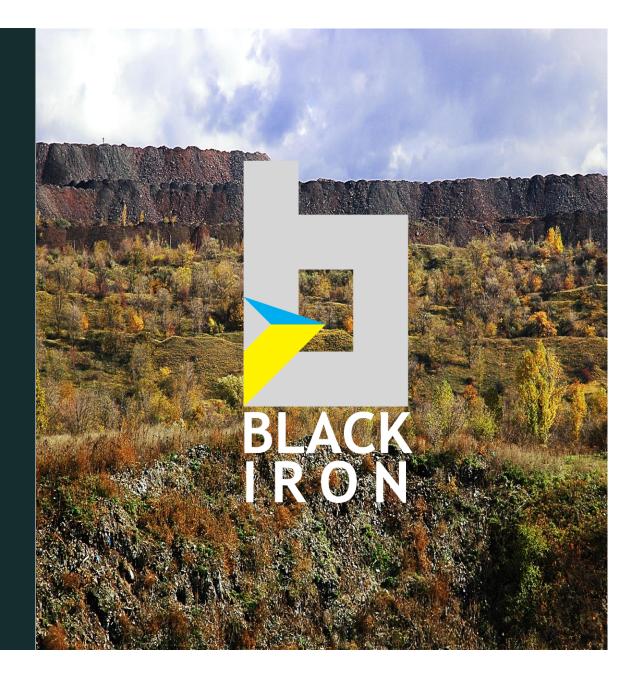
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Investment in
Support of
Rebuilding Ukraine



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# **Premium Quality Iron Ore - Critical to Rebuild Ukraine**





## **Annual Production of 8 Million Tonnes of 68% Grade Iron Close to Customers**

- o 68% purity pellet feed with the ability to manufacture higher grade Direct Reduction product
- o Located close to high demand regions in the Middle East, European & Asia



## **Proximity to Existing Infrastructure with & Financing Plan in Place**

- Seven operating iron ore mines within 40km, two of which are directly adjacent
- Ore body located near skilled labour, power, rail & 5 deep seaports driving strong economics (3)
- Expressions of Interest for bulk of construction funding required obtained prior to war



## **Economics De-risked with Defensible Margins & Offtake Agreement**

- Annual EBITDA > US\$500M at full production with cash costs ~ US\$33 / tonne FOB port
- Anglo American has committed to an offtake and is funding ~15% of project construction



# Highly Experienced Team Consisting of Mine Builders & Operators

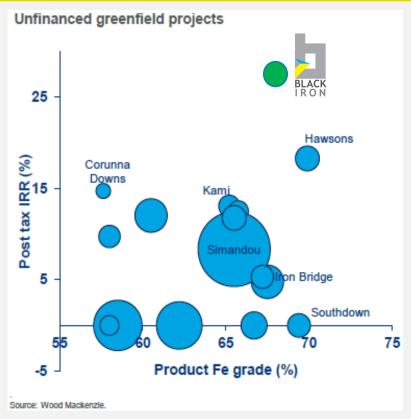
- Project has been endorsed by the President of Ukraine
- Management team have collective experience working for majors including Rio Tinto and Hatch
- o Board has deep relationships with Ukrainian government through political work experience

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Bloomberg Intelligence, CRU

# Top Ranked Development Iron Ore Project - Projected Economics & Grade king

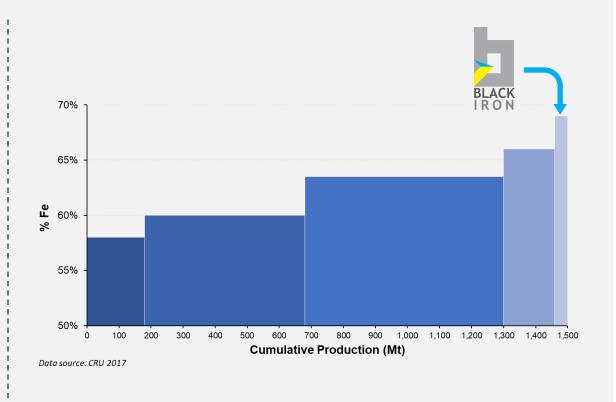


High-grade projects expect to have higher returns(1)



Black Iron's Shymanivske Project has the highest economic return for an unfinanced greenfield project<sup>(1)</sup>

Black Iron's 68% iron is in the <u>top 4% grade</u> of all current production<sup>(2)</sup>



