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# US COPPER PRODUCTION TARGETED Q4, 2019

October, 2019

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# **BUILDING THE NEXT MID-TIER COPPER PRODUCER**



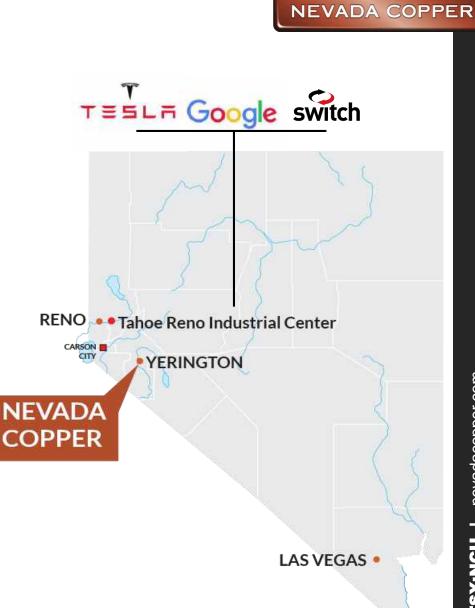
PRODUCTION TARGETED Q4, 2019. EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES. DISTRICT POTENTIAL.

- Underground mine with expected commencement of production Q4, 2019
- Large-scale, fully-permitted open pit project with robust economics and optionality
- Clean, marketable concentrate
- Mine expansion and property-wide exploration potential
- Building the only processing facility in an emerging copper district with a large mineral endowment

# THE RIGHT JURISDICTION STRONG RISK-MITIGATION

# Favorable Construction Conditions in Nevada, USA

- Nevada is Fraser Institute's Top Ranked Mining Jurisdiction in the World
- Desert climate and local topography are optimal for efficient and eco-friendly mining techniques. No Tailings Dam required as Company is able to use dry-stack method for tailings
- Team has built and operated multiple mines, including Cortez/Gold Strike and Stillwater
- Fixed-price EPC contract helps protect against cost overruns during construction
- Record of strong support from the local community and government
- Project is 8 miles from City of Yerington
- Yerington is a former copper-producing region with superb infrastructure and a skilled, experienced workforce



# THE RIGHT TIME

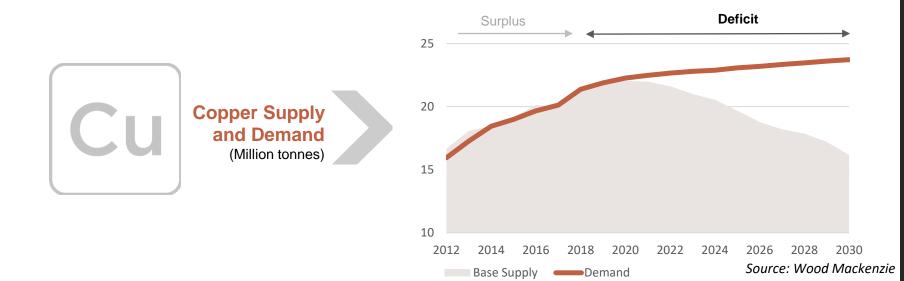
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# NEVADA COPPER'S TIMING ADVANTAGE

- Permits in place for Underground and Open Pit Projects
- Attractive partner for suppliers
- Underground production expected Q4, 2019
- Robust Open Pit project
- 1<sup>st</sup> mover advantage in a re-emerging copper district

# STRONG COPPER FUNDAMENTALS

- Global economic growth is combining with new demand from electric vehicles, grid upgrades, charging infrastructure, energy storage and green energy infrastructure
- Years of low copper prices and under-investment in new supply means very few new projects in the pipeline
- 2017 saw first decline in copper output in 15 years
- Copper grades globally are declining, having fallen 30% since 2000
- Chinese environmental agenda constraining scrap imports
- Part of global supply comes from high-risk jurisdictions like the Congo and Indonesia and regions with a track record of labor disruption



# BACKED BY BLUE CHIP INVESTORS

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## STRONG INSITUTIONAL BACKING

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## **CAPITALIZATION ITEMS**

Symbol	TSX: NCU
Share Price (October 15, 2019)	US\$ 0.16
Market Capitalization	US\$ 122M
Senior Debt	US\$ 113M
Cash & Equivalent	US\$ 25.5M <sup>1</sup>
Shares Outstanding	762M
Options/Warrants	27M
Fully-Diluted Shares Outstanding	789M
30 Day average volume	804,686

