



Strategically positioned for the global energy transition

A near term diversified battery materials producer in North America

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Breaking News...



NEWS RELEASE
TSX.V: FCC

First Cobalt Announces Financing for Construction of North American Battery Materials Refinery

August 23, 2021 – First Cobalt Corp. (TSX-V: FCC) is pleased to announce that it has arranged a combined secured convertible debt and brokered equity financing package with an aggregate value of approximately US\$45 million to finance the construction of its wholly-owned hydrometallurgical refinery located in Canada...

- Major catalyst achieved – funding for refinery expansion and commissioning
- Strong cash flow projections supports minimal equity dilution (16.7%)
- Convertible debt market offered better terms and fewer covenants than project debt

The vision

As the Company advances its cobalt sulfate production, the longer term vision is to fill the void in North America:

2022	Cobalt sulfate production in Q4
2023	Lithium-ion recycling capacity
2024-25	Nickel sulfate production
2025	Precursor co-location
2026	Primary US cobalt-copper mining

First Cobalt Corporation

Building a new environmentally friendly battery raw materials supply chain in North America, strategically positioned to become an indispensable player in the global energy transition

North American refinery



- Only permitted cobalt sulfate refinery in North America
- Expansion underway for Q4 2022 commissioning
- Hydrometallurgical plant with near-zero carbon emissions

Lithium-ion battery black mass recycling



- Phase 2 expansion into battery recycling (black mass)
- Targeting cobalt, nickel, copper, lithium and other battery raw materials for OEM closed loop supply chain

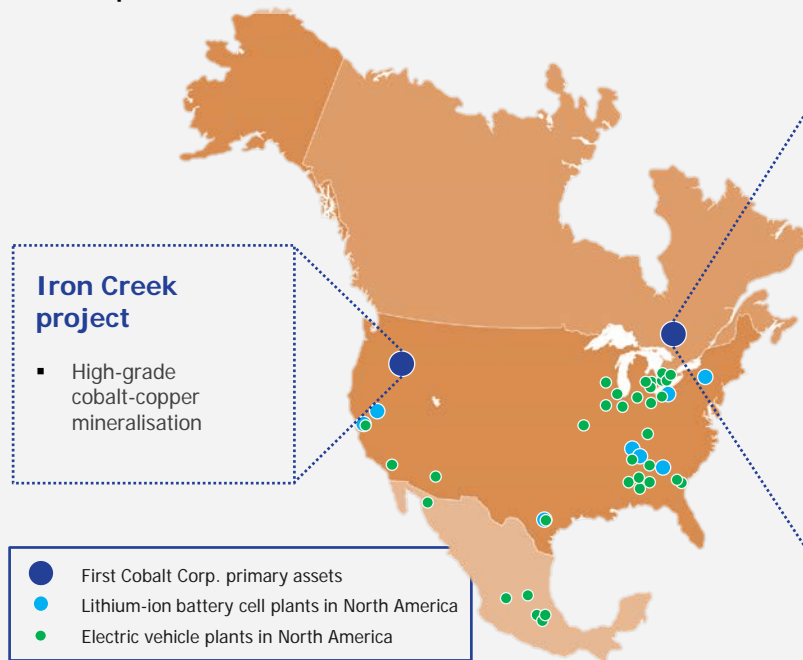
Iron Creek cobalt-copper project



- One of the largest cobalt resources in the US
- Strategically important for US supply chain security

A Made in America Strategy

North American battery and electric vehicle operations in 2023



Canadian Battery Materials Park

- Cobalt sulfate plant operational in Q4 2022
- Scoping study for nickel sulfate plant
- Exploring JV opportunities to construct precursor facility
- Further industrial development enabled by First Cobalt's extensive land position and Canadian government support





Refinery Overview

- Hydrometallurgical facility with a 10-year operating history
- 51% lower GHGs than Chinese peers, in part owing to hydroelectric electricity grid
- Only facility of its kind in North America, capable of supplying the electric vehicle market
- Long lead equipment for expansion on order, with construction starting in Q3 2021
- \$US60M capex with first production anticipated in Q4 2022



>20.5% CoSO₄

High purity battery
grade sulfate



5,000 tpa Co

25,000 tpa of
cobalt sulfate



ESG

Peer leading
credentials

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Battery market opportunity

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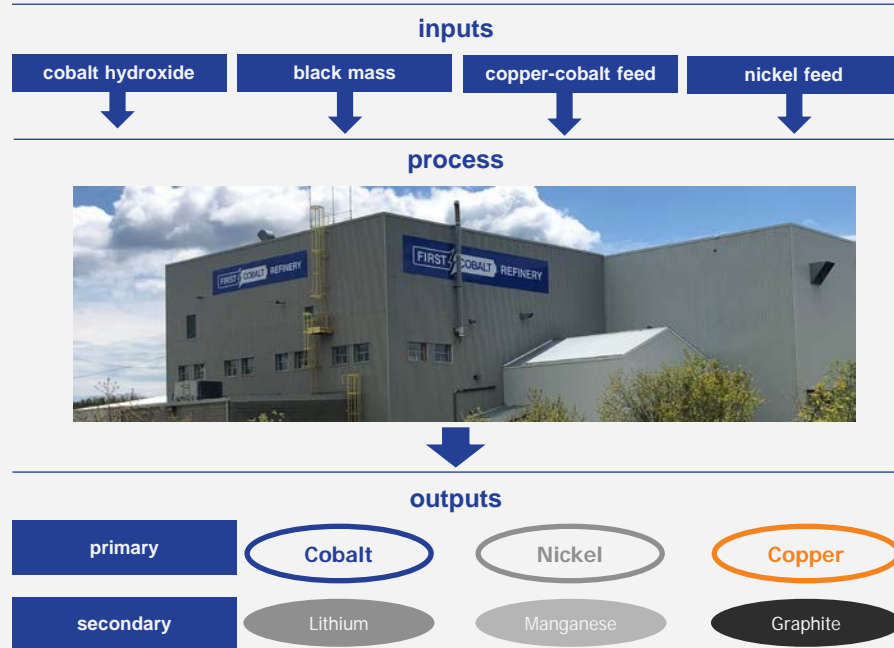
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Battery Materials Refining

