

Strategically positioned for the global energy transition

Refining, Recycling & Mining
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The opportunity

- 70% of cobalt is mined in the DRC
- 80% of battery grade cobalt is produced in China
- 85% of the world's EV batteries to contain cobalt by 2030

"We have a lot of catching up to do but we're going to be in a position where we ought to own the future. We ought to be the single most significant supplier of electric buses and vehicles in the world before it's over."

- U.S. President Joe Biden

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

2022 cash flow from North American refinery



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

Lithium-ion battery recycling



- Phase 2 expansion into battery recycling (black mass)
- Targeting cobalt, nickel, copper, 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 U.S. supply chain security



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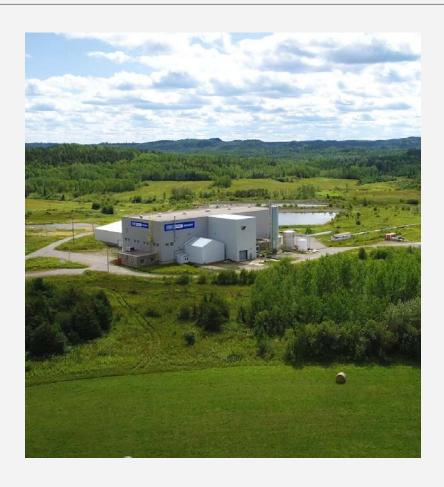
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Battery market opportunity





First Cobalt Refinery

- Hydrometallurgical facility with proven track record on 240 acres
- Only facility of its kind in North America, capable of supplying the electric vehicle market
- US\$60M CAPEX to upgrade and expand capacity
- 5-year feed and offtake contracts in place
- Commissioning in Q4 2022



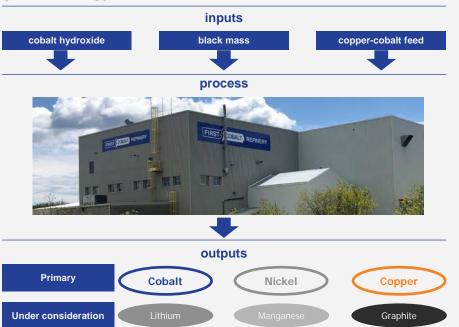






Process and markets

First Cobalt is strategically positioned for growth in the global energy transition



Project overview

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

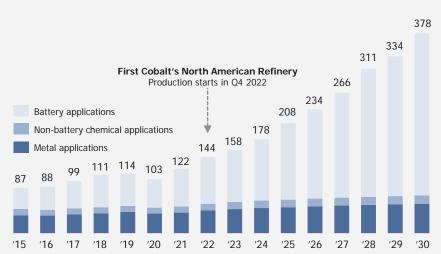
- Phase I annual production of 5,000t of cobalt (25,000t cobalt sulfate)
- Phase II expansion potential to add an additional 1,500t of battery materials
- Feed secured from KCC mine (Glencore) and Tenke Fungurume mine (CMOC)
- Offtake secured with Stratton Metal
- Globally competitive operating costs

Cobalt demand | Set to grow by a CAGR of 14% to 2030

First Cobalt will account for one quarter of ex. China cobalt sulfate production by 2023

Cobalt demand growth, 2015-2030 (kt Co)

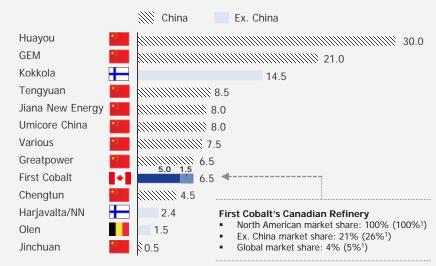
Cobalt demand from the battery segment will make up more than 90% of total growth, with a CAGR of 19% over the 2020-2030 period.



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.

