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# DEVELOPING CANADA'S PREMIER COPPER-GOLD MINE

**Corporate Presentation May 2023** 

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TRADING	Toronto Stock Exchange, NYSE American	WRN	TOP SHAREHOLDERS	Rio Tinto Canada	7.8%
CASH POSITION	Cash & Short-Term Investments + Strategic Investments*	C\$43.2 M	March 2023 (*pro-forma)	Mitsubishi Materials	5.0%
Mar 31, 2023 (*pro-forma)	Short/Long Term Debt	\$Nil		Fidelity Management & Research Co. LLC	4.9%
SHARE				Board and Senior Management	4.3%
STRUCTURE April 26, 2023	Share Price	C\$2.37		Franklin Advisers, Inc.	2.9%
April 20, 2020	Market Cap	C\$359 M		Claret Asset Management Corp.	2.3%
	Issued and Outstanding	161,827,796		Claret Asset Management Corp.	2.070
	(Basic)			Kopernik Global Investors, LLC	2.2%
	Warrants	1,500,000	ROYALTY		
	Fully Diluted	171,016,547	(Osisko Gold Royalties)	Net Smelter Return (NSR)	2.75%

\*Note: See further detail in press release Mar 24, 2023 and Apr 11, 2023, filed on <u>www.SEDAR.com</u>. Mitsubishi Materials investment closed April 14, 2023, Rio Tinto Subscription closed May 1, 2023.

### WRN & CASINO COPPER-GOLD PROJECT



### **CLEAR INVESTMENT THESIS**

One of the largest copper-gold projects in Canada Located in the Yukon – emerging mining district New Feasibility Study shows robust economics and long life

A Standard

Strong copper market

#### **CONTINUING TO ADD VALUE**

- Significant resource expansion in 2020
- PEA released in 2021
- Feasibility Study released in 2022
- Strategic investments from Rio Tinto and MitsubishiPermitting work progressing









#### **RIO TINTO KEY RIGHTS\***

- Rio has the right to appoint:
  - A member to Casino Copper-Gold Technical Committee
  - A non-voting observer to attend all meetings of the board
  - One director of the Company, if Rio Tinto's ownership increases to at least 12.5%
  - Three secondees to the Casino Copper-Gold Project Key Rights expire November 2023\*

### **MITSUBISHI KEY RIGHTS\***

- Mitsubishi has the right to appoint:
  - A member to Casino Copper-Gold Technical and Sustainability Committee
  - One director of the Company, if Mitsubishi's ownership increases to at least 12.5%
  - Right of first negotiation to offtake

#### Key Rights expire March 2025\*

### WORKING WITH STRATEGIC PARTNERS



# RioTinto

- ✓ Drilling and Exploration program **complete**
- ✓ Metallurgical program **complete**
- ✓ Tailings facility review **complete**
- ✓ Feasibility Study review **complete**
- ✓ Permitting review **complete**
- Rio Tinto internal review **ongoing**



- Advanced Metallurgical program
- Drilling program
- Engineering review
- Project Execution plan
- Additional activities as agreed to

### THE WORLD NEEDS A LOT MORE COPPER



12 million tonnes

copper equal to

over 150 new

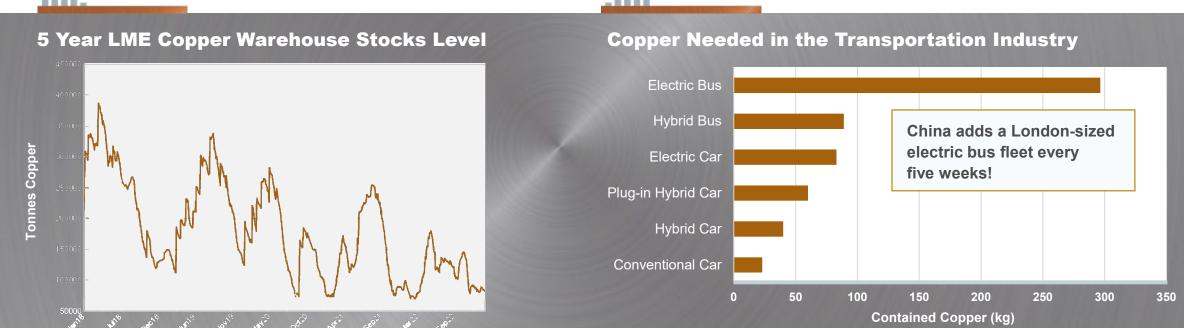
**Casino mines!** 



supply

- To keep global warming under 1.5 degrees, annual copper supply needs to grow by more than 12 Mt in the next 10 years – growth only 7 Mt in the past 20 years
- There are **limited copper projects** under development
- Copper inventories are at **lowest levels in a decade**

demand



US\$14/10 mory.

4%

SILVER

46%

COPPER

### CASINO COPPER-GOLD AN ATTRACTIVE COPPER/GOLD MINE

GOLD

Contained Metal Value Distribution in the M&I Mill Resource

### COPPER

7.6 Billion Ibs
M+I Resources
+3.1 Billion Ibs
Inferred Resources

14.8 Million oz
M+I Resources
+6.3 Million oz
Inferred Resources

17% MOLY





34%

GOLD

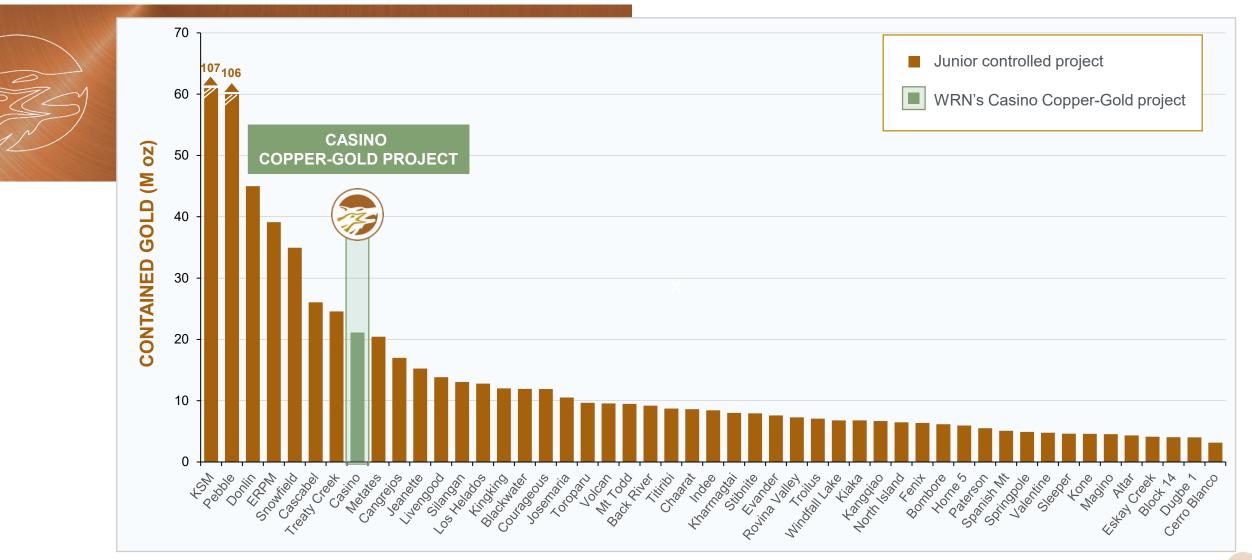
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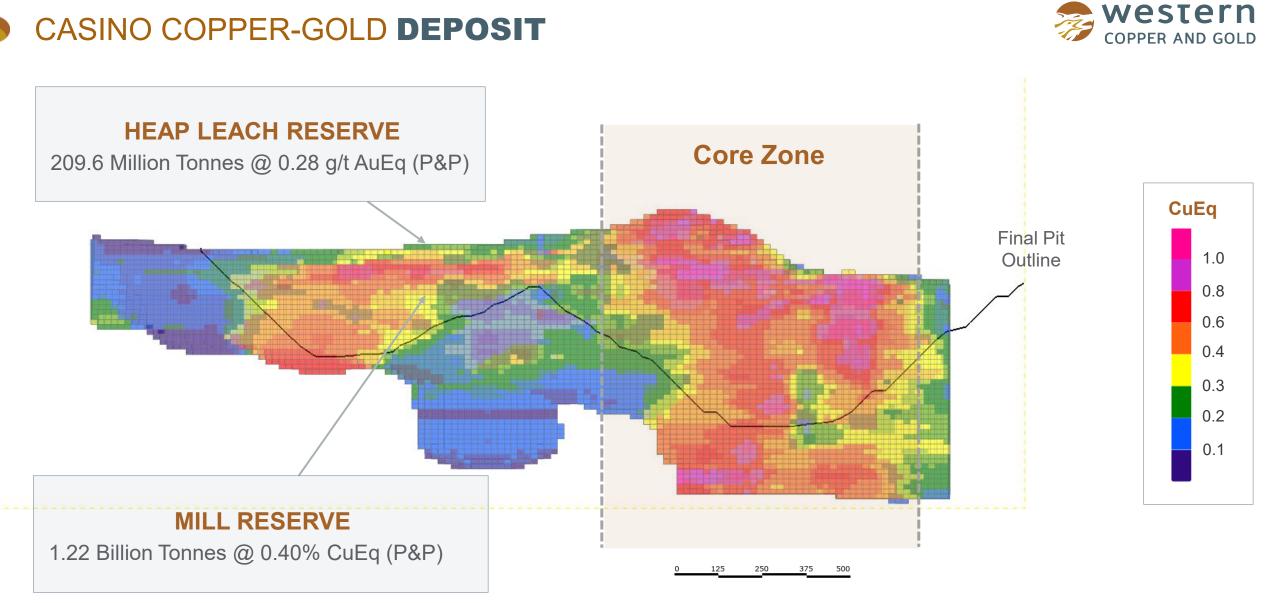














