

#### **Investor Presentation • February 2013**

#### Growth in North American Copper



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## About Augusta

- 100%-owner of Rosemont Copper
- Subject to 20% Joint Venture with KORES/LGI on Rosemont JV
  - Augusta is manager and operator
- Experienced management team and established Board

Share Price (TSX: AZC)	C\$2.61
Share Price (NYSE MKT: AZC)	US\$2.53
Basic shares outstanding	144.1M
Fully diluted	153.0M
Market capitalization (basic)	~US\$365M
Institutional ownership	~60%
Insider ownership	~15%

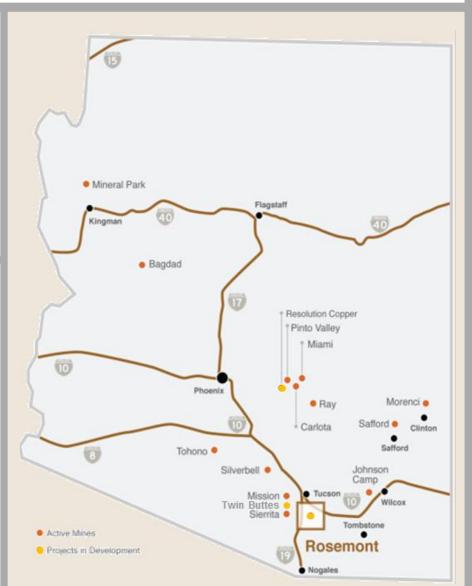
# North American growth in Copper



### About Rosemont



- Located in Arizona, 50 km southeast of Tucson
- Stable mining laws and regulatory regime
- Accessible via highway
- Power, rail, port & all necessary infrastructure nearby
- Water rights approved
- Arizona produces 65% of the U.S. copper supply

