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# **CORPORATE OVERVIEW**

#### Largest publicly listed pure-play high-grade iron ore producer globally



- → Top Tier Jurisdiction
- → Established production in region since the 50's
- → 2<sup>nd</sup> largest hub of high-grade export globally
- → Access to infrastructure



- → Nearly US\$4 Billion invested
- → 7.4 Mtpa nameplate capacity
- → Ongoing Phase II construction expected to double production
- → High-grade 66.2% Fe with low impurities
- → 20 years mine life



- → Proven management team
- → 11.4% insider ownership\*



- → First half of FY2021 net average realized selling price US\$107.3+/t\*
- → First half of FY2021 total Cash cost US\$39.1/t FOB\*
- → \$902.4M Revenue in last 4 quarters
- → \$444.5M EBITDA in last 4 quarters



<sup>\*</sup> Insider ownership as of Oct 26, 2020; Realized price and total cash cost for first half of fiscal year 2021

#### **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

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- Strict measures to adapt operations in line with Government' directives to remain in place to safeguard the health and safety of our employees, partners and communities
- Recently received delivery of a portable rapid testing solution approved by Health Canada, which is expected to allow screening of employees and contractors on site





- → Additional measures include:
  - $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Monitoring and screening of employees' health
  - $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Additional transportation capacity to enable adequate social distancing
  - $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Isolation measures from the nearby communities
  - $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Additional medical support, distancing protocols and disinfection stations at the mine site

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#### **FY2020 HEALTH & SAFETY**

- Sequential improvement of health & safety statistics by Quebec Iron Ore's employees and contractors
- Implemented a monthly audit to review effectiveness and adoption of implemented measures
- Initiated new simulation programs to optimize emergency response time
- Virtual training completed during period of reduced activities related to COVID-19
- Additional measures in place to train new personnel arriving at site
- Continuous monitoring and improvement of protocols

QUEBEC IRON ORE + CONTRACTORS					
FISCAL 2021					
FY20 Q1 Q2 YTC					
Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR)	4.1	3.99	1.67	2.67	
Disability Injury Severity Rate (DISR) 24.94 27.47 15.45 20.5					

## **ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED**

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- No occurrence of major environmental issue to date
- Implemented new initiatives that resulted in over 12 million litres (ML/yr) of fuel reduction, representing 33,000 t/yr of greenhouse gas reduction
- Québec Iron Ore no longer subject to the cap-and-trade system
- Completed C\$30M accelerated dam rising program improving tailings management in FY2020
- Conducted trials with new blasting compound to reduce Nitrogen Oxide (NOx)
- Revegetation plan now covers 72 hectares
- Completed work in streams surrounding Fermont to improve fish habitat
- Completed a detailed analysis of energy consumption (65% of our energy consumption now originates from renewable energy)
- New initiative with nearby communities to recover and distribute wood harvested by our operations













# STEEL INDUSTRY GOING GREEN DR PELLET FEED IN RISING DEMAND

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#### Current Offering: Blast Furnace Pellet Feed



- A 66.2% Fe concentrate that trades at a premium relative to the quoted CFR China 62% Fe on the back of higher Fe content and low impurities
- High-grade key exporters: Brazil, Canada, Ukraine, Sweden, Russia, South Africa

Fe Content	66.2%
SiO <sub>2</sub> + Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	4.7%

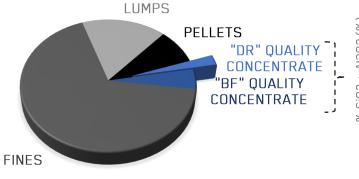
#### Moving Towards: Direct Reduction ("DR") Pellet Feed

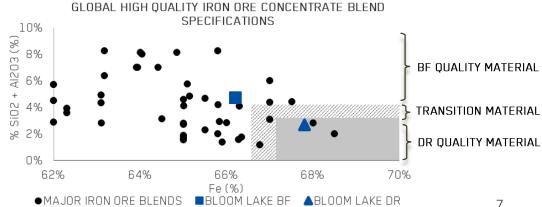


- New DR product allows Champion to service Electric Arc Furnaces (EAFs) in addition to blast furnaces (BFs)
- Quebec is a strong alternative for customers as a stable operating jurisdiction vs. current key exporters: Brazil, Peru, Russia, Sweden and Venezuela

Fe Content	67.98%
SiO <sub>2</sub> + Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	2.57%

#### GLOBAL IRON ORE SEABORN MARKET (2020)





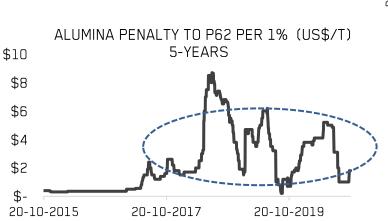
## STRUCTURAL SHIFT IN IRON ORE

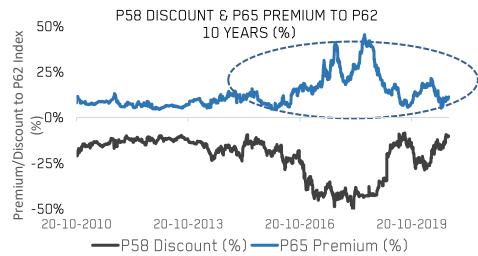


#### HIGH QUALITY & LOW CONTAMINANT PRODUCT IN RISING DEMAND

#### ✓ Champion sells based on Platts 65% Fe premium benchmark

- Recurring supply disruptions in major high-grade export region (Brazil)
- Rising focus on reducing emissions in the steel making process
- More complex steel focus in China and increasing consumption of white goods demanding higher quality input with low impurities

