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## WHY INVEST? | Key Strategic Advantages



US LOCATION - Tier 1 US Location with focus on domestic copper supply



**PERMITS IN HAND** - Copperwood fully-permitted, White Pine advancing



**RESOURCE SCALE** - Multi-billion pound copper resource with growth upside



**LONG-LIVED** - Potential for consolidated 25+ year life of mine



WELL FUNDED – Liquidity available for Copperwood, White Pine JV funded



COPPERWOOD & WHITE PINE PROJECTS UPPER PENINSULA - MICHIGAN

## **ASSETS | Focused on Core Michigan Projects**



#### Copperwood

- ✓ 31kt annual production
- ✓ 11-year mine life
- ✓ Feasibility Study level
- ✓ Permitted for construction

# White Pine North

- ✓ 40kt annual production
- ✓ 21-year mine life
- ✓ PEA level, past producer
- ✓ Partially permitted

#### \$36 million cash to advance projects

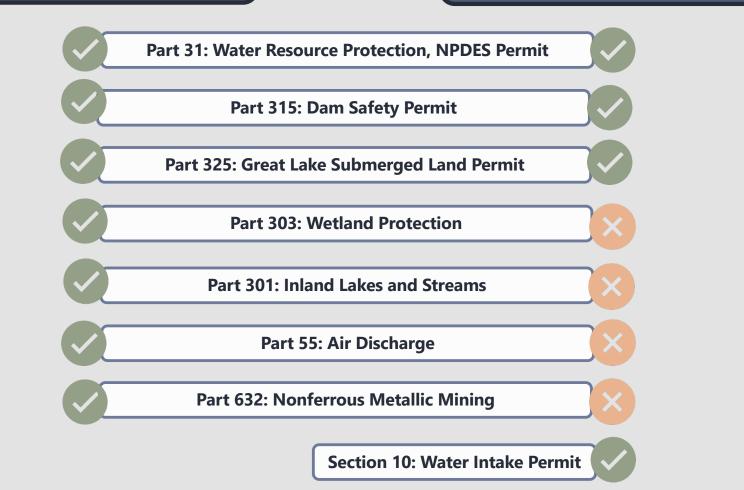
\* See Resource Statements on Slides 18, 19 and 20.



## PERMITTING | Benefitting From State-Run Process

#### **Copperwood** Fully Permitted

#### White Pine North Advancing Permitting with State





## **TRANSACTION | Kinterra Transaction Highlights**



#### US\$30 Million Investment for 66% of White Pine North, Funds Available for Copperwood

• Funds mainly allocated to initiate Copperwood early site works



# Additional US\$30 Million JV Commitment to Fund White Pine North

• Advance White Pine permitting, infill drilling and Feasibility Study



#### Available US\$10 Million Unsecured Loan

• Kinterra to provide unsecured loan for Highland 34% pro rata of US\$30 million JV budget, at Highland's option to fund cash calls



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### **TRANSACTION | Deal Rationale**





