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Advancing America's Newest Porphyry Copper District



One of the largest new copper discoveries in the U.S.



Major copper discovery in first drill program (2023)

Discovery hole intersected **185m of 0.84% Cu, 111 ppm Mo, and 2.6 g/t Ag**. Ended in mineralization.



Grown to significant scale with only 30k meters drilled

1 km strike, up to 750 m wide and 500 m vertical extent.



2026 drill program testing 3 new targets

At Southern Flats, Pegasus, and Hook, where conductivity and chargeability are similar to the Leviathan Porphyry.



New 2026 discovery at Southern Flats Zone

Proof of concept that MT geophysics is working to identify other porphyry centers along trend at Hercules.



Backed by Barrick Mining Corp.

\$25M investment. Provide ongoing technical support.



Own surface mining rights over discovery

No drill permitting, year-round drilling season.

Snapshot

Capital Structure

Issued and Outstanding Shares ¹	342.9 M
Options	26.0 M
RSUs	2.67 M
Fully Diluted	371.6 M
Share Price ²	\$1.01
Market Capitalization ²	~\$346M
Average Volume	~500 K
Working Capital	~\$33 M

1. As of Aug 10, 2026
2. As of Aug 10, 2026 (close)

Analyst Coverage



Michael Gray



Brandon Gaspar



Significant Shareholders



Institutional Shareholders



Our Technical Team



Strong porphyry copper experience with multiple high-impact discoveries

VP/EXPLORATION DILLON HUME

BSc. Geology, MSc Economic Geology, P. Geo

Expertise

P.Geo. with over a decade of porphyry copper-gold exploration experience. Led major drill programs and discoveries at Red Chris and Kudz Ze Kayah. M.Sc. in Economic Geology from Simon Fraser University.

Previous roles:

Trailbreaker Resources, Equity Exploration

PRINCIPAL GEOLOGIST JOANNA LIPSE

BSc Geology, MSc Geological Engineering

Expertise

Geologist and exploration specialist. Joanna applies advanced analytical techniques to assess alteration and mineralization, including processing and interpreting spectral datasets for the Hercules project. Joanna has authored technical publications for SEG, CIM, and GSA on porphyry copper systems at both New Afton and Yerington.

Previous roles:

New Gold Inc., Metallica Resources, Full MetalMinerals.

CHIEF GEOLOGIST MIKE SEPP

MSc Geology, PhD Geology

Expertise

Economic geologist with a strong technical foundation in exploring for porphyry copper and epithermal systems across the Americas. Has applied cutting-edge geoscience to generate and advance exploration targets in both mature mining districts and frontier terrains, grounded in regional context and detailed mapping.

Previous roles:

Gold Fields Ltd., Cobre Panama, Yerrington

STRATEGIC TECHNICAL ADVISOR CHARLIE GREIG

B MSc, Geology

Expertise

Recognized for discovery of the Saddle North porphyry discovery for GT Gold Corp in 2018, acquired by Newmont Corporation in 2021. The discovery earned him the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's (PDAC) Bill Dennis Award in 2022.

Previous roles:

Saddle North (Discoverer) and Brucejack in British Columbia, La India and Alamo Dorado in Mexico, Bisha and Emba Derho in Eritrea, and Wolverine in Yukon.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR DR. TOM HENRICKSEN

PhD, Geology

Expertise

Received the Colin Spence Award for involvement in the Hod Maden and Ergama discoveries in Turkey, as well as previous discoveries including the Rock Lake copper deposit in Montana, the Corani, Ollachea, Constanica and Zafran deposits in Peru, and numerous others.

Previous roles:

Coeur Mining, Inca One, New Energy Metals, Midas Gold, Aegean Metals, Mariana Resources, Norsemont Mining, Rio Tinto, Silver Standard, ASARCO, Kennecott.

Our Management Team



Strong porphyry copper experience with multiple high-impact discoveries

CEO & DIRECTOR CHRIS PAUL

BSc. Geology

Expertise

Discovered Williams Cu-Au porphyry in Golden Triangle in 2018, now under option to Kingfisher Resources. Founder of Ridgeline Exploration, a company acquired by Goldspot Discoveries in 2021 and subsequently acquired by ALS Global in 2022. 15 years of high-grade gold and copper-gold discovery experience.

Previous roles:

Golden Ridge Resources, Gold Lion Resources, Ridgeline Exploration.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD MATTHIEU BOS

BSc Mine Engineering MSc, Metallurgy

Expertise

Former Executive Vice President at Ivanhoe Mines, where he was part of the leadership team that advanced and financed the Kamoakakula copper project, one of the world's largest and highest-grade copper operations. Played a key role in securing ~US\$3 billion in equity and debt financing, as well as guiding the project from development into production.

Previous roles:

Executive VP, Ivanhoe Mines
Investment Banker, BMO Capital Markets

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER KEITH LI

B Comm, CPA, CA

Expertise

CPA, CA with +15 years of corporate accounting, finance and financial reporting experience. Specializes in management advisory services, accounting and regulatory compliance services. Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University.

Previous roles:

Sears Canada, Snow Lake Lithium, Corcel Exploration, Universal PropTech, Psyched Wellness, Quinsam Capital, Pharmadrug

DIRECTOR NICK TINTOR

BSc. Geology

Expertise

Professional geologist and mining executive with +35 years of experience in project generation, acquisition, exploration and mine development across the Americas and Africa.

Previous roles:

Anaconda Mining, Moto Goldmines and Toachi Mining.

DIRECTOR KELLY MALCOM

BSc. Geology, BA Economics

Expertise

President and CEO of Borealis Mining. Previously the Vice President of Exploration for Amex Exploration Inc which has made numerous gold discoveries, raised over \$90million, and was named Exploration Company of the Year at Mines & Money in 2022.

Previous roles:

Borealis Mining, Amex Exploration, Detour Gold

DIRECTOR PETER SIMEON

BA, LLB

Expertise

Partner at Gowling WLG with +18 years legal experience in corporate finance, M&A and public listings (RTOs & IPOs). Current partner at Gowling WLG.

Previous roles:

Previously with Wildeboer Dellcelce and Osler.

Idaho Advantage



Low Geopolitical Risk

Pro-resource state with low geopolitical risk. Streamlined state permitting.



Trump Administration Overhauled Federal Permitting

New federal permitting rules significantly **fast track exploration and mine permitting in the United States**, particular for **copper** projects.



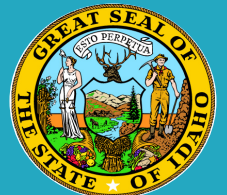
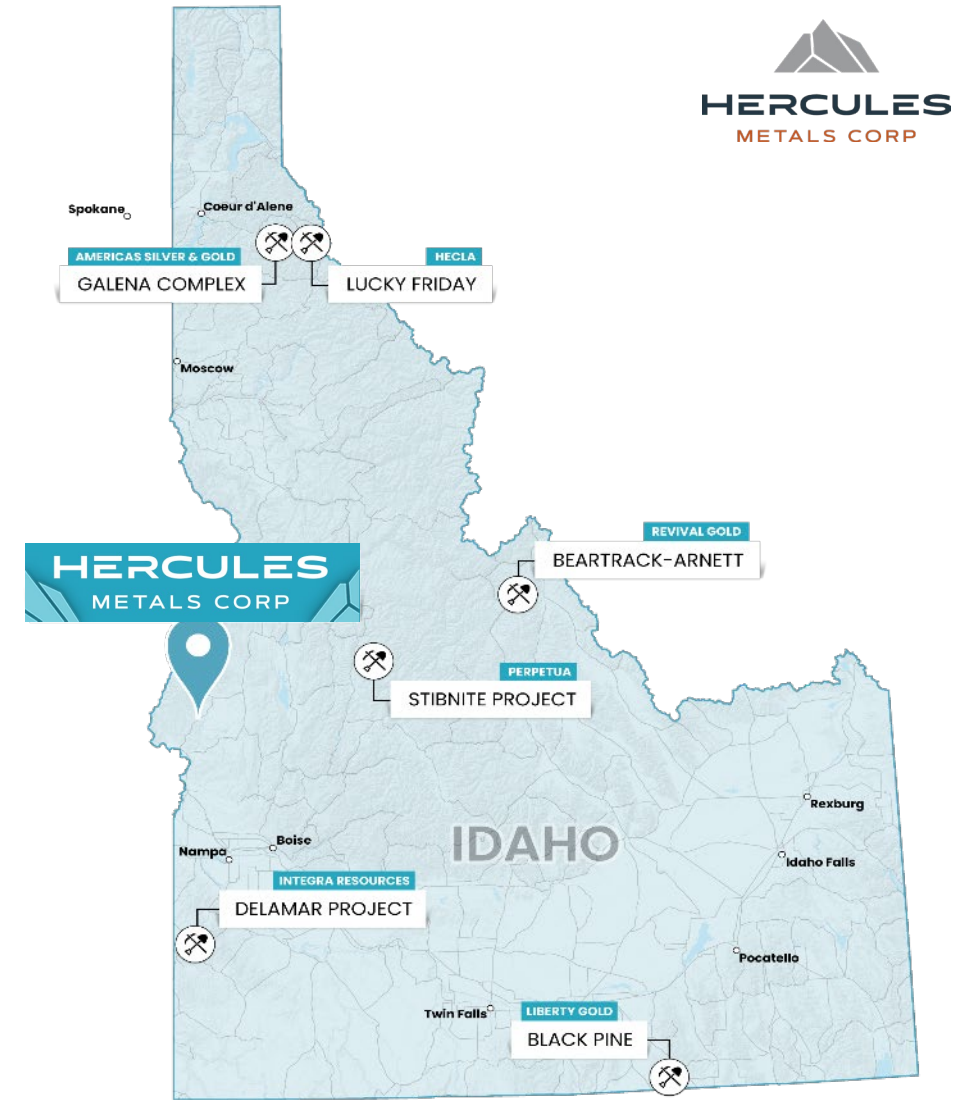
Surface Mining Rights over Discovery

Drill permitting not required on Leviathan copper discovery due to the Company having **deeded surface mining rights** to land.



Strong support from Local Community

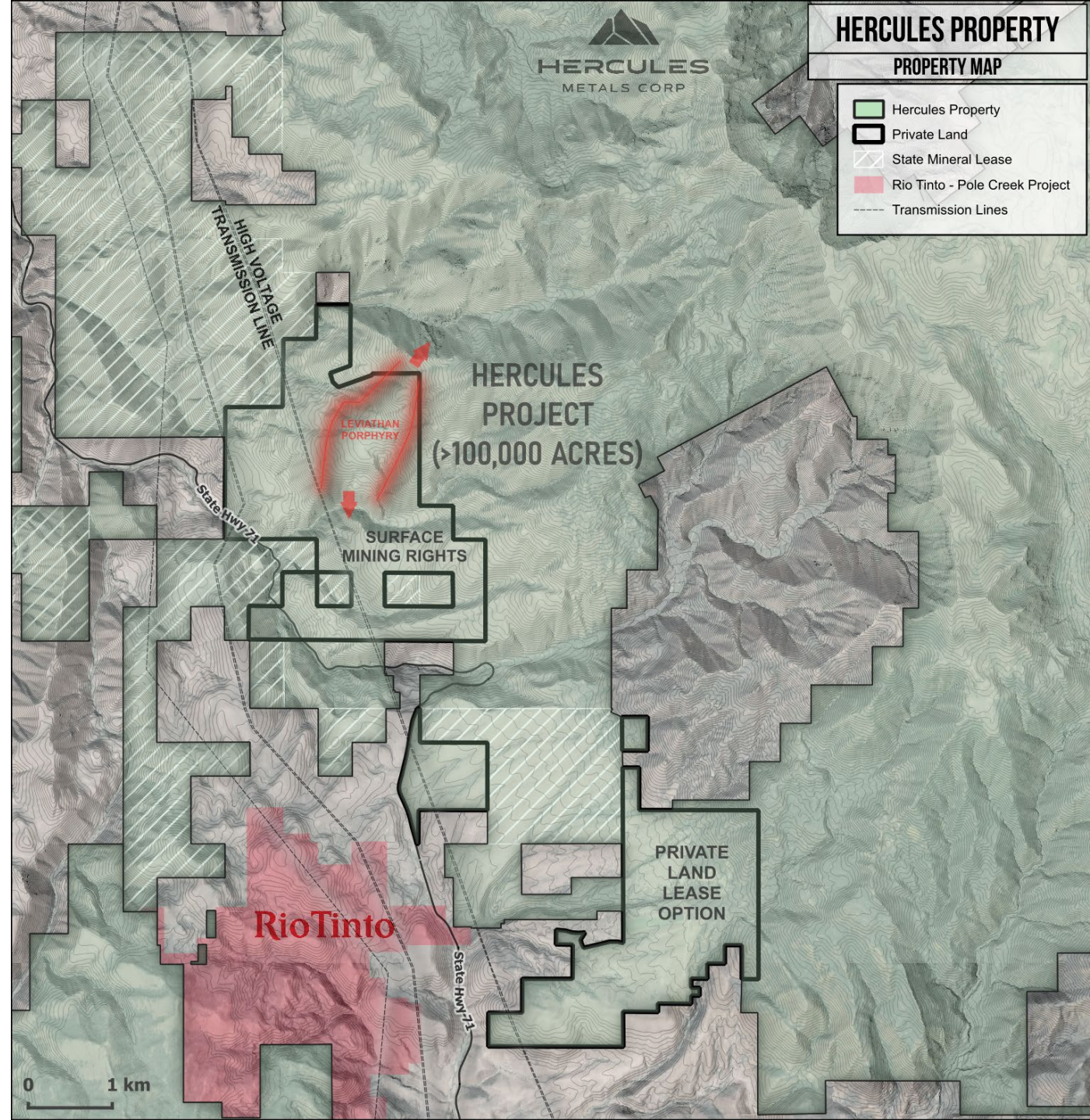
Company hosts annual town hall meetings, provides financial support to local organizations, and hires locally to maintain good standing in the community.