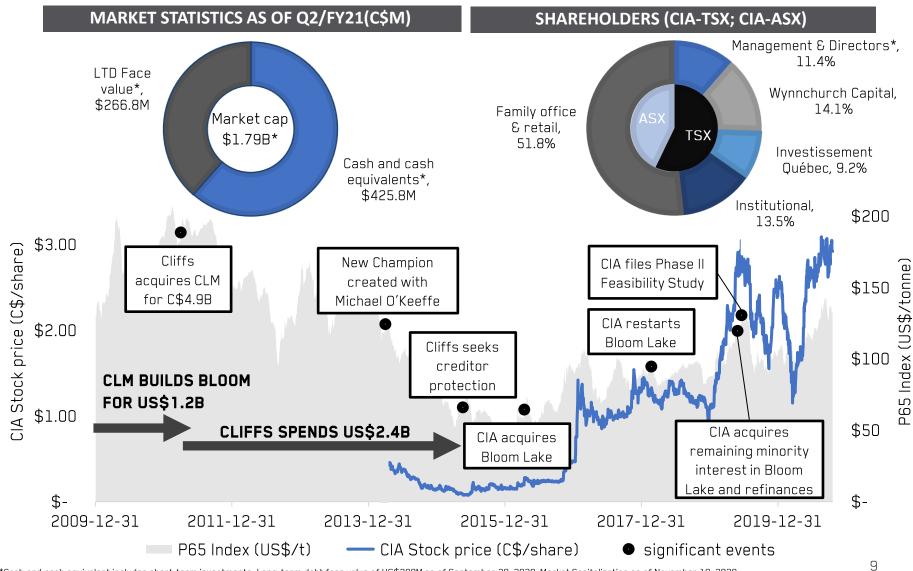




- Rising contaminant issues in major iron ore export hubs globally, resulting in larger discounts to P62 index
- Bloom Lake's high purity ore has not been subject to contaminant penalties

#### **CORPORATE SNAPSHOT**

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#### **INVESTMENT HISTORY**



TIMELINE & CUMULATIVE TOTAL INVESTMENT	2002 <sup>1</sup> – 2011 Consolidated Thompson -US\$1.2b	2011 - 2014  Cleveland Cliffs -US\$3.6B	2016 - TODAY  Champion Iron - Phase I -US\$3.7B	Champion Iron Phase II
	<ul> <li>Completed Phase I</li> <li>Initiated Phase II expansion</li> <li>Completed port installations and rail access</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acquired Consolidated         Thompson for         US\$5B(C\$4.9B)<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Advanced Phase II expansion         plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acquired Bloom Lake from Cleveland Cliffs</li> <li>Restarted Phase I operations on time and on budget</li> </ul>	Phase II Feasibility Study Highlights  Completion of second concentrator  Rail and port upgrades  Access to state of the art brand new deep sea berth  Tailing and water management
CAPITAL INVESTMENT	<ul> <li>Capital Capex: -US\$1.2B</li> <li>Mine and Mill: -US\$0.6B</li> <li>Rail: -US\$0.2B</li> <li>Port: -US\$0.2B</li> <li>Phase II: -US\$0.2B</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Phase I Capex: ~US\$1.2B</li> <li>Phase II Capex: ~US\$1.2B</li> <li>Near-pit crusher</li> <li>3.45km conveyor system</li> <li>Construction of second concentrator plant</li> <li>Tailings park and water management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acquisition of Bloom Lake: \$7.1M(C\$9.8M)<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Mine Restart Capital Spend: \$124M</li> </ul>	Feasibility Study total Phase II estimated Capex: US\$589.8M <sup>5</sup> Initial budget already deployed to advance the project
OPERATING COST	N/A	Cash Cost: US\$82.1/t	Cash Cost: US\$39.4/t <sup>4</sup>	Estimated cash Cost: US\$35.4/t <sup>5</sup>
PRODUCTION HISTORY	< 6 <b>M</b> tpa	< 6M tpa	7.4M tpa <sup>6</sup>	15M tpa <sup>5</sup>

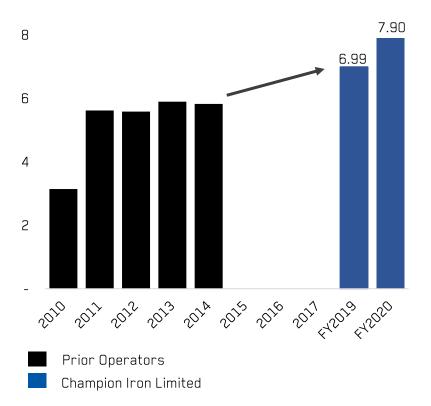
Source: Company filings, IBES; market data as of 9-Sep-2020

#### **BLOOM LAKE TODAY**

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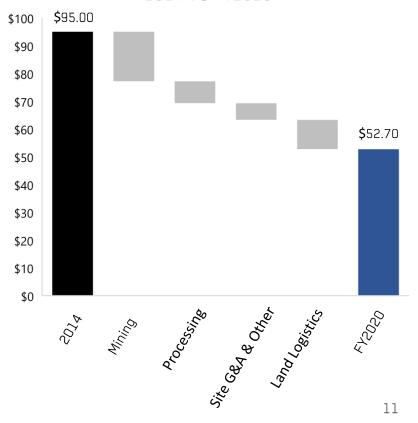
- $\sqrt{}$  Sustainable operations following significant investments since the restart of Bloom Lake in 2018
- Achieved highest annual production on record

# BLOOM LAKE PRODUCTION HISTORY (MILLION WMT/YEAR)



Structural changes implemented resulting on significant cost reduction

BLOOM LAKE TOTAL CASH COST (\$C/DMT) 2014 VS FY2020

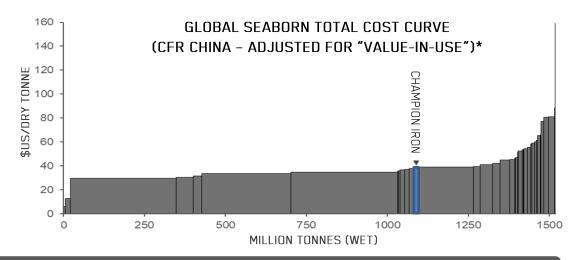


### **COMPETING ON COST CURVE**



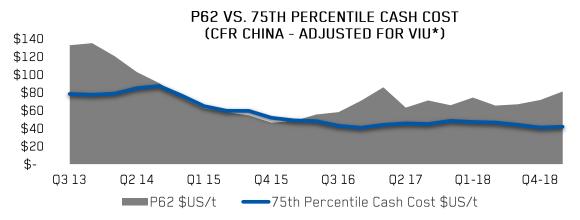
#### PROVEN COST STRUCTURE

- Bloom Lake has proven cost structure
- Product quality premium offsets freight differential when compared to Australian operators
- Major producers act as price setters as top four producers control over 70% of global seaborne supply



#### POSITIONED FOR PROFITABILITY

- Iron ore has traded on 'spot' basis since 2008
- Producers within 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the cost curve have remained profitable in biggest downturn of 2015



