



Duluth Metals: The Investment Case for U.S. Precious Metals

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## **Duluth Metals**

## An emerging PGM story in the United States.....on both a PGM qualified resource basis and a PGM exploration basis

### PLATINUM GROUP METALS IN MINNESOTA

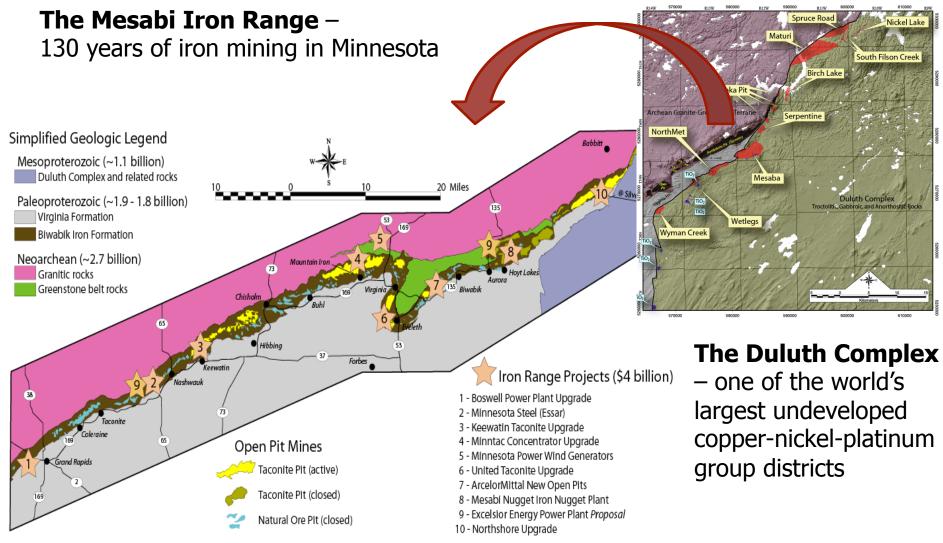
### **TWIN METALS**

Duluth Metals' strategy is to systematically explore and develop copper-nickel-PGM deposits in Northern Minnesota.

The vision of the Company is to help move the world class Twin Metals' project through feasibility into production.

### Minnesota – A Mining History

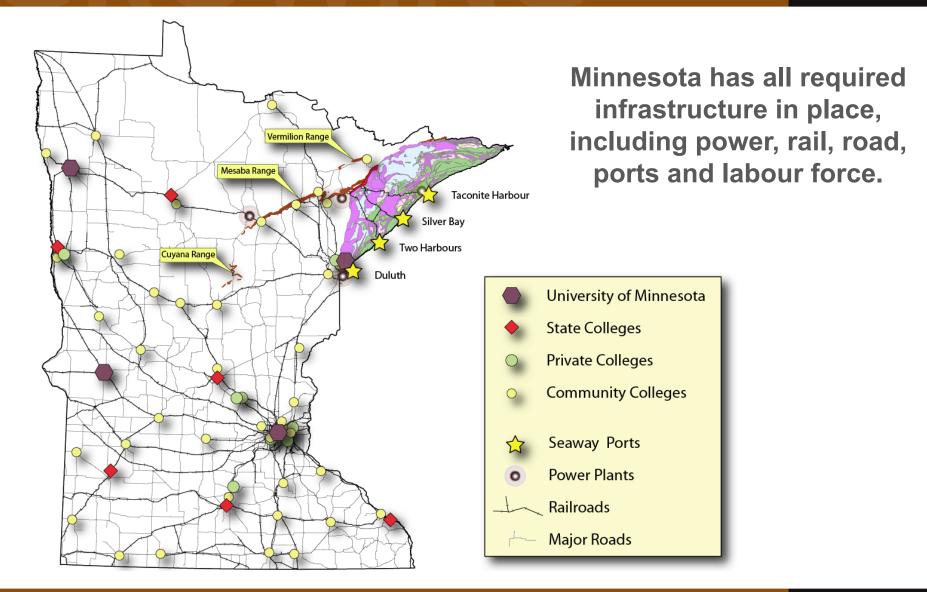




# The Advantage of Outstanding Infrastructure



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## **Part One**

# **Duluth Metals PGMs**

# The Existing Qualified NI 43-101 Resource



# **Twin Metals Minnesota (TMM) Project**

 Proposed underground copper-nickel-PGM group mine in the Duluth Complex in northern Minnesota

•Joint Venture – 60% Duluth Metals, 40% Antofagasta

•PGMs are a significant part of the TMM Project

### Antofagasta plc An Outstanding Partner



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FTSE 100 since March 2004 \$U.S. 20 Billion market cap major global mining partner

### Mining

Operating assets (Chile) : Los Pelambres - El Tesoro - Michilla - Esperanza

- For 2012, projecting 700,000 tonnes of copper in concentrate and cathodes
- 9,200 tonnes of molybdenum in concentrate

Feasibility studies: Reko Diq (Pakistan), Antucoya (Chile)

Exploration and evaluation in Sierra Gorda, Los Pelambres and Michilla districts in Chile and Twin Metals Minnesota in the United States

Earn-in agreements in Europe, Africa the Americas and Australia



\* All figures are on a 100% basis, not an attributable basis, and refer to 2012 estimates.

