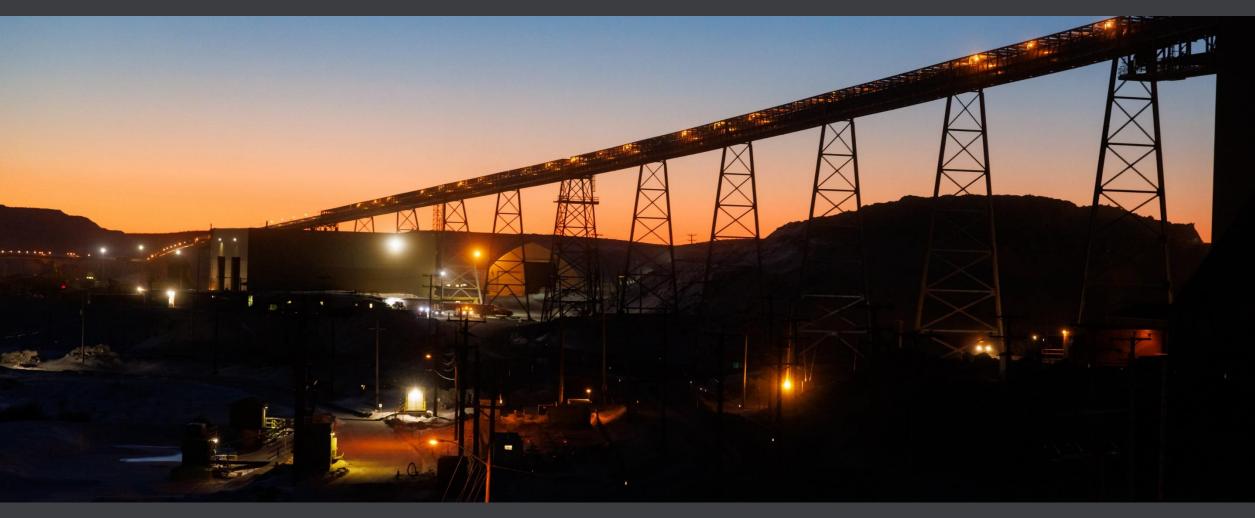
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**SEPTEMBER 2023** 



A RARE SOLUTION TO DECARBONIZE STEELMAKING



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### **CORPORATE OVERVIEW**

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#### LARGEST PUBLICLY LISTED PURE-PLAY HIGH-GRADE IRON ORE PRODUCER GLOBALLY



ightarrow 2nd largest hub of high-grade exports globally



ightarrow 9.3% management ownership<sup>1</sup>



ightarrow Cumulative investments at Bloom Lake >US\$4.5B

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ightarrow Committed to GHG reduction of 40% by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050



Note: 1. Management ownership including board of directors as of September 4, 2023 Source: Champion Iron Limited





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# A GLOBAL SOLUTION FOR THE TRANSITIONING STEEL INDUSTRY

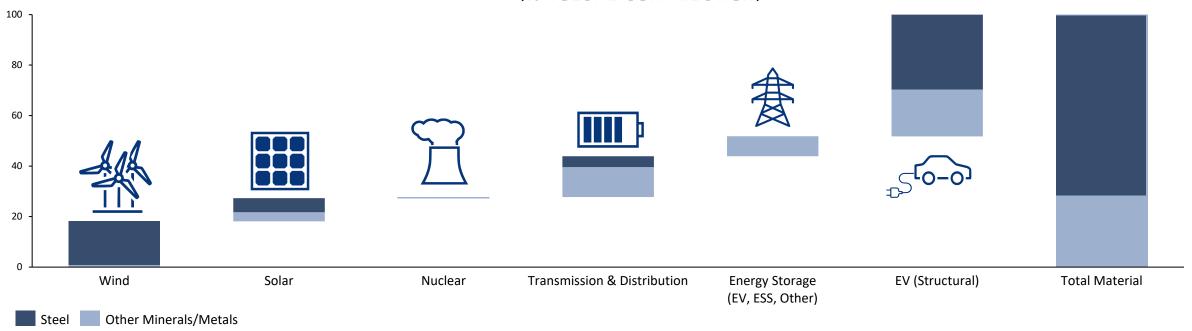






- $\rightarrow$  Steel will have a critical role for the required infrastructure and applications to decarbonize our economies
- → Under the Accelerated Energy Transition (AET) of 1.5°C, over 3.5 billion additional tonnes of steel will be required by 2050, representing over 50% of total material used across infrastructure and applications

