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Discovering & Developing the USA's Only High-Grade Nickel Resources for the Domestic Battery Supply Chain

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#### What We Do



Exploring, discovering and developing mineral resources for society

Mineral Exploration

- Health & Safety
- Community Engagement
- **Environmental Studies**
- Engineering & Mine Design

















### **Our Team & Operations**



#### **Partnerships Talon Team Project Locations** # of Staff Team **Exploration Drilling** 43 Minnesota Geology 13 $\bigstar$ TESLA Tamarack Nickel Project Geophysics 5 **Environmental &** 17 UNITED STEELWORKERS Engineering **RioTinto** Community & External 5 Affairs **Michigan** Management Team New Exploration 9 **US Government Support** Land Package 92 TOTAL **Department of Energy Funding** 80% of the team is based ★ in Minnesota North Dakota **Proposed Battery Minerals Department of Defense Funding**

Processing Facility

# The Need for Nickel



The United States has an interest in securing domestic supply chains for critical minerals, like nickel

Top countries that produce high-grade nickel	Tonnes
Russia	270,000
Canada	180,000
Australia	180,000
China	110,000
United States (Eagle Mine, Michigan)	14,000

#### Minnesota has committed to a goal of 100% clean energy by 2040

For society to become less reliant on fossil fuels, we will need more minerals in our energy system



BRIEFING ROOM + STATEMENTS AND RELEASES

Biden-Harris Administration, Companies Announce Major Investments to Expand Domestic Critical Minerals Supply Chain, Breaking Dependence on China and Boosting Sustainable Practices

Critical minerals provide the building blocks for many modern technologies and are essential to our national security and economic prosperity. These minerals—such as rare earth elements, lithium, and cobalt—can be found in products from computers to household appliances. They are also key inputs in clean energy technologies like batteries, electric vehicles, wind turbines, and solar panels. As the world transitions to a clean energy economy, global demand for these critical minerals is set to skyrocket by 400-600 percent over the next several decades, and, for minerals such as lithium and graphite used in electric vehicle (EV) batteries, demand will increase by even more—as much as 4,000 percent. The U.S. is increasingly dependent on foreign sources for many of the processed versions of these minerals. Globally, China controls most of the market for processing and refining for cobalt, lithium, rare earths

Governor Walz Signs Bill Moving Minnesota to 100 Percent Clean Energy by 2040

Governor Tim Walz today signed into law legislation establishing a Minnesota carbon-free electricity standard. With Senate File 4, Minnesota will take steps to lower greenhouse gas emissions, combat the climate crisis, and create new clean energy jobs. The new law ensures Minnesotans will continue to have reliable, affordable, and safe energy resources. Governor Walz signed the bill alongside legislators, labor, and environmental advocates at the St. Paul Regional Labor Center.

"Climate change impacts lives and livelihoods in every corner of our state," said Governor Walz. "Minnesota will continue to lead the way on combatting climate change and we'll create clean energy jobs in

the process. This bill is an essential investment in our future that will

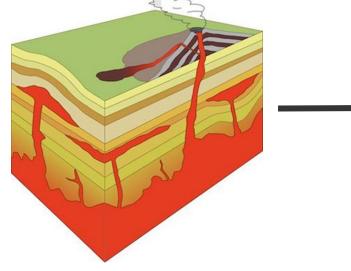
continue to pay off for generations to come." "Climate change threatens many of the things we love most about

our state – which is why we're going to lead Minnesota to 100% clean electricity by 2040," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "As we work to make Minnesota the best state to raise a family, investing in our climate future is an essential part of building a bright future for our kids. This bill is good news for Minnesota and our country as the North Star State leads the way."

# Mineral Exploration

# **Mineral Exploration**





Mineralization sample from Tamarack

Core sample from drill hole 20TK0278 See Press release dated March 23, 2021 for details



Discover high-grade nickel, copper and other metals

Explore plumbing system of an ancient volcano

Develop modern mine to utilize the mineral resources for society







#### **Exploration Funded by US Government - Department of Defense**

- Department of Defense (DoD) indicated that it considers domestic sources of nickel for defense platforms and clean energy to be a national security priority
- Talon received a grant for **\$20.6 million** from the DoD through the Defense Production Act
- Talon will utilize this funding to accelerate exploration in Minnesota and Michigan
- Funds can go towards the purchasing of additional drill rigs and hiring of key personnel for mineral exploration

See press release dated September 12, 2023 for details Department of Defense and Talon Sign Agreement to Support Domestic Nickel Exploration - Talon Metals Corp











