The Metals Company: Unlocking the World's Largest Estimated Undeveloped Source of Battery Metals

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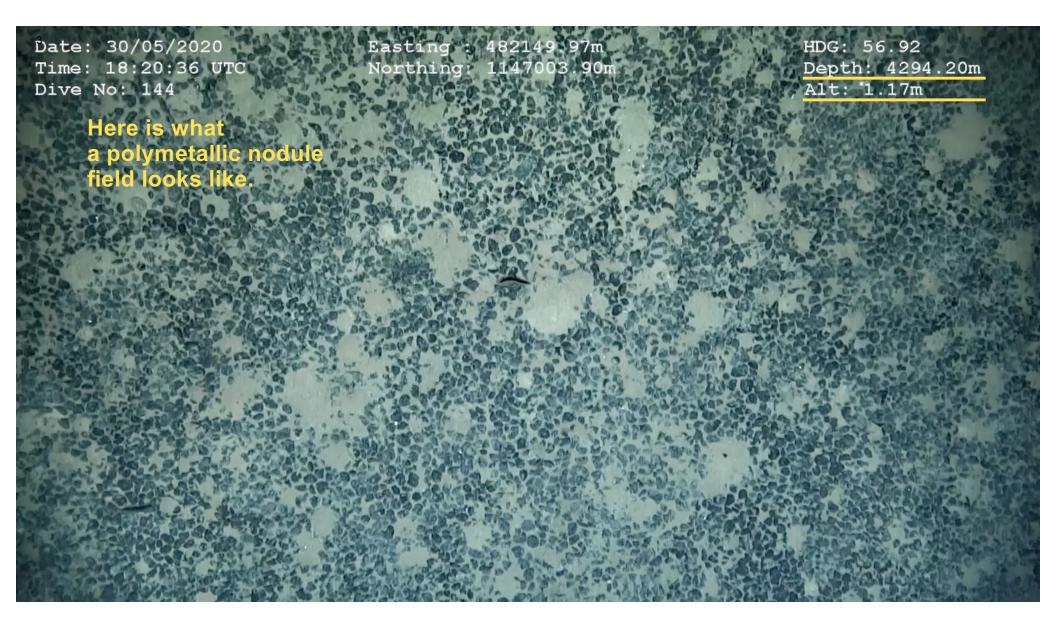
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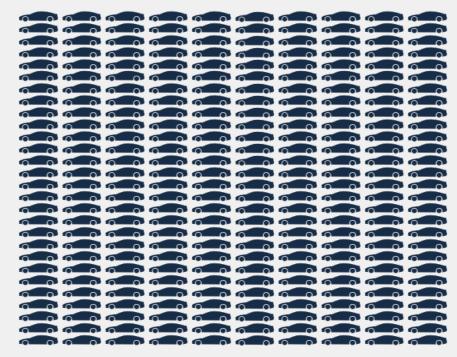
OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

TMC estimated resource alone has the potential to supply U.S. demand for nickel, cobalt and manganese.

> = Approximate raw material requirements of a million Electric Vehicles¹

The Metals Company

15,700,000 t Ni / 2,400,000 t Co / 13,300,000 t Cu / 350,000,000 t Mn Total Resource Estimated *In situ* quantities of nickel, copper, cobalt and manganese equivalent to the requirements of 280 million vehicles or the entire U.S. passenger vehicle fleet¹



Eagle Mine

137,000t Ni / 3,700t Co Total Resource

Only U.S. miner of nickel or cobalt reaching end of life 2025² *Nickel concentrate (11-14%) exported for refining



¹ Internal company calculation assuming 75kWh batteries with NMC811 chemistry and nodule resource grade and abundance, "Where Should Metals for the Green Transition Come From?", Paulikas et al, LCA white paper, April 2020. Calculation based on estimated contained value of nickel.

Talon Metals

135.000 t Ni / 3.500 t Co Total Resource

Unpermitted Tamarack project in

Minnesota, enviro. review in 2023³

*Nickel concentrate (13%) likely

exported for refining

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² https://minedocs.com/23/Eagle-TR-12312022.pdf

³ https://talonmetals.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Talon-Tamarack-PEA-Update-12Mar2020-Final.pdf



https://www.mining.com/featured-article/ranked-worlds-biggest-nickel-projects/

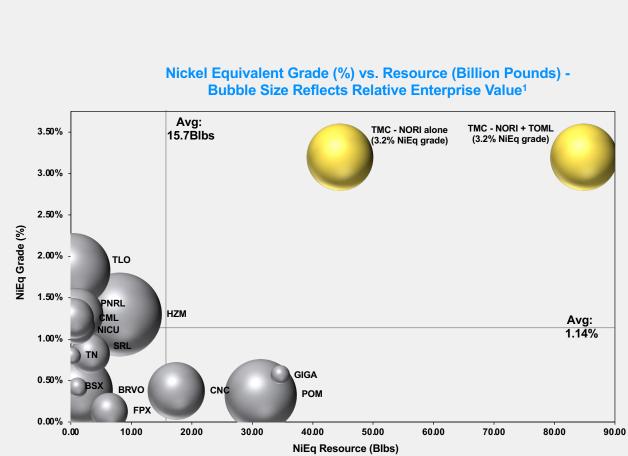
² Global Nickel Industry Cost Summary, Wood Mackenzie, August 2020; inclusive of reserves. Asset Reports for FeNi Halmahera, Jinchuan and Koniambo.

³ Canadian NI 43-101 Resource Statement for full field financial model (internal TMC development scenario).

⁴ Nickel equivalence calculation uses NORI-D Model price deck as stated in NORI Initial Assessment available at investors.metals.co.

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Some nickel projects have high grade, some have a large resource, but TMC is an outlier among peers with the largest NiEq resource and highest NiEq grade² among other major undeveloped nickel projects.



¹ Comparable nickel companies include Horizonte Minerals (HZM), Talon Metals (TLO), Bravo Mining (BRVO), Polymet Mining (POM), Canada Nickel (CNC), Premium Nickel (PNRL), Sunrise Energy (SRL), FPX Nickel (FPX), Manga Mining (NICU), Blackstone Minerals (BSX), Giga Metals (GIGA), Tartisan Nickel (TN), Canickel Mining (CML). Wyloo Metals (Eagle's Nest) and Waterton (Dumont) were omitted as they are privately held companies; Bahia Nickel is a private company and is included. Market data as at: 14-Mar-23 ² Industry-standard metal equivalence calculation using NORI Technical Report and NORI-D Model available at investors metals.co. Source: Stifel GMP investment banking, using data from Bloomberg, FacISet, Company disclosures

HIGHLIGHTS

Key takeaways from corporate update press release and 8-K on August 1.

