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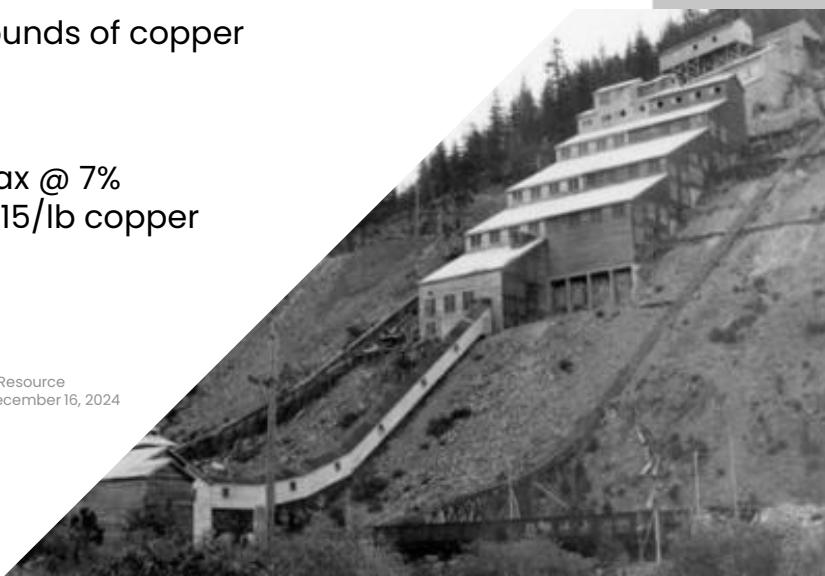
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# Moonlight-Superior Copper Project

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

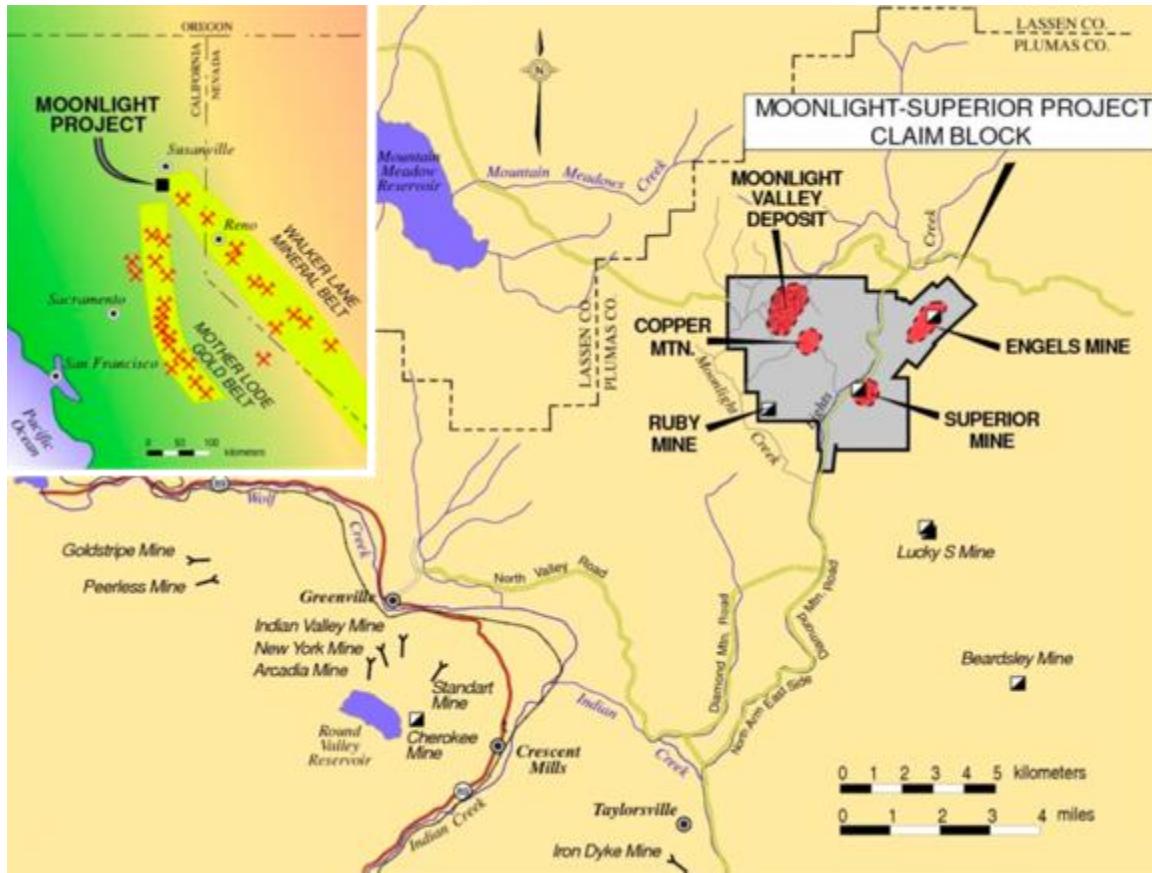
<sup>1</sup>. Estimate from PEA NI 43-101 Technical Report by Global Resource Engineering on the Moonlight-Superior Copper Project, December 16, 2024 found on [sedarplus.ca](http://sedarplus.ca).