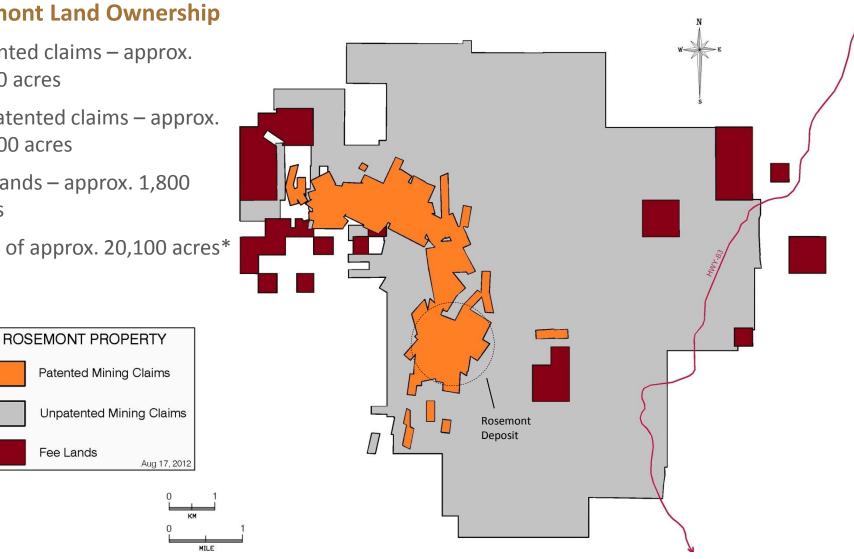




## About Rosemont

#### **Rosemont Land Ownership**

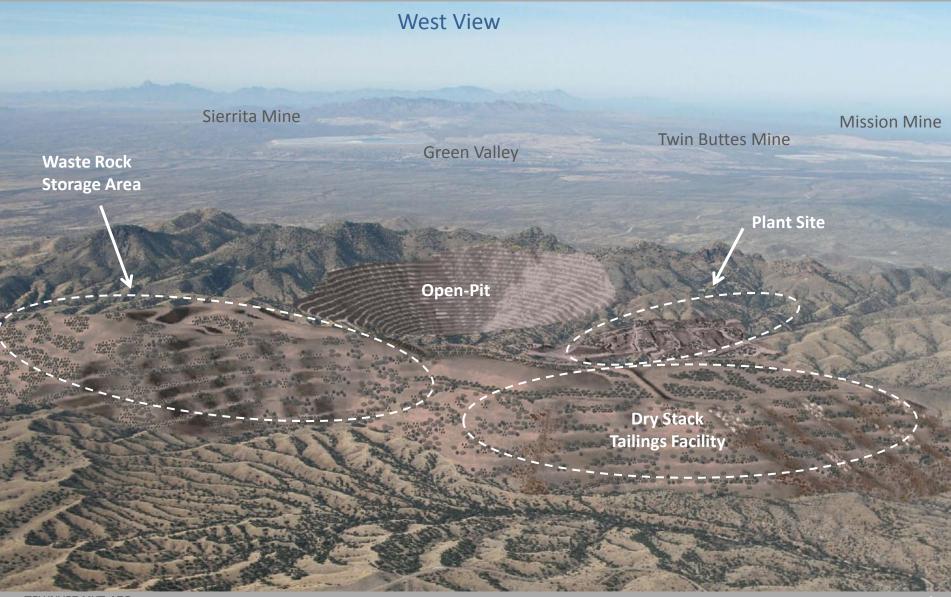
- Patented claims approx. 2,000 acres
- Unpatented claims approx. • 16,000 acres
- Fee lands approx. 1,800 acres
- Total of approx. 20,100 acres\*



\*Not shown on map are distal lands acquired for well field, pump stations, utilities and ranch operations – approx. 300 acres

#### **Rosemont Environment**

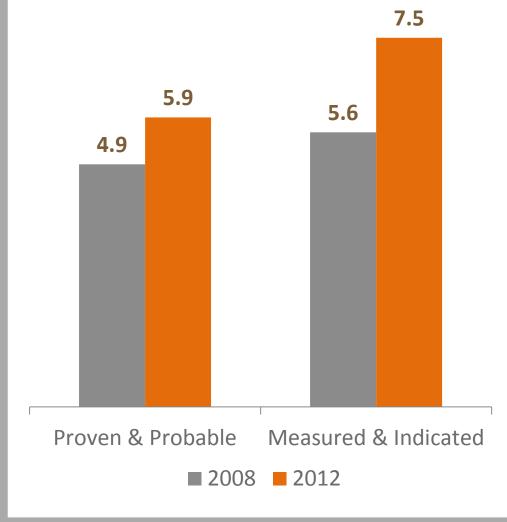






#### Increased Copper Sulfide Reserve & Resource

Rosemont Copper Sulfide Reserve and Resource (B lbs)



20%

Proven & Probable Sulfide Reserve (Cu lbs) From 2008

34%

Measured & Indicated Sulfide Resource (Cu lbs) From 2008

## Mining & Processing Metrics<sup>(1)</sup>

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First 3 years average annual copper production (lbs)	255M
First 3 years average annual moly production (lbs)	6.9M
LOM average annual copper production (lbs)	243M
LOM average annual moly production (lbs)	5.4M
LOM average copper grade	0.44%
LOM average moly grade	0.015%
LOM average copper recovery	87%
LOM average moly recovery	58%
Waste to ore ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	1.9:1

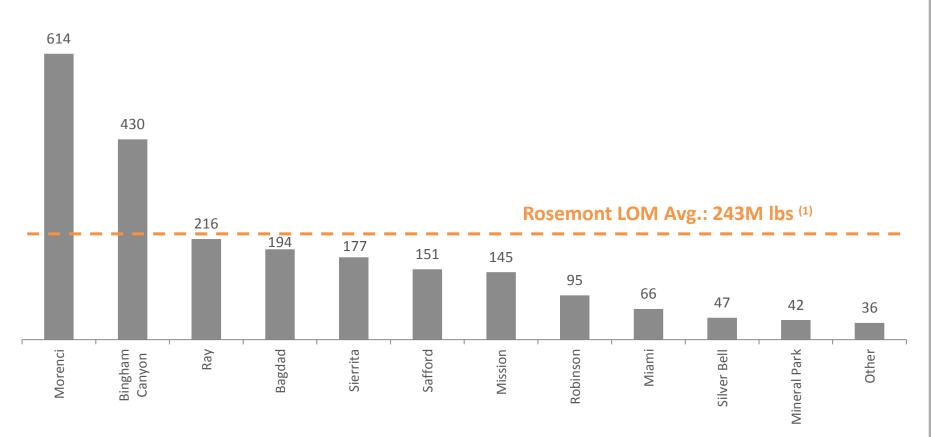
- 1. Production plan is based on the 2012 mineral reserve which is confined by a pit shell based on \$1.88/lb Cu.
- 2. Waste includes oxide material. If oxide minerals are excluded from waste, the waste to ore ratio would be 1.7:1