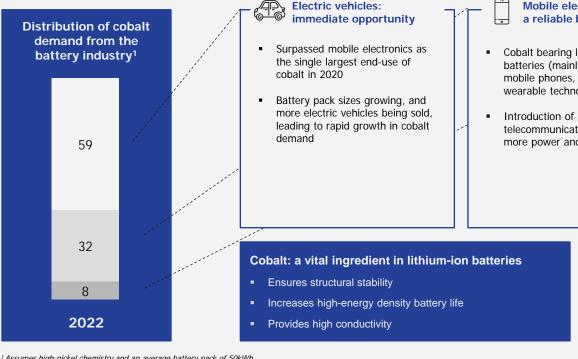


¹ First Cobalt market share with Phase II expansion. Source: First Cobalt Market Intelligence, BNEF



Lithium-ion batteries | Much more than electric vehicles

In the future, batteries will be everywhere



Mobile electronics: a reliable backstop market

- Cobalt bearing lithium-ion batteries (mainly LCOs) fitted in mobile phones, tablets, PCs, and wearable technology
- Introduction of 5G telecommunications necessitates more power and bigger batteries



Other battery applications: major growth potential

- Lithium-ion batteries have enabled widespread introduction of cordless power tools, utility scale energy storage units, robots, medical devices and various other products
- A future of 'internet of things' represents significant upside to global battery consumption
- Robotics in everyday life, and selfdriving cars, are set to further increase battery demand

First Cobalt's refinery can support the production of more than

1,450,000 electric vehicles per year

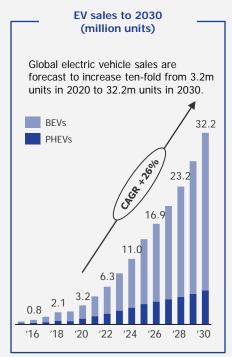


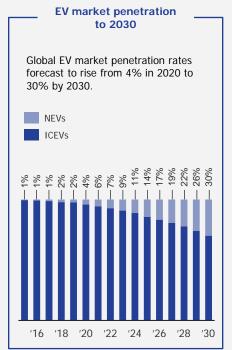
Electric Vehicles (EVs)¹ | Extraordinary growth trajectory

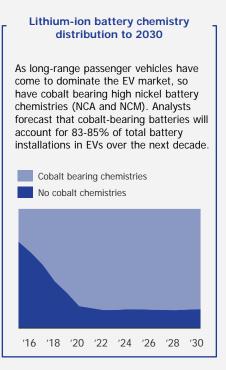
Lithium-ion battery demand from the electric vehicle sector will represent the bulk of First Cobalt's market

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







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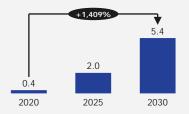


Well placed to supply North America and Europe

US administration and EU parliament targeting clean mobility leadership

US – aiming to 'win' the electric vehicle race

US EV sales forecast to 2030 (m units)



Highlights

- U.S. re-joined the Paris Accord
- \$2 trillion Clean Energy Plan
- \$174 billion to 'win' the electric vehicle market
- \$621 billion over 8 years for transportation-related programs
 - > \$85bn for mass transit and
 - > 500,000 charging stations by 2030
 - Cash-for-Clunkers scheme
 - > Federal vehicle fleet to 100% electric
- Expected to restore EV purchase credit and eliminate/extend the 200,000-vehicle cap

"The President's plan will unify and mobilize the country to meet the great challenges of our time: the climate crisis and the ambition of an autocratic China" [White House press release]

EU - overtook China in total EV sales in 2020

EU EV sales forecast to 2030 (m units)



Highlights

- European Commission goal to have 30 million EVs on European roads by 2030
- Stricter CO₂ emissions targets introduced in 2021, forcing producers to sell vehicles will lower emissions on average
- Ford (2030), Jaguar Land Rover (2030), and GM (2035) are the most recent OEMs committing to go full electric in Europe
- World's strongest EV subsidy plans
- New internal combustion vehicle sales banned in Norway in 2025, Germany, UK and Netherlands in 2030, and France in 2040

"The European Union is committed to achieving the highest levels of climate and environmental protection" [European Commission press release]



