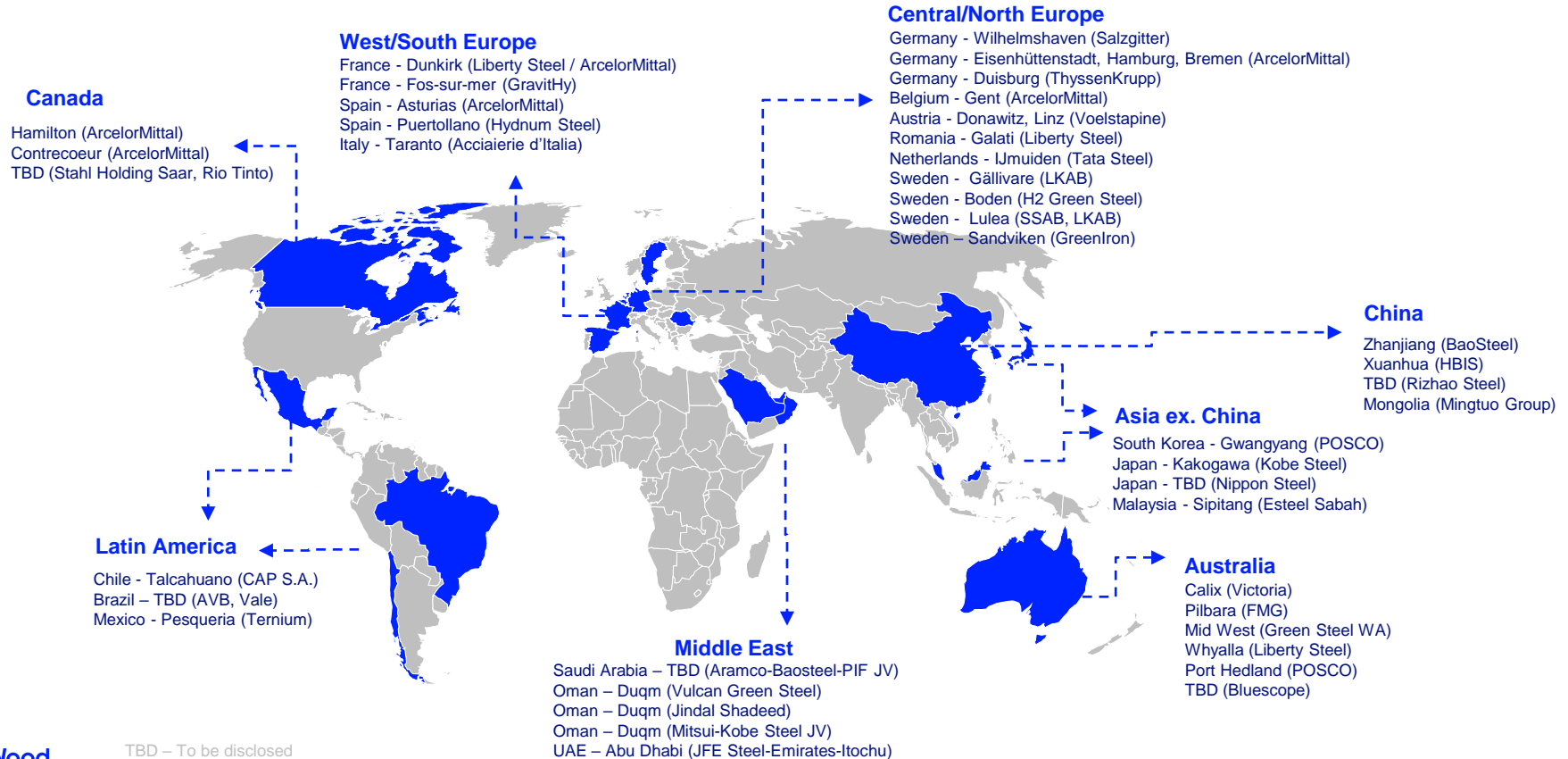


	Hot metal (MT)		
	2022	2033	CAGR
China			-1.8%
India			6.1%
SEA			7.9%
JK			-1.7%
EU+UK			-2.3%
USA			0%

	Scrap (MT)		
	2022	2033	CAGR
China			2.1%
India			6.1%
SEA			1.5%
JK			1.5%
EU+UK			1.9%
USA			1.8%