TMC subsidiary Nauru Ocean Resources Inc. <mark>(NORI) intends to submit an application</mark> to the ISA for an exploitation contract for NORI Area D <mark>following the July 2024 meeting of the International Seabed Authority (ISA)</mark> .
Assuming a one-year review process and approval, NORI expects to be in production in Q4 2025.
Following feedback received from the ISA's Legal and Technical Commission (LTC), NORI will conduct a new post-collection test campaign this year focused on environmental regeneration of the test area, a campaign which was originally slated to be part of NORI's Environmental Management & Monitoring Plan (EMMP) post application, which the Company believes will strengthen the quality of NORI's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and EMMP.
NORI and strategic partner Allseas plan for increased production capacity for the Project Zero Offshore System, using the Hidden Gem vessel, from an estimated 1.3 million wet tonnes per annum to an estimated 3.0 million wet tonnes per annum, a potential increase of 130%.
Allseas has agreed to extend the maturity date of the \$25 million unsecured credit facility provided to the Company through November 30, 2024 on the same terms. In addition, on August 1, 2023, the Company and Allseas entered into an Exclusive Vessel Use Agreement which will give the Company exclusive use of the Hidden Gem in support of the development of the Project Zero Offshore System with 4.15 million common shares to be issued to Allseas as consideration.
 \$60 to 70 million of cash required in addition to the \$20 million cash on hand as of June 30, 2023 (but not including potential drawdown on the existing \$25 million Allseas credit facility) to submit an application for an exploitation contract for NORI Area D following the July 2024 meeting of the ISA. This estimate includes, among other things, the expected costs of: The environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA), including a post-collection test monitoring campaign Pre-feasibility studies Non-recurring engineering and project management on the Project Zero Offshore System Layup costs for the Hidden Gem Regulatory and legal costs

- Payroll and other general corporate matters

HIGHLIGHTS

Capital raise announced Aug. 14: ~\$27 million common stock issuance (potential to upsize to ~\$38 million) at \$2.00 plus warrants.

lssuer	TMC the metals company Inc. (NASDAQ: TMC)
Proposed Transaction	Registered direct placement on existing effective form S-3
Transaction Size	~\$27 million common stock plus warrants as described below, potential to upsize to \$38 million: two institutional investors and their designees can elect to increase commitments at the same terms on or before September 15 in an aggregate additional amount of \$11 million, if the closing TMC share price on trading day immediately prior to such notice is \$3.00 per share or less
Participants	Led by existing TMC shareholder and director ERAS Capital, strategic partner Allseas, and several institutional investors. Chairman and CEO Gerard Barron and CFO Craig Shesky along with several TMC board members also participated in the transaction.
Common Stock Issue Price	\$2.00 per share
Warrant Coverage	50% (1 warrant issued for every 2 common shares)
Warrant Strike Price	\$3.00 per share
Warrant Expiration	December 31, 2027
Mandatory Warrant Exercise / Call Provision	If the 30-day volume weighted-average price (VWAP) of TMC common stock exceeds \$6.50, the warrant must be exercised

Recent global headlines reflect increased investment and interest in seafloor resources...

Transocean / GSR

 In February 2023, Transocean agreed to contribute the stacked Ocean Rig Olympia (a Samsung 10000 drillship) for GSR's ongoing exploration work, as well as make a nominal cash investment¹
 GSR integrated system test scheduled for 2025¹

Norway

- In June 2023, the Norwegian government proposed opening its waters to deep-sea mining with strong support from Prime Minister²
- Norway's Loke Marine acquires UKSR contracts in CCZ in March 2023, targeting commercial ops in 2030²

Japan

 In December 2022, Japan announced plans to possibly begin extracting rare earth elements from the mud on the deep sea bottom in an area off Minami-Torishima Island as early as 2024, budgeting \$44 million for trial extraction equipment³

France

- In February 2023, French Research Institute for the Exploitation of the Sea (Ifremer) extended their CCZ exploration contract, conditional on readiness to begin exploitation in 5 year and France/Ifremer compliance with UNCLOS/ISA regime⁴
- France recently softened their position calling for a deep sea mining ban, instead favoring a 'precautionary pause'









¹ "Transocean Agrees to Investment in Global Sea Minerals Resources, Contributes Stacked Drillship," Transocean press release, February 9, 2023

² "Norway set to become one of the first countries to start deep-sea mining," Mining Technology, June 9, 2023, "Lockheed Martin sells deep-sea mining firm to Norway's Loke," Reuters, March 16, 2023

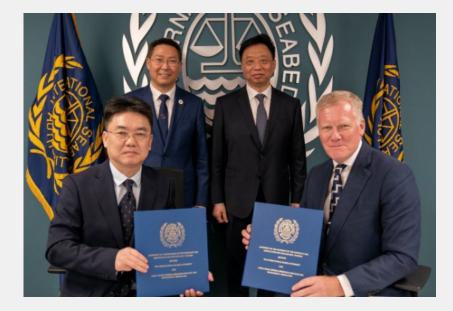
³ "Japan to begin extracting rare earth metals from seabed in 2024," Nikkei Asia, December 24, 2022

https://www.isa.org.jm/news/ifremer-signs-second-contract-extension-exploration-polymetallic-nodules-clarion-clipperton

...and prioritization of seafloor resources by Chinese leadership.

China

- On February 28, 2023, China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association (COMRA) signed a second contract extension for exploration for polymetallic nodules¹
- On March 14, 2023, Mining.com released an article titled "China to step up deep sea mining efforts," citing the English language state newspaper China Daily's interview with Ye Cong of the China Ship Scientific Research Center and a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a policy shaping body
 - Ye noted that mining the metals found in nodules on the seafloor – mainly nickel, copper, cobalt and manganese – will "help us reduce the heavy reliance on foreign suppliers."



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Recent reporting suggests commercial nodule collection is now a question of 'when,' not 'if,' with strong support from The Economist and deep-sea explorer & director James Cameron.

The Telegraph

Deep sea mining for minerals is 'better than ravaging rainforests', says James Cameron July 2023

Forbes

Green transportation depends on the success of deep-sea mining April 2023

The New York Times

Eric Lipton tweet: "Doesn't appear to be enough votes to indefinitely block mining...it appears it is a question of when—not if—industrial scale seabed mining will start."

April 1, 2023

The Economist

'It's time to mine the seabed': Getting nickel from the deep causes much less damage than getting it on land July 2023

Growing support from US political and military leaders, with US House members asking President Biden and Pentagon to deliver a plan on nodules.