- Expertise in large-scale mining operations
- Outstanding environmental and social responsibility track record
- Antofagasta is Duluth Metals largest shareholder



•South Africa, the world's top platinum producer, has a multitude of challenges

•Medium term production in South Africa will continue to fall – prices should move up

•End users of platinum need guaranteed supply without interruption

Move for diversification outside of South Africa

•Duluth Metals is a significant player in the PGM world outside of South Africa

# PGMs – A Significant Part of the Twin Metals Project



On only 11% of the Twin Metals Property block, the new AMEC Technical Report confirms the Twin Metals Minnesota Project growing PGM+Au resource of **21.2 M ozs. Indicated and 12.8 M ozs. Inferred** as one of the world's largest palladium+platinum+gold resources outside of South Africa

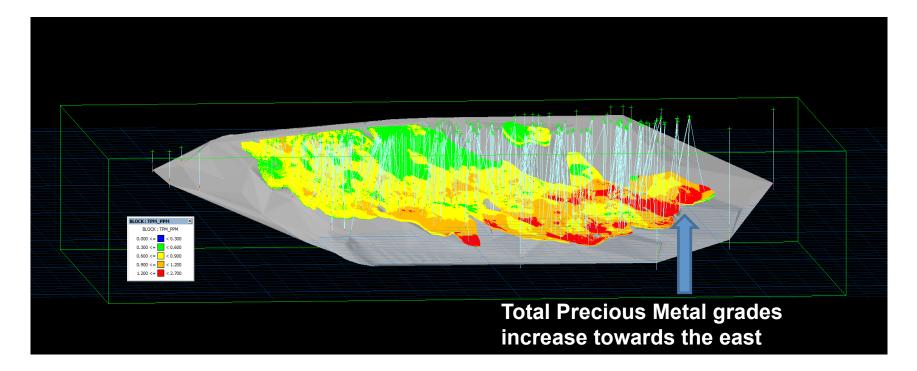
METAL		INDICATED RESOURCE	INFERRED RESOURCE
Platinum (million troy ounces)	Maturi	4.9	2.2
	Birch Lake	0.7	1.3
	TOTAL	5.6	3.5
Palladium (million troy ounces)	Maturi	11.1	5.1
	Birch Lake	1.5	2.6
	TOTAL	12.6	7.6
Gold (million troy ounces)	Maturi	2.6	1.1
	Birch Lake	0.3	0.6
	TOTAL	3.0	1.7

### Higher Grade TPMs in the Eastern Sector of the Maturi Deposit



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TPM (platinum+palladium+gold) values are expressed in ppm ranging from less from less 0.3 ppm TPM (blue) to greater than 1.2 ppm TPM (red) in the S3 subunit within the Maturi Deposit looking from an oblique view from the south



Drill holes are projected as the light blue strings. The green outline is the limit of the block model. The grey surface represents the base of the Basal Mineralized Zone.

## Updated TMM December 2012 Resource Estimate



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### Contained Metals in TMM NI 43-101Resource\*

	Metal	Indicated	Inferred	
Ð	Copper	13.7 Billion lbs.	11.8 Billion lbs.	
Bas	Nickel	4.4 Billion lbs.	4.0 Billion lbs.	
S	Platinum	5.6 Million ozs.	3.5 Million ozs.	
ious	Palladium	12.6 Million ozs.	7.6 Million ozs.	
C)	Gold	3.0 Million ozs.	1.7 Million ozs.	
Pre	TPM (Pt+Pd+Au)	21.2 Million ozs.	12.8 Million ozs.	

<u>\*Reference:</u> December 2012 Company press release entitled "Duluth Metals Announces an Updated Mineral Resource Estimate Confirming Large Increases to Twin Metals Contained Metal, Grade and Indicated Tons"

\* Note – These resource estimates include 100% of the identified material in each deposit, and include mineral resources acquired as a part of TMM's acquisition of Franconia Minerals Corporation in 2011. Franconia's principal assets are a 70% interest in the Birch Lake, 'old' Maturi and Spruce Road deposits in northeastern Minnesota through the Birch Lake Joint Venture. Franconia announced in November, 2010 its intention to increase its ownership at the Birch Lake Joint Venture to 82%; see Franconia's company profile at <u>www.SEDAR.com</u> for Technical Reports. TMM's ownership of the resource will be factored by these percentages where applicable.