Hercules Property

Positioned to operate

LOCATION	Cambridge, Idaho
OWNERSHIP	• 100% owned • NSR buyable down to 0.25-1%
MINERAL RIGHTS	• >100,000 acres of private, state and federal mineral rights
SURFACE MINING RIGHTS	• ~3,300 acres surface rights + private land lease option (black outline)
INFRA-STRUCTURE	• 2 hours from Boise • State highway within 1km of deposit • All drilling sites are road access
POWER	• 1,200 MW of clean electricity directly through the Property in three 260 kV transmission lines. • Idaho among the lowest cost power in America @ ~\$0.10/kWh





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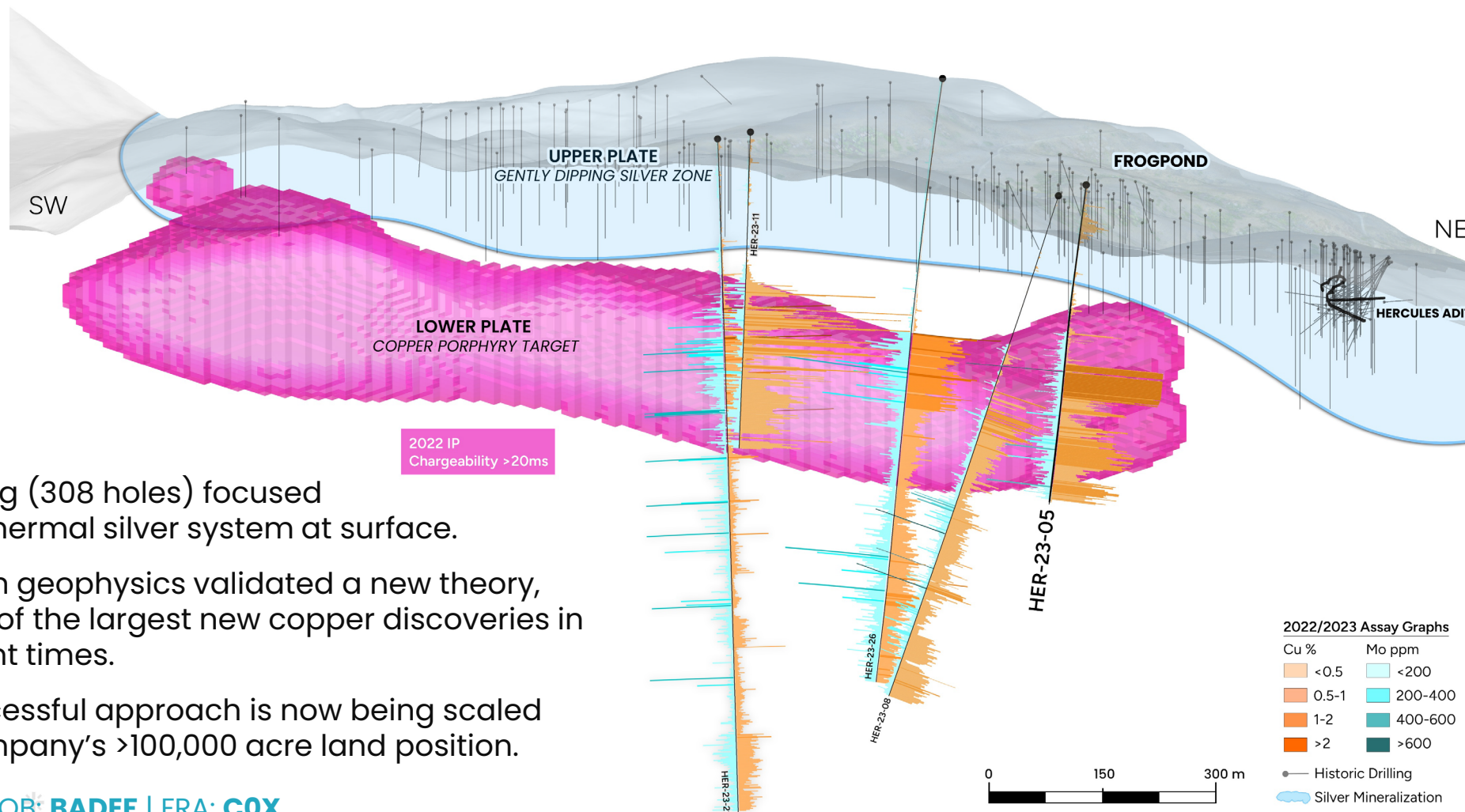
Leviathan Discovery

Porphyry copper with high-grade secondary enrichment

Only 20% of target tested to date

Modern Technology Generates Large **Porphyry Copper** Discovery

2022 Reconnaissance IP survey reveals larger anomaly at depth, below 308 shallow historical holes drilled from 1965–1988



- Historical drilling (308 holes) focused on a large epithermal silver system at surface.
- In 2022, modern geophysics validated a new theory, leading to one of the largest new copper discoveries in the U.S. in recent times.
- This same successful approach is now being scaled across the Company's >100,000 acre land position.

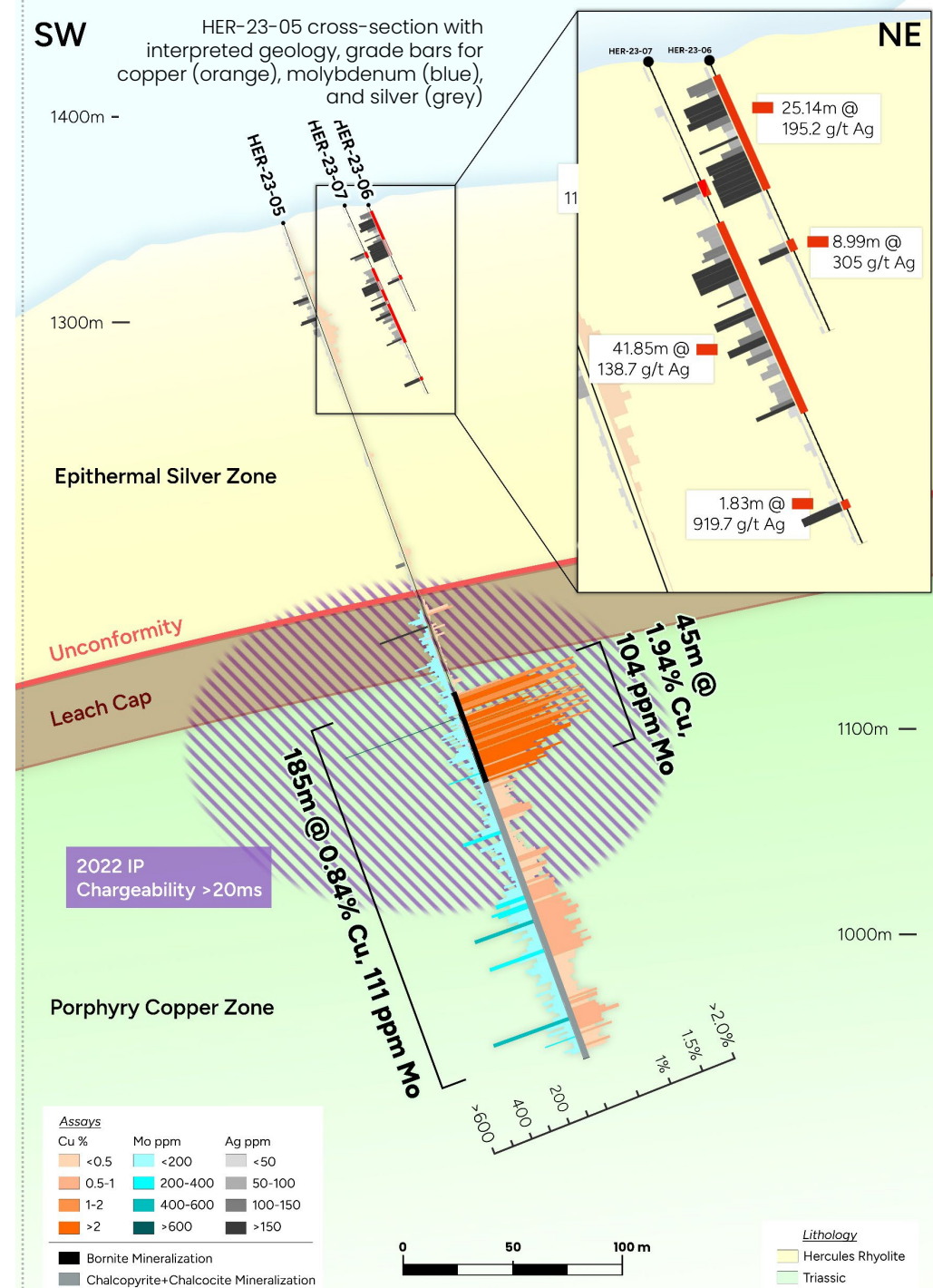
2023 Leviathan **Discovery**

A Rare New Porphyry Copper Discovery in the U.S.A.

- **2023:** First deep hole not only discovers a porphyry beneath near surface silver system, but with excellent copper grade.
- Initial intercept: **0.84% Cu, 111 ppm Mo, 2.6 g/t Ag over 185m**
- First **45 m grading 1.94% Cu**
- Beneath younger epithermal system, **with overlying holes intersecting 139 g/t Ag over 42m.**



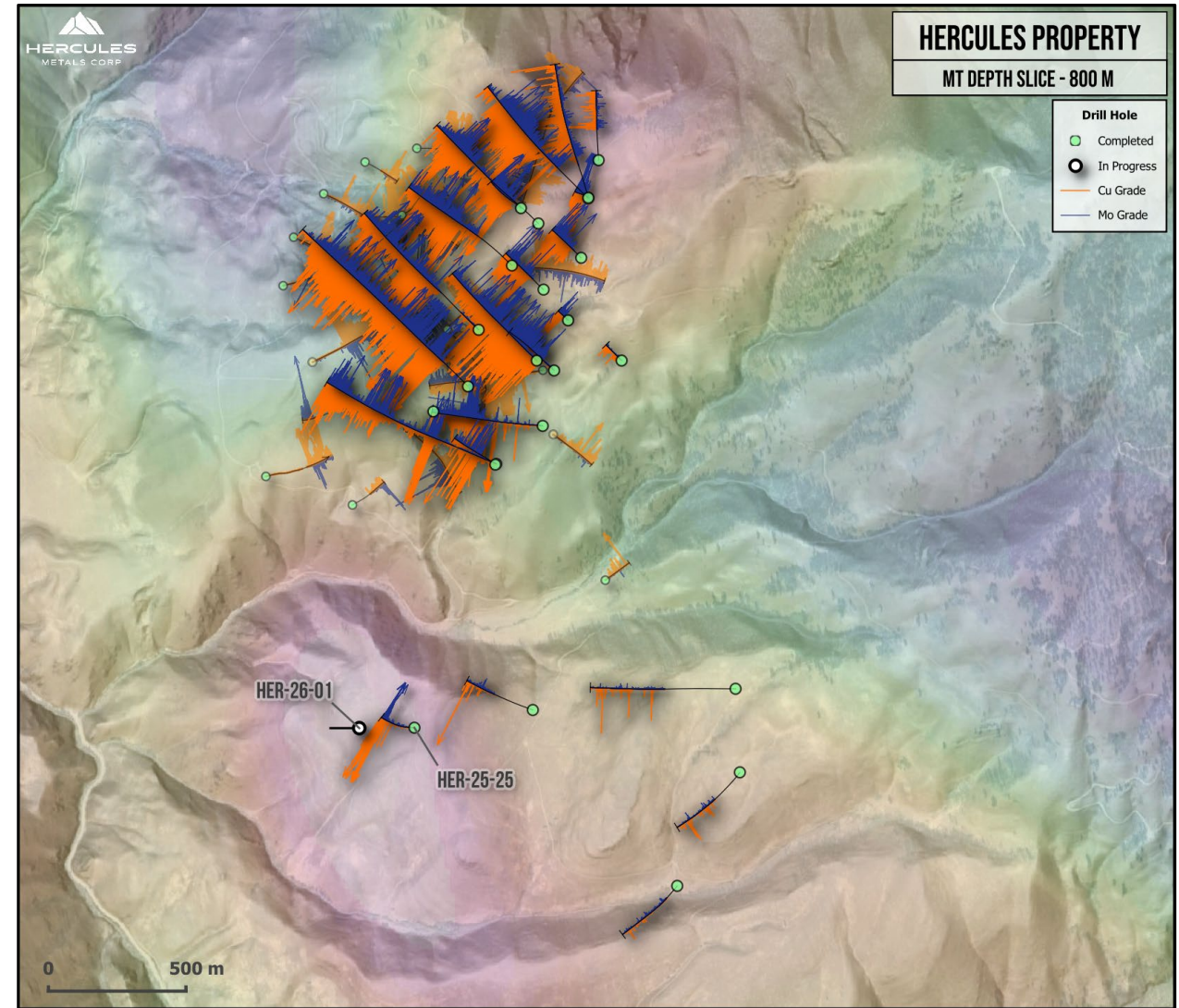
High-grade hypogene enrichment mineralization responsible for 1-2% Cu at top of porphyry system.



Leviathan **Current Drilling**

Systematic Fence Drilling

- **Drilling to date has successfully defined over 1 kilometer of strike length to Leviathan.**
- Over **1 km strike, up to 750 m wide, and up to 500 m vertical extent**
- Remains open in both directions, where new geophysical surveys highlight incredibly strong growth potential.
- **HER-25-25 recently discovered a new porphyry center at the Southern Flats Zone**, with an initial intercept grading **0.66% CuEq over 177 Meters**.
- 200 m step-out drill hole HER-26-01 underway at the new Southern Flats Zone discovery.

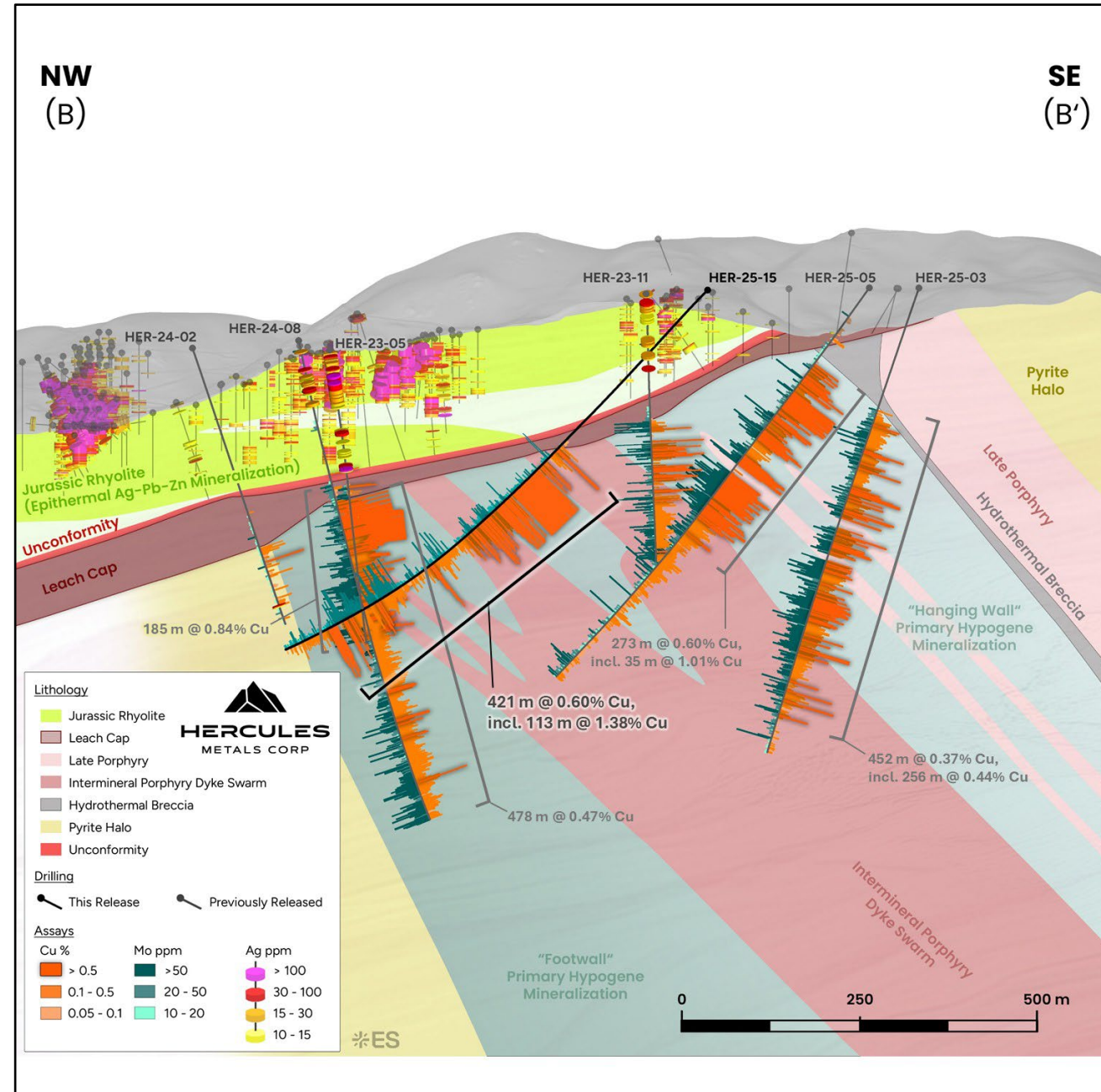


Drill plan showing MT conductivity 800 m below surface. Hotter colours are more conductive. Grade bars for copper (orange) and molybdenum (blue).

2025: Definition Drilling

2025 Highlights Include:

- **HER-25-02:**
 - 81m of 1.49% Cu, 8.9 g/t Ag,
 - Within 127 m of 1.10% Cu, 7.0 g/t Ag
 - Within 346 m of 0.66% Cu, 3.2 g/t Ag, 78 ppm Mo
- **HER-25-05:**
 - 35 m of 1.01% Cu, 6.2 g/t Ag
 - Within 273 m of 0.60% Cu, 1.8 g/t Ag,
 - Within 379 m of 0.50% Cu, 1.8 g/t Ag, 75 ppm Mo
- **HER-25-15:**
 - 113 m of 1.38% Cu, 13.7 g/t Ag
 - Within 421 m of 0.6% Cu, 5.5 g/t Ag, 65 ppm Mo
 - Within 463 m of 0.56% Cu, 5.3 g/t Ag, 62 ppm Mo
- 750 m wide cross section demonstrates scale of system
- Upper 100+ meters hosts high-grade copper >1% Cu
- Overlying cover hosts a younger epithermal silver system.

