### **RESPONSIBLE US NICKEL\***

#### • PRODUCTION •

FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES

To be produced from America's only known, high-grade, undeveloped Ni-Cu-Co asset on infrastructure

MADE IN THE UNITED STATES

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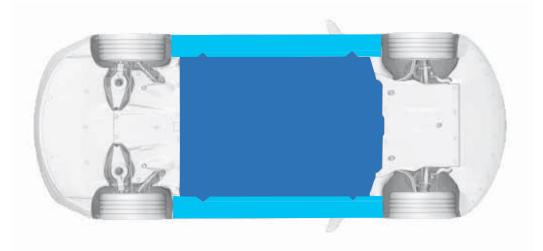
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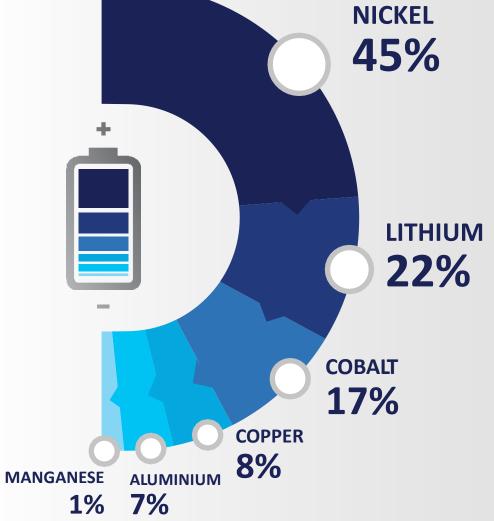
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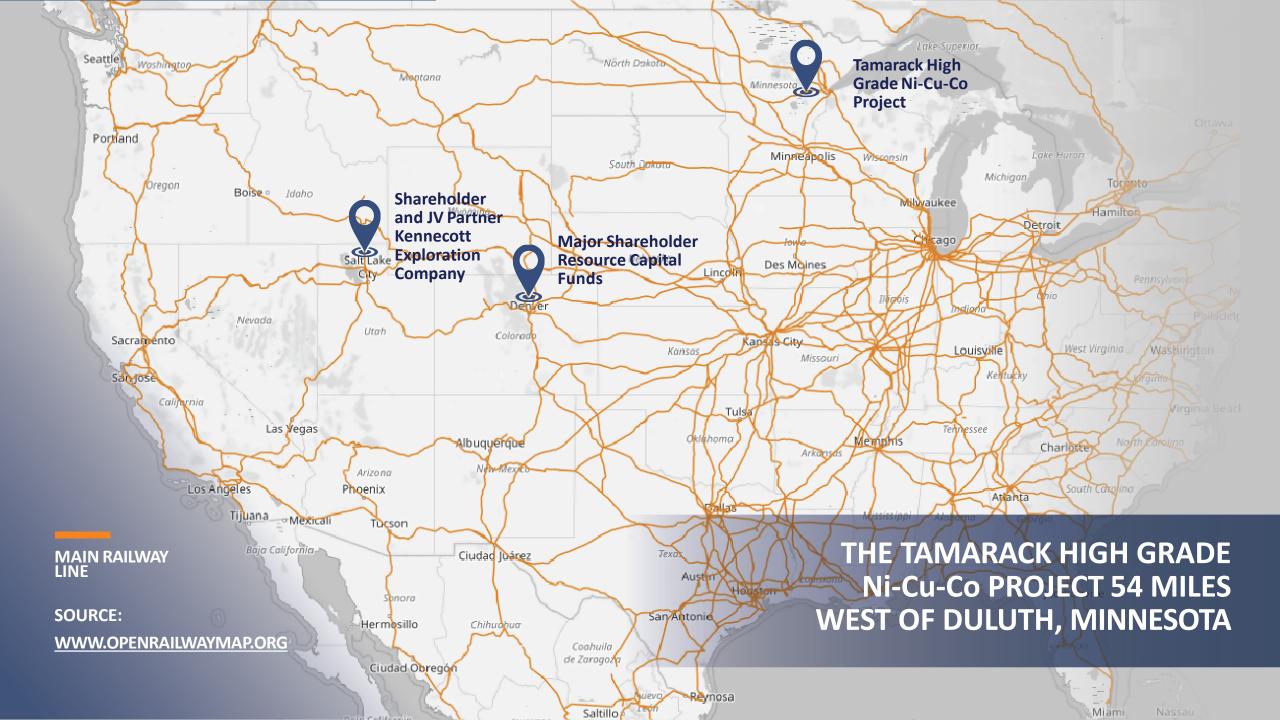
## OUR MISSION