# GLOBAL VOLUME OF MATERIAL REQUIRED TO REACH AET 1.5 ACROSS SELECT ENERGY TRANSITION APPLICATIONS (% VOLUME CONTRIBUTION)



Source: Champion Iron Limited, Wood Mackenzie

Note: Only includes other minerals/metals associated with this study. Structural EV = automotive frames/bodies. Volume estimates are subject to change based on intensity and technology assumptions which will change over time.

### HIGH PURITY IRON ORE $\rightarrow$ A SOLUTION FOR GREEN STEEL

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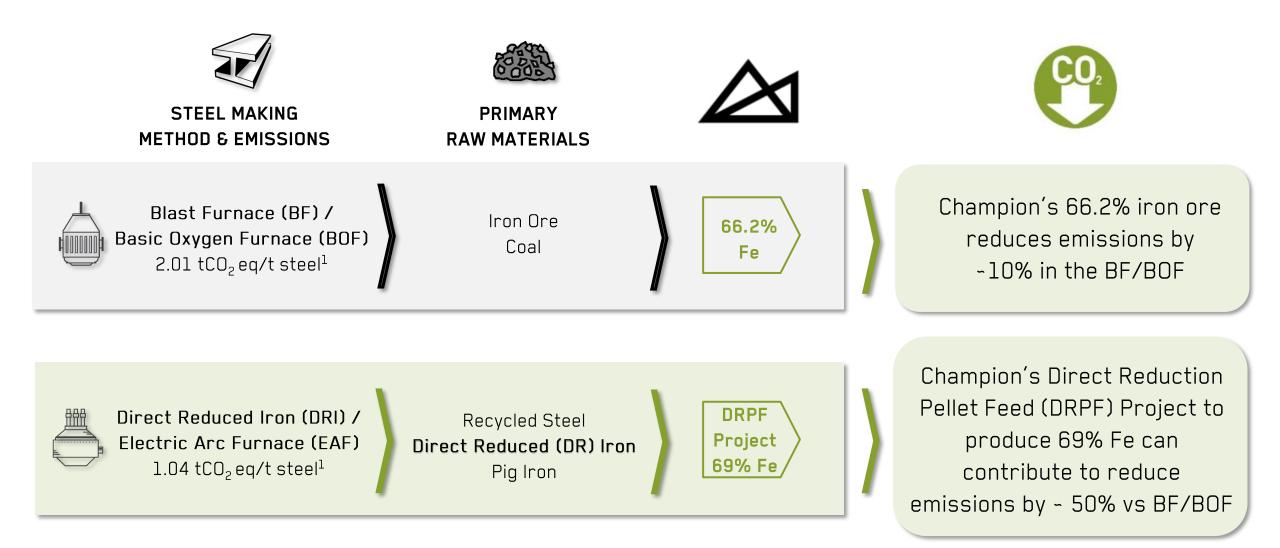
#### THE STEEL INDUSTRY WILL NEED TO ADAPT TO LIMIT EMISSIONS

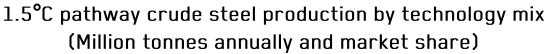
Mining Freight Steel (7.2%) 1% 2% Industrial energy consumption (24%) Agglomeration 12% Agriculture, forestry and soil management 18% Waste Reduction and 3% Smelting Chemicals 85% (2%) Industry Po<sup>go</sup>t<sub>ransportation</sub> (13%) 5% Cement ansonreation (16%) (3%)Power 73% Energy consumption in buildings (18%)