## Moonlight - Superior Copper Project



## MOONLIGHT - SUPERIOR COPPER PROJECT



# Favorable Location

## HISTORIC LIGHTS CREEK DISTRICT

- ~100 miles northwest of Reno, Nevada.
- Elevation is 4,000 to 6,000 feet.
- 36 patented claims and 330 federal claims for 10 square miles.
- 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**

# 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

1. Estimate predates NI-43-101 and sufficient work has not been done to classify the estimates as current mineral resources and so they are considered historical estimates. The Company is not treating the historical estimate as current mineral resources.

# Mineral Resource Estimate, 2024

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

Class / Deposit	Mass ('000 st)	Cu Grade (%)	Cu Content ('000 lb)	Ag Grade (ppm)	Ag Content (troy oz)
<b>Indicated</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>402,830</b>		<b>2,533,771</b>		<b>21,690,000</b>
<b>Inferred</b>					
Moonlight+	34,900	0.28	196,900	0.09	81,857
Superior	17,600	0.29	101,800	12.6	2,681
Engels+	10,400	0.38	73,200	5.08	1,350,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,590</b>		<b>394,200</b>		<b>1,434,538</b>

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

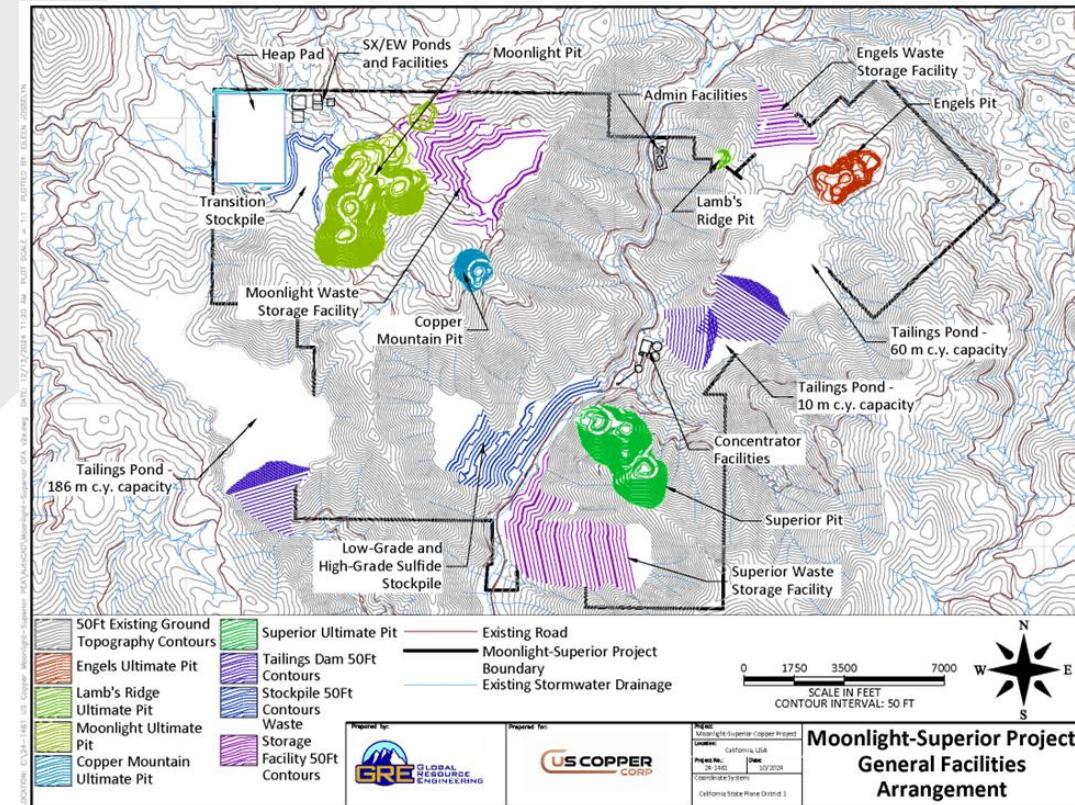
