

## **Forward Looking Statements**



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See Appendix for 43-101 Compliance Information



#### **Diversified Asset Base**

# Principal Operating Asset

**Development Projects** 

#### Gibraltar: Second largest open-pit copper mine in Canada



- Stake: 75% (unincorporated JV)
- Commodities: copper (primary), molybdenum (by-product) and silver (byproduct)
- 688 million tons P&P reserves at a grade of 0.28% Cu Eq as of December 31, 2016, with additional resources expected to convert to reserves
- Expected avg. annual production (LOM): 140 million lbs Cu & 2.5 million lbs Mo
- Mine life: 22 years



**VANCOUVER** 

#### Florence: Low-cost in-situ copper recovery project



- Stake: 100%
- Commodity: copper
- 345 million ton probable reserves at a grade of 0.36% Cu
- Projected annual capacity: 85 million lbs Cu
- Estimated production life: 21 years

#### Aley: Third largest niobium deposit in the world



- Stake: 100%
- Commodity: niobium
- 84 million tonne P&P reserves at 0.50% Nb2O5 (286 million tonne M&I resource at 0.37% Nb2O5)
- Projected avg. annual production (LOM): Option for 5 mm kgs Nb or 9 mmm kgs Nb
- Expected mine life: +24 years

#### New Prosperity: 10th largest copper-gold development project globally



- Commodity: copper (primary), gold (by-product)
- 831 million tonnes P&P reserves at a grade of 0.23% Cu and 0.41 g/t Au
- 1.0 billion tonne ore body (P&P reserves plus M&I resources)
  - 5.3 billion lbs of contained Cu and 13.3 million ounces of contained gold
- Expected mine life: 20+ years



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## **Gibraltar Copper Mine**

#### **Canada's Second Largest Open-Pit Copper Mine**

**Location:** 65 km north of Williams Lake, British Columbia

Ownership: 75%

3.3 billion pounds recoverable copper

Mineral
Reserves:
62 million pounds recoverable molybdenum

Reserves Update (Dec 2016: 688mm tons at 0.28% copper equivalent\*)

Mine Type: Open-pit, Copper-Moly Porphyry, average annual copper

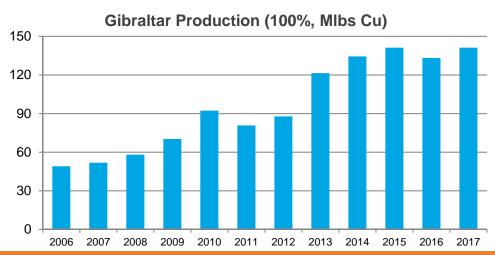
production (LOM) 140 million lbs & 2.5 million lbs moly

Mine Life: 22 years



#### **Project Highlights**

- 22 year mine life at a milling rate of 85,000 tpd
- LOM annual average ~140 Mlbs cu
- Operating at steady-state since 2014 after 6 years of expansion activities





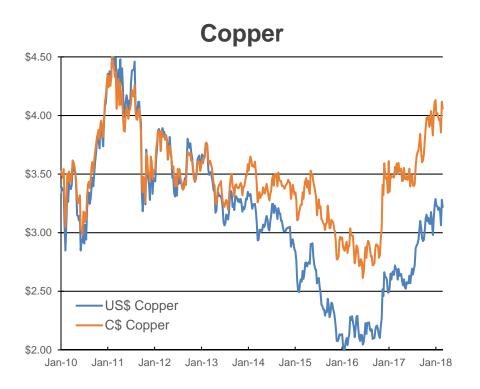
## **Operating Costs**

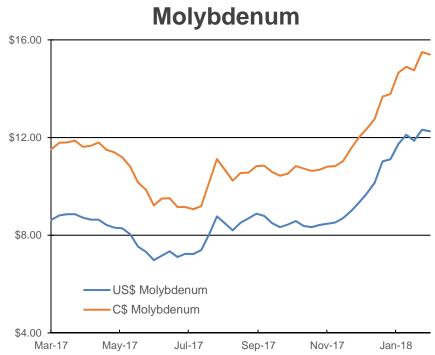
#### Focussed on Lower Cost per Ton Milled