First Cobalt is strategically positioned as first-mover in the North American energy transition



Not subject to U.S. battery materials import tariffs & taxes

Project overview

Phase I

- Annual production of 5,000t of cobalt (25,000t cobalt sulfate)
- Feed secured from KCC mine (Glencore) and Tenke Fungurume mine (CMOC)
- Offtake secured with Stratton Metal

Phase II

- Additional 1,500t of battery materials
- Strategic partner in U.S. for black mass

Phase III

- Nickel sulfate production

Phase IV

- Battery precursor plant co-location

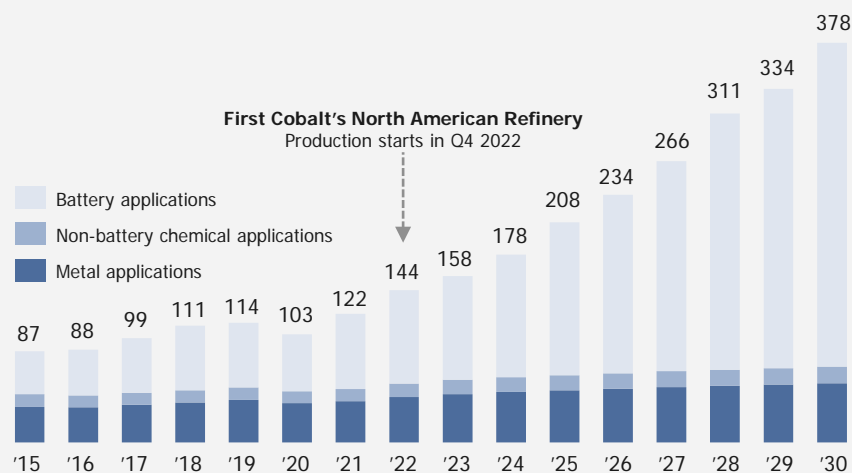
80% of cobalt sulfate is produced in China. There is no North American alternative – until now

Looming cobalt supply squeeze

First Cobalt will account for 26% of ex. China cobalt sulfate production by 2023

Cobalt demand growth, 2015-2030 (kt Co)

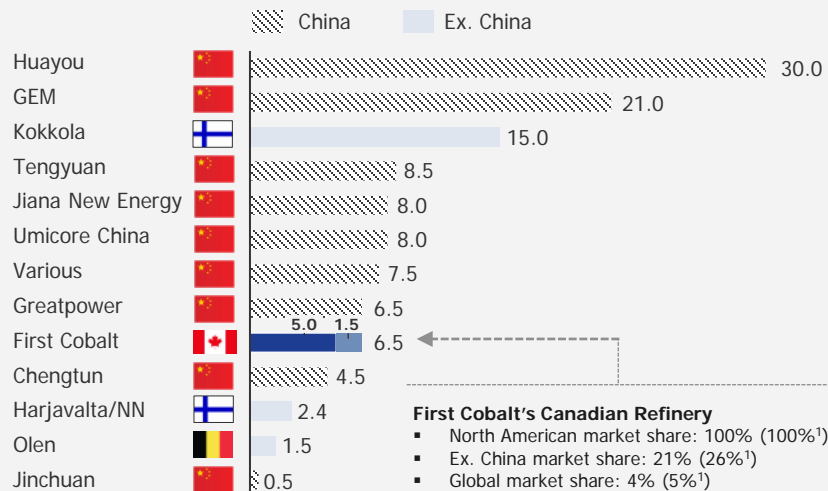
Cobalt demand from the battery segment will make up more than 90% of total growth, with a CAGR of 19% over the 2020-2030 period.



1. Based on 2022 forecast, when First Cobalt's refinery commences operations.
Source: First Cobalt Market Intelligence, BNEF

Global battery grade sulfate capacity, 2023 (kt Co)

First Cobalt will be the world's second largest non-Chinese battery grade sulfate refinery, and the only refinery in North America.



¹ First Cobalt market share with Phase II expansion.
Source: First Cobalt Market Intelligence, BNEF

Electric Vehicles (EVs)¹ | Extraordinary growth trajectory

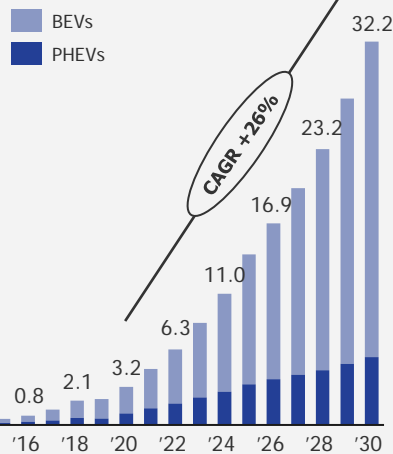
Lithium-ion battery demand from the electric vehicle sector will represent the bulk of First Cobalt's market

Cobalt demand from the EV market

- Unprecedentedly **strong EV sales growth**, rising by a CAGR of 26% between 2020 and 2030
 - EV penetration rates rising fast, to make up almost **one-third of total road vehicle sales by 2030**
 - Cobalt-bearing** lithium-ion battery chemistries forecast to **dominate** in the foreseeable future
- A. More battery intensive **BEVs** set to **grow stronger** than less battery intensive **PHEVs**
- B. Electric vehicle **battery installations** forecast to reach **1,853GWh by 2030**, compared to 145GWh in 2020

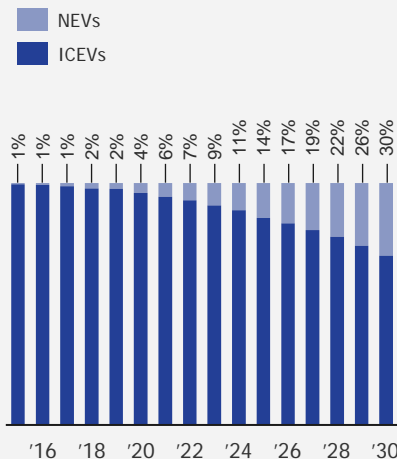
EV sales to 2030 (million units)

Global electric vehicle sales are forecast to increase ten-fold from 3.2m units in 2020 to 32.2m units in 2030.



