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Scientific and technical information disclosed in this document has been reviewed and approved by Mr. George Cole, a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.



# Moonlight-Superior Copper Project

#### LOCATED IN HISTORIC MINING DISTRICT IN CALIFORNIA

 Two historical mines located in a rural county in NE California.

• Copper Resources (NI 43-101 compliant)<sup>1</sup>

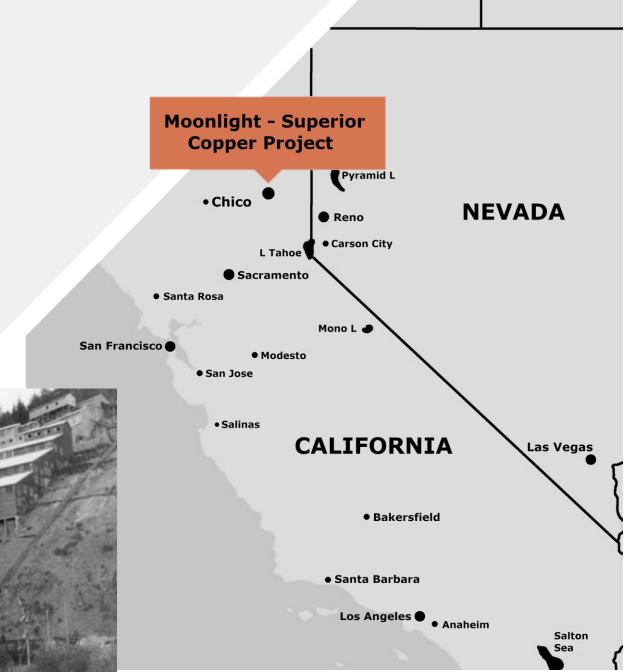
- Indicated: 2.5 billion pounds of copper

- Inferred: 400 million pounds of copper

2025 PEA:<sup>1</sup>

 US\$1.075 billion after-tax @ 7% discount rate using \$4.15/lb copper

1. Estimate from PEA NI 43-101 Technical Report by Global Resource Engineering on the Moonlight-Superior Copper Project, December 16, 2024 found on sedarplus.ca.



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### **Project History**

CALIFORNIA-ENGELS MINING COMPANY

1915-1930

- 161 Mlbs of copper with gold & silver credits was produced from the Superior mine and the Engels mine
- Production at the mines ended due to the Great Depression

PLACER-AMEX

1962-1994

- Drilled 409 holes totaling 198,916 feet
- Discovered and defined the Moonlight deposit
- Calculated 4 billion pounds of copper resource<sup>1</sup>
- Dropped property in 1994 as their focus shifted to gold

VARIOUS CANADIAN
JUNIOR COMPANIES

2004-2011

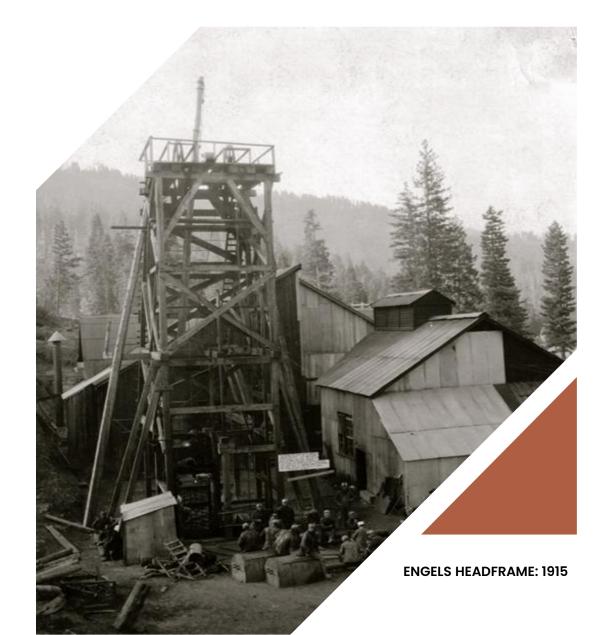
- Drilled 87 holes totaling 28,884 feet
- NI 43-101 resource at Moonlight of 1.5 billion pounds Cu
- Airborne geophysics

**US COPPER CORP** 

2013-2025

- Acquired 132 unpatented claims and a lease for the 36 patents covering the Superior and Engels mines
- Purchased the Moonlight deposit (300 claims) in 2018
- PEA on Moonlight completed in 2018
- Drill programs: Superior in 2021 and Engels/Moonlight in 2023
- PEA on 3 deposits in 2024