- Cost per ton milled sustained at ~C\$10 per ton milled for past three years due to cost saving initiatives, including revised mine plan with lower strip ratio
- Comparable open pit mines in South America at \$15-20 per ton milled



## **Strengthening Metal Prices**





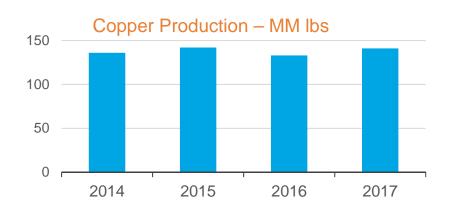
#### Significant benefit from weak Canadian dollar

- ~80% of operating costs are C\$ denominated
- Hedge against \$USD metal price volatility

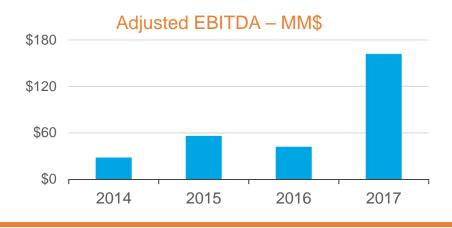
#### **Recent Results**

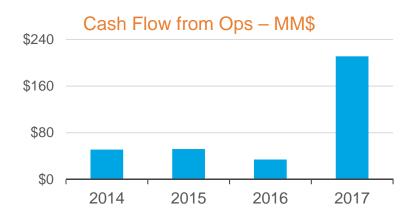
#### **Performance Over Last Four Years**

 Strong production performance and copper price recovery has resulted in excellent financial results in 2017









## Florence Copper

#### A Near Term, Low Cost Copper Producer

Location:	Central Arizona near the community of Florence	
Ownership:	100% (acquired in 2014 for US\$70 million)	
Mineral Reserves:	345 million tons grading 0.36% TCu (at a 0.05% total copper cutoff) containing 1.7 billion pounds of recoverable copper	
Mine Type:	In-situ copper recovery	
Mine Life:	21 years	



#### **Project Highlights**

- All major power, transportation, road and rail infrastructure in place
- All required permits for Phase 1 test facility have been issued
- Potential for commercial production in 2021
- Over US\$135 million spent on project by former owners Conoco, Magma and BHP Copper Inc. plus subsequent \$15 million spent by Taseko

## Florence Copper

#### **2017 Technical Study**

- In January 2017, Taseko announced the results of a two-year metallurgical test program as well as an optimization of the project well field development sequence
- The updated data was used to re-cost the project which resulted in a significant improvement in project economics

#### **Technical Study\* Highlights**

- Initial capital cost of US\$200 million
- Payback of capital 2.3 years (pre-tax)
- Operating cost of US\$1.10/pound LME Grade copper cathode
- Annual copper production capacity of 85 million pounds
- Total life of mine production in excess of 1.7 billion pounds of copper
- 21 year mine life

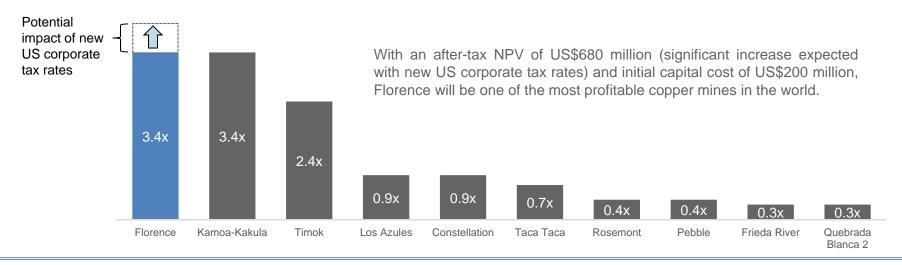
Net Present Value (NPV) Analysis*		
Copper price US\$/lb	NPV (7.5%) / IRR	
\$3.00	US\$920 Million / 44% - pre-tax US\$680 Million / 37% - after-tax**	

<sup>\*</sup>The NI 43-101 technical report documenting these results including tax implications and discussion was filed on www.sedar.com on February 28, 2017.