## US\$1.075 Billion NPV

### MOONLIGHT-SUPERIOR PROJECT KEY ECONOMIC RESULTS

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

### KEY ASSUMPTIONS

Mining Method	Open pit
<b>Life of Mine</b>	<b>14 years</b>
Processing Method	Flotation & Heap Leach
<b>Production Rate</b>	<b>60,000 tons/day</b>
Metallurgical Copper Recovery	90%
Metallurgical Silver Recovery	80%
Diluted Copper Grade	0.31% Cu
Contained Copper	903,441 tons
Diluted Silver Grade	.065 oz/ton
Contained Silver	12,034,000 ounces
<b>Strip Ratio (Waste/Ore)</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Copper Price	\$4.15/lb
Silver Price	\$27.4/oz



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## Benefits of the Moonlight-Superior mine

# \$1 Billion invested

**Yields 100 million pounds  
of copper per year**

### Government

- Annual tax revenues of **\$15.3 million for the County of Plumas** and \$9.8 million for the State of California.
- Total tax revenues over 15 years in excess of **\$225 million for the County of Plumas**, \$150 million for the State of California, and \$375 million for the Federal Government.

### Community

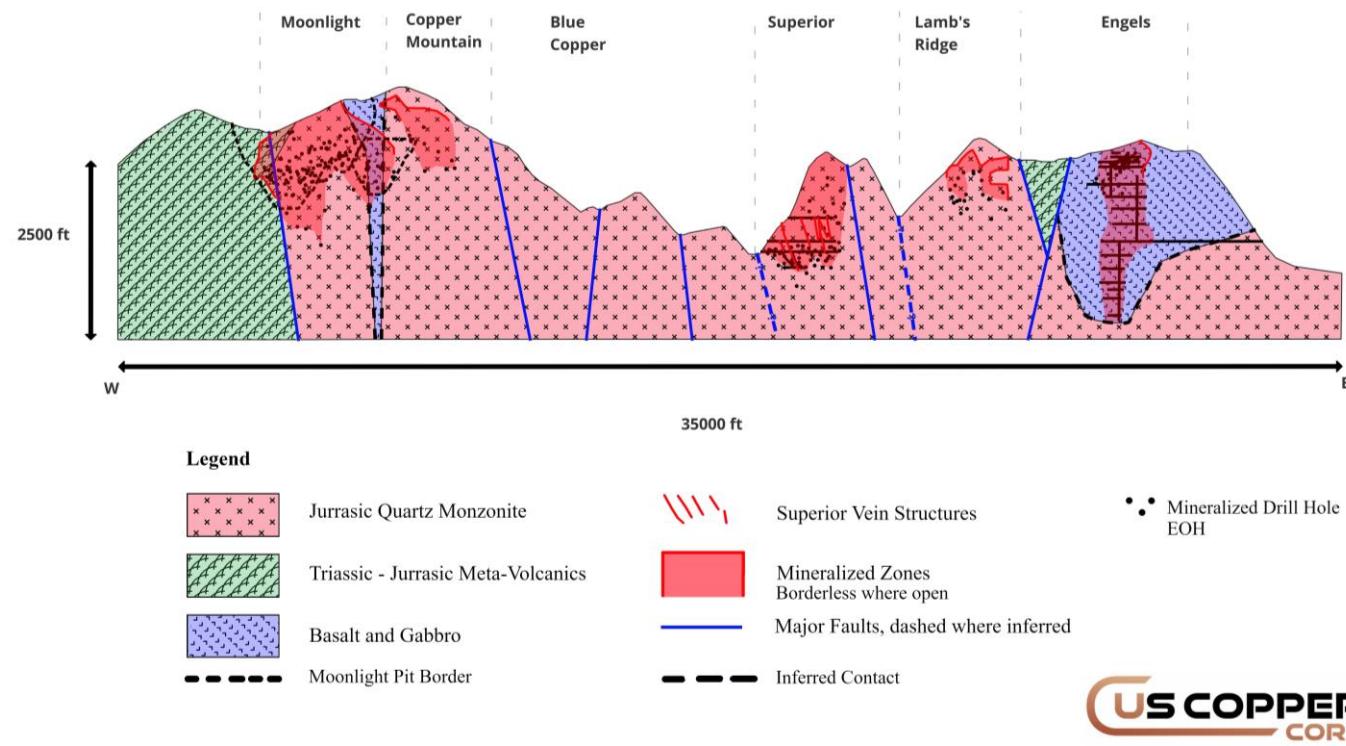
- Total economic benefit of **689 new annual jobs** (465 direct annual jobs and an additional 224 secondary jobs).
- \$234.9 million in annual Gross Regional Product in the first 10 years of operations
- **Average mine salary of \$75,000**