#### Minnesota- Tamarack Nickel Project





### **Beginning Exploration in Michigan**

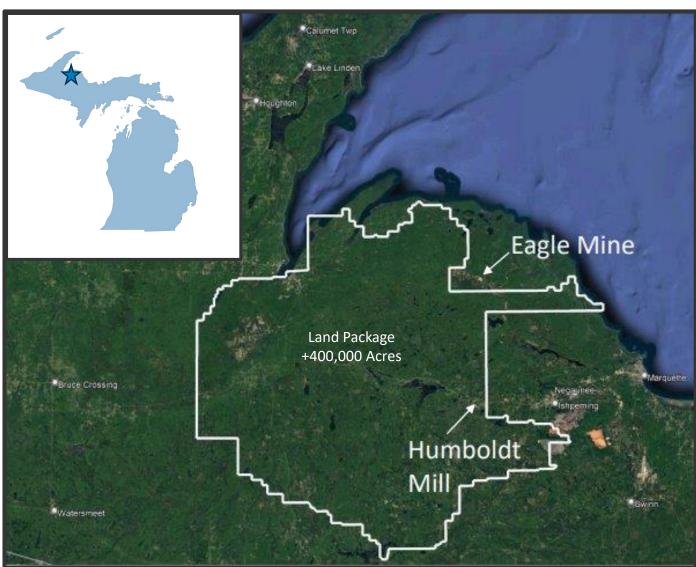


- In 2022, Talon acquired a 400,000+ acre land package in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan
- Located adjacent to Eagle Mine (Lundin Mining) with similar high-grade mineralization intercepts historically drilled (up to 7.4% Ni)
- Geophysics commenced in March 2024
- Exploration drilling program in June 2024



See press release dated August 10, 2022 for details

US EV Battery Supply Chain: Talon Metals Acquires Exploration Rights from Sweetwater Royalties to Explore Historic Henry Ford Land Package in Michigan - Talon Metals Corp



# **Underground Mine Plan**

#### **Underground Mine Design Submitted for Environmental Review**





2027

Proposed starting date:



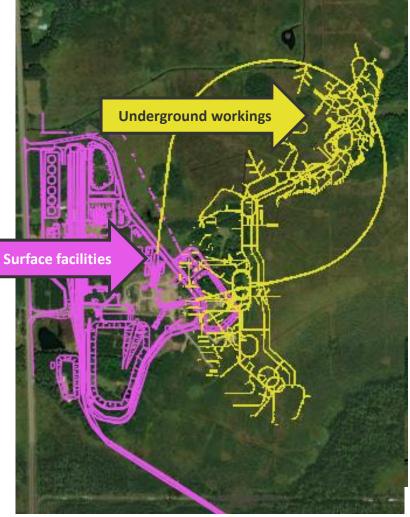
Estimated production period: 7-10 years

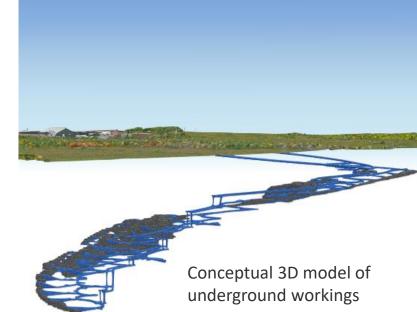


Estimated employees: 300 during full production (currently at around 100)



Existing infrastructure in the area (power, rail and road)





The objective is to collect the bedrock containing ore (high-grade mineralization) while leaving the surrounding bedrock undisturbed

#### **Tamarack Footprint: Size Comparison to Scale**



Tamarack surface facilities



Miller Hill shopping mall (Duluth)



Minnesota National Golf Course (Aitkin)

> Minntac Iron Ore Mine Facilities (Hibbing)

#### Underground Mine Design Submitted for Environmental Review

- The environmental review process began in June 2023
- Talon has received two rounds of comments from state agencies, tribal sovereign governments or tribal organizations who have been invited by the state to participate in the initial process on a government-togovernment basis.
- Talon is developing its responses, data and design changes for the second round of comments, **focusing on responsiveness to:**



reduced land disturbance



reduced wetlands impacts



avoidance of contact water



avoidance of exposure of sulfide bearing rock to the atmosphere





Talon team collecting environmental baseline data to inform the review process



#### **North Dakota Battery Mineral Processing Facility**



- Talon is also progressing activities in North Dakota to establish the BMPF, of which <u>US\$114.8 million is funded by a grant from the US Department of</u> <u>Energy</u> ("**DOE Funding**") on a cost-share basis.
- Battery Mineral Processing Facility **will process nickel and other battery minerals**, moving processing and tailings management away from the Minnesota mine site
- Leverages **industrial brownfield facility**, new approach to tailings management with existing rail access and dry environment in North Dakota
- Talon is in the final stages of securing an industrial site in Mercer County, North Dakota where the BMPF will be located.
- Talon is conducting project design activities and working with the Department of Energy on the environmental review requirements.
- Talon has now completed various tests that show that any residual tailings can be stored safely with fly ash and lime, as a cemented dry stack facility.



See press release dated October 19, 2022 for details

TALON METALS BATTERY MINERALS PROCESSING FACILITY SELECTED BY US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR \$114 MILLION IN BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FUNDING - Talon Metals Corp

### Full Value Mining: Talon's Proposed Nickel Supply Chain for Batteries

Talon sees the potential opportunity to harness additional minerals from the Tamarack ore body, taking a "full value mining" or "full resource utilization" approach.