<sup>\*</sup>Source: Wood Mackenzie data, calendar 2019; Bloomberg; P62: Platts TSI IODEX 62% Fe CFR China "Value-in-use" adjusts for premium/discount in realized price reflecting product quality and contaminants

## **DIVERSIFIED CUSTOMER BASE**

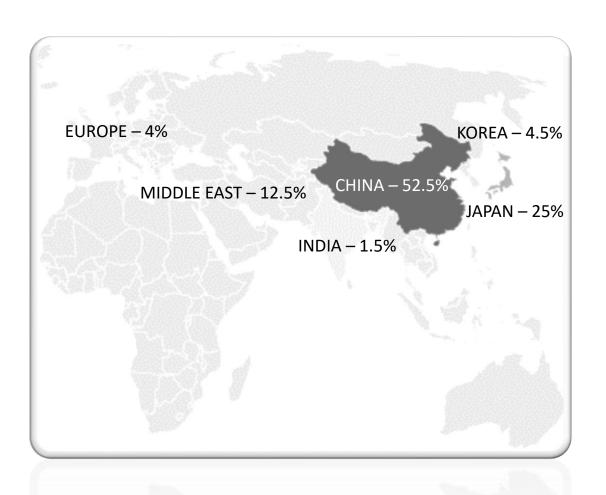
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# Product sold to 22 different customers since 1<sup>st</sup> shipment

Sojitz & Glencore sell our product on an agency basis

- Access to larger customer base
- Reduced execution risk
- Access to preferential freight

Champion retains the right to deal directly with end buyers and arrange shipping

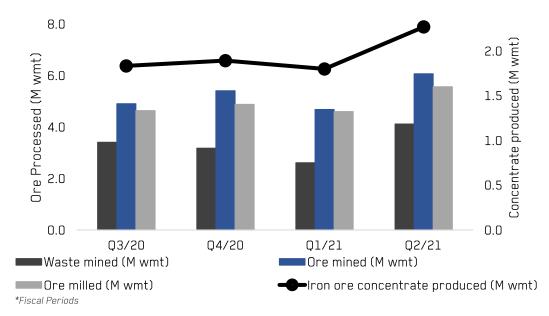


#### **OPERATIONAL RESULTS**

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# SETTING HISTORICAL RECORDS AT BLOOM LAKE

- Set new annual production record in Bloom Lake's history (FY20)
- Set new quarterly production record in Q2/FY21
- Completed two commercial production shipments of 67.8%+ Fe aimed to qualify for DR pellet feed material
- Proven ability to exceed nameplate capacity
- Achieved and maintained recovery rate near target of 83%
- Focus on quality with continuous improvement in ore recovery
- No penalties for contaminants since restart
- Proven ability to operate in all seasons



FISCAL PERIODS	Q3/20	Q4/20	Q1/21	Q2/21
Iron ore concentrate produced (M wmt)	1.83	1.89	1.80	2.27
Iron ore concentrate sold (M dmt)	1.92	1.89	1.76	¦ 2.06 ¦
Waste mined (M wmt)	3.41	3.18	2.61	4.11
Ore mined (M wmt)	4.91	5.41	4.68	6.07
Strip ratio	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Ore milled (M wmt)	4.64	4.88	4.60	5.56
Head grade Fe (%)	32.0	31.7	31.3	¦ 30.9 ¦
Recovery (%)	81.7	82.3	82.3	85.2
Product Fe (%)	66.4	66.5	66.5	66.1

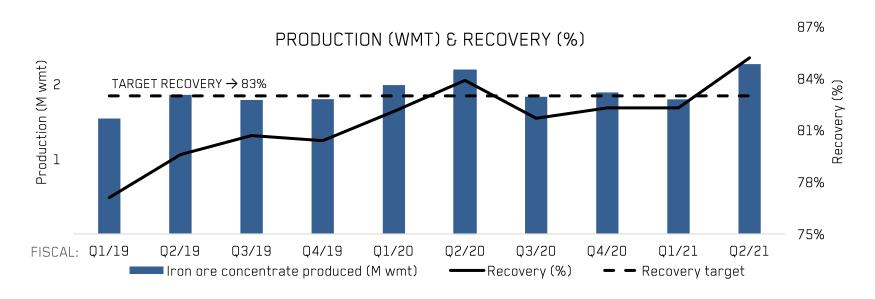
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# **BLOOM LAKE PHASE I (7.4 MTPA)**

#### Phase I positions Champion as a strong free cash flow generator with 20 years mine life

- Achieved nameplate capacity within 4 months of commissioning
- Consistent operational results since 2018 commissioning (excluding COVID-19 temporary ramp-down)
- Focus on quality with continuous improvement in ore recovery
- Set annual production record in Bloom Lake history of 7.90M wmt in FY2020
- Set quarterly production record in Bloom Lake history of 2.27M wmt in Q2/FY21
- Achieved and maintained recovery rate near target of 83%.
- Proven ability to operate in all seasons



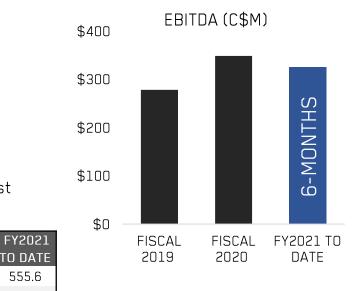
#### **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

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#### LAST 12-MONTHS

- EBITDA of \$444.5M
- Adjusted net income of \$240.3M
- Net cash flow from operations \$316.3M
- Proven ability to produce at total cash cost below <US\$40/t (FOB)</p>
- Not incumbered by streams or royalties
- Fiscal 2021 year to date net income impacted by COVID-19 related cost of \$7.2M or \$1.9/dmt

FINANCIAL RESULTS (\$ MILLION)	Q3/FY20	Q4/FY20	Q1/FY21	Q2/FY21
Revenues	171.1	175.7	244.6	311.0
EBITDA	57.9	61.1	127.7	197.8
Operating income	53.3	52.1	118.8	189.5
Net income	30.2	18.4	75.6	112.2
Adjusted Net income	30.2	18.4	78.0	113.8
Net Cash flow from operations	28.1	84.6	75.3	128.3
Earnings per share - basic	0.07	0.04	0.16	0.24
Adjusted Earnings per share - basic	0.07	0.04	0.17	0.24
Gross average realized selling price (\$/dmt)	140.1	130.5	149.2	162.8
Net Average realized selling price (\$/dmt)	89.0	93.1	139.1	150.7
Total cash cost (\$/dmt)	54.2	53.9	58.4	48.5
All-in sustaining cost (\$/dmt)	62.2	59.8	64.8	57.4
Cash operating margin (\$/dmt)	26.8	33.3	74.3	93.3
Cash operating margin (%)	30.1%	35.8%	53.4%	61.9%