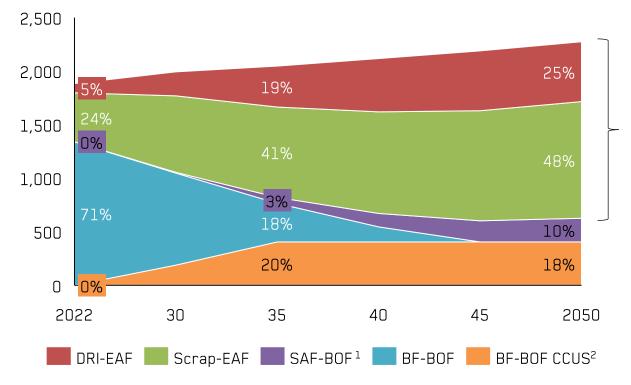
→ The steel industry produces more than 7.2% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions<sup>1</sup>

#### **CHAMPION'S POSITIVE IMPACT**

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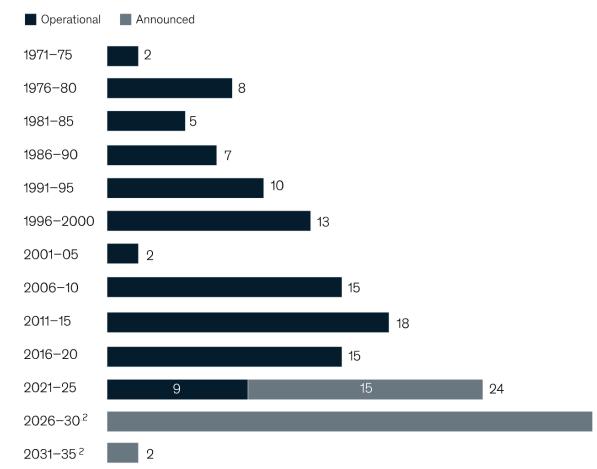






- → To decarbonize the steel industry, a material transition away from BF-BOF, utilizing coal, to EAF is to occur by 2050
- → Due to limited availability of scrap steel, traditionally used in EAFs, high-quality DRI will be required to complement and supplement the industry`s supply chain to achieve the emission reduction targets in line with the 1.5°C pathway
- → DRI-EAF steelmaking is expected to increase in market share from 5% to 25% by 2050
- $\rightarrow$  High purity iron ore is to be required across all other steelmaking methods

# Total number of shaft DRI/HBI<sup>1</sup> projects by year of beginning operations



- → DRI project announcements are accelerating at an unprecedented pace, expected to increase demand for Direct Reduction (DR) quality iron ore
- → Champion`s Project is expected to produce an industry leading DRPF with a quality up to 69% Fe
- → Global DR quality iron ore demand is expected to
   be at a deficit of more than 100Mtpa by 2031<sup>3</sup>

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Source: Fastmarkets, McKinsey & Company April 2023

1 Hot Briquette Iron; 2 More announcements expected; 3 McKinsey & Company (The Resilience of Steel: Navigating the Crossroads)

## MATERIAL DEMAND INCREASE FOR HIGH PURITY IRON

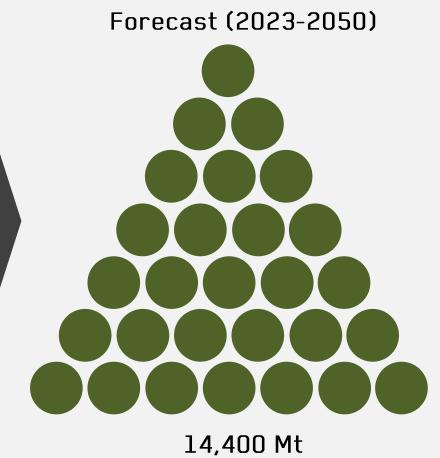
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Cumulative historical production<sup>1</sup>



Demand for Direct Reduction (DR) pellets by 2050, required in DRI-EAF steelmaking, is expected to be 6X the cumulative historical production