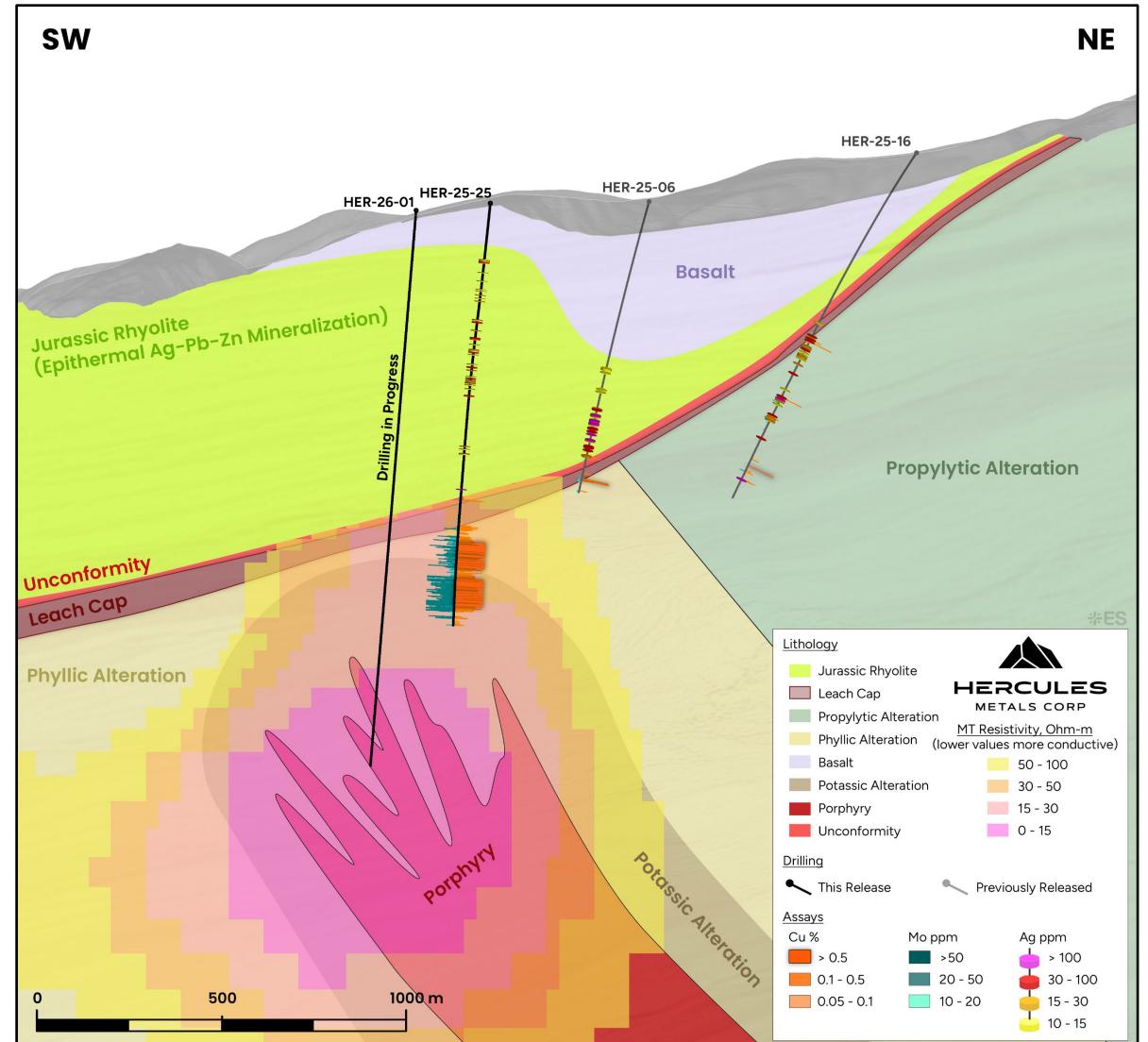


Cross-section through Leviathan copper porphyry system and overlying silver system.

New Southern Flats **Zone Discovery**

2026 Drilling Discovers New Porphyry Center

- 2025 drilling vectored west through increasing alteration, veining and mineralization, toward drill hole HER-25-25, which intersected the margins of a new blind copper porphyry system, grading **0.66% CuEq over 177 Meters (HER-25-25)**.
- Follow-up drilling is currently underway in a 200 m step-out hole (HER-26-01).
- This new discovery **confirms additional porphyry centers** at Hercules are associated with high-strength MT anomalies along a key structural trend.
- This conductive trend extends several kilometers further in both directions, where IP surveying is now underway to evaluate the near surface potential along trend at the Pegasus and Hook target areas.



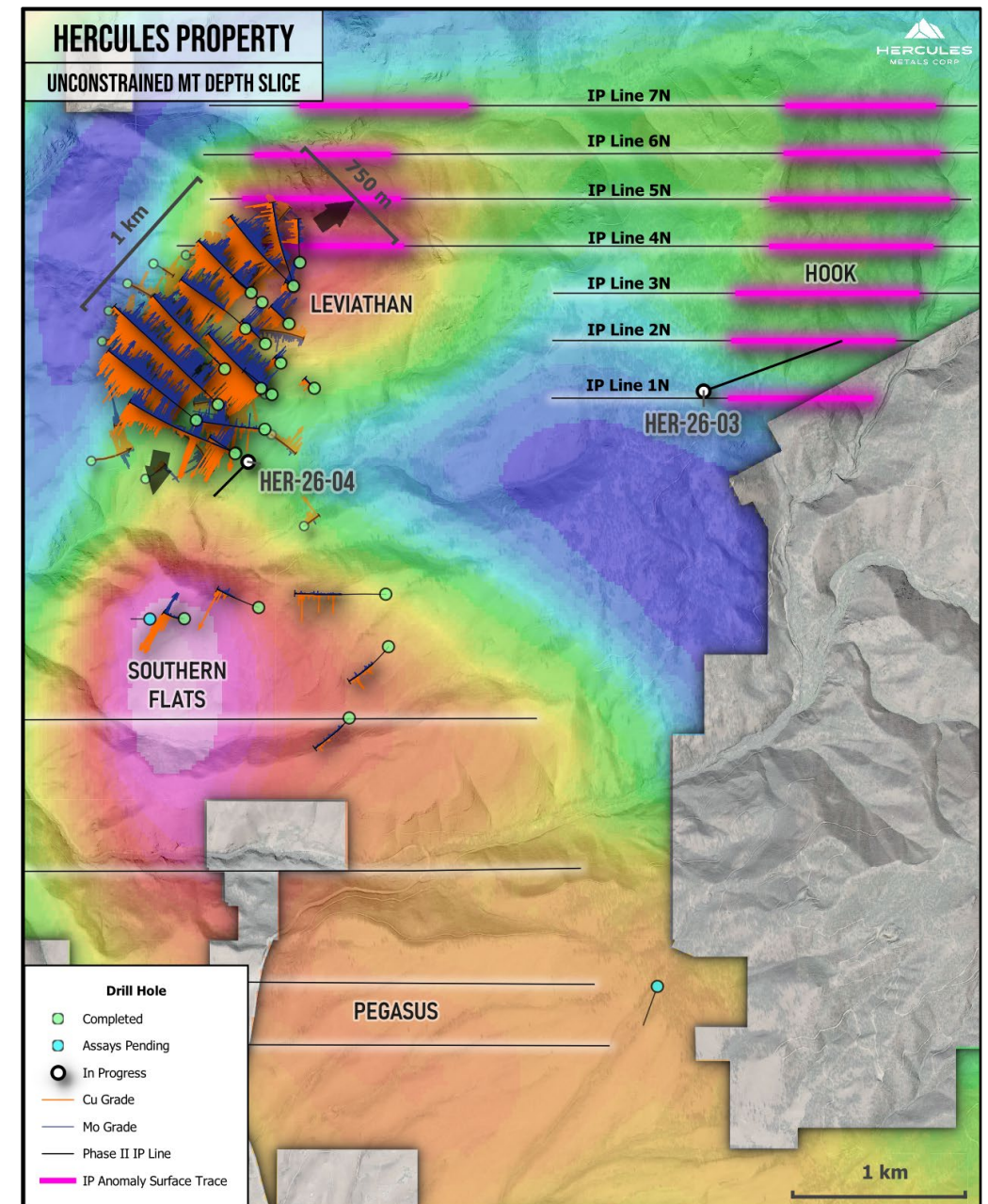
Caption

2026 Exploration Plan

Testing Additional Porphyry Centers

2026 drilling campaign underway to test 4 new targets with similar geophysics (MT conductivity and IP chargeability) to the Leviathan Porphyry Copper System.

- ✓ **Southern Flats (UG target) – New discovery** provides proof of concept that MT geophysics can effectively identify other porphyry copper centers on the project.
- **Pegasus (OP target)** – Same anomalous MT trend extending southeast, where mapping indicates potential for near surface mineralization. IP survey underway.
- **Hook (OP target)** – New IP survey reveals the strongest chargeability anomaly on the Property, which comes near surface with no significant post-mineral cover.
- **Leviathan FW MT Anomaly (UG target)** – High conductivity anomaly plunging northeast from Leviathan.

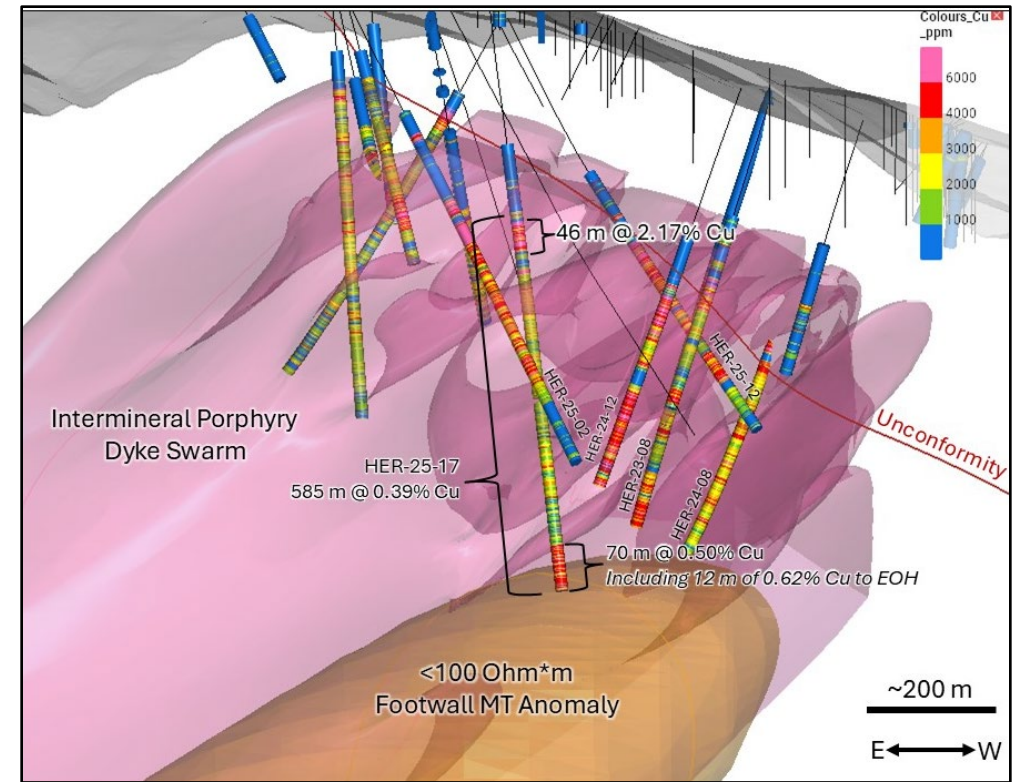


Drill plan showing MT conductivity 800 m below surface. Hotter colours are more conductive. A 2026 Phase 2 IP survey (lines in red) is currently underway, testing for near surface chargeability anomalies along trend.

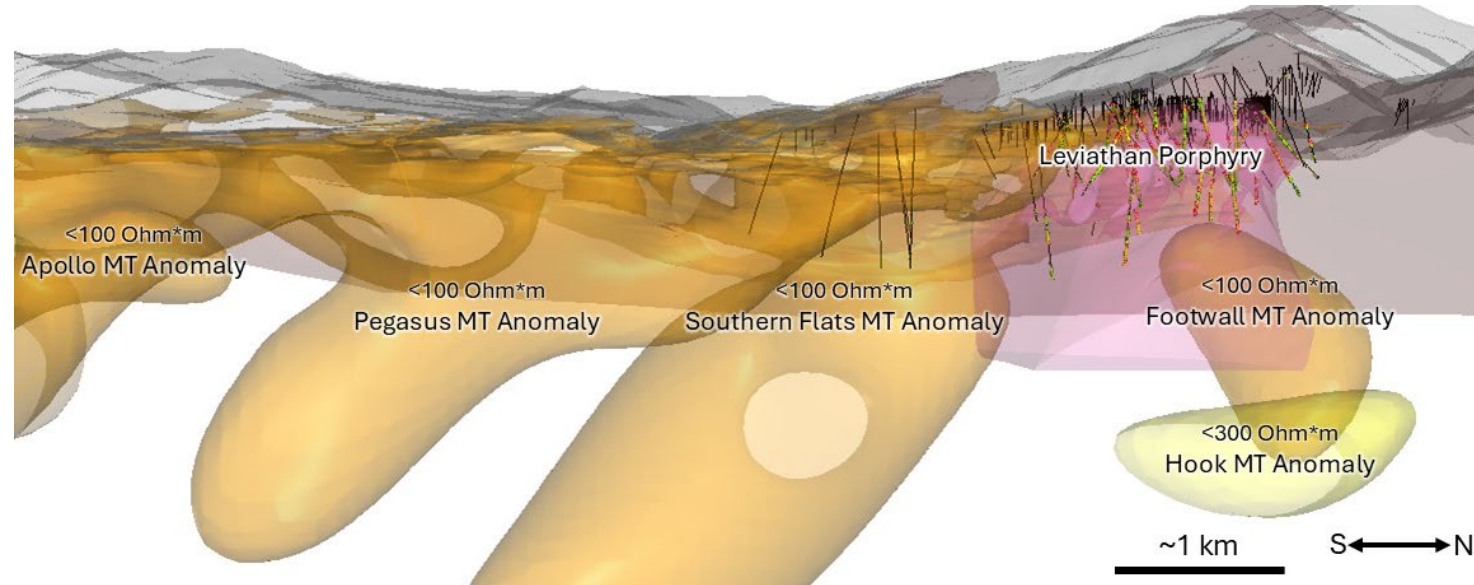
2026 MT Geophysical Targets

Trend of High Conductivity Targets Being Tested in 2026

New Footwall MT Anomaly: A new untested high conductivity (<100 ohm-m) anomaly plunges northeast from the footwall of the Leviathan Porphyry at depth. 3 holes drilled in proximity to this anomaly all ended in sharply increasing grades at depth (25-17, 24-12, and 23-08).



