



**Corporate Presentation | May 2020** 

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#### **Corporate Structure as of May 2020**

Shares Issued	87.1 M
Options @ 0.09	6.8 M
Fully Diluted	95.5 M
Warrants 1,450,850 @ \$0.15 exp. Dec 22, 2022 / 186,669 @ \$0.075 exp. June 27, 2021	1.6 M
Fully Diluted	95.5 M
Equity Holdings (based on May 27 closing)	~\$11 M
Treasury	~\$1.45 M
Market Cap	\$12.9 M



### Project Generator with a High-Quality Property Portfolio and Multiple Commodities:

- Members of management awarded PDAC 2007 Bill Dennis Award and the NWOPA Discovery of the Year Award in 2000, 2015 and 2017.
- Currently holds many projects and large equity positions in companies advancing high-quality assets.
- High-grade TBN and Escape PGM, project being advanced by Clean Air Metals (AIR.V) of which Benton holds 24.6M shares.
- Panama Gold project in the prolific Red Lake District being advanced by Maxtech Ventures and drilling currently underway.
- Staghorn Gold, project near Marathon Gold project being advanced by Quadro Resources.
- Bark Lake and Baril Lake PGM, project being advanced by Rio Tinto Canada.
- Far Lake Copper-Gold-Silver; new high grade Cu discovery under option from White Metal Resources, with exploration underway.

