3D Render of mine entries to underground



GROUNDHOG NORTH UNDERGROUND Supplementary Pre-Feasibility Study





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# PFS COMPARISON

SPFS enabled by resource upgrade and value engineered mine planning

	PFS (MAY)	SPFS (OCTOBER)	
Mining Method	Underground	Underground	
Life of Mine	16yrs	38yrs	+138%
JORC Coal Resource	305Mt	609Mt	+100%
Mineable ROM	75Mt	176Mt	+135%
Annual Saleable Production (LOM Average)	3.2Mtpa	3.2Mtpa	
FOB Production Cost (average LOM / inc royalties)	\$89/t	\$86/t	-3.4%
All-in Capital Cost (owner operator / excluding sustaining)	\$631M	\$596M	-5.5%
Max. Capital Drawdown to Operational Cash Flow	\$229M	\$171M	-25.3%
Projected off Balance Sheet Capital	\$377M	\$293M	
Minimum Capital to Small Scale Production	\$77M	\$58M	-24.7%
Projected First Coal Sales	H2 2015	H2 2015	
Post-tax NPV10 (nominal)	A\$1,040M	A\$1,685M	+62%
Post-tax IRR (nominal)	39%	42%	
Post-tax LOM Free Cash Flow (nominal)	A\$3,360M	A\$11,159M	+232%

All figures expressed in USD unless otherwise stated.



### GROUNDHOG NORTH UNDERGROUND MINE

Optimised PFS has yielded further compelling results

**Asset Description** 

Ownership 100%

**Location** British Columbia, Canada

JORC Resources 1.57Bt (609Mt at Groundhog North)

Coal Type High Grade and Ultra-high Grade Anthracite

**Groundhog North Underground Mine** 

Mining Method Underground

(adit into bord & pillar and mini-wall)

Mine Life 38 years

ROM production (avg) 5.4Mtpa

Saleable Production (avg) 3.2Mtpa

Products 52% sized products (avg. 10% ash) 48% non-sized product (avg. 10% ash)

Costs

**Max Capital Drawdown to** 

**Operating Cash Flow** 

\$171M

Operating (avg LOM) \$86/t FOB cash (including royalties)

Revenue

Sales Price Wood Mackenzie \$186/t FOB (2014 real)

(average received across all products)

**Lump Products** Premium to HCC / Discount to export Coke

Non-sized Products ULV PCI, sinter, breeze and specialty

Margin Average margin \$100/t real (average for all products)

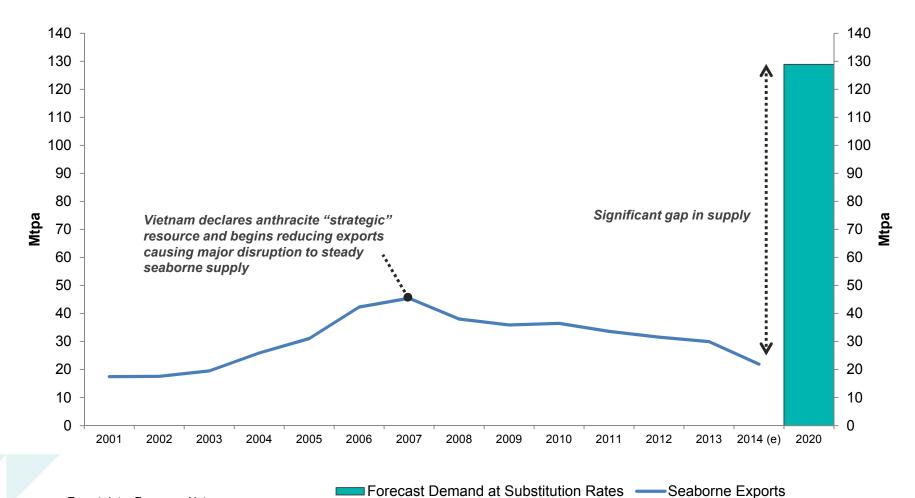
- Worlds largest undeveloped anthracite deposit 1.57Bt
- Low capital intensity (\$110/tac)
- Globally competitive operating costs
- Very low capital cost (\$58m) entry into development mining in 2H 2015
- ▶ Highest value metallurgical coal products
  - Lump products currently selling in Japan and Korea at significant premium to hard coking coal
- Existing infrastructure enables export on non takeor-pay terms
  - > Road to Stewart Port
  - > Dedicated terminal available at Stewart Port
  - > Existing railhead 30km from mine
  - > Option to utilise Ridley &/or Westshore Terminals
- ► Capital requirements funded through minority asset stake sale in Groundhog North (GHN).
  - ► Completion in H1 2015



