# Advancing the High-Grade Great Burnt Copper-Gold Project in Central Newfoundland

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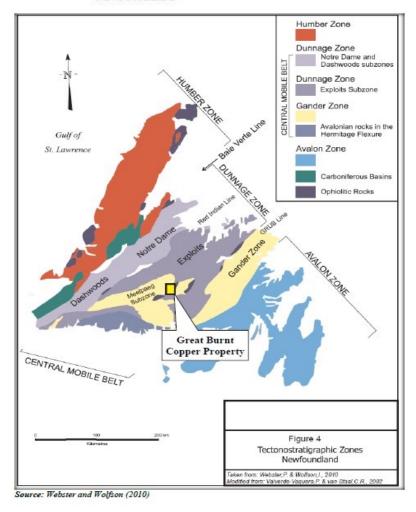
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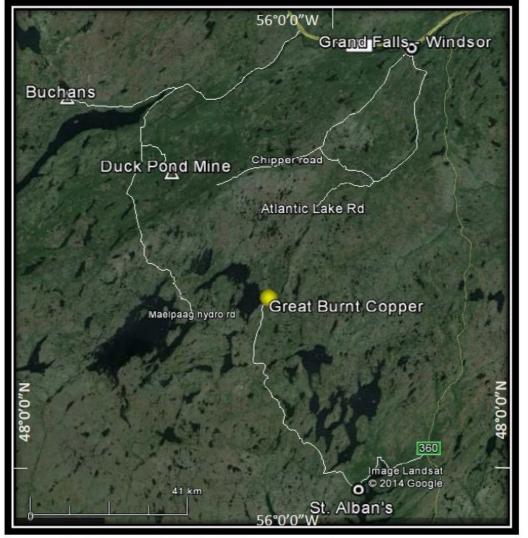
# **Company Overview**

- Management and Board has a combined **150+ years of exploration and discovery successes**
- Members of management awarded:
  - PDAC 2007 Bill Dennis Award
  - > NWOPA Discovery of the Year Award in 2000, 2015 and 2017
  - ➤ NL CIM Prospector/Explorer of the Year in 2023
- Famed mining financier **Eric Sprott** is the largest shareholder @ 28.75 million shares and 20.625 million warrants (\$0.20-0.25). Spruce Ridge Resources owns 15 million shares (30 month staggered escrow).
- JV with Sokoman Minerals on three large-scale, multi-commodity projects in Newfoundland, including Kraken and Killick Lithium Discoveries now part of Vinland Lithium Inc. financed by a major, **Piedmont Lithium**.
- Flagship Great Burnt Copper-Gold Project in central Newfoundland has a Mineral Resource estimate of 442,000 tonnes @ 2.50% Cu Indicated and 829,000 @ 2.11% Cu Inferred. The Project has an excellent geological setting covering 25 km of strike and boasts six known Cu-Au-Ag zones over 15 km that are all open for expansion.

# **General Geology and Location of Great Burnt Project**

1 REGIONAL GEOLOGY SHOWING MAJOR TECTONIC ZONES OF NEWFOUNDLAND





Source: Google Earth (2014)

# **Great Burnt Property Attributes**

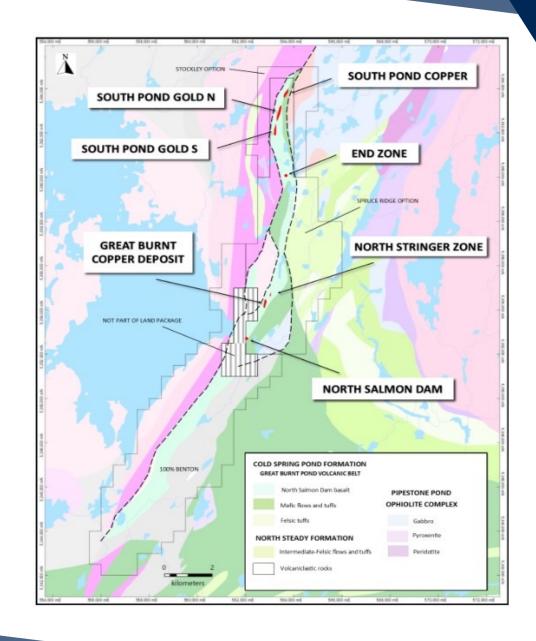
NI 43-101 Compliant Resource Estimates

Area	Class	Tonnes	Cu (%)	Cu (Mlb)	
Great Burnt	Indicated	667,000	3.21	53.2	
	Inferred	482,000	2.35	28.4	