### CORE ZONE GRADES CONFIRMED BY DRILLING



#### Results confirmed or, in some cases, improved upon historical drilling

#### **Casino Copper-Gold Core Zone**

- 800 m X 500 m zone in the centre of the deposit
- Primarily breccia geology
- Grades significantly higher in this zone as compared to the overall resource grade

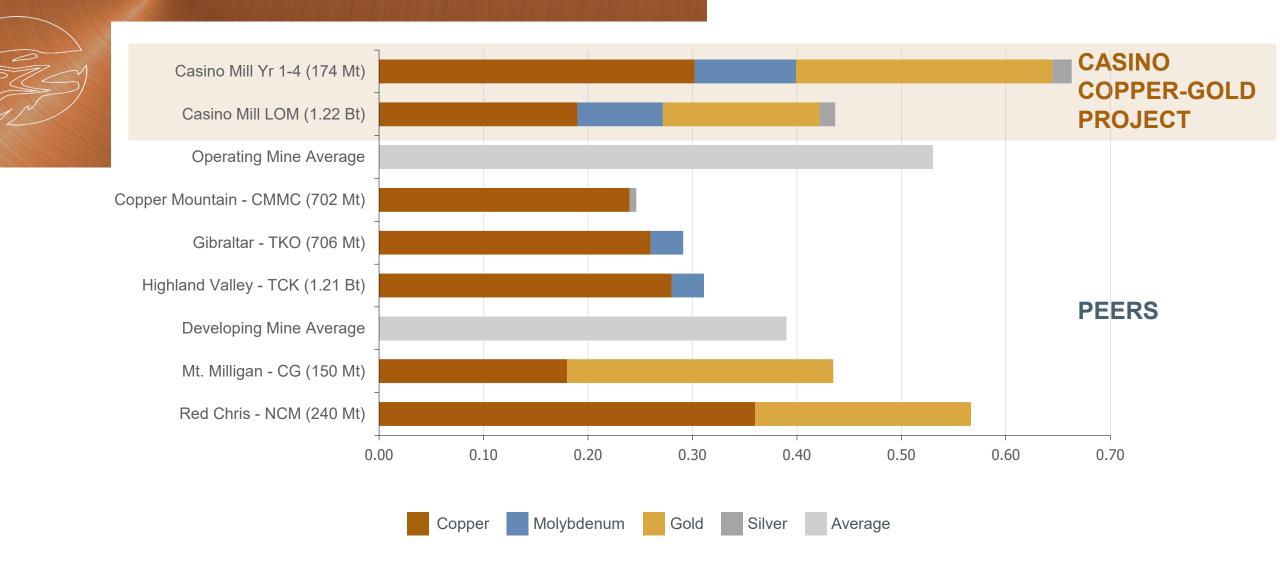
#### MINERAL RESOURCE - MILL MATERIAL BY NSR CUTOFF (C\$)

NSR Cog (\$/t)	Class	Mt	Copper (%)	Gold (g/t)	Moly (%)	Silver (g/t)	CuEq (%)
	Measured	144.9	0.30	0.38	0.024	2.1	0.64
6.11	Indicated	2,114.2	0.14	0.16	0.015	1.4	0.29
	M+I	2,259.0	0.15	0.18	0.016	1.4	0.31
30	Measured	102.3	0.35	0.46	0.029	2.3	0.77
	Indicated	328.2	0.26	0.29	0.030	2.2	0.52
	M+I	430.5	0.28	0.33	0.029	2.2	0.58









Note: See "Notes" in Appendix. Peers data based on mineral reserve estimates disclosed in such companies respective corporate websites or technical reports. All CuEq calculations based on US\$3.60/lb copper, US\$1,700/oz gold, US\$22/oz silver, and US\$14/lb moly with no consideration for metallurgical recovery. Mine averages, Mining Intelligence, May 2018

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# \$2.33 Billion

NPV AFTER-TAX (8%) 18.1%

IRR AFTER-TAX 0.43:1

STRIP RATIO

3 years

PAYBACK



### 27 years MINE LIFE – Mill operation

# \$10 Billion

LOM CASH FLOW AFTER-TAX



Metal Prices Cu US\$3.60/lb Au US\$1,700/oz Ag US\$22/oz Mo US\$14/lb

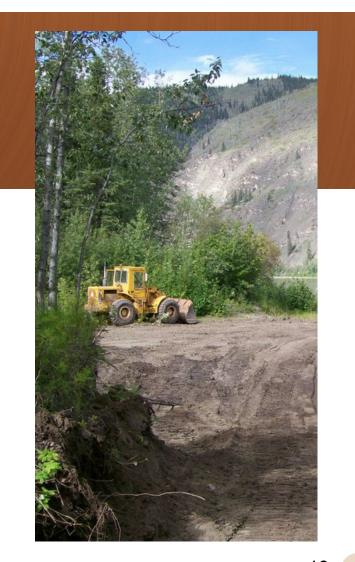
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### **ECONOMIC THROUGHOUT THE COMMODITY CYCLE**



ECONOMICS		BASE CASE	SPOT*
Copper	(US\$/lb)	3.60	3.90
Gold	(US\$/oz)	1,700	1,950
Molybdenum	(US\$/lb)	14.00	33.00
Silver	(US\$/oz)	22.00	25.00
Foreign Exchange	(US\$:C\$)	0.80	0.74
NPV @ 8% (after-tax)	(C\$ M)	2,334	5,690
IRR (100% equity) (after-tax)	(%)	18.1	28.1
Cash Flow (Y1-Y4) (after-tax)	(C\$ M/y)	951	1,390
Cash Flow (LOM) (after-tax)	(C\$ M/y)	517	909
PAYBACK	(years)	3.3	2.2



Note: Based on Casino Copper-Gold 2022 Feasibility Study. See "Notes" in Appendix. \*Note: Spot prices based on April 2023 prices. Exchange rate applied to commodity prices only.

### SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION FROM EARLY YEARS



			YEARS 1-4	LIFE OF MINE
AVERAGE	Cash Flow (Pre-tax)	(C\$ M)	1,033	662
ANNUAL CASH FLOW &	Cash Flow (After-tax)	(C\$ M)	951	517
COSTS	Net Smelter Return	(\$/t ore milled)	43.15	29.08
	Operating Cost	(\$/t ore milled)	d) 11.16	
AVERAGE	Copper	(Mlbs)	241	163
ANNUAL METAL PRODUCTION	Gold	(kozs)	333	211
	Silver	(kozs)	1,596	1,277
	Molybdenum	(Mlbs)	15.5	15.1
	Copper Equivalent	(MIbs)	468	329
	Gold Equivalent	(kozs)	992	697



### FEASIBILITY STUDY OPERATING CASH COSTS



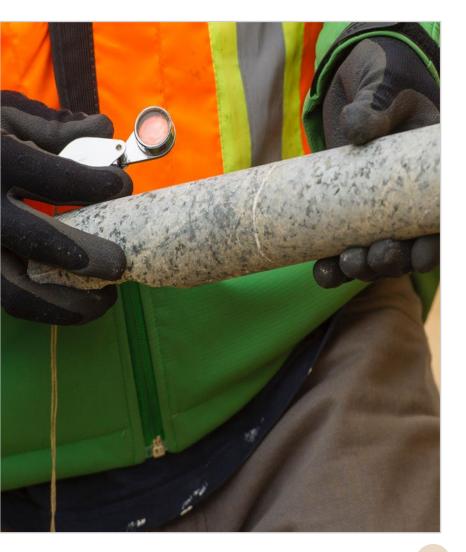
			BASE CASE
5)	BY- PRODUCT COSTS	Copper Cash Cost Net of By-Products (US\$/lb)	(0.80)
	CO- PRODUCT	Copper Cash Cost Co-Product (US\$/lb)	1.54
	COSTS	Gold Cash Cost Co-Product (US\$/oz)	799



### **FEASIBILITY STUDY CAPITAL COSTS**



PROJECTED CAPITAL	COSTS	C\$ Millions
PROCESS PLANT & INFRASTRUCTURE	Project Directs (including freight)	\$2,116
	Project Indirects	\$431
	Contingency	\$369
	Subtotal Process Plant and Infrastructure	\$2,916
MINE COSTS	Mine Equipment	\$433
	Mine Preproduction	\$228
	Subtotal Mine Costs	\$661
	Owners Costs	\$41
TOTAL	Total	C\$3,618
	Sustaining Capital	\$751
	Total Life of Mine Capital Costs	\$4,369



Note: Based on Casino Copper-Gold 2022 Feasibility Study at base case metal prices. See "Notes" in Appendix.





#### SOCIAL

Committed to health and safety and committed to the protection of cultural values

- Ongoing Engagement with Local **Communities and First Nations**
- 16+ Years of Operating Responsibly in the Yukon
- **Co-operation Agreements Signed** with Key First Nations

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Committed to exceeding best practices in protecting the environment

- Accepted the Robert E Leckie Award for outstanding Environmental stewardship
- Committed to MAC's Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) initiative

#### GOVERNANCE

**Committed to high ethical** standards and building long term value

- **Corporate Disclosure Policy**
- Safety, Health & Environmental Policy
- Whistleblower Policy
- Insider Trading Policy



### SUPPORTING

- Reconciliation
- Yukon First Nations cultural awareness Yukon-wide sport and culture
- Yukon-wide health care
- Yukon education and family literacy

- Yukon community food security
- Yukon-wide mental health support
- Industry association support



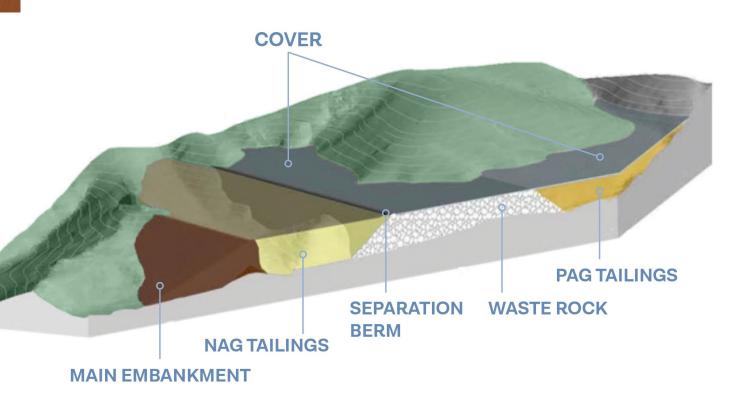
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### WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Tailings Facility Redesign Reduced Risk, Reduced Environmental Impact and Improved Safety

- Redesign incorporates the outcomes of the BATT study – a collaboration with First Nations, YESAB and Yukon government
- Substantial reduction in the quantity of freestanding water impounded during operations
- PAG tailings moved to the back of the facility protected by Waste Rock and Main Embankment

- Closure by rock/sand cover limiting the need for tailings "pond"
- Several other changes to the design to reduce construction risk





## **ACCESS ROAD FUNDING SECURED**



## C\$130 Million Funding

**GROWING NORTHERN** 

COMMUNITIES

DÉVELOPPER NOS

**COMMUNAUTÉS NORDI** 

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Former Yukon Premier Sandy Silver

### Committed from Governments for the Casino Copper-Gold Access Road

- Construction started early 2022
- Agreements reached with First Nations on key aspects of remaining road



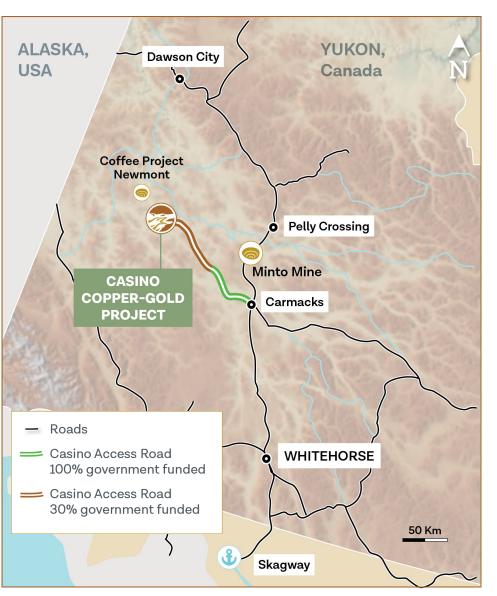


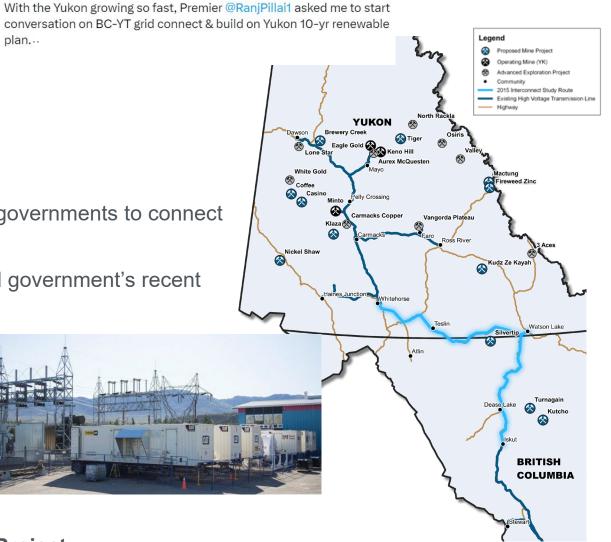
Photo: Pelly Construction

## DEVELOPMENTS ON POWER



Connecting Yukon's Power Grid Supporting Canada's future Green Economy

- Casino Base Case is to use an LNG power plant
- Discussions initiated in January with Yukon, BC and Federal governments to connect the BC and Yukon power grids
- Included in Yukon Minister Streicker's mandate letter, Federal government's recent budget included money to supply green energy from "coast to coast to coast"
- Interconnection would include 763 km of new line
- Yukon grid is beyond capacity, 22 rental diesel generators addressing shortfall
- Addition of the Casino Project would add 130 MW of load and help justify the connection
- Grid connection would be transformative for the Casino Project