## LOCATION | Alignment with Michigan

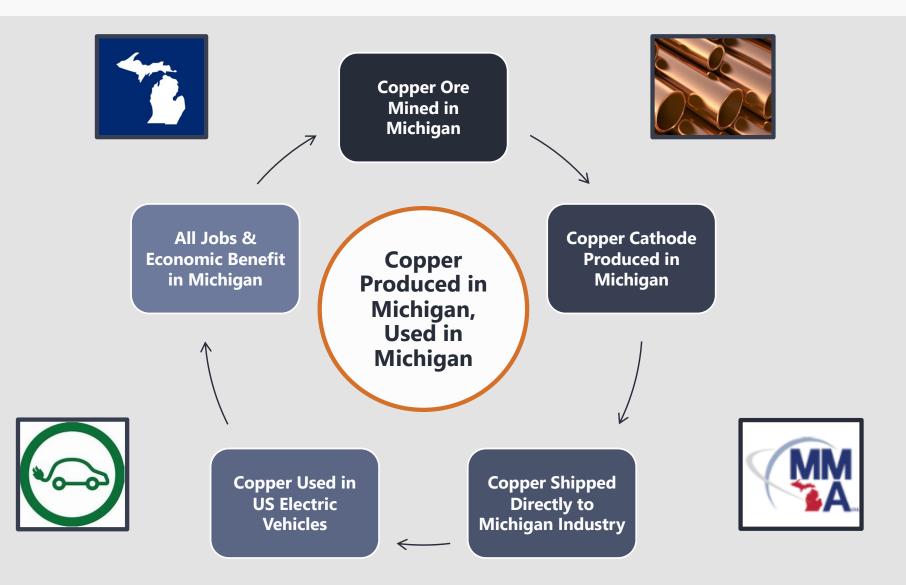








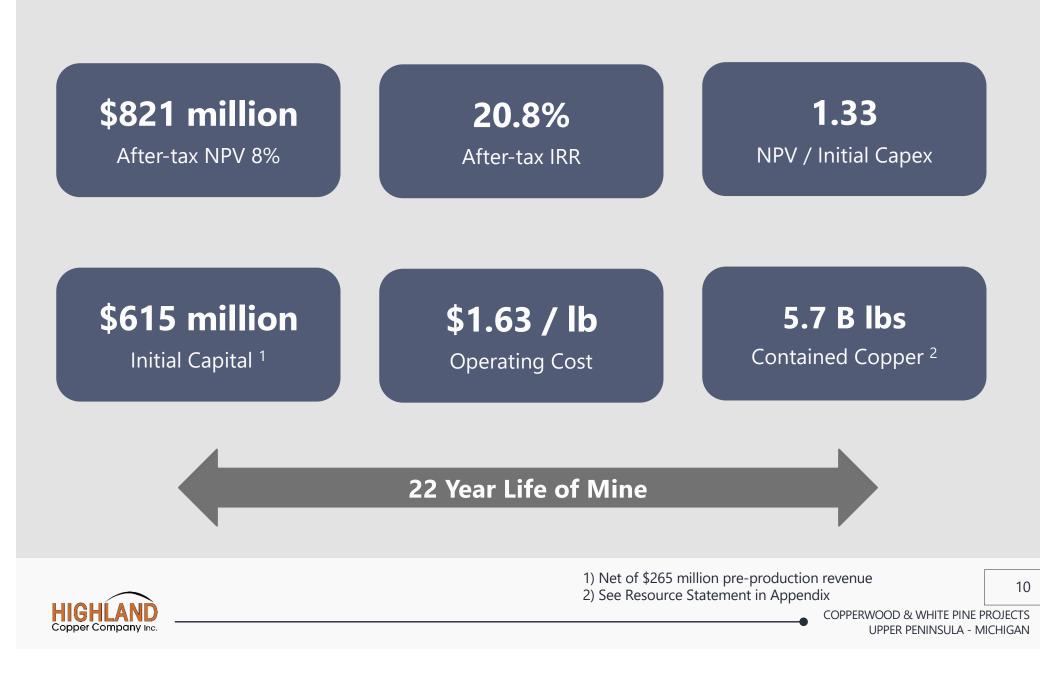
## LOCATION | Michigan Vision



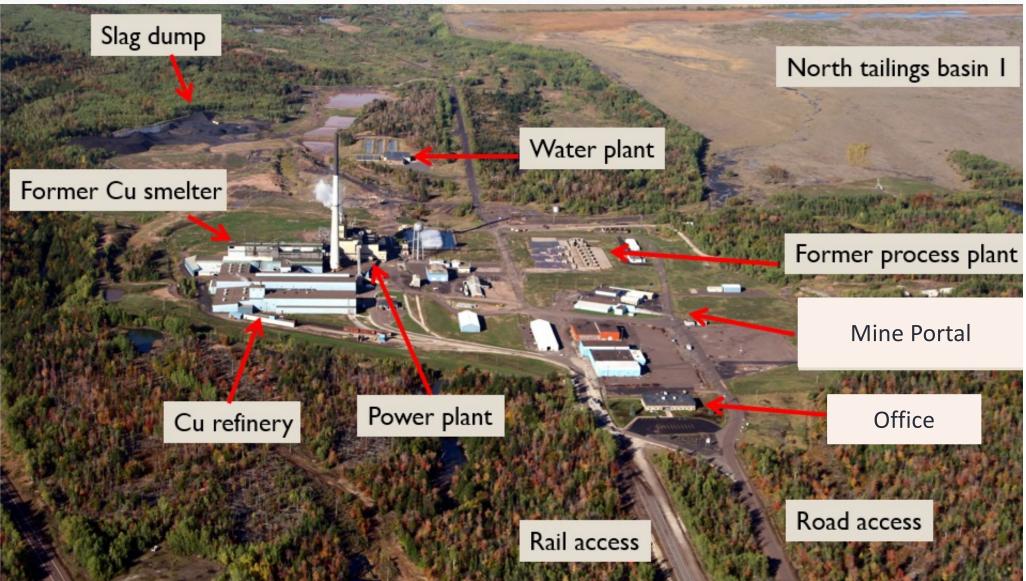


## WHITE PINE NORTH | PEA Highlights (100%)

All figures USD



### WHITE PINE NORTH | Available Infrastucture



Pictured above is the historic White Pine Mine owned by Subterra and PM Power Group. White Pine North grounds partially shown in photo.



### **COPPERWOOD** | Value Creation

Life of mine additions, converting 79 million inferred tonnes

Significant Opportunities to Increase Copperwood NPV **Government grants** 

Potential royalty restructuring

Metallurgical recovery improvements, reagent consumption