Area	Class	Tonnes	Cu (%)	Cu (Mlb)	Au (g/t)	Au (koz)	CuEq* (%)	CuEq (Mlb)
South Pond	Indicated	214,000	1.26	6.0	1.21	8.3	2.10	9.9
	Inferred	145,000	1.07	3.4	1.02	4.8	1.78	5.7

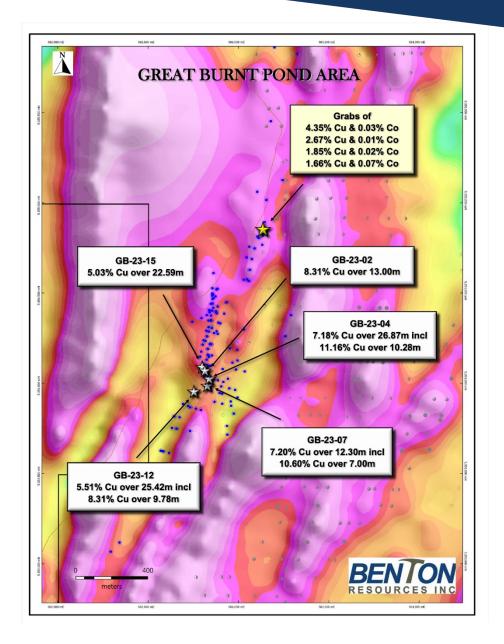
<sup>\*</sup>CuEq%=Cu% + (Au g/t x 0.687). 0.9% Cu% cutoff. P&E Mining Consultants 2022

- Some of the best results have been drilled from 2016 2023
- 6 known historical zones over 15 km with Significant Copper, Gold, Silver, Zinc and Cobalt values. All zones are open for expansion.
- Extensive number of untested conductors and untested Copper–Gold soil anomalies identified
- Prospecting and compilation are ongoing



# **Great Burnt Deposit Area: Magnetics, EM Conductors and Drill Holes**

- Main Great Burnt Pond Deposit
- Extensive number of untested conductors
- 5,700 m Phase 1 drilling program extremely successful
- Some of the best drill intercepts were drilled from 2016-2023 indicating that historic results may be undervaluing the deposit
- Compilation of historical data continues, and Phase 2 winter program is planned to start in February 2024



# **Great Burnt Selected Drilling Highlights**



#### **Previous drilling by Spruce Ridge**

- GB20-05: 27.20m of 8.06% Cu, incl 7.75m of 16.88% Cu
- GB20-20: 22.75m of 6.89% Cu, incl 12.55m of 10.59% Cu
- GB18-05: 20.94m of 6.21% Cu, incl 6.98m of 10.71% Cu
- GB18-06: 9.97m of 7.45% Cu, incl 5.03m of 11.42% Cu
- GB16-08: 7.50m of 9.45% Cu, incl 3.00m of 19.30% Cu
- GB16-09: 5.75m of 6.68% Cu, incl 1.50m of 11.70% Cu