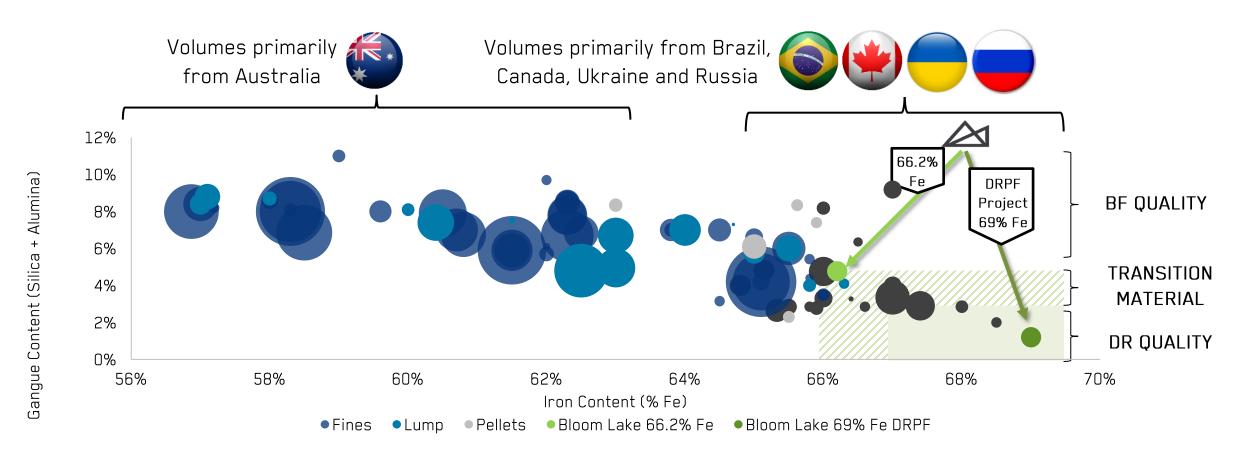


The steel industry`s transition to DRI-EAF steelmaking will require an additional 348M tpa of high purity iron by 2050<sup>2</sup>, equivalent to an additional ~40 average scale mines

Source: Champion Iron Limited; Minespans data; Midrex World Direct Reduction Statistics, 2021; <sup>1</sup> Cumulative historical production estimated from 1970-now; estimated DR pellet demand prior to 1970 of 1Mtpa <sup>2</sup> High purity iron defined as Fe → 65% and combined alumina and silica ← 5.5%

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#### SUMMARY OF IRON CONTENT AND GANGUE CONTENT

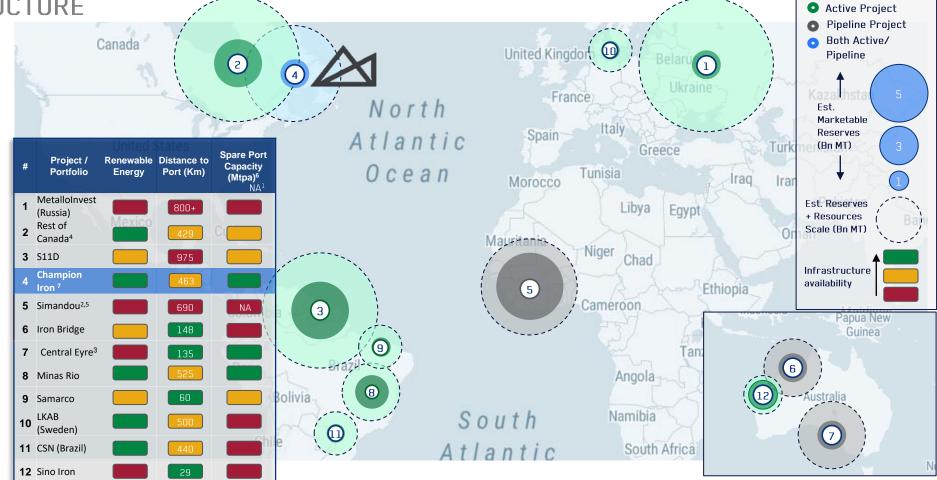


#### **PROVIDING A GLOBAL SCALE SOLUTION**

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CHAMPION CONTROLS ONE OF THE LARGEST RESERVES AND RESOURCES CAPABLE OF PRODUCING HIGH-GRADE IRON ORE, INCLUDING POTENTIAL ACCESS TO RENEWABLE POWER AND AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