Ground support design criteria and mining height optimization

#### Bulk ore sorting technology

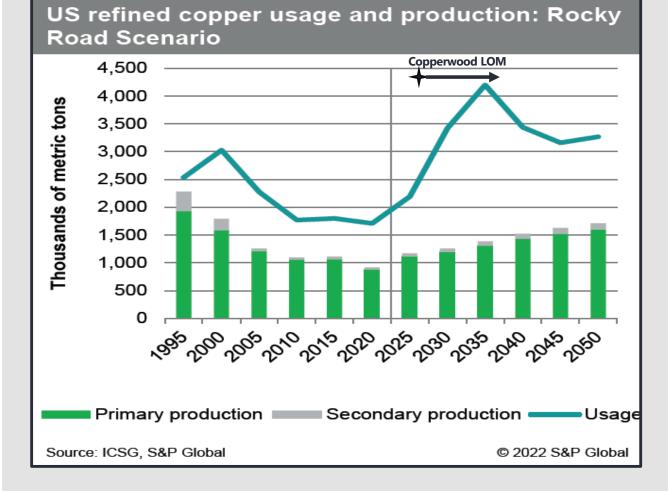
#### All figures USD

Cu Price	NPV 0%	NPV 8%	IRR	Payback
(\$/lb)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(%)	(years)
5.00	1,013	507	33.4	2.0
4.50	729	333	25.6	2.5
4.25	587	246	21.4	2.9
4.00	456	168	17.6	3.5
3.75	308	75	12.4	4.4

Further leverage to copper price



## **COPPERWOOD | LOM Match to Demand Imbalance**



- Copperwood life of mine coincides directly with peak US copper supply/demand imbalance
- Fully-permitted status allows Highland to take advantage of near-term production and cash flow at Copperwood