### **Rosemont Production**



When in production, Rosemont will be the *third largest mine* in the US

#### 2011A US Copper Production By Mine (Mlbs)



1. Based on Rosemont 2012 Feasibility Study Update.

Sources: Company disclosure and Rosemont 2012 Feasibility Study Update.

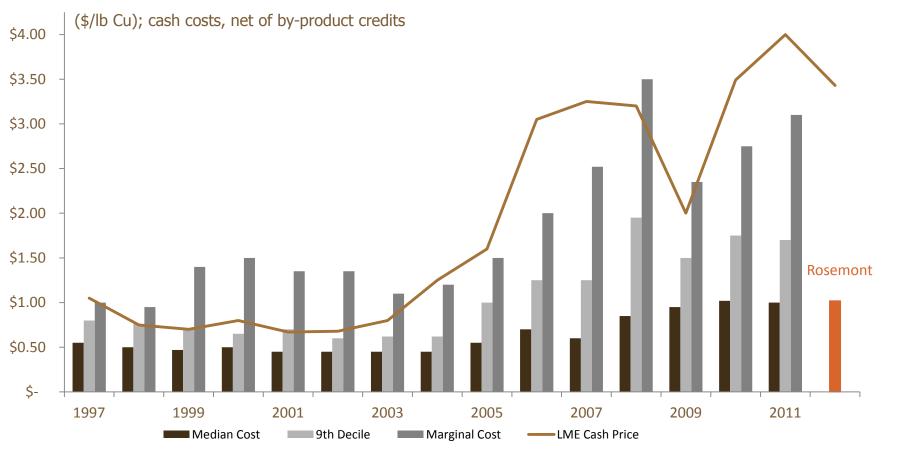


#### Rosemont is low cost

Rosemont average cash cost, net (First 3 years)<sup>(1)</sup> \$0.87/lb Cu

Rosemont average cash cost, net (LOM)<sup>(1)</sup>

\$1.02 /lb Cu



1. Net of by products, using the 60/40 pricing scenario for Molybdenum of \$14.19/lb Mo and Silver Wheaton agreement for precious metals pricing of \$3.90/oz Ag, \$450/oz Au . Sources: 1. LME prices are annual averages with 2012 YTD based on current copper price as at June 30, 2012 2. Source: Goldman Sachs report June 6, 2011 using data from www.minecost.com; Brook Hunt; GS&PA Research Estimates 3. Rosemont 2012 Feasibility Study Update



### Rosemont is construction ready



Most major equipment procured – fixed price contracts set in 2008/2009

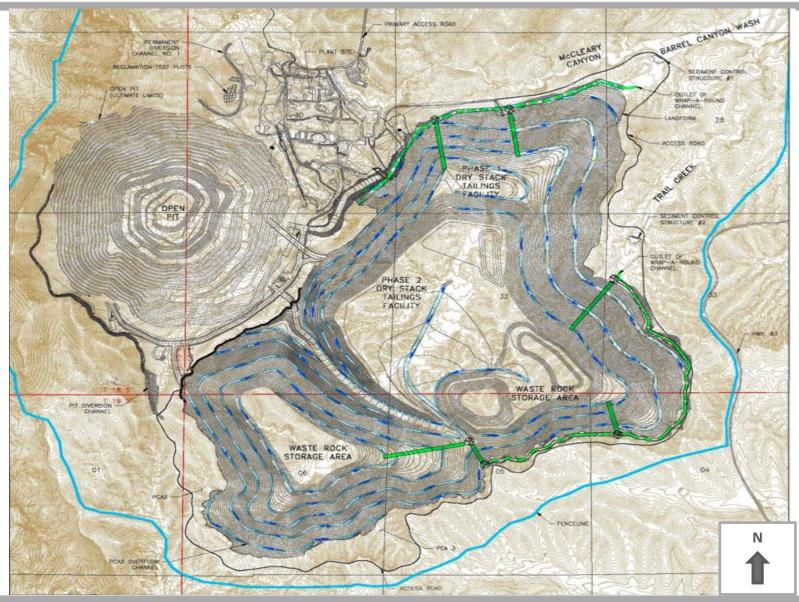
#### Grinding mills and drives paid for and delivered