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

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# **Our new partner**



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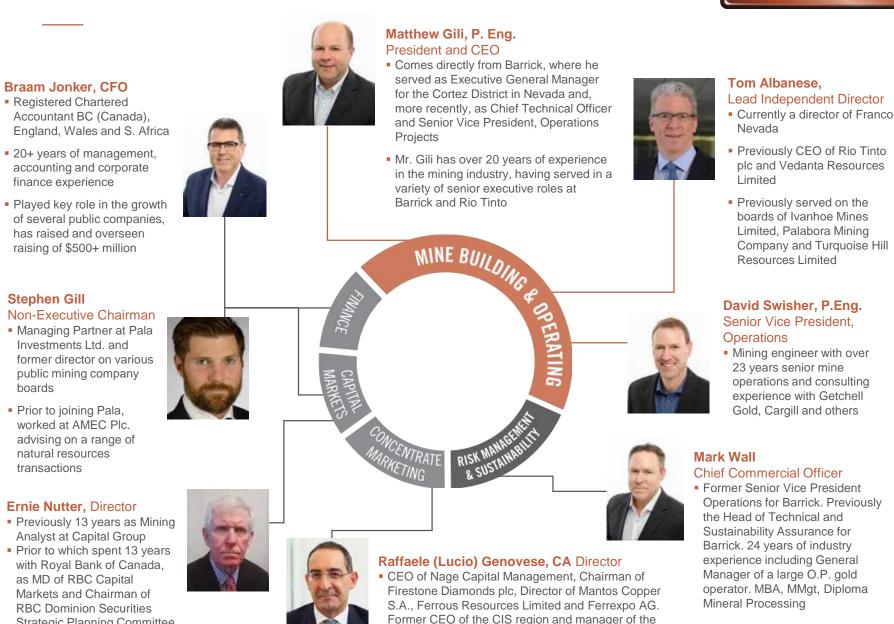
Markus Scheer, member of the Management Board of KfW IPEX-Bank



# MINE BUILDING & CAPITAL MARKETS EXPERTISE

Strategic Planning Committee

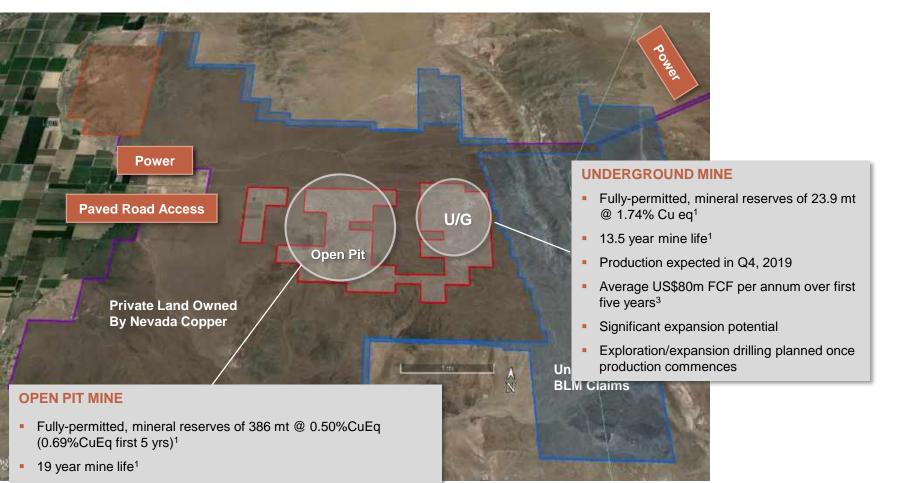
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# THE PUMPKIN HOLLOW COPPER PROJECT