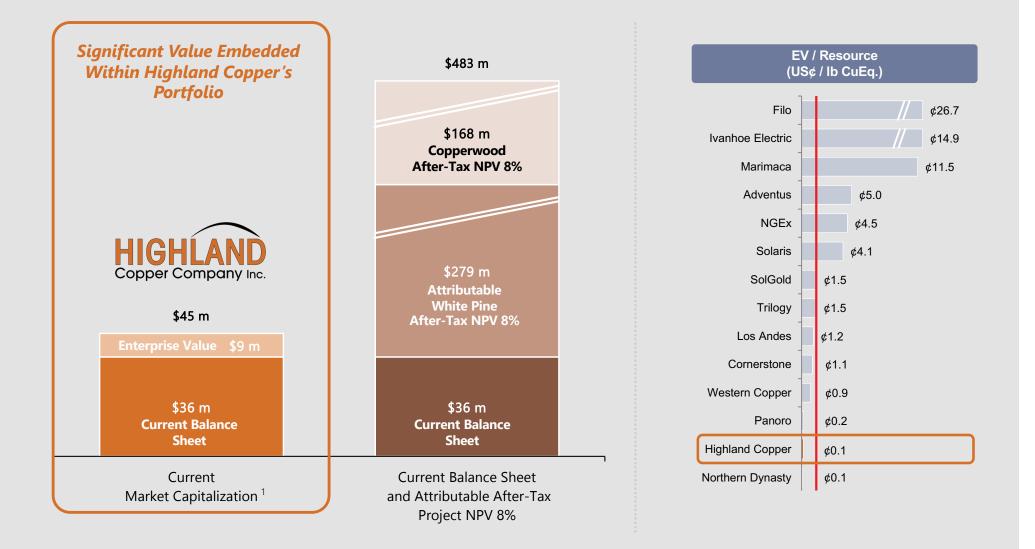
## ASSETS | Pro Forma Highland Copper

<b>100% Copperwood</b> 2023 Feasibility Study	<b>Metric</b> All figures USD	34% White Pine North 2023 PEA	
\$168 m	After-tax NPV <sup>8</sup> @ \$4.00 Copper	\$279 m	
\$333 m	After-tax NPV <sup>8</sup> @ \$4.50 Copper	\$402 m	
1.8 B lbs	Measured & Indicated Contained Copper	1.2 B lbs	
1.9 B lbs	Inferred Contained Copper	0.8 B lbs	
10.7	Life of Mine (Years)	21.8	
\$391 m	Initial Capital (net pre-prod revenues)	\$209m	
17.6%	After-tax IRR (%)	20.8%	
Highland	Management and Funding	Kinterra	

\$36 Million Cash Available / \$30 Million JV Budget Funded by Kinterra / No Debt



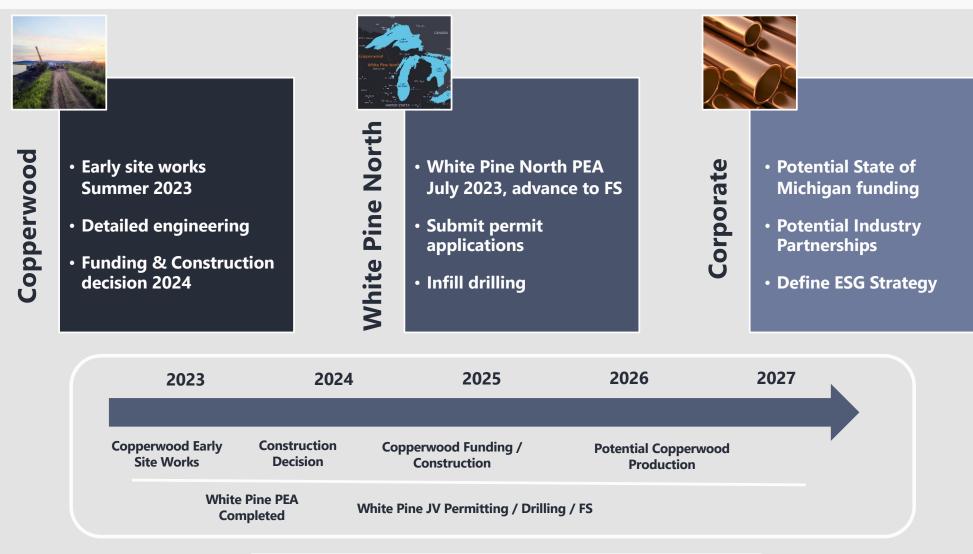
## HIGHLAND COPPER | Attractive Entry Point





1) As of 28-Jul-23.