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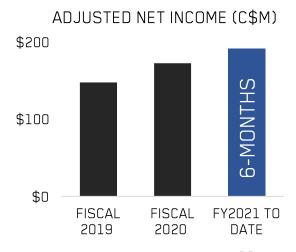
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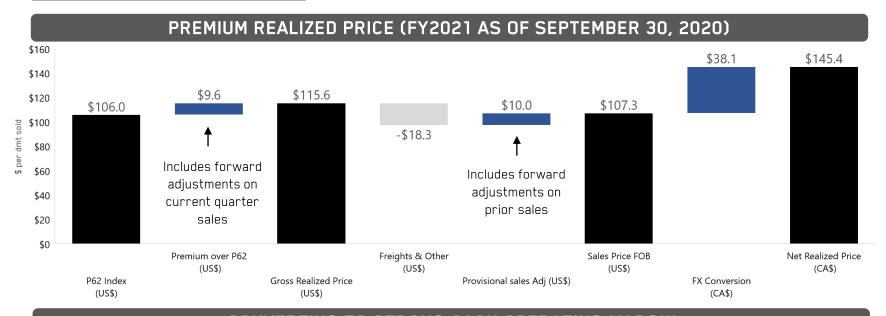
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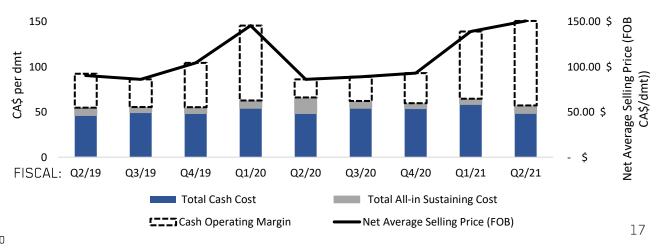
#### PREMIUM PRICING





#### **CONVERTING TO STRONG CASH OPERATING MARGIN**

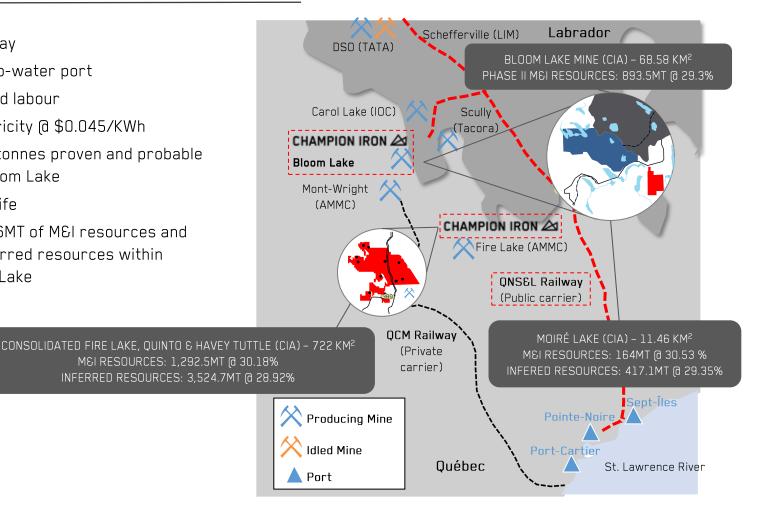
- Improving cash operating margin for the fourth consecutive quarter
- Record cash operating margin of 61.9% and EBITDA margin of 63.6% in Q2/FY21



# **LABRADOR TROUGH = WORLD-CLASS OPPORTUNITY**

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- Access to railway
- Newly built deep-water port
- Access to skilled labour
- Low-cost electricity @ \$0.045/KWh
- Phase II: 807M tonnes proven and probable reserves at Bloom Lake
- 20 years mine life
- Additional 1.456MT of M&I resources and 3.942MT of inferred resources within 60km of Bloom Lake



## **GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### **PROJECT PIPELINE**











**DEVELOPEMENT** 

BLOOM LAKE PHASE I 7.4 MTPA BLOOM LAKE PHASE II 15 MTPA FIRE LAKE NORTH
9.3 MTPA\*

KAMI PROJECT 7.8 MTPA\*

MOIRÉ LAKE QUINTO HARVEY TUTTLE O'KEEFE PURDY POWDERHORN

**OPERATING** 

FINANCING COMMITTED\*

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES** 

<sup>\*</sup> Fire Lake Pre-Feasibility Study; Alderon Kami Feasibility Study. See disclosure section for information on historical estimates. On November 16, Champion announced a proposed acquisition of the Kami Project. Closing of the acquisition of the Kami Project to a governmental approval in Newfoundland and Labrador and other customary conditions. On November 12, 2020, Champion announced commitments to increase its Credit Facility from US\$200M to US\$400M, which is subject to standard and customary financing terms and conditions and is expected to close before the end of December 2020

# BLOOM LAKE PHASE II PROJECT ROBUST ECONOMICS

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- Expected to double capacity from 7.4 Mtpa to 15 Mtpa
- 20 years mine life
- Takes advantage of US\$1.2B already invested and infrastructure already in place
- Phase II NPV8% of \$956M and 33.4% IRR after-tax
- Combined Phase I & II NPV8% of \$3.76B pretax and \$2.38B after-tax
- 2.4 years payback on initial capital
- Economics based on conservative P65 life of mine iron ore price of US\$83.9/t or a discount of ~36% to the P65 index when the results of the Feasibility Study were released on June 20, 2019

#### **CAPEX PRE-PRODUCTION**

	(C\$M)	(US\$M)
General	28.2	21.4
Mine - Phase II	37.6	28.5
Crusher and stockpile	24.3	18.4
Concentrator	165.0	125.0
Tailings and water management	50.2	38.0
Services	30.5	23.1
Rail and port	73.4	55.6
Owner's costs	105.1	79.6
Contingency (15%)	75.5	57.2
TOTAL	589.8	446.8