## SHRINKING ANTHRACITE SUPPLY

Pricing swinging to demand driven market

#### **Seaborne Anthracite Exports v Potential Demand Forecast**



Export data: Resource Net Demand data: Wood Mackenzie

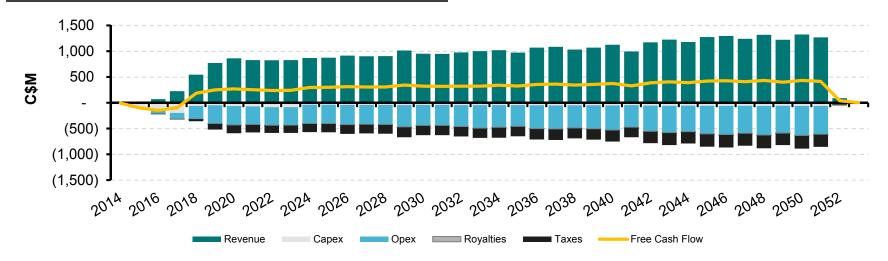
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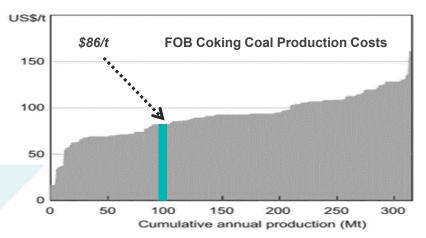
### LOW COST COMPARED TO GLOBAL PEERS

Low cash costs, fast pay-back and long life asset

#### **Groundhog North Cash Flow (nominal)**



#### **OPEX v Global Peers**



Source: AME Group; RBA 2014

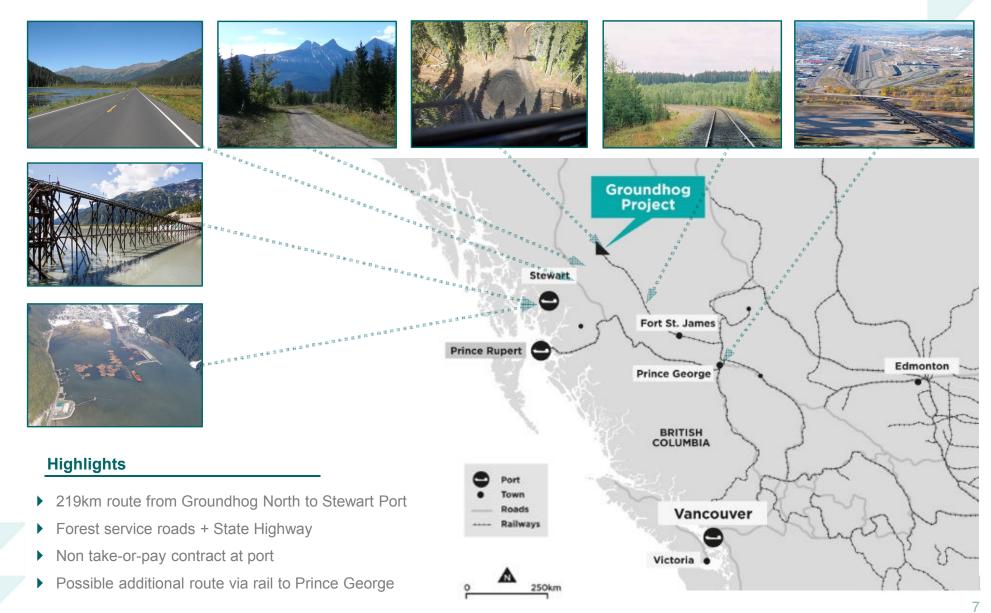
- Optimised PFS based on:
  - Low entry CAPEX
  - Optimised LOM free cash flow under owner operator model
  - ► Low OPEX with average LOM operating profit of \$100/t (real)
  - Mine life extended to 38 years with total ROM production of 176Mt
- Cash costs in the bottom third globally
- First coal sales in 2015