### Shareholders

- **After tax NPV of US\$1.075 billion at \$4.15 copper with an IRR of 23%.**
- **Annual mining revenues of \$568 million**

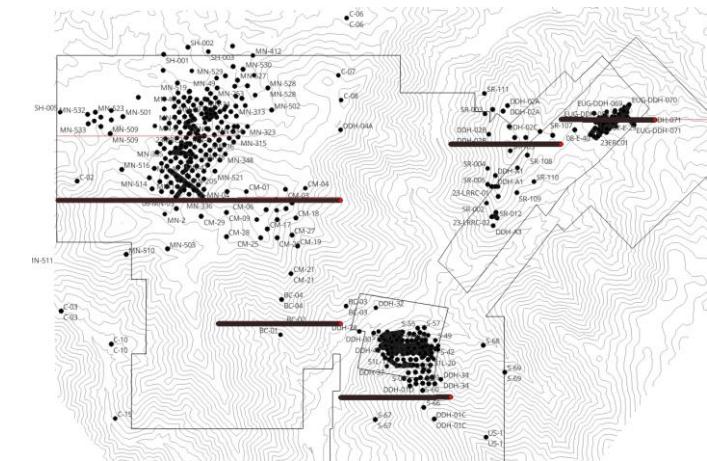
# Cross-Section of All Deposits

MOONLIGHT-SUPERIOR DEPOSIT SCHEMATIC MODEL



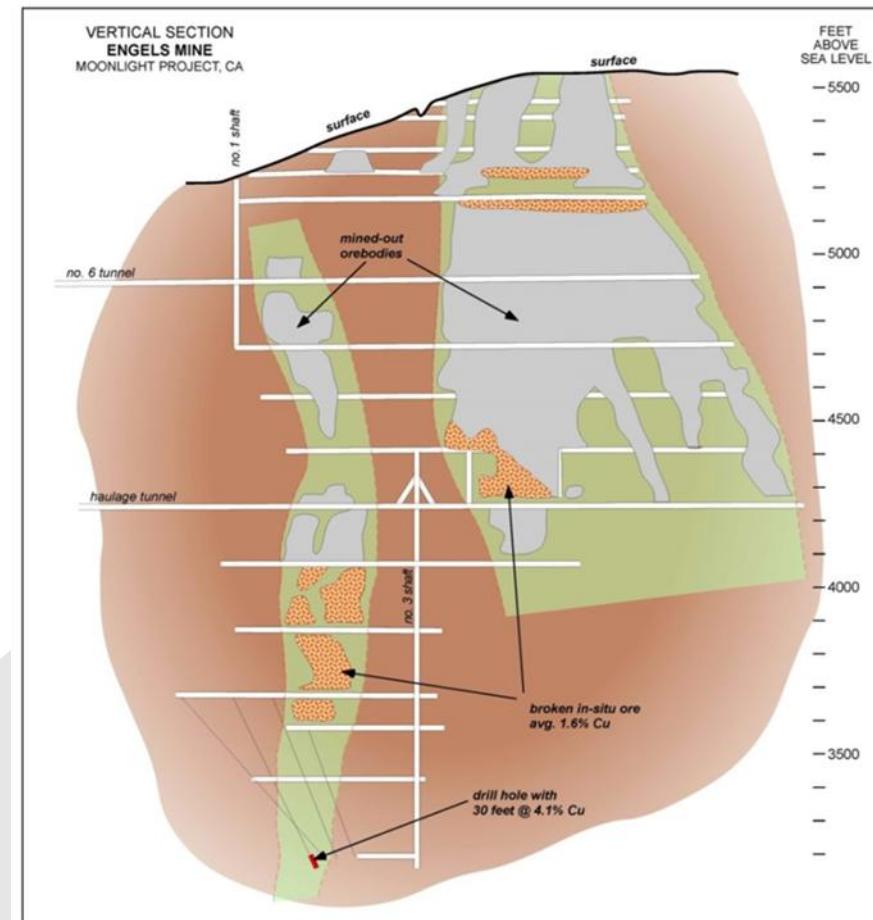
- All deposits open at depth.**
- Average DH depth 450 feet.**
- 566 holes for 255k feet**
- Engels mined down to 2400 feet in 1920s.**