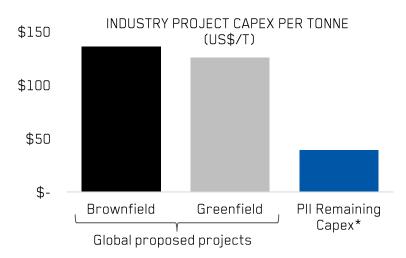
#### **OPERATING COSTS**

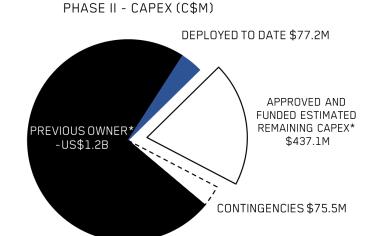
	LoM (C\$/t)	LoM (US\$/t)
Mining	13.4	10.2
Crushing and conveying	1.7	1.3
Processing plant	7.9	6.0
Concentrate shipping	16.8	12.7
Water and tailings management	2.1	1.6
General and administrative	4.7	3.6
TOTAL CASH COST	46.6	35.4
Sustainability & other community expense	1.3	1.0
Sustaining CAPEX	4.4	3.3
ALL-IN SUSTAINING COSTS	52.3	39.7

#### PHASE II – ADVANCED PROJECT

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- Expected to be fully funded with the increase of the Credit Facility from US\$200M to US\$400M\*, cash flow from operations and cash on hand
- Work completed to date significantly de-risked the project timeline by completing concrete and civil engineering work, removing seasonality risks
- Remaining construction estimated to take 18 months to complete











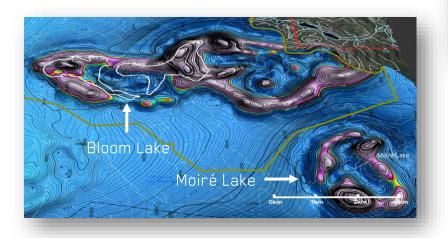


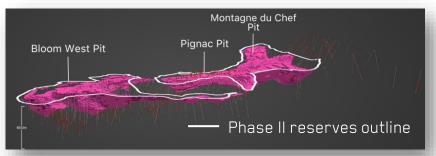


# BLOOM LAKE AREA POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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- Significant historical drilling highlights iron ore outside of current reserves at Bloom Lake\*
- Several magnetic anomalies outside of Bloom Lake current reserves\*







■ Moiré Lake to the South East of Bloom Lake has an historical indicated resource of 164M tonnes and inferred resource of 417.1M tonnes\*\*

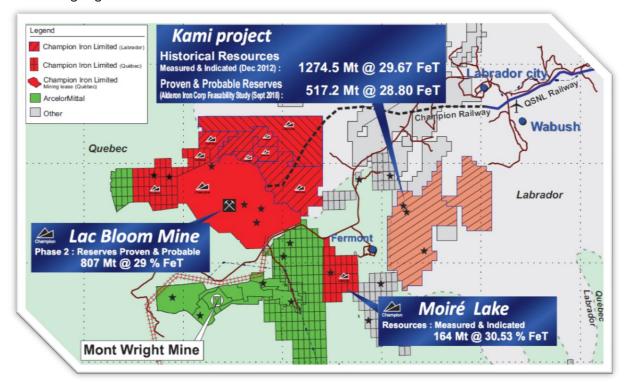
<sup>\*</sup>Figures are geological interpretations and should not be perceived as an indication of quality or quantity of resources. As such, the figures should not be interpreted as potential resources outside of the reserves outline.

<sup>.</sup> \*\* Historical estimates: See disclosure section for information on historical estimates

# **ACQUISITION OF KAMI PROJECT**



- $\sqrt{}$  On November 16, 2020, Champion announced the proposed acquisition of the KAMI project for a total consideration of 4.2M ordinary shares, \$15M cash and a finite production payment
- Strategically located only a few kilometres south east of Bloom Lake
- Significant resources and reserves of high-grade iron ore near available infrastructure
- Acquisition will include 8 Mtpa of port capacity at the port of Sept-Îles, including a prepayment of port related fees
- KAMI's prior owner had completed a Feasibility Study in September 2018 proposing a 7.84 Mtpa of 65.2% Fe with a 23 years life of mine
- Champion intends to review the scope of the project and complete an updated feasibility study in the near term



<sup>\*</sup> Closing of the acquisition of the Kami Project is subject to a governmental approval in Newfoundland and Labrador and other customary conditions. Bloom Lake Phase II reserves and resources are based on the Phase II Feasibility Study. The other reserves and resources are historical estimates. See disclosure section for information on the Phase II Feasibility Study and on the historical estimates.

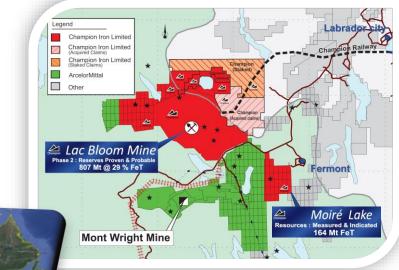
#### **REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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■ In Q1/FY2021, acquired claims covering a 38 km² area and staked 31.75 km² in additional claims directly North of the Bloom Lake mining lease

■ Now controls 178.2 km² area of prospective exploration land directly North and West of Bloom Lake

Possibility to extend current mine life and/or offer growth opportunities for the future



■ Within 60 km of Bloom Lake, Champion controls over 1.46 Billion tonnes of M&I resources and 3.94 Billion tonnes of inferred resources

- A pre-feasibility study was completed on Fire Lake North in 2013 considering a 9.3 Mtpa project over a 19.6-year life of mine
- Completed railway feasibility study (completely funded by the Québec Government)



### STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION



On November 12, 2020, received commitments to increase the Credit Facility from US\$200M to US\$400M\*