# PROJECT LOCATION

Strategically located with infrastructure secured





### CAPITAL COSTS

Low capital due to efficient mine planning, owner operator model, and simple logistics upgrades

All-in Capital Expenditure (excl. sustaining, US\$)		
Underground Mine Equipment & Development	\$395M	
Surface Infrastructure	\$14M	
Camp & Site Office	\$13M	
CHPP	\$54M	
Power (BC Hydro connection)	\$52M	
Road	\$60M	
Port Upgrade	\$8M	
TOTA	\$596M	
ROM Capacit	y 5.4Mtpa	
CAPEX per tonne annual capacity (tac	\$110 /tac	

- ► Installed capacity at \$110/tac
- ► Total required capital: \$596M, with maximum drawdown of \$171M before operating cashflow on owner operator basis
- ▶ SPFS includes entire capital envelope:
  - Estimated 49% of total capital expenditure may be funded through leasing and other off balance sheet structures
  - ▶ Potential to increase to 59% depending on current negotiations with equipment suppliers
- ▶ Major underground mining equipment to provide:
  - ▶ Roadway development, mini-wall extraction, coal conveyance and piped services equipment.
- Modular CHPP includes static bath, dense medium cyclone and Reflux classifier, and belt press for dewatering fines
- ▶ A mains aerial power line will be constructed to connect Groundhog to the Eastern Transmission Line. Genset interim.
- ▶ Unsurfaced road for trucking access to Stewart via Highway 37. The road will be weatherproofed.
- Port upgrades at Stewart and appropriate storage facilities built proximal to the existing Stewart Port. Agreement in place to upgrade to 3Mtpa to match Groundhog North saleable tonnage



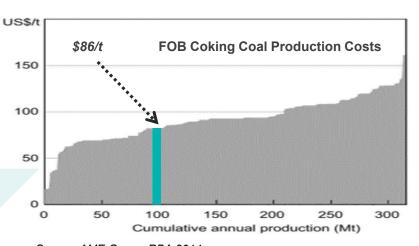
### **OPERATING COSTS**

Cash costs in the lowest third of global peers

Forecast Operating Costs (LOM / US\$/t)		
Mining	\$25	
Processing	\$5	
Yield	60%	
Ex-mine (FOR/t)	\$50	
Transport & Port	\$25	
Other	\$11	
Total Cash Cost (FOB/t)	\$86	

FOB cash costs including Royalties

### OPEX v Global Peers



- Mining costs are in lowest third, as simple mine layout with shallow access to surface enables efficient low cost operations
- ► CHPP will be modular, and employ DMC and static bath to enable beneficiation of multiple size products at different densities and ashes
- Yield is expected to improve above current model of 60% yield for premium products, as middlings products are investigated
- ▶ Transport via truck on dedicated 130km unsurfaced haul road to join paved highway approximately 90km from port. High capacity dedicated fleet of trucks will be operated under contract
- Port rates are low, and are contractually agreed
- Other costs include corporate overheads, site administration costs and royalties
- ▶ FOB costs to fall significantly if a dedicated rail option from GHN to Stewart Port is constructed



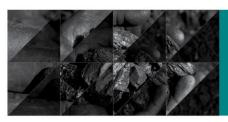
# CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Project development capital to be funded through sell down of minority stake in Groundhog North U/G mine project.

