

# MAGMA METALS LIMITED

# **Thunder Bay North: A Greenfields Platinum – Palladium Discovery in Canada**

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# **Presentation Outline**

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# **Company Background**

- □ ASX listed Exploration Company
- □ Ni-Cu-PGM Focus
- Projects in Ontario and Western Australia
- Experienced Management Group
- Market Capitalization: ~C\$25 million
- More information: <u>www.magmametals.com.au</u>



# **Thunder Bay North PGM Project**

### One of the Best Advanced PGM Exploration Projects in North America

- Excellent widths and grades in drilling: up to 61.7m @ 5.61g/t Pt+Pd, 0.7% Cu & 0.4% Ni
- 1:1 Pt:Pd ratio
- Significant Cu & Ni credits with potential for Cu-Ni massive sulphide deposits
- Potential for large mineralized system
- Close to excellent infrastructure





# **Regional Setting**



- Established Ni-Cu-PGM Province
- Lac des Iles: Mothballed 300,000ozpa PGM mine with 5mtpa concentrator
- Region is underexplored with potential for large discoveries





### **Project Location & Infrastructure**





# **Discovery History**

- PGM-rich glacial boulders found on west shore of Current Lake by two geologists in 2001
- Magma optioned the claims in 2005 and staked larger area
- East shore boulder outcrop found in mid-2006
- Discovery hole drilled under east shore boulders in December 2006:

10.5m @ 2.8g/t Pt+Pd+Au





# **Current Lake Mineralized Boulders**



#### **Early Magnetics & Drilling** 356 500mE 358 500ml **TBND027:** 28.55m @ 2.7g/t Pt+Pd+Au, Ice Transport 0.31% Cu & 0.25% Ni Current Direction (incl. 14.6m @ 4.7g/t Pt+Pd+Au, 0.52% Cu & 0.35% Ni) Lake **TBND001:** 5 404 000mN 5 404 000mN 10.5m @ 2.8g/t Pt+Pd+Au, Current East Shore Boulders: 0.5% Cu & 0.3% Ni Lake Assavs up to: **TBND020:** 9.4g/t Pt+Pd+Au,1.2% Cu & 0.4% Ni 16.0m @ 0.7g/t Pt+Pd+Au (incl. 1m @ 6.0g/t Pt+Pd+Au) Magnetic Anoma West Shore Boulders: Assays up to: 9.5a/t Pt+Pd+Au. **TBND002:** 1.0% Cu & 0.3% Ni 7.2m @ 0.5g/t Pt+Pd+Au

After the first drill-hole it looked like it was going to be easy - but we drilled another 25 holes before the next significant intersection

Beaver Lake

**N** 250m

5 402 000m

Beaver Lake

#### Current Lake Intrusive Complex Magnetics & Drilling





#### Current Lake Area Magnetics & Drilling

- Tube-like body of peridotite about 1.8km long
- Drilling on 50m x 10m pattern from a barge (summer) and the ice (winter) - in progress
- Several high-grade zones identified
- Mineralisation is just beneath floor of Current Lake – mostly within 100m of the surface





# Current Lake Cross-Sections 1 & 2





# **Current Lake Cross-Sections 3 & 4**





#### **Beaver Lake Area - Magnetics & Drilling**



- Large flattened pipe-like peridotite-melagabbro body
- Drilling on 50m x 25-50m pattern has identified a sinuous high-grade zone at least 1km long near the basal contact



#### **Beaver Lake Cross-Section 1**





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# **Country Rocks**





#### **Quetico Granitoids (North)**





#### **Quetico Schist & Gneiss (South)**



### **Early Intrusions**



The earliest intrusive in the Complex is a red-white granite pegmatite



Various gabbro hybrids intrude flat and steep structures in the second phase



# **Late Mineralized Intrusions**

Several pulses of sulphide-rich Peridotite-Melagabbro magma













# **Beaver Lake Drill Core (BL08-61)**



0.4m @ 24.55g/t Pt+Pd, 3.7% Cu & 2.9% Ni



#### Sulphides

- Sulphides are coarsegrained composite grains
- Preliminary Quemscan work indicates
  - Moncheite (PtTe<sub>2</sub>)
  - Michenerite (PdBiTe)
  - Platarsite (PtAsS) are the most abundant PGM phases in an East Shore Boulder sample.
- Chalcopyrite carries most of the copper.





# **Metal Geochemistry**

Pdppm : Ptppm





#### Petrochemistry

- Parent magma had a thoeliitic (~6% MgO) composition
- High background levels of metals & strong Pt-Pd-Cu-Ni correlation

   pristine magmatic sulphide system with little alteration/redistribution
- Evidence for homogenized crustal contamination in addition to localized marginal contamination
- Pt, Pd, Au & Cu are enriched relative to Fe, Mg, Cr, Ni & Co is this due to fractionation of olivine and chromite or fractionation of Nirich sulphides or both?
- Sulphide tenors: 3-4% Ni, 6-8% Cu, 24-38g/t Pt & 22-37g/t Pd



Strong structural controls to the intrusive complex at all scales



# **Magma-Conduit Exploration Model**



- Geological environment highly favourable for large disseminated and massive sulphide Ni-Cu-PGM deposits
- Analogies are the Voisey's Bay Ni-Cu deposit in Canada & the giant Noril'sk-Talnakh Ni-Cu-Pt-Pd deposits in Russia

# **Potential for Large Scale System**



- Current Lake Complex is part of a larger network of magma-conduits
- Reconnaissance drilling returned encouraging results
- Significant resource potential



#### Footprints of Large Magma Conduit Hosted Ni-Cu-PGM Deposits



- Shapes illustrate relative sizes of magma-conduit intrusions that host "world class" Ni-Cu-PGM ore-bodies
- The ore-bodies are generally much smaller than the host intrusions



# **Program to September Quarter 2009**

Work Program	March Quarter 2008	June Quarter 2009	Sept Quarter 2009
Resource Drilling			
(15,000m)			
NI43-101/JORC			
Resource Estimation			
Prelim. Metallurgy			
Mining Concepts			
Geophysics:			
EM Surveys			
Environmental & Hydrology Studies			

- SRK Consulting (Toronto): Resource Drilling & Estimation, Metallurgy & Mining Concepts
- Southern Geoscience Consultants (Perth): Geophysics
- **DST Consulting Engineers (Thunder Bay):** Environmental & Hydrology Studies, Geotechnical Studies (Cofferdam) & Permitting Program





# Conclusions

- Potentially large greenfields Platinum Palladium discovery in the Mid-Continent Rift region
- Significant base metals credits with potential for Nickel - Copper massive-sulphide ore-bodies
- Magma Conduit Geology related to Mid-Continent Rift magmatism
- Initial discovery from boulders and outcrop at Current Lake an hours drive from Thunder Bay
- Initial resource estimates September Quarter 2009
- It's still early days in understanding what we have at Thunder Bay North!