Senator Murkowski presses Energy Department on seabed mining February 2022



Former US Military leaders urge Defense Department to include nodules in strategic planning February 2022



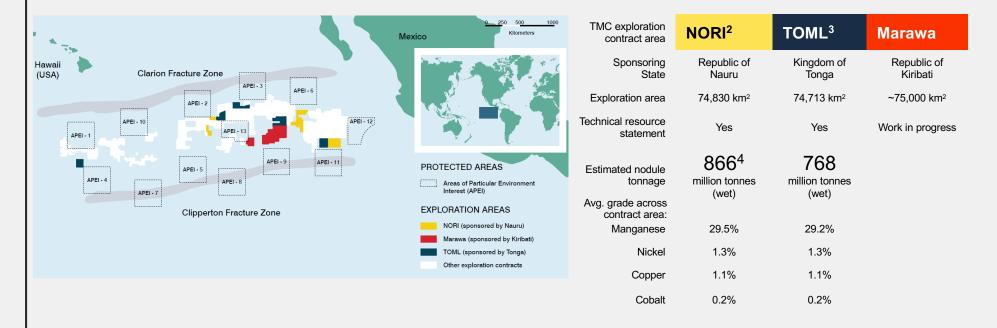
Letter from 9 House members to President Biden / DoD: "keep all options on the table...in assessing polymetallic nodules." July 2023



House NDAA: "It is essential that the US secures its own innovative supply of critical and strategic minerals, including polymetallic nodules." June 2023

OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

TMC: technical resource statements issued on NORI + TOML, with an *in situ* estimated resource of Ni, Cu, Co and Mn sufficient to electrify the entire U.S. passenger car fleet¹.



¹ Assuming 75kWh batteries with NMC811 chemistry and nodule resource grade and abundance, "Where Should Metals for the Green Transition Come From?", Paulikas et al, LCA white paper, April 2020. Calculation based on estimated contained value of nickel. ² SEC Regulation S-K (Subpart 1300) Compliant NORI Clarion Clipperton Zone Mineral Resource Estimate AMC, 17 March 2021. 521 Mt Inferred, 341 Mt, 4 Mt Measured.

³ SEC Regulation S-K (Subpart 1300) Compliant TOML Clarion Clipperton Zone Project Mineral Resource Estimate, AMC, 26 March 2021. 696 Mt inferred, 70 Mt Indicated, 2.6 Mt Measured.

⁴ SEC Regulation S-K (Subpart 1300) Compliant NORI Area D Clarion Clipperton Zone Mineral Resource Estimate and associated financial model, AMC, 17 March 2021. 11 Mt Inferred @ 1.4% Ni, 1.1% Cu, 0.1% Co and 31.0 % Mn and 15.6 Kg/m2 abundance, 341 Mt Indicated @ 1.4% Ni, 1.1% Cu, 0.1% Co and 31.2% Mn and abundance 17.1Kg/m2, 4 Mt Measured @1.4% Ni, 1.1% Cu, 0.1% Co and 32.2% Mn and 18.6 Kg/m².

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Resource definition: 2D resource allows effective definition through sampling ~250 and imagery. box cores collected² ~82,000 kg (wet) nodules collected²

~13,950 biological samples collected²

BOX CORE SAMPLING¹

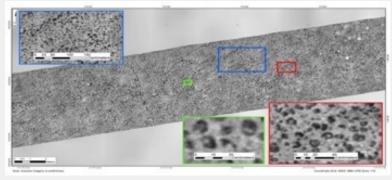


AUV CAMERA IMAGERY¹



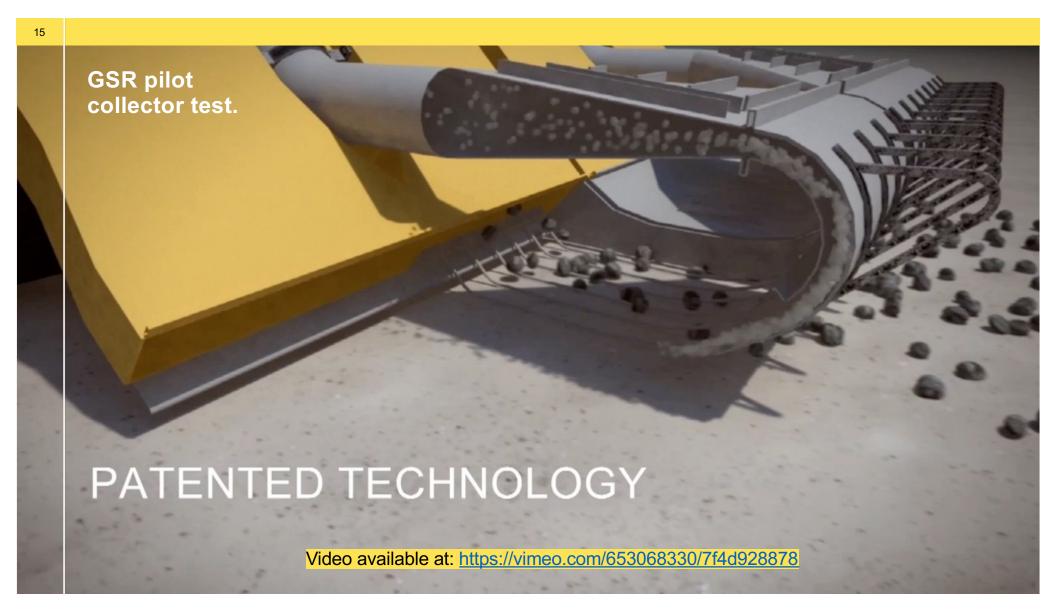
178,591 km² of high-res bathymetric survey² 5,439 km² detailed seafloor imagery²





¹ Images from DeepGreen's resource survey offshore campaigns in NORI contract area.

²Boxcores, nodules collected, high-res bathymetry, detailed bathymetry – compiled by DeepGreen from - Canadian NI 43-101 and SEC Regulation S-K (Subpart 1300) Compliant NORI Area D Clarion Clipperton Zone Mineral Resource Estimate and associated financial model, AMC, March 2021. Canadian NI 43-101 Compliant TOML Clarion Clipperton-Zone Project Mineral Resource Estimate, AMC, July 2016 and DeepOcean NORI – D Bulk Sampling Report, 2020. Erias Cruise 6a Biological and Physiochemical Co-Sampling Report NORI area D post cruise, 2019; Erias Cruise 6b Biological and Physiochemical Co-Sampling Report NORI area D post cruise report, 2019.



And here is what the seafloor looks like after a pilot collector test.

Source: First test of a manganese nodule collector in around four kilometers of water: research consortium successfully completes monitoring of environmental impacts in the Pacific, BGR press release, May 12, 2021

NORI-D PROJECT UPDATE

Pilot collection system test and initial environmental impact monitoring campaign completed in Dec 2022.