	DRI (MT)		
	2022	2033	CAGR
China			13.3%
India			-0.3%
SEA			17.9%
JK			2x
EU+UK			34.0%
USA			2.2%

# Key green DRI projects announced



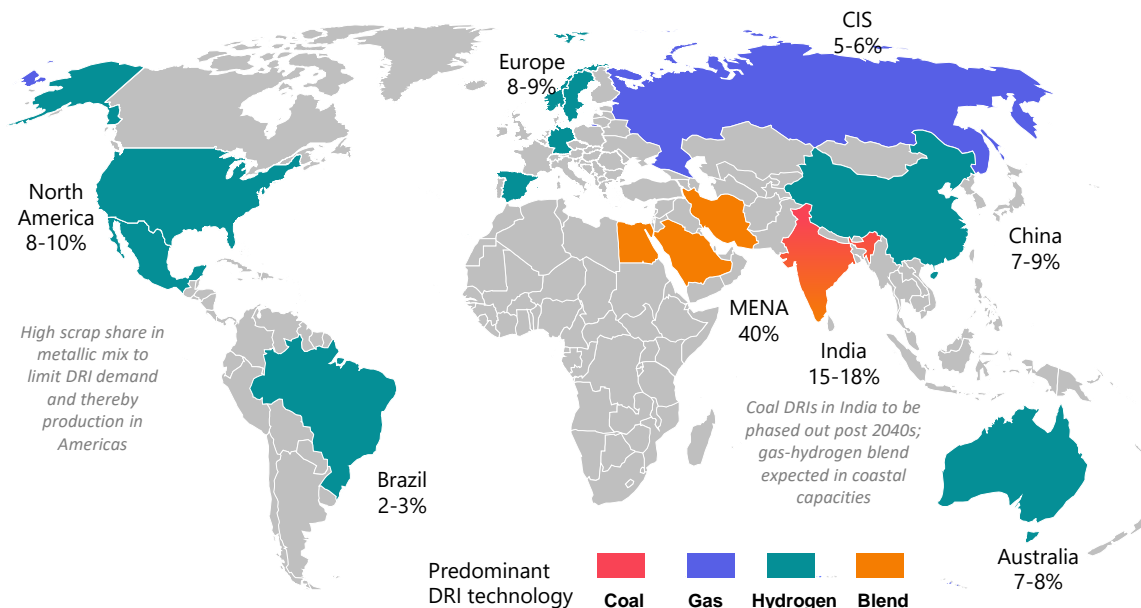
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Source: Green Steel Tracker, Midrex, Company reports, Wood Mackenzie

# Middle East, China, Australia and Europe will lead incremental DRI capacity additions by 2050 while Brazil, USA and Africa will also see some traction

Supply of green raw materials and energy is key to greening DRI; imbalance of which is expected to move iron making to locations with low-cost green energy

