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# UNLOCKING VALUE WITH DISRUPTIVE RESOURCE TECHNOLOGIES

**CORPORATE PRESENTATION** 

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#### Certain Other Matters

Unless otherwise noted, all currency references in this presentation are in Canadian dollars.

#### **Qualified Person**

The Independent Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 for the Lac Jeannine Mineral Resource, Mr. Christian Beaulieu, P.Geo., is a member of l'Ordre des géologues du Québec (#1072). The Qualified Person has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical content of this presentation relating to the Lac Jeannine Mineral Resource.

# technologies to turn undervalued assets into high-margin businesses

Relative to traditional processes, these technologies require significantly less water and energy to transform low grade deposits with complex metallurgy into profitable businesses

CoTec has a current investment portfolio of six technologies and three assets which provide it with exposure to rare earths, iron ore, and copper

Management is focused on acquiring assets where these technologies can be deployed. Value creation is a function of scaling up and spinning-off these initiatives as standalone businesses

Management is fully committed to this strategy. CEO Julien Treger is a successful mining investor and owns 49% of the Company. Management and insiders collectively own 74% of the Company<sup>1</sup>

Although CoTec is trading at an ~88% discount to its Net Asset Value<sup>2</sup>, various near-term catalysts have the potential to reduce this valuation gap<sup>1</sup>

# FASTER RAMP-UP TO REVENUE VS CONVENTIONAL MINING

#### Why CoTec Moves Faster than Traditional Mining:

- We **minimize greenfield risks** by using existing resources, infrastructure, and modular plants
- **Lower permitting hurdles** by using existing resources, infrastructure, and modular plants
- Government backing & funding support our technologies and assets
- Lower capex & faster cash flow through innovative processing
- Liquidity Event potential

CoTec targets revenue within years, not decades minimizing risk while maximizing returns.



# **TECHNOLOGY PORTFOLIO**

# CoTec has an investment portfolio of six technologies, which when deployed, will allow for significant value creation



# **OPERATING BUSINESS PORTFOLIO: HYPROMAG U.S.A**

# **Overview**

- A Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) for a rare earth magnet recycling and manufacturing facility in Dallas-Fort Worth was completed in November 2024
- The facility will utilize patented HyProMag Hydrogen Processing of Magnet Scrap (HPMS) technology to recover NdFeB permanent magnets from end-of-life scrap, producing metal powders for remanufacturing
- This is a strategically significant initiative, aligning with U.S. efforts to onshore critical materials supply chains. Magnets are essential for defense, aerospace, automotive, robotics, and data centers, while China currently dominates over 90% of rare earth element, alloy, and magnet production
- The project has an after-tax NPV of US\$262 million and a 23% IRR at current market prices. NPV increases to US\$503M and a 31% IRR using forecast pricing<sup>2</sup>
- Up-front capital costs are estimated at US\$125 million, including a 10% contingency<sup>2</sup>
- Notice to proceed is expected by Q3 2025, with first revenue targeted for Q1 2027
- Efforts are underway to secure government funding, financial incentives, and strategic partnerships with U.S. companies
- Actively finalizing commercial agreements for feedstock supply and product off-take
- CoTec has a 50% ownership position

# NdFeB Magnet Demand for Product Manufacturing Outside of China (all applications)<sup>1</sup>



# **OPERATING BUSINESS PORTFOLIO: LAC JEANNINE**

# **Overview**<sup>1</sup>

- Lac Jeannine is a tailings reclamation project in northeastern Quebec, set to produce high-purity iron ore concentrate (66.8% Fe) with minimal contaminants
- A Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) was completed in Q2 2024, with a Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) commissioned in 2025 and first production targeted for Q1 2027
- The project has a 43-101 inferred resource of 73 million tonnes at 6.7% Fe, supporting a 10-year mine life, with further drilling potentially extending it by another decade
- The current resource generates an NPV of US\$59.5million and a 30% IRR, based on conventional gravity concentrate processing
- Initial capital costs are estimated at US\$65 million
- Project economics could improve through additional drilling and advanced processing technologies, such as Binding Solutions or Salter Cyclones which will increase the metal content of the concentrate
- The Quebec government retains environmental liability for the tailings
- CoTec owns 100% of the asset