C\$425.8M Cash & S-T Investments -C\$10.2M Working Capital



Strong financial partners

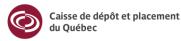








C\$266.8M Long-Term Debt (Face Value)\*



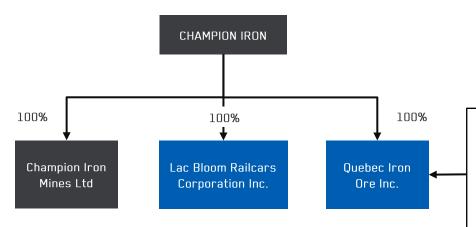












#### Cash & S-T Investments

C\$425.8M as of September 30, 2020

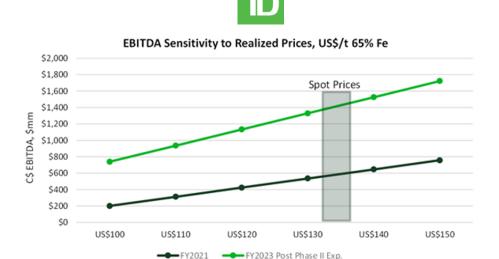
#### Pro-forma Debt Profile

- US \$180M Senior Secured Non-Revolving Term Loan
- US\$20M Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility
- C\$185M CDP Preferred Equity

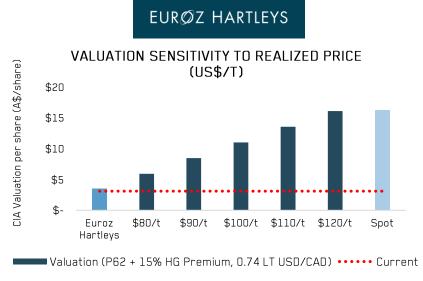
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# STRONG LEVERAGE TO COMMODITY PRICE

- Strong leverage to higher commodity price
- Well positioned for downturn with cost competing with global majors and substantial cash operating margin







<sup>\*</sup>Source: EUROZ Hartleys Securities, October 23,2020



#### **EXPERIENCED TEAM**

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# MANAGEMENT TEAM

DIRECTORS

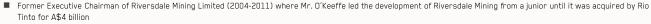
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Michael O'Keeffe Executive Chairman



 Prior to joining Riversdale, Mr. O'Keeffe was a Managing Director with Glencore Australia Limited (1995-2004) and was responsible for Glencore's Australian trading acquisitions. Previously, held a series of senior operating positions with MIM Holdings (Mt. Isa)



David Cataford

Prior to joining Champion in 2014, Mr. Cataford held several management positions within Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., including key positions in their main iron ore deposit at Bloom Lake Mine in Fermont, Quebec, At Bloom Lake, Mr. Cataford played an important role in the management team including phase I expansion of the plant. His experience in iron ore mining includes mineral characterization projects at Bloom Lake and for ArcelorMittal at Mont Wright, as well as adapting the recovery circuit to meet new customer demands. Mr. Cataford was president and cofounder of the North Shore and Labrador Mineral Processing Society



Natacha Garoute

- Has more than 20 years of finance experience as a CPA with a strong focus on mining and public corporations, with extensive international exposure
- Solid background in public company reporting and corporate finance expertise optimizing tax structures and financing development and production stages companies through project debt and equity financing
- Strong experience including CFO of Roxgold, senior finance positions at SEMAFO Inc., Canadian Railway, MDD and PWC



Alexandre Belleau

- Joined Champion Iron in 2016 and most recently held the title of General Manager of Project and Innovation, leading the Company's efforts in connection with the mine's proposed Phase II expansion project. Alexandre led the successful Phase I restart of Bloom Lake
- Executive member of the Quebec Mining Association



Steve Boucratie VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

- Joined Champion Iron in May 2019 as Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
- Has more than 14 years of legal and transaction experience
- Previously served as Director, Legal Affairs and Assistant Corporate Secretary for Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. and was a Partner at Fasken Martineau Dumoulin LLP

Andrew J. Love, FCA

- More than 35 years of accounting experience in reorganizing and redesigning companies in Australia
- Over 30 years' experience as a consultant to public companies, particularly in mining and resource industries
- Managed two companies in the energy and mining sectors and served as Vice-President at Riversdale Mining



Gary Lawler, LLB, LLM

- Experience as an M&A lawver for over 30 years
- Advised numerous companies and investment banks on transactions, including hostile takeovers and anti-takeover measures
- Served on the boards of Dominion Mining and Riversdale Mining



Louise Grondin

- SVP, People and Culture of Agnico Eagles Mines since January 2020
- Joined Agnico Eagle Mines in 2001 and has held various leadership positions including SVP, Environment, Sustainable Development and People; and SVP, Environment and Sustainable Development



**Wayne Wouters** (The Honourable), PC

- Strategic advisor for McCarthy Tétrault LLP
- Worked in Canadian Public service as Clerk of the Privy Council, Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Federal Public Service
- Previously served as deputy minister for several departments including Human Resources and Development of Skills Canada



Michelle Cormier

- Operating partner for Wynnchurch Capital, a \$2.3 billion private equity fund
- Former CFO of a private company and a publicly traded forest products company operating in Canada and the United States
- Vast experience in senior management roles including corporate strategy, finance, human resources and reorganization



Jyothish George

- Joined Glencore in London in 2006 and is currently head of the iron ore department
- Serves as Vice-Chairman of the board of directors of Jumelles Limited, the holding company of the Zanaga iron ore mine in the Republic of Congo

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS**

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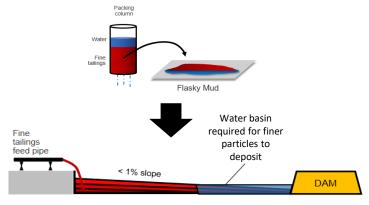
1 Mining **3** Concentrating 4 Rail **5** Port 2 Crushing **Asset Snapshot** Typical blast and shovel Crushed in near-pit Upgrading the ~30% Fe Transported by rail from Agreement with mining operations crusher and conveyed to 66% Fe loading station at Bloom Government of Quebec 3.45km to the processing Lake to Port of Pointefor unloading and Trucked to near-pit crusher Grinding, screening, Noire Sept-Îles facility stocking area and service gravity circuit and 3 distinct mining areas agreement with Port of magnetic recovery Rail agreement with Sept-Îles for ship loading Quebec North Shore and Description / Labrador Railway Access to state of the art Commentary Company (QNS&L) brand new deep sea berth Cost is variable One of North America's based on wet largest ore-handling tonnage ports with year round access "On-site" privately 10 CAT Trucks 3.45km conveyor system ■ Arnaud rail 2 concentrators owned 32km railway 3 Shovels 2 fully operational Phase I concentrator Rotary car dumper linking Bloom Lake Mine crushers with spare is operational Stacker / Reclaimer 3 Loaders site to QNS&L **Key Equipment** capacity Phase II 36km of government 3 Drills 835 specialized iron ore concentrator is owned railway rail cars approximately 70% complete **Current Phase I and** Phase I capacity: 7.4 Mtpa Phase I capacity: 7.4 Mtpa Phase I capacity: 7.4 Mtpa Potential Phase II Available excess capacity at Multi-user Port with total Phase II capacity: 7.6Mtpa Phase II capacity: 7.6Mtpa Phase II capacity: 7.6Mtpa **Annual Throughput** QNS&L capacity of 50M tpa Total Capacity: 15Mtpa Total Capacity: 15Mtpa Total Capacity: 15Mtpa Capacity