#### HIGHLAND COPPER | Key Catalysts & Timeline



**Sequenced Asset Development with G&A Synergies** 

\* White Pine North timeline will be controlled by Kinterra





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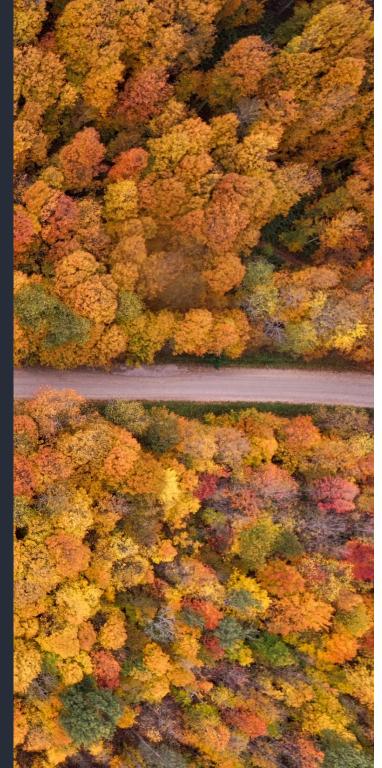
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### COPPERWOOD | Mineral Reserves\*

Copperwood	Tonnes (MT)	Cu Grade (%)	Ag Grade (g/t)	Cu Contained (M lbs)	Ag Contained (M oz)
Proven	18.2	1.49	4.47	597	2.6
Probable	7.5	1.34	2.56	222	0.6
Proven & Probable	25.7	1.45	3.91	820	3.2

Notes on Mineral Reserve Estimates: 1) The Mineral Reserves were estimated using the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Estimation of Mineral Resources & Mineral Reserves Best Practice Guidelines (Nov 29, 2019) and CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Reserves, (May 10, 2014). 2) Mineral Reserves are estimated at a cut-off grade of 1% Cu. The cut-off will vary depending on the economic context and the operating parameters. 3) Mineral Reserves are estimated using a long-term copper price of \$4.00/lb and a silver price of \$25.00/oz. 4) Assuming a long-term copper price \$4.00/lb, a sliding scale 4.0% NSR royalty on the Copperwood Project is payable to leaseholders. A 1.5% NSR royalty on the Copperwood Project payable to Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. This also includes an additional 11.5% silver mineral royalty payable to Osisko Stream Royalties. 5) Mineral Reserves are estimated using an ore loss of 3%, a dilution of 0.1 m for the floor and a 0.25 m for the back of the stope and the development. 6) The economic viability of the mineral reserve has been demonstrated. 7) A minimum mining height of 2.1 m was used. 8) The copper recovery was estimated at 86%. 9) The Qualified Person for the estimate is Carl Michaud, P. Eng., Underground Engineering Manager for GMSI. The estimate has an effective date of May 25, 2022 10) The numbers may not sum due to rounding; rounding followed the recommendations in NI 43-101. 11) The geotechnical parameters of the previous technical report from June 2018 were used in this Feasibility Study update.

\* Effective Date May 25, 2022.



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#### **COPPERWOOD | Mineral Resource Estimate**

#### 0.9% Cu Cut-off Grade (Effective Date February 28, 2022)

Deposits	Resource Category	Tonnage (M t)	Copper Grade (%)	Silver Grade (g/t)	Copper Contained (M lbs)	Silver Contained (M oz)
	Measured	27.9	1.7	4.5	1,023	4.1
LCBS	Indicated	16.1	1.4	2.4	504	1.2
LCDS	M + I	44.0	1.6	3.7	1,527	5.3
	Inferred	2.3	1.1	1.2	56	0.1
	Measured	0.1	1.0	4.6	2.0	-
UCBS	Indicated	10.1	1.1	3.1	253	1.0
UCDS	M + I	10.2	1.1	3.1	255	1.0
	Inferred	-	-	-	-	-
Satellite LCBS	Inferred	49.7	1.1	2.5	1,210	3.9
Satellite UCBS	Inferred	27.1	1.1	5.7	630	5.0