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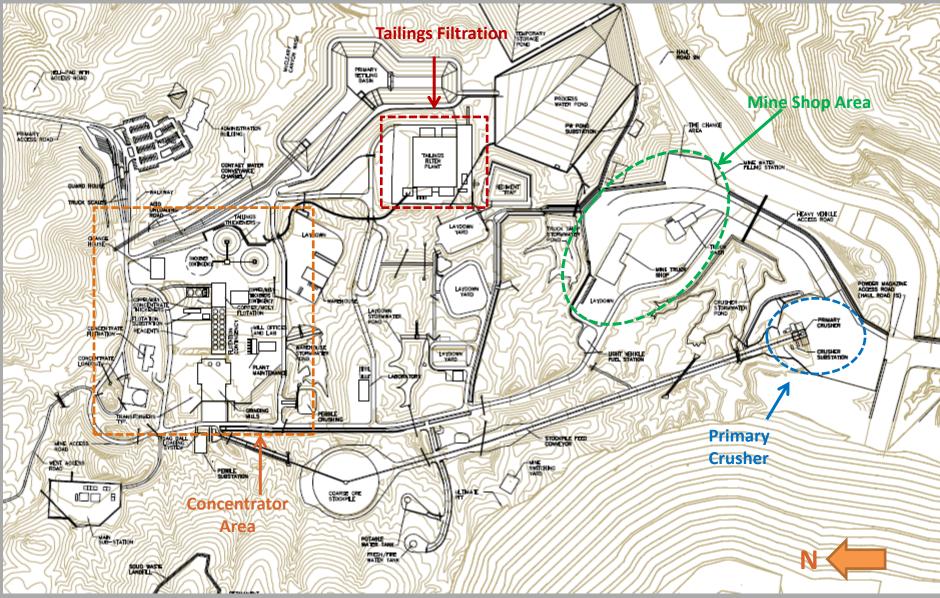


