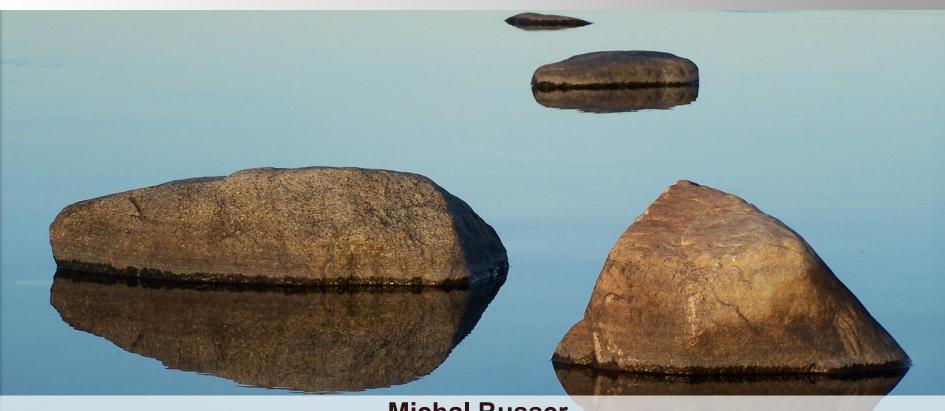


# **Nunavut Exploration Overview 2015**



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# **Selected INAC Nunavut Regional Office Activities**

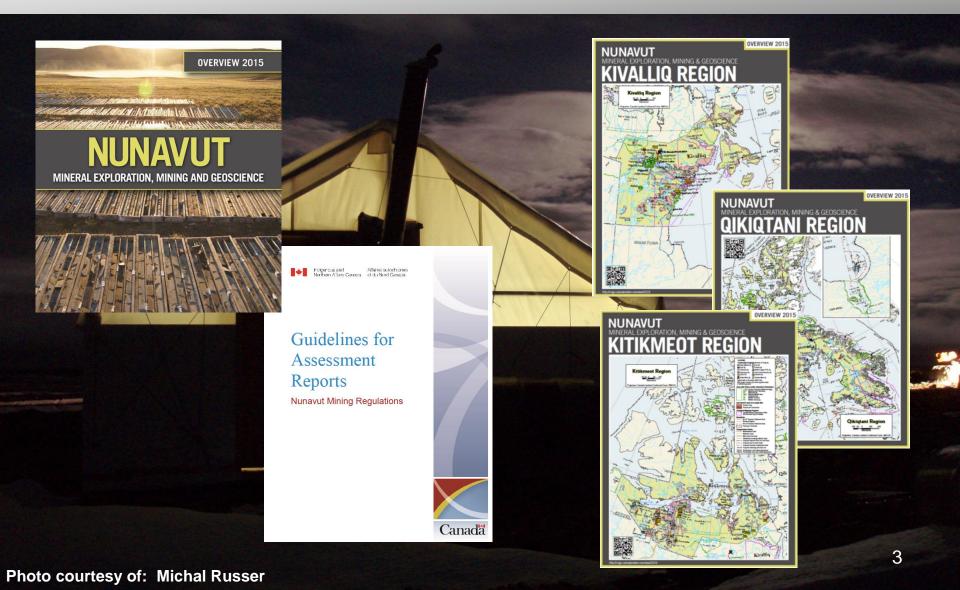


- Collaborative work in 2015 with CNGO on West Hudson Bay surficial geology studies
- M.Sc. project related to Hall Peninsula Integrated Geoscience Program (2013-2014) ongoing
- NUMIN showings database being updated with recent data from publicly released assessment reports
- Outreach activities with local schools, community groups, and public events; 9 visits in 2015
- Nunavut Map Viewer now available to view mineral rights in Nunavut online

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# Look for these publications:





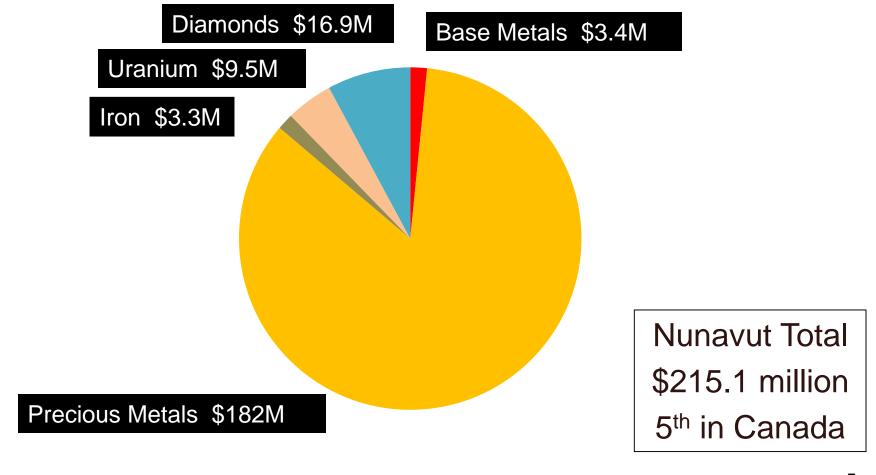
# **2015 Exploration Highlights**

- Agnico-Eagle Mines (AEM) expanded underground at Meliadine; signed agreement with KIA; extensive drilling at Amaruq, inferred resource estimate of 3.3M oz gold
- TMAC Resources secured \$350M in financing; drilled 33,000 metres at Hope Bay
- Sabina Gold & Silver released a positive Feasibility Study for Back River project
- Auryn Resources acquired North Country Gold and its Committee Bay project; staked more than 158,000 ha of new claims
- Baffinland Iron Mines shipped the first load of iron ore to market from the Mary River mine
- Bulk sampling program on the CH-7 kimberlite at Peregrine Diamonds' Chidliak project

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## Looking back: 2015 Exploration & Deposit Appraisal

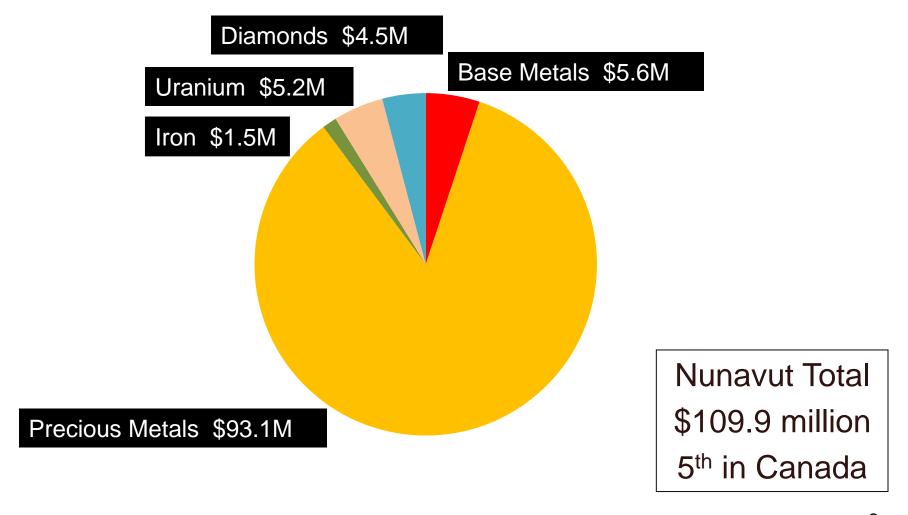
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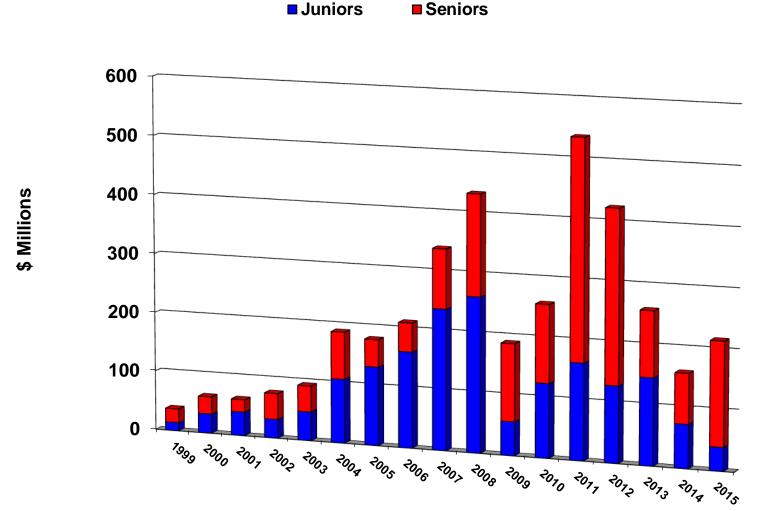
## Looking forward: 2016 Exploration & Deposit Appraisal

