# Preliminary Technical and Economic Evaluation of a Cu-Pb-Au VMS Deposit, Costley Lake, Guysborough area, Nova Scotia

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### Project Scope

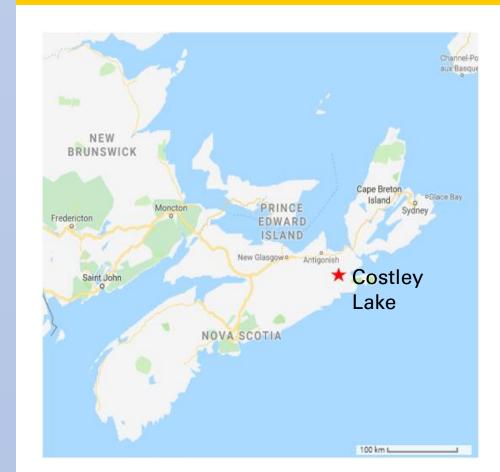
The Huntress Mining Company has conducted a Pre-Preliminary Economic Assessment on a copper-lead-gold deposit in Guysborough County, Nova Scotia. This included determination of deposit size and grade, mine and mill design, reclamation and closure plans and a socioeconomic assessment of the area and project.

#### Initial Information

The project information given included:

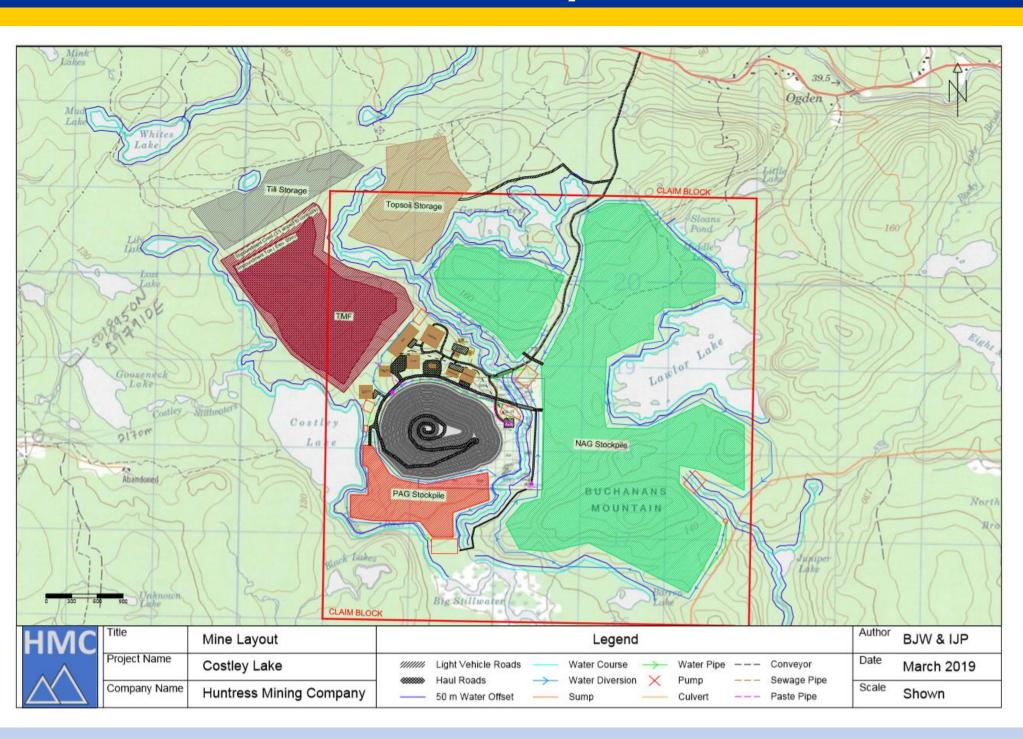
- 5 km by 5 km claim block with a 1.2 km by 1.2 km initial exploration area
- 36 drillhole, 2 exploration trench initial exploration program
- Maps of the claim and the nearby area
- Initial exploration and processing costs

