FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2022FISCAI YEAR
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## FY2022 FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

1,936,000 WMT
CONCENTRATE PRODUCED

82.9\% | \$OTAL CASH COST |
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ORE RECOVERY
ALL-IN SUSTAINING COST

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REVENUES \$545.4M NET CASH FLOW OPS BEFORE WC \$248.4M EBITDA \$405.7M

NET INCOME \$224.3M
\$0.44 EPS

\$466.7M TOTAL CASH ON HAND* $\varepsilon$ RESTRICTED CASH
\$253.1M SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEBT* \$410.6M UNDRAWN LOAN

## SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH $\varepsilon$ SAFETY

$\rightarrow$ Maintained the operating rapid testing COVID-19 laboratory at the Bloom Lake mine with strict measures to adapt operations and conform to or exceed the Government's directives
$\rightarrow$ Ongoing participation in the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in the region with the Côte-Nord Industry Vaccination Center
$\rightarrow$ Québec vaccination campaign progressing rapidly with $-73 \%$ of the population having received a first dose of a vaccine and $-63 \%$ are considered adequately vaccinated*


| QUEBEC IRON ORE + CONTRACTORS |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FISCAL PERIODS |  |  |  |
|  | 2021 | Q1/2022 |  |
| Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) | 2.94 | 3.73 |  |
| Disability Injury Severity Rate (DISR) | 19.55 | 33.97 |  |

$\rightarrow$ Initiated additional health and safety action plans specific to different sectors of activity to minimize injury frequency rate
$\rightarrow$ No major environmental occurrence issues during the quarter
$\rightarrow$ Completed an additional 14 hectares of revegetation

## INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

$\rightarrow$ Iron ore prices continued to rise in the period with global steel demand accelerating globally
$\rightarrow$ World Steel Association reported a 17.4\% year over year increase for global steel output in the quarter
$\rightarrow$ Rising steel margins, enforced steel production restrictions in China and rising coal prices resulted in record P65 price premiums in the quarter


P65 PREMIUM TO P62 (\$US/T)
SINCE INDEX CREATED IN 2009


BLOOM LAKE OPERATIONAL RESULTS
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## OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

$\rightarrow$ Robust operational results despite a scheduled semi-annual maintenance program
$\rightarrow$ Stable iron ore recovery in line with target
$\rightarrow$ Strip ratio and head grade in line with the mine plan
$\rightarrow$ Continuous improvements enabling improved mill productivity

| FISCAL PERIODS | Q2/21 | Q3/21 | Q4/21 | Q1/22 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iron ore concentrate produced [M wmt] | 2.27 | 1.92 | 2.01 | 1.94 |
| Iron ore concentrate sold [M dmt] | 2.06 | 1.89 | 1.97 | 1.97 |
| Waste mined and hauled [M wmt] | 4.11 | 4.96 | 3.80 | 4.70 |
| Ore mined and hauled [M wmt] | 6.07 | 5.18 | 5.64 | 5.64 |
| Strip ratio | 0.68 | 0.96 | 0.67 | 0.83 |
| Head grade Fe [\%] | 30.90 | 29.70 | 30.70 | 29.57 |
| Fe Recovery [\%] | 85.20 | 83.60 | 82.60 | 82.89 |
| Product Fe [\%] | 66.10 | 66.40 | 66.50 | 66.32 |

Iron ore concentrate produced (M wmt)


Waste mined and hauled (M wmt)

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Ore mined and hauled (M wmt)


Fe recovery (\%)

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## FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

$\rightarrow$ Record quarterly revenue, EBITDA, net income and EPS
$\rightarrow$ Higher total cash cost mainly resulting from increased costs of the scheduled and completed maintenance program
$\rightarrow$ Cash flows impacted by timing of supplier payments and receivables

| FINANCIAL RESULTS (\$ MILLION) | Q2/FY21 | Q3/FY21 | Q4/FY21 | Q1/FY22 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenues | 311.0 | 329.5 | 396.7 | 545.4 |
| EBITDA | 199.0 | 214.6 | 275.8 | 405.7 |
| Operating income | 189.5 | 203.3 | 262.5 | 400.0 |
| Net income | 112.2 | 120.8 | 155.9 | 224.3 |
| Adjusted net income | 113.8 | 123.4 | 155.5 | 225.1 |
| Net cash flow (used) from operations | 131.4 | 188.2 | 228.6 | -12.6 |
| Earnings per share - basic | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.32 | 0.44 |
| Adjusted earnings per share - basic | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.44 |
| Gross average realized selling price (\$/dmt) | 162.8 | 194.8 | 220.0 | 279.7 |
| Net average realized selling price (\$/dmt) | 150.7 | 174.2 | 201.3 | 276.2 |
| Total cash cost (\$/dmt) | 48.5 | 56.2 | 54.4 | 60.1 |
| All-in sustaining cost (\$/dmt) | 57.4 | 65.0 | 65.1 | 72.6 |
| Cash operating margin (\$/dmt) | 93.3 | 109.2 | 136.2 | 203.6 |
| Cash operating margin (\%) | 61.9\% | 62.7\% | 67.7\% | 73.7\% |

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## AVERAGE REALIZED SELLING PRICE

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$\rightarrow$ Average gross realized price $31.3 \%$ higher than the previous quarter
$\rightarrow$ Rising demand for high-grade iron ore eliminated discounts and certain additional premiums to the P65 index
$\rightarrow$ Rising coking coal prices led to strong demand for low silica and alumina products
$\rightarrow$ Higher freight prices quarter over quarter as a result of the global economic recovery and rising fuel prices