Produce nickel responsibly for electric vehicles manufactured in the US



# ESTIMATED METAL RATIO, BY VALUE\*





## **LESS TONNAGE**

## **MORE METAL**

**LESS WASTE** 



LOW GRADE SULFIDE DEPOSITS\*:

LESS ENERGY

- PRODUCES 1 TON OF NICKEL FOR EVERY ~900 TONS MINED





THE TAMARACK HIGH GRADE Ni-Cu-Co DEPOSIT\*\*:

- PRODUCES 1 TON OF NICKEL FOR EVERY 38 TONS MINED



OF NICKEL IN THE ROCK CAN BE EXTRACTED THE TAMARACK PROJECT THEREFORE REQUIRES SIGNIFICANTLY LESS:



- to produce 1 ton of nickel

\* Talon calculation from publicly available information

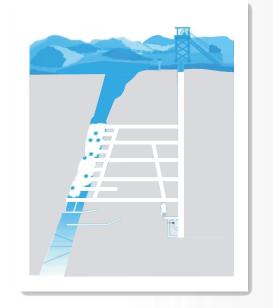
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## **GOLDILOCKS DEPTH** NOT TOO SHALLOW, NOT TOO DEEP



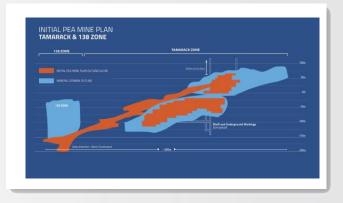
#### OPEN PIT REQUIRES LARGE LAND AREAS TO:

- MINE
- PROCESS MATERIAL
- STORE WASTE



#### DEEP UNDERGROUND MINES REQUIRE:

- HIGH CAPITAL
- HIGH ENERGY



THE TAMARACK PROJECT, STARTING AT 1,250 FEET FROM SURFACE IS AT AN IDEAL DEPTH TO:

- EXPLORE EFFECTIVELY
- OPTIMIZE CAPITAL AND ENERGY USAGE

### **POWERED** BY RENEWABLE ENERGY

#### ESTABLISHED SOLAR GARDEN 39 MILES FROM TAMARACK \*



Minnesota Power Celebrates Solar Garden Program

\*https://www.solarendowment.org/2017/11/03/minnesota-power-celebrates-solar-garden-program/ \*\*https://www.cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org/installed-projects

- 111 SOLAR FARMS IN THE DULUTH REGION\*\*
- FARMLAND AVAILABLE FOR SOLAR GARDENS AT THE TAMARACK HIGH GRADE Ni-Cu-Co PROJECT