### Historic Production

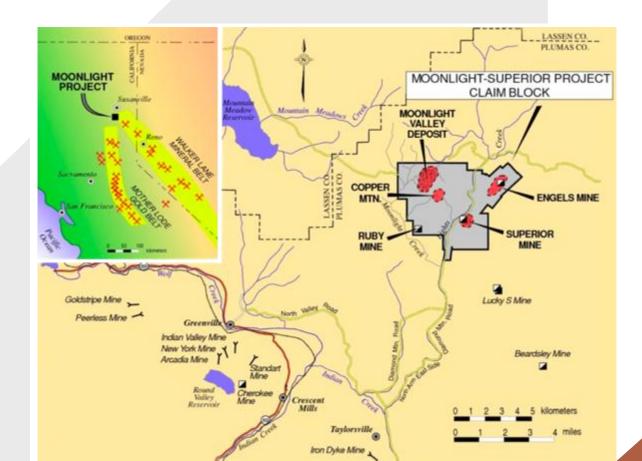
- Superior and Engels mines operated from 1915 to 1930.
- Produced 161 million pounds of copper from 4.7 million tons of rock containing 2.2% copper.
- Silver and gold made up almost 20% of mined value at current commodity prices.

#### **HISTORIC PRODUCTION**

|        | Amount      | Unit   | Grade     |
|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Copper | 161,500,000 | pounds | 2.20%     |
| Silver | 1,900,000   | ounces | 0.500 opt |
| Gold   | 23,000      | ounces | 0.005 opt |



### MOONLIGHT-SUPERIOR COPPER PROJECT



### **Favorable Location**

#### HISTORIC LIGHTS CREEK DISTRICT

- ~100 miles northwest of Reno, Nevada.
- Elevation is 4,000 to 6,000 feet.
- · Water rights on property.
- Rural county with history of logging and mining.

State Highway 89: 7 miles SW

Rail: 7 miles SW

Power lines: 2 miles south

Paved road to property

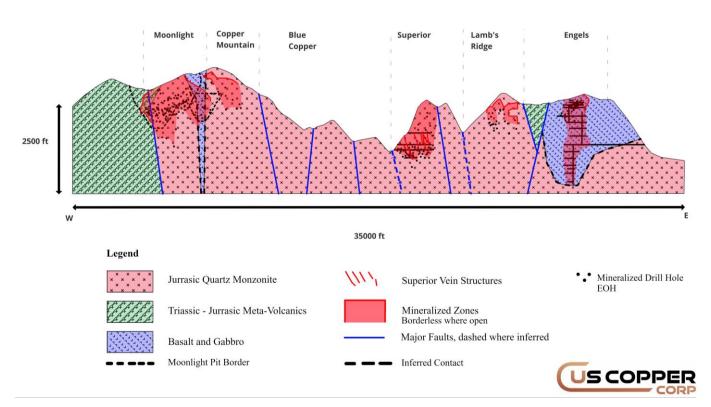
Lodgings, supplies & qualified labor nearby

Sacramento deep water port: 150 miles SW



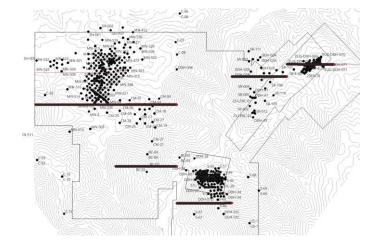
# Cross-Section of All Deposits

#### MOONLIGHT-SUPERIOR DEPOSIT SCHEMATIC MODEL



- · All deposits open at depth.
- Average DH depth 450 feet.
- Engels mined down to 2400 feet in 1920s.

#### DRILLHOLE COLLARS





## Mineral Resource Estimate, 2024

An Indicated Resource of 2.5 billion pounds of copper and 21 million ounces of silver!

| Class / Deposit | Mass<br>('000 st) | Cu Grade<br>(%) | Cu Content<br>('000 lb) | Ag Grade<br>(ppm) | Ag Content<br>(troy oz) |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Indicated       |                   |                 |                         |                   |                         |
| Moonlight+      | 263,600           | 0.30            | 1,613,232               | 1.87              | 15,800,000              |
| Superior        | 119,640           | 0.30            | 723,000                 | 0.81              | 2,817,000               |
| Engels+         | 18,000            | 0.46            | 196,800                 | 5.80              | 3,073,000               |
| Total           | 402,830           |                 | 2,533,771               |                   | 21,690,000              |
|                 |                   |                 |                         |                   |                         |

| Total      | 64,590 |      | 394,200 |      | 1,434,538 |
|------------|--------|------|---------|------|-----------|
| Engels+    | 10,400 | 0.38 | 73,200  | 5.08 | 1,350,000 |
| Superior   | 17,600 | 0.29 | 101,800 | 12.6 | 2,681     |
| Moonlight+ | 34,900 | 0.28 | 196,900 | 0.09 | 81,857    |
| Inferred   |        |      |         |      |           |