#### Benton drilling in 2022-2023

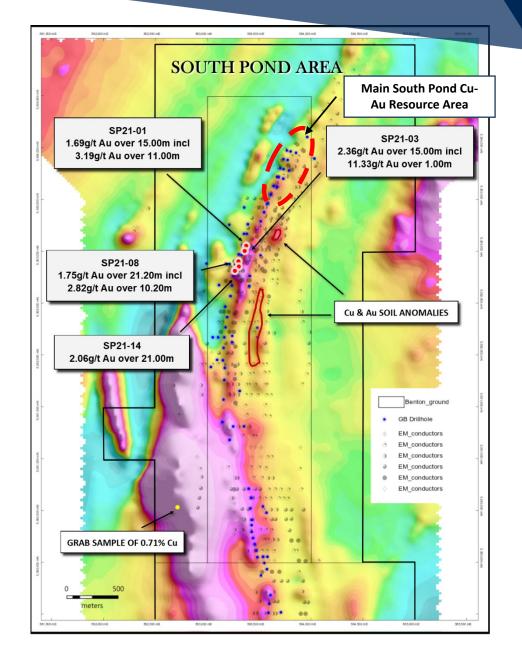
- GB23-02: 13.00m of 8.31% Cu, incl 3.00m of 12.80% Cu
- GB23-04: 26.87m of 7.18% Cu, incl 11.16m of 10.28% Cu
- GB23-07: 12.30m of 7.20% Cu, incl 7.00m 10.60% Cu
- GB23-12: 25.42m of 5.51% Cu, incl 1.00m of 8.77%Cu, 82.00g/t Ag, 4.43g/t Au
- GB23-15: 22.59m of 5.03% Cu, incl 0.50m of 20.00% Cu
- GB23-16: 13.67m of 5.80% Cu, incl 1.00m of 20.60% Cu
- GB23-18: 8.17m of 4.22% Cu, incl 7.05m of 4.11% Cu
- GB23-21: 24m of 5.81% Cu, incl 7.00m of 11.47% Cu
- GB23-22: 21.68m of 3.59% Cu, incl 2.00m of 15.3% Cu

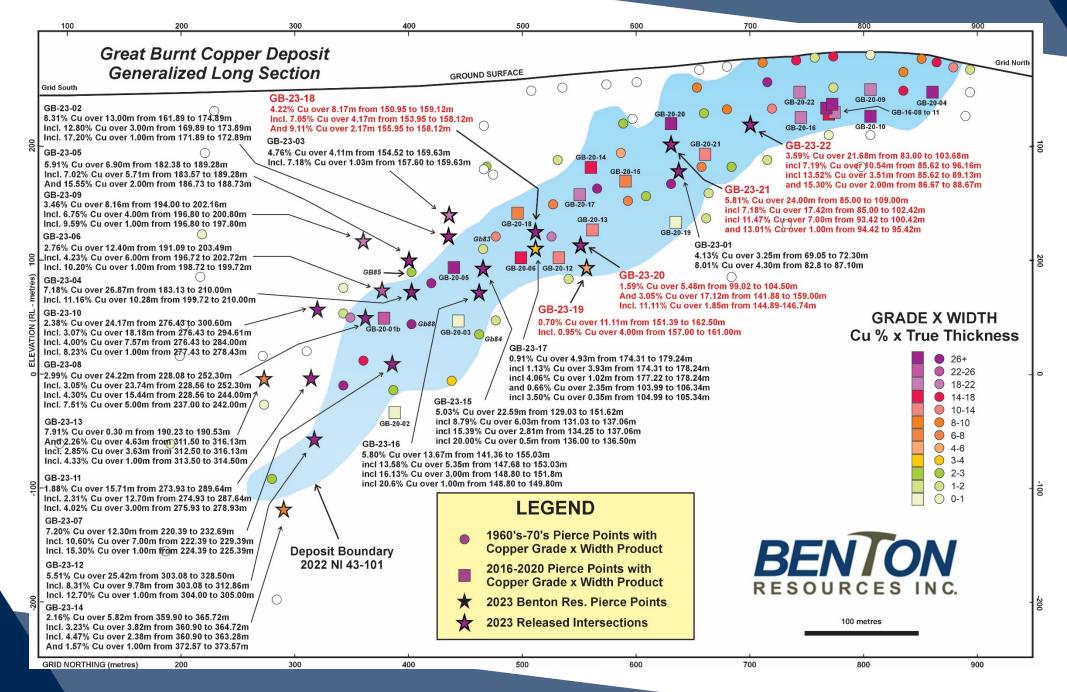
# South Pond Area: Magnetics, EM Conductors and Drill Holes