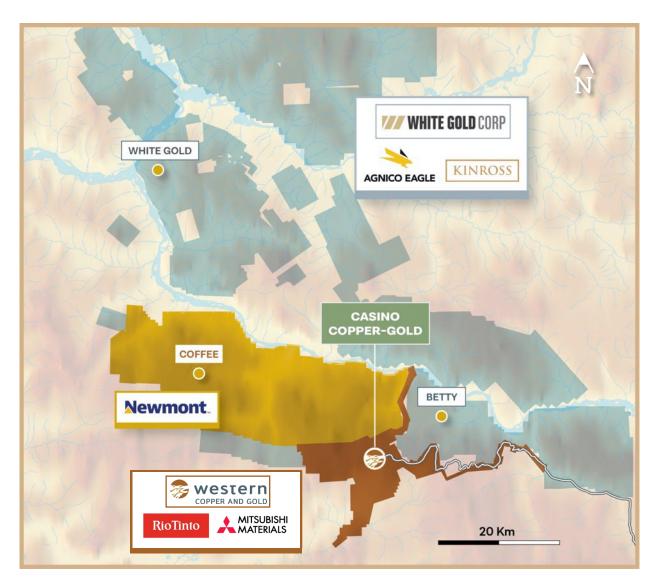
John Streicker (he/him/his) 📀 @JohnStreicker · Jan 21

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### **KEY ASSET IN AN EMERGING NEW DISTRICT**



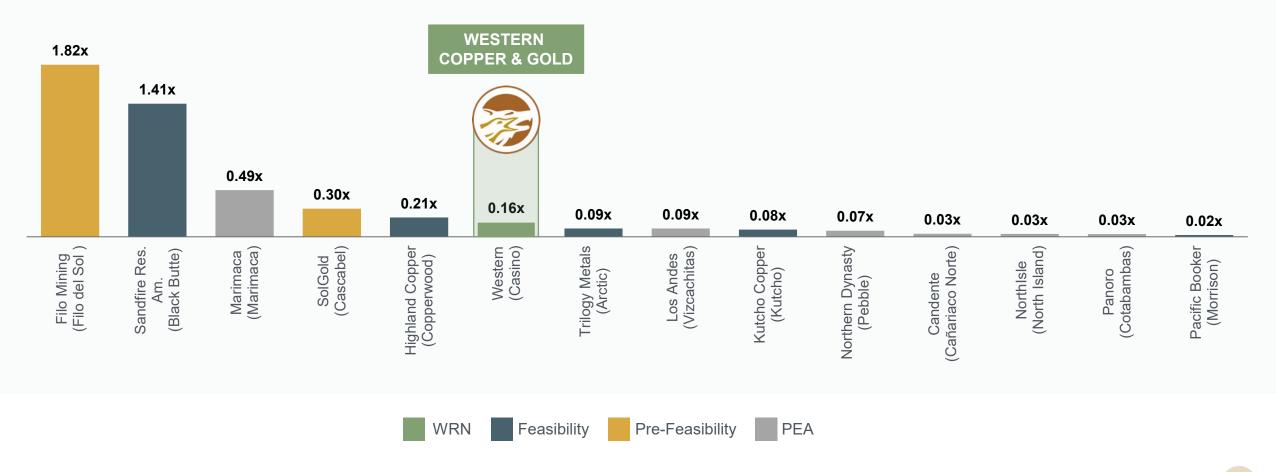


- Major miners in area Rio Tinto, Newmont, Agnico-Eagle, Kinross, and others
- ~ 30 million ounces of gold in district\*
- Significant **exploration upside**
- Government commitment to fund access to area
- Coffee project recently completed Environmental Assessment
- Community and First Nation support

### ENTERPRISE VALUE/PROJECT NPV (STUDY) BENCHMARKING (x)



• WRN trades at 0.16x NPV, a discount to its peers



### ENTERPRISE VALUE/COPPER EQUIVALENT RESOURCE BENCHMARKING (US¢/Ib CuEq)



 WRN is undervalued with greater growth opportunity compared to its peers



Source: RBC, Bloomberg, S&P Capital IQ and company disclosure as of April 14, 2023. Note: Copper equivalent resource calculated using \$3.50/lb Cu, \$8.50/lb Mo, \$0.85/lb Pb, \$1.10/lb Zn, \$8.00/lb Ni, \$35.00/lb Co, \$1,600/oz Au, \$21.50/oz Ag, \$1,100/oz Pd, and \$1,000/oz Pt.

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## PATH FORWARD AND INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS





Casino Copper and Gold Project already ticks many of the boxes

Upcoming

Catalysts

Significant copper and gold project Yukon – an emerging mining district Clear path to  $\checkmark$  unlock value

Continuing partnership with strategic investors in evaluation of Casino Submit EA proposal









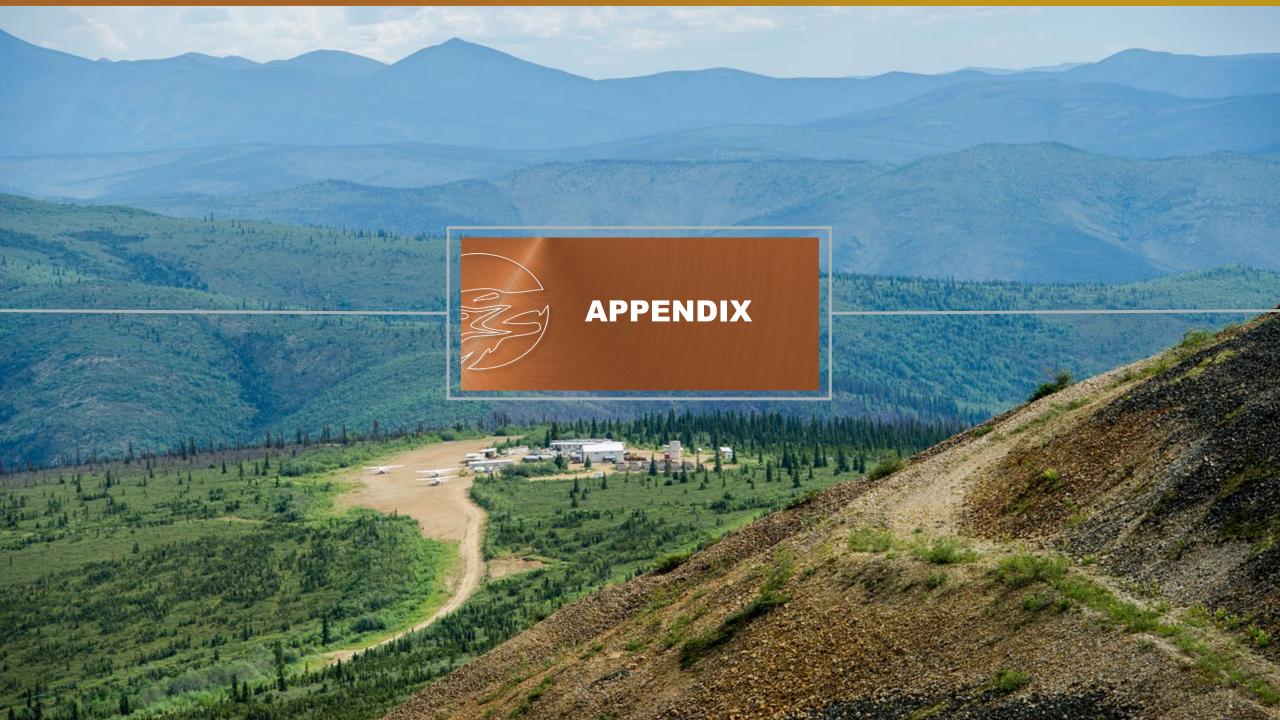
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## KEY MANAGEMENT TEAM WITH SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD 🐲



Ken Williamson, B.A.Sc., MBA, P.Eng Director & Interim Chairman

Former investment banker with a focus on capital markets and mergers and acquisitions. Extensive board experience.



Paul West-Sells, PhD President & CEO Metallurgical Engineer with significant management and metallurgical experience in increasingly senior roles with BHP, Placer Dome and Barrick.



