

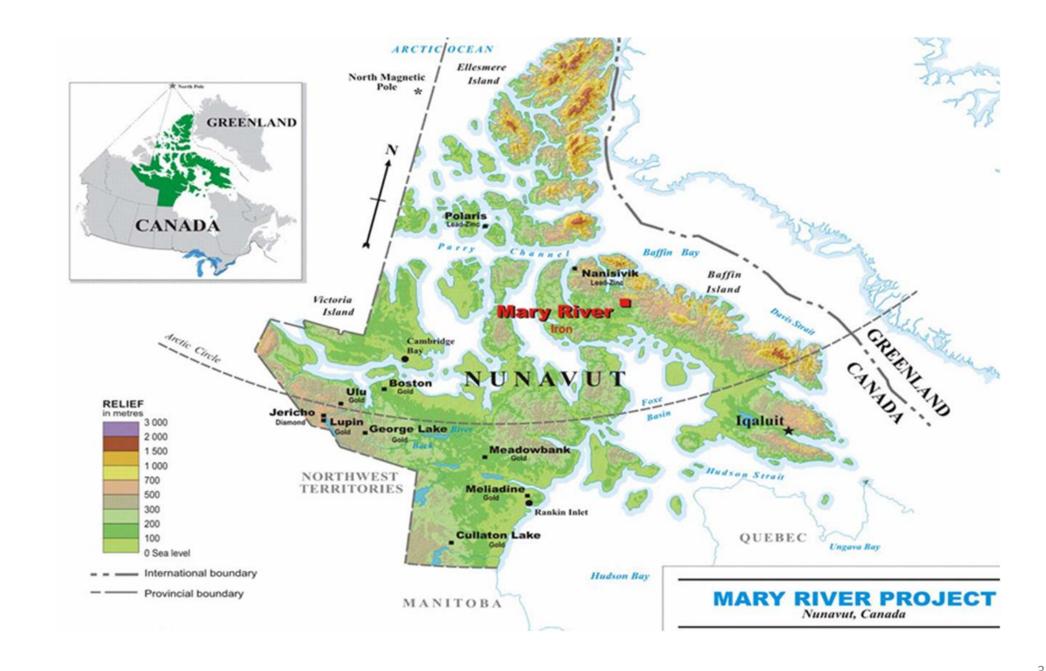


Mary River | Phase 2 Infrastructure April 5, 2017



**Infrastructure for Bulk Commodity Mining** 





### Mary River Project

- Baffinland is amongst the highest ore quality and quantity world wide.
- Deposit No. 1 is currently the largest known deposit of high grade iron ore in the Mary River area.
- Resource estimates to date total more than 350 million tonnes at an average grade of 64%. Inferred resource up to 980 Mt in 9 deposits and exploration continues.
- Underground pits and tailings ponds are not required, Baffinland produces a Direct Ship Product (DSP) which does not require processing.





## **Comparison of Commodities**

Commodity	Price (US \$/tonne)	Production for \$1 million (tonnes)
Gold	40,000,000	0.025
Silver	580,000	1.7
Zinc	2,750	364
Lead	2,300	435
Iron Ore	80	12,500





**Phase 2 Expansion Project** 

### Mary River Project – Recent History

- **★** 2012 Original proposal 18 mtpa by Rail to Steensby
- ★ Oct 2014 Phase 2 Proposal –12 mtpa by truck to Milne with winter shipping
- **★** 2015 − Started operations
- **★** 2015 Community consultation on Phase 2
- **★** February 2016 Updated Phase 2 12 mtpa by Rail to Milne
- **★** 2016 More community consultation
- ★ November 2016 Phase 2 removed winter shipping



### Infrastructure Challenges

Baffin Island presents a unique and challenging environment displaying extreme conditions much of the year:

- **★** Sub-zero temperatures for 9 months of the year, with temperatures reaching as low as -54°C.
  - † Truck and equipment maintenance
- \* Spring freshet and fall freeze-up
  - Lose one month of trucking
- **1** 2 months of near total darkness
- **†** Less than 3 months of open water

### Community Feedback

Key issues raised by the communities:

- Economic and social benefits employment, training and business opportunities
- **★** Dust generated by truck traffic and operations
- ★ Potential winter shipping and ice breaking possible effects on Inuit land use activities and travel routes.





#### Rationale for Phase 2 Project

Expansion is key to long term sustainability

- ★ Phased approach to the development of the Mary River Project.
- ★ The Project remains vital to the economy in North Baffin.
- \* Current production of 4.2 mtpa has proven insufficient for the long-term.
- Increased production is required to achieve the required economy of scale for future stability and global competitiveness.







# Top Global Iron Ore Producers

Owner	Country	Production in 2014 (mt)
Rio Tinto	Australia	163
Vale	Brazil	120
Fortescue	Australia	90
BHP Billiton	Australia	79
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IOC	Canada	22



What does Phase 2 Look Like?



