

The World's Most Sustainable Cobalt

Refining, Recycling & Mining

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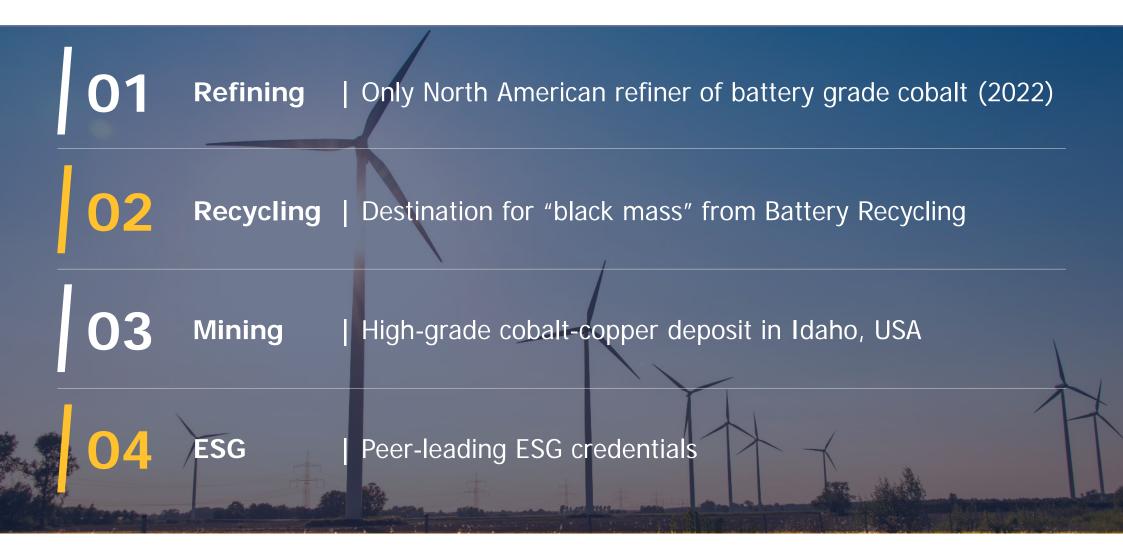
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INVESTMENT THESIS

World's Most Sustainable Supply of Cobalt





SHARE STRUCTURE

Covering Analysts



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SHARE PRICE (March 1, 2021)

C\$0.36

52 WEEK HIGH/LOW C\$0.43 C\$0.08

AVE. VOL/DAY (20-DAY)

5,500,000

MARKET CAP

C\$166M

WORKING CAPITAL (March 1, 2021)

C\$16M

462M

Basic

30.7M

\$0.37 ave. price

Warrants

14.9M

\$0.33 ave. price

Options



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ESG STRATEGY

Our strategy is to produce the world's most sustainable cobalt for the North American and European EV markets



Environmental Footprint¹

- **51%** lower CO₂ emissions
- 73% lower water consumption
- 30% lower eutrophication potential



Responsible Sourcing

- Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI)
- OECD Due Diligence Guidance
- **UN Guiding Principles for Business** and Human Rights



Societal Impact

- Removes ~650,000 combustion engines from the road every year
- CO₂ reduction of 3m tonnes/year



¹ Based on a life cycle assessment conducted by Minviro Ltd.





POWERING A BETTER PATH FORWARD



Photo: First Cobalt tree planting initiative (Ontario, Canada)











FIRST COBALT REFINERY

- Hydrometallurgical facility that operated from 1996 to 2015
- The only cobalt refinery in North America producing cobalt sulfate for EV market (H2 2022)
- US\$60M capex and 18 months to commissioning
- Strong interest from OEMs, metal traders and cobalt miners









>20.5% CoSO₄

Battery grade, high purity cobalt sulfate



5,000 tpa cobalt

25,000 tpa of cobalt sulfate product

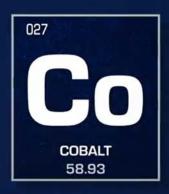


US\$78M

Replacement Value (Hatch Report, 2012)