DRILLHOLE COLLARS



# 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**



1. "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.

# Superior Deposit: Overview

- Resource Estimate (NI 43-101 compliant)<sup>1</sup>
  - **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.

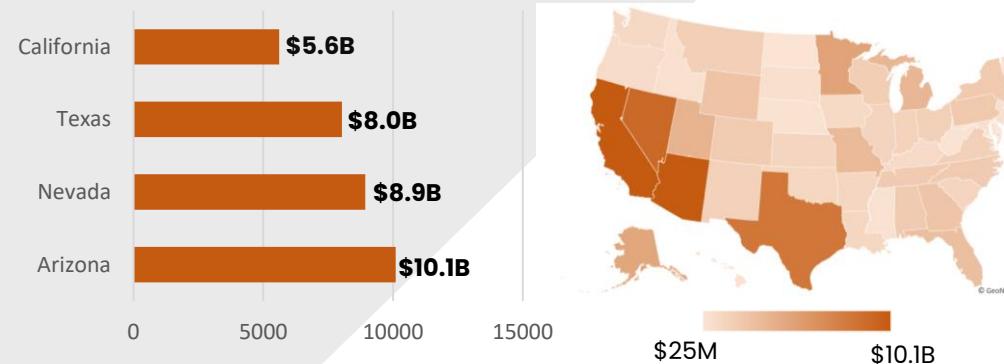


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## Mineral Production by State

- 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:



# US Government Support for Mining

MAY 27, 2025

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR GREENLIGHTS ANFIELD'S VELVET-WOOD URANIUM-VANADIUM MINE

Equinox Gold's Castle Mountain Accepted into FAST-41 Permitting Program AUGUST 11, 2025



Blue Moon Metals Secures Congressional Support And BLM Approval For An Underground Exploration Program At The Blue Moon Critical Minerals Project In Mariposa County, California

April 15, 2025



US Interior Department proposes adding copper to critical minerals list

Trump: Investors who spend \$1B will get fast-tracked permits, approvals

**POLITICO PRO**

The president-elect is seeking to entice new investment, but he has limited ability to override the nation's environmental laws.

**MP Materials Stock Surges 50% on Rare Earths Contract With Defense Department**

By AARON MCDADE Updated July 10, 2025 09:52 AM EDT

- MP Materials stock soared 50% Thursday morning after it came to an agreement with the Department of Defense.
- The DoD will become MP's largest shareholder, taking a stake of up to 15% in the rare earth miner.
- It has also committed to becoming a long-term customer of MP's rare earths with a price floor of \$110 per kilogram.

**Trump invokes wartime powers to increase production of critical minerals**



By Kit Maher and John Liu, CNN

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# 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 (MT)	Grade	Cu (MT)
<b>Undeveloped Deposits Owned by a Junior</b>					
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
<b>Moonlight-Superior</b>	<b>US Copper</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>1.46</b>
Yerington+	Lion Copper	NV	680	0.28	1.30
Copperwood	Highland	MI	104	1.40	1.30
<b>Undeveloped Deposits Owned by a Producer</b>					
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