Ken Engquist, B.Sc. COO 30 years leadership and development experience overseeing the de-risking and advancement of numerous mining projects from early-stage exploration through start-up and operation.

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COPPER AND GOLD



Varun Prasad, CPA, CGA CFO

Professional Accountant with extensive experience in financial reporting and regulatory matters and increasingly senior roles with WRN since 2011.



Cameron Brown, P.Eng VP Engineering Formerly Project Manager for Bechtel Engineering and Western Silver Corporation.

> **Shena Shaw** VP, Environmental & Community Affairs

Extensive experience in environmental consulting with a focus on responsible development of resource extraction through the environmental assessment and Indigenous engagement processes.





Ken Williamson, B.A.Sc., MBA, P.Eng Director & Interim Chairman

Former investment banker. Mr. Williamson has served on the boards of Eicon Technology Corporation, Glamis Gold Ltd., BioteQ Environmental Technologies Inc., Uranium One Inc., BlackRock Ventures Inc., Quadra FNX Mining Ltd., Tahoe Resources Inc. and Goldcorp Inc.

Tara Christie, B.A.Sc., M.A.Sc., P.Eng Director President and CEO of Banyan Gold Corp. Ms. Christie serves on the boards of Constantine Metal Resources Ltd and Klondike Gold Corp. and was the President of one of the Yukon's largest placer mining operations. Founding board member of YESAB. Michael Vitton, Director

Mr. Vitton is the former Executive Managing Director, Head, US Equity Sales, Bank of Montreal Capital Markets where he originated and placed more than USD \$200 billion through public and secondary offerings and M&A transactions across all sectors.

#### Bill Williams, Ph.D., CPG

Director

Economic geologist with expertise in company/project (e)valuations, M&A analyses, risk analysis, project management, and permitting strategies. Mr. Williams has served on the boards of Detour Gold Corporation, Zinc One Resources Inc. and Orvana Minerals Corp. Klaus Zeitler, Ph.D., Director Formerly Senior VP of Teck Cominco and founder and CEO of Inmet Mining Corporation. Currently Executive Chairman of Amerigo Resources Corp., Chairman and Director of Los Andes Copper Ltd., Chairman of Rio2Limited.



### SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE YUKON



**Economic Impact** of the development of Casino Copper-Gold on the Yukon and Canada

#### Over the Life of the Project, Casino is estimated to

- Contribute \$44.3 billion to Canada's GDP
- Create 132,280 full-time equivalent positions
- Generate \$12.8 billion in wages and salaries
- Generate \$11.2 billion in taxes and royalties to various governments

#### Each year Casino is estimated to

- Contribute \$1.3 billion to Yukon's economy
- Contribute \$1.5 billion to Canada's GDP through operation of the mine
- Creating 3,880 full-time equivalent positions
- Generate \$391 million in wages and salaries across Canada



### SHARE VS COPPER PRICE PERFORMANCE





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### **ECONOMIC THROUGHOUT THE COMMODITY CYCLE**



					COPP	ER PRICE	(\$US)			
			\$3.00	\$3.50	\$3.60	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$5.00	\$5.50	
		NPV 8% (C\$M)	\$866	\$1,437	\$1,551	\$2,006	\$2,571	\$3,136	\$3,701	
	\$1,300	IRR %	12.1%	14.5%	14.9%	16.7%	18.7%	20.7%	22.5%	
		Payback (yrs)	5.0	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.2	2.9	2.7	
		NPV 8% (C\$M)	\$1,261	\$1,831	\$1,944	\$2,396	\$2,961	\$3,526	\$4,091	A faster filler filler
	\$1,500	IRR %	13.8%	16.1%	16.5%	18.2%	20.2%	22.1%	23.9%	1.310.315.113.45
		Payback (yrs)	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.6	
(SN\$)		NPV 8% (C\$M)	\$1,655	\$2,221	\$2,334	\$2,786	\$3,351	\$3,917	\$4,481	BASE CASE
	\$1,700	IRR %	15.5%	17.7%	18.1%	19.7%	21.6%	23.5%	25.2%	PRICES
PRICE		Payback (yrs)	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.4	
<b>X</b>		NPV 8% (C\$M)	\$1,949	\$2,514	\$2,627	\$3,079	\$3,644	\$4,209	\$4,772	
	\$1,850	IRR %	16.7%	18.8%	19.2%	20.8%	22.7%	24.5%	26.2%	
GOLD		Payback (yrs)	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.3	
6		NPV 8% (C\$M)	\$2,339	\$2,904	\$3,017	\$3,469	\$4,034	\$4,597	\$5,159	
	\$2,050	IRR %	18.3%	20.3%	20.7%	22.2%	24.0%	25.8%	27.5%	
		Payback (yrs)	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	
		NPV 8% (C\$M)	\$2,632	\$3,197	\$3,310	\$3,762	\$4,326	\$4,888	\$5,450	
	\$2,200	IRR %	19.4%	21.4%	21.8%	23.3%	25.1%	26.8%	28.4%	
		Payback (yrs)	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	

Note: Based on Casino Copper-Gold 2022 Feasibility Study. See "Notes" in Appendix. Base case metal prices used for commodities not listed. Exchange Rate 0.80\$US. NPV and IRR after tax.





• 1917:	First known record of mineral claim
• 1930's:	Discovery of silver-lead veins
• 1965-1980:	370 tonnes of hand-cobbed lead/silver ore sent to Trail, BC
• 1967:	ID of Cu porphyry potential Brameda, Quintana & Teck diamond drill 12,300 m +RC drill 5,200 m
• 1991:	Archer, Cathro and Associates diamond drill ~5,200 m
• 1992 -1995:	Pacific Sentinel Gold Corp. acquire property. Extensive program, including 73,000 m of diamond drilling, environmental & metallurgical studies, etc. Internal scoping study produced.
<b>• 2004</b> :	Lumina Resources Corporation issues NI 43-101 compliant resource
<b>2006</b> :	Western Copper acquires Lumina Resources Corporation
<b>2008</b> :	Initial pre-feasibility study issued
<b>2009-2010</b> :	Exploration program including 26,000 m of diamond drilling, new resource issued
<b>2011</b> :	New pre-feasibility study issued
<b>2013</b> :	Feasibility Study issued
<b>0</b> 2014:	YESAB application filed
<b>2016</b> :	Elevated to a YESAB Panel review
<b>2018</b> :	BATT Study Completed
<b>2019</b> :	Acquisition of Canadian Creek property, completion of ~15,000 meter infill drill program
<b>0</b> 2020:	~12,000 meter drill program to further explore new targets, new resource issued
<b>0</b> 2021:	PEA issued, Rio Tinto brought on as strategic investor
• 2022:	Feasibility Study issued
<b>0</b> 2023:	Mitsubishi brought on as strategic investor



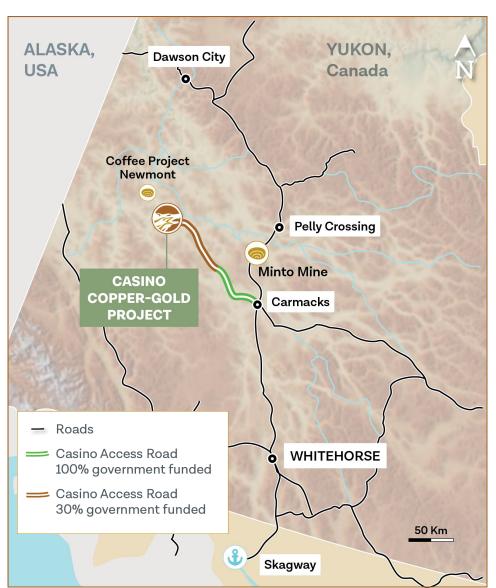


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Mining:	Independent Mining Consultants, Inc.
Metallurgical:	ALS Metallurgical, International Metallurgical & Environmental, Arcadis (Chile)
<ul> <li>Access road:</li> </ul>	Associated Engineering
• Power:	Siemens
Permitting Lead:	Hemmera
<ul> <li>Owner's Team</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Paul West-Sells:</li> </ul>	President & Chief Executive Officer
<ul> <li>Ken Engquist:</li> </ul>	Chief Operating Officer
Cam Brown:	VP Engineering
<ul> <li>Shena Shaw:</li> </ul>	VP Environmental & Community Affairs
Chandni Kher:	Director, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs
<ul> <li>Jay Corman:</li> </ul>	Manager, Special Projects
Heather Brown:	Consulting Geologist
Jeff Austin:	Consulting Metallurgist