FEASIBILITY STUDY Highlights





80% of cobalt sulfate is produced in China

There is no North American alternative - until now

Conventional flow sheet; brownfield expansion of 120-acre site

Annual production of 5,000 tonnes of cobalt (25,000t cobalt sulfate) representing ~5% of global market

Feed from KCC mine (Glencore) and Tenke mine (CMOC)

\$60 million capex and operating costs that are globally competitive

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Equity finance completed; debt finance nearing completion

SITE LAYOUT

Leverages existing infrastructure with new structures for crystallizer and solvent extraction

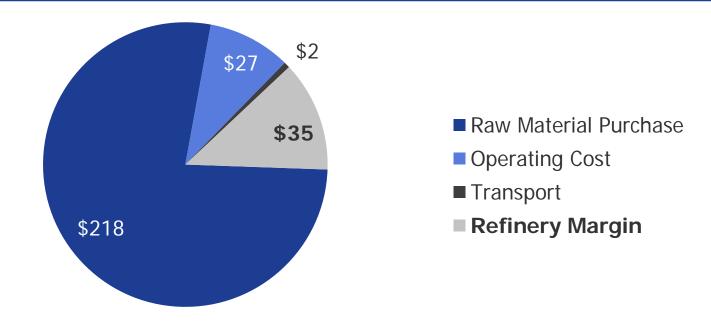


REFINERY **ECONOMICS**

Base case projects US\$35 million in annual pre-tax cash flow

Operating costs are globally competitive





Assumptions (US\$)

- 75% long-term cobalt hydroxide feed payability
- 97% refinery recovery
- \$25/lb long-term cobalt price

Sensitivity Table (US\$)

Cobalt Price	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35
Hydroxide Payability	70%	72.5%	75%	77.5%	80%
FCC Annual Margin	\$18	\$28	\$35	\$39	\$41





BATTERY RECYCLING







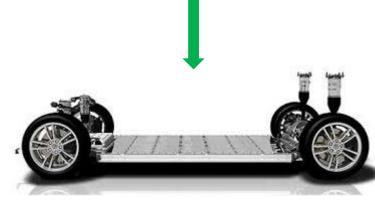
Production of "black mass" through mechanical process



Refining of black mass to produce battery grade nickel, cobalt, copper and other metals

Domestic Closed Loop Supply Chain

- 1.2 million tonnes of batteries will reach end of life in 2025, increasing to 3.5 million tonnes in 2030
- Hydrometallurgical refineries provide higher yields at a lower cost and at significantly lower energy intensity, compared to traditional smelting facilities
- First Cobalt's refinery is 100% powered by clean, hydroelectric power resulting in nearly zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Engineering study and test work underway (Q3 completion)



Recycled metals reintroduced into new battery cells, completing a closed-loop supply chain

CATALYSTS



Q4'20

\$10M Government Investment

Q1'21

- Feed Purchase Contracts
- Financing
- Procurement & Detailed Engineering
- Commence Battery Recycling Test Work

Q2'21

- Pre-construction Activities
- Permit Amendments Received

H2'21

- **Battery Recycling Study**
- Offtake Contracts

H2'22

- Commissioning
- Responsible Sourcing Certification















IRON CREEK, Idaho, USA

- 1. Flagship primary cobalt deposit with significant copper credits on patented land
- 2. 900m of strike extension and 350 depth from surface; remains open
- 3. Extensive infrastructure, including 3 adits with 600m of underground development
- 4. Stratabound cobalt and copper mineralization; true widths +30m; optimal for underground bulk mining

COBALT CAMP, Ontario, Canada

- Joint venture with Kuya Silver to advance assets, allowing First Cobalt to focus on refinery project
- 2. 50 historic mines across 10,000 hectares in a district that produced 600 Moz silver + 50 Mlbs cobalt
- 3. High-grade vein-style, native silver, mined at up to 185 oz/t Ag (5,200 g/t Ag)