#### Barrel Alternative: USFS Preferred Alternative





#### Site Layout

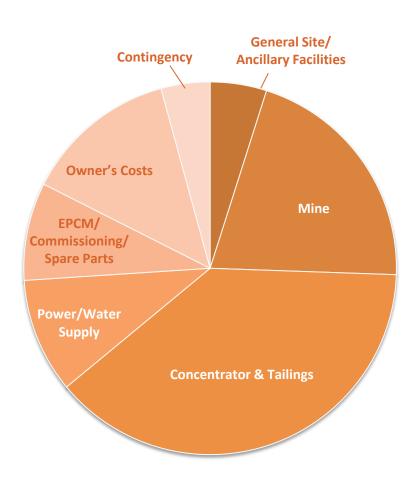




### **Rosemont CAPEX**

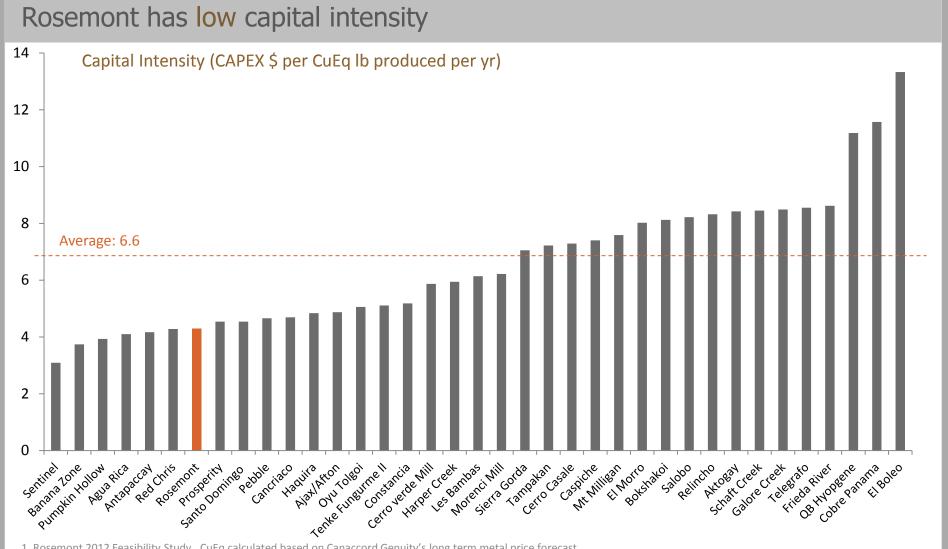
#### **CAPEX Breakdown (\$M)**

General Site / Ancillary Facilities	\$60
Mine	\$252
Concentrator & Tailings	\$471
Power / Water Supply	\$122
EPCM/Commissioning/ Spare Parts	\$104
Owner's Costs	\$163
Contingency	\$51
Sunk Costs (Equipment & EPCM)	(\$113)
Total Construction & Commissioning	\$1,110
Mine Pre-development CAPEX	\$116
Total CAPEX	\$1,226



## Low CAPEX intensity



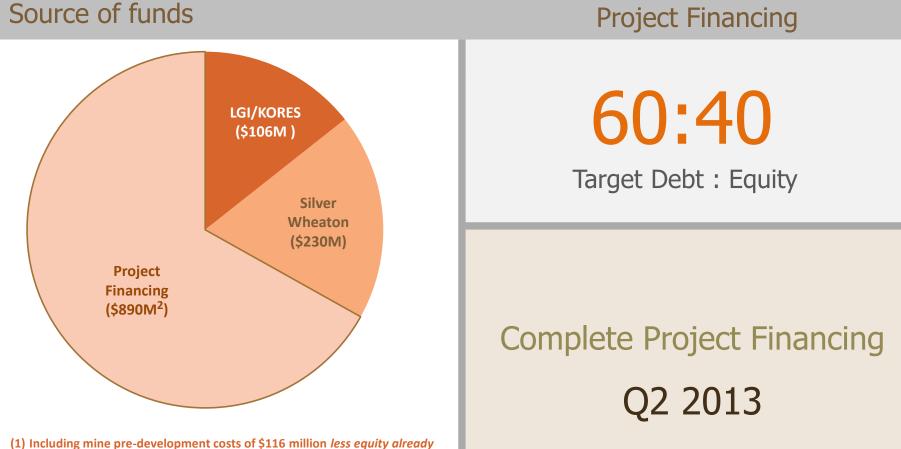


1. Rosemont 2012 Feasibility Study, CuEq calculated based on Canaccord Genuity's long term metal price forecast

Canaccord Genuity July 11, 2012 Report titled: "Copper Projects Capital Cost Review"