### **Funding Options**

- ▶ Sell down equity in Groundhog North H1 2105
- ▶ Lease finance equipment from suppliers

Capital Schedule & Revenues						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Annual Total Capital Expenditure	\$7M	\$82M	\$160M	\$198M	\$60M	\$48M
Total Operating Expenditure	-	-	\$54M	\$112M	\$234M	\$324M
Projected Sales (Mt)	-	0.1	0.34	1.06	2.25	3.34
Projected Sales Revenue	0	\$5	\$69M	\$226M	\$545M	\$772M
Project Sell Down	-	\$40M - \$70M	\$60M - \$180M	-	-	-
Leasing / Debt / Facility		\$30M - \$60M	\$60M - \$180M			



**Anthracite Replacement Ratio's** 

6. EAF carbon additive

Source: Wood Mackenzie

### ANTHRACITE QUALITY & UTILISATION

High Grade and Ultra-high Grade Anthracite favoured for use in steel making

Indicative GHN Anthracite (washed 60% Yield)		
Inherent Moisture (ad)	1.5%	
Ash (ad)	10.0%	
Volatile Matter (ad)	5.0%	
Fixed Carbon (ad)	83.5%	
Sulphur (ad)	0.60%	
SE kcal/kg (gad)	7,350	
SE kcal/kg (daf)	8,300	
HGI	65	

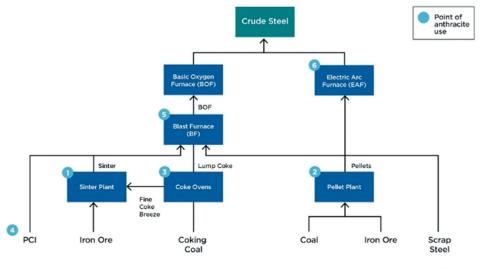
#### **Highlights**

- ► High Grade and Ultra-high Grade Anthracite with low ash, very high fixed carbon, and very low volatile matter
- Premium product sought by steel makers as carbon input
  - ▶ HG/UHG anthracite can replace up to 20% coke in BF/BOF with implied demand of 180Mtpa HG/UHG Anthracite
  - ► Can replace ULV PCI, and is a preferred reductant binder in sinter and pellet plant
- Other uses: charge carbon and foamy slag in electric arc furnaces and ilmenite production; feedstock in chemical plants, to make urea for fertilizers; as water filter media; as a reductant in specialty metals manufacture; home heating

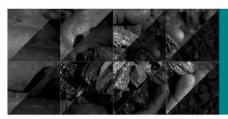
Anthracite as Input / Replacement	Carbon Substituted	Potential Substitution		
1. Sinter plant fuel	Coke breeze	70%		
2. Pellet plant fuel	Coke breeze; thermal coal	100%		
3. Coking Coal	Suitable bituminous coals	5%		
4. PCI	Other HV and LV coals	100%		
5. Direct Blast Furnace charge	Coke	10%		

Coke / Petroleum coke

100%







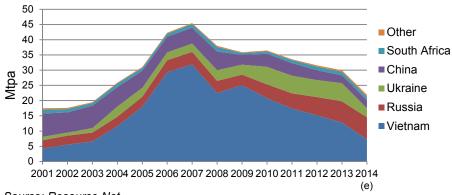
### SHRINKING ANTHRACITE SUPPLY

Unlike other coals, anthracite supply is rapidly declining and demand is growing

#### **Highlights**

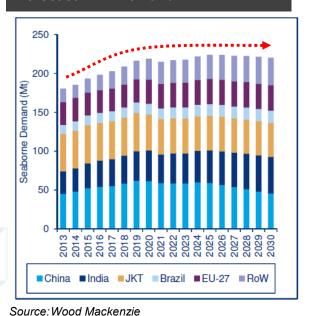
- ▶ Anthracite market supply is in rapid decline, with major suppliers Vietnam and China decreasing supply by over 70% in past 5 years
- ▶ Other major suppliers Russia and Ukraine are struggling to fill the void, with the war in eastern Ukraine making supply side very tight in 2014
- Continued scarcity of quality anthracite is likely to continue, as "carbon poor" countries realise the strategic value of this high carbon material