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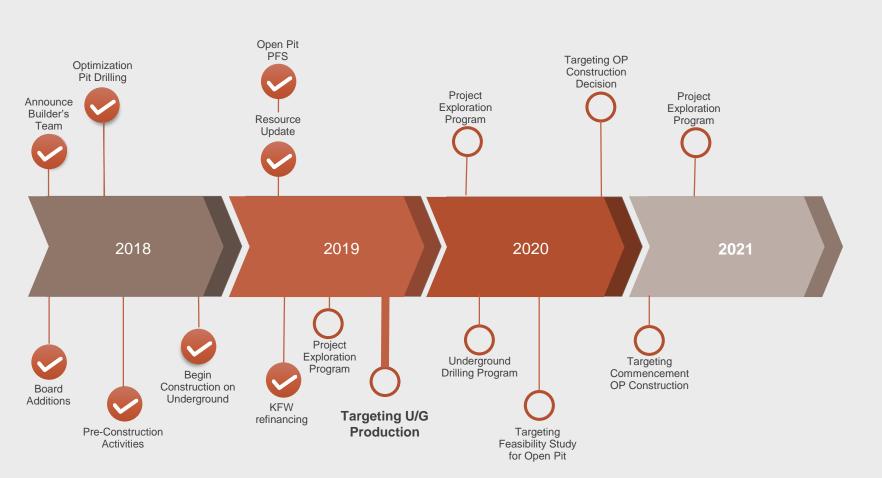


- Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources of 5 Blbs Cu and significant precious metals credits<sup>1</sup>
- Strong project economics including Post-Tax 21% IRR and EBITA \$252M per annum life of mine average<sup>2</sup>
- Significant optimization and growth potential

<sup>1</sup> NI 43-101 Technical Report: Nevada Copper Corp. Pumpkin Hollow Project, Open Pit and Underground Mine Prefeasibility Study (PFS)
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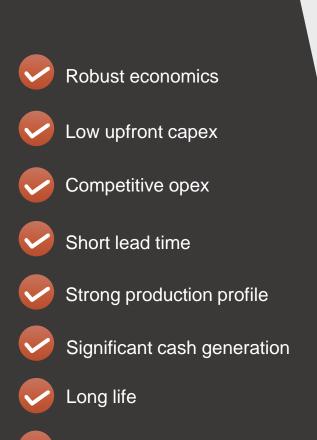
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# **PUMPKIN HOLLOW MILESTONES & TARGETS**<sup>1</sup>



# UNDERGROUND MINE: ECONOMICALLY ROBUST WITH EXPANSION POTENTIAL

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Expansion potential

## **UNDERGROUND MINE HIGHLIGHTS**<sup>1</sup>

Project Economics <sup>1</sup>	Post-Tax 25% IRR and US\$301M NPV5%		
Сарех	Pre-production capex: US\$197 million		
Opex <sup>2</sup>	<b>First 5 Years</b> <b>C1:</b> US\$1.68/lb Cu <b>AISC:</b> US\$1.86/lb Cu	LOM C1: US\$1.81/lb Cu AISC: US\$1.96/lb Cu	
Production Profile	Y1-5 annual avg. of 60 Mlbs Cu, 9 koz Au, 173 koz Ag LOM annual avg. of 50 Mlbs Cu, 8 koz Au, 150 koz Ag		
Annual free cash flow	Average US\$80m per annum over first five years <sup>3</sup>		
Reserves	23.9 mt @ 1.74% Cu eq. (2.01% Cu eq. over first five years) <sup>4</sup>		
Mine Life	13.5 years		
Expansion	Extension potential from 636M lbs Production growth potential via op		

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(1) NI 43-101 Technical Report: Nevada Copper Corp., Pumpkin Hollow Project, Open Pit and Underground Mine Prefeasibility Study (PFS) with an effective date January 21, 2019.

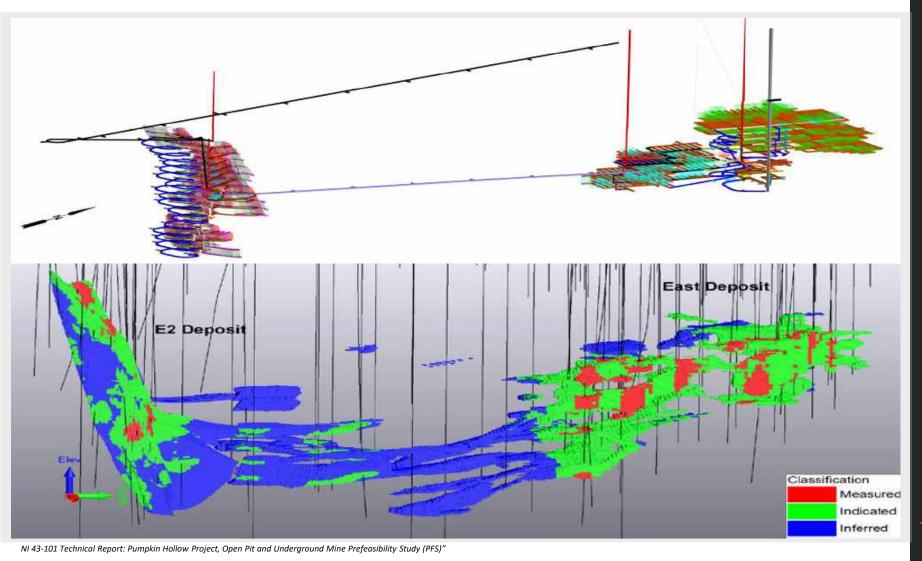
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(4) Cu-equiv based on price s of \$3.00/lb Cu, \$1,300/oz Au and \$17.00/oz Ag and met recoveries of 92%,78% and 70% respectively.