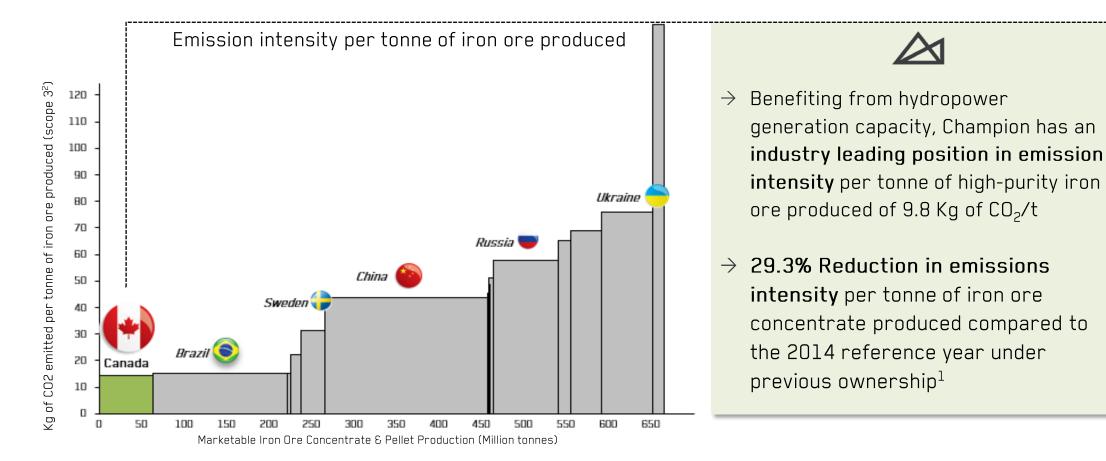


Source: Wood Mackenzie, Corporate Reports, PFS Studies, Public Information (can include estimates).

Note: Billion Metric tonne reserves; Resources are estimated on a Measured, Indicated, and Inferred Basis. Global snapshot is not exhaustive, (1) Port capacity estimate could not be reasonably identified, (2) Port not yet constructed, (3) Port not yet constructed, (4) Rest of Canada data is not exhaustive (Mont Wright, Carol Lake, Fire Lake, Baffinland...), (5) Simandou includes Blocks 1-4 (6) Spare port capacity estimated; Green-40+, Yellow-20-39, Red-0-19, (7) Champion Iron reported distance from Bloom Lake to Pointe Noire.

# LOW IMPACT LOCALLY & SCALEABLE POSITIVE IMPACT GLOBALLY

- ightarrow Canadian high-purity iron ore is produced with one of the lowest carbon intensities globally
- → A complete transition of Bloom Lake's 15Mtpa nameplate capacity to DRPF quality iron ore could reduce nearly 9.7Mt of CO<sub>2</sub>eq/year in the steelmaking process, representing over 100 times the emissions generated by our Company



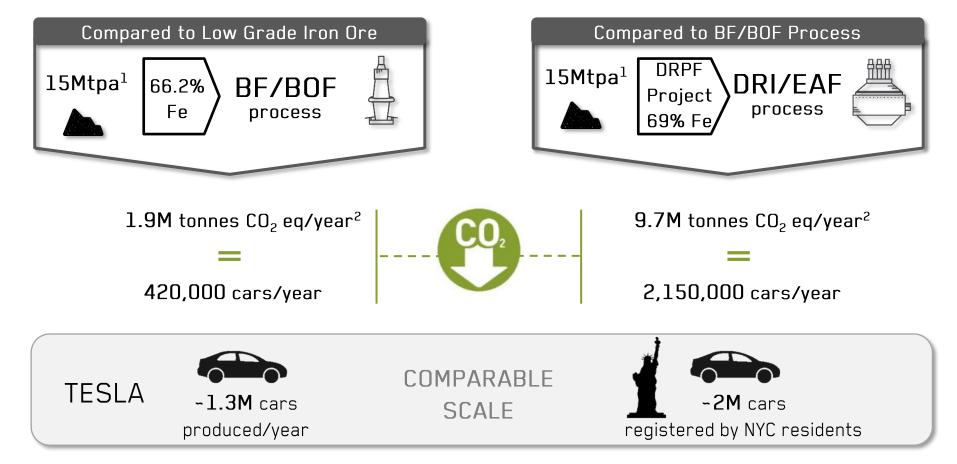
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Champion's concentrate reduces emissions in BF/BOF steelmaking