Talon and Argonne National Laboratory working to transform and purify extracted iron from tailings and sulfides to provide a domestic source of Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) batteries

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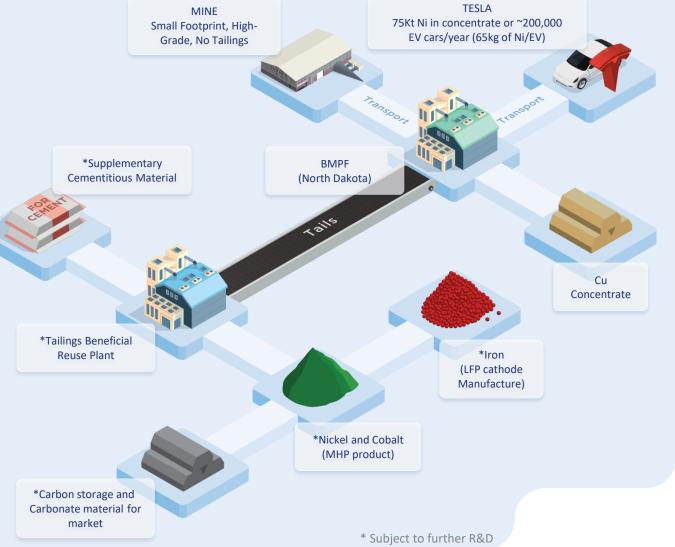
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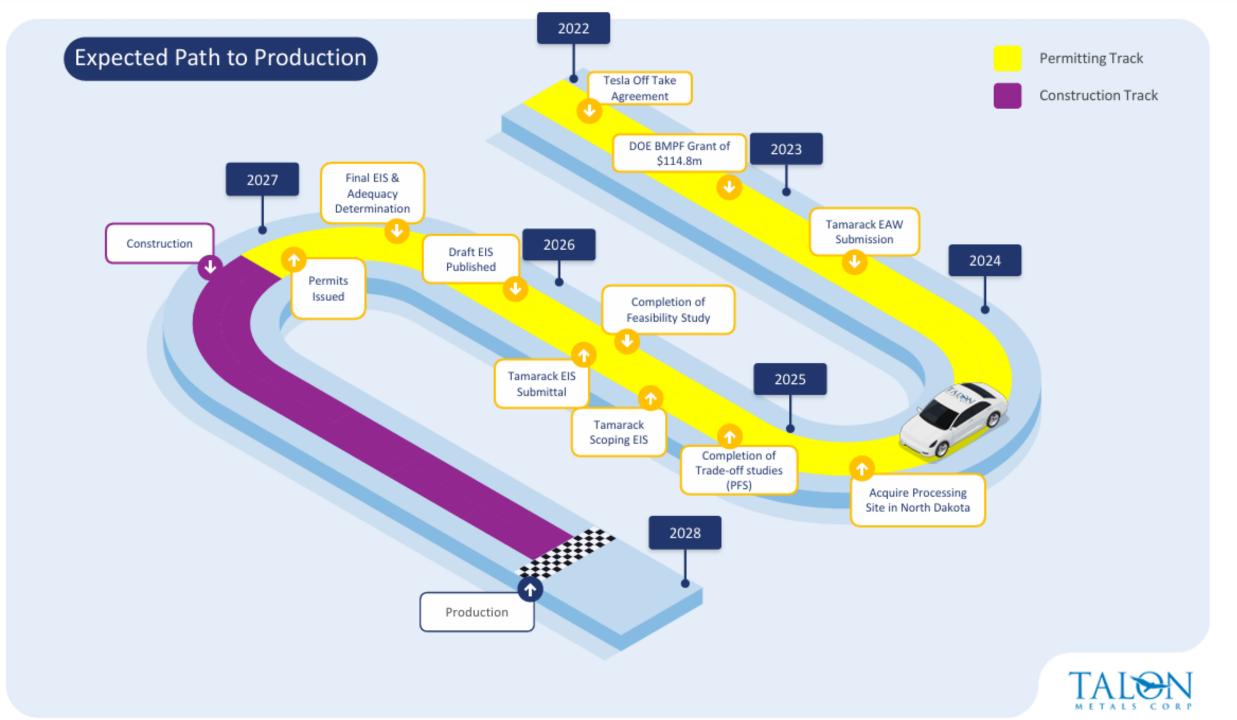
Travertine Technologies is working on a commercial scale process that would economically transform tailings and development rock into various marketable by-products

Goal is to achieve the highest battery energy storage per mined ton by utilizing both the nickel and the iron contained in the ore to produce nickel-based *and* ironbased batteries

Talon is working with Columbia University, who were awarded funding from the Department of Energy (DOE), to develop novel approaches to refining Tamarack's nickel concentrate

Potential increase in Ni recovery from tailings using the Travertine process combined with bio-leaching from MIRARCO





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