- 1. A cutoff grade of 0.16% was used on the Oxide and Transition ore; a cutoff NSR of \$10.45/ton was used on the sulfide.
- 2. From Mineral Resource Estimate by Global Resource Engineering, dated November 26, 2024.
- 3. Numbers have been rounded.



Moonlight-Superior: PEA Summary

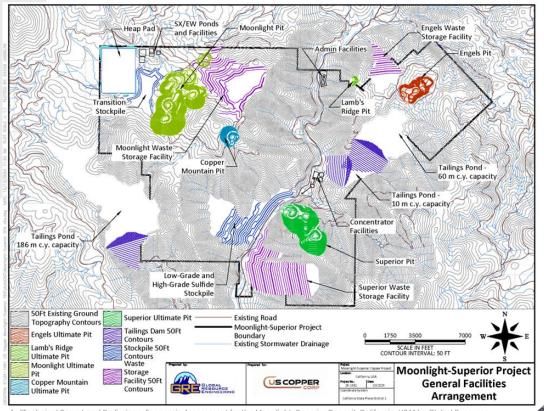
**US\$1.075 Billion NPV** 

#### MOONLIGHT-SUPERIOR PROJECT KEY ECONOMIC RESULTS

| Economic Measure                           | Value   |
|--|---------|
| After-tax NPV @ 7% (millions)              | \$1,075 |
| IRR  | 23%     |
| Initial Capital (millions)                 | \$956   |
| Payback Period (year)                      | 5.3     |
| All-in-Sustaining Cost (\$/lb Cu Produced) | \$2.51  |

#### **KEY ASSUMPTIONS**

| Open pit               |
|------------------------|
| 14 years               |
| Flotation & Heap Leach |
| 60,000 tons/day        |
| 90%                    |
| 80%                    |
| 0.31% Cu               |
| 903,441 tons           |
| .065 oz/ton            |
| 12,034,000 ounces      |
| 0.9                    |
| \$4.15/lb              |
| \$27.4/oz              |
|                        |



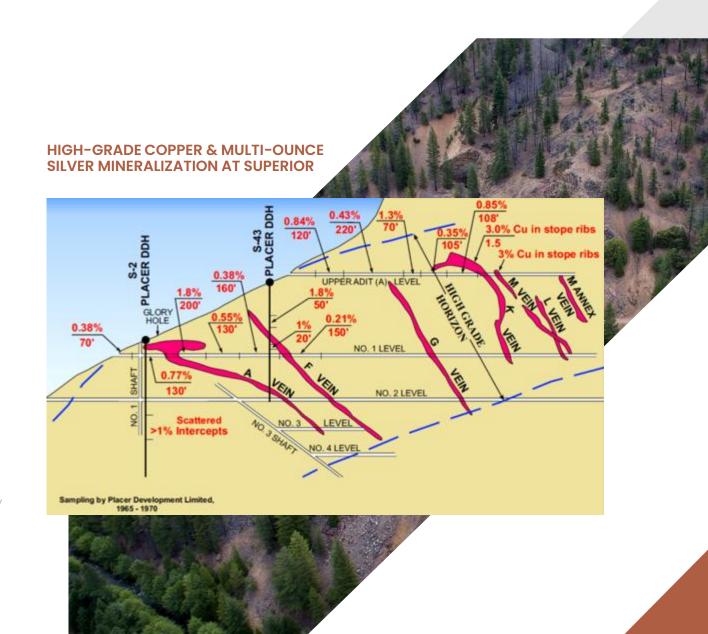
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### Superior Deposit: Overview

- Resource Estimate (NI 43-101 compliant)1
  - Indicated: 119 million tonnes at 0.30% Cu for 722 million pounds of copper
- Located 2 miles SE of Moonlight and 2 miles SW of Engels.
- Several holes terminated in moderate to high grade copper mineralization.
- Deposit open in multiple directions and at depth.