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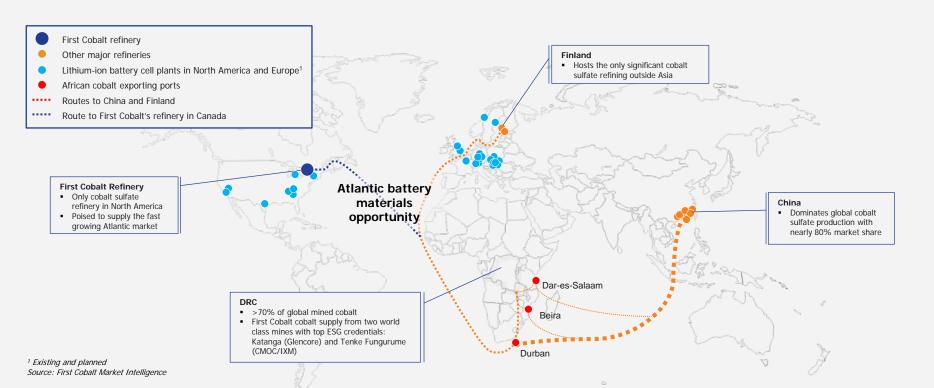
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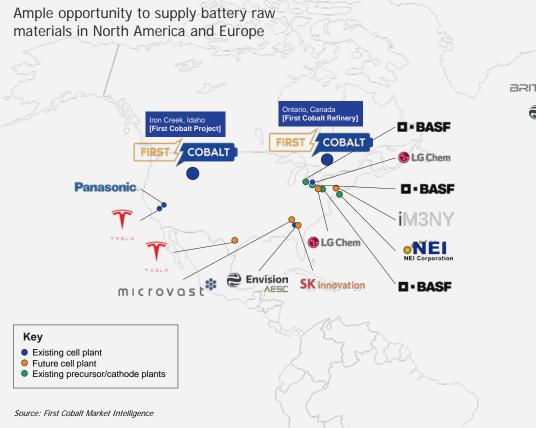
Atlantic opportunity | Filling the regional battery raw materials vacuum

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







Refinery economics

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

Operating costs are globally competitive

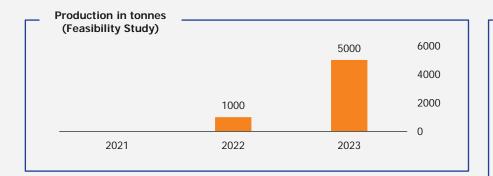


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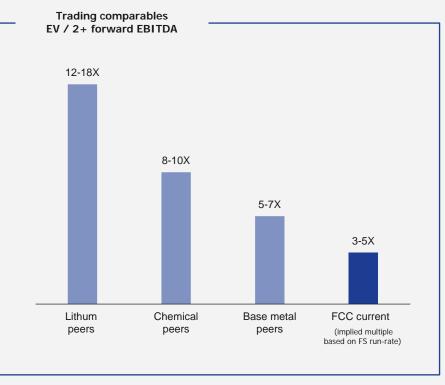
Cobalt Price	\$25	\$30	\$35
Hydroxide Payability	75%	77.5%	80%
FCC Annual Margin	\$35	\$39	\$41