#### **Global Seaborne Anthracite Supply**

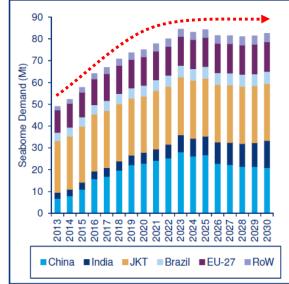


Source: Resource Net

#### **Forecast HCC Demand**



#### **Forecast PCI Demand**



#### **Highlights**

- Seaborne met coal markets are changing fast
- ▶ As Blast Furnace & Blast Oxygen Furnace technology advances, less coke is being used, and PCI rates are increasing rapidly (35% in last 5 years)
- Seaborne HCC to rise at 1.1%CAGR to 220Mtpa by 2030, with PCI to rise at 2.9%CAGR to reach 82Mtpa by 2030
- ▶ GHN's very high fixed carbon, low ash and very low volatile matter makes it attractive to steel makers and industrial businesses worldwide Atrum Coal

Source: Wood Mackenzie

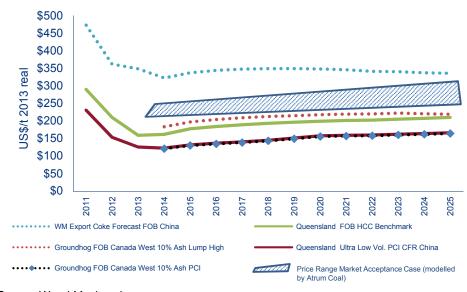
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### PRICES & MARGINS

GHN operating cash costs are low. If operating in current market GHN would be the highest margin Canadian met coal producer

#### **Wood Mackenzie Price Forecast - Groundhog Anthracite**

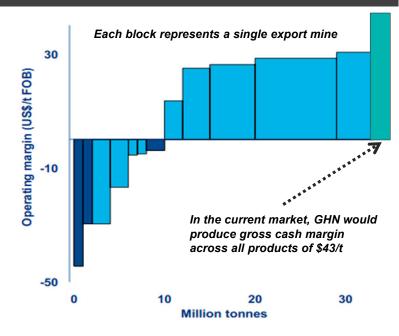


Source: Wood Mackenzie

#### **Highlights**

- ▶ Even in this market, GHN margins are strong
- Anthracite lumps currently trading at premium to hard coking coal (HCC):
  - ▶ 20% premium to HCC in Japan (\$140/t Tex Report)
  - ▶ 18% premium to HCC in Europe (\$150/t Resource Net)
  - ▶ 16% premium to HCC in China (950RMB/t Sxcoal.com)

#### 2014 Canada metcoal margin @ HCC = US\$129.80/t



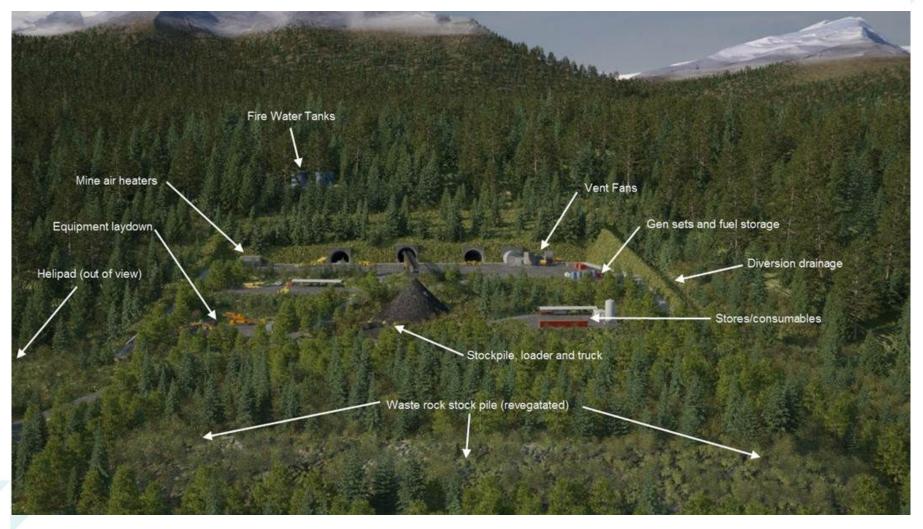
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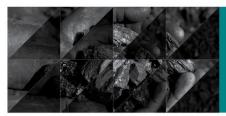
Atrum margin hypothetical assessment assumes GHN mine in operation in 2014, with operating costs of \$86/t, and Lump price at 20% premium to HCC, and ULV PCI at 20% discount to HCC