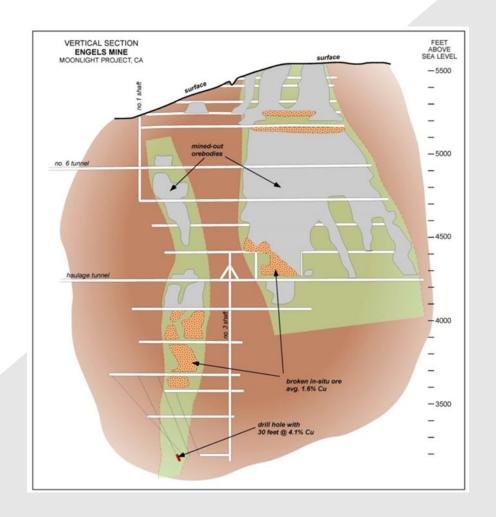
<sup>1. &</sup>quot;Technical Report and Resource Estimate for the Moonlight-Superior Project, Plumas County, California" prepared by Global Resource Engineering with an effective date of December 16, 2024.





### **Engels Deposit: Overview**

- Resource Estimate (NI 43-101 compliant)<sup>1</sup>
  - Indicated: 2.4 million tonnes at 0.81% Cu oxide for 40 million pounds of copper
  - Indicated: 18 million tonnes at 0.5% Cu for 156 million pounds of copper
  - Inferred: 7 million tonnes at 0.38% Cu for 52 million pounds of copper
- Vertical shear zone mined to a depth of 2400', 25-125 feet in width.
- Mineralization extends in all directions:
  - 12 feet of 4.5% copper 250' below 15th level drilled in 1929
  - 210 feet of 0.43% to the east on the 7th level (DDH71) drilled in 1929
  - 335 feet of 0.95% (07E 24) to north of stopes
  - 50 feet of 2.49% drilled in 2008 (E42) 100' to west of stopes



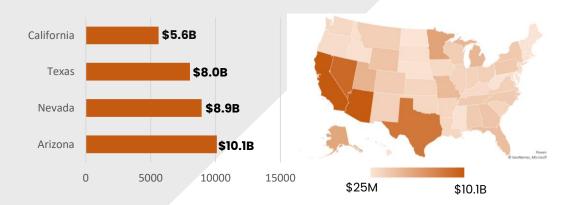
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### Mineral Production by State

- The U.S. mining industry produced \$98.2 billion in minerals, metals, and construction materials in 2022.
- The western U.S. states led in the production of metals and minerals with an estimated value of \$27 billion.
- California produced \$5.61 billion in minerals in 2022.
- Ranking the state as the 4<sup>th</sup> largest state in terms of total production value with 5.71% of U.S. production of non-fuel minerals.

### Top 4 States by Production Value



## California, 4<sup>th</sup> Largest

- Commodities mined in California include: gold, boron minerals, construction materials and rare earth minerals.
- Companies with large-scale, permitted mineral and construction materials mining operations in California include:















# Objectives for 2025

PEA Updated @ \$4 Cu **JV Partner Search Metallurgical Tests Expanded Pre-feasibility Study Initiated** Deep Drilling Program





### **Board of Directors**

# STEVE DUNN PRESIDENT, CEO & DIRECTOR

- +30 years experience in the investment industry.
- Previously worked with a large
   Canadian insurance company, a
   Canadian Schedule A bank, and two
   Canadian investment dealers.
- Has served on the board of numerous resource companies.

#### RICH MORROW CFO & DIRECTOR

- +30 years experience in capital markets.
- Arranged several successful IPOs.
- Formerly the CEO of Mag Industries.

#### JAMES FAIRBAIRN NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

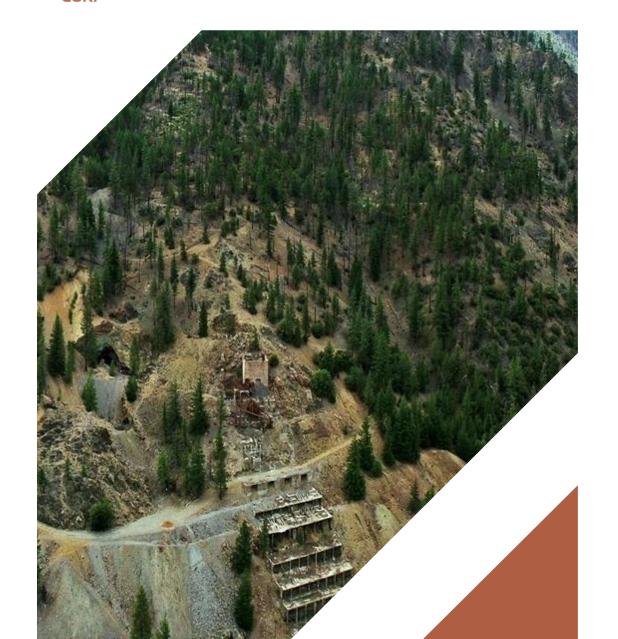
- Extensive experience on corporate governance and financial reporting for junior mining exploration companies.
- Chartered
   Accountant and an
   Institute-certified
   Director.
- Director of several junior mining companies.