# Project Location

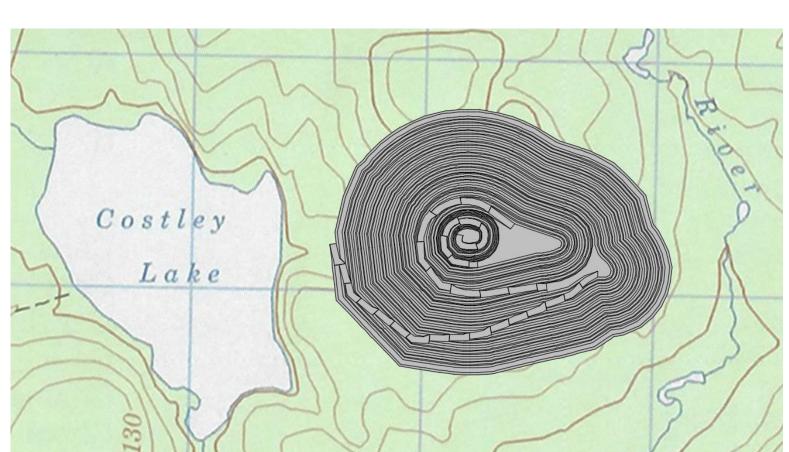


- Located in Guysborough County, Nova Scotia
- Situated 15
   kilometers southwest
   of the community of
   Guysborough

# Mine Layout



## Surface and Underground Mine Design



Production Rate: 5,000 tpd

Ore Recovery: 87%

Cut-Off Grade: 2.7 wt% eqCu

Average Deposit Grade: 7.11 wt% eqCu (3.1 wt%

Cu, 4.0 wt% Pb, 0.9 g/t Au)

#### **Surface**

Stripping Ratio: 20:1

Mineable Tonnes: 21,280,000 tonnes

Mine Life: 13 years

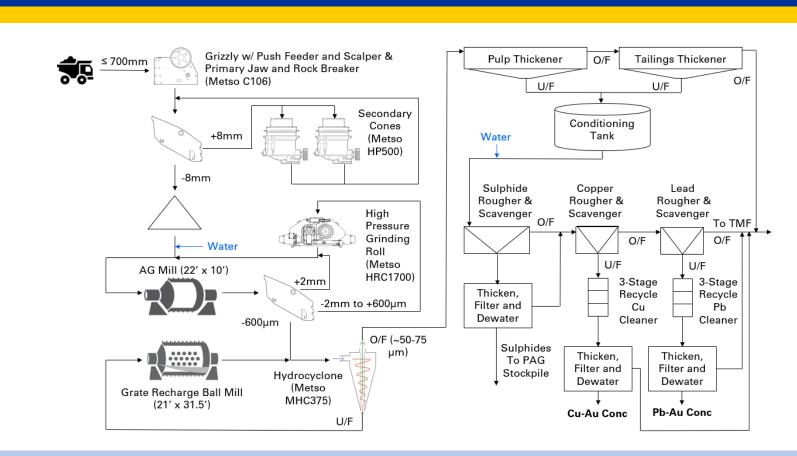
#### <u>Underground</u>

Method: Blasthole Open Stoping w/ Paste Fill

Mineable Tonnes: 26,570,000 tonnes

Mine Life: 16 years

# Mill Design



- Mill: Two Product Froth Flotation (Cu-Au Concentrate sent to Rouyn-Noranda, QC, Pb-Au Concentrate sent to Bathurst, NB) at 8% Moisture Content
- Concentrate Recovery: 95%
- Concentrate Grade: 39% Cu, 68% Pb, 12 g/t Au