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# Who is doing exploration work?



Over \$3.9 billion investment in Nunavut since 1999

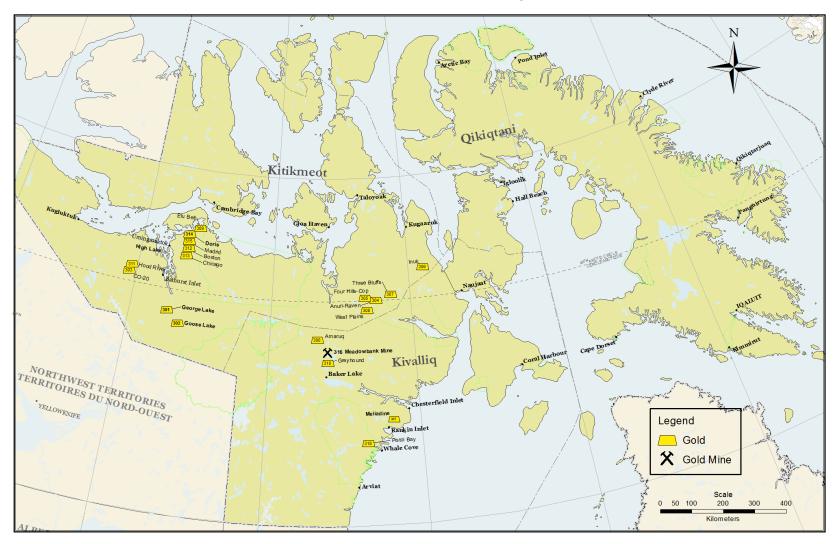


# 29 Active Projects in 2015

Commodities	Projects
Gold (Au)	10
Base Metal (Zn, Cu, Pb, ±Ag)	4
Iron (Fe)	1
Uranium (U)	3
Diamond (C)	11



# **Active Gold Projects**





## Meadowbank Gold Mine





# **Advanced Gold Projects**

#### Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

#### Meliadine

- Increase of budget to \$85M for 2015
- Underground exploration ramp extended
- Project certificate received in February 2015
- Signing of Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement with the Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Start-up rescheduled for 2020

#### TMAC Resources Inc.

#### **Hope Bay Mine and Project**

- Over \$350M financing from debt facility and IPO
- Over 33,000 metres drilled at Doris and Madrid North
- Measured and indicated resource of 4.5M oz Au; 1.4M oz Au inferred
- IOL Production Lease granted for Doris Mine in August
- Processing plant design complete for delivery on 2016 sealift
- Environmental permitting ongoing, as well as amendments to project certificate



# **Advanced Gold Projects (cont.)**

#### Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.

#### **Back River Project**

- Positive Initial Feasibility Study released September 2015
- Measured and indicated resources: 5.3M oz Au; proven and probable reserves: 2.5M oz Au; Inferred resource: 1.85M oz Au
- Estimated production of about 200,000 oz Au/year over 12 years mine life
- Average life of mine grade of 6.3 g/t Au
- Permitting and licensing processes continue



# **Gold Exploration Projects**

# Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Amaruq

- \$37.7 exploration program completed
- Over 108,000 m drilling, geophysics, prospecting, rock and till sampling, permitting and engineering studies
- Released updated inferred resource of 3.3M oz gold including Whale Tail deposit inferred resource estimate of 2.9M oz gold
- All weather road linking Amaruq with Meadowbank mine approved