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PILOT COLLECTOR SYSTEM TEST PROGRAM IN 2022

January	Riser acceptance test
February	Thruster re-lift, dockside vessel commissioning, review of nodule offloading & handling test program
Feb 7	LARS load test
Feb 28–Mar 3	Thruster installation
March 2–9	Collector wet function tests in outer harbor
March 12–17	Hidden Gem dynamic positioning trials
March 18–28	Collector drive test in the North Sea
April 6–11	Deep-water test in the Atlantic
April 21–24	Riser deployment test
April 22–May 3	Jumper deployment and connection test
May 3–June 29	Transit to Mexico
June 29–	Mobilization
ENVIRONMENTAL	IMPACT MONITORING CAMPAIGN
2021-2022 July 8–15 July 15	EIS, EMMP & revisions submitted to ISA Mobilization Pre-collector test survey
Sept 7 Sept-Dec	ISA recommendation to proceed Pre, during, post environmental surveys
PILOT TRIALS IN I	
Sept-Dec	Integrated collector test ~4.5k wet tonnes collected, over 3k wet tonnes brought to surface



~3,000 tonnes of nodules inside the hold of Hidden Gem.

Source: https://www.globenewswire.com/en/news-release/2022/11/14/2555061/0/en/NORF-and-Allseas-Lift-Over-3-000-Tonnes-of-Polymetallic-Nodules-to-Surface-from-Planet-s-Largest-Deposit-of-Battery-Metals-as-Leading-Scientists-and-Marine-Experts-Continue-Gatheri html

NORI-D PROJECT UPDATE

Onshore, we have demonstrated we can turn nodules into manganese silicate and NiCuCo alloy & matte...



Calcining nodules at FLSmidth's facilities in Whitehall, Pennsylvania.

Smelting nodules in an Electric Arc Furnace at XPS facility in Canada. Electrode temperature 1450 degrees C. Smelting results in two products:

- Manganese silicate product
- NiCuCo alloy (intermediate)

Converting NiCuCo alloy into NiCuCo matte (intermediate) at the same XPS facility.



Matte pour post converting. Endproduct is NiCuCo matte.

NORI-D PROJECT UPDATE

...and signed an MoU with PAMCO to explore processing nodules at existing RKEF facility in Japan, in line with TMC capital-light strategy.

Signed non-binding MoU with Pacific Metals Company (PAMCO) of Japan in November 2022 to evaluate the processing of 1.3 million tonnes per year of wet nodules.

- PAMCO has been smelting nickel since 1965 at its Hachinohe facility¹, and is wellsuited to deploy TMC's near-zero solid waste flowsheet
- A 22-tonne sample of nodules collected during last year's successful integrated collection system test has already been offloaded
- PAMCO will use the sample to estimate the cost of processing polymetallic nodules at Hachinohe on a dedicated rotary kiln-electric arc furnace (RKEF) processing line and produce two products:
 - Nickel-copper-cobalt alloy, an intermediate product used as feedstock to produce lithium ion battery cathodes
 - A manganese silicate product used to make silico-manganese alloy, a critical input into steel manufacturing
- Capex and modifications expected to be minimal, in another example of TMC's capital-light strategy
- PAMCO is also evaluating the feasibility of a new processing facility to convert nickel-copper-cobalt alloy into an upgraded matte product

1. https://www.pacific-metals.co.jp/en/corporate/history.html

D PACIFIC METALS CO., LTD.

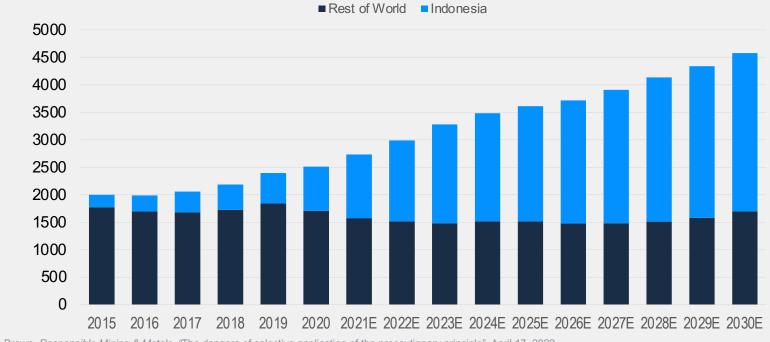
Hachinohe facility



ESG CASE FOR TMC

For nickel, nearly all net supply growth on land is expected to come from Indonesia, which is not a U.S. FTA partner.

Global terrestrial nickel production forecast



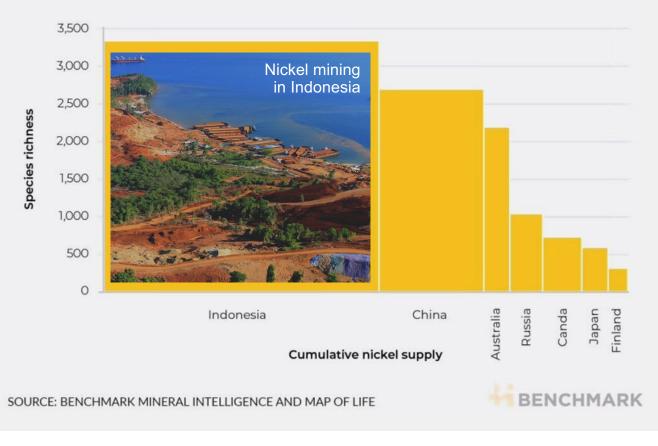
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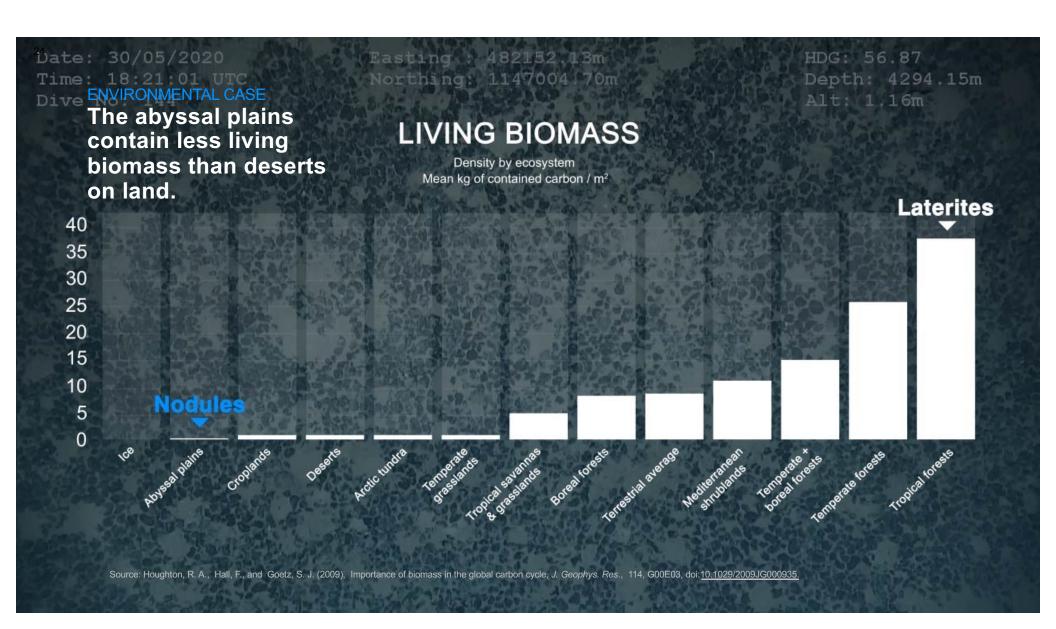
Source: LinkedIn post of Steven Brown, Responsible Mining & Metals, "The dangers of selective application of the precautionary principle", April 17, 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL CASE

Benchmark: Indonesia has the highest species richness as well as the highest nickel production.