# LOW IMPACT MINE DESIGN

A low-risk adit entry, efficient underground mining by mini-wall

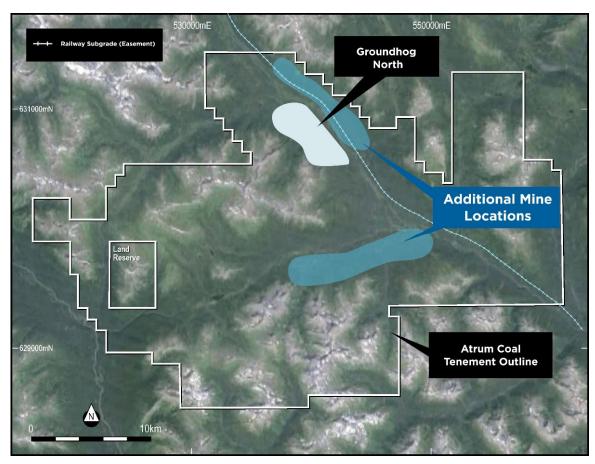




### DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

Groundhog North Underground Mine is the first mine planned in the Groundhog Coalfield

- Atrum is developing the world's largest high grade/ultra high grade anthracite resource
- ▶ 800km² total lease area
- ▶ 1.57Bt total JORC resources
- Staged development approach
  - ➤ Stage 1: Groundhog North (609Mt)
- Multi-mine long-term vision for follow-on stages over the coming decades:
  - ▶ Groundhog North East
  - Groundhog East
  - Groundhog Central
  - ▶ Groundhog South
- Develop appropriate low cost infrastructure to transport product to port, significantly reducing OPEX



Additional mine potential discovered at Groundhog



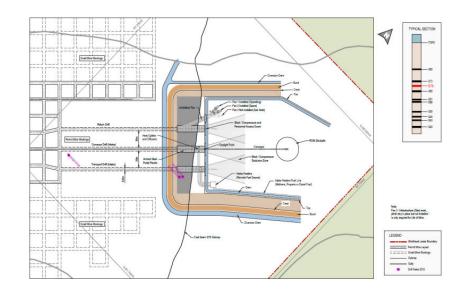
### OPTIMISED MINE PLANS

Single mine entry via low cost adit; staged development of upper S70 seam followed by lower S40 seam

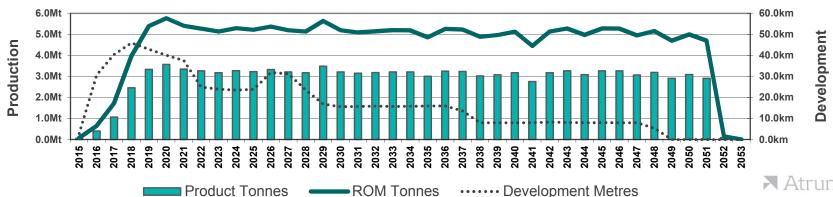
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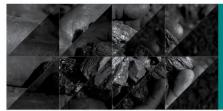
- ▶ Easy, quick entry into anthracite seams
- ▶ Mining: S70 and S40 will operate mini walls and bord & pillar extraction
- Fast payback of capital
- Beneficiation: A single CHPP located at the mine head will beneficiate ROM anthracite to produce specialised lump products, sinter and ULV PCI
- ▶ Transportation: Products will be transported 219 km from the CHPP by private haul road to a stockyard at Stewart Port for cargo assembly
  - Options remain open to access Canadian National Railway line and sell coal at Prince George, or export via Ridley Port
- Only one other export coal mine in North America is closer to a deep sea port