### **OPERATING BUSINESS PORTFOLIO: MAGIRON**

# Overview

- Plant 4 is a past-producing iron ore concentrator acquired out of bankruptcy, benefiting from US\$170 million in prior investment
- Currently looking to restart operations to produce low-carbon, U.S.-based green steel
- Located in Minnesota's Mesabi Iron Range, Plant 4 is designed to process waste material into high-grade iron ore concentrate
- The flow sheet integrates enhanced flotation recovery
- An Inferred Mineral Resource of 2.6 billion tonnes at 36.82% Fe was published in August 2024
- All necessary permits for the restart have been secured
- Currently assessing the acquisition of a pelletizing plant
- CoTec has a 17% ownership position



Plant 4 Concentrator



Plant 4 Overhead Photo

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# ASSET PROJECTIONS

Asset / Project	HyProMag USA	Lac Jeannine <sup>(7)</sup>	MagIron	
Product	Recycled REE Alloy & Magnets	DR/BF-grade iron concentrate / pellet	DR-grade iron ore pellet	
Anticipated Target Annual Production <sup>1</sup>	1,041t <sup>2</sup>	>0.4Mt	2Mt – 3Mt <sup>3</sup>	
Target EBITDA Margin	~65% <sup>2</sup>	~50%	ТВА	
Target Avg. Realized Price	US\$55/kg <sup>2</sup>	US\$124/dmt	ТВА	
Anticipated Life of Asset <sup>1</sup>	40 Years+ <sup>2</sup>	11 Years <sup>4</sup>	20 Years+ <sup>3</sup>	
Anticipated Revenue Year <sup>1</sup>	Q1 2027	Q1 2027	2026+	
Target CAPEX	US\$125M <sup>2</sup>	US\$65M	ТВА	
Global Market Demand 2030	~330 Kt⁵	~81Mt <sup>6</sup>	~81Mt <sup>3</sup>	
Status	Project Evaluation (Bankable Feasibility Study)	Project Evaluation (Infill Drilling & Feasibility Study)	Project Evaluation (Pre-Feasibility Study)	

<sup>1</sup> Anticipated Target Annual Production, Anticipated Life of Asset and Anticipated Revenue Year represent current management estimates based on implementation of CoTec strategic plan and are subject to significant assumptions and contingencies, including the availability of required financing, and/or successful negotiation of joint ventures

<sup>2</sup> https://cotec.ca/news/hypromag-usa-feasibility-study-demonstrates-robust-economics-and-the-opportunity-to-develop-a-major-new-domestic-source-of-recycled-rare-earths-magnets-for-the-united-states

<sup>3</sup> MagIron LLC (magironusa.com)

<sup>4</sup> Does not include adjacent tailings

<sup>5</sup> https://www.neomaterials.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Neo\_Investor\_Presentation.pdf

<sup>6</sup> https://www.spglobal.com/commodityinsights/en/market-insights/latest-news/metals/011822-dri-to-underpin-carbon-neutral-steel-growth-needed-in-pellet-supply#:~:text=Merchant%20DR-

grade%20iron%20ore%20pellet%20demand%20may%20increase,million%20mt%20in%202030%2C%20according%20to%20IIMA%20estimates; DRI to underpin carbon-neutral steel; growth needed in pellet supply | S&P Global Commodity Insights (spglobal.com) 7 Mineral resource estimate, preliminary economic assessment and NI 43-101 technical report for CoTec's Lac Jeannine Fe tailings project, Québec, Canada. A copy of the report can be found at www.sedarplus.ca under the Company's profile

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



#### Lucio Genovese | Independent Chairman

Mr. Genovese currently serves as CEO of Nage Capital and Chairman of Ferrexpo plc. He previously held senior roles at Glencore, including CEO of the CIS region. He is a Chartered Accountant with degrees in Commerce and Accounting from the University of Witwatersrand.



#### Julian Treger | CEO & Director

Mr. Treger previously served as CEO of Anglo Pacific Group, transforming it into a battery-focused royalty business through \$450 million in acquisitions, increasing annual income from £3 million to £62 million. He is also Chairman of Audley Capital and holds a BA and MBA from Harvard.