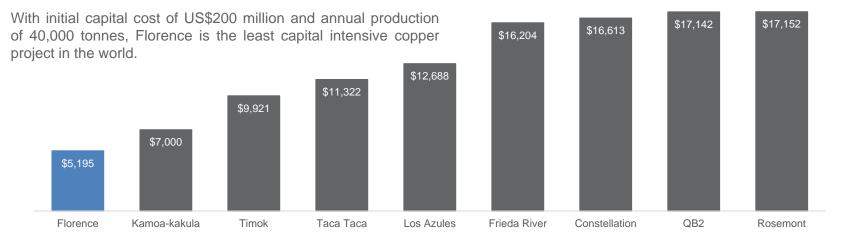


## Florence Copper

#### **Profitability** (NPV / Initial capex)



#### **Capex Intensity** (Initial capex / Production capacity)



## **In-Situ Copper Recovery (ISCR)**

### How does in-situ copper recovery work?

Injection and recovery wells are drilled deep into the bedrock where the oxide copper ore is



Wells are concrete encased and sealed to protect water quality



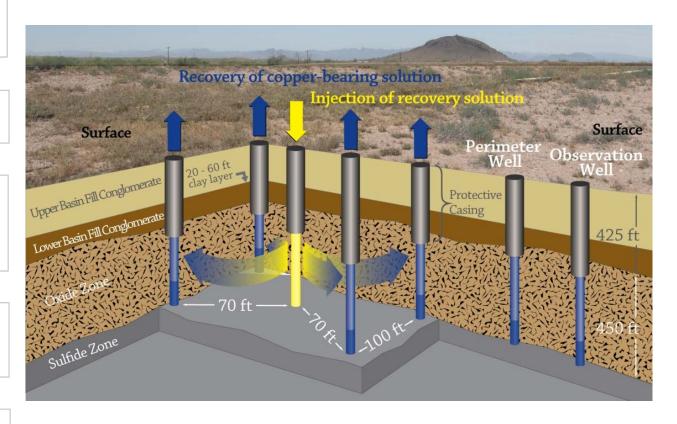
Highly diluted acid (99.5% water, 0.5% acid) is pumped under low pressure through the injection wells to dissolve the copper within the copper oxide zone



Copper rich solution is pumped to surface through recovery wells for processing into pure copper cathode sheets



Perimeter and observation wells are monitored continuously to ensure hydraulic control of fluids is maintained at all times and water quality is protected



## Florence Copper Project

#### **Project Development Plan**

- Final permits issued and Board approval for construction of Production Test Facility (PTF) in September 2017, with construction commencing in October.
- The PTF will mainly consist of a wellfield (24 wells in total: four injection wells, nine recovery wells, and 11 groundwater monitoring-related wells) and a small SX/EW plant.
- Operation of the PTF is intended to prove the ability to control the movement of fluid within the oxidized zone and also will provide valuable information for the operation of the full scale facility

#### **Project Timeline**

- PTF development & construction (underway) 2018
  - Commissioning of SX/EW expected to begin in third quarter
- 2018/19 PTF operation and permitting for commercial operation
- 2020 Construction of commercial facility estimated at 18 months
- 2021 Estimated commercial production



## **Positioned for Next Cycle**

#### Taseko is poised for growth with improving copper prices

- Copper fundamentals remain strong
  - Demand continues to grow, but where will the supply come from?
  - What is the incentive price for new mine supply?
- Gibraltar Mine operating at steady-state
  - Highly levered to improving copper prices (~140M lbs/year)
- Strengthened balance sheet
  - No maturities until 2022
- Florence Copper Project moving forward
  - Near-term, low cost production
  - Potential ~80% increase in Taseko copper production

## **Thank You**