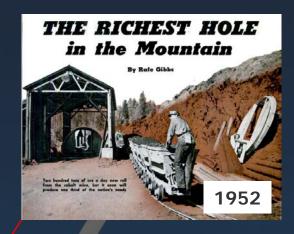


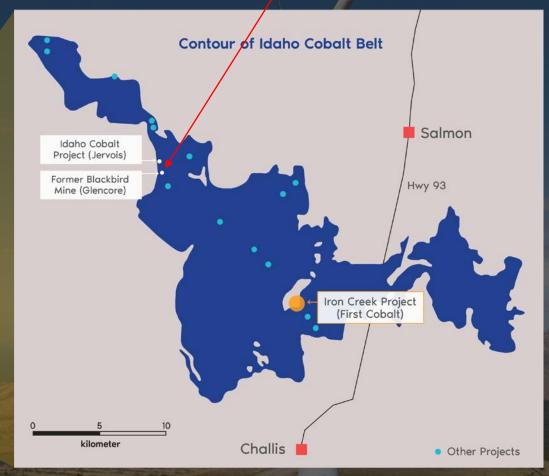
IDAHO COBALT BELT

Largest unmined cobalt resource in U.S.

- Primary cobalt deposits with copper byproduct
- Idaho has a long mining history, including silver and phosphate
- Includes former producing Blackbird Mine (1902-1968); supplied 50% US cobalt in 1954







IRON CREEK PROJECT

1946	Staked for iron
1967-72	Copper-cobalt exploration and underground development
1972-1974	Intermittent exploration drilling, surveys and metallurgical tests
1979-1983	Noranda resource estimation

Property

- Site restored by First Cobalt in 2017
- All season road access from State highway
- Infrastructure upgraded
 - > 3 existing adits for 600m of underground development, exposing mineralized zones (sampled in 2017)
 - Underground access for exploration drilling
 - Over 3km of surface drill road and pad construction



from town of Salmon & Challis in central Idaho

2,600 acres

7 mining patents surrounded by 126 claims

Adit #1 Entrance - 2016



Adit #1 Staging Area - 2018



GROWING HIGH-GRADE COBALT SUPPLY



Higher-grade Co and Cu zones to the east and west respectively remain open along strike and down-dip



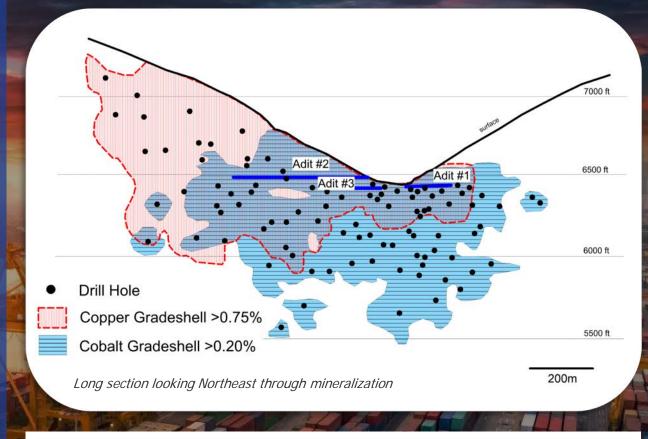
Mineralization is stratabound with true widths up to 30 metres thick



High property potential with other known surface mineralized zones



Metallurgical tests show conventional extraction methods applicable



Category	Tonnes	CoEq (%)	Cobalt (%)	Cobalt (Mlbs)	Copper (%)	Copper (Mlbs)
Indicated	2,154,000	0.32	0.26	12.3	0.61	29.1
Inferred	2,676,000	0.28	0.22	12.7	0.68	39.9

Resource calculation at 0.18% CoEq cutoff for for underground mine, where $CoEq = Co\% + 0.1 \times Cu\%$

Mineral Resources estimated using CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, Mineral Resources, which are not Mineral Reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability.