# SIGNIFICANT UNDERGROUND RESOURCE UPSIDE

- Large quantity of inferred resource mineralization (approx. 635M lbs copper) presents opportunity to upgrade with underground drilling



# UNDERGROUND MINE CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE

## HIGHLIGHTS

#### Main Shaft:

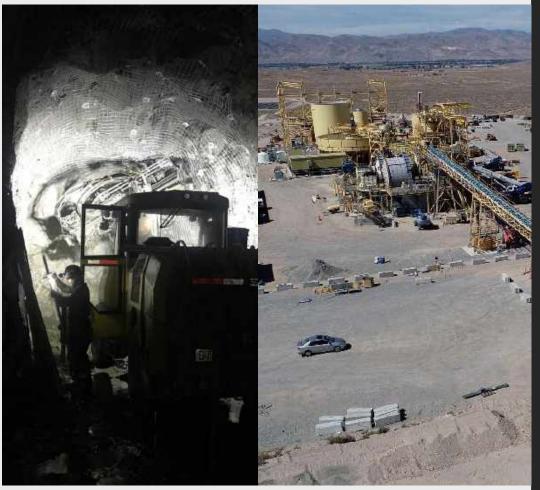
- Total Lateral development to date has advanced 8,200 feet on both levels.
- Alimak has advanced vertically 250 feet and now working on preparations for the ENVS loading pocket.
- The first Underground Project definition drilling program has confirmed high grade stope locations as per the resource model.
- Flow through ventilation has been established between the 2850 and 2770 levels.

## **East-North Ventilation Shaft:**

 Vertical development over 1200ft from surface. Approx. 600ft left to finish.

## **Surface Plant and Infrastructure:**

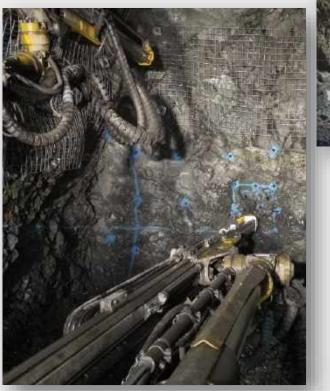
- Grinding circuit pre-commissioned
- Floatation cells mechanically complete
- Coarse ore Apron feeder mechanically complete.
- Tailings radial stacker being installed.
- Concentrate and tailings thickeners complete
- Plant and instrument air mechanically complete.
- Fire house complete.
- Electrical and instrumentation on schedule.





# UNDERGROUND PROJECT EXECUTION

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Jumbo drilling a face round

R1600 'Load Haul Dump' (LHD) on 2850 Level Station



**Power Line Installation** 



R-1600 LHD Preparing to lower down shaft



2 New 350 hp Ventilation Fans and Smooth Vent Tubes



# SURFACE PROJECT EXECUTION

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Flotation cells



East Main Shaft looking West



Process plant, admin building and main headframe looking east

# PUMPKIN HOLLOW UNDERGROUND SITE LOOKING WEST



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



## **OPEN PIT PFS HIGHLIGHTS**<sup>1</sup>

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)⁵
Mine life <sup>4</sup>	19 years production. 386Mt @ 0.50%CuEq (0.69%CuEq first 5 yrs)
Cu Recoveries	North Pit 90% South Pit 88%
EBITDA⁵	\$252M per annum life of mine average (excluding ramp-up)
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 - a Tier One financing partner – to complete the underground mine

