# FIRST/COBALT

## BUILDING THE WORLD'S LARGEST COBALT EXPLORATION COMPANY

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#### Who is First Cobalt?

#### ✓ Vision

- Build the largest pure-play cobalt exploration company in the world
- Be the preferred cobalt investment vehicle

#### ✓ Strategy

- 3-way merger nearing completion with Cobalt One and CobalTech
- Pursue open pit mining of historic high grade underground mines
- Control 50 past producers in the Canadian Cobalt Camp

#### ✓ Pathway to Production

- Brownfield camp with patent lands and mining leases mitigates permitting risk
- Only permitted cobalt extraction refinery within the Cobalt Camp
- Historic muckpiles support early metallurgical work and potential early cash flow

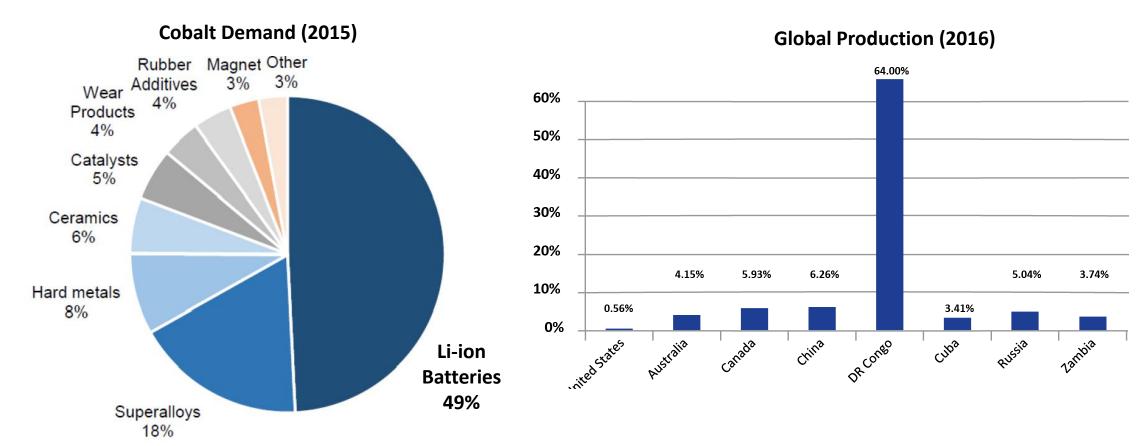


## **Cobalt Demand Climbing Sharply**

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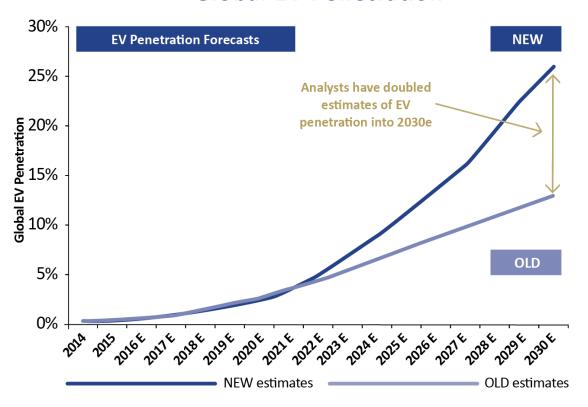
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- EVs to drive demand growth of 14% (CAGR) from 2016 to 2025
- Resulting in >90% demand growth by 2025 to 203,000 tonnes



## Electric Vehicle Revolution Has Just Begun

#### **Global EV Penetration**



#### **Innovation has accelerated penetration rates**

- Energy density to increase by 50% by 2020
- 300-mile range now achievable
- Charging speeds continually improving
- Economies of scale have reduced battery manufacturing costs by 80% in 6 years

Source: Exane BNP Paribas



### **Transformational Transactions**







**Keeley-Frontier** - Option for 100% of past producer; 3.3 Mlbs Co and 19.1 Moz Ag from 1907-1965

Best cobalt-to-silver ratio of all major producers in this mining camp

**Silverfields** - Produced ~18.2 Moz Ag; additional 7,200 hectares of highly prospective exploration property with several past producing Co-Ag mines

Owns the only refinery in the Camp

Kerr Lake and Lawson - 100% owner of these past-producing mines which produced ~32.7 Moz Ag + significant Co by-product from 1905-1996

Fully-permitted 100 tpd mill

- Creates the largest pure-play cobalt exploration company in the world
- Enhanced capital market profile and strong re-rating potential
- District-scale potential in historical mining camp in Cobalt, Ontario
- Fast-track to production with fully permitted refinery, mill and muckpiles