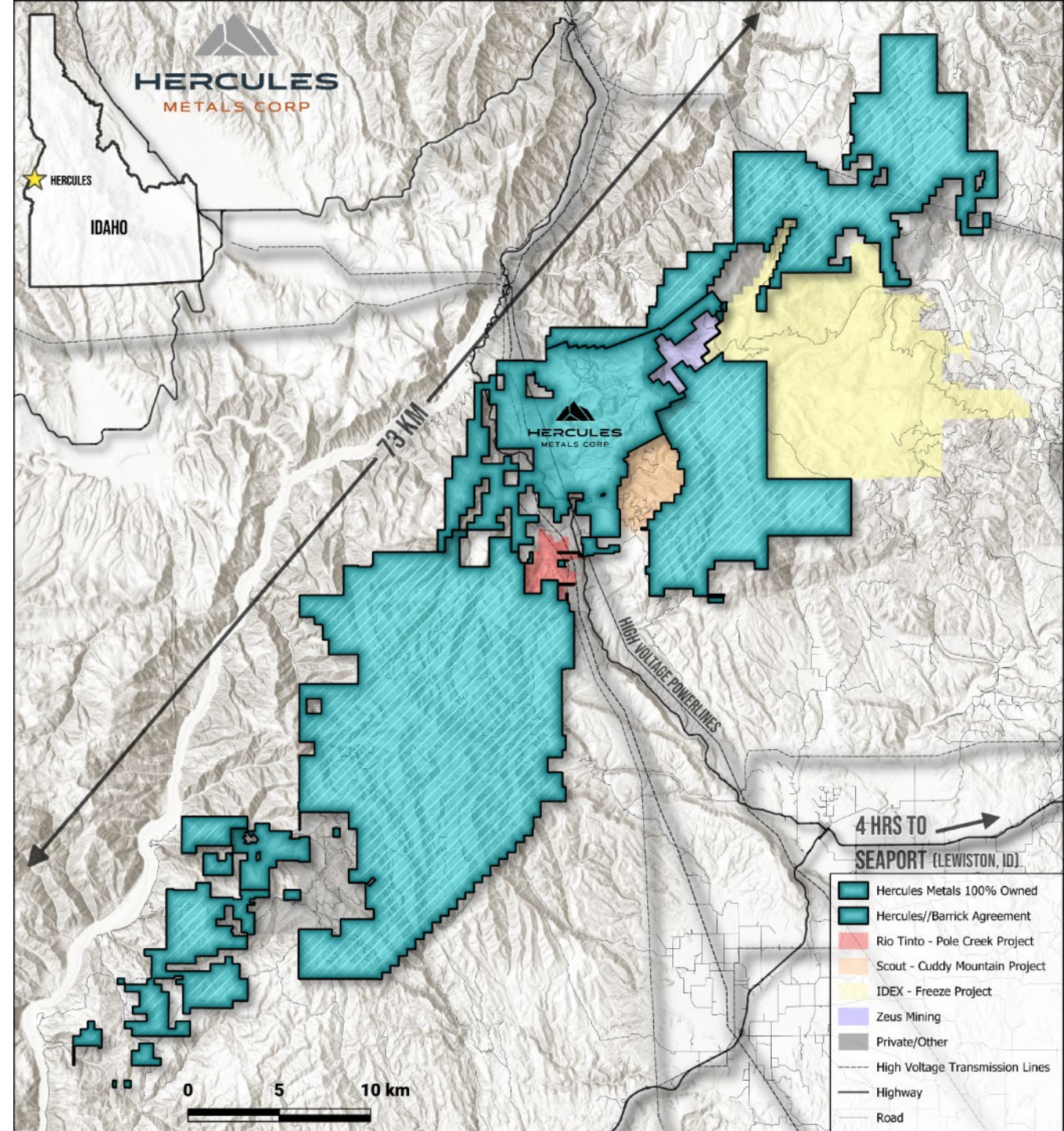
Additional targets along strike: 2026 drilling discovered a new porphyry center at the Southern Flats MT anomaly, along trend from Leviathan. At least two other discrete high conductivity centers occur along trend from Leviathan and Southern Flats, including the untested Pegasus and Hook targets which may be closer to surface.



73 km Olympus Belt

Control of the Largest New Copper Belt in the United States

- Partnered with Barrick to consolidate over 100,000 acres of America's newest porphyry copper belt, spanning 73 km.
- Project Olympus provides **a generational opportunity** for shareholders and potential acquirors to benefit from decades of further brownfields exploration.
- Hercules is currently advancing its own **belt-scale exploration strategy**, identifying porphyry targets for potential partner-funded drilling.



A Generational Opportunity in the Making



Upcoming Catalysts

- Step-out drilling at new Southern Flats porphyry copper discovery.
- Currently drill testing 2 other strong geophysical targets along trend from both Leviathan and Southern Flats.
- Large Phase 2 IP survey underway testing anomalous conductivity trend for near surface chargeability.
- Additional assay results for 2026 drill holes testing new targets expected in late July 2026.

2026 drill campaign testing **stronger geophysical anomalies** than initial discovery.

73km belt has potential to **deliver massive discovery value** through further **brownfields exploration**.

Definition drilling has expanded copper discovery to ~1 km in strike, up to 750 m in width and 500 m vertical extent **with just 30k meters of drilling**.

Year-round drilling allows exploration and development to advance at a rapid pace.

3,300 acres of surface rights with excellent existing infrastructure, power, road access, and community support.



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Appendix Slides

Responsible **Exploration**

Hercules Metals seeks to build a positive legacy by delivering value to the community both during and after its operating life in Idaho and by building close ties with the community, government and all its stakeholders.



Engagement

Hercules hosts town hall meetings to educate members of the community on the process of mineral exploration and provide an update on work and future exploration plans.



Investments

Hercules local investments include purchases of food, fuel, signage, automotive, construction services and supplies. The Company aims to hire local with 18 of its 27 employees from Idaho and has made donations to 26 local organizations.



Concurrent Reclamation

During the exploration phase of the project, Hercules aims to minimize the overall disturbance caused by its exploration activities. The Company's drilling campaigns are backed by ongoing reclamation, aimed at supporting the natural wildlife habitat.



Reclamation of Drill Pads



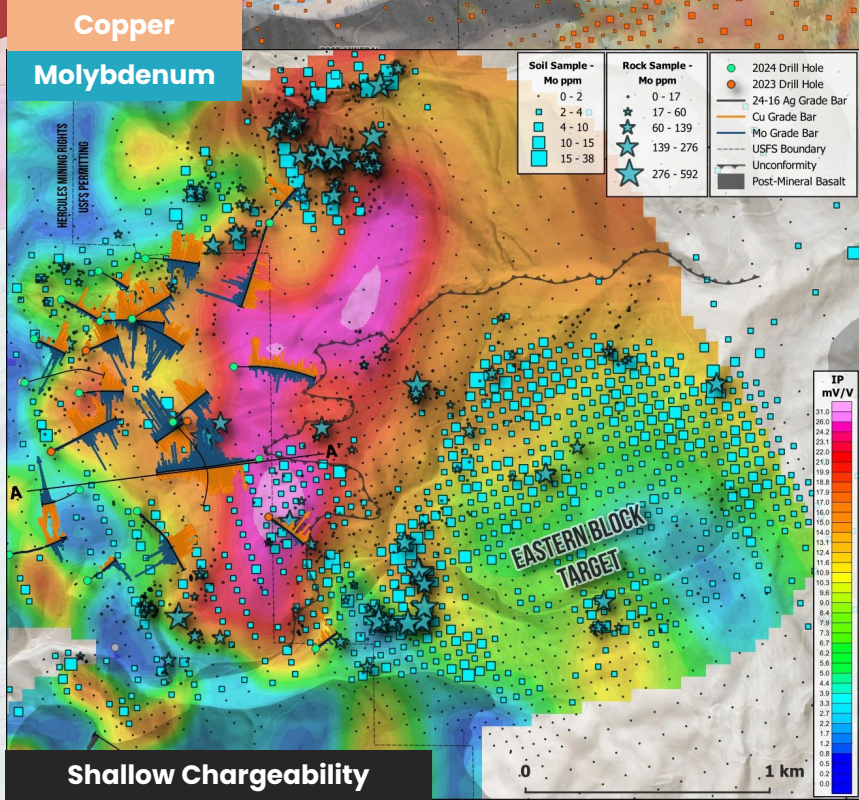
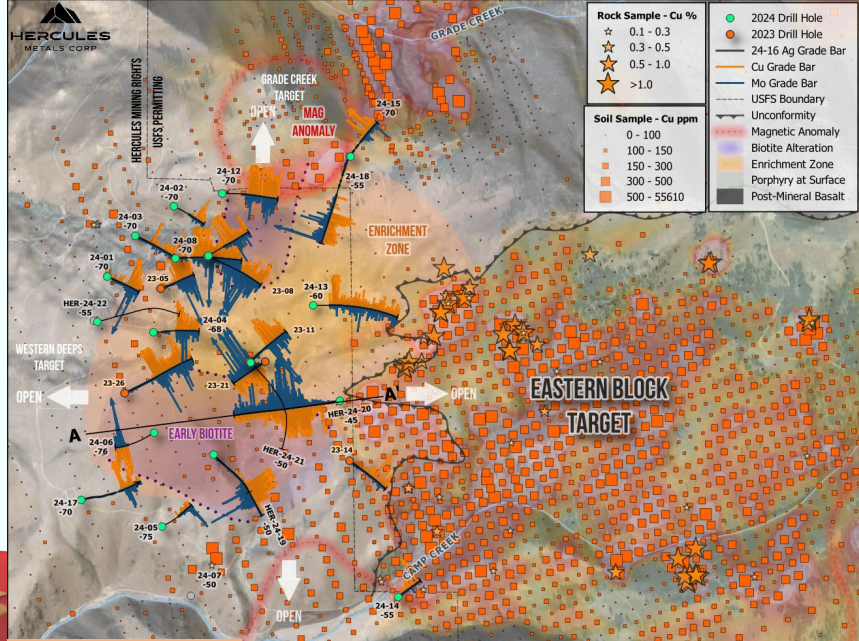
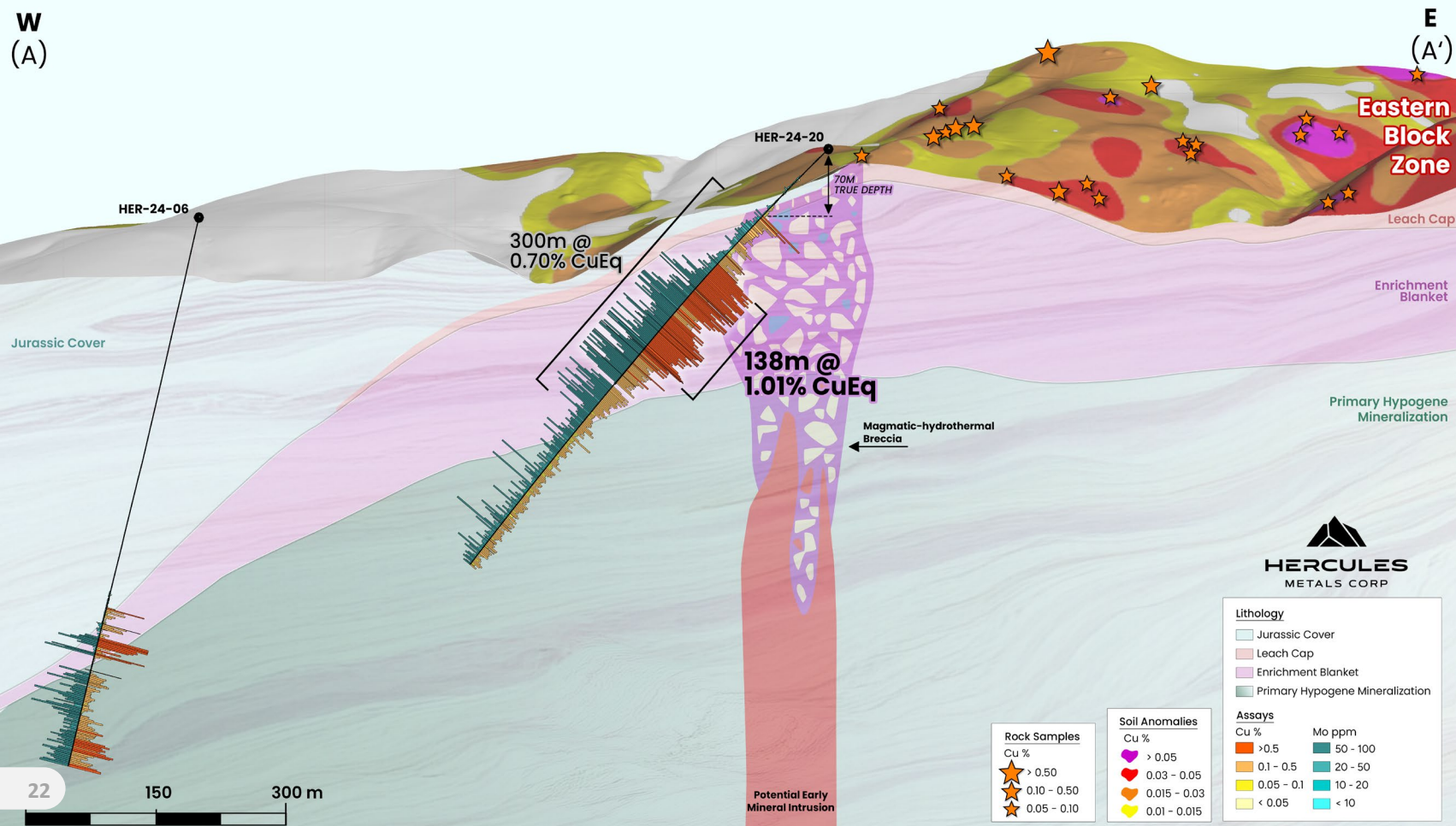
June 2024 Town Hall Meeting

Shallow Near-Surface

Open Pit Target

**HER-24-20 –
Shallowest high-grade intercept to date
~70 meters true depth below surface**

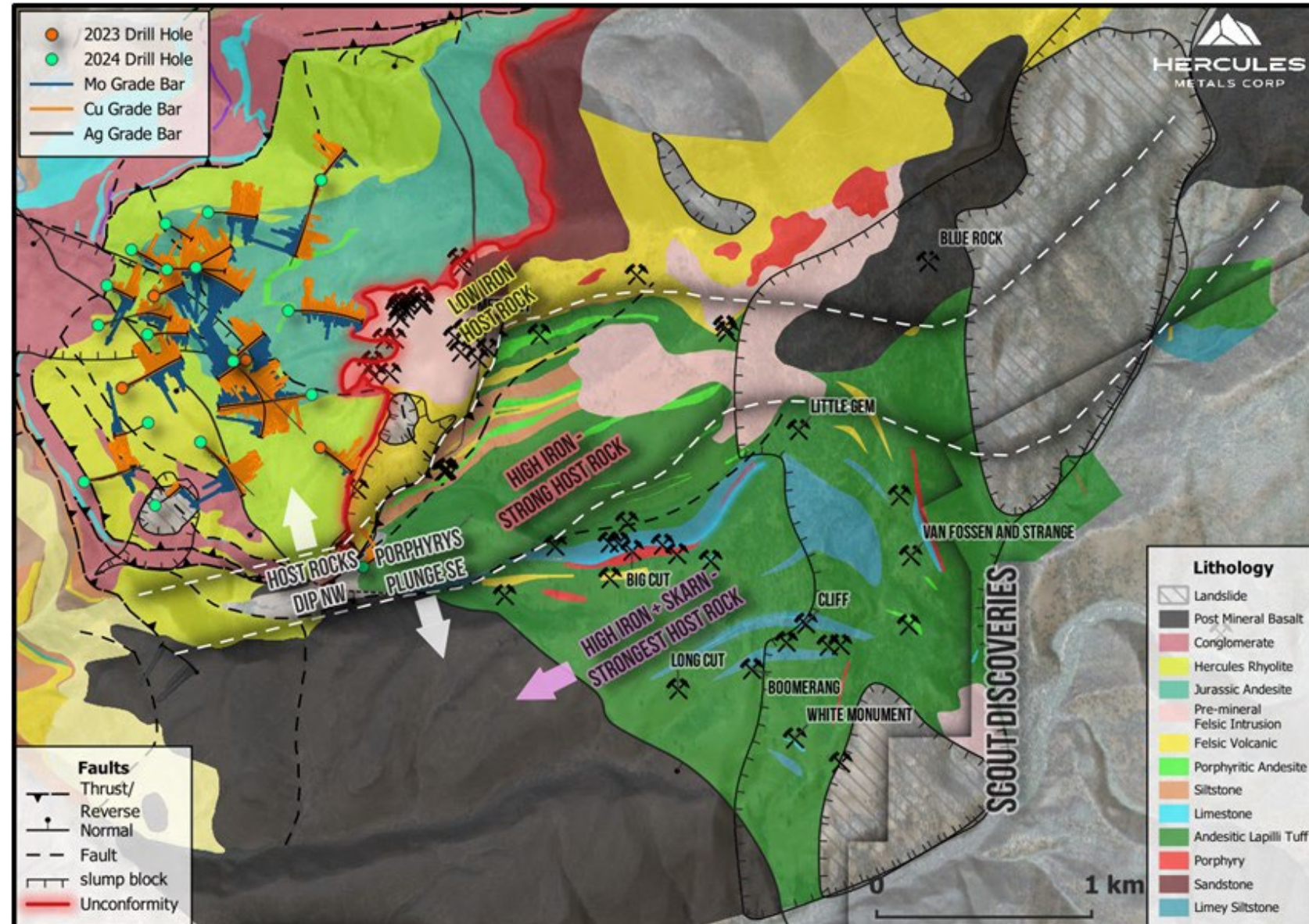
- Hanging wall to Leviathan Porphyry
- High-grade enrichment zone closest to surface in the east, representing potential open pit target.