#### **Groundhog North Portal Entry**



#### **Production Profile**





### INFRASTRUCTURE ADAVANTAGE

The Groundhog Coalfield has access to multiple ports via road and rail routes; PFS models 100% exports via Stewart Port









#### **ROAD & RAIL**

- Multiple routes by road to Port of Stewart (219km direct distance)
- Optional/Alternate route: 30km of rail easement with an upgrade required to link to existing rail
- Direct rail link to Ridley Coal Terminal at Port of Prince Rupert or Vancouver Metro; or sale at Prince George to Peace River coal mines who are seeking blending products to upgrade their coals

#### **PORT**

- Port Agreements in place with Stewart Bulk Terminal
- Attractive port handling charges on non 'take or pay' terms for 3.0Mtpa
- Further MOU with second loading option at Stewart World Port for a further 5Mtpa
- Negotiations with additional terminals continuing
- Reviews underway to transport product to Prince George as an expansion alternative

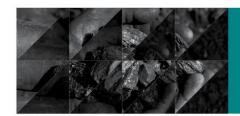
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- Gensets preferred in early stages of production
- PFS models permanent power in place by 2018

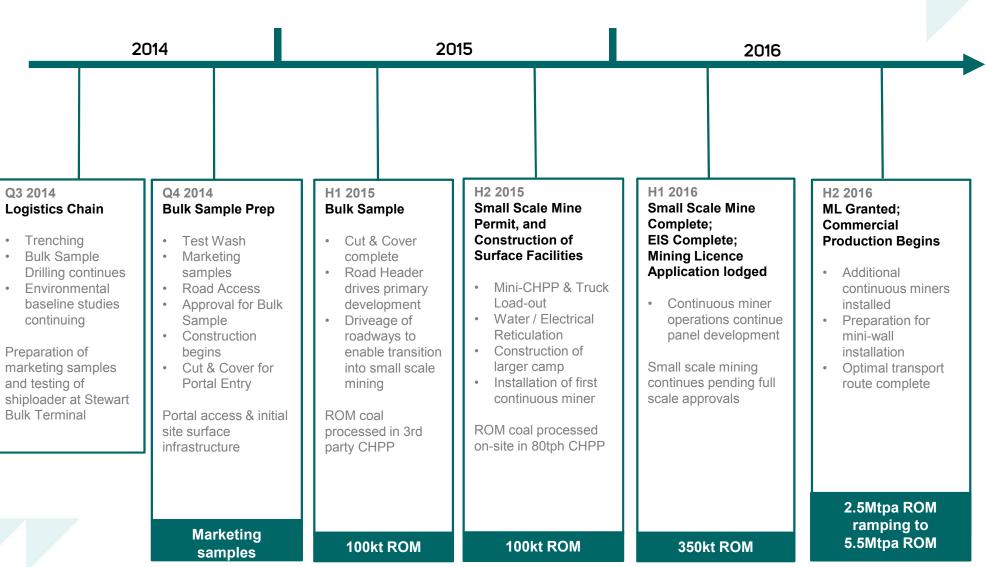
#### **WATER**

 Local tributaries and creeks are in close proximity for year round water supply

"Clear path to production"



### DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE







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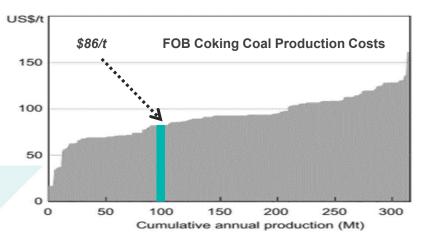
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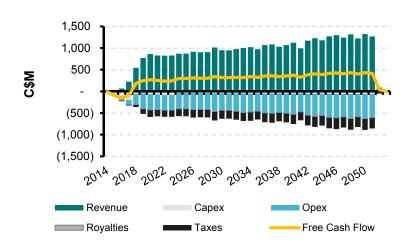
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LOM Free Cash Flow (post-tax nominal)



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### **Groundhog North Cash Flow**



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