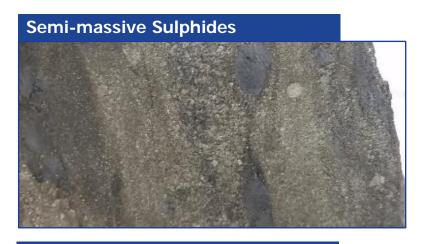
Complete description of estimation parameters is available within the NI 43-101 technical report available on the First Cobalt website.

MINERALIZATION

- Cobalt and copper sulphide minerals
 - Semi-massive to disseminated as well as stringer textures
- Pyrite and chalcopyrite simple mineralogy
- Breccia developed in massive sulphide portions
 - > Reflects minor shearing along bedding planes
- Mineralized zones <5m to >30m true thickness
- Host rocks are finely layered meta-sedimentary rocks consisting of interbedded siltite-argillite and minor quartzite.
- Metamorphic grade lower greenschist; sedimentary structures preserved



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Henrik Fisker
with Idaho
exploration team







EXPLORATION POTENTIAL

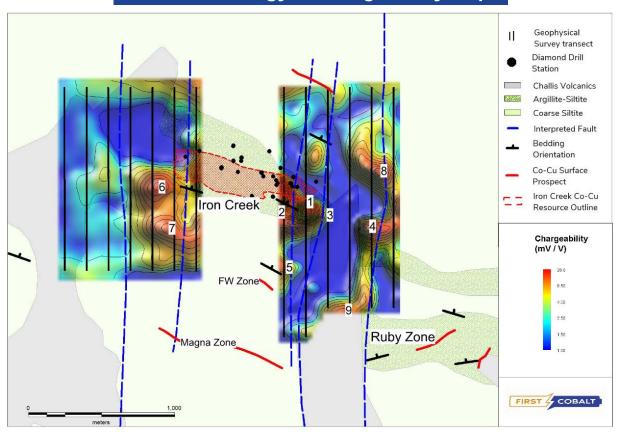
IP-Resistivity survey reveals potential for resource growth and discoveries:

- Strike extent expansion by 900m to 1800m total
- 2020 drilling to extend mineralization down-dip an additional 100m
- New targets in (i) Iron Creek
 Footwall (east and west) and (ii) Far
 East (new zone?)

Nearby targets:

- Drill testing exposed mineralization at Ruby Zone where channel sampling returned 0.24% Co over 10.7m and 0.26% Co over 7.6m
- Magna Zone pyrite mineralization and copper staining exposed; not systematically sampled

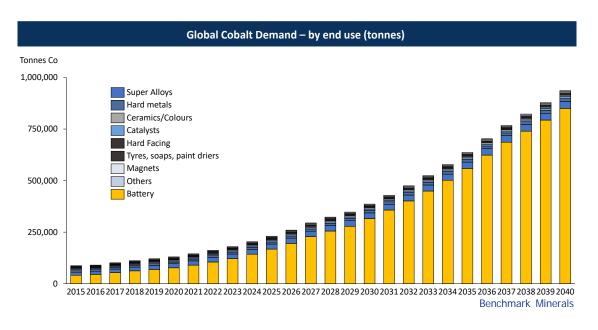
Bedrock Geology & Chargeability Map





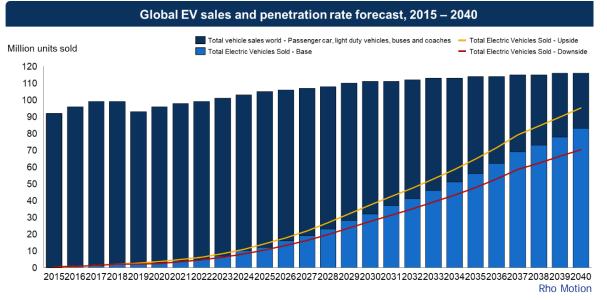
COBALT DEMAND

Strong Correlation to Battery Market



- EV market growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 16% from 2020-2027¹
- European EV sales exceeded China in 2020 ytd