- Main South Pond Copper-Gold Deposits untested since the 1970s
- Recent trenching exposed high-grade Copper and Gold: up to 5.67% Cu and 5.03 g/t Gold
- Extensive number of untested conductors and Cu-Au soil anomalies
- Some of best drill intercepts drilled in 2021, 1km south of Resource, by Spruce Ridge

#### Highlights of the 2021 drill program:

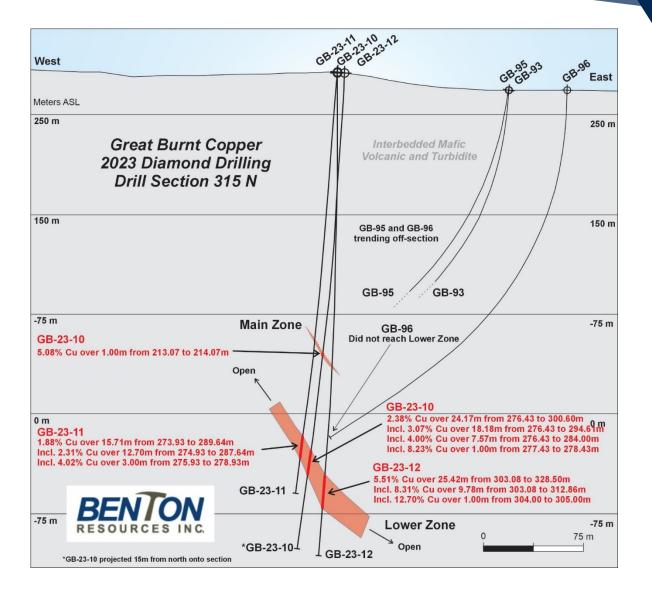
- SP21-01: 1.69g/t Au over 51.00 m, including 3.19g/t Au over 11.00 m
- SP21-03: 2.36g/t Au over 15.00 m, including 11.33g/t Au over 1.00 m
- SP21-08: 1.75g/t Au over 21.20 m, including 2.82g/t Au over 10.20 m
- SP21-11: 1.34g/t Au over 17.60 m, including 2.48g/t Au over 4.20 m
- SP21-14: 2.06g/t Au over 21.00 m





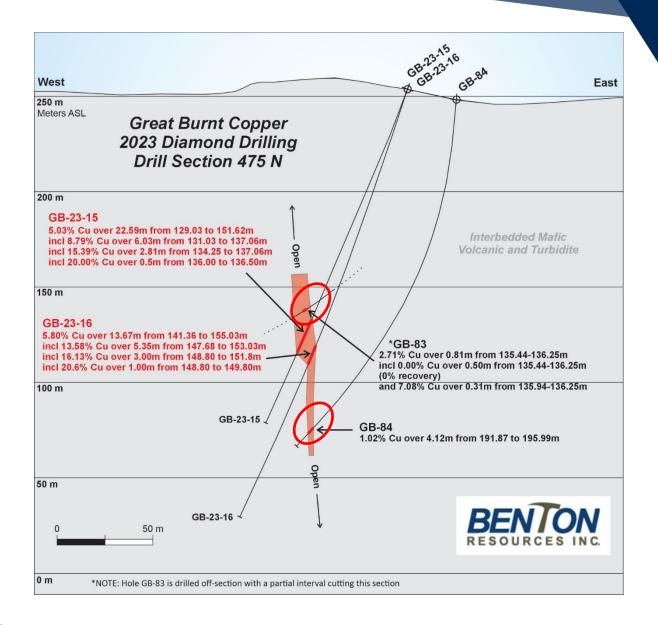
#### **Drill Section 315N**

- The deepest high-grade intersection to date at Great Burnt
- 2023 drilling produced high-grade massive sulphides in Lower Zone (see on the map) at Great Burnt Deposit
- Lower Zone is open in all directions
- Drilling in Feb–March will test updip, downdip and down plunge on new high-grade Lower Zone