# CASINO COPPER-GOLD PROJECT EXCELLENT LOCATION

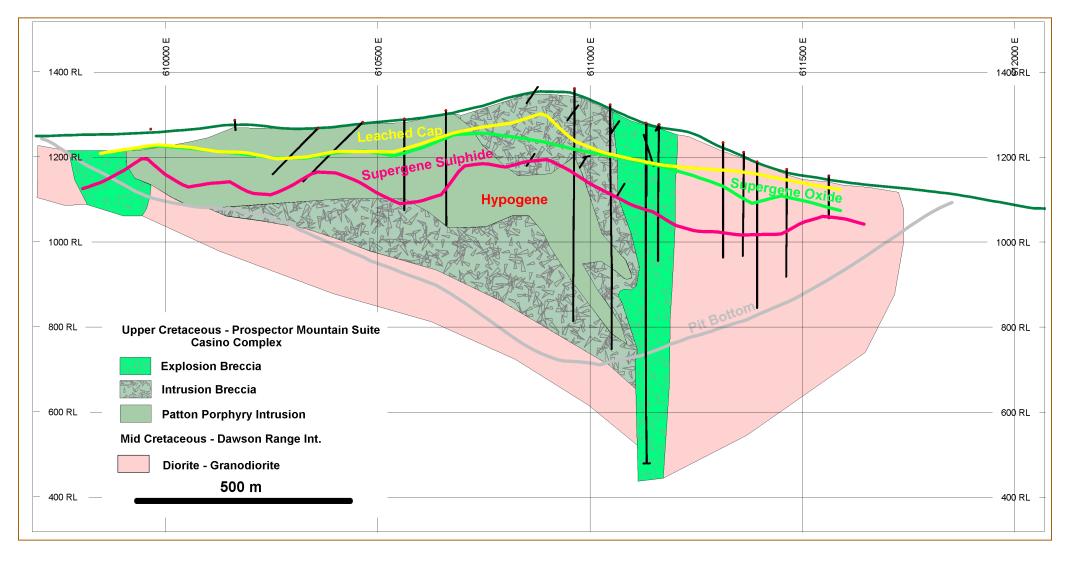
- Yukon, Canada Low political risk
- Population 40,000
- Casino project is located 380 km from Whitehorse, Yukon
- 560 km from year-round port at Skagway, Alaska
- Mine and mill are in Selkirk First Nation Traditional Territory – same territory as the Minto mine
- Other First Nations affected by Project:
  - Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation
  - Tr'ondëk Hwëchin
  - White River First Nation
  - Kluane First Nation



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# MINING

- Pit designs for five mining phases were developed to produce 45.4 M tonnes per year of mill feed ore
- Mill material is limited to approximately 1.2 billion tonnes due to TMF capacity
- The pits were designed with 40 m wide ramps, 20 m benches. 45 degree overall pit slope angles for most of the pit with some areas at 42 degrees.
- Komatsu 980E or similar haul trucks (370 tonne class)
- Floating cone based on US\$1.75/lb copper, US\$835/oz gold – very low prices as pit is constrained by TMF capacity.
- Pit is electrified to power shovels and drills
- Strip ratio: 0.43:1 LOM





### CASINO COPPER-GOLD PROJECT PROCESSING



## • Milling

- Throughput: average LOM 120,000 tonnes per day
- Grinding Circuit: 40 ft SAG Mill (29 MW) + 2 x 28 ft Ball Mills (22 MW each)
- Medium soft ore: BWi 14.5 kWh/t, 200 µm primary grind

## Flotation

- Conventional copper/moly circuit
- Recoveries: Copper 86%, Gold 67%, Moly 71%, Silver 53%
- Sulfide removal circuit to produce suitable tailings for dam construction

# • Heap Leach

- Conventional crush/conveyer stack valley fill heap leach
- 25,000 tonnes per day
- SART to remove copper from solution
- Recoveries: Gold 80%, Silver 26%, Copper 18%



# **EXCELLENT CONCENTRATE QUALITY**



	ELEMENT	AVG VALUE	UNIT		ELEMENT	AVG VALUE	UNIT
	Copper	28	%		Molybdenum	57.4	%
	Gold	25	g/t	ш	Copper	0.39	%
Ë	Silver	120	g/t	CONCENTRATE	Rhenium	133.5	g/t
CONCENTRATE	Molybdenum	0.05	%		Iron	0.8	%
U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U	Iron	26	%	ONO	Sulphur	37.9	%
NO	Sulphur	36	%				
	Arsenic	200	g/t	I N	Arsenic	1,659	g/t
COPPER	Antimony	250	g/t	3DE	Antimony	100	g/t
CO	Mercury	1	g/t	MOLYBDENUM	Mercury	<1	g/t
	Cadmium	40	g/t	<b>N</b>	Cadmium	3	g/t
	Fluorine	100	g/t		Fluorine	ND	g/t
	Silica	2	%		Silica	1.74	%

Note: based on Casino Copper-Gold 2022 FS, see "Notes" in Appendix.



# **INFASTRUCTURE ROADS**

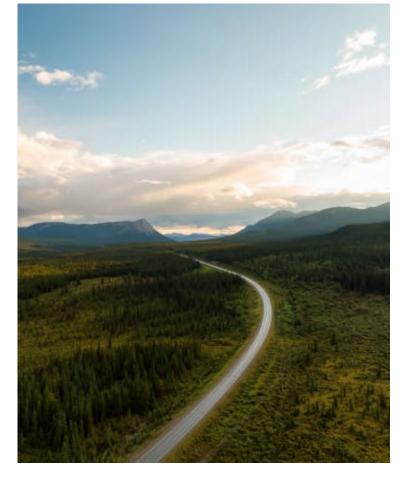


# **Straight-Forward Road Access**

- All roads are well maintained and used year-round
  - 380 km from Whitehorse
  - 560 km from Skagway, Alaska (concentrate load-out facility)
    - 358 km existing major highway
    - 70 km existing road to be upgraded by Yukon Government
    - 132 km new all-weather road will be built, subsidized by government
- Majority of the route the same as used by the Minto Mine

## • Low traffic volume

- Current peak daily volume for all vehicles along route (at Carcross North)
   = 886 vehicles /day (40 per hr)
- The Casino project would add 20 concentrate trucks a day to this route
   = only 2.5% total daily increase in traffic



#### Note: Based on Casino Copper-Gold 2022 FS. See "Notes" in Appendix.

### CASINO COPPER-GOLD PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE POWER & PORT

### • Power

- Power to be supplied by 3 gas turbine generators & 1 steam turbine generator for a combined installed capacity of > 200 MW
- Fuel LNG trucked from Ft. Nelson
- MOU signed with Ferus Natural Gas Fuels Inc. to supply LNG
- City of Whitehorse currently powered by LNG

### Port of Skagway

- Draft MOU developed with Alaska Government (AIDEA) with concept that they would build additional storage capability and lease it to Casino Copper-Gold
- Facility currently ships Minto mine's copper concentrate
- Port in the past has shipped ore in greater amounts than planned for Casino Copper-Gold
- Port is 560 km from Casino Copper-Gold











# **CURRENT FEASIBILITY STUDY INCLUDES COST INFLATION**

### Notable changes from the PEA:

- Heap Leach Operation
  - Gold recovery from the heap leach **increased to 80%** by crushing the ore going to the heap leach to a p80 of 16 mm.
  - **20% greater gold recovery** through the heap leach circuit due to recovery increase and minor changes in grades and tonnage reporting to the heap leach pad
- Milling Operation
  - 4.4% greater metal production due to minor changes to the grades and tonnage treated through the mill
- Cost Escalation
  - Cost increases to certain capital and operating cost inputs including
    - **40.3%** increase on diesel
    - Steel, reflected by a price increase in grinding media of **33.2%**