#### GEORGE COLE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Previously held senior management and board positions for several junior mining companies, most recently with Trelawney Mining & Exploration and Rae-Wallace Mining Company.
- Former Vice
   President, Exploration

   for Cominco
   American.





# Capital Structure

| Symbols                     | TSX.V: USCU<br>OTC:USCUF<br>FRA: C73 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Shares Issued               | 146.8 M                              |
| Warrants                    | 24.9 M                               |
| Options                     | 10.7 M                               |
| Fully-diluted Share Capital | 182.6 M                              |
| Share Price                 | C\$0.12                              |
| Market Capitalization       | C\$17.6 M                            |
|                             |                                      |

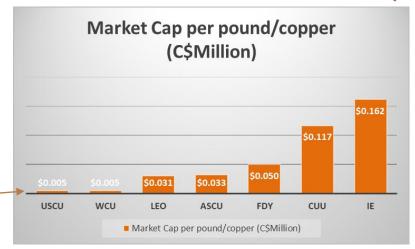
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### Company Benchmarking – U.S. Copper Developers

- US Copper has the lowest MarketCap/Resources per pound of CuEq US\$0.005.
- A recent RBC report showed Copper developers trading at an average of 3 cents per pound.
- If US Copper traded at its Peer Group Average of 3 cents/lb CuEq it would have a market value of **CDN\$87 million or CDN\$0.71 per share** vs. current share price of CDN\$0.10/share. A Rerate Upside of **8X**.

### MARKET CAP PER POUND OF COPPER EQUIVALENT (C\$)



### COPPER EQUIVALENT LBS PER C\$1,000 INVESTED (LBS)



|   | USCU    | WCU     | LEO     | ASCU    | FDY     | CUU     | IE       |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Market Capitalization (C\$Million)              | \$ 13   | \$ 17   | 82.2    | \$363   | \$ 256  | \$ 142  | \$ 1,658 |
| Market Cap per pound/copper (C\$Million)        | \$0.005 | \$0.005 | \$0.031 | \$0.033 | \$0.050 | \$0.117 | \$0.162  |
| Pounds/copper per \$1,000 invested (C\$Million) | 219,196 | 213,061 | 32,676  | 30,703  | 20,000  | 8,563   | 6,187    |
| Market Cap/NPV                                  | 1.2%    | 5.5%    | 23.1%   | 71.2%   | 35.9%   | 22.0%   | 125.9%   |
| Pounds per share                                | 21.92   | 14.91   | 6.54    | 75.22   | 25.00   | 2.14    | 85.07    |

**USCU's copper** 

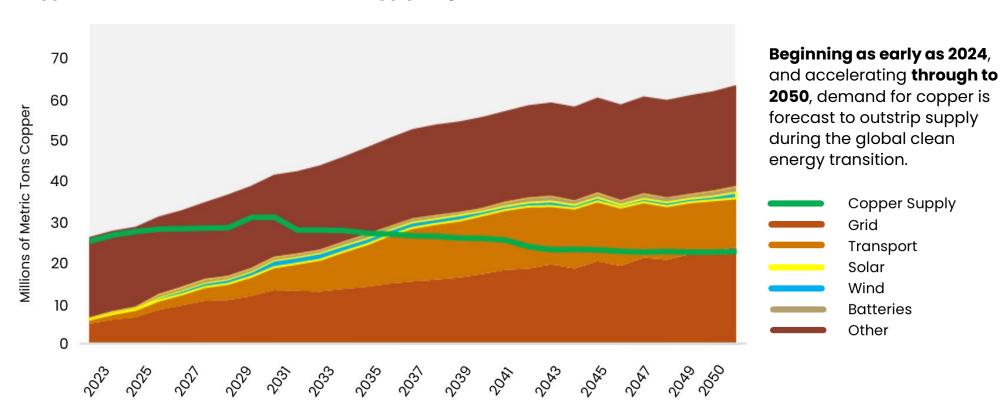
is valued at 3/10<sup>th</sup> of a cent

per pound



## Copper Supply and Demand

### Copper Demand Continues to Grow while Supply stagnates



Source: BloombergNEF Transition Metals Outlook 2023.