#### Northquest Ltd.

#### **Pistol Bay**

- Drill program focused on possible extension of Vickers target
- Auriferous porphyry intersected in the eastern extension of Vickers zone
- 1x3 km Howitzer gold dispersal train defined through till sampling program



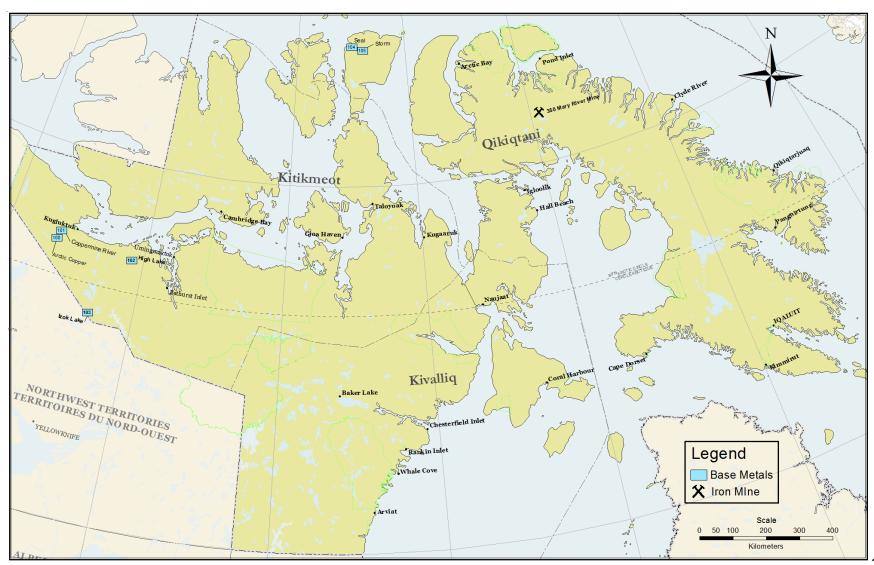
# **Gold Exploration Projects (cont.)**

#### Auryn Resources Inc.

#### **Committee Bay Project**

- Purchased North Country Gold and its 58,715 hectares
   Committee Bay project
- Staked additional 158,885 hectares along the Committee Bay Greenstone Belt increasing the land package to 217,600 hectares
- Completed rotary air blast drill program at West Plains shear zone
- Till sampling program located 5 new gold anomalies

# **Active Base Metal and Iron Projects**





# **Mary River Mine**

# Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. Mary River iron mine

- Deposit No.1: 365 Mt at 64% Fe
- First ore shipment to market in August 2015
- Amendment requested for project certificate to allow increased ore transport to Milne Inlet
- Expecting to submit Environmental Impact Statement for Phase 2 in 2016



## **Base Metal Exploration Projects**

# Aston Bay Holdings Ltd. Storm Cu-Zn-Ag project

- Summer 2015 program included ground gravity survey
- Two high-priority drill targets identified
- Signed Letter of Intent with BHP Billiton to further advance the project

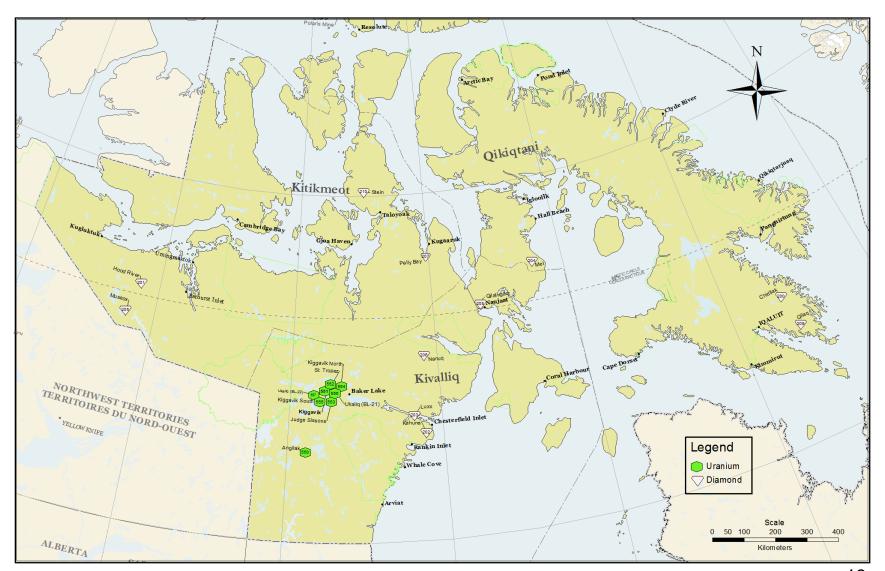
# Kaizen Discovery Inc. Coppermine River project