Proven ability to produce DR grade pellet feed enables Champion to engage with DRI/EAF steel makers



Sources: Champion Iron Limited, Wood Mackenzie data ; Tesla's 2022 car production; Cars registered by NYC residents as per www.nyc.gov and <u>www.streetsblog.org</u>; Tesla' Inc.'s car production in 2020 as per backlinko.com Notes: 1. Phase II expected nameplate capacity of 15Mtpa | 2. Assumes 4,600 Kg of CO2 eq per vehicle/year (Source: US Environmental Protection Agency and Natural Resources Canada). BF/BOF reduction assumes a ratio of 1.5t of iron ore concentrate per tonne of steel produced and a reduction emission of 9.6% for Champion's 66.4% Fe (as per FY21 results) compared to 58% Fe (Based on Wood Mackenzie estimate of 8% reduction for P65 vs. P58). DRI/EAF steel making route assumes 1.47 tonne of pellet feed concentrate per tonne of steel produced.

# CHAMPION IRON RECENT RESULTS

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# SETTING NEW PRODUCTION RECORDS AT BLOOM LAKE

- $\rightarrow$  Facilities reached expanded designed nameplate capacity of 15M tpa on several operating days in Q1/FY24
- $\rightarrow$  Q1/FY24 quarterly production of 3.4M wmt, representing 90% of Bloom Lake expanded nameplate capacity
- Recent commissioning of the remaining mining  $\rightarrow$ equipment and ongoing optimization will enable Bloom Lake reach its expanded nameplate capacity of 15M tpa in the near term

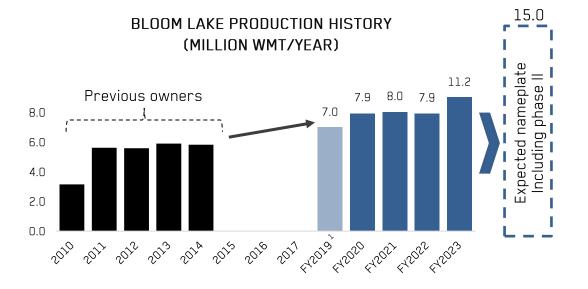
Recent mining equipment delivery and assembly



Notes: 1. FY2019 reflects Bloom Lake's commissioning year

Proven and completed processing plant





Progress on third-party infrastructure



- → Recent forest fires near Sept-Îles, Québec, approximately 300 kilometres south of Bloom Lake, resulted in interruptions to railway services between May 30 and June 10, 2023
- → As forest fires subsided, railway services resumed gradually in the period and are expected to return to normal capacity in the near term
- → Despite operational impacts, 1.3M wmt of iron ore concentrate were stockpiled at the mining complex as of June 30, 2023



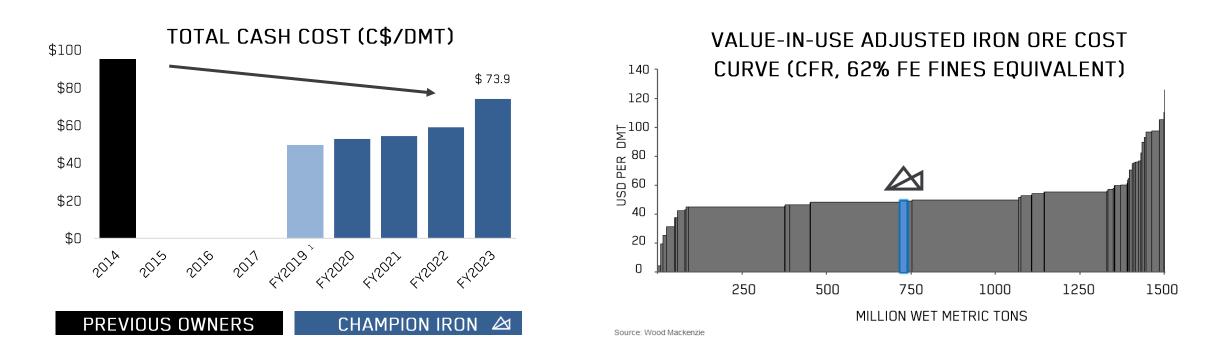




→ The Company expects to gradually ship and sell the stockpiled iron ore concentrate as rollingstock capacity increases in the upcoming quarters