Species richness versus the nickel production for each of the top nickel-producing countries





ESG CASE FOR TMC

Trawling today impacts 175x more seafloor every year than potential nodule collection tomorrow.

Global seafloor 361m km² = 4,800 squares

quares Trawling: annual seafloor use¹ 4.9m km² = 65 squares

Current seafloor use

Future seafloor use

- Offshore wind 2050: seafloor use² 0.42 m km² = 6 squares
- Nodule collection: annual seafloor use³ 0.028m km² = 0.4 squares

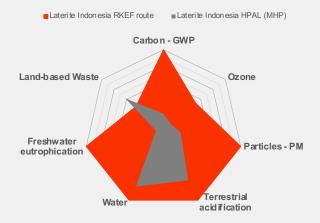
¹ Estimate provided in Sala, E., Mayorga, J., Bradley, D. et al. Protecting the global ocean for biodiversity, food and climate. Nature 592, 397–402 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-03371-z

² Estimate based on IEA (2021), Net Zero by 2050, IEA, Paris https://www.iea.org/reports/net-zero-by-2050,

³ Assuming a scenario where 50% of the 1.68 million km² of nodule exploration area globally (international waters + EEZs) is exploited over a 30-year period, starting on the same day

ESG CASE FOR TMC

Nickel from NORI-D could have dramatically lower lifecycle impacts than Indonesia...



Indonesia - laterites

Impact of 1 kg nickel in nickel sulfate



Freshwater

eutrophication

Water

BENCHMARK

Particles - PM

Terrestrial acidification

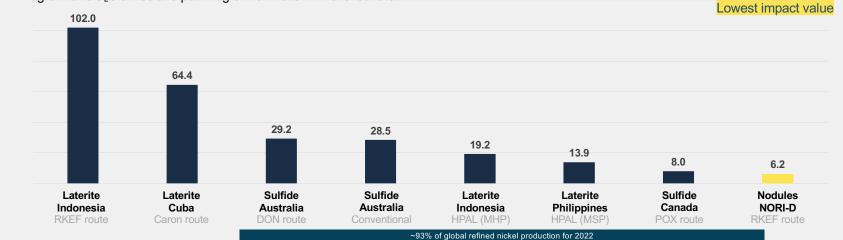
		~93% of global refined nickel production for 2022								
Impact category	Unit	Laterite Indonesia RKEF route	Laterite Cuba Caron route	Sulfide Australia DON route	Sulfide Australia Conventional	Laterite Indonesia HPAL (MHP)	Laterite Philippines HPAL (MSP)	Sulfide Canada POX route	Nodules NORI-D RKEF route	
Global warming potential	kg CO2 eq	102.0	64.4	29.2	28.5	19.2	13.9	8.0	<mark>6.2</mark>	
Stratospheric ozone depletion	mg CFC11 eq	14.1	17.3	27.5	27.1	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.7	
Fine particulate matter formation	g PM2.5 eq	1,187.0	31.7	43.1	42.9	262.0	160.4	39.5	<mark>9.2</mark>	
Terrestrial acidification	kg SO₂ eq	0.96	0.09	0.13	0.13	0.69	0.53	0.13	0.03	
Freshwater eutrophication	g P eq	91.0	9.5	75.8	76.4	9.1	5.2	2.9	1.0	
Marine eutrophication	g N eq	5.5	0.1	2.3	2.3	-1.8	-1.3	0.2	<mark>-2.1</mark>	
Water consumption	m ³	0.31	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.25	0.24	0.15	0.05	
Land-based waste generation	kg	244	365	545	545	337	337	82	0	
Marine waste generation*	kg	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	137	

* Nodule collection operations entrain underlying sediment, separate it from nodules and return to the seafloor within meters of its origin. For the purposes of the LCA, this entrained sediment has been defined as a marine waste stream. Source: Independent lifecycle assessment (LCA) completed by Benchmark March 2023. Lifecycle from mine to end-product format (battery-grade nickel sulfate, cobalt sulfate, copper cathode and manganese silicate) Nodules from NORI-D (RKEF route) also found to be the lowest impact option for copper. Cobalt from the DRC is lowest impact in GWP and water consumption; cobalt from NORI-D are lowest in all other assessed impact categories.

ESG CASE FOR TMC ...including substantially lower CO₂e emissions.

Global Warming Potential

Kilogram of CO₂e emissions per kilogram of nickel in nickel sulfate



🕂 BENCHMARK

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ESG CASE FOR TMC Biological and physical impacts: engaged many leading research institutions and companies, with over 200 terabytes of data collected in 2022 alone. AMC CAWTHRON consultants National Oceanography Centre The power of science® mine smarter KONGSBERG ÂM **NATURAL HISTORY** MUSEUM Alseas FSUCML **SAMS** NIWA CSIRO hrwallingford ENTERPRISE

ESG CASE FOR TMC Initial batch of data shared with the world, with more to come.

UNESCO's OBIS database is the world's largest depository of marine biodiversity data. The OBIS ISA node contains:

- 99 data sets
- 131,994 occurrences
- Collected since 2004

NORI submitted an initial batch of benthic baseline data from two of its benthic baseline campaigns to the ISA's 'DeepData' platform

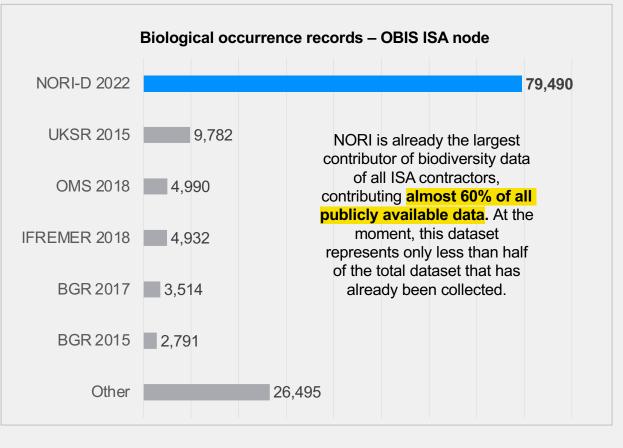
Data has now been published to the ISA-node of the Ocean Biodiversity Information System (OBIS), the world's largest scientific knowledge base on the diversity, distribution and abundance of all marine organisms.