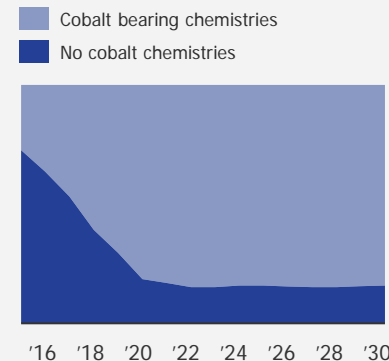
EV market penetration to 2030

Global EV market penetration rates forecast to rise from 4% in 2020 to 30% by 2030.



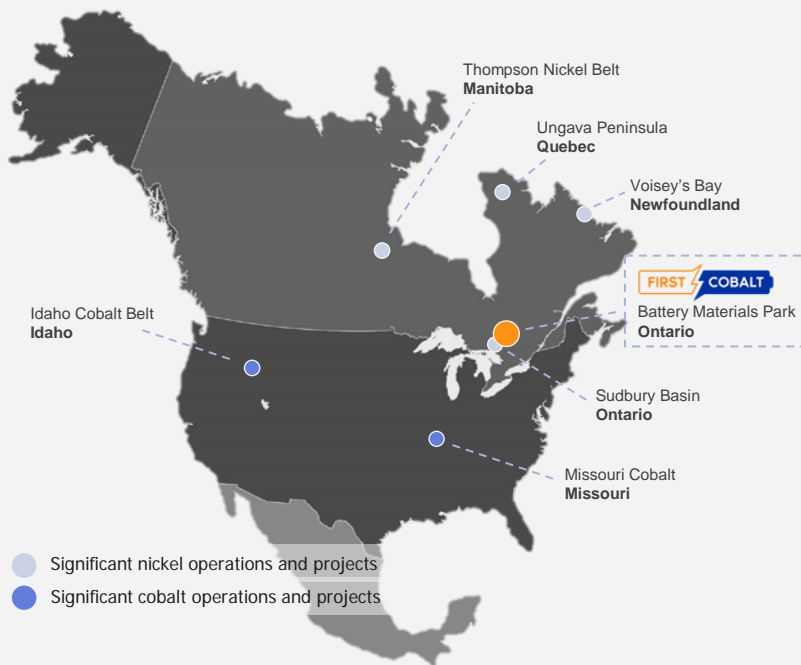
Lithium-ion battery chemistry distribution to 2030

As long-range passenger vehicles have come to dominate the EV market, so have cobalt bearing high nickel battery chemistries (NCA and NCM). Analysts forecast that cobalt-bearing batteries will account for 83-85% of total battery installations in EVs over the next decade.



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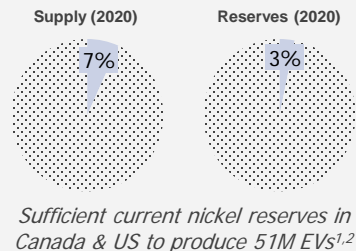
Vision: Made in America



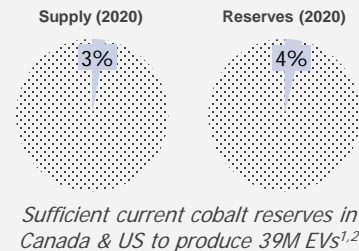
Vertical integration opportunities in North America

- Sufficient nickel and cobalt supply potential in North America to fully sustain region's long-term requirements
- First Cobalt's Battery Materials Park strategically located, with Canadian government support
- Mining industry support by OEMs will fast-track North American nickel and cobalt supply, pushing down long-term raw material costs through economies of scale
- Battery Materials Park designed to be based on imported raw materials until sufficient North American feed is available