### Rosemont has established funding

Total going forward initial CAPEX of \$1.226 billion<sup>(1)</sup>

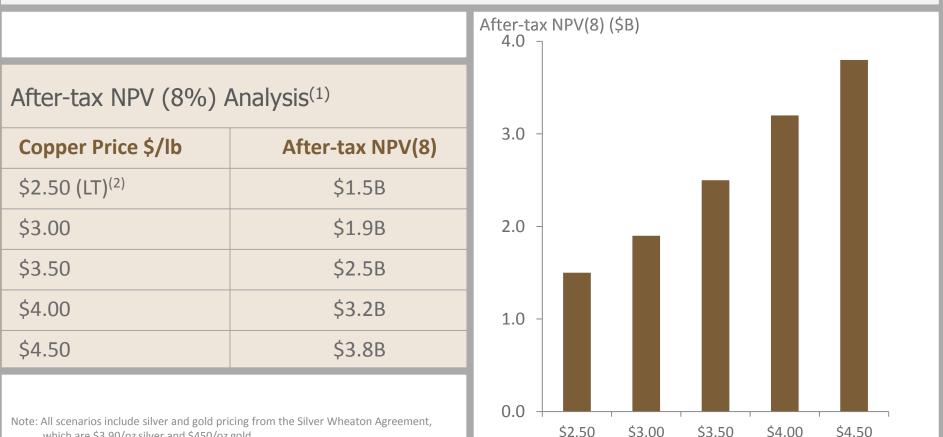


- (1) Including mine pre-development costs of \$116 million *less equity already invested of \$113 million*
- (2) Excluding additional financing costs such as interest during construction, upfront fees, cost overrun facility, etc.



## Leveraged To the Copper Price

**\$2.5 billion** after-tax NPV (8%) at \$3.50/lb Cu<sup>(1)</sup>



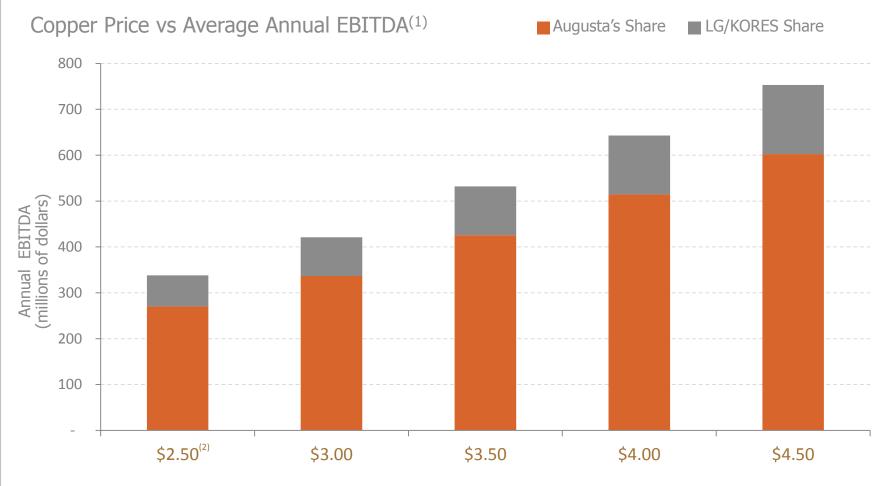
which are \$3.90/oz silver and \$450/oz gold

- 1. Assumes flat copper price and molybdenum price of 15/lb throughout the mine life;
- Assumes the Long Term Pricing Scenario, using a copper price of \$3.50/lb in year 1, \$3.25/lb in year 2, \$3.00/lb in year 3, \$2.75/lb in year 4, and \$2.50/lb in year 5 and thereafter, and a molybdenum price of \$15.00/lb throughout the mine life.

Copper Price (\$/lb)



## **Rosemont Will Fund Growth**



Copper Price - \$/lb.

NOTE: All scenarios include silver and gold pricing from the Silver Wheaton Agreement, which are \$3.90/oz silver and \$450/oz gold

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- 2. Assumes the Long Term Pricing Scenario, using a copper price of \$3.50/lb in year 1, \$3.25/lb in year 2, \$3.00/lb in year 3, \$2.75/lb in year 4, and \$2.50/lb in year 5 and thereafter, and a molybdenum price of \$15.00/lb throughout the mine life.





## Project Update

#### Major permits in hand

Aquifer Protection Permit	Air Quality Permit
Air Activity Permit	Groundwater Withdrawal Permit
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility	Reclamation Permit
Construction Storm Water General Permit	