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

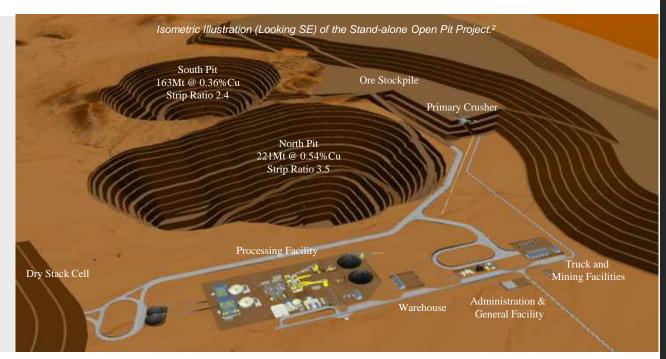
(4) Cu-eq. calculated using prices with process recoveries based on pit location: Cu \$3.20/lb with 90% to North ore and 88% to South ore; Au \$1,325/Oz & 67.3% for both North and South ore; and Ag \$20.01/Oz & 56.3% for both North and South.
(5) EBITA and AISC are Non-IFRS measures. For more information 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:

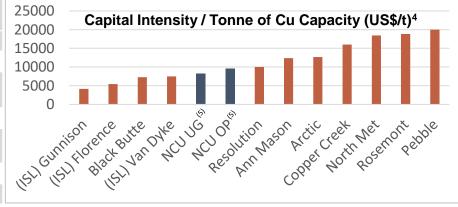
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## **Conventional truck-and-shovel**

- 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	Expansion	Sustaining	LoM Capital	2
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	1
Mining	128 <sup>2</sup>	106	291	525	1
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	
based on 37 kstpd mill leed period of copper production, after ramp-up					



2 Includes pre-production mobile equipment leasing cost

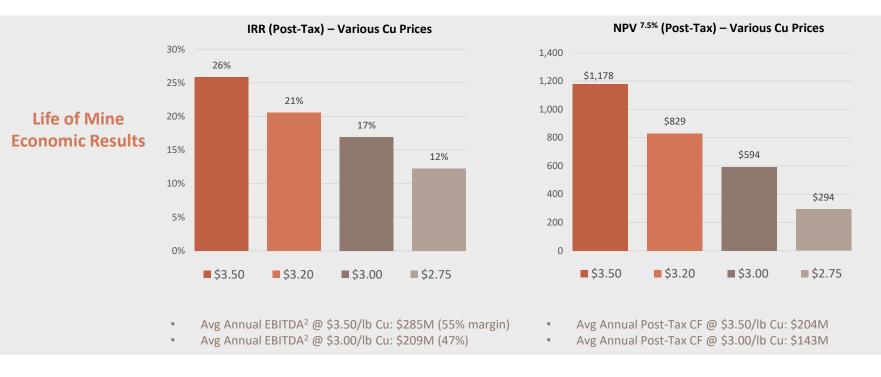
3 Includes concentrate handling offsite and bond for external power construction

4 Source: Global Mining Research

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# **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 <sup>7.5%</sup> of \$643M and a 19% IRR

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# **DEMONSTRATED SCOPE FOR PIT DEPOSIT EXPANSION<sup>1</sup>**

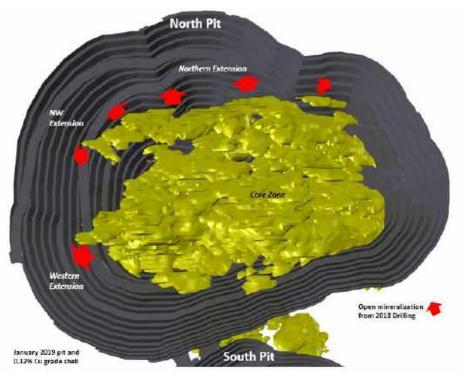
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### Recent Drilling (2018 summer program)

- ✓ 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 Cu)
- 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

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

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## Potential combined economics of standalone underground (production start Q4, 2019) and standalone open pit

- ✓ Combined IRR of 24% pre-tax (22% post-tax)
- ✓ Combined NPV 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 have potential to increase reserves



(1) Economic input assumptions draw from the details provided throughout the Technical Report for each stand-alone underground and open pit component of the property. Timeline for underground with production commencing by the of end 2019 and the open pit construction starting in 2021 with production ramping up in 2023. The results are based from a combination or 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.

(2) 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.