## DRI production share of expected hubs (2050)



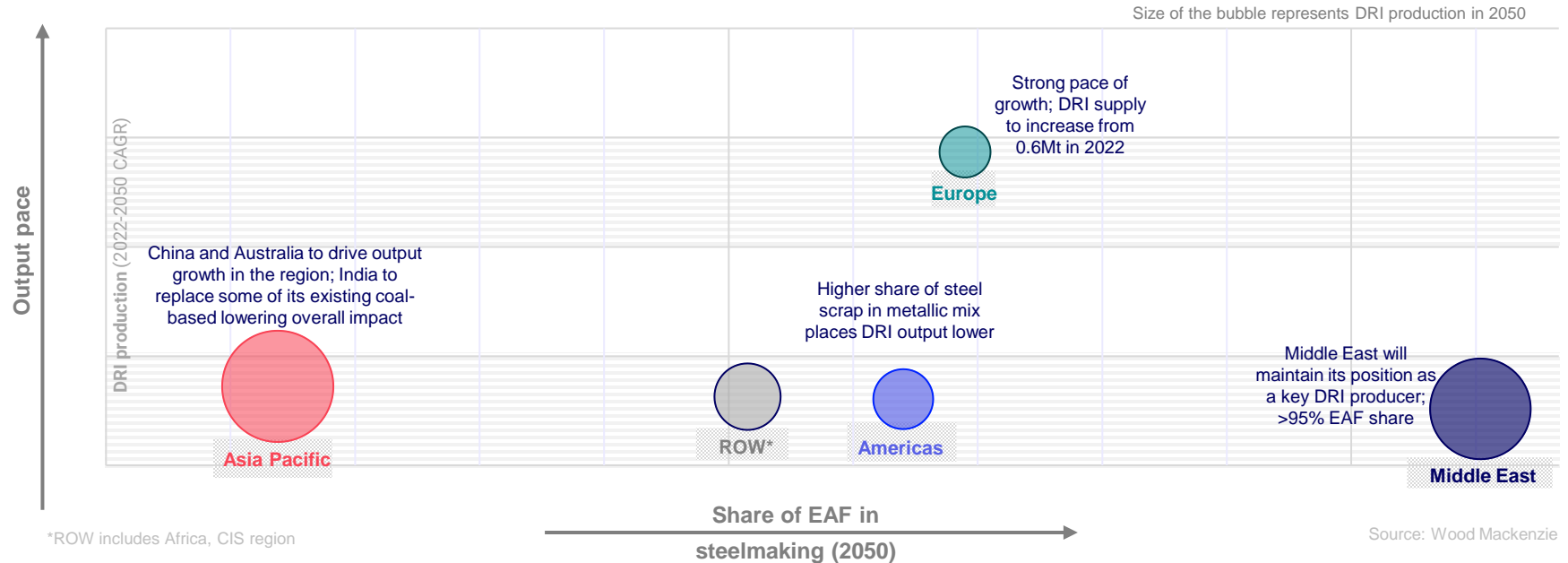
## The “4” big risks to greening DRI

- Limited supply of DR grade iron ore**  
R&D is needed to enhance existing unlocked reserves and resources and make it suitable for DRI use
- Hydrogen scalability, transportation and storage**  
The scalability of expensive electrolyzer units is yet to be ascertained; hydrogen infrastructure and transportation to be key challenges
- Electrification challenges**  
Intermittency and variability in patterns; high LCOH and capital costs necessitates policy changes and incentives to achieve targets
- Increased greening costs**  
Decarbonisation is costly and requires incentives and stricter carbon policies across the globe for early breakeven

# Asia Pacific and the Middle East will account for most of global DRI production by 2050

DRI production growth will be faster in Europe as it adds green DRI to its supply mix amid decarbonization wave

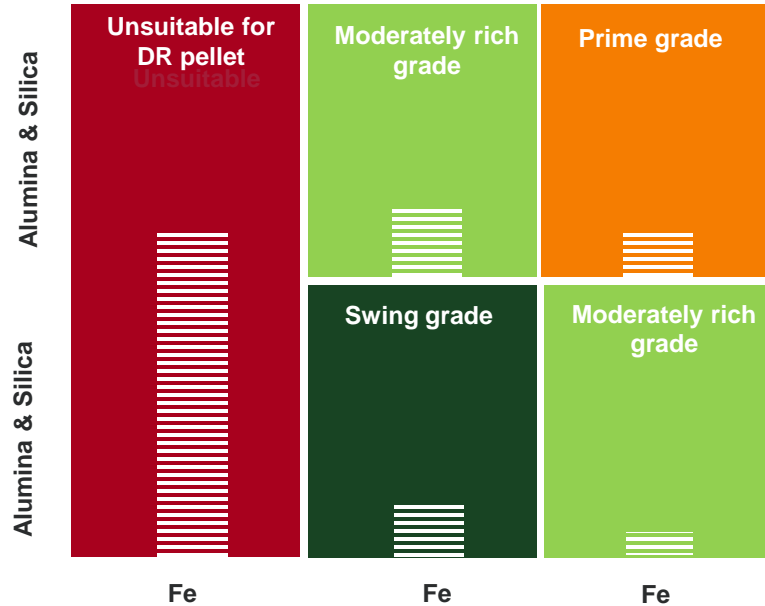
## Regional DRI production pace versus share of EAF by 2050 (%)