NORI is the largest contributor of biological occurrence data to DeepData and the OBIS ISA-node, providing over 50% of the total records to the OBIS ISA-node.

Since publication on June 22, 2023, NORI's dataset has been downloaded in its entirety 122 times, and interrogations of specific taxa contained within the holdings has seen NORI-D occurrences downloaded over 8.75 million times.

Data from remaining baseline campaigns and collector test to be submitted to ISA once fully collated and categorized

Source: UNESCO OBIS ISA node: https://obis.org/node/9d2d95be-32eb-4d81-8911-32cb8bc641c8



ESG CASE FOR TMC

Sediment plumes: activists' concerns vs. published research.

CONCERNS

Deep-Sea Mining Statement

Signed by 769 people as of August 3, 2023 Organized by Deep-Sea Conservation Coalition

- "the production of large, persistent sediment plumes that would affect seafloor and midwater species and ecosystems well beyond the actual mining sites;
- the resuspension and release of sediment, metals and toxins into the water column, both from mining the seafloor and the discharge of mining wastewater from ships, detrimental to marine life including the potential for contamination of commercially important species of food fish such as tunas"

RESEARCH

Research published and field studies conducted in 2021-22

- Peer-reviewed research on seafloor and midwater plumes published by MIT and Scripps¹
- Field observations of seafloor plumes conducted in May 2021 by BGR and GSR in their respective exploration contract areas in the CCZ²
- Plume modelling performed for TMC by DHI, one of the world's leading experts, using actual metocean data from NORI exploration area in CCZ and settling properties of sediment from NORI-D³



Midwater plume

<10% of entrained sediment from the return of seawater used for nodule transport dilutes to natural background levels within a few hundred meters of the outlet.

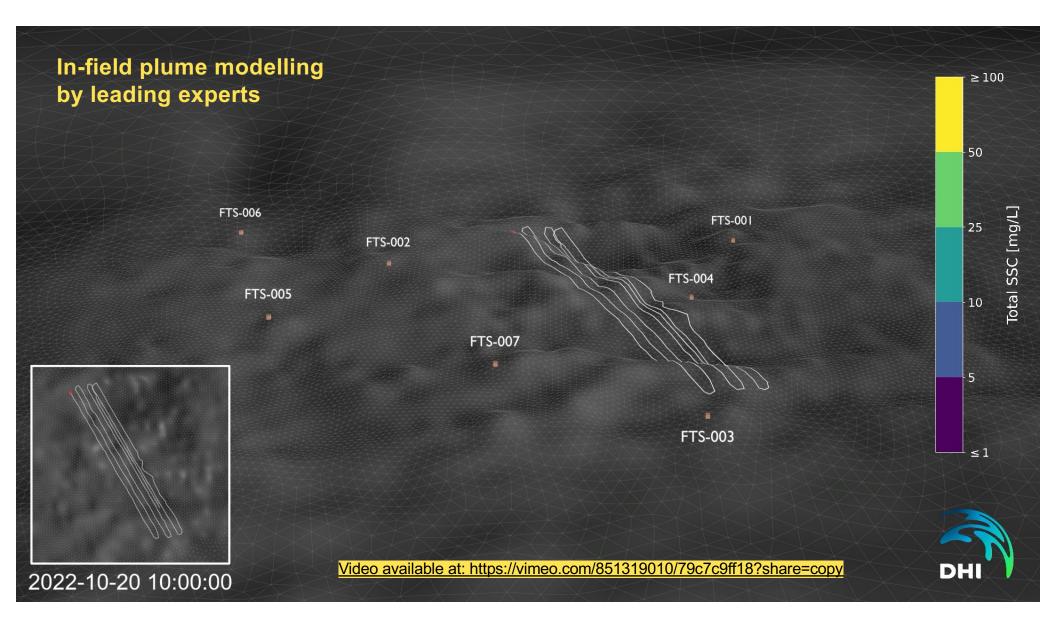
Seafloor plume

92-98% of plume from pilot nodule collector vehicle either settled back down or rose only 2 meters above the seafloor.

"It's quite a different picture of what these plumes look like, compared to some of the conjecture," says study coauthor Thomas Peacock, MIT.



¹ Ouillon, R., Kakoutas, C., Meiburg, E., & Peacock, T. (2021). Gravity currents from moving sources. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 924, A43. doi:10.1017/jfm.2021.654; Muñoz-Royo, C., Peacock, T., Alford, M.H. *et al.* Extent of impact of deep-sea nodule mining midwater plumes is influenced by sediment loading, turbulence and thresholds. *Commun Earth Environ* 2, 148 (2021). <u>https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-021-00213-8</u>; <u>https://news.mit.edu/2022/sediment-deep-sea-mining-0921</u>. (Sept 2022). ² First test of a manganese nodule collector in around four kilometers of water: research consortium successfully completes monitoring of environmental impacts in the Pacific, BGR press release, May 12, 2021 ³ NORI Environmental Impact Statement for Collector Test Study, July 2021



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Regulated by the International Seabed Authority established in 1994 by UNCLOS.



- The International Seabed Authority (ISA) was established in 1994 by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and regulates seabed minerals beyond national jurisdiction.
- Issues Exploration Contracts to qualified applicants who are sponsored by a State Party to UNCLOS.
- 19 polymetallic nodule contracts issued to date to a mix of state-backed, state-owned and commercial contractors covering approximately 1.28 million sq. km, or 0.4% of the global seafloor.

Source: International Seabed Authority, About the ISA, available at URL: https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts: Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts: Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts: Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts: Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts: Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Exploration Contracts; Polymetallic nodules, available at URL; https://isa.org.im/about-isa; International Seabed Authority, Polymetallic nodules, available at U

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21 Member States out of 169 Members publicly expressed reservations but continue work given legal obligation to deliver ISA Mining Code.

Reservations have taken the form of supporting a ban, a moratorium or "a precautionary pause" on the start of the commercial exploitation of deepsea mineral resources.

Assembly

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Sources: Lists of Council Members 2021-2026: https://www.isa.org.jm/authority/council/members; ISA Members Regional Groups: https://www.isa.org.jm/regional-groups

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ISA making progress toward final regulations, while TMC subsidiary NORI reserves legal rights to submit application before final regulations are in place.

Article 15 of the 1994 Implementation Agreement

Empowers a Member State whose national contractor is 2 years away from being ready to lodge an application for the ISA Exploitation Contract to notify the ISA of upcoming application.

Consistent with NORI's rights under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and the 1994 Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of UNCLOS (the Agreement), NORI reserves its right to submit an application for a plan of work for exploitation, which will be included as part of the application for an exploitation contract, and to have that application considered and provisionally approved pursuant to Section 1, Paragraph 15 of the Annex to the Agreement.