#### **TAILINGS MANAGEMENT**

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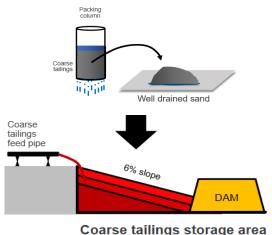
# CHAMPION'S TAILING MANAGEMENT IS ADOPTING A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH

- Fine and coarse tailings separation representing 12% & 88%, respectively
- 10:1 slope for upstream dam construction vs. industry standard of 6:1
- Fines managed with center line dam systems
- Real time monitoring consoles + robust daily inspections and annual audits
- Low seismic area reducing risk of events sitting on the Canadian Shield being old stable bedrock



Fine tailings storage area Centerline/Downstream





Coarse tailings storage area Upstream

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# **UPDATED FEASIBILITY ECONOMICS**

**COMBINED PHASE I & II (JUNE 2019)** 

SUMMARY O	F ECONOMIC PARAMETERS AND FEASIBILITY RESULTS – PHASE I & II (CO	OMBINED)
	Reserve (Mt)	807.0
	Processed Tonnage (Mtpa)	41.6
	Average Stripping Ratio (waste:ore)	0.88
Mining Parameters	Average Fe Feed Grade (% Fe)	29.0
Milling Parameters	Average Fe Processing Recovery (%)	82.4%
	Average Mining Dilution (%)	1.2%
	Average Recovered Concentrate (Mtpa)	15
	Mine Life (years)	20 years
	Initial CAPEX, pre-production (C\$M)	589.8
	Initial CAPEX, total including deposits (C\$M)	633.8
Cost Parameters	LOM Sustaining CAPEX (C\$M)	1,220
Lust Parameters	LOM FOB Sept-Îles Production Costs (C\$/t dry concentrate)	46.6
	LOM OPEX FOB Sept-Îles, all-in sustaining (C\$/t dry concentrate)	52.3
	LOM freight cost (US\$/t dry concentrate)	21.54
Revenue Parameters	Gross Revenue (C\$M)	32,281
Revenue Parameters	Net Cash Flow After Taxes (C\$M)	5,186
Inon One Onice Denometers	LOM Avg Iron Price at 66.2%Fe CFR China (US\$/t)	84.1
Iron Ore Price Parameters	Average Exchange Rate	0.76 US\$/C\$
	NPV - 8% (after-tax) (C\$M)	2,384
Valuation Parameters	IRR (after-tax)	33.4%
	Payback (after-tax) (years)	2.4

<sup>\*</sup> See disclosure page for statement regarding Phase II Feasibility Study

# BLOOM LAKE RESERVES & RESOURCES

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#### PHASE I (MARCH 31, 2020)

#### March 31, 2020 Bloom Lake Mineral Resources Estimate (at 15% Fe Cut-off)

Category	Tonnage (dmt)	Fe (%)	CaO (%)	MgO (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)
Measured	392.6	30.8	0.6	0.7	0.3
Indicated	471.9	28.5	2.5	2.3	0.4
Total M+I	864.5	29.6	1.6	1.6	0.3
Inferred	80.4	25.6	1.9	1.7	0.3

#### March 31, 2020 Bloom Lake Mineral Reserves Estimate (at 15% Fe Cut-off)

Category	Tonnage (dmt)	Fe (%)	CaO (%)	MgO (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)
Proven	217.0	30.4	0.5	0.5	0.3
Probable	147.6	28.7	2.8	2.7	0.4
Total P&P	364.6	29.7	1.4	1.4	0.3

#### PHASE II - FEASBILITY STUDY (JUNE 20, 2019)

#### Mineral Resource Estimate for Bloom Lake

Category	Tonnage (kt)	Fe (%)	CaO (%)	Sat (%)	MgO (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)
Measured	379,100	30.2	1.4	4.4	1.4	0.3
Indicated	514,400	28.7	2.5	7.7	2.3	0.4
Total M+I	893,500	29.3	2.1	6.3	1.9	0.4
Inferred	53,500	26.2	2.8	8.0	2.4	0.4

#### Mineral Reserve Estimate for Bloom Lake

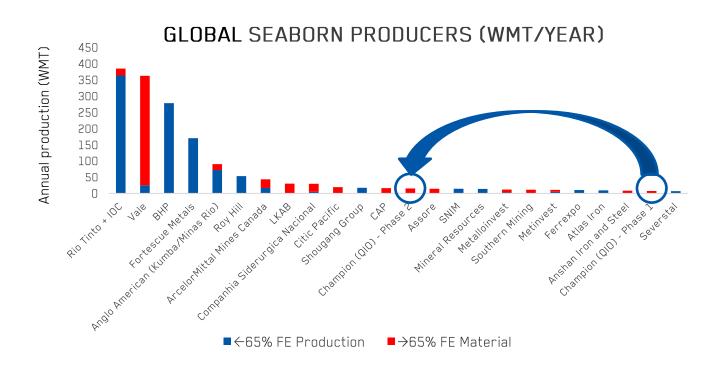
Category	Diluted Ore Tonnage (dmt)	Fe (%)	CaO (%)	Sat (%)	MgO (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)
Proven	346.0	29.9	1.5	4.7	1.4	0.3
Probable	461.0	28.2	2.6	7.9	2.5	0.6
Total P&P	807.0	29.0	2.2	6.5	2.0	0.5