- EV market growth at the expense of traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles
- Europe surpasses China in 2020 for FV sales



¹ Global Industry Analysts



AMERICA WILL SOON HAVE MANY MODELS TO CHOOSE FROM



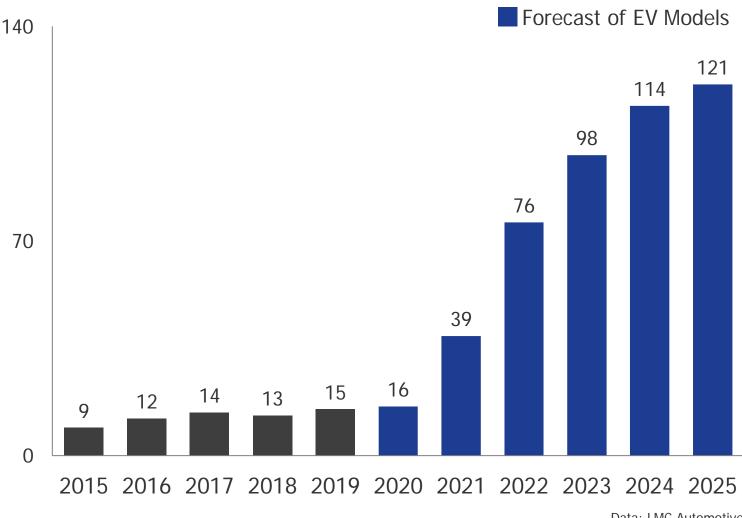
Cadillac Lyriq



GMC Hummer Pickup



Ford Mach E

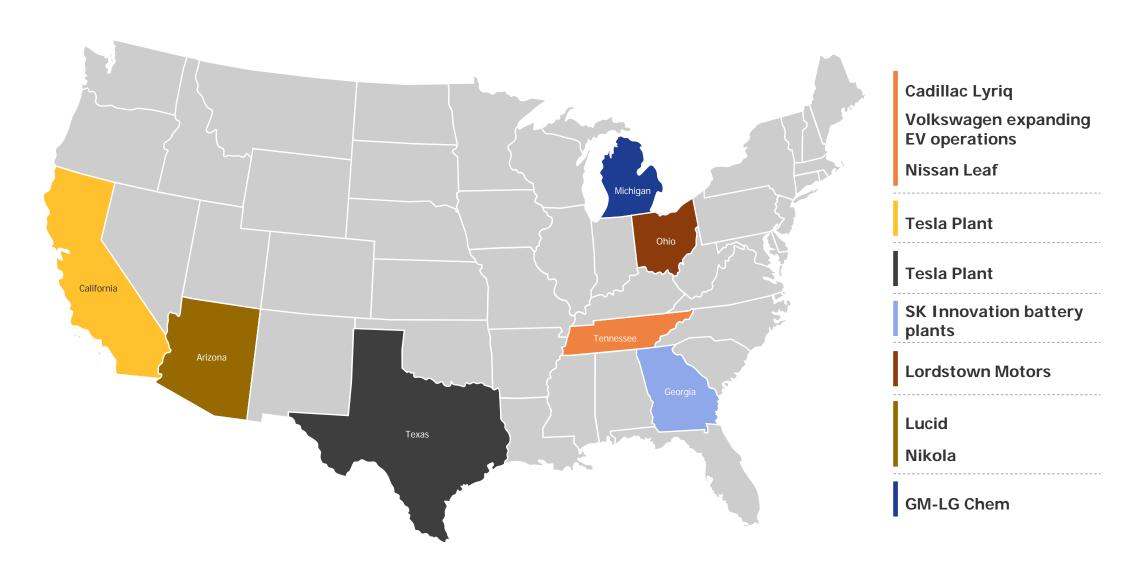






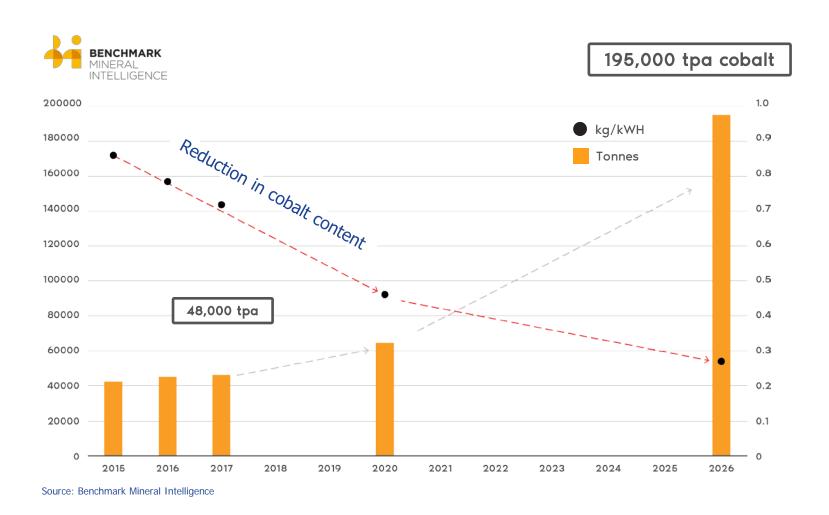
EV INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE

Many of the EV jobs are in Republican states, providing support for bipartisan support





COBALT THRIFTING OFFSET BY EV GROWTH



Cobalt ratio projected to decrease ~60% by 2026 while EV demand increases 4x



COBALT CAMP OVERVIEW

- First Cobalt and several predecessor companies consolidated >10,000 hectares
 - 50% of the "Cobalt Camp"