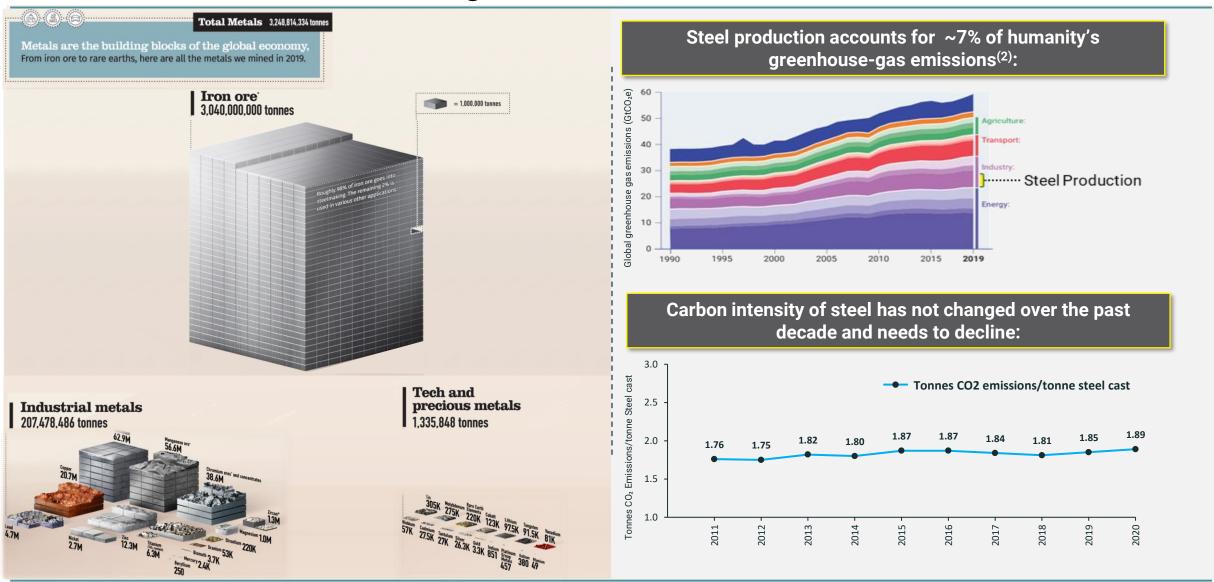
Black Iron's 68% product is the top Seaborne Iron Ore Product by Grade and Black Iron can further increase purity to 70%<sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Wood Mackenzie, 2019

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: CRU, 2017

# Global Steel Production is Significant & Remains Carbon Intensive

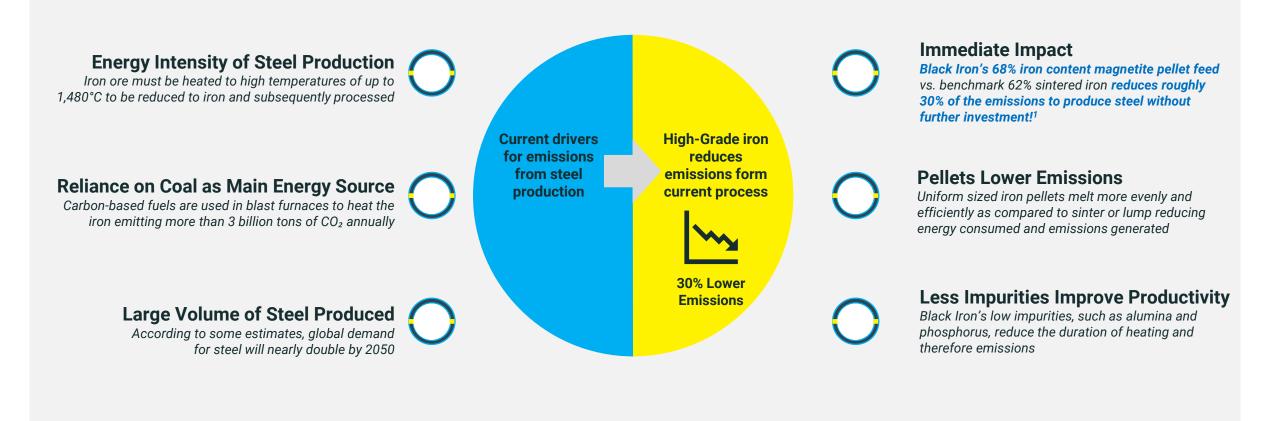




- (1) Iron Image Source: Visual Capitalist, 2021 https://www.visualcapitalist.com/all-the-metals-we-mined-in-one-visualization/
- 2) UN Emissions Gap Report 2020: <a href="https://www.unep.org/emissions-gap-report-2020">https://www.unep.org/emissions-gap-report-2020</a>
- 3) World Steel Association, 2020: https://worldsteel.org/steel-by-topic/sustainability/sustainability-indicators/

# **High-Grade Iron Provides Near-Term Carbon Relief from Existing Process**







Future Production of Zero Emission Green Steel Only Possible with High-Grade Iron Black Iron's 68% Magnetite Pellet Feed Cuts GHG Emissions by ~30%!<sup>1</sup>