Canada & US share of global NICKEL



Canada & US share of global COBALT



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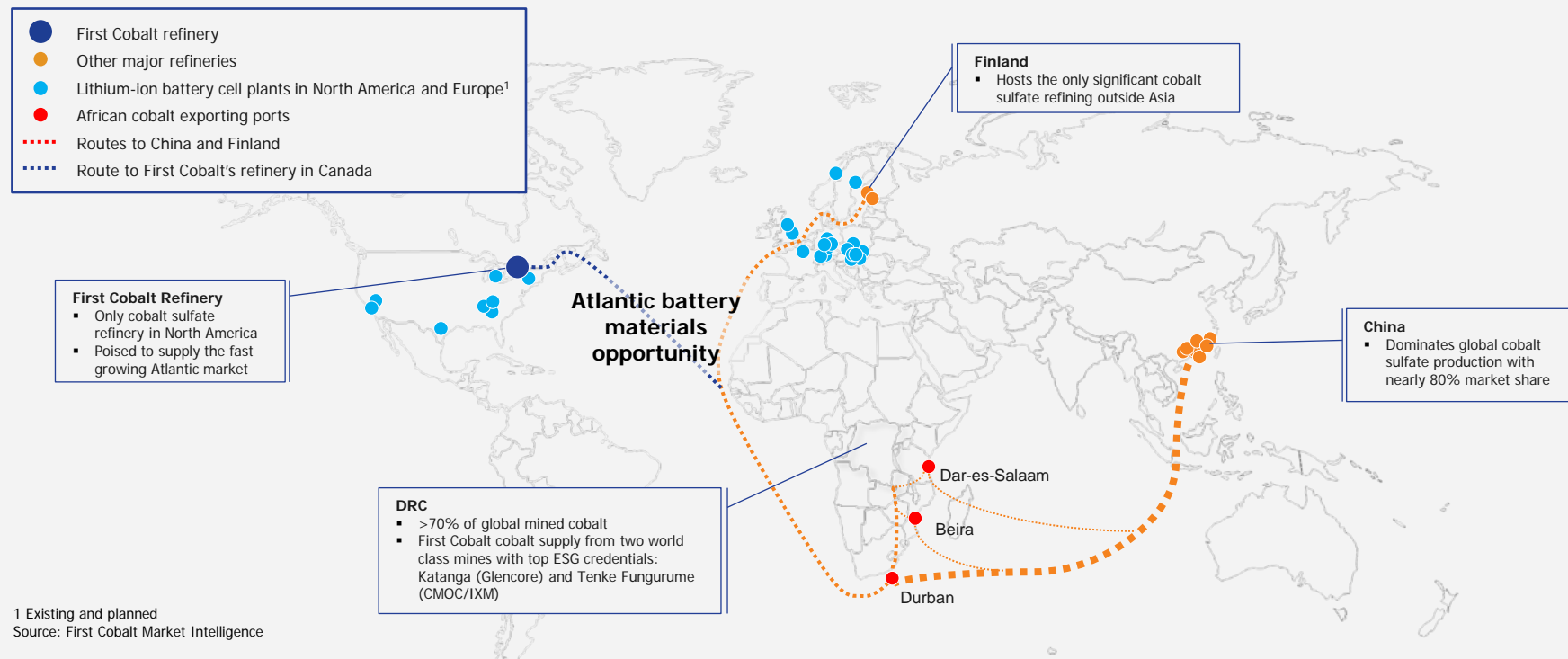
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Strategic Asset

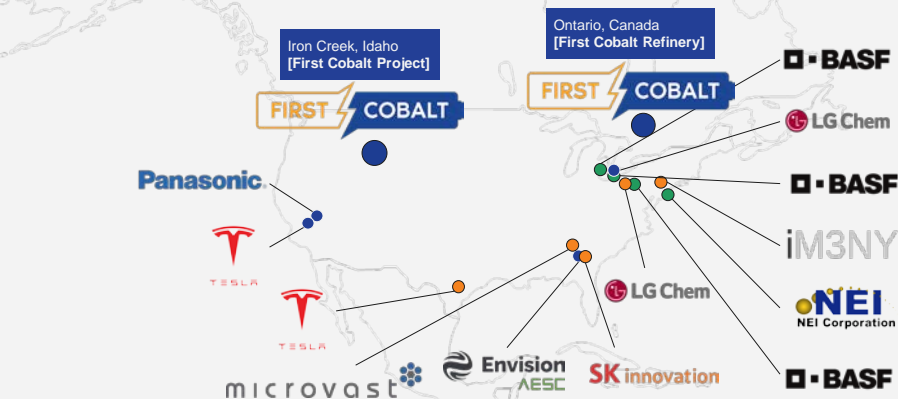
Atlantic opportunity | Filling the regional battery raw materials vacuum

With 80% of battery grade cobalt processed in China, First Cobalt aims to become indispensable to the Atlantic market



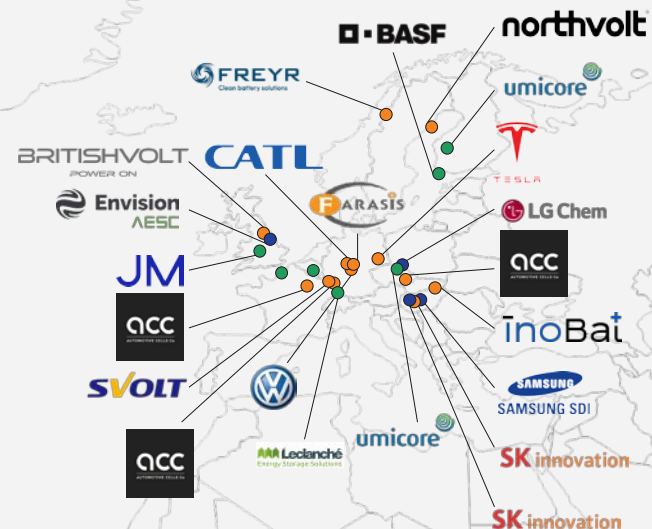
Marketing plan focused on Atlantic opportunities

Ample opportunity to supply battery raw materials in North America and Europe



Key

- Existing cell plant
- Future cell plant
- Existing precursor/cathode plants

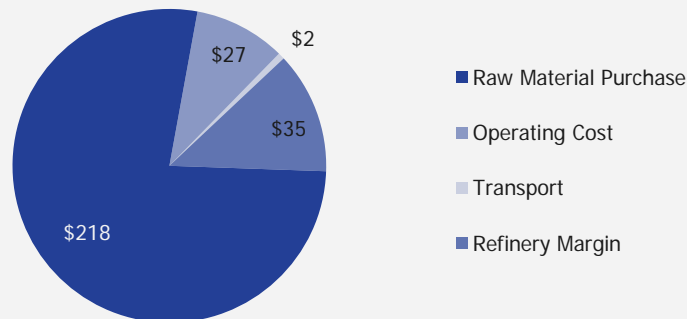


Refinery economics

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

Operating costs are
globally competitive

Refinery Economics (US\$M/yr, pre-tax)



Assumptions (US\$)