Southern Extension: Southern Flats

Host Rock Favourability Increases to the South

- 2024 mapping reveals **increasingly favourable host rocks to the south**, providing an additional mechanism for the formation of high-grade hypogene copper mineralization.
- Increasing concentrations of calcium carbonate (aka limestone) and iron in the host rocks provide excess “reactant” for the chemical reaction to form copper mineralization.
- 2025 drilling will test these more reactive host rocks, beneath post-mineral cover in the south.

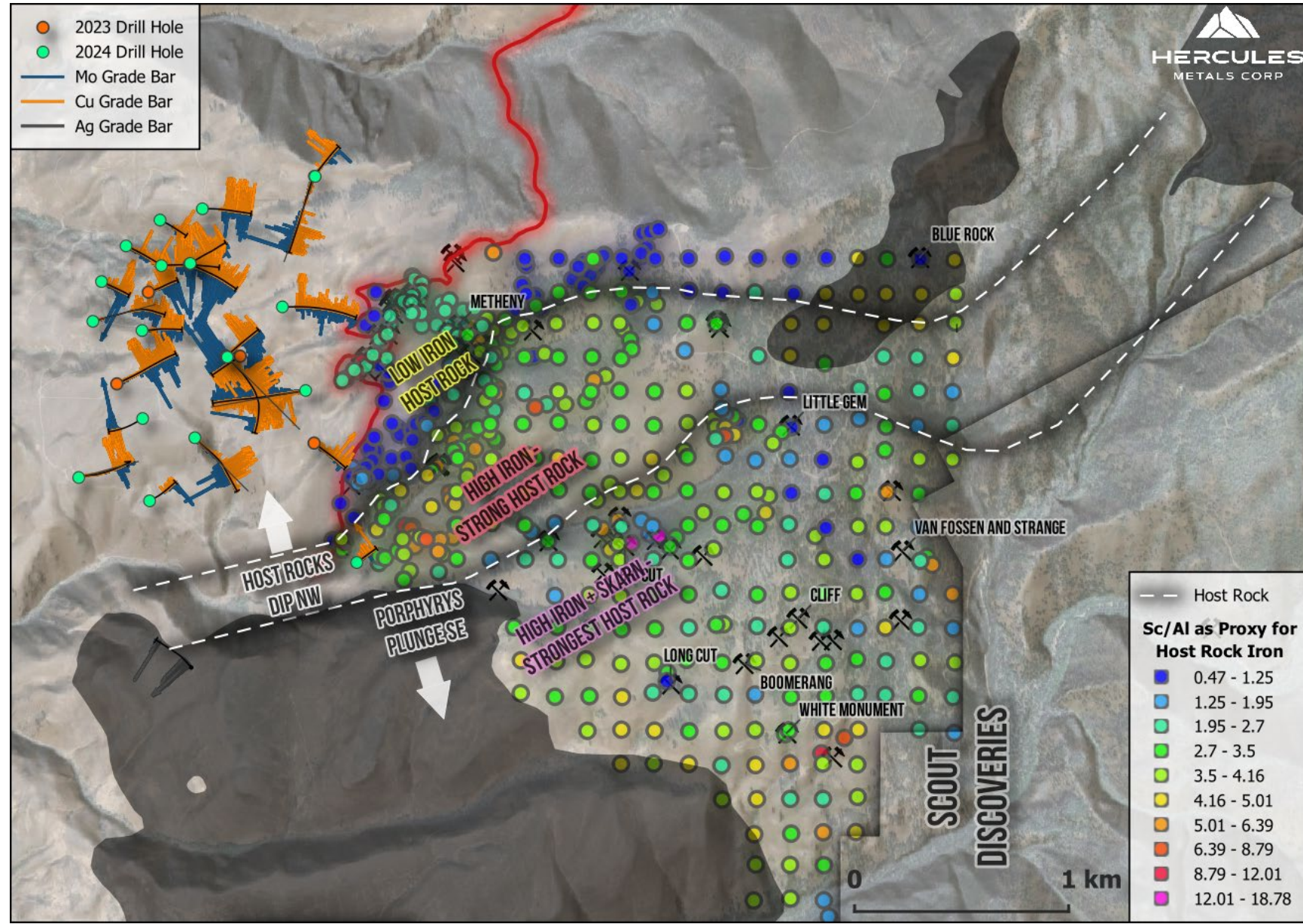


Southern Flats

Iron-rich Volcanics – Better Host Rock for High Grade Copper

- The ratio of **Scandium:Aluminum** in the **host rock** provides a **proxy for how much iron was originally present in the host rock**, before it was chemically altered by the porphyry fluids. Porphyry fluids provide the copper (Cu) and the sulfur (S) but require iron (Fe) from the host rock to complete the reaction and form chalcopyrite (CuFeS_2) and bornite (Cu_5FeS_4). **The higher the iron content of the host rock, the higher that copper can be concentrated within it.**
- The northern package of host rocks, where copper mineralization has been found so far, are low in iron (often termed “felsic” by geologists).
- 2025 drilling** will test the more iron-rich host rocks in the south. If the Leviathan porphyry extends in this direction, the potential for grade is much higher.

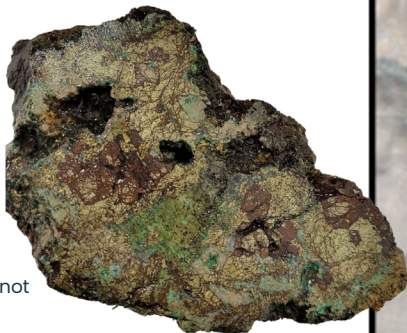
Scandium/Aluminum – Proxy for Original Iron Level of Host Rock



Southern Flats

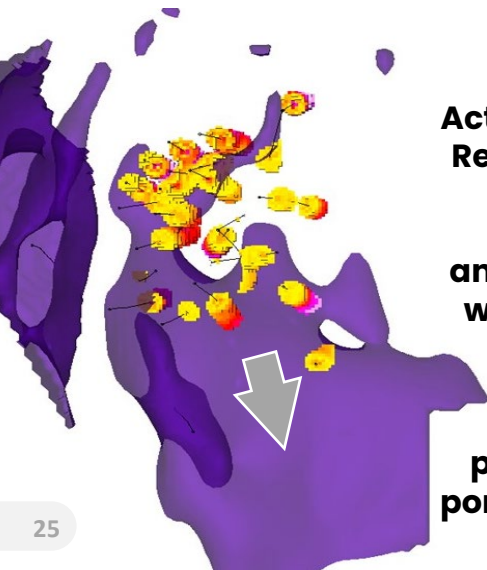
Limestone – Best Host Rock for Highest Grade Copper

Big Cut Skarn –
complete
replacement of
limestone host rock
(21% copper*)



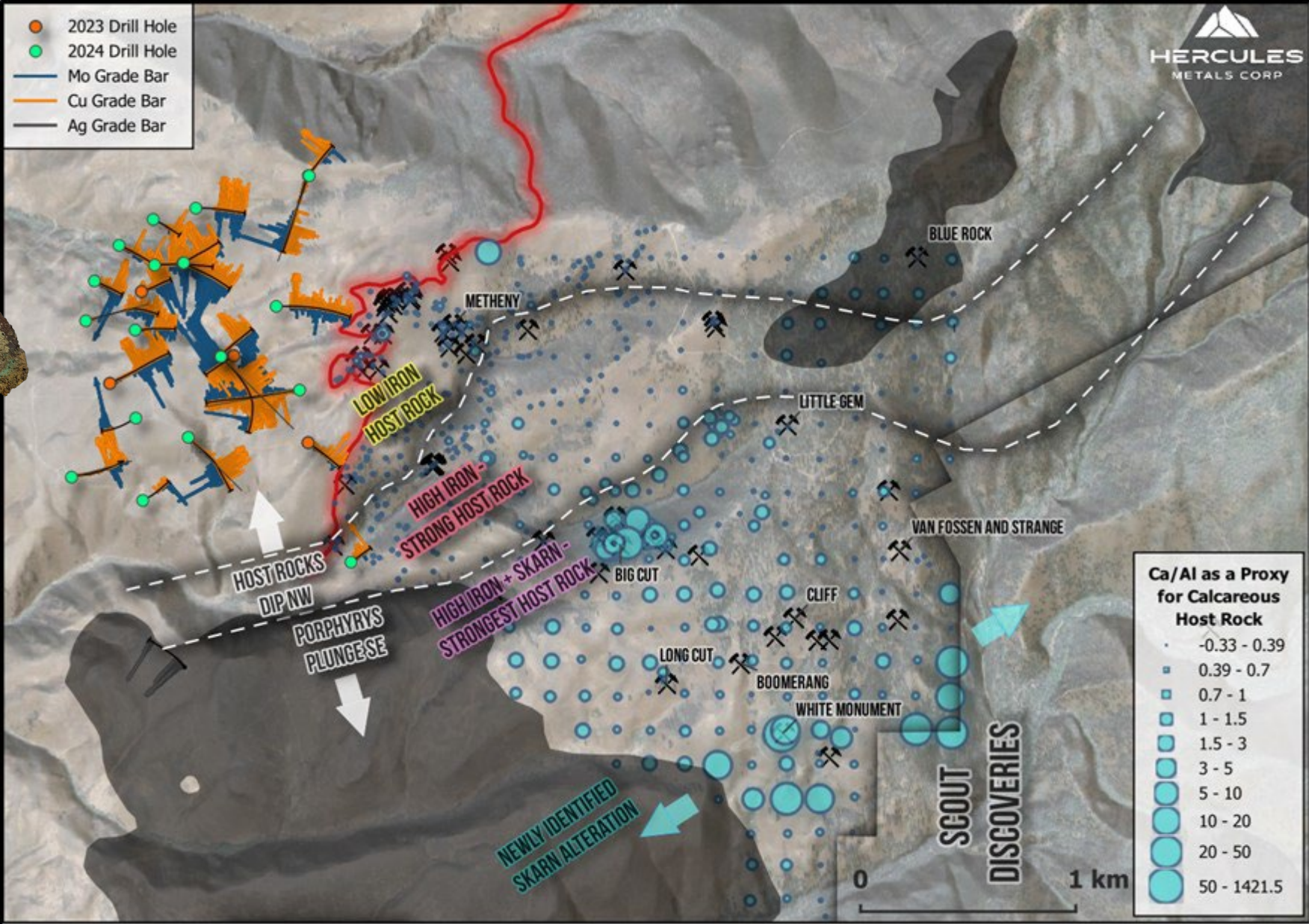
* The reader is cautioned that rock chip samples are selective by nature and may not represent the true grade or style of mineralization across the Property.

Purple conductivity anomaly and phyllic alteration intensity on hole traces



Active source IP/DC
Res survey in 2023
shows a
conductivity
anomaly (purple),
which correlates
with phyllic
alteration,
suggesting
potential for the
porphyry system to
extend south.

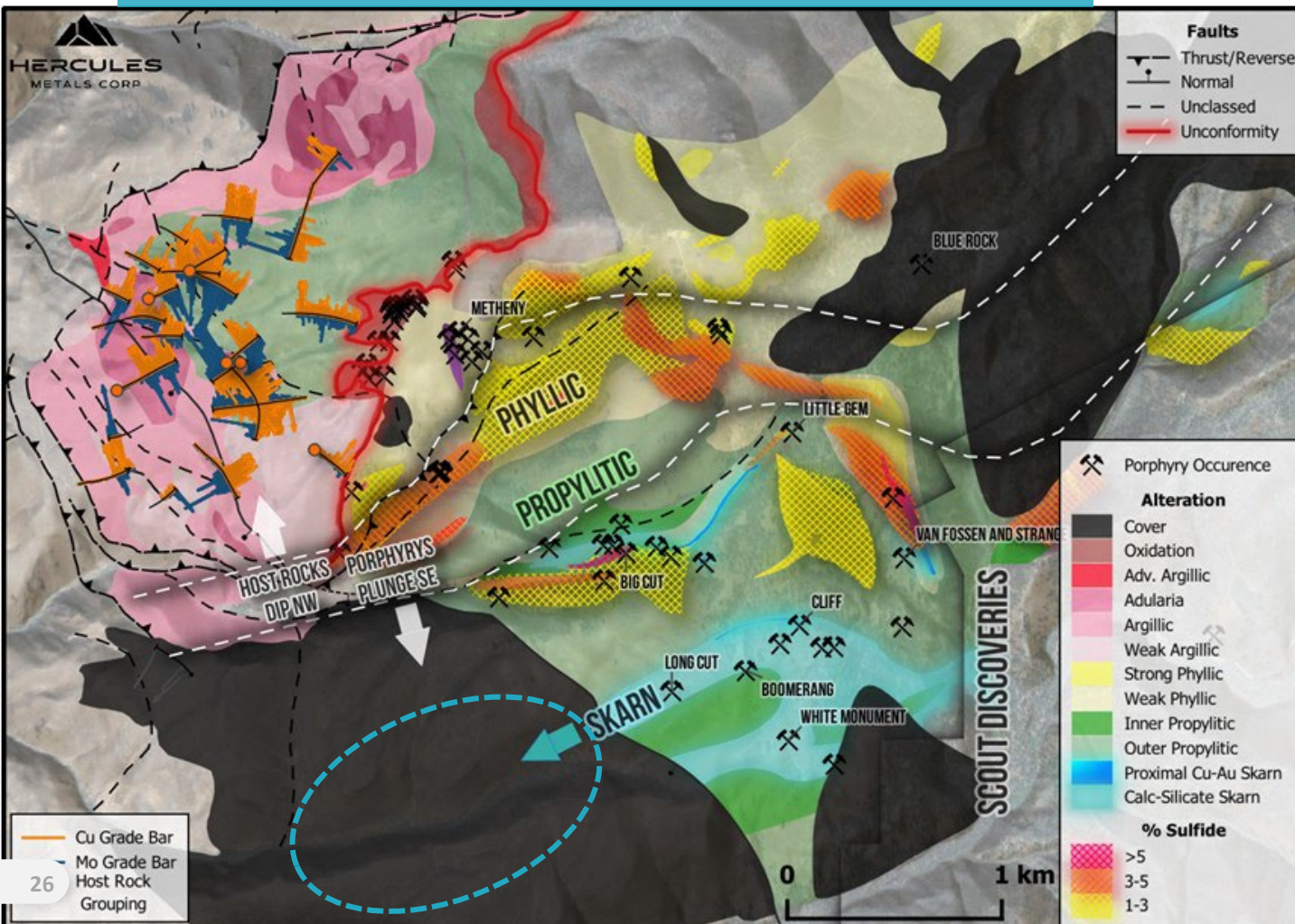
Calcium carbonate (aka limestone) reacts even more strongly with acidic porphyry fluids than iron, and is capable of producing the highest possible grades in porphyry systems. The closer to the intrusion, the more the limestone is replaced by chalcopyrite (copper) mineralization.