# **Asset Profile**



### **Shymanivske Project**

### ~448.2 Million Tonnes of Proven Reserves

- Average annual production of 8 Mtpa of high grade 68% iron ore concentrate for at least 17 years
- o Ability to increase resources at depth and to the south

#### Cash Cost < US\$33/tonne FOB OPEX

- Low unit cost of production, ranked as lowest cost undeveloped pellet feed project globally<sup>1</sup>
- First quartile on capital intensity with capital intensity
   \$100 / tonne<sup>1</sup>

#### **Community Benefits**

### **Project brings Foreign Direct Investment to Ukraine**

- Ukraine is a highly educated country but GDP per Capita remains below \$4,000<sup>(2)</sup>
- Foreign Direct Investment brings opportunity for Ukrainians to monetize their education

### **Community Support**

- Programs to supply computers to schools to help educate the population
- Upgrading roads and improving transit to schools

### Geographic Location Makes Project Highly Economic

### Paved road provides easy commute for labour

 12km from city of Kryvyi Rih, major city surrounded by 7 operating iron ore mines with expertise at a fraction of the cost of Canadian & Australian projects

### 2km from government owned Ukrainian National Rail system significantly cuts costs

1km of rail is US\$3M to construct

# 20km from existing local power utility with spare capacity

Currently only 30% of full capacity

# Inland location with optionality of 5 different ports all less than 450km away

- 20% to 25% shorter distance to steel mills in Europe,
   Asia & Middle East than American projects
- <sub>o</sub> 450km away from conflict zone in Eastern Ukraine

#### Iron is critical to make steel

- A substantial part of Ukraine's rebuilding will entail the use of steel
- Steel is likely to be manufactured in Europe and Middle East for Ukraine's rebuilding





Cost

Social

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: World Bank. 2020

## Low Cost to Build with Attractive Returns in Base Case



Lowest cost undeveloped pellet feed project globally with low capital intensity to commence operations<sup>(1)</sup>

Uses:	US\$m	Sources:	US\$m
Capex	450	Senior Debt	~300 - 350
Working Capital	10	AngloAmerican Offtake	~75
VAT	30	EPC	~65
Financing Costs	15	Royalty	0 - 100
Total	505	Equity	0 - 135
+ Cost Overrun Reserve (IF REQUIRED)	0-70		
Total (with COR)	505 - 575	Total	505 - 575

Bulk of construction funding was secured prior to the war.

Phase 1

Phase 2 ·

\$452M

8Mt

**Annual Production** 

Capital Investment (inclusive of 17% contingency)

Annual Production

Capital Investment (inclusive of 17% contingency)

>\$250M

Initial Phase 1 Annual EBITDA Using conservative \$62/t sale price >\$500M

Run-Rate Phase 2 EBITDA

**Life of Project** 

\$62/t

Base-case Long-Term CFR Benchmark Price (62% Iron)

\$97/t

Base-Case Estimated Realized Selling Price (68% Iron FOB Port Yuzhny)

\$33/t

**Estimated Operating** Expenses (Average FOB)

\$110/t

Current CFR Benchmark Price (62% Iron)

17 Years

Current Life of Project

>40%

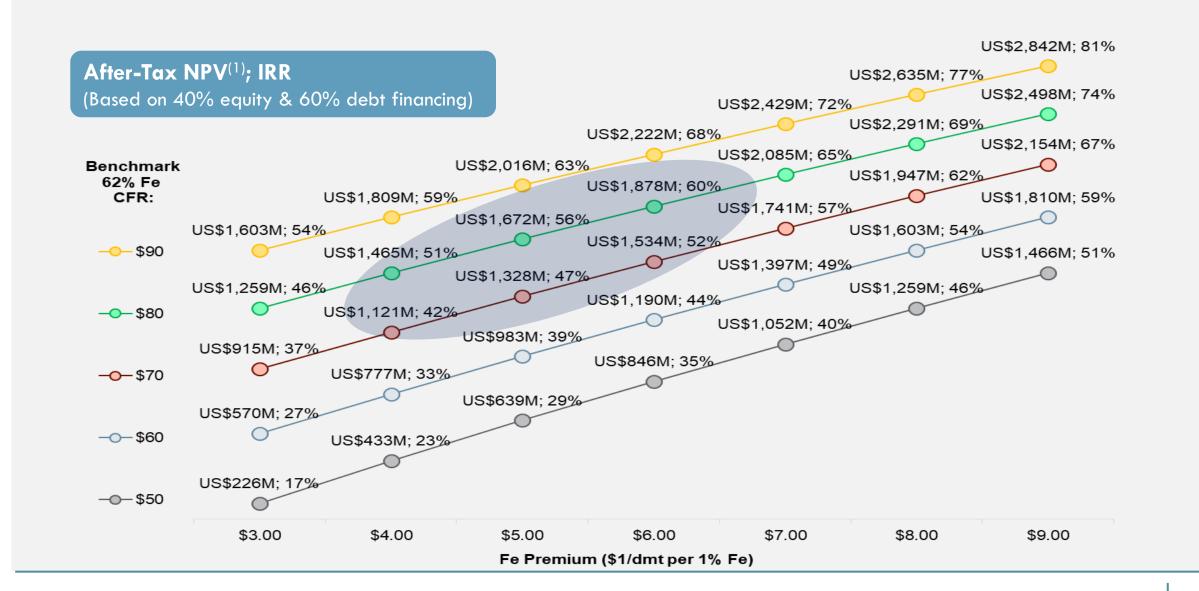
Pre-tax Unlevered IRR using conservative \$62/t sale price