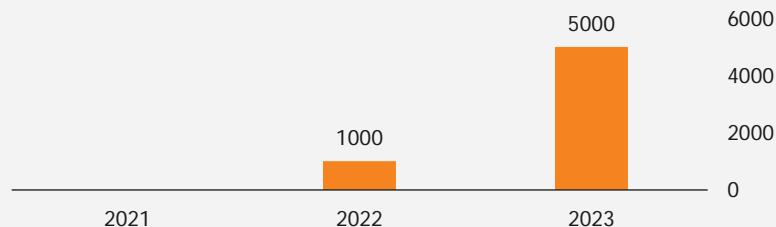
- 75% long-term cobalt hydroxide feed payability
- 97% refinery recovery
- \$25/lb long-term cobalt price

Sensitivity Table (US\$)

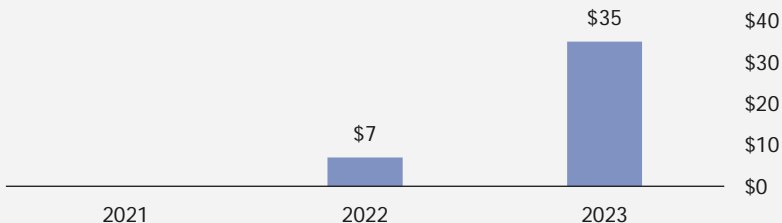
Cobalt Price	\$25	\$30	\$35
Hydroxide Payability	75%	77.5%	80%
FCC Annual Margin	\$35	\$39	\$41

Production / EBITDA profile

Production in tonnes
(Feasibility Study)

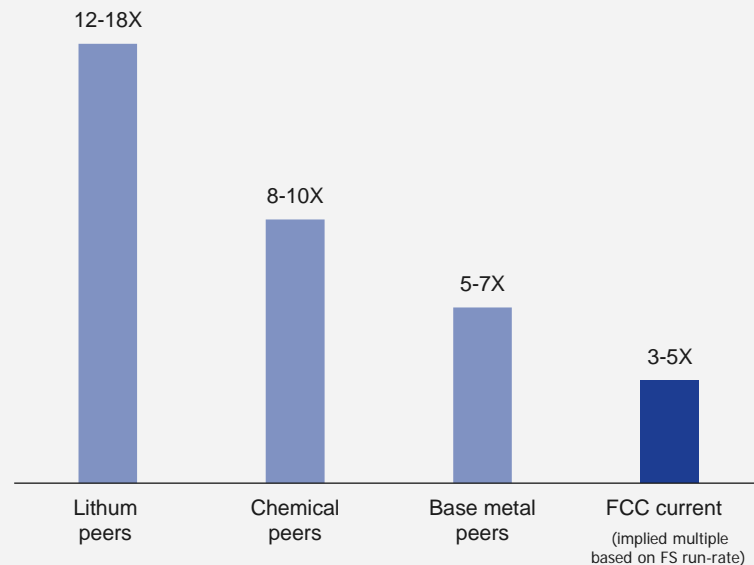


EBITDA¹
(Feasibility Study)



¹ EBITDA based on \$25/lb cobalt price

Trading comparables
EV / 2+ forward EBITDA



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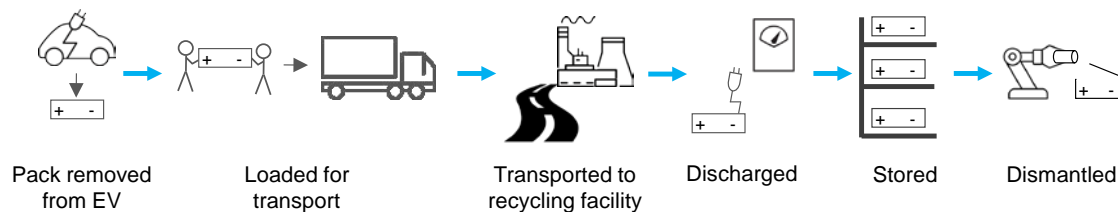
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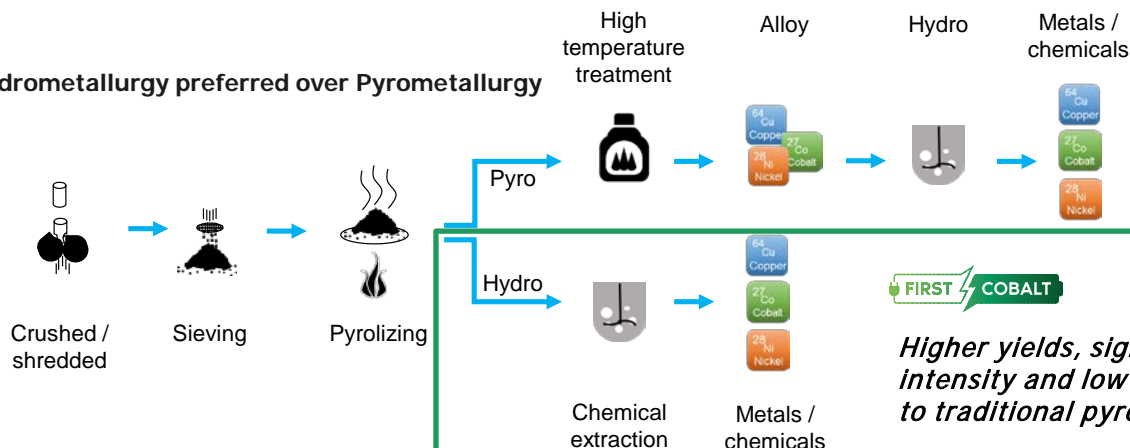
Hydrometallurgy is the future