### What Changes in Phase 2

- ★ Mining Operations and site services don't change significantly
- \* The focus is on expanding Infrastructure
  - \* Rail transport of ore from mine to port
    - ★ Most northerly rail line in the world
  - Crushing and screening moved to the port
  - Second ore dock for Cape Size vessels





# **Rail Component**



#### Rail vs Truck

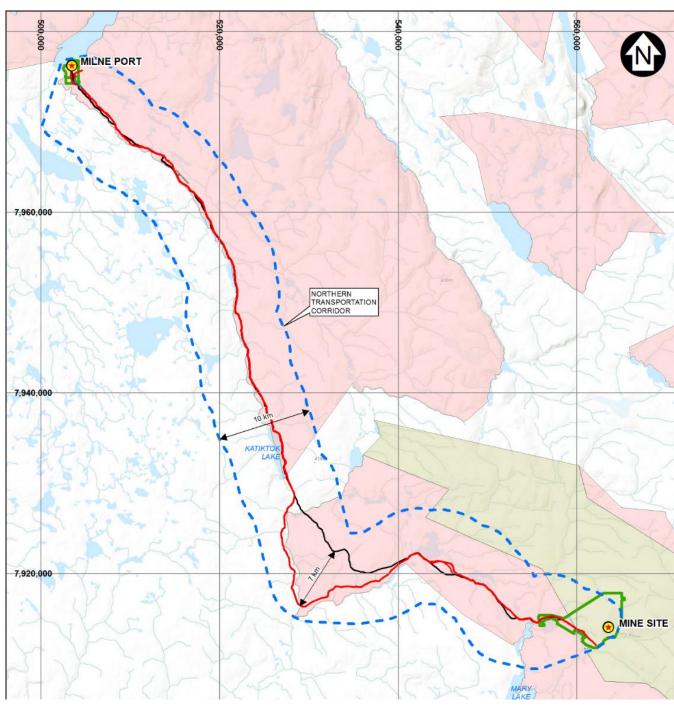
- \* Reduced trips per day (compared to truck)
- \* Average speed 45 km/h, max speed 60 km/h
- \* Reduced fuel consumption (compared to truck)
- Reduced waste generation(compared to truck)
- **†** Reduced animal interactions
- **†** Reduced dust emissions





## Rail Alignment





#### Rail Infrastructure

- **2** Trains with
  - **†** 2 Locomotives
  - † 72 ore cars with 108 t payload
  - \* Roughly 2 trips/day each
- Mine yard for loading
- \* Rotary car dumper
- \* Small rail yard at Port for rail maintenance