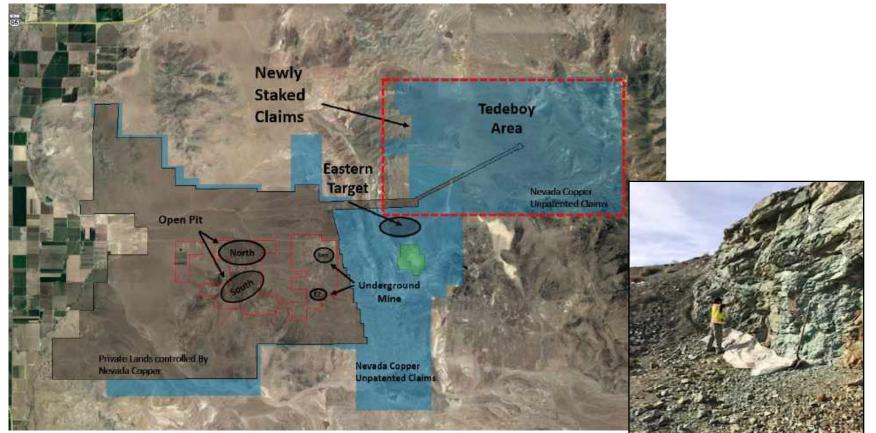
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# 2019 EXPLORATION PROGRAM: NEW GROUND

# **Newly-Staked Land Exploration**

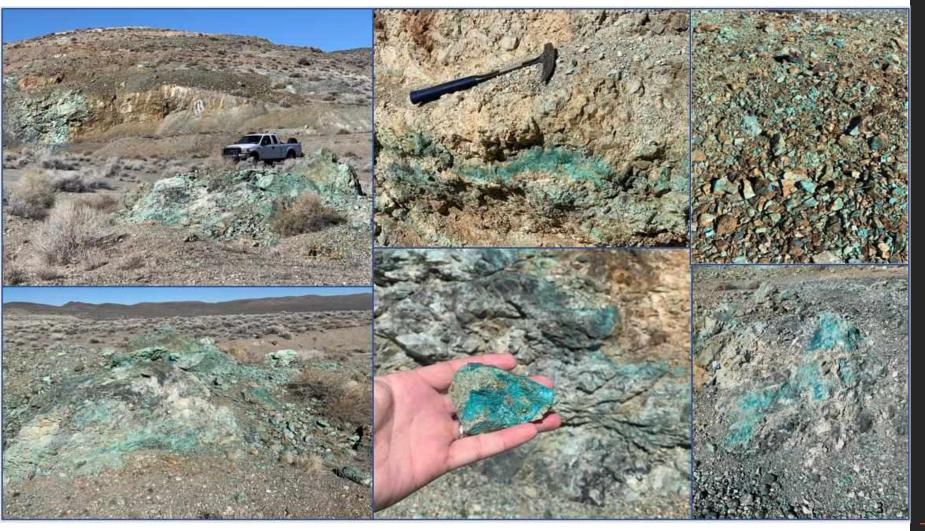
Drill test high-priority areas including Tedeboy and East targets

- Mapping, sampling, airborne geophysics
- Drill test Tedeboy target
- Drill test East target



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# EXPLORATION: NEW GROUND – SURFACE OUTCROPS



# **2019 EXPLORATION PROGRAM: OPEN PIT ADVANCEMENT**

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#### **Open Pit Exploration**

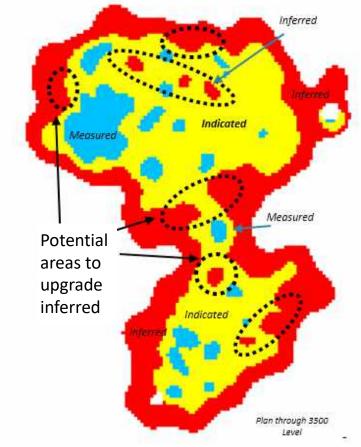
Drill test open extensions to the Open Pit ore body and follow up on 2018 results

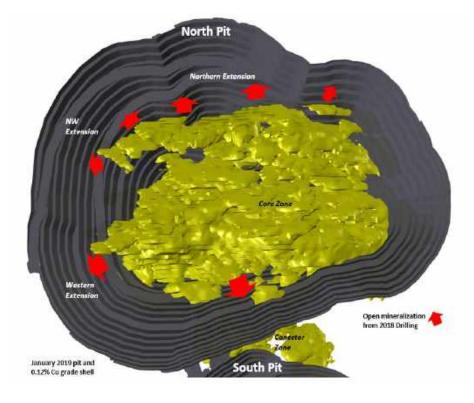
- Drill test the new, shallow mineralization in the Northern & NW Extension areas,
- Drill test a possible offset of mineralization west of the open pit
- Drill test the connector zone between the north and south pits