#### Robert (Bob) Harward | Non-Executive Director

Mr. Harward is a retired U.S. Navy Vice Admiral (SEAL) and former Deputy Commander of U.S. Central Command. He served on the U.S. National Security Council and held senior strategy roles at Lockheed Martin and Shield AI



#### Sharon Fay | Non-Executive Director

Ms. Fay previously served as Head of Equities and Head of Responsibility at AllianceBernstein. She built the firm's Corporate Responsibility and Responsible Investment teams and is a Chartered Financial Analyst with a BA from Brown and MBA from Harvard.



#### Tom Albanese | Non-Executive Director

Mr. Albanese is the former CEO of Rio Tinto and Vedanta Resources. He serves as Lead Independent Director of Nevada Copper, and Director at Franco-Nevada Corporation. He holds Master's and Bachelor's degrees from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



#### Erez Ichilov | Non-Executive Director

Mr. Ichilov has been a Managing Director at Traxys Projects since 2012, where he led investments in companies like Nouveau Monde Graphite, Talon Metals, and Li-Cycle. He holds LLB and MBA degrees.



#### Margot Naudie | Non-Executive Director

Ms. Naudie managed North American and global natural resource portfolios at firms like TD Asset Management and CPPIB. She is President of Elephant Capital Inc. and Co-Founder of Abaxx Technologies. She holds an MBA from Ivey and a BA from McGill and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.









#### MANAGEMENT TEAM



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#### Abraham Jonker | Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Jonker served as Lead Independent Director at Mandalay Resources and is currently also CFO of Century Lithium. With 30 years of mining finance experience, he has led \$750+ million in equity and debt raises. He is a Chartered Accountant in Canada, the UK, and South Africa and holds a Master's in Tax from Rand Afrikaans University.



#### John Singleton | Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Singleton has 25+ years of mining experience, starting at De Beers and holding senior leadership roles at Rio Tinto and Centamin. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geological Society with degrees from the University of Bristol and Imperial College London.



# Eugene Hercun | VP Finance & Corporate Development

Mr. Hercun is a CPA, CA with 10+ years of mining finance experience, having led metal sales negotiations for \$200+ million annually. He also holds Level 1 of the CFA designation.



#### John McGagh | Technology Consultant

Mr. McGagh has 35+ years of experience in digital transformation across industries. He served as Head of Innovation at Rio Tinto and is currently Chief Digital Officer at Snowy Hydro. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology Science and Engineering and an adjunct professor at the University of Queensland.

# NET ASSET VALUE BREAKDOWN

Asset	Ownership	Value (C\$M)	Description	
HyProMag USA	50%	189	BFS NPV of US\$262M	
Lac Jeannine	100%	86	PEA NPV of US\$59.5M	
Maginito	21%	49	CoTec book value as of Q3 '24 plus pro rata interest in HyproMag USA	
MagIron	17%	49	Last external fundraising completed at US\$200M valuation	
Binding Solutions	3%	6	Q3/24 CoTec Book Value. Last financing completed at 107% premium to CoTec's initial investment	
Ceibo	3%	2	Q3/24 CoTec Book Value. BHP Ventures has also invested	
Net Debt	n.a.	1	Net Debt - Q3/24	
NAV	-	380 <sup>1</sup>		
NAV Per Share	-	\$5.31		
Current Stock Price	-	\$0.64	As of March 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
Discount to NAV	-	(87.7%)		

#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE & SHARE PRICE



<sup>1</sup> Based on closing price as at March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025; <sup>2</sup> Weighted average exercise price of C\$1.10, with a weighted average remaining life of 0.32 years as at December 31, 2024; <sup>3</sup> Stock Option weighted average exercise price of C\$0.52, with a weighted average remaining life of 8.1 years as at December 31, 2024, also includes DSUs and RSUs; <sup>4</sup> As at September 30, 2024, debt is to Kings Chapel, a discretionary trust associated with Julian Treger, CEO

# KEY VALUE CATALYSTS

# 2025+

- HyProMag USA notice to proceed and financing / government funding
- Lac Jeannine initiation of Bankable Feasibility Study
- HyProMag UK commissioned
- Green Iron Project Evaluation x2
- Ceibo Detailed design phase for Demonstration Heap –
  Ceibo/CoTec JV opportunities

- Ceibo/CoTec JVs Project Implementation / Asset Deal x2
- Additional new technology investments