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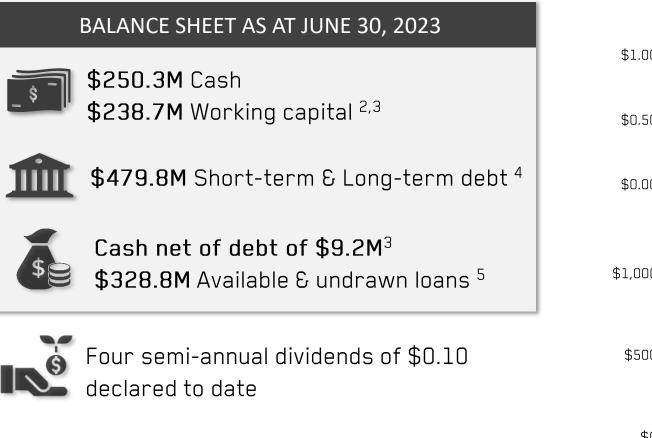
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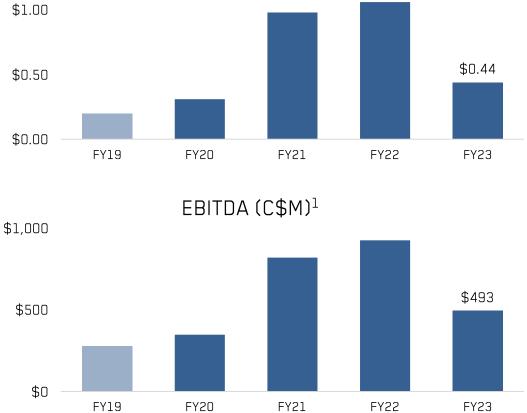
- $\rightarrow$  Proven and competitive cost profile
- → FY2023 results: Total cash costs<sup>2</sup> of \$73.9/t, negatively impacted by several factors including fixed costs incurred to support higher anticipated production, inflationary pressures on fuel, explosives and site-related G&A

# **ROBUST FINANCIAL RESULTS AND BALANCE SHEET**

→ Significant investments at Bloom Lake produced robust financial results, positioning the Company to diligently consider growth opportunities while continuing its capital return strategy