## Copper Supply Gap

Copper demand is forecast to grow from ~25 million tonnes (Mt) in 2022 to 35 Mt by 2035, resulting in a 9.7 Mt copper supply gap.

#### **Escondida Mine**

BHP's Escondida, located in Chile is the **world's largest copper mine** with 2022 production of 1.06 Mt of copper.

**9.7 Mt** is the equivalent of placing a new Escondida Mine into production each year.



\$23

Billion

Per Year

Closing the copper supply gap is forecast to require US\$23 Bil in investments a year in new projects.

If a mine's resources are mined over a 20 year span, deposits with 400 billion lbs of copper resources need to be put into production in the next few years!

That cant happen without **higher copper prices** and **faster permitting** environments!



# Copper Supply in the USA

### There are only 8 deposits of greater than 1 million tons of contained copper in the USA owned by juniors

| Deposit                                | Owner                | Location | Mass<br>(MT) | Grade | Cu<br>(MT) |  |  |  |
|--|----------------------|----------|--------------|-------|------------|--|--|--|
| Undeveloped Deposits Owned by a Junior |                      |          |              |       |            |  |  |  |
| Pebble                                 | Northern Dynasty     | AK       | 10,910       | 0.34  | 36.90      |  |  |  |
| Cactus                                 | Arizona Sonoran      | AZ       | 1,104        | 0.54  | 5.30       |  |  |  |
| Santa Cruz                             | Ivanhoe Electric     | AZ       | 225          | 1.24  | 4.65       |  |  |  |
| Gunnison                               | Gunnison Copper      | Az       | 873          | 0.29  | 2.50       |  |  |  |
| Copper Creek                           | Farady               | AZ       | 422          | 0.45  | 2.10       |  |  |  |
| Moonlight-Superior                     | US Copper            | CA       | 466          | 0.31  | 1.46       |  |  |  |
| Yerington+                             | Lion Copper          | NV       | 680          | 0.28  | 1.30       |  |  |  |
| Copperwood                             | Highland             | MI       | 104          | 1.40  | 1.30       |  |  |  |
|  |                      |          |              |       |            |  |  |  |
| <b>Undeveloped Deposit</b>             | s Owned by a Produce | r        |              |       |            |  |  |  |
| Resolution                             | Rio/BHP              | AZ       | 1,859        | 1.52  | 24.80      |  |  |  |
| Twin Metals/Maturi                     | Antofagasta          | MN       |              | 0.52  | 13.00      |  |  |  |
| NorthMet/Mesaba                        | Glencore(polymet)    | MN       | 2,947        | 0.41  | 12.20      |  |  |  |
| Ann Mason                              | Hudbay               | NV       | 2,456        | 0.29  | 6.40       |  |  |  |
| Copperworld                            | Hudbay               | AZ       | 844          | 0.35  | 2.95       |  |  |  |
|  |                      |          |              |       |            |  |  |  |

#### **COPPER PRODUCERS IN THE USA**

| Rank | Mine            | State      | Owner                               | Annual<br>production<br>('000 tonnes) |
|------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1    | Morenci         | Arizona    | Freeport-McMoRan (72%),<br>Sumitomo | 286                                   |
| 2    | Bingham Canyon  | Utah       | Rio Tinto                           | 202                                   |
| 3    | Safford         | Arizona    | Freeport-McMoRan                    | 120                                   |
| 4    | Sierrita        | Arizona    | Freeport-McMoRan                    | 86                                    |
| 5    | Bagdad          | Arizona    | Freeport-McMoRan                    | 83                                    |
| 6    | El Chino        | New Mexico | Freeport-McMoRan                    | 56                                    |
| 7    | Pinto Valley    | Arizona    | Capstone Mining Corp.               | 54                                    |
| 8    | Ray             | Arizona    | Grupo México                        | 56                                    |
| 9    | Robinson        | Nevada     | KGHM Polska Miedź                   | 51                                    |
| 10   | Mission Complex | Arizona    | Grupo México                        | 44                                    |
| 11   | Continental Pit | Montana    | Montana Resources LLP               | 33                                    |
| 12   | Tyrone          | New Mexico | Freeport-McMoRan                    | 55                                    |
| 13   | Silver Bell     | Arizona    | Grupo México                        | 19                                    |
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