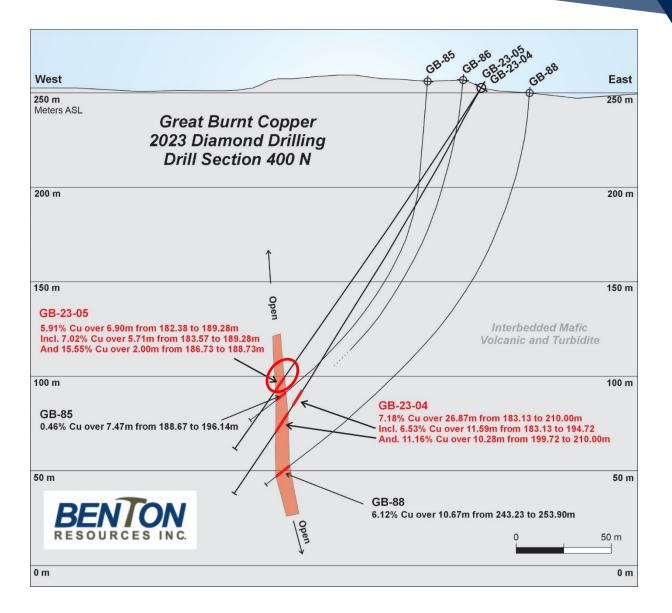
#### **Drill Section 475N**

- Confirmed high grades over significant widths in areas where moderate grades and widths were historically intercepted
- GB-23-15 and -16 drilled just below GB-83 yielded far better results in the Main Zone of the deposit
- Historic hole GB-84 also targeted for re-drilling
- Main Zone is open up-dip and down dip
- Drilling in Feb–March to test updip, downdip and down of the high-grade core in the Main Zone



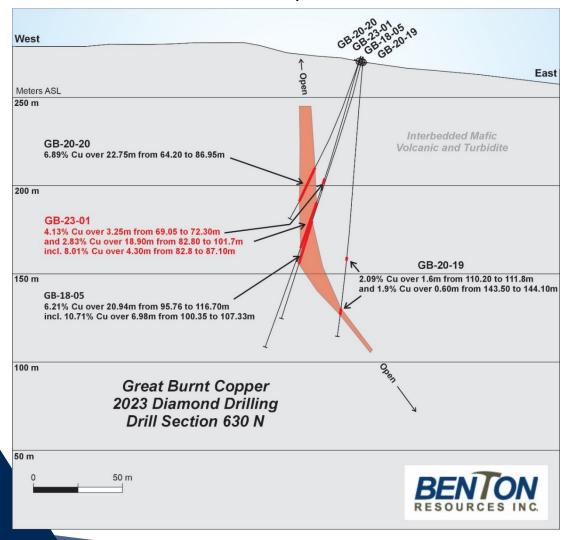
#### **Drill Section 400N**

- Confirmed high grades over significant widths in areas where low grades and widths were historically intercepted
- GB23-04 and 05 were drilled just above and below historical hole GB-85, yielding far better results in the main deposit
- Main Zone open up-dip and down-dip
- Phase 2 drilling to test the high-grade core in the Main Zone up-dip and down-dip