Production / EBITDA profile

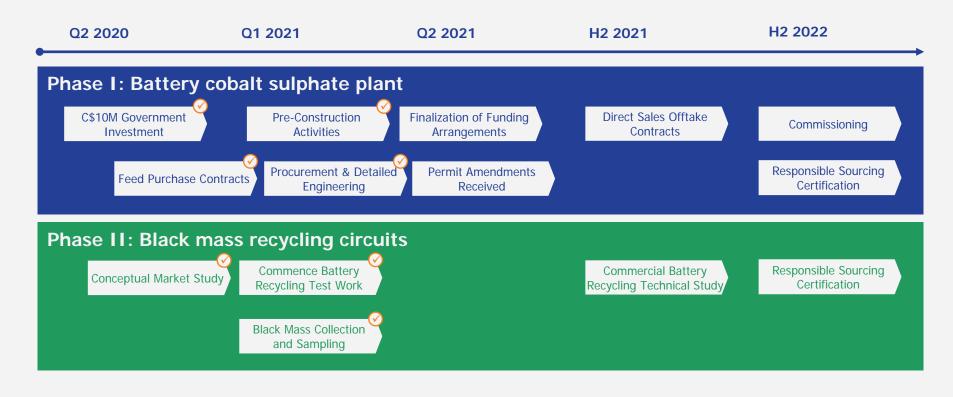








Refinery development schedule





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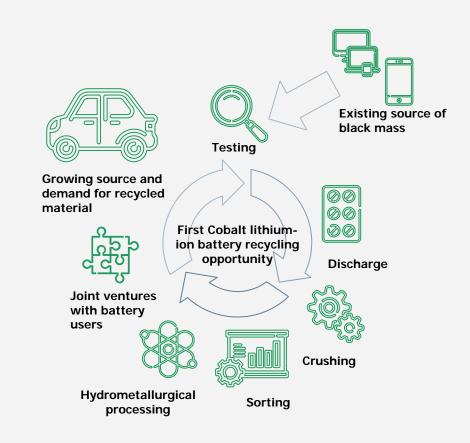
Battery recycling opportunity

Capitalizing on existing infrastructure to recycle black mass from lithium-ion batteries

- Phase II refinery expansion incorporates extraction of cobalt, nickel, copper and potentially lithium, manganese, graphite and aluminum from end-of-life batteries
- Sampling and test work underway, engineering study to commence shortly
- 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 devices
- Stage 2: Closed-loop recycling joint-ventures with automakers

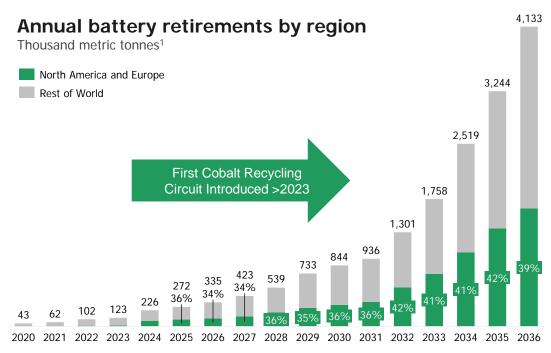




Battery recycling rationale and market size

- 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%



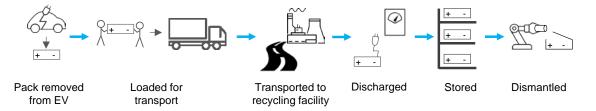


¹ BNEF (Battery Recycling Technology, A Primer)



Battery recycling process

Logistics of battery recycling



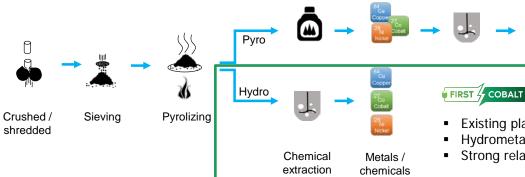
High

temperature

treatment

Alloy

Key steps in the recycling process





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



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

- Existing plant and recycling capability (low capex)
- Hydrometallurgical, near-zero emissions process
- Strong relationships with black mass suppliers

Metals /

chemicals

Hydro



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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 will 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.





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IDAHO

THE RICHEST HOLE
in the Mountain



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

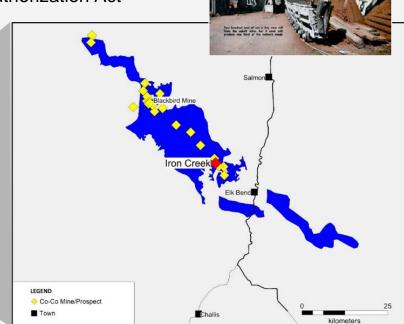
Idaho has a long mining history, including silver and phosphate

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, Idaho, USA

High-grade, quality asset base

Socially responsible cobalt located in a tier 1 jurisdiction

Integrated supply chain potential – ability to supply First Cobalt refinery in the future

Flagship primary cobalt deposit with significant copper credits on patented land

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





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







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

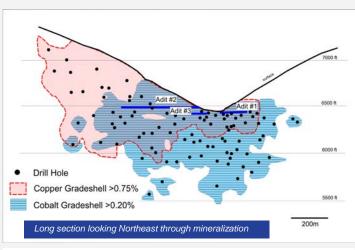


High property potential with other known surface mineralized zones



Metallurgical tests show conventional extraction methods applicable





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.