**Notes on Mineral Resources: 1)** *Mineral Resources are reported using a copper price of \$4.00/lb and a silver price of \$25/oz. 2)* A payable rate of 96.5% for copper and 90% for silver was assumed. **3)** The Copperwood Feasibility Study reported metallurgical testing with recovery of 86% for copper and 73.5% for silver. **4)** Cut-off grade of 0.9% copper was used, based on an underground "room and pillar" mining scenario. **5)** Operating costs are based on a processing plant located at the Copperwood site. **6)** Assuming a long-term copper price of \$4.00/lb, a sliding scale 5.5% Net Smelter Return ("NSR") royalty on the Copperwood Project is payable to leaseholders. **7)** Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources have a drill hole spacing of 175 m, 250 m and 350 m, respectively. **8)** A minimum mining thickness of 2m was applied. No additional unplanned mining dilution and mining loss were considered for the Mineral Resources. **9)** Rock bulk densities are based on rock types. **10)** Classification of Mineral Resources conforms to CIM Definition Standards (2014). **11)** The Qualified Person for the estimate is Mr. James Purchase, P.Geo., of GMSI. The estimate has an effective date of February 28, 2022. **12)** LCBS: Lower Copper Bearing Sequence. **13)** UCBS: Upper Copper Bearing Sequence. **14)** The quantity and grade of reported Inferred Resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred Resources as Indicated or Measured Mineral Resources.



#### WHITE PINE NORTH | Mineral Resource Estimate

Ore Column	Resource Category	Tonnage (Mt)	Copper Grade (%)	Silver Grade (g/t)	Copper Contained (M lbs)	Silver Contained (M oz)
Full Column	Indicated	37.8	1.03	10.1	857	12.3
(3 m)	Inferred	0	-	-	0	0
Parting Shale	Indicated	112.8	1.06	14.6	2,640	53.1
(2 m)	Inferred	96.4	1.03	9.0	2,183	27.8
White Pine	Indicated	150.7	1.05	13.5	3,497	65.5
North (Total)	Inferred	96.4	1.03	9.0	2,183	27.8

Mineral Resource Estimate - White Pine Project - 0.9% Cu cut-off Grade – June 12, 2023

#### Notes on Mineral Resources:

- 1) Mineral Resources are reported using a copper price of US\$4.00/b and a silver price of US\$25/oz.
- 2) A payable rate of 96.5% for copper and 90% for silver was assumed.
- 3) Metallurgical recoveries of 88% for copper and 73.4% for silver were assumed.
- 4) A cut-off grade of 0.90% copper was used, based on an underground "room and pillar" mining scenario.
- Mineral Resources are reported within the most probable extraction scenario of Full Column or Parting Shale based on mine engineering.
- 6) Operating costs are based on a processing plant located at the White Pine site.
- A flat NSR royalty rate of \$0.10/lb Cu payable was applied, which incorporates three royalties on the project (Osisko Silver royalties, Osisko Copper royalties, and Longyear Royalty).
- 8) Minimum mining thicknesses of 2 m and 3 m were applied to the Parting Shale and the Full Column respectively.
- 9) No mining dilution and mining loss were considered for the Mineral Resources.
- 10) Mineralized rock bulk densities is assumed at 2.74 g/cc.
- 11) Classification of Mineral Resources conforms to CIM definitions.
- 12) The qualified persons for the estimate are Mr. Réjean Sirois, P.Eng., consultant for GMSI and Mr. Christian Beaulieu, P.Geo., consultant for GMSI. The estimate has an effective date of June 12, 2023.
- 13) Mineral Resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, or other relevant issues.
- 14) Parting Shale: interval defined from the base of the Lower Transition unit to the top of the Tiger unit.
- 15) Full Column: interval defined from the base of the Lower Transition unit to the top of the Thinly unit.
- 16) The quantity and grade of reported Inferred Resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred Resources as Indicated or Measured Mineral Resources.