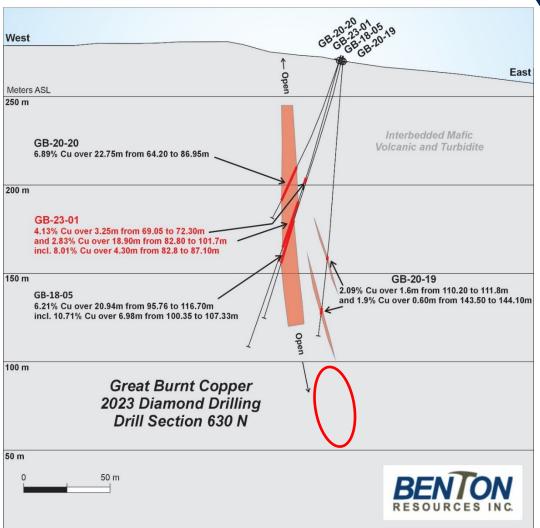


#### **Section 630N**

#### **Previous Interpretation**

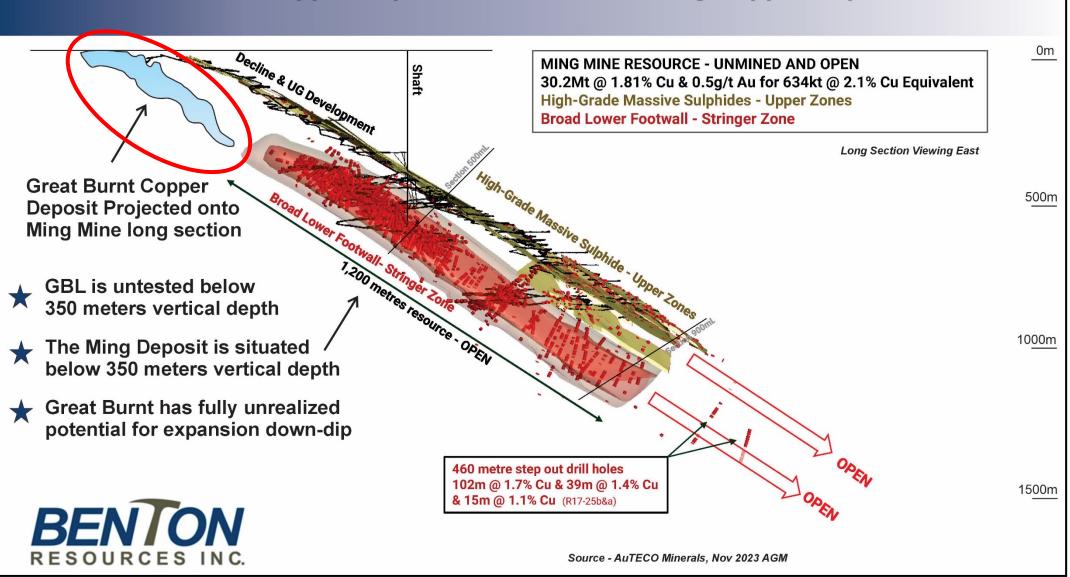


#### New Interpretation



New interpretation suggests Main Zone remains open for expansion down-dip. Phase 2 drilling will test this interpretation.

# Great Burnt Copper Deposit Relative to the Ming Copper Deposit



# **Capital Structure**

Shares Issued	173.132 million		
Warrants (\$0.20-0.25)	29.358 million		
Options (\$0.07-0.20)	8.425 million		
Fully Diluted	210.951 million		
Market Cap (as of Feb 1)	\$26 million		

Cash Position = \$2.78 million Equity Holdings = \$2.31 million



#### **Milestones and Outlook for 2024**

#### **Great Burnt**

- Phase 1 (5,650 m) drill program was extremely successful with semi-massive/massive sulphides intersected in all 22 drill holes, expanding the known deposit limits and confirming high-grade copper core throughout the deposit
- 6 known historical zones over 15 km with significant Copper, Gold, Silver, Zinc and Cobalt values; all open for expansion
- Extensive compilation is currently ongoing, Phase 2 to start in February 2024 to expand the deposits and confirmed resources

#### **Vinland Lithium Spin-Out**

- Spin-out of Vinland Lithium underway with seed financing of \$2.0M(CAD) at \$1.00 per share completed by Piedmont
- Piedmont to pay Benton and Sokoman \$5.0M each and spend \$12M on Vinland's Killick property over the option period (54 months)
- Benton and Sokoman each hold 4.0M shares of Vinland and Piedmont holds 2.0M shares
- After Piedmont completes its \$12M in expenditures, a 62.5% Piedmont and 37.5% Vinland Joint Venture will be formed



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