Logistics of battery recycling



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

Hydrometallurgy preferred over Pyrometallurgy



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

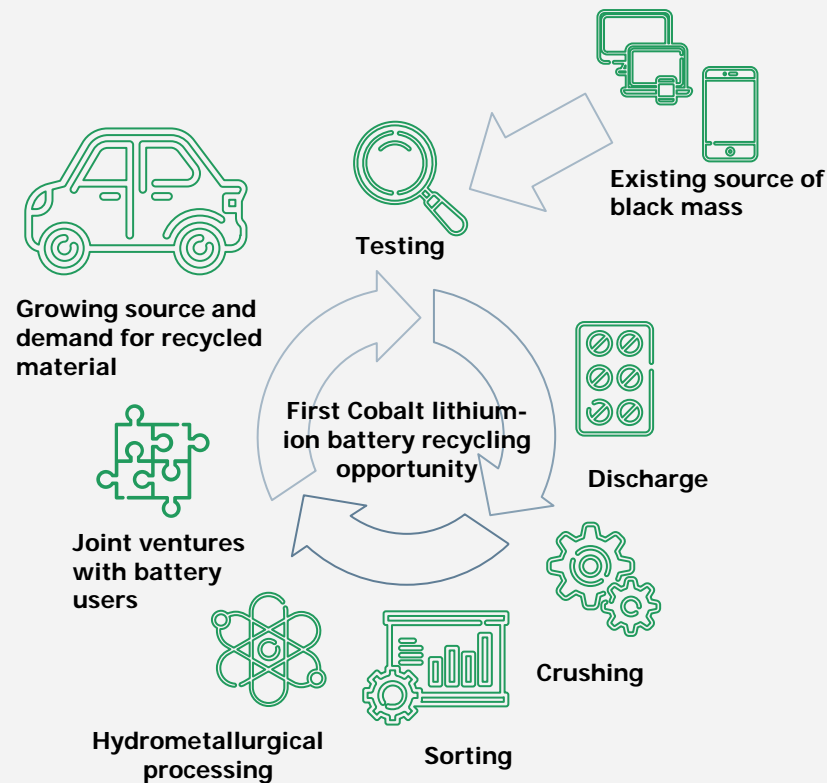
Battery recycling opportunity

Capitalizing on existing infrastructure

- **Objective:** Become the first facility to recycle battery materials on a large scale for reintroduction into the EV supply chain
- Successfully extracted nickel, cobalt, copper, manganese, lithium and graphite from a 'black mass' provided by up to 4 strategic partners
- Engineering study anticipated for September 2021 leveraging existing operating permits, flow sheet and equipment at First Cobalt's hydrometallurgical refinery
- First Cobalt's hydrometallurgical refinery expected to provide higher yields at lower costs and significantly lower energy intensity and lower GHG emissions, compared to traditional pyrometallurgical facilities
- Low CAPEX compared to new built plants

Recycled batteries market opportunity

- Stage 1: Processing of existing high-cobalt black mass from mobile electronics
- Stage 2: Closed-loop recycling joint-ventures with battery cell and automakers



Our first mover advantage

Leverage existing facility and base load to position for a growing market

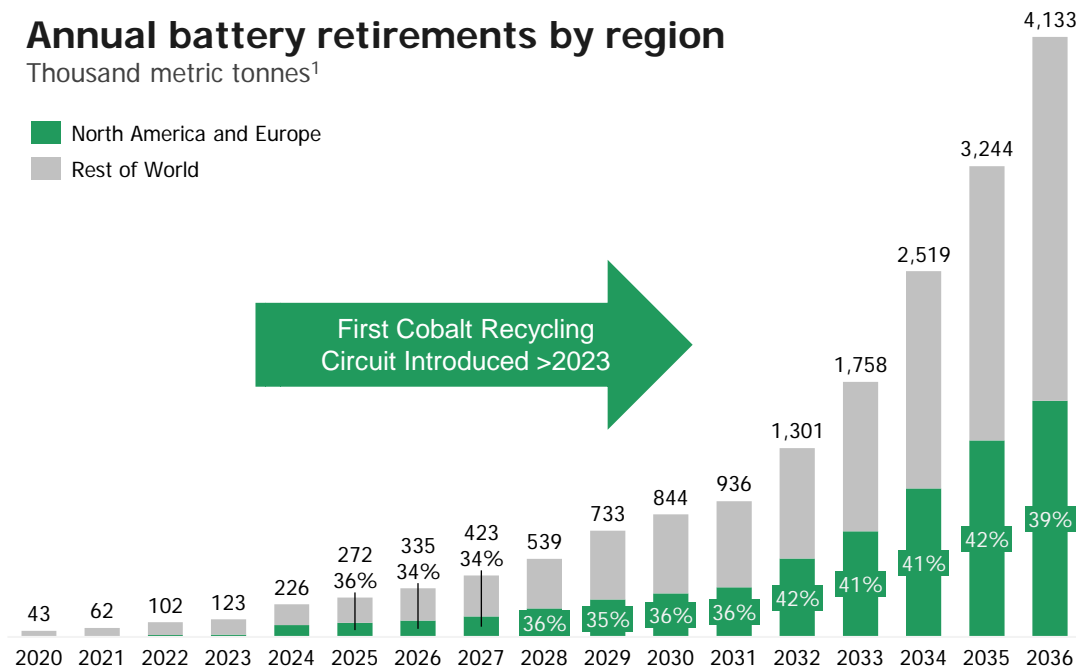
- 4.1 million metric tonnes of available end-of-life EV and storage packs by 2035
- 98% mandated recovery rate of nickel, cobalt and manganese in China (North America and Europe expected to follow)
- US\$2/kWh gross profit from recycling a 100kWh NCA pack in the US today
- Using recycled materials can lower the carbon footprint of cells by up to 85%



Annual battery retirements by region

Thousand metric tonnes¹

■ North America and Europe
■ Rest of World



¹ BNEF (Battery Recycling Technology, A Primer)

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Our approach to ESG

Our mission is to produce the world's most sustainable cobalt



Responsible Sourcing



Low Environmental Footprint



Strong governance and social responsibility



Responsible Sourcing



We have a responsibility to respect and protect stakeholders within our sphere of influence. This includes our direct influence on human rights as well as human rights within our supply chain. This is in line with the **United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights**.