## POSITIVE PROVISIONAL

 PRICE ADJUSTMENT$\rightarrow$ 1M tonnes which were subject to provisional pricing at the end of Q4/FY21 realized final prices during the quarter
$\rightarrow$ Q1/FY22 positive provisional pricing adjustment of $\$ 60.9 \mathrm{M}$ (US $\$ 49.9 \mathrm{M}$ ) represents a positive impact of US $\$ 25.3 / \mathrm{dmt}$ on the average realized price for tonnes sold in the period

| PROVISIONAL IMPACT Q1/FY22 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Final price on tonnes in transit at Q4/FY21 | Q4 Average expected price at settlement date* | $x$ | Tonnes in transit at Q4/FY21 (M dmt) | $=$ | Provisional impact on Q1/FY22 |
| US\$232.3/t | US\$182.7/t |  | 1.01 |  | US\$49.9M |


$\because$| PER TONNE SOLD |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Tonnes sold |
| in Ql/FY22 | $=$ |
| (M dmt) | Provisional impact |
| 1.97 | per tonne sold in |
| Ql/FY22 |  |

$\rightarrow$ 1.16M tonnes remain subject to provisional price at the end of Q1/FY22


## POSITIVE CASH OPERATING MARGIN

$\rightarrow$ Increased cash operating margin for the seventh consecutive quarter
$\rightarrow$ Total cash cost up $2.9 \%$ year over year mainly due to increased costs of the scheduled and completed maintenance
$\rightarrow$ Sustaining costs impacted by the mine plan and continuous investments in the Company＇s safe tailings solution with a planned total work program of \＄23M for fiscal year 2022
$\rightarrow$ Record cash operating margin of $73.7 \%$ and EBITDA margin of $74.4 \%$ in Q1／FY22

OPERATING MARGIN BREAKDOWN


Total Cash Cost
$\mathscr{\square} \mathbb{Z}$ Negative Provisional Price Impact

All－in Sustaining Cost
$\boldsymbol{\mathscr { C }} \boldsymbol{\mathscr { S }}$ Positive Provisional Price Impact

レー－』．」ash Operating Margin
—Net Average Selling Price（FOB）

## DILIGENT BALANCE SHEET MANAGEMENT

$\rightarrow$ Redeemed 60M QIO preferred shares held by Caisse de Depot et placement du Quebec for \$60M
$\rightarrow$ Redemption is expected to reduce future dividend payments and overall cost of capital
$\rightarrow \$ 125 \mathrm{M}$ in QIO preferred shares with a current dividend rate of $9.25 \%$ remain outstanding
$\rightarrow$ Option to redeem remaining outstanding preferred shares at parity as of August 2021


## CASH CHANGE DETAILS

$\rightarrow$ Cash flows from operations* of $\$ 248.4 M$, an improvement of $47.2 \%$ compared to the previous quarter
$\rightarrow$ Paid the fiscal 2021 taxes payable totalling $\$ 191.5 \mathrm{M}$ in May 2021
$\rightarrow$ Cash impacted by the Phase II work programs, the Kami project acquisition, the preferred shares redemption and change in working capital

CASH CHANGE FROM MARCH 31,2021 TO JUNE 30,2021


## BALANCE SHEET POSITIONED FOR GROWTH

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\$423.3M Cash E S-T investments
\$43.4M Restricted cash*
\$126.8M Working capital

\$253.1M Long-term debt (face value)*

$\checkmark$ Net cash* positive of $\$ 340.5 \mathrm{M}$ (including working capital) $\checkmark$ \$9.OM QoQ improvement in net cash*

■Cash and cash equivalents ■ Restricted cash ■ Working Capital ■LTD Face value*


## PHASE II ADVANCING AS PER EXPECTATIONS

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$\rightarrow$ Project progressing as planned with completion expected by mid-2022
$\rightarrow$ Construction work accelerating and expected to peak in Q2 fiscal 2022
$\rightarrow$ Deployed an additional \$118.3M in the quarter including \$25M in deposits
$\rightarrow$ Cumulative work programs to date of \$263.6M*
$\rightarrow$ Progress on key milestones, including:
$\checkmark$ Commencement of load-out conveyor's installation
$\checkmark$ Mechanical and electrical installation of the mill recirculation conveyors
$\checkmark$ Erection of structure steel in the milling and screening area
$\checkmark$ Delivery of some major mining equipment

PHASE II - CAPEX (C\$M)


$\sqrt{ }$ Initiated work to revise the scope and feasibility study of the recently acquired Kami project
$\sqrt{ }$ On July 12, 2021, Champion completed the acquisition of the Lac Lamêlée south property in addition to a $1.5 \%$ net smelter royalty interest on the Company's Moiré Lake property and Fermont Properties portfolio
$\rightarrow$ Acquisition further positions the Company for long-term development potential of high-grade iron ore in the region
$\rightarrow$ Lac Lamêlée south property adds an additional 74.7M tonnes of historical indicated resources* and 229.3M tonnes of historical inferred resources*, with the project located adjacent to Champion's existing development properties south of Bloom Lake
$\rightarrow$ Staked 11 additional claims directly adjacent to the Lac Lamêlée property


$\rightarrow$ A renewed collective agreement was reached on June 23, 2021
$\rightarrow$ Revised agreement reaffirms our long-term partnership with our workers


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## APPENDIX

## NOTES ON HISTORICAL ESTIMATES USED IN THE PRESENTATION





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