Phase II reserves and resources are based on the Phase II Feasibility Study. Phase II reserves and resources include Phase I reserves and resources. The Phase II mineral resource estimate was prepared by or under the supervision of Pierre-Luc Richard, P. Geo, of BBA Inc. Mr. Richard is an independent qualified person, as defined by NI 43-101. The effective date of the estimate is April 19, 2019. The Phase II mineral reserve estimate was prepared by or under the supervision of Isabelle Leblanc, P. Eng., of BBA Inc. Ms. Leblanc is an independent qualified person, as defined by NI 43-101. The effective date of the estimate is May 17, 2019. Phase I reserves and resources are based on the National Instrument 43-101 technical report entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Bloom Lake Mine Re-Start Feasibility Study" by Ausenco dated March 17, 2017" and are adjusted for depletion as of March 31, 2020 by or under the supervision of Nabil Tarbouche, P. Geo. Mr. Tarbouche is a Senior Geologist at the Company. The effective date of the adjusted estimate is March 31, 2020



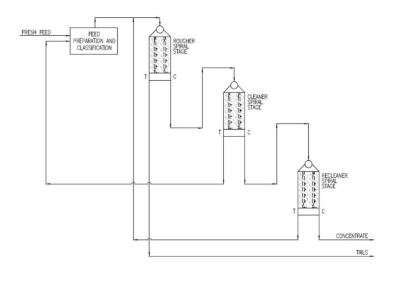
# BLOOM LAKE PHASE II POSITIONING AS A GLOBAL LEADER

- Focus on creating value per share
- With most high-grade iron ore production coming from Brazil and globally integrated steel makers, Champion is one of the only independent producers of high-grade iron ore globally
- Over 70% of the global high-grade iron ore export from Brazil
- Phase II would further position Champion as one of the largest high-grade iron ore producers in the world



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# BLOOM LAKE UPDATED RECOVERY FLOWSHEET





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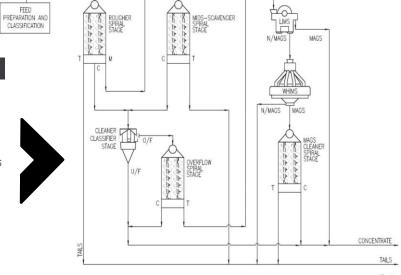
#### INITIAL FLAW OF FLOWSHEET INSTALLED AT BLOOM LAKE

- > The rougher spirals originally used in the Bloom Lake concentrator only had five (5) turns compared to seven (7) turns spirals more commonly used in the Labrador Trough
- > No possibility for dilution at cleaner and recleaner stages feed
- > Higher than designed spiral feed rate

#### **UPGRADED RECOVERY CIRCUIT FLOWSHEET**

In addition to installing new spiral system, Mineral Technologies proposed two processing routes for the Phase 1 upgrade flowsheet:

- > A gravity-only primary case comprising rougher spirals, rougher middlings scavenging spirals, an up-current classifier (UCC) and a final UCC overflow scavenging spiral stage;
- > A bonus case serving to boost recovery of iron ore through the treatment of the gravity circuit tailings by a series of low intensity magnetic separators (LIMS) and wet high intensity magnetic separators (WHIMS).

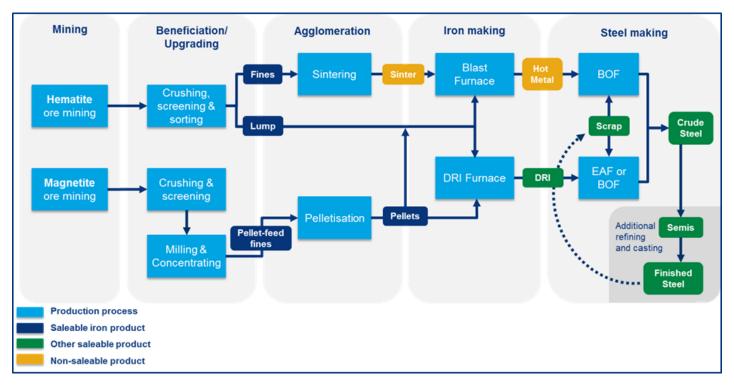


#### **IRON ORE VALUE CHAIN**

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> Bloom Lake produces concentrate fines primarily used in sintering process, but also grinded further for pellet feed by some customers





\*Source: WoodMackenzie»

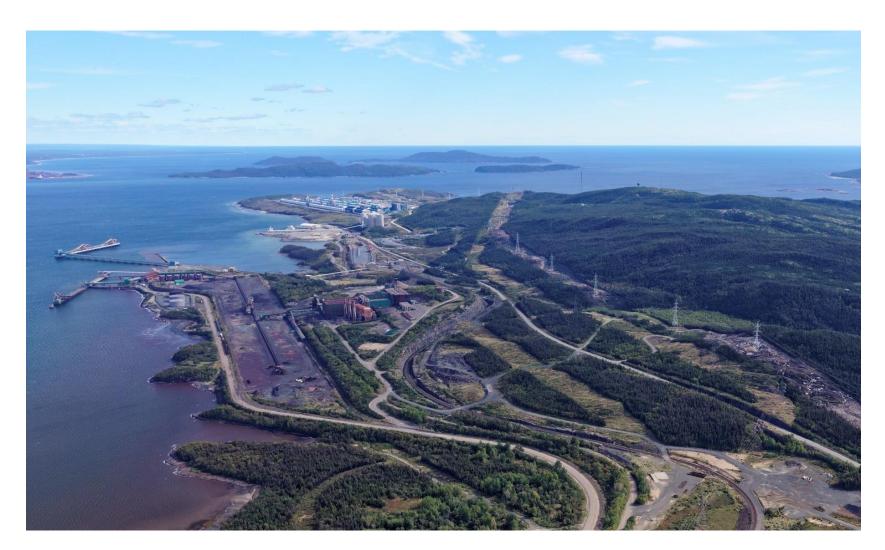
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# BLOOM LAKE MINE COMPLEX



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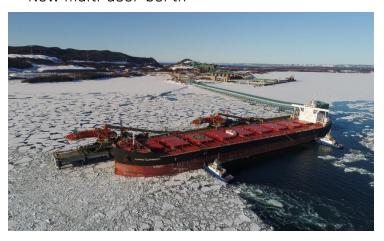
# **MULTI-USER PORT**



# STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS 2018 RECOMMISSIONING

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> New multi-user berth



> Re-engineered recovery circuit



> New 3.5km overland conveyor



> New tailings pumping system