#### Remaining permits and approvals to acquire

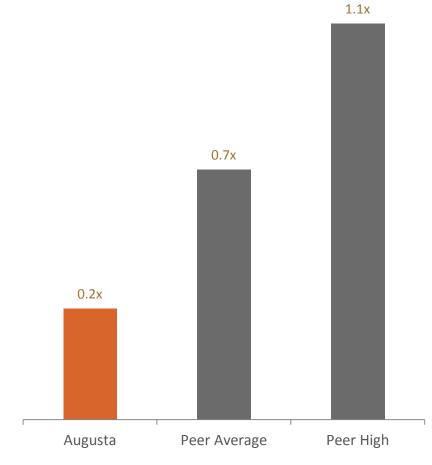
CWA 404 Permit (ACOE)	<ul><li>Public comment period concluded</li><li>Final permit expected Q2 2013</li></ul>
NEPA Process	<ul><li>Process is 90% complete</li><li>Record of Decision expected Q2 2013</li></ul>

Commence construction in 2013 Copper production in 2015



## Augusta is currently undervalued

#### P/NAV Comparison



Augusta offers a superior value proposition with near term performance

Source: Canaccord Genuity

Comparison based on Augusta peers within Canaccord Genuity's coverage universe



## Why Augusta?

Large	M&I Resource of $7.5B$ lbs Cu and annual production of $243M$ lbs $\text{Cu}^{(1)}$
Low cost	Low cash cost (net) at $$1.02$ per lb of Cu <sup>(1,2)</sup>
High quality	30-32% <b>clean</b> copper concentrates
Low risk	Excellent infrastructure in a Secure jurisdiction
Robust economics	After-tax NPV <sup>(3)</sup> of $$2.5B$ with low CAPEX intensity
Near term	Commence construction in 2013, copper production in 2015

# Strategic asset • Compelling investment

1. Average Annual Life of Mine

2. Using 60/40 Pricing which assumes \$14.19/lb/Mo, and Silver Wheaton Agreement precious metals prices of \$3.90/oz Ag and \$450/oz Au

3. Using a 8% discount and copper price of \$3.50 per pound copper

NOTE: Rosemont is subject to a 80/20 Joint Venture Partnership with LGI & KORES, all metrics are currently reported on a 100% equity basis



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#### APPENDIX



#### Rosemont 2012 Reserve & Resource Estimate

Rosemont Proven & Probable Mineral Reserve <sup>(1,3)</sup> Sulfides ≥ 4.90 \$/ton NSR cutoff								
	Tons (M)	NSR (\$/ton)	Copper (%)	Moly (%)	Ag (opt)	Copper (M lbs)	Moly (M lbs)	Ag (M oz)
Proven	308.1	20.29	0.46	0.015	0.12	2.83	90.7	2.53
Probable	359.1	18.67	0.42	0.014	012	3.05	103.0	2.15
Total	667.2	19.42	0.44	0.015	0.12	5.88	193.7	4.68

#### Rosemont Measured & Indicated Mineral Resource (Inclusive of Reserves)<sup>(2,3)</sup>

Sulfide Mineral Resource (Includes Mixed Sulfides)					Oxide Mineral Resource		
	Tons (M)	CuEq (%)	Copper (%)	Moly (%)	Ag (opt)	Tons (M)	Copper (%)
Measured	347.7	0.56	0.45	0.015	0.12	30.3	0.17
Indicated	571.6	0.48	0.38	0.014	0.10	33.1	0.16
Total	919.3	0.51	0.41	0.014	0.11	63.4	0.17
Rosemont Inferred Mineral Resource <sup>(2,3)</sup>							

#### Total 138.6 0.49 0.40 0.012 0.10 1.1 0.15

1. The mineral reserve excludes potentially economic oxide material, therefore waste includes potentially economic material. Net Smelter Return (NSR) values are based on metal prices of \$2.50/lb Cu, \$15.00/lb Mo, and \$20/oz Ag. The mineral reserve has been confined by a pit shell based on \$1.88 per pound copper. Cutoff grades are 0.20% CuEq for sulfide and 0.30% CuEq for mixed sulfide.

2. The mineral resource have been tabulated within a pit shell limit based on \$3.50 per pound copper. Cutoff grades are 0.15% CuEq for sulfide, 0.30% CuEq for mixed sulfide, and 0.10% Cu for oxide.

3. For the mineral reserve and resource, copper equivalencies for copper are based on \$2.50/lb Cu and 86% recovery for sulfide, 40% recovery for mixed sulfide. Copper equivalencies for molybdenum are based on \$15.00/lb Mo and 63% recovery for sulfide, 30% recovery for mixed sulfide.