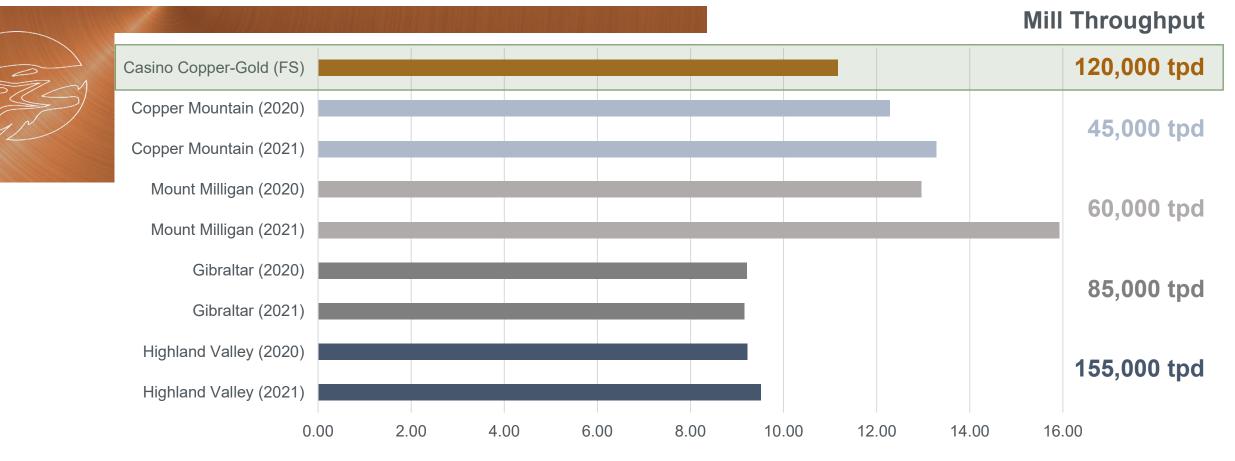
# FEASIBILITY STUDY OPERATING COST



2			LOM (C\$/TONNE)	
1	MILLING OPERATION	Milling	\$6.42	
		Mining	\$4.28	
		General & Administrative	\$0.46 <b>\$11.16</b>	
		Total		
	HEAP LEACH OPERATION	Heap Leach Operation	\$1.93	
		ADR/SART	\$4.80	
		Total	\$6.73	







### SITE OPERATING COSTS PER TONNE MILLED (C\$)



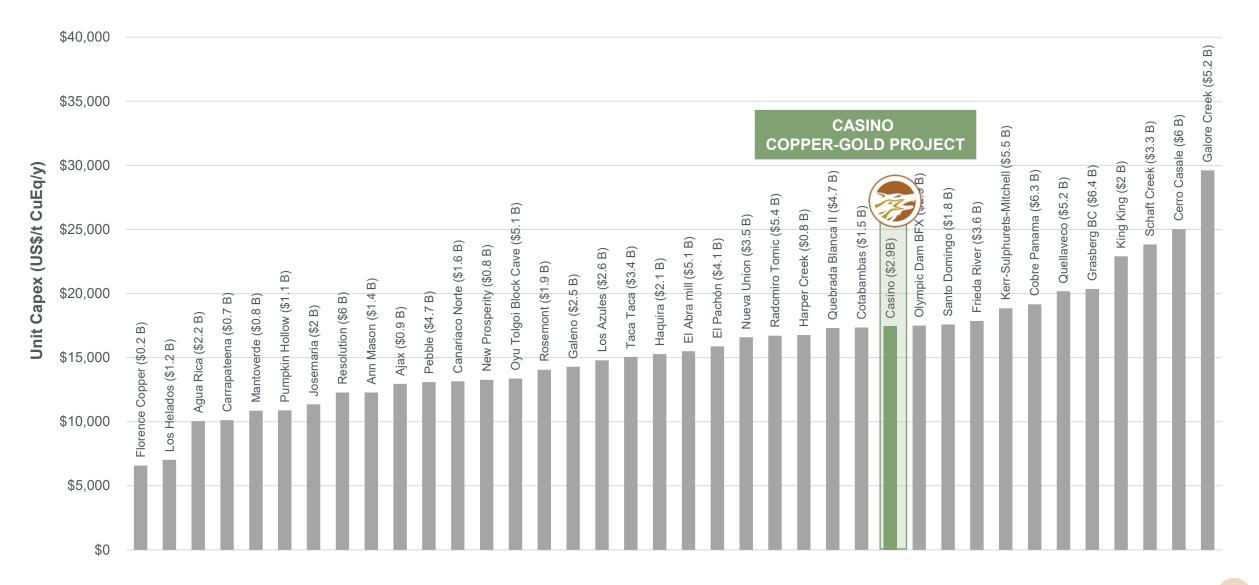
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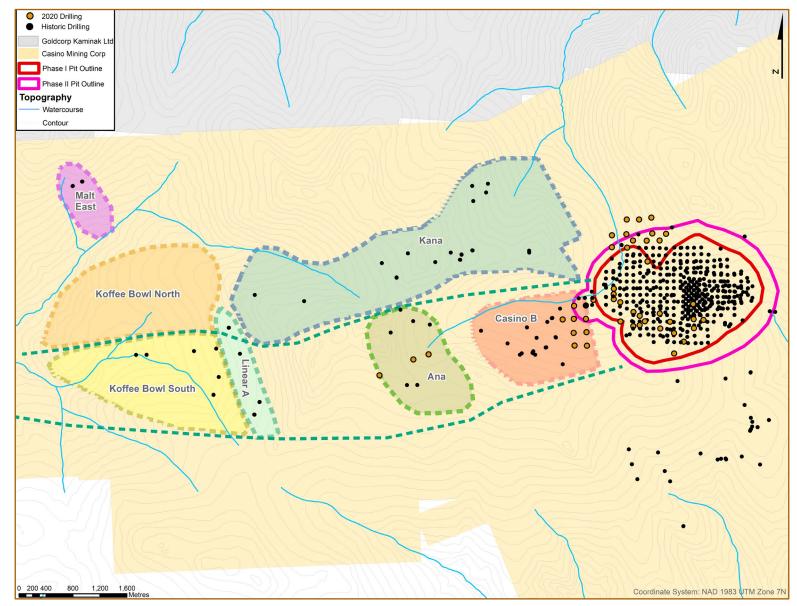












Note: See "Notes" in Appendix

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MILL RESOURCE (\$6.11/t NSR CUTOFF)												
Mt	NSR (C\$/t)	Copper (%)	Gold (g/t)	Moly (%)	Silver (g/t)	CuEq (%)	Copper (M lb)	Gold (M oz)	Moly (M Ib)	Silver (M oz)		
144.9	40.09	0.30	0.38	0.024	2.1	0.64	953	1.8	75.2	9.6		
2,114.2	20.34	0.14	0.16	0.015	1.4	0.29	6,493	11.1	716.0	93.5		
2,259.0	21.60	0.15	0.18	0.016	1.4	0.31	7,446	12.9	791.2	103.4		
1,371.5	15.41	0.10	0.14	0.009	1.1	0.21	3,029	6.1	286.0	50.		
HEAP LEACH RESOURCE (\$6.61/t NSR CUT-OFF)ClassMtNSR (C\$/t)Copper (%)Gold (g/t)Silver (g/t)AuEq (g/t)Copper (M lb)Gold (M oz)Silver (M oz)												
43.3				0.44	2.7			51.5	0.62	3.		
188.4	11.47			0.21					1.27	10.4		
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      6,493         11.1           2,259.0         21.60         0.15         0.18         0.016         1.4         0.31         7,446         12.9           1,371.5         15.41         0.10         0.14         0.009         1.1         0.21         3,029         6.1           Wt         NSR (C\$/t)         Copper (%)         Gold (g/t)         Silver (g/t)         AuEq (g/t)         Copper (M b)         Copper (M b)         Silver (M b)         AuEq (g/t)         Copper (M b)	Mt         NSR (C\$/t)         Copper (%)         Gold (g/t)         Moly (%)         Silver (g/t)         CuEq (%)         Copper (M lb)         Gold (M oz)         Moly (M lb)           144.9         40.09         0.30         0.38         0.024         2.1         0.64         953         1.8         75.2           2,114.2         20.34         0.14         0.16         0.015         1.4         0.29         6,493         11.1         716.0           2,259.0         21.60         0.15         0.18         0.016         1.4         0.31         7,446         12.9         791.2           1,371.5         15.41         0.10         0.14         0.009         1.1         0.21         3,029         6.1         286.0           Mt         NSR (C\$/t)         Copper (%)         Gold (g/t)         Silver (g/t)         AuEq (g/t)         Copper (M lb)         Gold (M oz)           43.3         23.79         0.05         0.44         2.7         0.47         51.5         0.62		