#### **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)
- 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



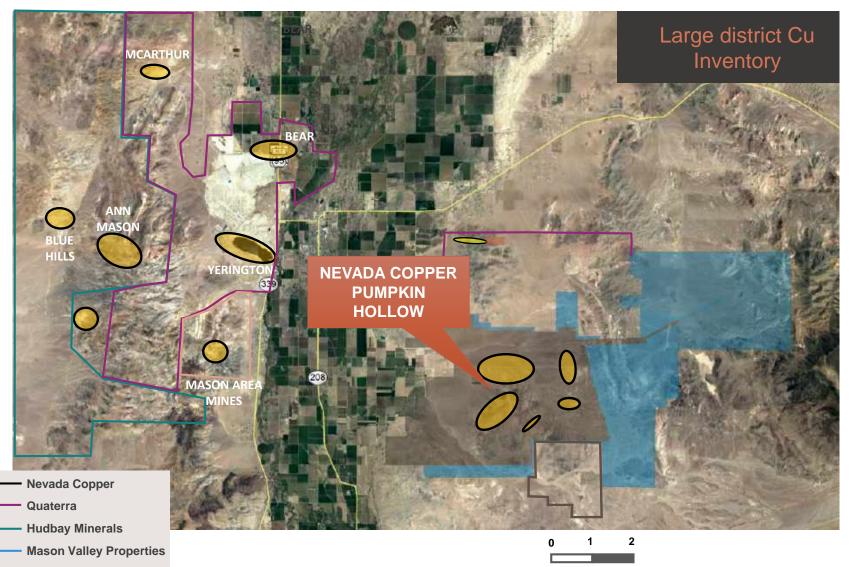


# FIRST MOVER ADVANTAGE IN A REGION WITH MAJOR POTENTIAL

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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

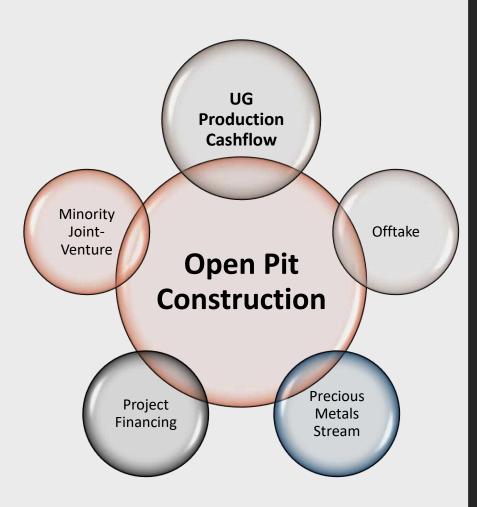


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# **POTENTIAL OPEN PIT FUNDING OPTIONS**<sup>1</sup>

## **Open Pit Funding Options**

- ✓ Partial use of underground production cashflows
- Project debt financing akin to that in place for the underground project
- ✓ Concentrate off-take and pre-pay agreement
- ✓ Asset Level Partnership Options
  - ✓ Stream arrangement or
  - ✓ Joint-venture



# ANALYST COVERAGE



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# **APPENDIX - CURRENT PROJECT FINANCING SUMMARY**

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## ROBUST AND FLEXIBLE BALANCE SHEET

# US\$115 MILLION<sup>1</sup>

KfW IPEX-Bank project financing facility in place:

9-year term

Back-weighted amortization schedule with low early repayment

US\$25.5 MILLION<sup>2</sup> Cash and cash equivalents

## CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PACKAGE

US\$26.4 MILLION<sup>1</sup> Cost overrun facility

US\$35 MILLION<sup>1</sup> Working capital facility

US\$70 MILLION<sup>1</sup> Stream facility

## ATTRACTIVE, LONG-TERM PROJECT FINANCE FACILITY

Project finance senior debt facility supported by loan guarantee issued by the Federal Republic of Germany through Euler Hermes

Significantly reduces cost of capital

Brings in a potential partner for the future development of the Open Pit

Amends previous restrictions on distributions, allowing for, subject to certain conditions, free excess cash flow to be utilized in Open Pit development, exploration and payment of dividends



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