We commit - as a priority - to prevent the use of child labor in all its forms, whether directly through our business' activities or indirectly through our supply chains. By embedding child labour prevention provisions into our business conduct, we can help ensure that our cobalt is free of such abuses.



Low Environmental Footprint



We take a proactive, risk-based approach to environmental management, with robust measures that help ensure we minimize our environmental impact, while ensuring the viability of the environment for future generations. In line with our overall approach to responsible mining, the 'zero harm' principle will guide our approach to environmental management.

At Iron Creek, ore sorting is an innovative method we are exploring to reduce our environmental impact (concentrates the ore for shipping and processing, fewer trucks on the road and less processing energy = lower greenhouse gas emissions).

51%

lower CO₂ emissions¹

73%

lower water consumption¹

30%

lower eutrophication potential¹

Removes ~1,450,000²

combustion engines from the road every year¹

CO₂ reduction of

3m tonnes/year¹

Strong Governance and Social Responsibility



Community Relations

We will be a catalyst for local community and economic development.

We strive to provide regional economic opportunities, local employment, local procurement opportunities, infrastructure availability, and tax revenues for service implementation.

Health & Safety

Our approach to health and safety is guided by the 'zero harm' principle, where every employee goes home safely each and every day. We will work to embed a strong safety culture into all our operations.



First Cobalt tree planting initiative (Ontario, Canada)



Wild Basket Initiative (Plant Study): Timiskaming First Nation and First Cobalt Team (Ontario, Canada)



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A photograph showing the entrance to a tunnel in a snowy mountain. Several workers in safety gear, including helmets and high-visibility vests, are standing near the entrance. A large blue pipe is visible on the right side of the tunnel opening. A sign with the word "CAUTION" and a warning symbol is posted near the pipe. The scene is set in a snowy, mountainous environment.

Cobalt-copper project

Idaho cobalt belt

Largest unmined cobalt resource in U.S.
(USGS 2017)

Belt extends over 100km and contains several known cobalt-copper deposits and prospects

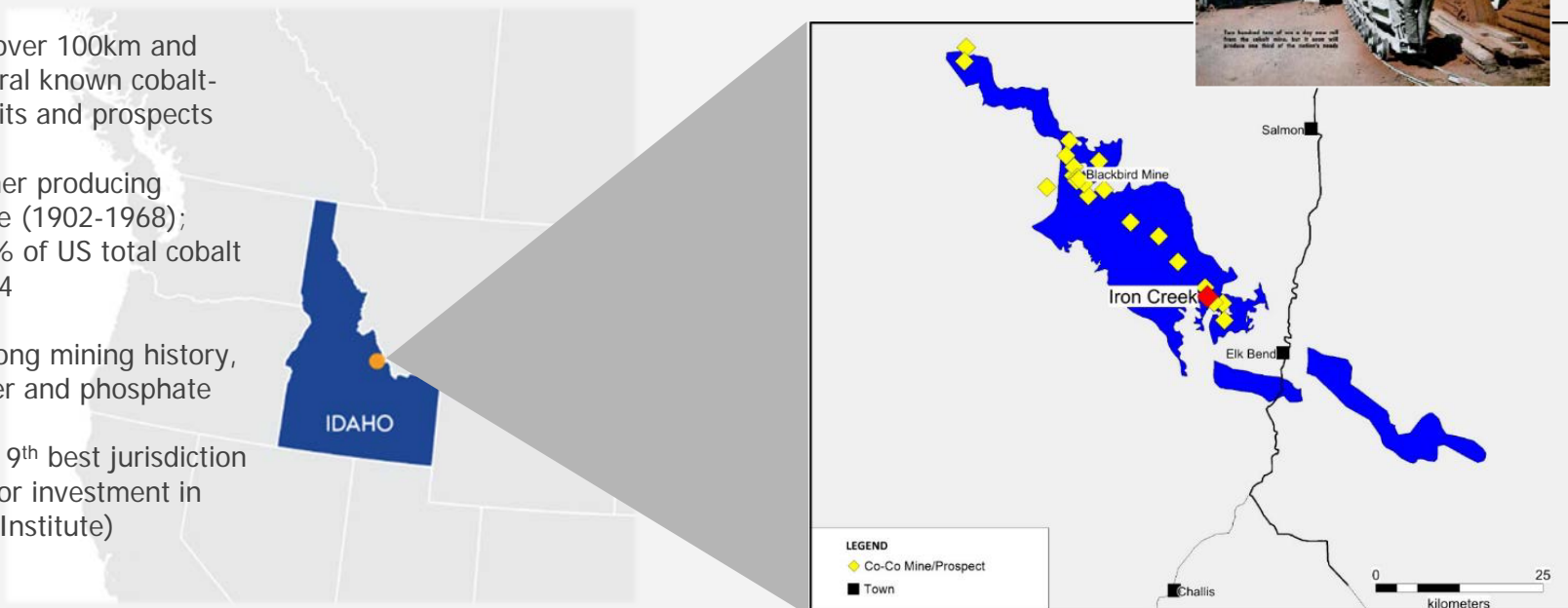
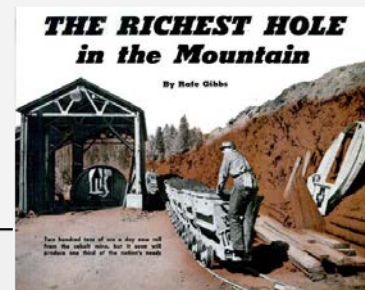
Includes former producing Blackbird Mine (1902-1968); produced 50% of US total cobalt output in 1954

Idaho has a long mining history, including silver and phosphate

Idaho ranked 9th best jurisdiction in the world for investment in 2020 (Fraser Institute)

Important strategic asset:

- *Defense Production Act*
- *National Defense Authorization Act*



Iron Creek project

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

42km

from town of Salmon & Challis in central Idaho

2,600
acres

7 mining patents surrounded by 126 claims

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

Adit #1 Entrance - 2016



Adit #1 Staging Area - 2018



Mine of the future

Opportunity

- Socially responsible cobalt located in a tier 1 jurisdiction
- High-grade, underground = small footprint
- Integrated supply chain potential – ability to supply First Cobalt refinery in the future

Project

- 900m of strike extension and 350m depth from surface; remains open
- Extensive infrastructure, including 3 adits with 600m of underground development
- Stratabound cobalt and copper mineralization; true widths +30m; optimal for underground bulk mining



Resource estimate



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



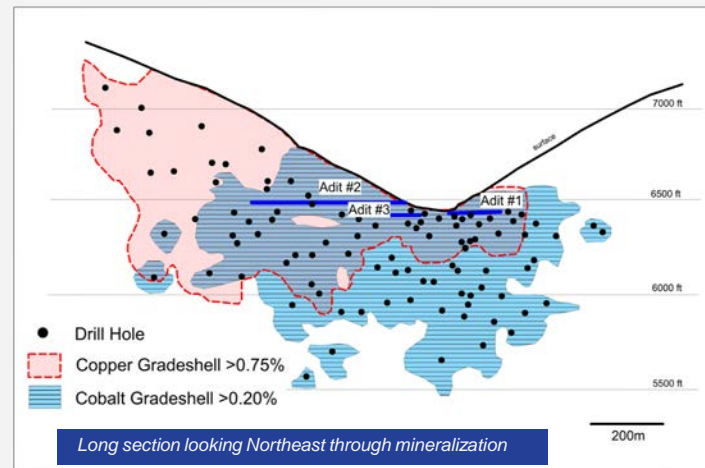
High property potential with other known surface mineralized zones



Metallurgical tests show conventional extraction methods applicable



Critical Materials Institute



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

$$\text{CoEq} = \text{Co}\% + 0.1 \times \text{Cu}\%$$

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

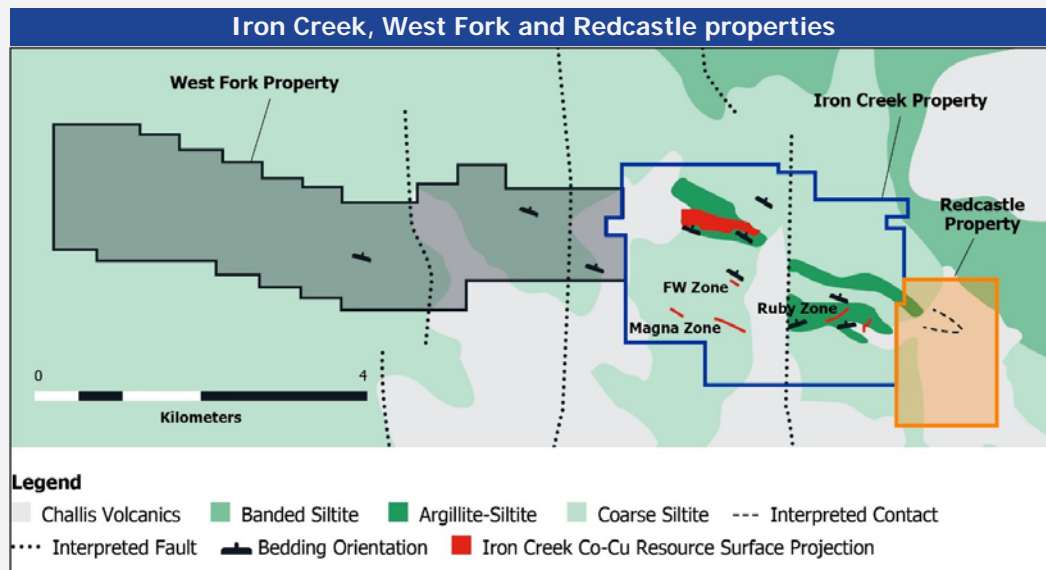
Complete description of estimation parameters is available within the NI 43-101 technical report available on the First Cobalt website.

Exploration potential

2021 Program

Assess Iron Creek strike extensions as well as new targets both on site and elsewhere in the Idaho Cobalt Belt

Build on current high-grade underground mine opportunity and demonstrate scalability for cobalt mining in America



Target-rich environment

- Chargeability signature of Iron Creek cobalt-copper mineralization can be traced over 1,500m total strike extending toward West Fork Property
- Chargeability anomalies to be tested that may be associated with mineralization in the footwall rocks and a new mineralization zone further east
- Exposed mineralization at Ruby Zone over 500m in extent: channel sampling returned 0.24% Co over 10.7m and 0.26% Co over 7.6m
- Magna Zone represents pyrite mineralization and copper staining not systematically sampled



Appendix

Leadership team

Management



Trent Mell
President, CEO &
Director



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CPA
Chief Financial Officer



Christina Lalli
CPIR
Head of Investor Relations



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Global Sustainability Leader,
Schneider Electric



Henrik Fisker
Special Advisor
Chairman & CEO Fisker Inc.

Share structure

TSX-V: FCC, OTCQX: FTSSF

Share Price (September 27, 2021)	\$0.27
52 Week High	\$0.46
52 Week low	\$0.115
Average daily volume (approx.)	1.2M

Capitalization

Millions

Shares Outstanding	534.3
Options (av \$0.33)	15.5
Warrants (av \$0.41)	22.9

Fully-Diluted Shares Outstanding

~578.6

Market Capitalization	\$144.2
Working Capital (September 30, 2021)	\$75 (incl. gov't commitments)

Note: All figures are in Canadian dollars
Source: First Cobalt

Research coverage

	Target Price
	C\$0.50
	C\$0.65
	C\$0.45
Average target price:	C\$0.53

US electric vehicle investment landscape | On the verge of something big

American will soon have many models to choose from

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