- Drilling extends intermittent trend of copper sulphide mineralization to 80 km length
- Copper mineralization intersected in all nine drill holes

# Sitka Gold Corp./ Arctic Copper Corp. Coppermine project

- Early stage copper project
- Staked 50,585 ha of claims in 2015

# **Active Uranium and Diamond Projects**





# **Diamond Exploration Projects**

# Peregrine Diamonds Ltd. Chidliak diamond project

- Bulk sample on CH-7 completed in winter 2015; 558.5 wet tonnes of material collected
- Summer 2015 program including core drilling and sampling of CH-6 and CH-7

# North Arrow Minerals Inc. Mel diamond project

- Summer 2015 till sampling program completed
- 227 samples collected, results expected in early 2016

# **Crystal Exploration Inc. Muskox diamond project**

Acquired and processed core from previously un-sampled historical drill holes



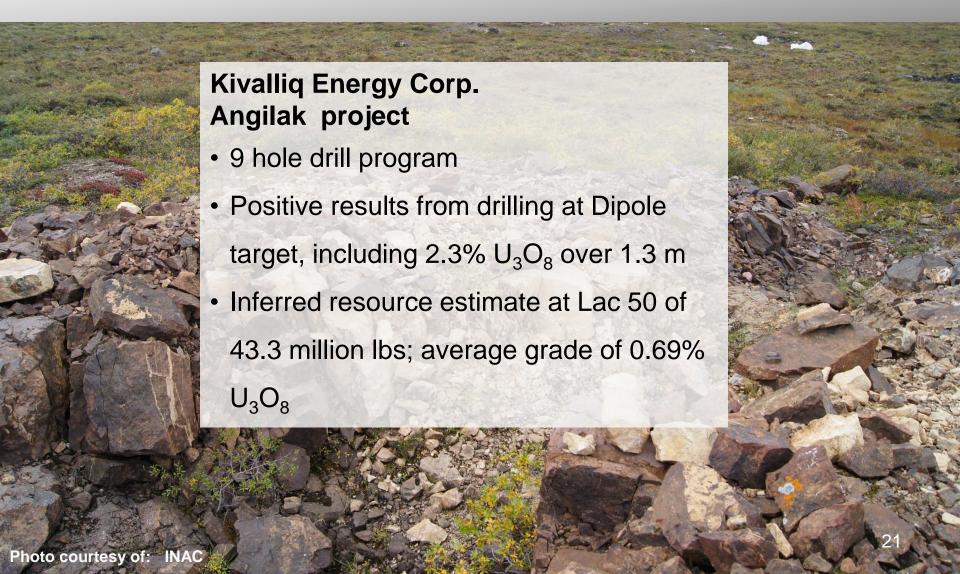
## **Advanced Uranium Project**

# AREVA Resources Canada Inc.

#### Kiggavik project

- 8,300 m of drilling in summer 2015, including greenfields, infill, and site development drilling
- Geochemical analysis planned for core from 2015 program
- Final hearing report in environmental assessment review process completed
- Ministerial decision pending

# **Uranium Exploration Project**





# **Summary of Activities**

- Two operating mines in Nunavut
- Three advanced-stage gold projects
- Various commodity projects advancing through environmental assessment process
- Continued exploration in all three regions
- New discoveries and new grassroots projects



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