Timeline 2011 Fiji requests the ISA to prepare workplan for adopting the Mining Code 2012 ISA Secretariat prepares a workplan for adopting the Mining Code 2013 ISA produces technical study no. 11 "Towards the Development of a Regulatory Framework for Polymetallic Nodule Exploitation in the Area" ISA circulates 1st draft of the Mining Code 2015 2017 ISA circulates 2nd draft of the Mining Code; agrees on July 2020 as target adoption date 2018 ISA circulates 3rd draft of the Mining Code 2019 ISA circulates 4th draft of the Mining Code July 2020 ISA stated goal for adoption delayed due to COVID July 2021 Government of Nauru (Sponsor of NORI) submitted a 2-year notice ISA adopts a roadmap for completing regulations by July 2023 In-person ISA meetings resume in Jamaica, after a nearly 2-year hiatus Dec 2021 March 2022 ISA meetings to address regulations, financials and standards & guidelines Julv/Aua 2022 ISA meetings to address regulations, financials and standards & guidelines Oct/Nov 2022 ISA meetings to address regulations, financials and standards & guidelines March 2023 ISA meetings to address regulations, financials and standards & guidelines July 2023 ISA meetings to address regulations, financials and standards & guidelines July 2023 Initial roadmap date for ISA to adopt final exploitation regulations (date has passed) Nov 2023 ISA meetings to address regulations, financials and standards & guidelines March 2024 ISA meetings to address regulations, financials and standards & guidelines July 2024 ISA meetings, following which NORI expects to submit application for exploitation contract Q4 2025 Est. production in NORI-D assuming 1-year application review and approval by the ISA

Status of the proposed ISA Roadmap for 2023 and 2024 available at https://www.isa.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ISBA_28_C_24-1.pd

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Based on SEC-compliant Initial Assessment, NORI-D project estimated at \$6.8 billion NPV (est. \$10.1 billion using current metal prices).

NORI-D Financial Model²

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					Total revenue	\$95.1	\$109.9	16%
					Nickel	44.0	55.3	
					Copper	12.7	15.3	
			NORI-D:		Cobalt	10.4	8.0	
			22% of TMC		Mn silicate	27.2	31.0	
			estimated		Total OPEX	37.5	37.5	0%
			resource		Total EBITDA	57.3	72.2	26%
					EBITDA margin	60%	66%	5 pts
					NPV	\$6.8	\$10.1	+49%
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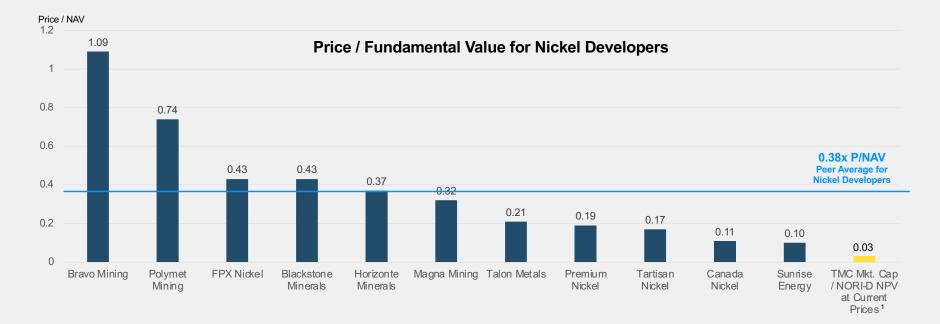
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metal prices at current)

¹ Canadian NI 43-101 Resource Statement for full field financial model (internal DeepGreer ² Canadian NI 43-101 and SEC Regulation S-K (Subpart 1300) Compliant NORI Area D Clarion Clipperton Zo and associated financial model, AMC, March 2021. 'Current price' scenario is internal-only, as of August 11, 2023. NPV at January 1, 2021, assuming 9% discount rate. 'CRU Forecast' based on price projections from CRU Group used the 2021 Initial Assessment.

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TMC trading at ~12x lower multiple than average for selected nickel developers, using NPV at current prices for NORI-D alone (22% of total estimated resource).



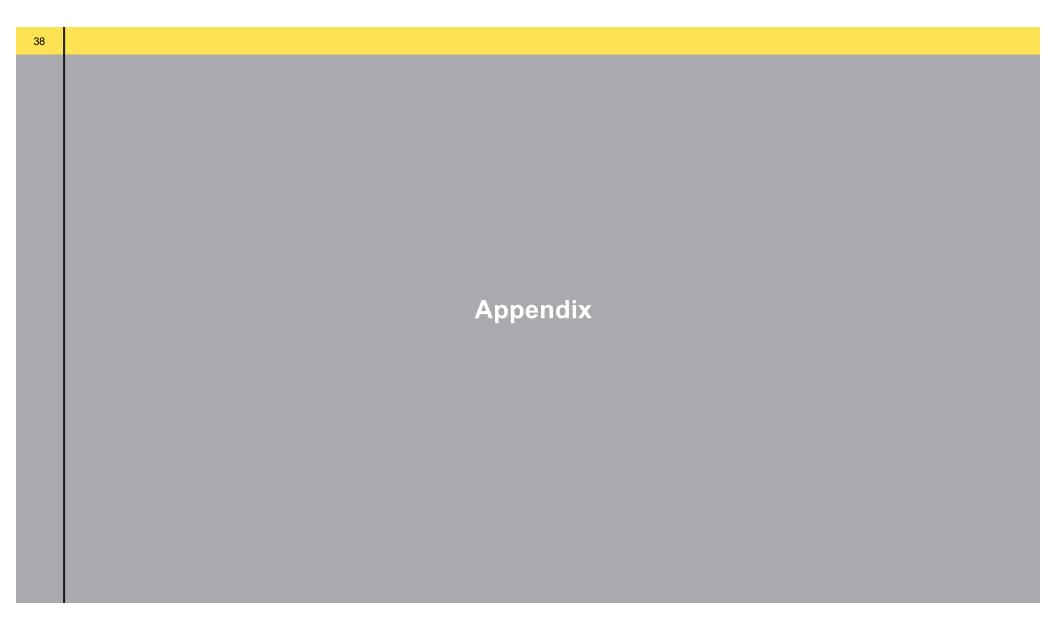
Source: Stifel GMP investment banking. Peer market cap data as of August 3, 2023.

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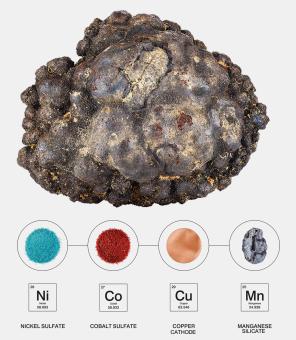
FINANCIAL UPDATE Key de-risking milestones ahead to unlock NORI-D project value.