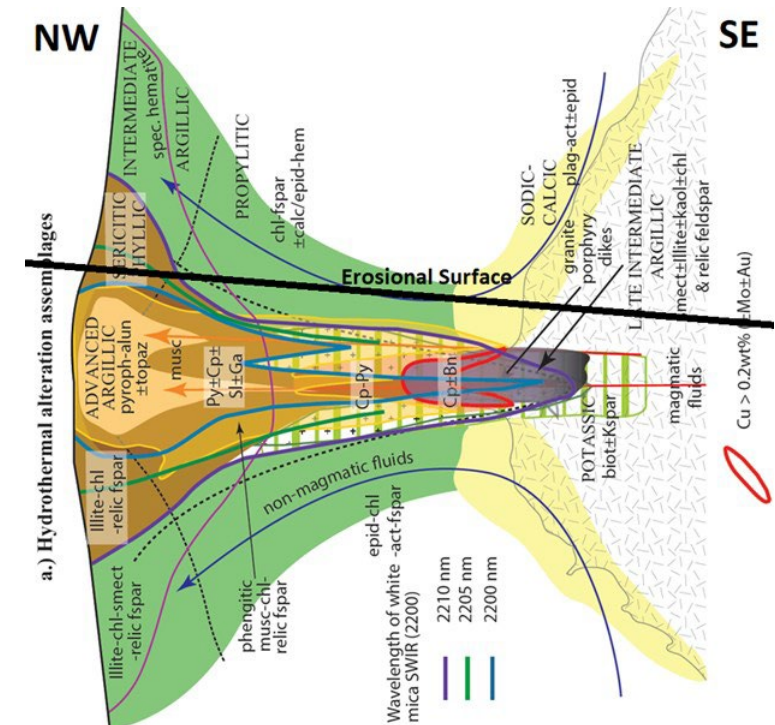
Southern Flats

Alteration Zonation

THICK ZONE OF SKARN ALTERATION ON SURFACE MAY TREND UNDER COVER INTO THE SOUTHERN FLATS ZONE



- Alteration patterns mapped at Hercules are consistent with the classic porphyry model, **tilted to the northwest**.
- Potential for potassic center** below propylitic alteration in the Southern Flats zone.
- Intersection with iron and limestone rich host rock** represents a strong conceptual target for 2025.



Cross-section of the classic porphyry alteration model¹, rotated 90 degrees (northwest), to illustrate a **strong correlation with the surface alteration pattern observed at Leviathan (plan map, left).** Hypothetical present-day erosion level (ground surface) shown as black line crossing section.

¹ Halley, S., Dilles, J., Tosdal, R., 2015. Footprints: Hydrothermal alteration and geochemical dispersion around porphyry copper deposits. SEG Discovery.



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Epithermal Silver Cover

Overview

Hercules Historical Drilling Epithermal Silver Mineralization

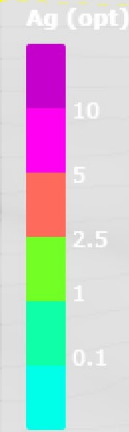
- 01** In 2021, digitized historical drill logs from 1960's-1980's into a modern database
- 02** Data imported to Leapfrog to generate the first ever 3D model of the geology and mineralization (next slide)
- 03** Mineralized zones shown to remain open for expansion in all directions
- 04** Select historical intercepts on the right demonstrate some of the better silver grades in Hercules cover

¹ Historical drill intercepts calculated from drill log assays provided in the following report: Piper, R.D. and Piper, D.J. 1984. Phase II Open Pit Feasibility Study of the Hercules Silver Project. Anglo-Bonarc Mines, Ltd. Grande Trunk Resources, Inc.
^{*}Based on Ag (g/t) x drill hole length (meters) values at a 35 g/t Ag cutoff. Each hole listed has at least one intersection of >6m above the cutoff. The table is presented to illustrate aspects of the general nature of the mineralization.
^{**}The drilling information was collected prior to enactment of NI 43-101, has not been verified by the independent Qualified Person, and should not be relied upon.
^{***}The intervals reported in this table represent drill intercepts and insufficient data is available at this time to state the true thickness of the mineralized intervals. All intervals are reported as measured core length.

Hole ID	Year	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Ag (g/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)
80-1	1980	73.15	103.63	30.48	335.6	0.17	0.54
including	1980	82.3	91.44	9.14	828.2	0.24	0.8
including	1980	96.01	99.06	3.05	317.8	0.04	0.22
80-12	1980	7.62	22.86	15.24	56	No Assay	No Assay
AND	1980	36.58	74.68	38.1	144.3	0.13	0.37
including	1980	50.29	53.34	3.05	485	No Assay	No Assay
AND	1980	82.3	97.54	15.24	129	0.02	0.07
80-13	1980	114.3	141.73	27.43	394.3	0.21	0.7
including	1980	115.82	126.49	10.67	904.3	0.32	1.31
80-04	1980	85.34	108.2	22.86	297.4	0.22	0.26
83-42	1983	1.52	45.72	44.2	143.9	0.13	0.26
including	1983	12.19	15.24	3.05	807.7	0.25	0.21
83-P19	1983	15.24	62.48	47.24	377.5	0.39	0.91
Including	1983	24.38	32	7.62	606.2	0.49	1.64
Including	1983	35.05	44.2	9.15	1,166.4	1.05	1.82
83-P7	1983	42.67	74.68	32.01	174.6	0.56	2.21
84-P3	1984	25.91	71.63	45.72	380.3	0.61	3
Including	1984	27.43	33.53	6.1	998.9	1.18	7.53
84-P6	1984	4.57	44.2	39.63	175.9	0.12	0.32
AC 7710	1977	44.2	59.44	15.24	770	1.36	0.2
Including	1977	48.77	56.39	7.62	1,377.701	2.62	0.3
AND	1977	126.49	132.59	6.1	146.2	0.05	0.1
DDH-3	1965	33.53	35.05	1.52	289.3	0.1	No Assay
AND	1965	44.2	68.58	24.38	122.9	No Assay	No Assay
AND	1965	82.3	117.35	35.05	266.7	0.69	3.63
Including	1965	92.96	99.06	6.1	718.5	0.48	1.63
RC 771	1977	77.72	109.73	32.01	300.3	0.22	0.49
including	1977	97.54	106.68	9.14	750.1	0.34	0.4

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AC 7713

7.6 m / 28 g/t Ag,
0.01 % Pb, 0.1 % Zn

AC 7710

15.2 m / 770 g/t Ag,
1.36 % Pb, 0.2 % Zn

DDH-3

35 m / 267 g/t Ag,
0.7 % Pb, 3.6 % Zn

80-4

22.9 m / 297 g/t Ag,
0.2 % Pb, 0.3 % Zn

80-13

27.4 m / 394 g/t Ag,
0.2 % Pb, 0.7 % Zn

83-42

44.2 m / 144 g/t Ag,
0.1 % Pb, 0.3 % Zn

80-12

38.1 m / 144 g/t Ag,
0.1 % Pb, 0.4 % Zn

80-1

30.5 m / 336 g/t Ag,
0.2 % Pb, 0.5 % Zn

83-D2

36.6 m / 134 g/t Ag,
N/A % Pb, N/A % Zn

83-P19

47.2 m / 378 g/t Ag,
0.4 % Pb, 0.9 % Zn

84-P3

45.7 m / 380 g/t Ag,
0.6 % Pb, 3 % Zn

84-P6

39.6 m / 176 g/t Ag,
0.1 % Pb, 0.3 % Zn

83-P7

32 m / 175 g/t Ag,
0.6 % Pb, 2.2 % Zn

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Historical Silver Mineralization

3D Block Model Generated in 2022

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Silver

Soil Sampling

- 01** Soil sampling returned **anomalous silver > 5 g/t over 3.5 kilometers and open under cover in both directions**
- 02** **Silver-in-soil values range up to 604 ppm (17.6 oz/t) at the Belmont Zone**
- 03** **Largest and highest-grade soil/coincident IP anomaly at Hercules Ridge/Grade Creek remains to be drilled**
- 04** Large regions of anomalous rhyolite were inadequately tested by the shallow historical drilling that did not reach the mineralized footwall contact

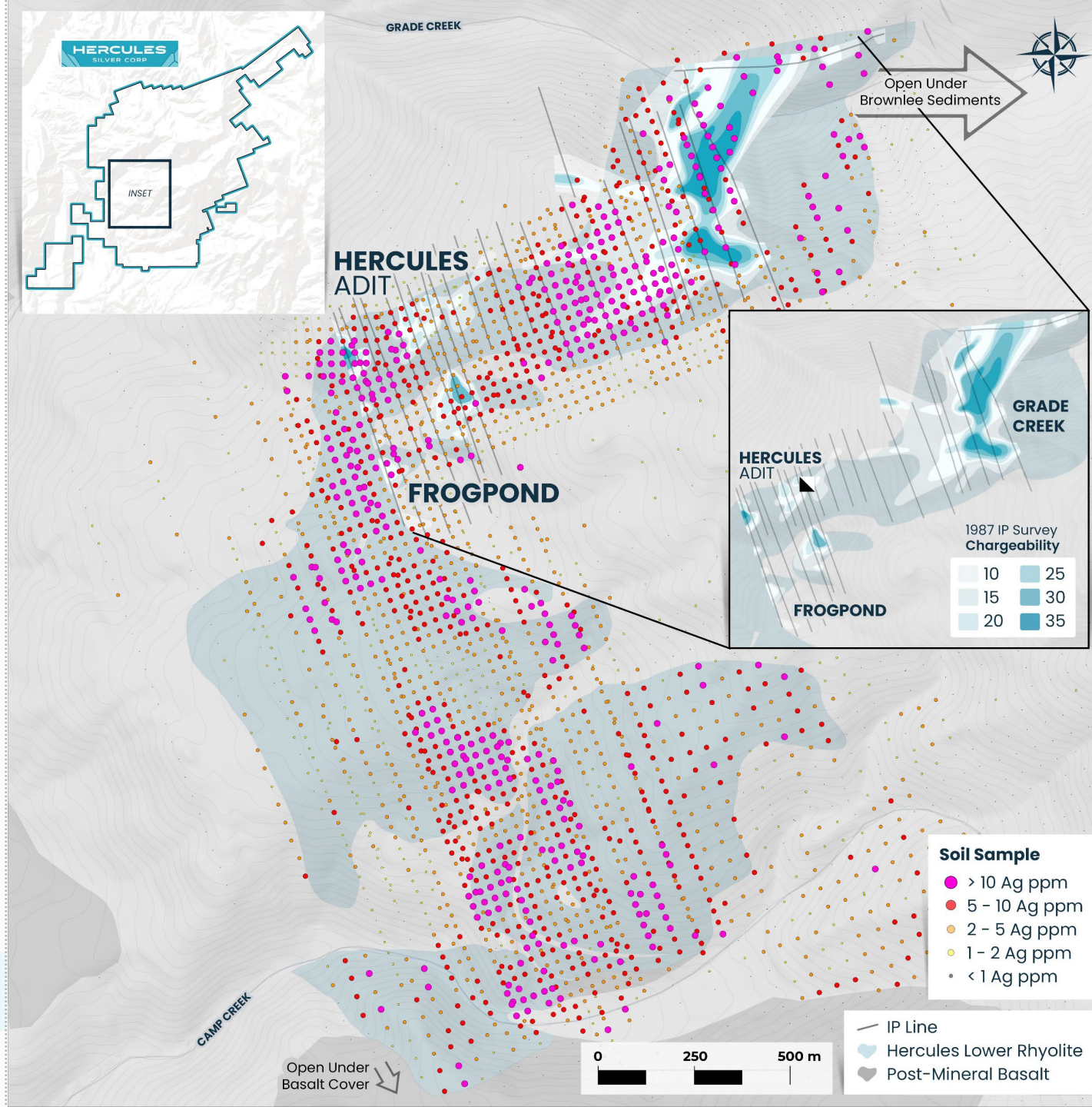
Historical 2D IP Geophysics

Historical Shallow Chargeability anomaly at Grade Creek Zone

Was identified in 1987, but never financed for drilling

Untested anomaly at Grade Creek suggests the potential for **Near surface silver** which has **never been drill tested**

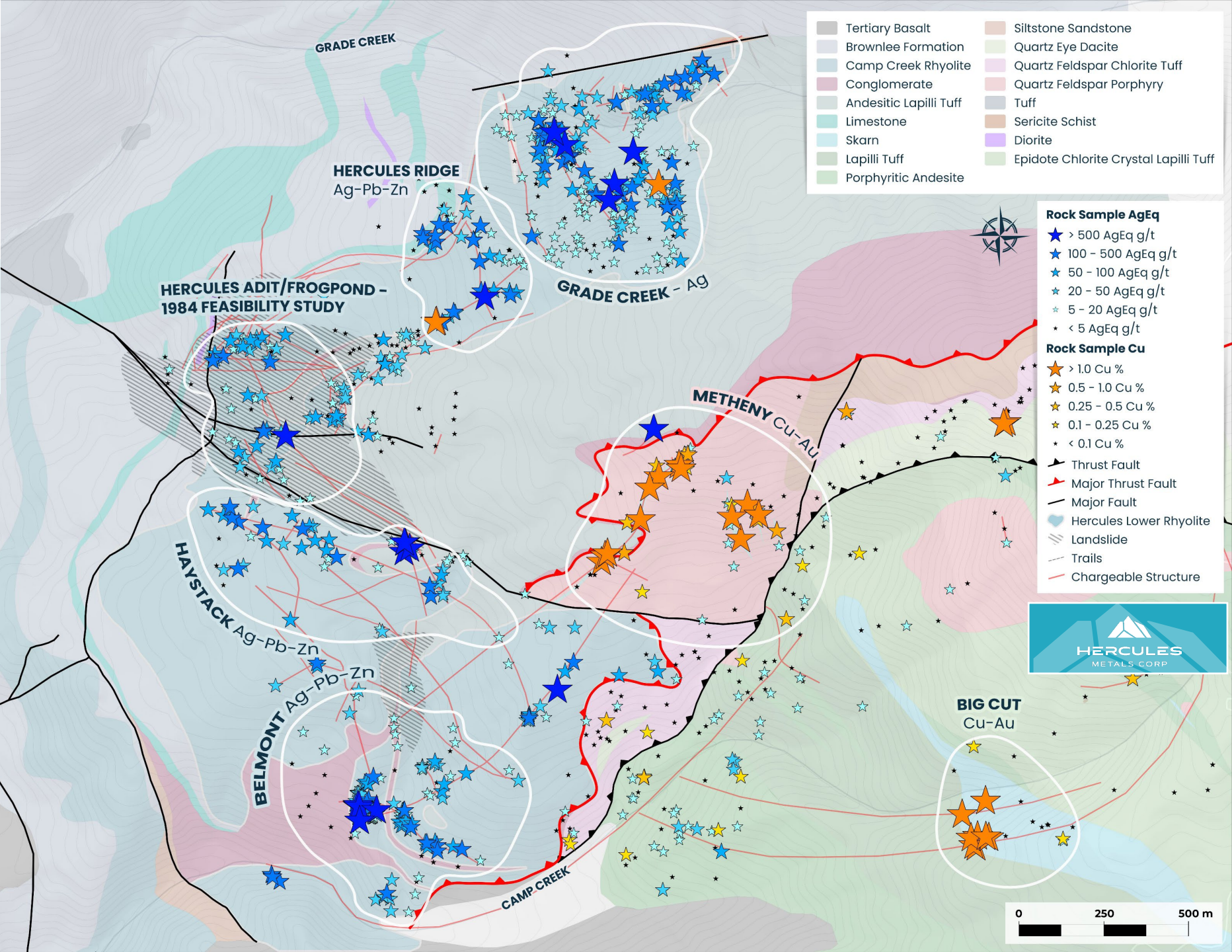
IP anomaly is coincident with **the largest >1 oz/t silver in soil anomaly on the Property**



Exploration

Rock Chip Sampling

Plan View Showing Silver and Copper Grades of Rock Chip Samples



Silver and the Green Revolution

01 Solar Panels

Solar panel production now accounts for **100M ounces** a year of silver demand, or **10% of the total silver market**. This is projected to grow to 185M ounces in the next 10 years.