# December 2012 TMM Resource Estimate



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Using a 0.3% Cu cut-off, AMEC confirms global **Indicated Tons of 1.17 Billion and Inferred Tons of 1.26 Billion** on the three deposits (Birch Lake, Maturi and Spruce Road) which are approximately 11% of the Twin Metals property block:

Maturi Deposit*	<b>1.065 billion tons of Indicated Resources</b> grading 0.59% copper, 0.19% nickel, 0.60 parts per million TPM (TPM = Pt + Pd + Au), <u>plus</u> an additional 542 million tons of Inferred Resources grading 0.51% copper, 0.17% nickel, 0.53 parts per million TPM.
Birch Lake Deposit*	<b>99.7 million tons of Indicated Resources</b> grading 0.52% copper, 0.16% nickel, 0.86 parts per million TPM and 239.2 million tons of <b>Inferred Resources</b> grading 0.46% copper, 0.15% nickel, 0.64 parts per million TPM.
Spruce Road Deposit*	<b>480 million tons of Inferred Resources</b> grading 0.43% copper, 0.16% nickel.

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### **Exploration Targets<sup>1</sup>**



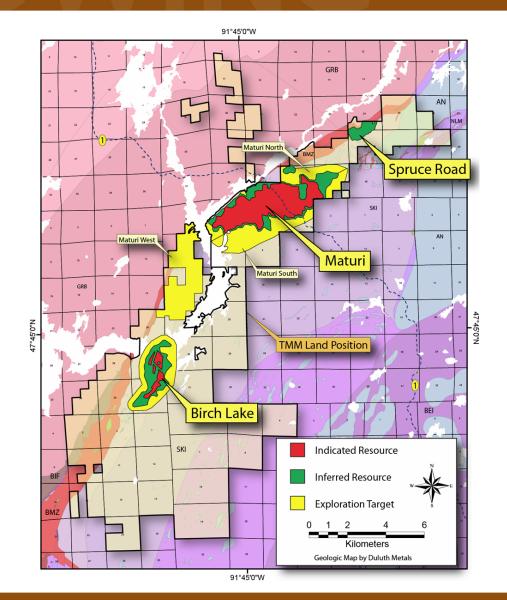
# Exploration Targets\* around Maturi and Birch Lake add potential tonnage to the TMM resource:

\*Exploration Targets reflect TMM's current 70% interest in these properties which will increase to 82% upon production. These Exploration Targets only cover approximately 12% of the TMM property block.

Maturi North Exploration Target	The estimated tonnage and grades range from 290 to 435 million tons grading 0.41 to 0.61% Cu, 0.14 to 0.21 %Ni, 0.10 to 0.14 ppm Pt, 0.24 to 0.34 ppm Pd, and 0.07 to 0.07 ppm Au.
Maturi South Exploration Target	The estimated tonnage and grades range from 330 to 500 million tons grading 0.42 to 0.62 %Cu, 0.13 to 0.19 %Ni, 0.14 to 0.21 ppm Pt, 0.31 to 0.45 ppm Pd, and 0.07 to 0.10 ppm Au
Maturi West Exploration Target	The estimated tonnage and grades range from 600 to 980 million tons grading 0.41 to 0.52 %Cu, 0.15 to 0.18 %Ni, 0.10 to 0.14 ppm Pt, 0.27 to 0.31 ppm Pd, and 0.07 to 0.07 ppm Au.
Birch Lake Target	The estimated tonnage and grades range from 222 to 334 million tons grading 0.33 to 0.50 %Cu, 0.11 to 0.16 %Ni, and 0.39 to 0.58 ppm TPM.

<sup>1</sup>The potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Targets is conceptual in nature, and there has been insufficient exploration to define the target as a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource.

# Indicated and Inferred Resources, Exploration Targets on TMM Project



# The S3 Subunit Provides Potential Earlier Economic Mining opportunities

Maturi Deposit- S3 Subunit							
	Indicated Mineral Resource						
Cu%	Million	Cu	Ni	Pt	Pd	Au	ТРМ
cut-off	Tons	%	%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
0.2	643	0.681	0.218	0.198	0.449	0.105	0.752
0.3	643	0.682	0.218	0.198	0.449	0.105	0.752
0.4	641	0.683	0.218	0.198	0.449	0.105	0.752
0.5	622	0.689	0.220	0.199	0.451	0.106	0.756
0.6	500	0.721	0.230	0.206	0.468	0.109	0.783
0.7	265	0.783	0.247	0.221	0.508	0.116	0.845
	Inferred	Mineral R	lesource				
Cu%	Million	Cu	Ni	Pt	Pd	Au	ТРМ
cut-off	Tons	%	%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
0.2	234	0.617	0.198	0.206	0.464	0.100	0.770
0.3	232	0.620	0.198	0.208	0.466	0.101	0.775
0.4	225	0.627	0.200	0.210	0.472	0.102	0.784
0.5	198	0.650	0.205	0.222	0.495	0.107	0.824
0.6	129	0.700	0.219	0.248	0.554	0.120	0.922
0.7	53	0.779	0.236	0.284	0.637	0.137	1.058