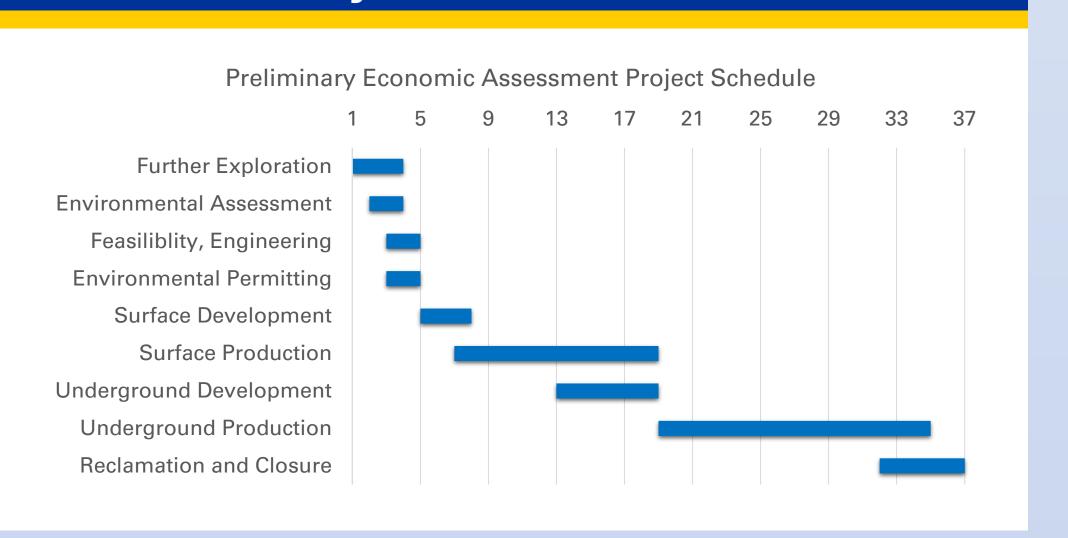
## Deposit Potential

- Deposit trends at depth to the southeast, at surface to the northwest
- Further exploration would increase mineable tonnage, decrease stripping ratio
- Proposing a \$30M extended exploration program, including a bulk sample, additional drilling, trenching and assaying at surface and underground

### Environment, Reclamation and Closure

- Site Valued Environmental Components (VECs): Surface water, groundwater, old spruce, wildlife including bears, bats, coyotes and endangered moose
- Cumulative Effects: Historic forestry operations, other mining operations
- Acid Rock Drainage: Concerns include stockpiled Potentially-Acid Generating (PAG)
  materials south of the pit and the Tailings Management Facility (TMF) north of the
  pit, all low pH water will be directed to a limestone treatment plant on-site
- Reclamation Plan: Backfilling PAG and Tailings into open pit and covering with NAG and a wet cover to prevent oxidation, TMF reclaimed with NAG, underground workings backfilled with tailings paste fill, infrastructure dismantled, site and NAG stockpile regraded to required regulations

## Project Schedule

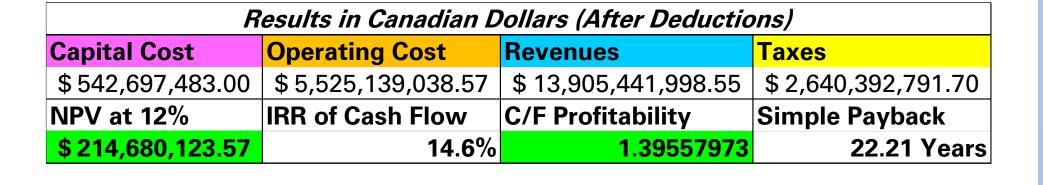


## Socioeconomic Assessment

- Proactive Engagement: First priority is to engage with Indigenous and local communities
- Taxes and Royalties: \$2.64 Billion CAD
- Direct Jobs Added: 474 during surface operation reduced to 286 during underground, 37 year operation
- Contractor Opportunities: Road development, fuel supply and delivery, blasting operations, auxiliary projects

## **Economic Assessment**

- Commodity Prices (USD): Copper \$2.43/lb, Lead - \$0.88/lb, Gold -\$1,000/toz
- Royalties and Taxes: 2% Net Smelter Return, 15% Federal, 16% Provincial



#### Recommendations

- Continued exploration of the area to accurately determine the economic viability of the deposit
- Exploration of the limestone and dolostone deposit for use in the limestone treatment plant and/or for quarrying simultaneously with underground extraction