Biden's build back better plan calls for the development of "millions of new solar panels" in the US alone.

02 Automotive Applications

Last year, **61M ounces** of silver were consumed by the automotive industry, particularly in EV's. Silver's superior electrical properties make it irreplaceable in many automotive applications.



It is estimated that by 2029, there will be 60 million charging points worldwide, which leads to a reciprocal demand for additional solar panels.

03 5G Cellular Networks

5G semiconductor production is expected to increase annual silver demand from 7.5M ounces today to 23M ounces by 2030.





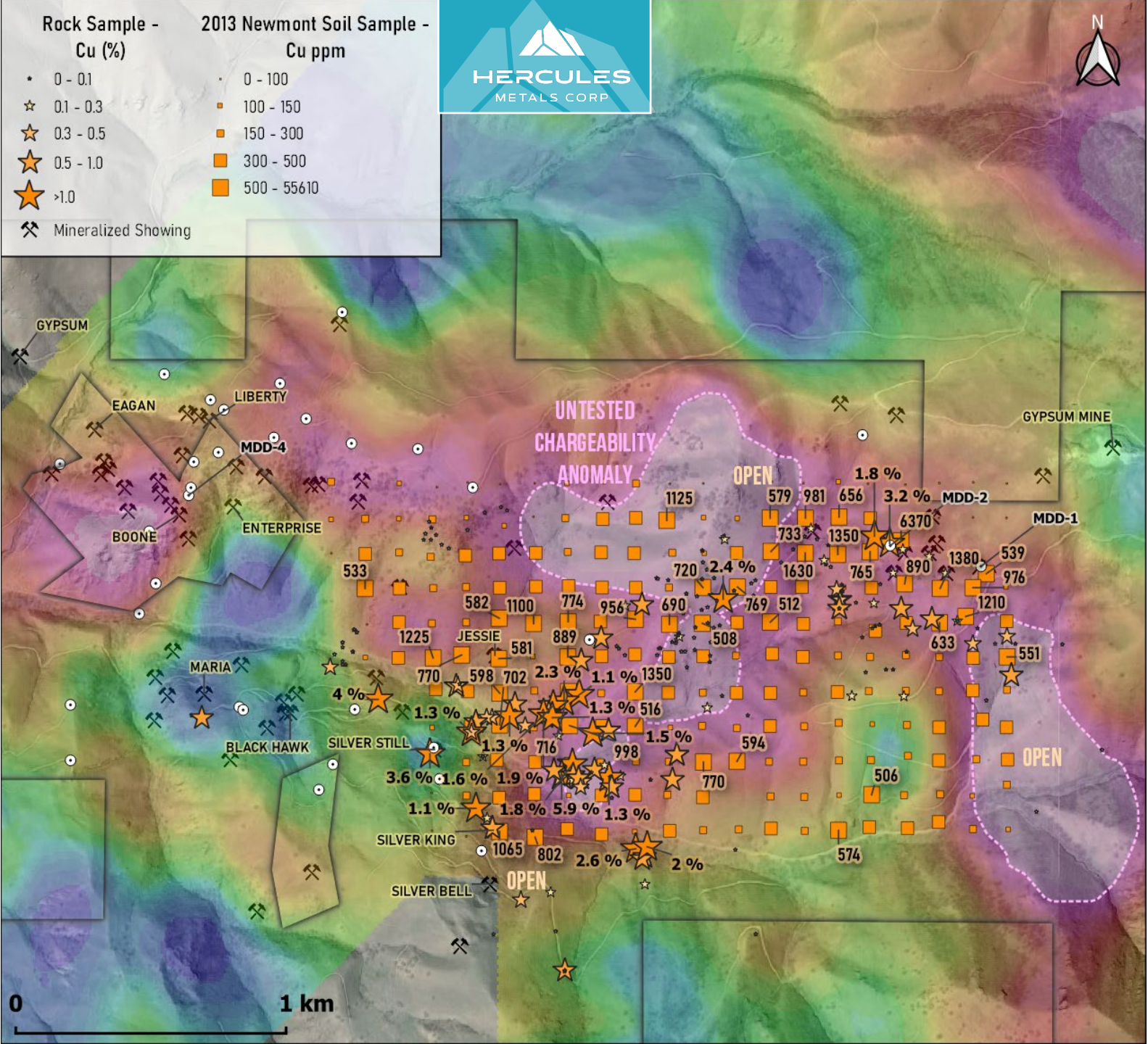
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The Mineral Property

(14 Miles South of Hercules)

Mineral Project

LOCATION	Washington County, Idaho
SIZE	2,843 acres
ACCESS	<2.5 hours from Boise 14 miles south-southwest of Hercules Property, along trend
OWNERSHIP	Lease to own 100% with no royalty obligation
GEOLOGY	Copper-gold porphyry overlain by rhyolite-hosted silver – an identical geological setting to the Hercules
EXPLORATION HISTORY	Small-scale silver production in 1800s Only two drill holes, in 1969, targeted the porphyry potential, and intersected distal propylitic alteration grading 0.17% Cu over 266m, ending in mineralization at 271 m. Neither molybdenum or gold was assayed for. In 2013, Newmont carried out soil and rock sampling as part of a property evaluation study. That work identified a 1.8 km soil anomaly, with values ranging up to 6,370 ppm Cu, 206 ppb Au, and 65 ppm Mo. See map and October 2023 news release.

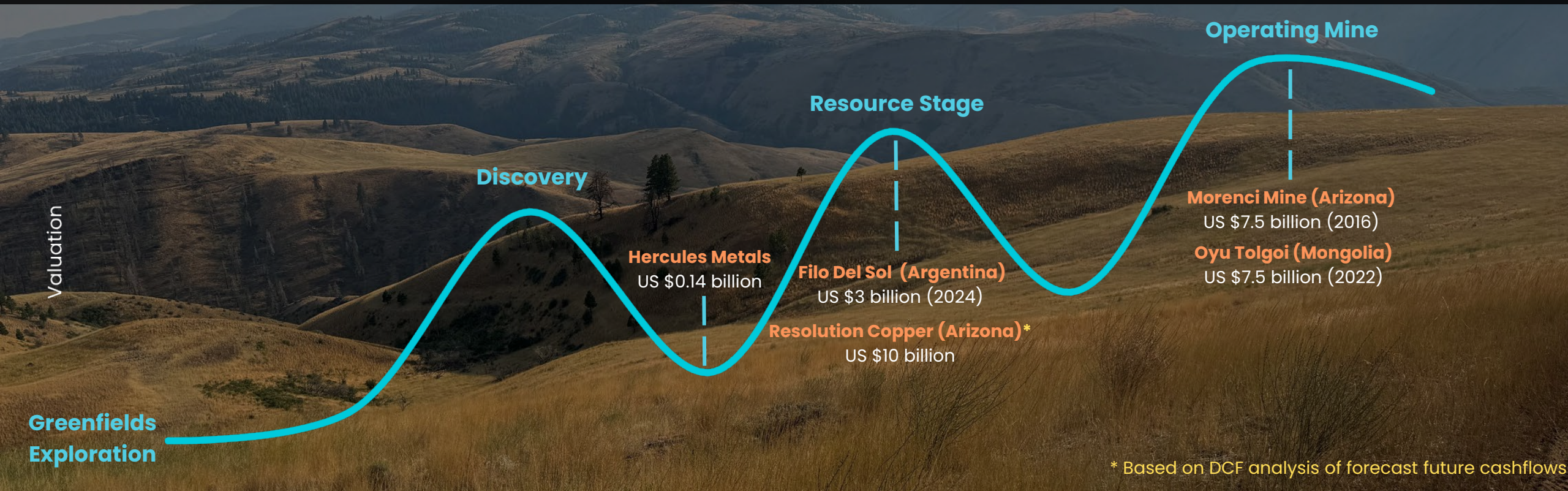




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Discovery Stage

The stage at which a large mineral deposit is first found through initial exploration drilling.

Resource Stage

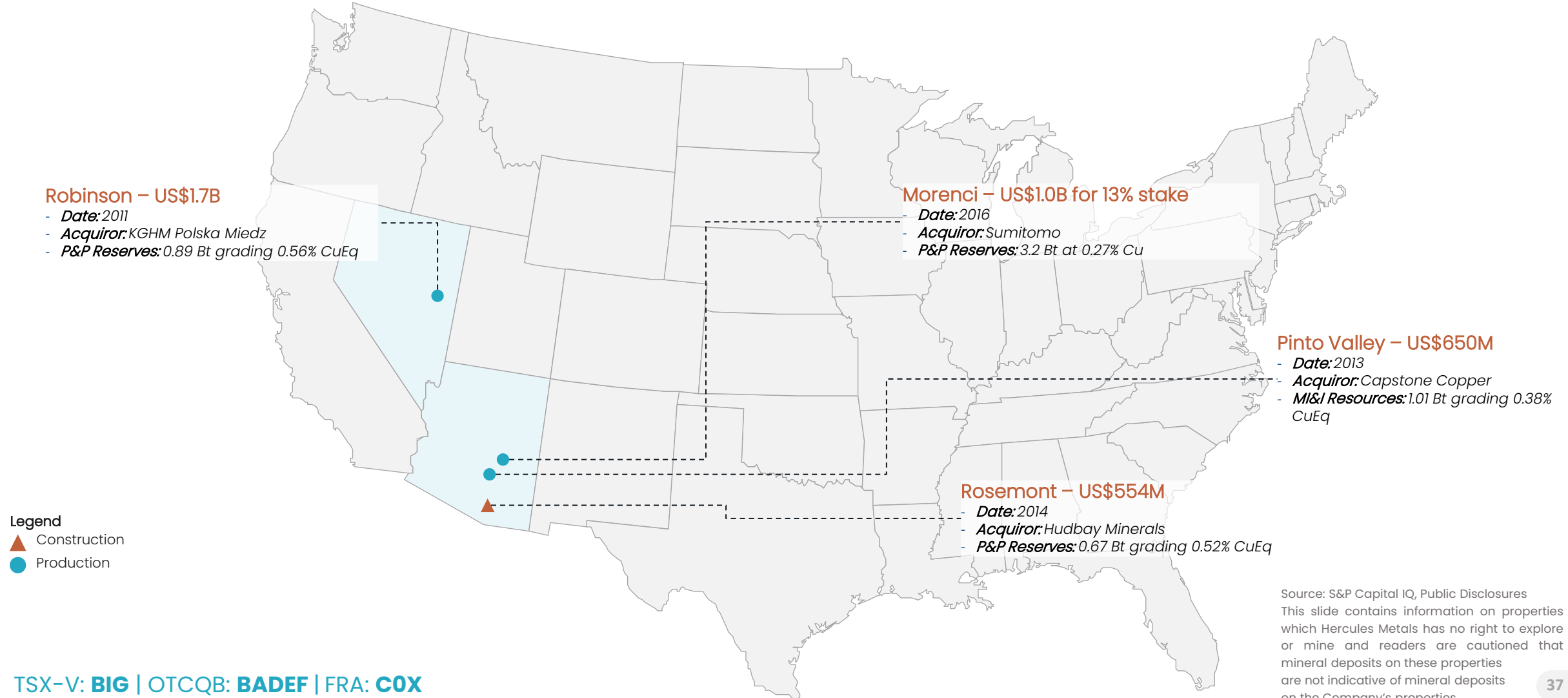
The stage at which the mineral deposit is quantified by estimating the total tonnage and grade

Operating Mine

The mine is now open. The company can extract ore and generate cash .

Porphyry Copper Transactions in the U.S. – Since 2010

Very few M&A opportunities in tier 1 jurisdictions involving **porphyry copper assets**, due to significant **lack of new discoveries**. The **select few that have transacted since 2010** are shown below.



U.S. Copper **Production Landscape**

1. Morenci Mine (Arizona): This mine is owned by Freeport-McMoRan. Morenci is the largest copper mine in the US, producing 700 million pounds of copper metal in 2024.

- Ore Availability: Long-term production; still significant reserves.

2. Bingham Canyon Mine (Utah): This mine is owned by Rio Tinto and produced an estimated 169.3 thousand tonnes of copper in 2023.

- Ore Availability: Depleting – Ore grades are declining.

3. Safford Mine (Arizona): Owned by Freeport-McMoRan, this mine produced an estimated 124.74 thousand tonnes of copper in 2023.

- Ore Availability: ore grades are declining, and production may decrease.

4. Sierrita Mine (Arizona): Also owned by Freeport-McMoRan, this open-pit mine produced an estimated 84.6 thousand tonnes of copper in 2023.

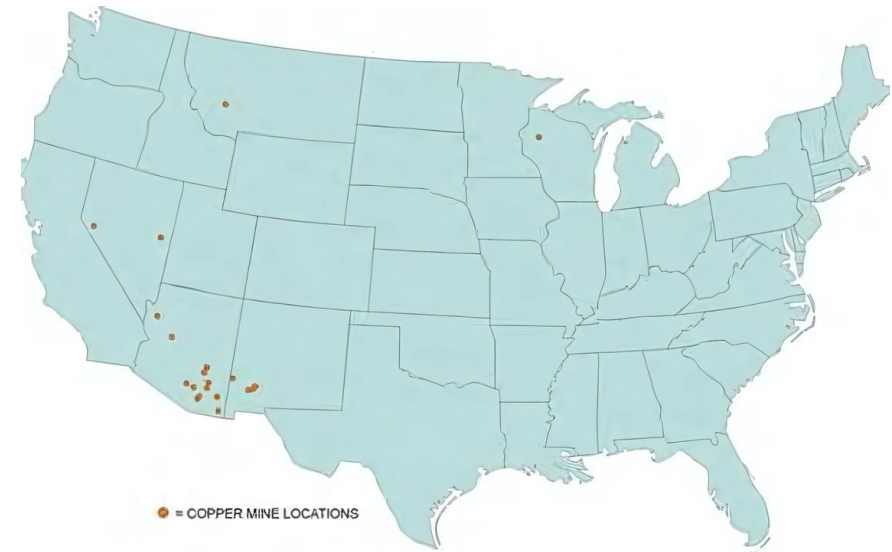
- Ore Availability: Still significant but declining over time.

5. Bagdad Mine (Arizona): Another Freeport-McMoRan mine, Bagdad produced an estimated 79.15 thousand tonnes of copper in 2023.

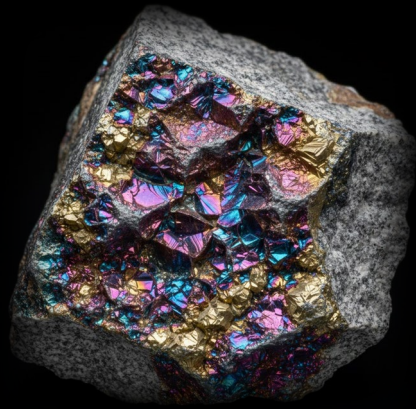
- Ore Availability: Depleting – The ore body is nearing exhaustion, and production is expected to decrease without new discoveries.



Morenci Mine's vast open-pit expanse



Mapping America's copper-rich terrain



US Porphyry **Copper** Deposits

Porphyry copper deposits are the primary source of copper production in the United States, characterized by their large size and relatively low ore grades. These deposits are predominantly located in the southwestern states, particularly Arizona, New Mexico, and a single large deposit in Utah.

Notable porphyry copper deposits in the United States:

Active Mines:

- Morenci Mine – Arizona
- Bingham Canyon Mine (Kennecott) – Utah
- Bagdad Mine – Arizona
- Sierrita Mine – Arizona
- Chino Mine (Santa Rita) – New Mexico
- Ray Mine – Arizona

Development Projects:

- Resolution Copper – Arizona
- Rosemont (Copper World) – Arizona
- Pebble Project – Alaska
- Cactus Project – Arizona
- Copper Creek Project – Arizona

The future of porphyry copper deposits

Exploration companies are constantly searching for the next major copper porphyry deposit. These deposits are not just valuable for copper, but also contain significant co-products and by-products, (gold, silver, molybdenum etc.) which can help reduce overall production costs.