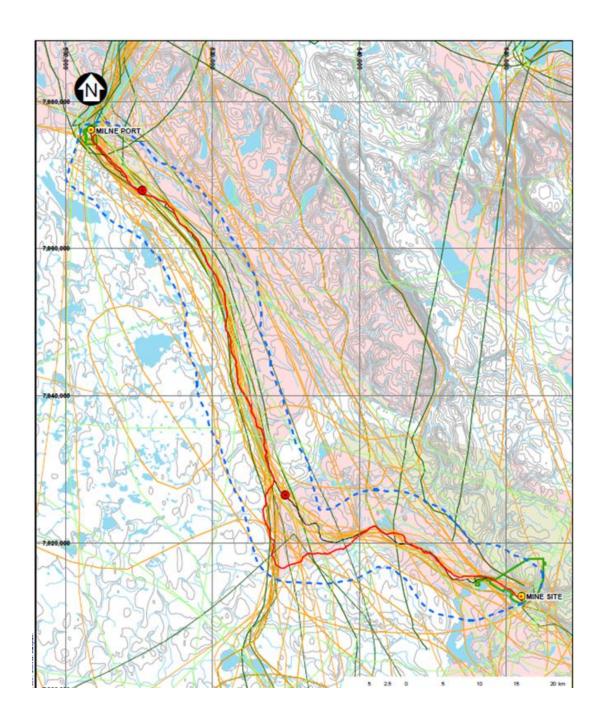


### **Level Crossings**

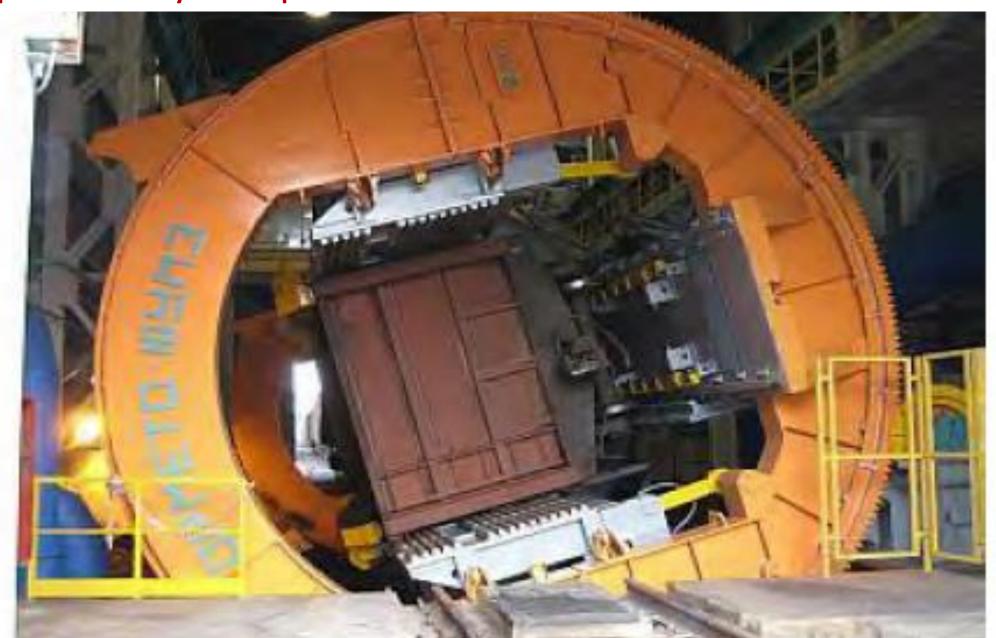
**†** 5 Crossings with the mine road

**†** Caribou crossings

**†** Snowmobile or ATV Crossings



# Typical rotary dumper



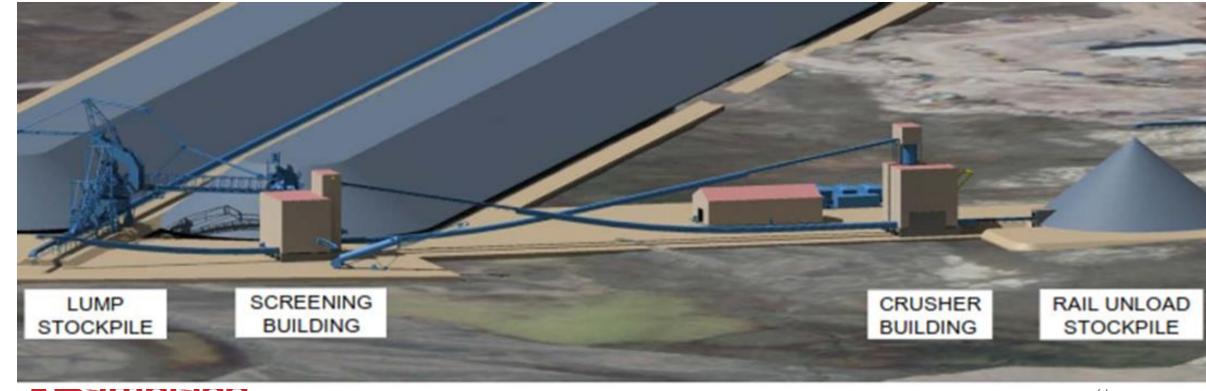


**Crushing and Ore Handling** 



### Crushing and screening

- **★** Indoor crushing and screening
- \* Move to port site
- **†** Fixed stacker / reclaimer





**Cape Size Ore Dock** 

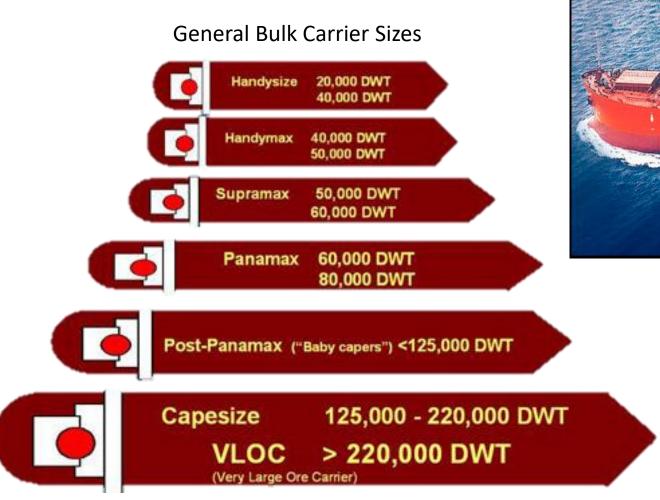
#### Second Ore Dock

- \* Focus on Open Water shipping
- **†** Larger dock to accommodate Cape Size vessels
- **†** Larger ship loader
- ★ Fill two ore vessels each day





### Cape Size Vessels





#### Port Infrastructure





**Looking to the Future** 



#### Path Forward

Phase 2 Expansion Project and the creation of the railroad is critical to the success of Baffinland and will bring considerable benefits to the local communities:

- Detailed engineering
- \* Working through the regulatory process
- **†** Continuing to talk to local communities
- † Planning for operations and construction
- \* Skills development and training





## **Thank You**