## ELECTRIFICATION OF MINING

### **ELECTRIC MINE FLEET**

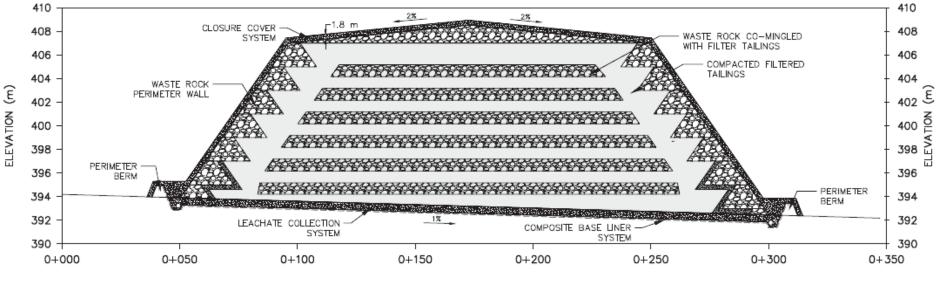






REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION INCREASE SAFETY

## **DESIGN TO PROTECT**



#### **CROSS SECTION OF A CONCEPTUAL CO-DISPOSED FILTERED TAILINGS FACILITY (CFTF)**

#### POST MOUNT POLLEY BREACH, BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY (BAT) RECOMMENDATIONS\* ARE:

- FILTERED, UNSATURATED
- COMPACTED TAILINGS
- NO WATER COVER

#### CO-DISPOSED FILTERED TAILINGS FACILITY (CFTF)

#### **POTENTIAL IMPACTS ARE:**

- REDUCED SURFACE FOOTPRINT
- NO DAM
- IMPROVED RECYCLING OF WATER

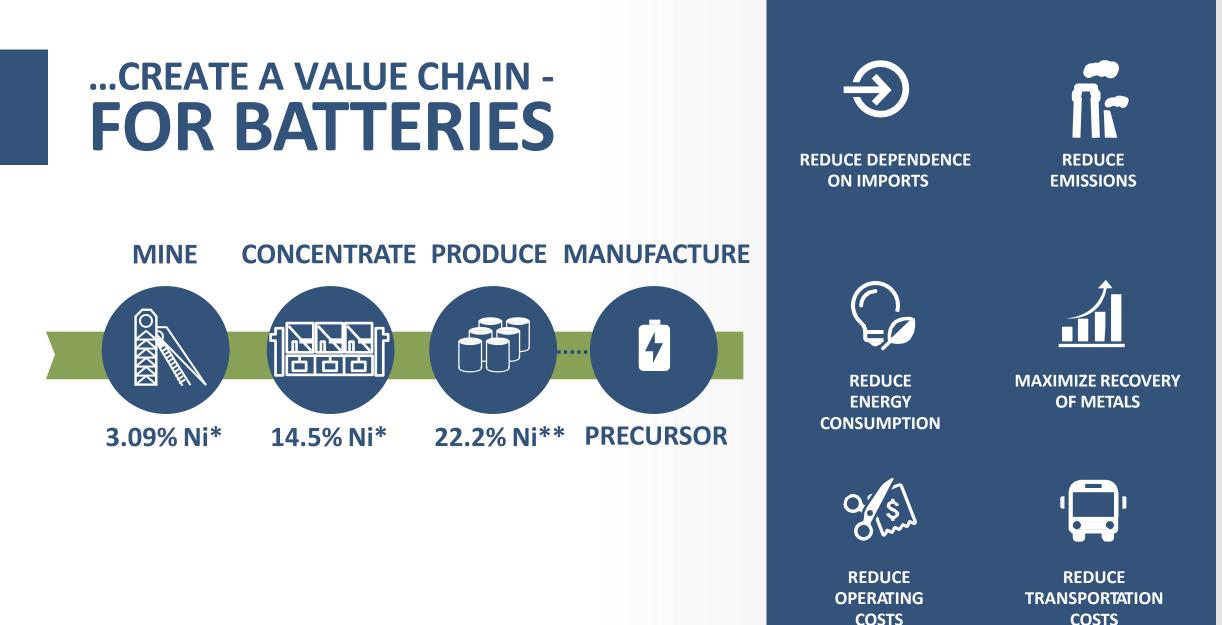
\* Report on Mount Polley Tailings Storage Facility Breach, January 15, 2015

## **OPTIMIZE THE EXTRACTION OF NICKEL**

INSTEAD OF LENGTHENING THE EMBEDDED STAINLESS STEEL VALUE CHAIN...



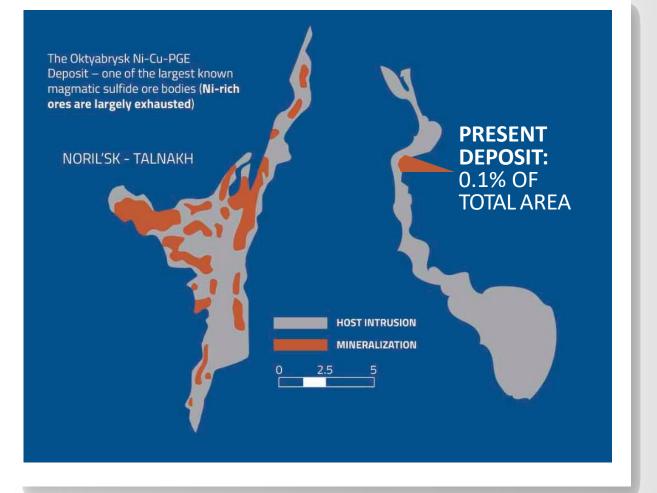
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## **ROOM TO GROW**