Potential timing	H2 2022 / 2023	Following July 2024 ISA Meeting	Est. 2025	Est. 2025	Est. Q4 2025
De-risking milestones	 Pilot Collection System Test P.Zero commercial terms Financing 	NORI submits NORI-D application for an exploitation contract	ISA adopts final exploitation regulations	ISA grants NORI exploitation contract for NORI-D	NORI-D Project Zero starts production if application approved
Risks potentially to be reduced upon achievement of the described milestones	 Technical risk reduced with technology pilots completed onshore and offshore (these technology pilots are now complete). Financing risk reduced allowing to extend runway and project development to continue. Commercial risk reduced with CAPEX and commercial terms for Project Zero production locked through binding agreements (note: not yet finalized). 	 Environmental risks (perceived and real) reduced through completion and submission of the EIS and EMMP for the NORI-D Project Commercial risk further reduced with completion of NORI-D Project PFS. 	- Regulatory risk reduced as uncertainty around the final regulatory framework for the exploitation phase is eliminated as the final regulatory framework, including environmental standards is adopted by the ISA.	- Permitting risk eliminated with ISA granting exploitation contract for NORI-D.	- Commercial and production risk reduced with nodule collection and processing demonstrated at commercial scale.

EIS – Environmental Impact Statement EMMP – Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan



Abundant, secure, low production cost and low ESG cost potential supply of metals.



Abundant

TMC is developing the world's largest estimated source of battery metals with enough nickel, copper, manganese and cobalt *in situ* to potentially electrify 280 million EVs¹

Secure

Located on the abyssal seafloor in the international waters regulated by the International Seabed Authority, an inter-governmental organization established pursuant to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas

Low production cost

Expecting to become the 2nd lowest cost nickel producer on the planet at steady state production on Project One², reflecting high grades with four battery metals in high concentrations in a single resource

Lower environmental and social cost

Expected 70-99% reduction of lifecycle environmental impacts, including near-zero solid processing waste, 90% less CO₂ equivalent emissions compared to land-based metal extraction³

\$10.1 billion NPV for 1st project

\$10.1 billion net present value at current metal prices for NORI-D, TMC's first project representing 22% of the company's estimated resource⁴

Tier 1 partners / investors⁵ GLENCORE ▲//seas HATCH

¹ Assuming 75kWh batteries with NMC811 chemistry and nodule resource grade and abundance, "Where Should Metals for the Green Transition Come From?", Paulikas et al, LCA white paper, April 2020. Calculation based on estimated contained value of nickel. ² Canadian NI 43-101 Compliant Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) for NORI-D Area, AMC, February 2021; Metals Cost Curve, Wood Mackenzie, August 2020. ³ "Where Should Metals for the Green Transition Come From?", Paulikas et al, LCA white paper, April 2020. "Life cycle climate change impacts of producing battery metals from land ores versus deep-sea polymetallic nodules", Paulikas et al, December 2020.

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Nodule collection technology demonstrated in the 1970s.

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Ocean Management Inc. International Nickel Company Metallgesellschaft AG Sumitomo, Sedco

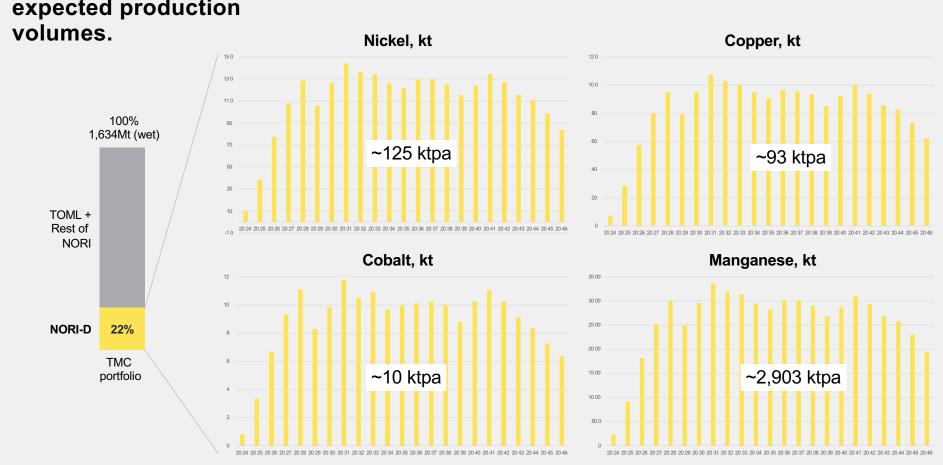
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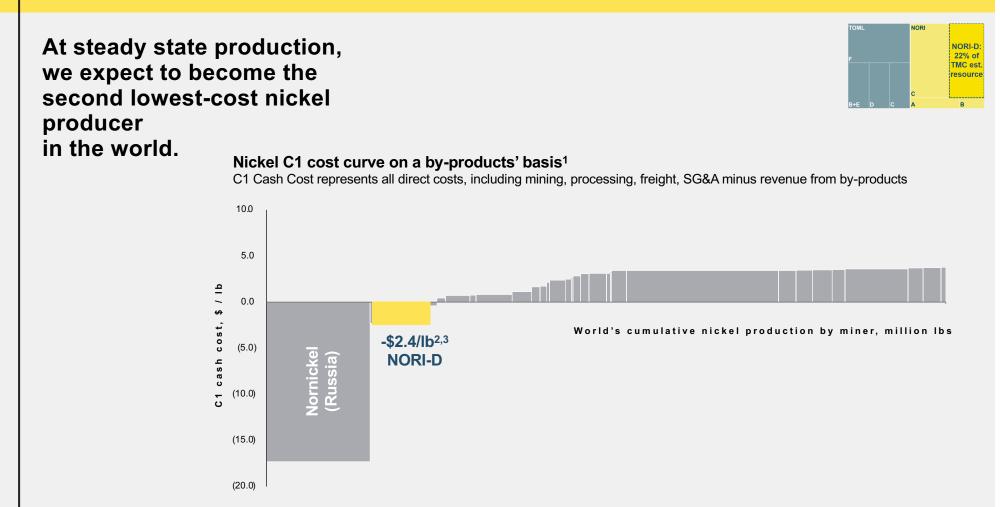
Offshore Diamond Mining De Beers, NAMCO, Samicor

Source: July 17,1977 The New York Times. https://www.nytimes.com/1977/07/17/archives/mining-the-wealth-of-the-ocean-deep-multinational-companies-are.html



NORI-D project: expected production

Note: Total NORI-D stable state production including both Project Zero and Project One, 2030-2045 average – based on March 2021 SEC Regulation S-K (Subpart 1300) Compliant NORI Initial Assessment.



¹ Nickel C1 Cost Curve, Wood Mackenzie, August 2020.

²Average for the steady state years 2030-45.

³ Canadian NI 43-101 Compliant Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) for NORI-D Area, AMC, February 2021.