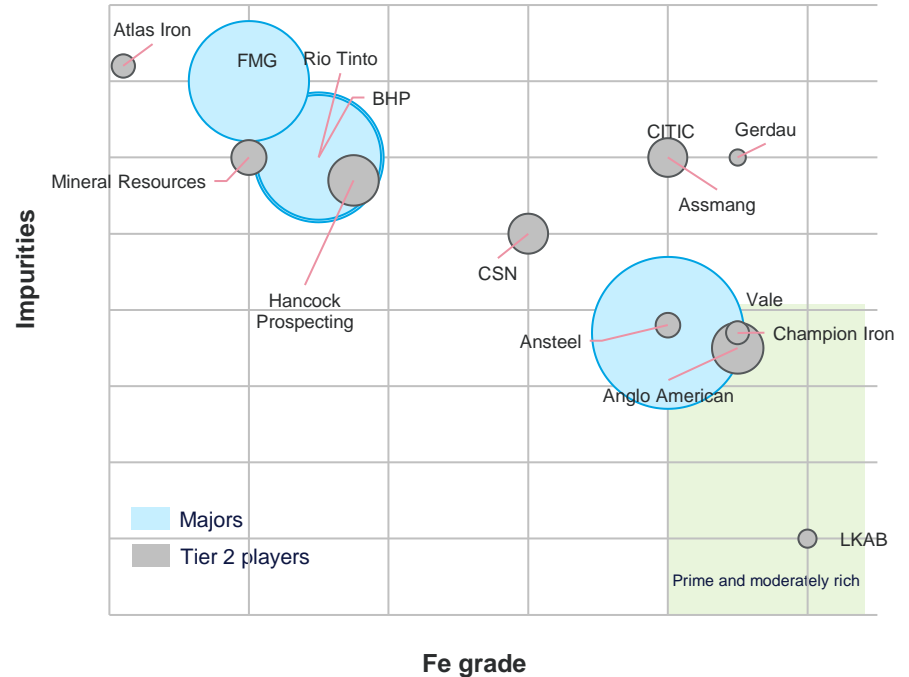


# Just a small share of current production is prime grade for green steel

## Market analysis by Fe grade and impurities



## Analysis for key miners



Note: weighted average volume for fines and pellet feed. Doesn't include projects.

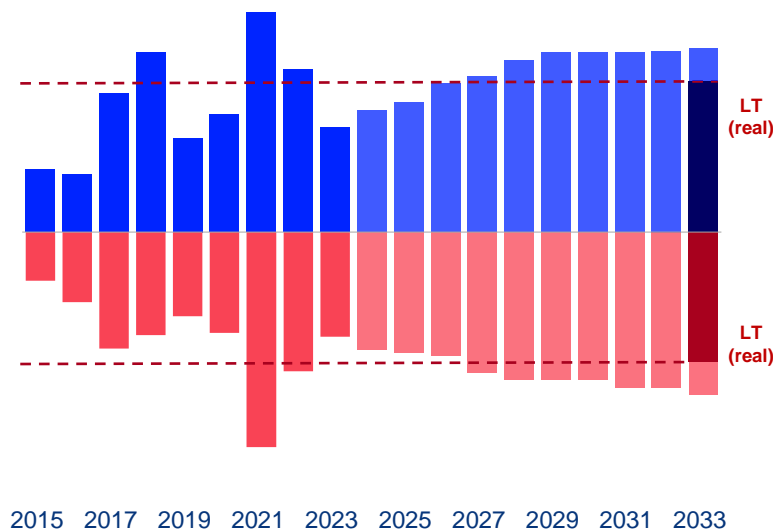
# Quality differentials to widen because of increasing preference for high-grade ore

Fe differential premium to be consistently elevated in the long term

## Iron ore price forecast (65-62% and 58-62% Fe)

US\$/t (Nominal)

■ 65%-62% Fe ■ 58%-62% Fe



LT Real  
(2023 US\$)

65%  
62%  
58%

## Key determinants for price forecasts

### Productivity

- Since mid-2022, quality differentials for fines have narrowed, driven by weakening steel margins and the resulting efforts by steel mills to lower the cost of their raw materials.
- However, the ongoing emphasis on environmental concerns and the escalating push for decarbonisation within the steel sector will motivate mills to optimise the utilisation of high-quality feedstock.

### Decarbonisation initiatives

- Higher quality iron ore will help to reduce emissions intensity.
- The long-term transition towards “green steel” suggests suppliers of high-grade low-impurity ores are relatively well positioned.

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