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# **Part Two**

# **Exploration for New PGM Mineralization**



# **Duluth Metals Exploration Division**

- The Company is leveraging knowledge of the Duluth Complex to find additional deposits in Northern Minnesota in close proximity to the Twin Metals Minnesota Project
- Active drilling program underway

### **Strategic Land Holdings**



**Twin Metals Lands** 



Twin Metals Federal Prospecting Permits



DM State and Private Exploration Lands

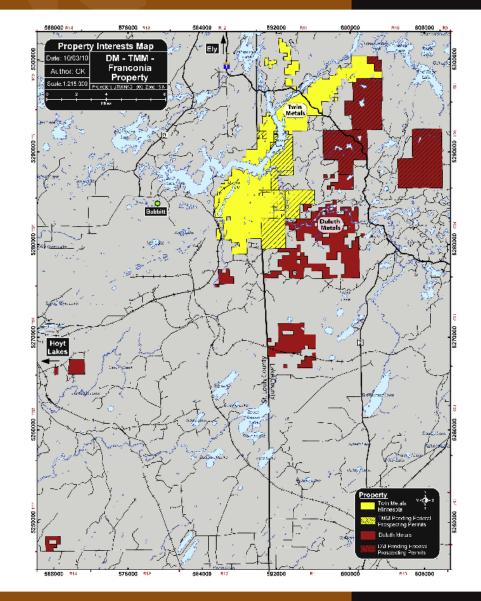
DM Federal Prospecting Permits

#### **Twin Metals Project**

 approx. 32,000 acres of mineral interests

### **Duluth Exploration Limited**

- Certain earn-in rights on approx.
  40,000 acres of DM mineral interests
- Approx. 18,000 acres of the 40,000 are issued or pending BLM prospecting permits

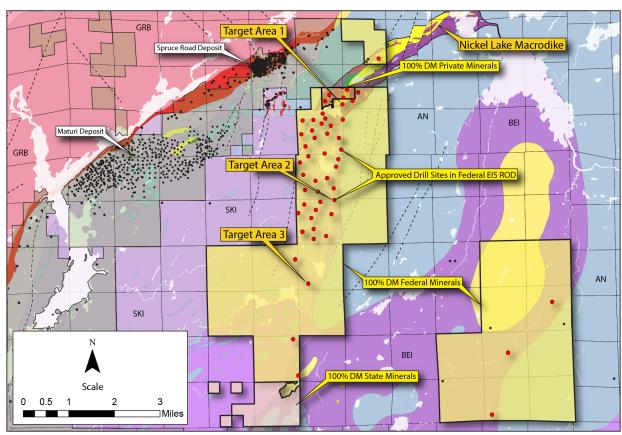


### Drilling has commenced on Three Target Areas



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The Nor' East property is situated at the junction of the Nickel Lake Macrodike and the South Kawishiwi Intrusion and represents a prime target area



## Three initial drilling target areas are:

#### **Target Area 1:**

•The Nickel Lake Macrodike area has potential for PGM's in addition to copper/nickel mineralization and magma conduit-hosted massive sulphide targets

#### **Target Area 2:**

•Two miles south of the mouth of the Nickel Lake Macrodike

#### **Target Area 3:**

•Focus is for copper-nickel-PGM mineralization, similar to other known deposits in the Duluth Complex such as the TMM Project deposits and the deep portions of the Mesaba Deposit

### The Nickel Lake Macrodike Potential for Higher Grade PGMs and Base Metals

- Magma conduit-hosted-Ni-rich massive sulphide targets
- Potential for higher grade PGMs with NLM targets



- The final December 2012 pre-feasibility AMEC resource estimate report confirms an increase in the global resource, contained metal, and the economic opportunities which exist on the higher grade portions of the deposit
- A growing platinum group metals (PGM) and gold resource is one of the world's largest palladium and platinum resources outside of South Africa; potential for new PGM deposits on 100% owned Duluth Exploration properties
- Potential significant value creation arising out of current drilling program on exploration properties
- M&A Perspective several analysts have highlighted an M&A perspective on DM

### **Corporate Snapshot**



#### Share Structure as of Dec. 31, 2012

Common Shares Issued and Outstanding	125,750,816		
Common Shares Reserved for Issuance – Allocated Stock Options	11,111,372		
Common Share Capital – Fully Diluted	136,862,188		

#### Management

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