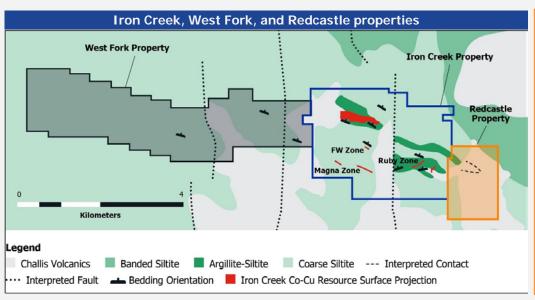
Complete description of estimation parameters is available within the NI 43-101 technical report available on the First Cobalt website.



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

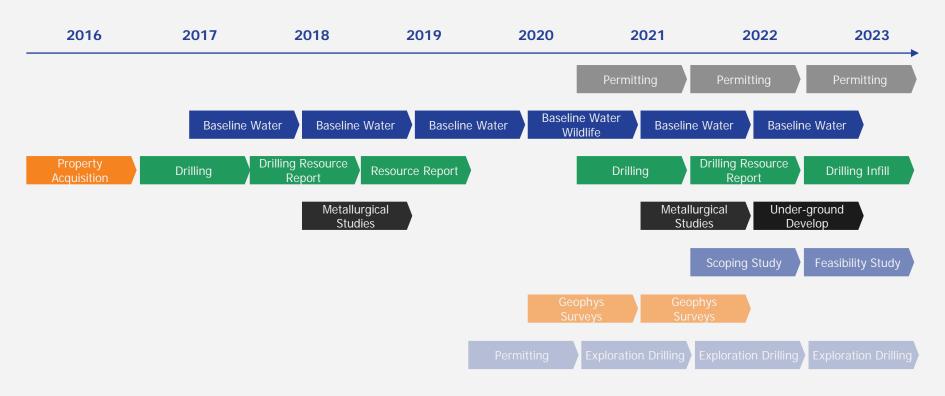


Target-rich environment

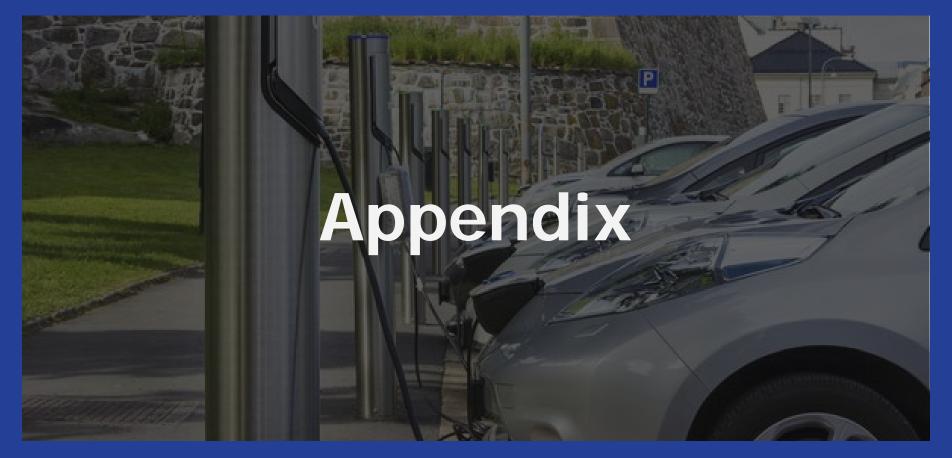
- Chargeability signature of Iron Creek cobaltcopper mineralization can be traced over 1,500m total strike extending toward West Fork Property
- Chargeability anomalies to be tested that may be associated with mineralization in the footwall rocks and a new mineralization zone further east
- Exposed mineralization 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



Idaho cobalt development schedule









Leadership team

Management



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Dr. Frank Santaguida P.Geo Vice President, Exploration



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Share structure

Covering Analysts



Matthew O'Keefe



Mitch Vanderydt



David Talbot



495.0M

Basic

23.9M \$0.41 average price

Warrants

15.5M

\$0.33 average price

Options



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

American will soon have many models to choose from

In addition to federal support, strong inter-state bipartisan backing to revitalize the American economy