ADJUSTED EPS (C\$)<sup>1</sup>

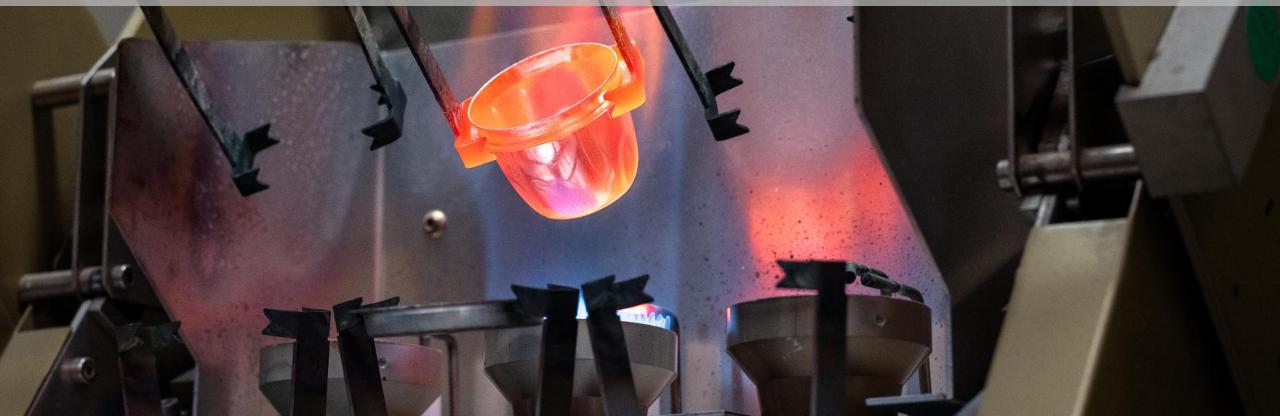


Notes: <sup>1</sup>Non-IFRS financial measure, ratio or other financial measure. Refer to the disclaimer at the p.2 |<sup>2</sup> Receivables: \$108.3M; Income and mining taxes receivables: \$31.9M; Prepaid expenses and advances: \$64.4M; Inventories: \$211.6M; accounts payable and other: (\$174.8M); Income tax payable: (\$2.7M)|<sup>3</sup> including working capital; Excluding the cash withdraw of \$51.7M in anticipation of the dividend payment completed on July 5, 2023 |<sup>4</sup> Short-term and long-term debt face value include US\$180M Revolving Facility, \$75M from FTQ, \$57.6M from Investissement Québec and US\$82.2M from Caterpillar Financial Services.

# PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH INITIATIVES



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### **GREEN STEEL SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS**

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→ In keeping with its diligent approach towards growth and its vision to be a leader in the green steel supply chain, Champion`s projects are strategically positioned to sustainably address the supply deficit of high purity iron required to reduce emissions in steelmaking

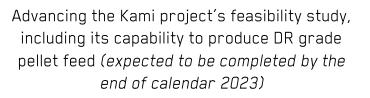
#### **PRODUCTS OPTIMIZATION OPPORTUNITIES**



Advancing the study evaluating the investments required to re-commission the Pointe-Noire pellet plant and produce DR grade pellets (*expected to be completed by the end of calendar 2023*)



VOLUME INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES





Recently announced significant increase in mineral resources, creating opportunities to optimize Bloom Lake beyond the life of mine, including investing to de-bottleneck facilities and produce beyond its expanded nameplate capacity of 15M tpa



Opportunity to upgrade both Bloom Lake concentrators to Direct Reduction Pellet Feed (DRPF) quality iron ore



Sizeable opportunity with 'Cluster II', within 60 kilometres of Bloom Lake, comparable in scale to Guinea`s Simandou Block 3 & 4 <sup>1</sup>

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## DRPF PROJECT UPDATE

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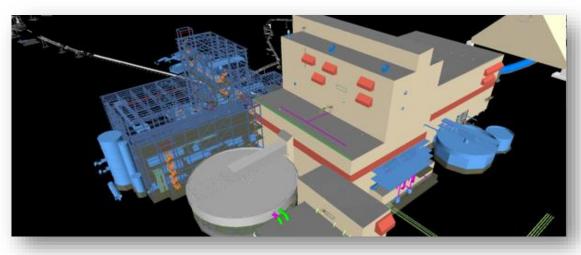
Project to upgrade the Phase II plant, from 66.2% to a 69% Fe, to produce 7.5M tpa of DRPF quality iron ore, expected to attract significant additional pricing premium

### **PROJECT MILESTONES**

- → In connection with the positive findings of the DRPF Project study released on January 26, 2023, the Company approved and advanced work programs with an initial budget of \$62M
- → Project advancing as planned for a potential commissioning in calendar H2/2025
- $\rightarrow$  Project milestones to date include:
  - Initiated procurement activities for long lead items
  - Initiated on-site activities in preparation of upcoming civil work programs
  - ✓ Advanced detailed engineering
- → The Board of Directors expects to review the Project's final investment decision pending securing additional power and non-dilutive funding



	C\$	US\$
Capex	\$470.7M	\$351.3M
Net Present Value ("NPV")	Pre-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> of \$1230.1M After-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> of \$738.2M	Pre-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> of \$918.0M After-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> of \$550.9M
Internal Rate of Return ("IRR")	Pre-tax IRR of 30.1% After-tax IRR of 24.0%	



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