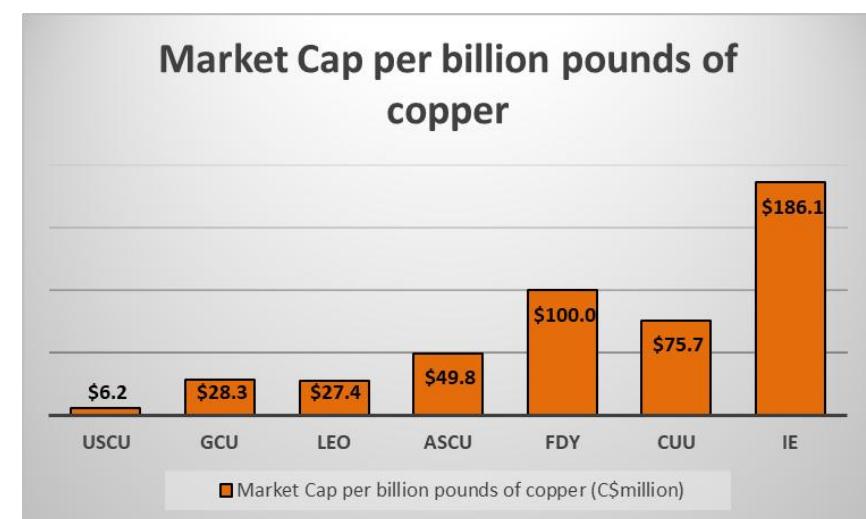
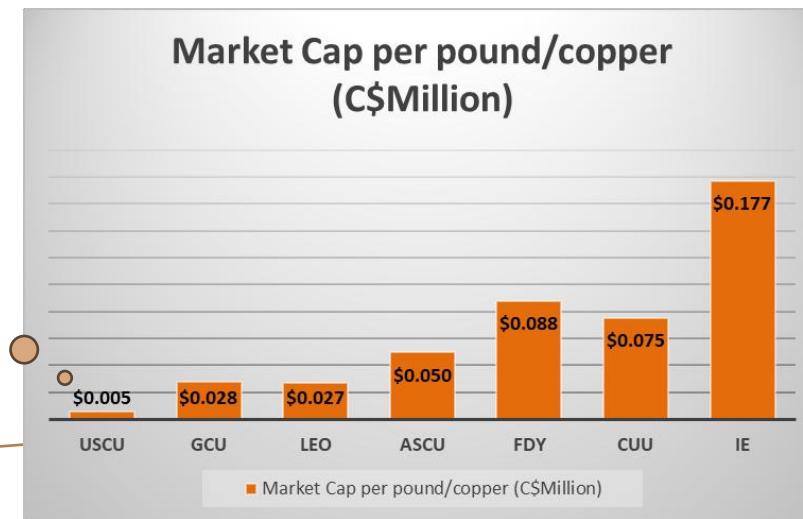
## COPPER PRODUCERS IN THE USA

Rank	Mine	State	Owner	Annual production ('000 tonnes)
1	Morenci	Arizona	Freeport-McMoRan (72%), 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

# Valuation – U.S. Copper Developers

- US Copper has the lowest MarketCap per pound of CuEq – **US\$0.005**.
- **A recent RBC report showed Copper developers trading at an average of 3 cents per pound.**