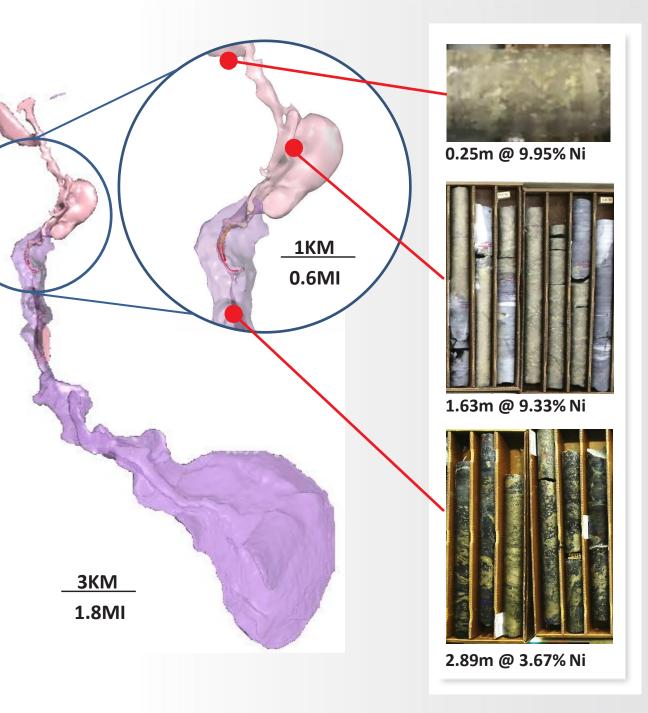
- ALREADY 1.1 MILLION\* ELECTRIC VEHICLES COULD BE PRODUCED FROM TAMARACK NICKEL
- POTENTIAL TO GROW
- PRESENT DEPOSIT COMPRISES ~0.1% OF THE TAMARACK INTRUSIVE COMPLEX BY AREA



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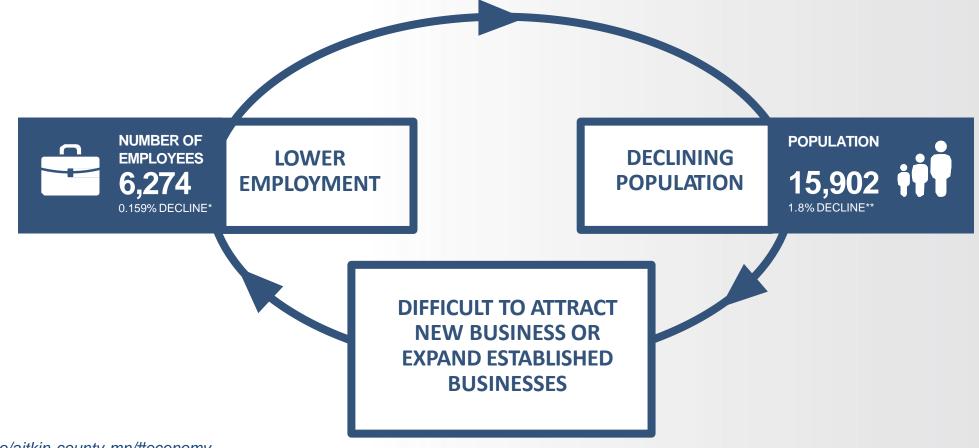
## ROOM TO GROW

- TWO WAYS TO GROW:
  DEPOSIT EXTENSIONS
  SATELLITE DEPOSITS
- DEPLOY TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES TO REDUCE ENERGY AND COST OF DISCOVERY:
  - -ENHANCED REMOTE DETECTION -MORE EFFECTIVE DRILLING



### MINING – A CATALYST FOR ESTABLISHING FUTURE INDUSTRY

### **PRESENT CHALLENGES**



\*https://datausa.io/profile/geo/aitkin-county-mn/#economy \*\*https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/aitkincountyminnesota

### MINING – A CATALYST FOR ESTABLISHING FUTURE INDUSTRY

#### THE OPPORTUNITY

**BROAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT** 

POST MINING, THE REGION WILL HAVE ESTABLISHED:

- SOLAR FARMS
- BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUITABLE FOR MANUFACTURING
- AN EXPANDED, HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE

IDEALLY LOCATED TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING COMPLEX POST MINING MANUFACTURING IS RELATIVELY MORE IMPORTANT TO THE RURAL ECONOMY THAN THE URBAN ECONOMY\*

> \*Source: USDA, Economic Research Service analysis of Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System data

### **TIME IS RUNNING OUT** TO THE PREDICTED CLASS 1 NICKEL DEFICIT





### CREATE AN OPTIMIZED:

- DATA COLLECTION
- DESIGN
- ENGINEERING and
- PERMITTING SCHEDULE

WITH AGREED MILESTONES AND DEADLINES

WITH BUY-IN FROM ALL **STAKEHOLDERS**