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TOTAL RESOURCE (MILL + HEAP LEACH)											
Class	Mt	NSR (C\$/t)	Copper (%)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Copper (M lb)	Gold (M oz)	Silver (M oz)			
Measured	188.2	36.34	0.24	0.40	2.2	1,005.0	2.4	13.3			
Indicated	2,302.6	19.61	0.13	0.17	1.4	6,638.1	12.4	103.9			
M+I	2,490.7	20.88	0.14	0.18	1.5	7,643.1	14.8	117.2			
Inferred	1,412.5	15.30	0.10	0.14	1.2	3,075.5	6.3	52.3			





MILL RESERVE											
Class	Mt	NSR (C\$/t)	Coppe (%)	r Gold (g/t)	Moly (%)	Silver (g/t)	CuEq (%)	Copper (M lb)	Gold (M oz)	Moly (M Ib)	Silver (M oz)
Proven	140.1	38.50	0.31	0.39	0.024	2.1	0.67	944	1.8	74.9	9.4
Probable	1,076.9	23.68	0.17	0.19	0.021	1.6	0.36	4,135	6.7	497.1	55.5
P+P	1,217.1	25.38	0.19	0.22	0.021	1.7	0.40	5,079	8.5	571.9	6.9
	HEAP LEACH RESERVE										
Class	Mt	NSR (C\$/t)	Gold (g/t)	Copper (%)	Moly (%)	Silver (g/t)	AuEq (g/t)	Gold (M oz)	Copper (M lb)	Moly (M lb)	Silver (M oz)
Proven	42.9	22.52	0.45	0.055	N/A	2.7	0.47	0.62	51.8	N/A	3.7
Probable	166.8	11.14	0.22	0.031	N/A	1.8	0.23	1.17	113.5	N/A	9.4
P+P	209.6	13.47	0.26	0.036	N/A	1.9	0.28	1.78	165.3	N/A	13.1



**NOTES** 



## "Casino Copper-Gold Feasibility Study"

- Technical report entitled "Casino Copper-Gold Project, Form 43-101 F1 Technical Report Feasibility Study" dated June 13, 2022, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.westerncopperandgold.com.
- Prepared by: Daniel Roth, P.Eng.; Laurie Tahija, MMSA-QP; Patrick Dugan, P.E.; Mike Hester, F Aus IMM; John M. Marek, P.Eng.; Carl Schulze, P.Geo.; Daniel Friedman, P.Eng; Scott Weston, P.Geo; each of whom is a qualified person pursuant to National Instrument 43-101 ("Qualified Person")
- Mineral Resources
  - The Mineral Resources have an effective date of 29 April 2022 and the estimate was prepared using the definitions in CIM Definition Standards (10 May 2014).
  - All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate and therefore numbers may not appear to add precisely.
  - Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
  - Mineral Resources for leach material are based on prices of US\$3.50/lb copper, US\$1,650/oz gold and US\$22/oz silver
  - Mineral Resources for mill material are based on prices of US\$3.50/lb copper, US\$1,650/oz gold, US\$22/oz silver, and US\$12.00/lb moly.
  - Mineral Resources are based on NSR cut-off of C\$6.61/t for leach material and C\$6.11/t for mill material.
  - NSR value for leach material is as follows:
    - NSR (C\$/t) = \$15.21 x copper (%) + \$50.51 x gold (g/t) + \$0.210 x silver (g/t), based on copper recovery of 18%, gold recovery of 80% and silver recovery of 26%.

- NSR value for hypogene sulphide mill material is:
  - NSR (C\$/t) = \$73.81 x copper (%) + \$41.16 x gold (g/t) + \$213.78 x moly (%) + 0.386 x silver (g/t), based on recoveries of 92.2% copper, 66% gold, 50% silver and 78.6% moly.
- NSR value for supergene mill material is:
  - NSR (C\$/t) = \$80.06 x recoverable copper (%) + \$43.03 x gold (g/t) + \$142.11 x moly (%) + 0.464 x silver (g/t), based on recoveries of 69% gold, 60% silver and 52.3% moly. Recoverable copper = 0.94 x (total copper soluble copper).
- Mineral Resources are reported in relation to a conceptual constraining pit shell in order to demonstrate reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction, as required by the definition of Mineral Resource in NI 43-101; mineralization lying outside of the pit shell is excluded from the Mineral Resource.
- AuEq and CuEq values are based on prices of US\$3.50/lb copper, US\$1,650/oz gold, US\$22/oz silver, and US\$12.00/lb moly, and account for all metal recoveries and smelting/refining charges.
- The NSR calculations also account for smelting and refining charges and payables.





## "Casino Copper-Gold Feasibility Study"

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  - The Mineral Reserve estimate has an effective date of June 13, 2022 and was prepared using the CIM Definition Standards (10 May 2014).
  - Columns may not sum exactly due to rounding.
  - Mineral Reserves are based on commodity prices of US\$3.25/lb Cu, US\$1,550/oz Au, US\$12.00/lb Mo, and US\$22.00/oz Ag.
  - Mineral Reserves amenable to milling are based on NSR cutoffs that vary by time period to balance mine and plant production capacities. They range from a low of \$6.11/t to a high of \$25.00/t.
  - NSR value for supergene (SOX and SUS) mill material is
    - NSR (C\$/t) = \$73.63 x recoverable copper (%) + \$40.41 x gold (g/t) + \$142.11 x moly (%) + 0.464 x silver (g/t), based on recoveries of 69% gold, 52.3% molybdenum and 60% silver. Recoverable copper = 0.94 x (total copper soluble copper).
  - NSR value for hypogene (HYP) mill material is
    - NSR (C\$/t) = \$67.88 x copper (%) + \$38.66 x gold (g/t) + \$213.78 x moly (%) + \$0.386 x silver (g/t), based on recoveries of 92.2% copper, 66% gold, 78.6% molybdenum and 50% silver.
  - Mineral Reserves amenable to heap leaching are based on an NSR cutoff of \$6.61/t.



- NSR value for leach material is
  - NSR (C\$/t) = \$14.05 x copper (%) + \$47.44 x gold (g/t) + \$0.210 x silver (g/t), based on recoveries of 18% copper, 80% gold and 26% silver.
- AuEq and CuEq values are based on prices of US\$ 3.25/lb Cu, US\$1,550/oz Au, US\$12.00/lb Mo, and US\$22.00/oz Ag, and account for all metal recoveries and smelting/refining charges.
- The NSR calculations also account for smelter/refinery treatment charges and payables.

### Other technical information in this presentation:

- Technical information regarding the Casino Copper-Gold Project contained in this presentation is based on the Casino Copper-Gold 2022 FS prepared by or under the supervision of the Qualified Persons noted previously.
- Copper equivalent calculations in this presentation, not associated with the Casino mineral resource or reserve, are based on: US\$3.60/lb copper; US\$1,700/oz gold; US\$14/lb molybdenum; and US\$22/oz silver with no accounting for metallurgical recovery.



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