USCU's copper is valued at 1/2 of a cent per pound

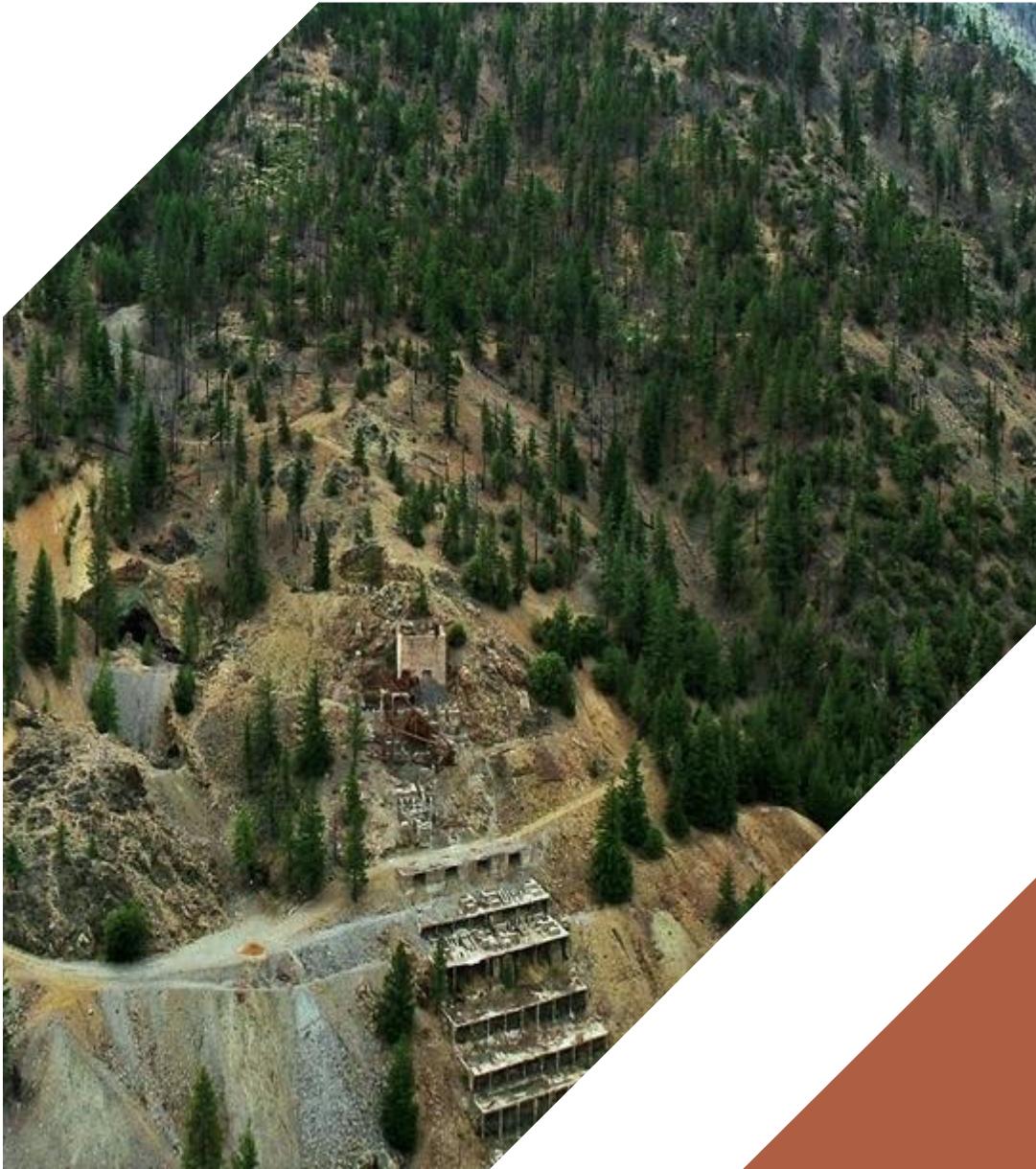


	USCU	GCU	LEO	ASCU	FDY	CUU	IE
Market Capitalization (C\$Million)	\$ 15	\$ 144	57.54	\$ 552	\$ 450	\$ 227	\$ 2,605
Market Cap per billion pounds of copper (C\$million)	\$ 6.2	\$ 28.3	\$ 27.4	\$ 49.8	\$ 100.0	\$ 75.7	\$ 186.1
Market Cap/NPV	1.4%	11.5%	8.3%	24.0%	63.1%	35.3%	189.3%
Market Cap per pound/copper (C\$Million)	\$0.005	\$0.028	\$0.027	\$0.050	\$0.088	\$0.075	\$0.177

# Objectives for 2025/6

- PEA Updated @ \$4.15 Cu
- JV Partner Search
- Metallurgical Tests Expanded
- Pre-feasibility Study Initiated
- Deep Drilling Program





## Capital Structure

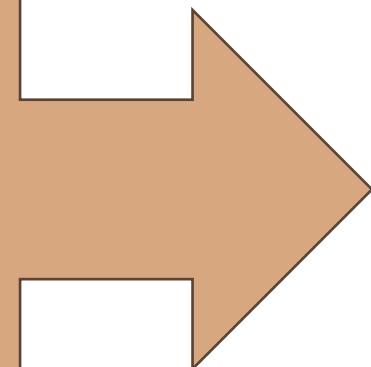
Symbols	TSX.V: USCU OTC:USCUF FRA: C73
Shares Issued	154.3 M
Warrants	32.4 M
Options	10.8 M
Fully-diluted Share Capital	197.6M
Share Price	C\$0.10
Market Capitalization	C\$15.4 M

As of Oct 15, 2025

# USCU Highlights

## Highlights

1. 3 billion lbs/cu
2. In the USA on Federal land
3. Significant exploration upside
4. NPV of \$1 billion
5. Significant community and tax benefits
6. Infrastructure in place
7. Proven metallurgical recoveries
8. IOCG means no acid rain drainage
9. \$15 million market cap



**A \$15 million market value?**

**Does Permitting risk justify this discount?**

# 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 can't happen without **higher copper prices** and **faster permitting** environments!



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