## Management

<b>Gil Clausen</b> President, CEO & Director	More than 30 years executive, finance, development and operations experience in the mining industry; currently President, CEO and Director of Augusta Resource Corporation, Vice-Chairman of Wildcat Silver Corp., Chairman of Plata Latina Minerals and Director of Jaguar Mining Inc. Mr. Clausen is a P.Eng. and holds B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Mining Engineering from Queen's University and is a graduate of the Queen's executive business program.
Rodney O. Pace EVP & COO	Over 25 years experience in mine development and operations; Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines; President & CEO of Rosemont Copper, a subsidiary of Augusta
Joseph M. Longpré SVP & CFO	Over 25 years experience in the equity and debt markets with a strong focus on metals and mining; MBA from Columbia University Graduate School of Business and Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Saskatchewan.
James A. Sturgess SVP Corporate Development & Government Affairs	25 years experience in environmental management, regulatory compliance, pollution control, project management and corporate development; formerly with Stantec Consulting in the Environmental Management group, doing extensive permitting work in Arizona over the last two decades
Katherine A. Arnold VP Environmental & Regulatory Affairs	20 years experience mostly in environmental permitting, compliance and management; formerly with Asarco; Ms. Arnold is a registered P.Eng. in the State of Arizona, has a Master's of Science in Project and Engineering Management and a Bachelor's of Science degrees in Mineral Processing Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics.
Letitia Cornacchia VP Investor Relations	10 years experience in finance and investor relations; Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and CFA charterholder.
<b>Gordon Jang</b> VP and Controller	Over 20 years experience in the mining industry with extensive knowledge of SOX, internal controls, M&A, tax planning, and regulatory compliance matters; CMA designation.
<b>Charles J. Magolske</b> VP Corporate Development & Marketing	25 years experience in marketing, operations management, business management, joint ventures and acquisitions in both domestic and international venues; degrees in Law, Business and Engineering (Professional Engineer).
Lance C. Newman VP Project Development	Over 20 years experience in concentrating, smelting and refining operations.
<b>Purni Parikh</b> VP Corporate Secretary	22 years experience in business administration.
Mark G. Stevens VP Exploration	27 years technical and managerial experience in exploration, and mining.
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## **Board of Directors**

<b>Richard W. Warke</b> Executive Chairman	Founder of Augusta Resource Corporation (Executive Chairman), Wildcat Silver Corporation (Chairman and CEO), Riva Gold Corp (Chairman and CEO) and Plata Latina Minerals (Director). He was also the founder and Chairman of Ventana Gold Corp which was acquired by AUX Canada Acquisitions Inc. Mr. Warke has more than 25 years of experience in corporate finance and marketing in the global resource industry, and has been involved in raising over \$1 billion in equity for resource companies.
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Timothy C. Baker Director	Former EVP and COO of Kinross with > 30 years project development and operations experience; also Director of Antofagasta PLC and Eldorado Gold Corporation.
W. Durand Eppler Director	Founder and CEO of Sierra Partners and former VP Corporate Development at Newmont Mining; also Director of Vista Gold Corp., Golden Minerals Company and Frontier Mining Ltd.
Christopher M.H. Jennings Lead Director	> 50 years experience in geology and mining; former Chairman of Southern Era Diamonds Inc. and former President and Chairman of Southern Era Resources;
<b>Robert P. Pirooz</b> Director	Over 20 years of legal experience in the mining sector focused on strategic transactions; currently General Counsel and Director of Pan American Silver Corp. Mr. Pirooz was called to the British Columbia Bar in 1990 after obtaining a Juris Doctor degree from UBC and studying commerce at Dalhousie. Mr. Pirooz is also Chairman of Lumina Copper Corp. and Director and Secretary of Anfield Nickel Corp.
<b>Robert P. Wares</b> Director	Founder and former EVP, Exploration & Resource Development and Director of Osisko Mining Corporation; professional geologist with > 25 years experience in mineral exploration and research; also Director of Wildcat Silver Corporation and Bowmore Exploration Ltd.
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