<sup>(1)</sup> Note: The cost values shown have been normalised to a 62% Fe fines product (CFR China) in order to allow for comparison. Source: CRU

## **Strong Investment Returns in ALL Iron Ore Pricing Scenarios**

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Low operating & capital costs to ride all market cycles



(1) Based on a 10% discount rate

# **Project Studies & Permitting Well Advanced**



•	Key Milestones —	•	Permits & Licensing ——
Peace —	Ukraine Government support & land transfer agreement submission	0	Exploration Permit  Conducted geophysical program Drilled ore body State approval of Explored Deposit
Upon	Feasibility study completion - 2020 PEA & 2014 FS complete	0	Extraction Permit
↓ O	Environmental & Social Impact Assessment Completion	0	<ul> <li>Mining Allotment</li> <li>Field environmental (OVOS) &amp; Archeological studies have been completed for Government approval</li> <li>Pit shell designs have been submitted &amp; mapped ground surface project for Government Approval</li> </ul>
ebs ebs	Ukraine Technical Studies (TEO, Proekt)	0	<ul> <li>Land Allotment</li> <li>Rail, Port &amp; Power Access have been secured</li> <li>Letters of Intent in place for electricity and natural gas</li> <li>Letter of Intent place for up to 20MTpa of rail capacity from site to Port Yuzhny</li> <li>Letter of Intent in place with a private operator at Port Yuzhny for up to 9.5MTpa shipping capacity</li> </ul>
Subsequent Steps	Re-secure equity and/or royalty to fund construction  Secure ~ US\$300-350M senior debt for construction	0	Construction Approval      Construction permit     Commissioning of Facility     Registration of ownership to facility
sqns	Secure ~ US\$300-350M senior debt for construction  Start construction	0	Operations Approval  Ensure compliance with Ukrainian laws and pass government inspections  Finalize environmental permits

# **Cap Table & Ukraine President Support**

## Cap Table

As at November 26, 2025

Shares Outstanding	304M
Stock Options	15M
DSU	14M
Fully Diluted Shares	333M
Market Cap (C\$M)	\$43M



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Volodymyr Zelenskyy,
 President of Ukraine



# Management & Board Have Track Record of Iron Ore Success



## **Key Management** -

### **Matt Simpson - CEO**

- o Former GM, Mining for Rio Tinto's Iron Ore Company of Canada
- o Worked for Hatch designing global metallurgical refineries

### **Stephen Woodhead - CFO**

o Experienced structuring funding for mine project construction

### Kenny Choi - Corporate Secretary / Legal

o Experienced natural resources sector lawyer

### Pavlo Komarytsky - General Director Shymanivske Steel

o Extensive network of relationships in Ukraine

### **Board of Directors**

#### **Dave Porter - Chairman**

o Former VP for Rio Tinto's Iron Ore Company of Canada and COO of Algoma Steel

### **Pierre Pettigrew**

o Former Canadian Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade

#### **John Detmold**

 Chairman & Founder of Invecture Group, S.A. de C.V. which owns Frontera Copper Corporation

### **Zenon Potoczny**

 President of the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce & VP Operations for Ukrainian World Congress

Previous Experience Across Major Companies















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# **Upon Rebuilding, Ukraine Needs FDI Examples of Success to Sustain Recovery**

## **US \$1.2 billion investment** over 20 year project life

- US\$70 million already invested
- First development phase US\$452M, second phase expansion US\$364M and US\$348M in sustaining capital
- Ukrainian businesses benefit as preferential equipment and service suppliers



### **US \$2.2 billion in tax payments** over the projects life

- Payments of income and municipal taxes plus social security
- Personal Income taxes paid by company employees.
- Investments continually being made into local community

## **Project will create several** thousand jobs for >20 years

- 700 direct jobs at the mine, process plant and associated facilities
- Over 2000 additional indirect jobs for local contractors and auxiliary service providers



Introduce world class industrial engineering, safety and environmental standards

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