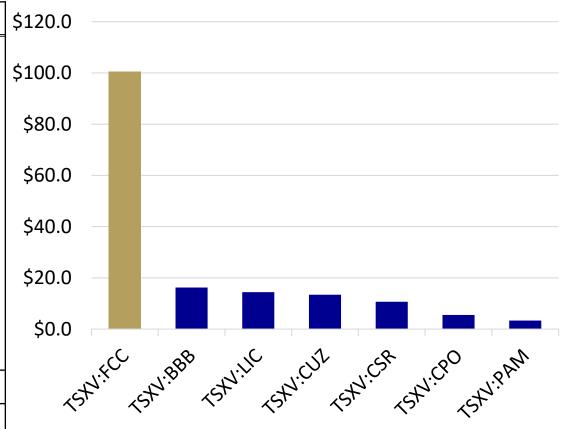


## Global Cobalt Landscape

#### **Top Cobalt Producers**

#### **Cobalt (tonnes) Market Share** Company Glencore 28,300 26% China Moly 16,000 15% Sherritt Internation (JVs) 7,000 8% 5,800 5% Vale Norilsk Nickel 5,500 5% **Sumitomo Metal Mining** 5,000 5% Jinchuan 4,600 4% 4,500 4% Zhejiang Huayou Groupe de Terill Lubumbashi 3,500 3% **ERG** 3,500 3% 10 Top 10 80,400 73% **Global Production** 110,000

#### Pro forma Market Cap – Cobalt Camp



## Post-Merger Capital Structure

|                              | FIRST COBALT | <b>CobaltOne</b> Limited | COBALTECH | IRST COBAL |  |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| Ticker                       | TSXV:FCC     | ASX:CO1                  | TSXV:CSK  | TSXV:FCC   |  |
| Share price                  | C\$0.76      | A\$0.11                  | C\$0.16   | C\$0.76    |  |
| Basic shares outstanding (M) | 57.3         | 696.4                    | 78.5      | 194.8      |  |
| Warrants (M)                 | 3.6          | -                        | -         | 3.6        |  |
| Options (M)                  | 5.2          | 89.8                     | 10.0      | 8.1        |  |
| FD shares outstanding (M)    | 66.1         | 786.1                    | 88.5      | 206.5      |  |
| Avg. 20-day volume (M)       | 0.92*        | 0.98                     | 0.23      | n/a        |  |
| FC Market capitalization     | C\$50.2      | A\$86.5                  | C\$14.2   | C\$150.9   |  |

Market data as of June 28, 2017.

Share exchange ratios: (1) 0.145 of a First Cobalt common share for 1 Cobalt One ordinary share, and (2) 0.2632 of a First Cobalt common share for 1 CobalTech common share.

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<sup>\*</sup> As of August 29, last 20 active trading days, excluding halt period.

## Respected Leadership Team

#### Management



TRENT MELL
PRESIDENT & CEO, DIRECTOR



DR. FRANK SANTAGUIDA, P.GEO VP, EXPLORATION



PETER CAMPBELL, P.ENG
VP, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

#### **Post-Merger Board**



PAUL MATYSEK
CHAIRMAN, LITHIUM X



BOB CROSS
CHAIRMAN, B2GOLD



JASON BONTEMPO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
COBALT ONE



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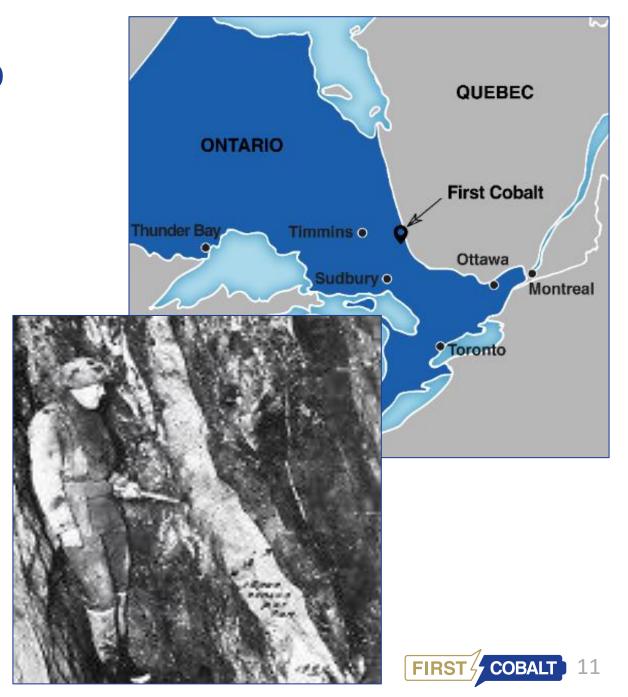


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## **Historic Canadian Mining Camp**

- Historically the most prolific cobalt mining camp in Canada
  - 50 million pounds of cobalt and 600 million ounces of silver mined over a 60-year period
  - Peak production from 1919 to 1931
- Potential to develop a district-scale cobalt mining operations
- Limited historic exploration undertaken
  - Mining activity declined after WWII
  - Focus was silver, not cobalt
  - Mining typically <200m depth</li>