- \$10 million to conduct district-scale exploration program, including >35,000m of drilling on 12 target areas across Camp
- Exploration premised on identifying large scale disseminated mineralization
 - Renewed interest in high grade silver veins today

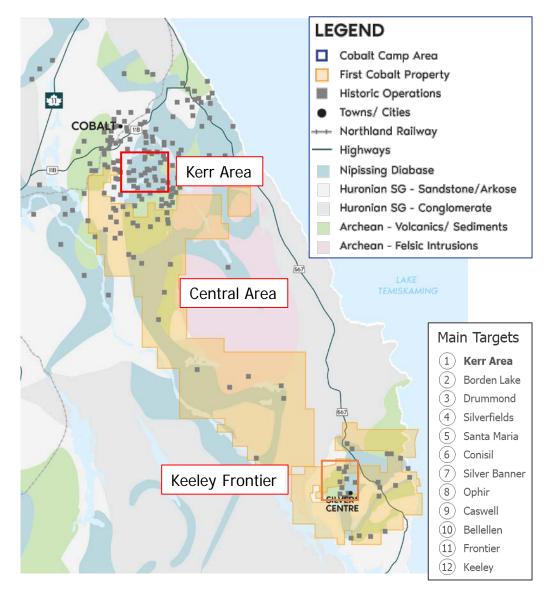
North (Kerr Area) – Silver identified over nearsurface trends extending up to 500m strike length (shallow, <150m); several drill intercepts

- Up to 1,441 g/t Ag over 2.5m
 - 820 g/t Ag + 0.45% Co over 3.6m
 - 515 g/t Ag + 0.61% Co over 2.2m

South (Keeley-Frontier) – New veins discovered near historic mine workings

Up to 570 g/t Ag over 1.9m

Central – Grassroots potential for new discoveries in favourable geologic setting







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