Producing Porphyry Copper Deposits

Mine Name	Morenci	Bagdad	Safford	Sierrita	Ray	Bingham Canyon
Location	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Utah
Owner	Freeport (72%), Sumitomo (15%)	Freeport	Freeport	Freeport	ASARCO (Grupo México)	Rio Tinto (Kennecott)
Annual Production (Cu)	~900M lbs Cu	~200M lbs Cu	~200M lbs Cu	~150M lbs Cu	~100M lbs Cu	~170M lbs Cu
Grade (Cu%)	0.23%	0.36%	0.42%	0.23%	0.41%	0.44%
By-Products	Au, Ag	Mo, Au	-	Mo, Ag	Ag, Mo	Au, Ag, Mo

Development-Stage Porphyry Copper Deposits

PROJECT NAME	Pebble Project	Resolution Copper	Rosemont	Santa Cruz	Copper Creek
LOCATION	Alaska	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona
OWNER	Northern Dynasty	Rio Tinto (55%) BHP (45%)	Hudbay Minerals	Arizona Sonoran Copper	Faraday Copper
RESOURCE (CU)	6.5Bt	1.8Bt	1.7Bt	400Mt	500Mt
GRADE (CU%)	0.40%	1.5%	0.45%	1.24%	0.45%
STATUS	Permitting challenges	Permanent Status	Feasibility stage	Drilling ongoing	PFS stage

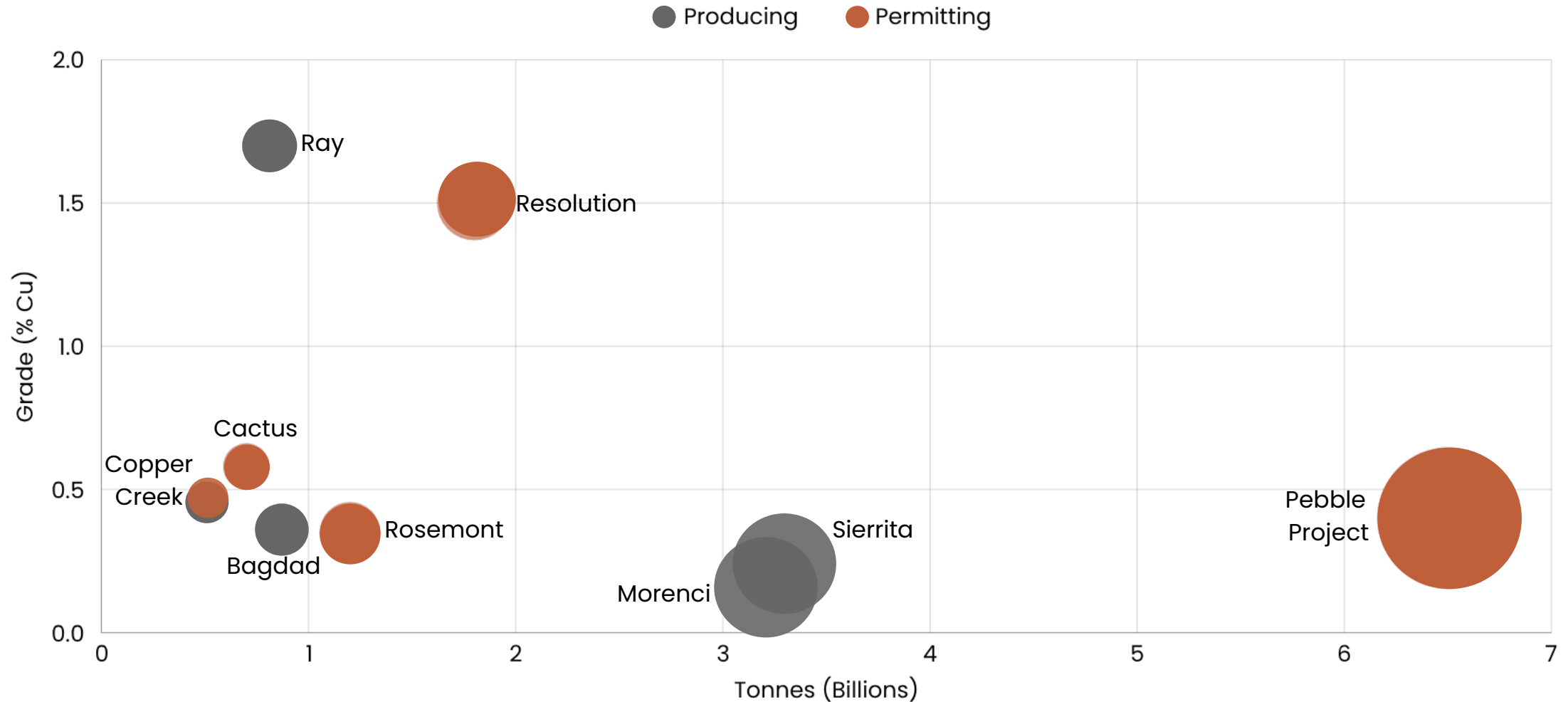
Exploration-Stage Porphyry Copper Deposits

Project Name	Gunnison Copper Project	Leviathan	Butte Valley	Copper Creek
Location	Arizona	Idaho	Nevada	Arizona
Owner	Gunnison Copper	Hercules Metals	Freeport-McMoRan	Faraday Copper
Potential Size	500Mt target	+1Bt Target	TBD	~500Mt Resource
Exploration Status	Early-stage	Early-stage	Early stage	PEA

U.S. Porphyry Copper Mines/Projects



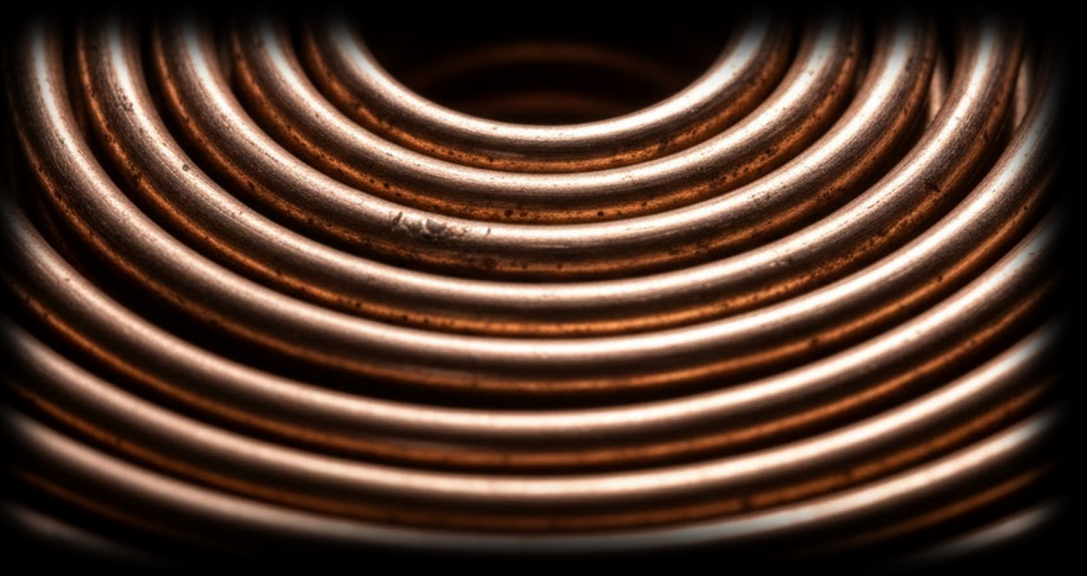
U.S. Copper Project Landscape Dominated by Low-Grade Producers and Stalled Giants — **Hercules Targets the Sweet Spot**





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Why US Copper?



An Emerging Powerhouse

Copper is now considered the "new oil" due to its role in electric vehicle (EV) batteries and green energy technologies like solar panels and wind turbines and in turn, could see a similar upside in the next three years

Commodity Research at Citi via Yahoo! Finance

Why **Copper** is a Critical Mineral



Copper is critical for everything from the electrical grid to electric vehicles and renewable energy technologies.

Besides clean energy technologies, several industries including construction, infrastructure, and defense use copper for its unique properties.



Increasing Demand

Copper demand for electricity grids could increase anywhere between 55-104% by 2040.



Energy Supply

Wind turbines contain 8 tonnes of copper per megawatt of generation capacity.



Critical Mineral

Copper is now included on both the US and Canada's critical minerals lists as it is deemed essential for economic success.



Supply < Demand

Copper is not being discovered fast enough to meet upcoming demand.

Key Federal Policy Initiatives On **Copper**



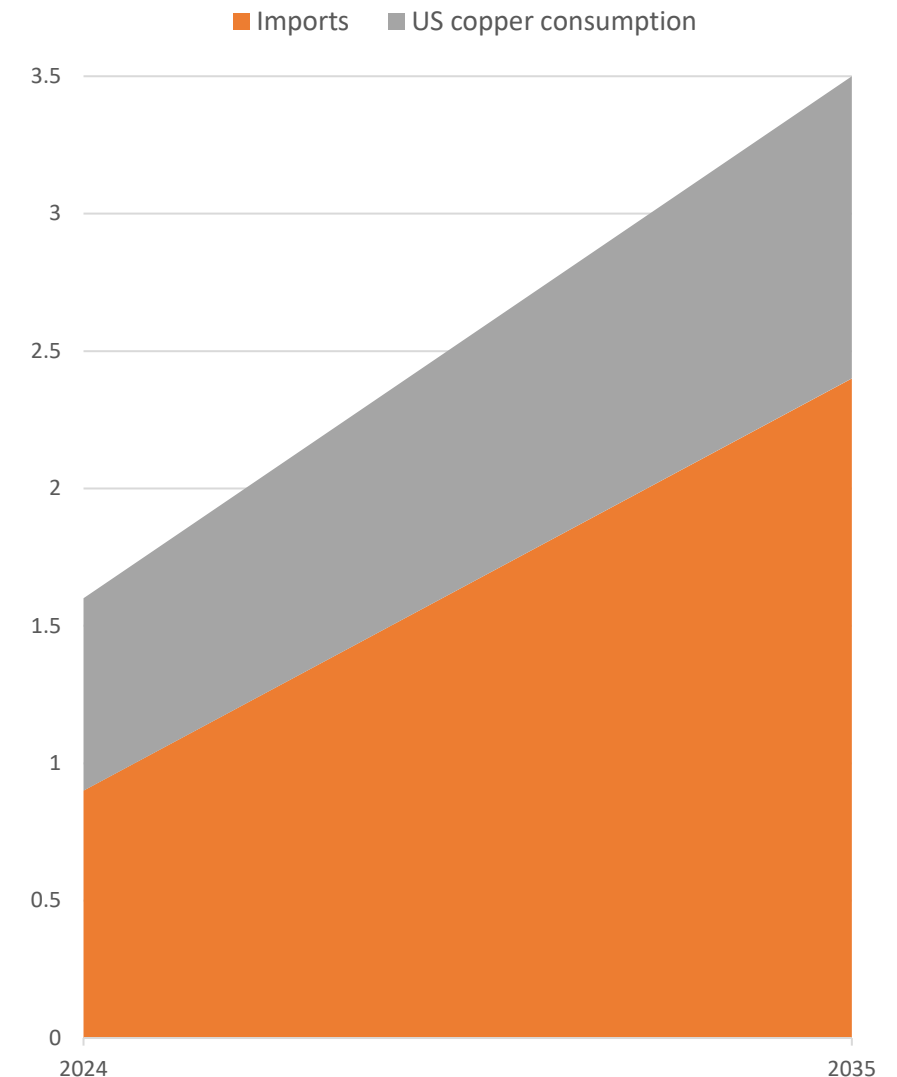
- **National Security Designation:** Copper has been officially recognized as critical to national security. The administration initiated a Section 232 investigation under the Trade Expansion Act to assess whether copper imports threaten national security, potentially leading to tariffs on imported copper products ([Executive Order February 25th, 2025](#)).
- **Defense Production Act Invocation:** The Defense Production Act has been invoked to prioritize domestic copper production, allowing for federal support in financing and facilitating mining and refining projects ([Executive Order March 20th, 2025](#)).
- **FAST-41 Initiative Expansion:** The administration has [expanded the FAST-41 initiative](#) to include ten critical mineral projects, notably the Resolution Copper project in Arizona. This move aims to expedite environmental reviews and permitting processes for key mining projects.
- **Land Use Prioritization:** Federal agencies have been directed to identify and prioritize federal lands with mineral deposits for potential leasing and development, facilitating increased domestic mining activities ([Executive Order March 20th, 2025](#)).
- **Protecting Domestic Mining Act of 2025:** Introduced by Congressman Blake Moore, this legislation aims to streamline the permitting process for critical minerals like copper, ensuring timely development of domestic mining projects ([Utah Congressman Blake Moore, February 26th, 2025](#)).

U.S. Copper Import Reliance & Widening Import/Consumption Gap

- In 2024, the US consumed ~1.6 million metric tons of refined copper. Domestic US mine production was estimated at 1.1 million metric tons of recoverable copper content. However, due to limited smelting and refining capacity the United States imported approximately 810,000 metric tons of refined copper.
- U.S. copper consumption is projected to reach 3.5 million metric tons by 2035, driven by factors such as electrification and renewable energy initiatives.
- Without urgent action to increase domestic copper production and build new smelting and refining capacity, the US faces a widening gap requiring ever increasing copper imports to meet its consumption.

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U.S. Copper Imports

U.S. imports approximately 50% of its domestic copper consumption.

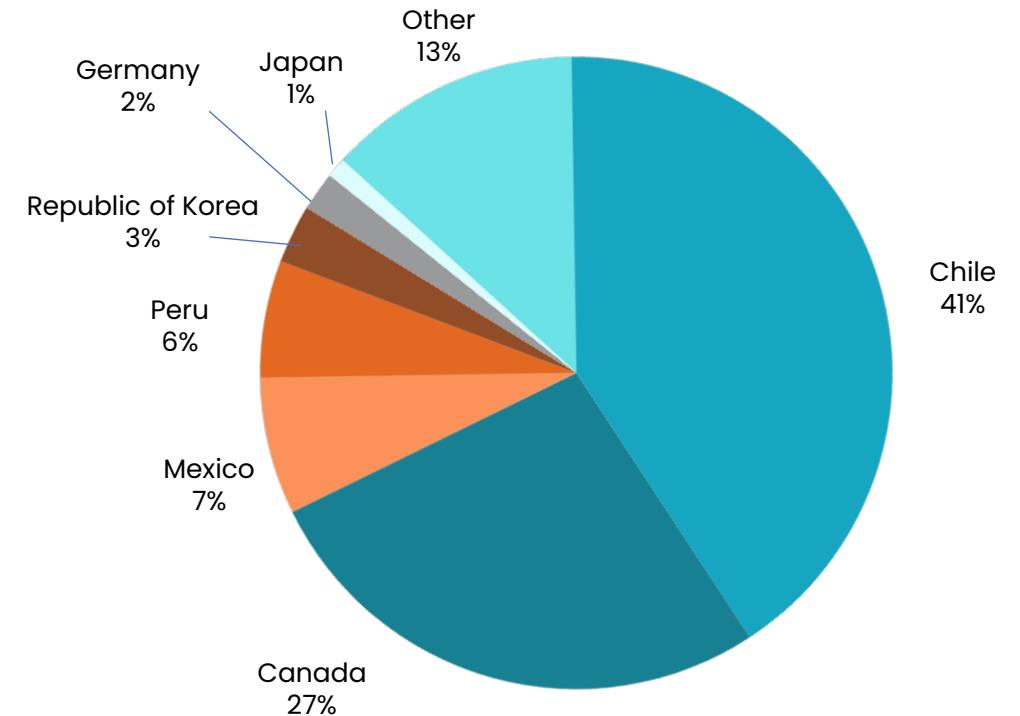
China's state-controlled copper industry controls over 50% of global smelting capacity and operates four of the top five largest refining facilities.

This dominance, coupled with global overcapacity and a single producer's control of world supply chains, poses a direct threat to United States national security and economic stability

It is the policy of the United States to ensure a reliable, secure, and resilient domestic copper supply chain.



US copper imports by producing country (2024)



Source: TradeMap, ING Research



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