## The Consolidated Cobalt Camp

High grade vein style mineralization in historic stockpiles throughout district

Grades up to 8.34% Co and 188 oz Ag/t\*

First Cobalt will control 45% of the camp

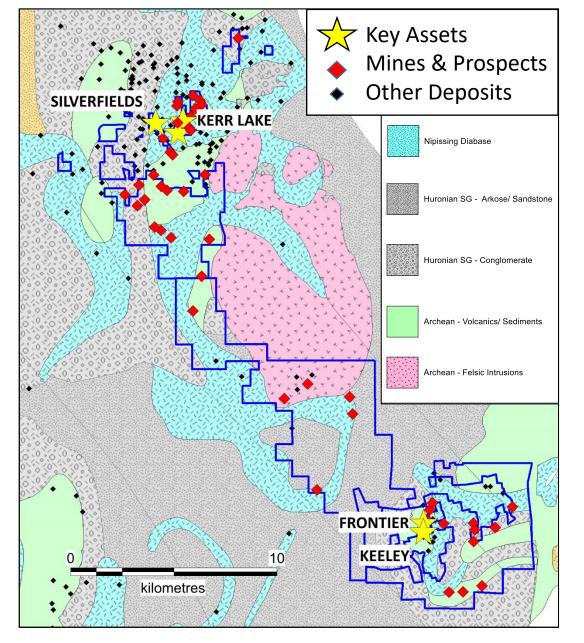
50 past producing mines

Never explored for cobalt or bulk mining potential

Previous mining and exploration focused on silver

Pathway to early production and cash flow

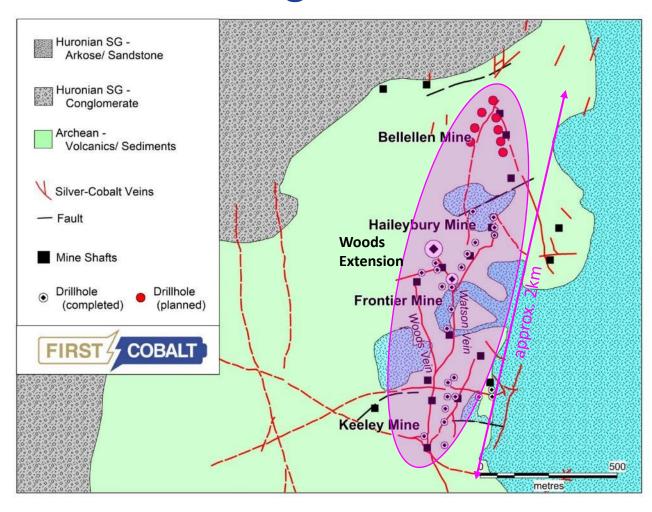
 Infrastructure-rich, including fully permitted refinery, mill, roads, power and local workforce





<sup>\*</sup> See October 5, 2017 press release for details.

## **Current Drill Program**



Target zone with two kilometre strike; initial 7,000m target area included:

- 1. Haileybury
- 5. Keeley #3
- 2. Frontier #1
- 6. Keeley #1
- 3. Frontier #3 (Watson Vein)
- 7. Keeley #2

4. Woods Extension

8. Keeley #5 (820 Vein)

Additional 2,000m planned at Bellellen for total 9,000m program

#### Drilling to test:

- Base metal halo around high grade silver veins (footwall & hangingwall)
- Known cobalt-rich zones not previously mined

## **Greater Cobalt Project Status**

- √ 6,200 metres of drilling completed as of October 30
- ✓ New areas for drill follow-up
  - Bellellen surface assays returned 0.8% Co in disseminated sample
  - Drummond sampling returned grades of up to 0.65% Co, 1.79% Cu and 4,990 g/t Ag
  - Targets for surface sampling include Silver Banner, Ophir, and Caswell
- Regional structural interpretations for drill targeting ongoing
- Bore-hole and ground geophysical surveys initialized





## Production Infrastructure & Muckpiles

- The only permitted cobalt extraction refinery in the Cobalt Camp
  - 1 of 4 permitted facilities of this type in Canada
  - Ideal location for future mill complex
- Bench-scale metallurgical studies for flowsheet design
- Significant material, permits and processing infrastructure on site to support a fast-track to early production and cash flow generation
  - Systematic muckpile sampling program and oresorting tests underway
- Small mill operation
  - Ball mill, shaker tables, Knelson concentrator and mobile equipment

#### **Crushed Stockpile**





**Ball Mill and Shaker Tables** 





**Fully Permitted Refinery** 







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| 7  | Jinchuan                    | 4,600           | 4%           |
| 8  | Zhejiang Huayou             | 4,500           | 4%           |
| 9  | Groupe de Terill Lubumbashi | 3,500           | 3%           |
| 10 | ERG                         | 3,500           | 3%           |
|    | Top 10                      | 80,400          | 73%          |
|    | Global Production           | 110,000         |              |

## What's Next for FCC

Three-Way Merger Completed in 4 Weeks

- Trading begins on ASX
- New Board constituted

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H1'18

H2'18

#### **Greater Cobalt Project**

- First assay results from Keeley-Frontier
- Prioritization of future targets

#### **Stockpile Processing Works**

 Engagement of XPS, Dundee Sustainable & SNC Lavalin to begin stockpile assessment

- Expand drill program to include follow-up and additional mines acquired in mergers
- Muckpile volumetrics and sampling underway

- Infill and exploration drilling in Cobalt
- Evaluation of Co opportunities elsewhere
- Preliminary study on flowsheet design and metallurgy