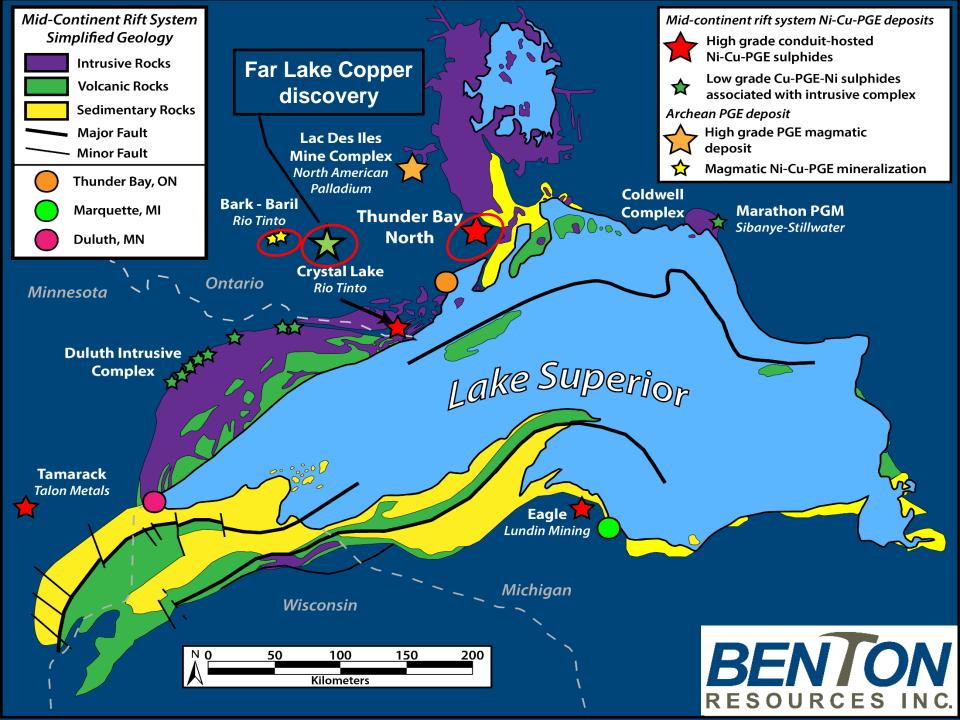


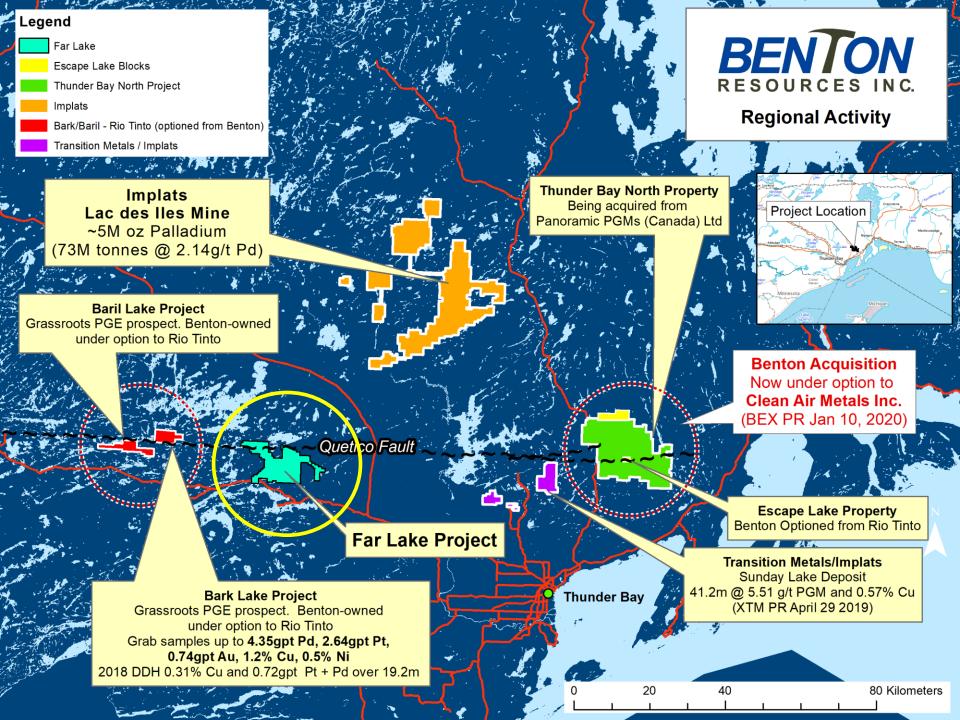
#### **Tremendous Near and Long-Term Upside**



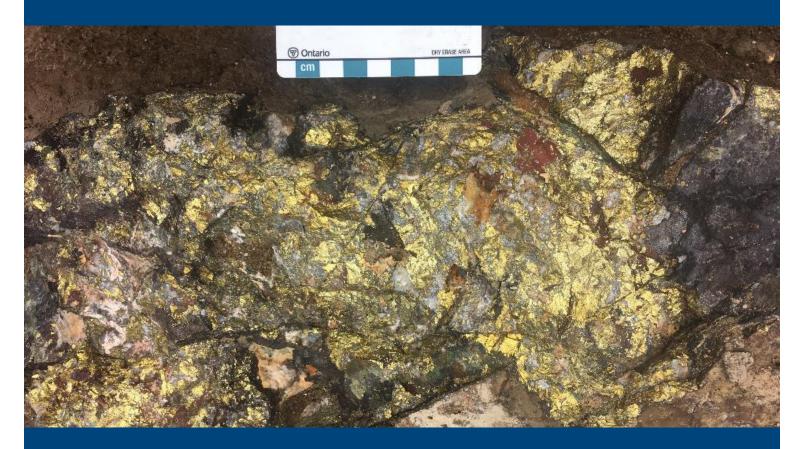
- 24,615,384 shares of Clean Air Metals advancing the high grade TBN and Escape PGM project.
- **4,200,000** shares of Quadro Resources advancing the Staghorn Project near Marathon Gold in NL and the Seagull PGM project near Clear Air Metals. Field season just getting underway.
- **2,000,000** Shares Maxtech Ventures advancing the Panama gold project in the prolific Red Lake District with drilling currently underway.
- 1,000,000 shares of Sokoman Minerals drilling their high-grade Moosehead Gold project in Newfoundland.
- Bark Lake and Baril Lake PGM projects being advanced by Rio Tinto Canada.
- Company continues with project generation with many other excellent projects inside Benton's portfolio looking for partners.
- Whenever possible retains Net Smelter Royalties (NSR) for potential long-term cash flow.



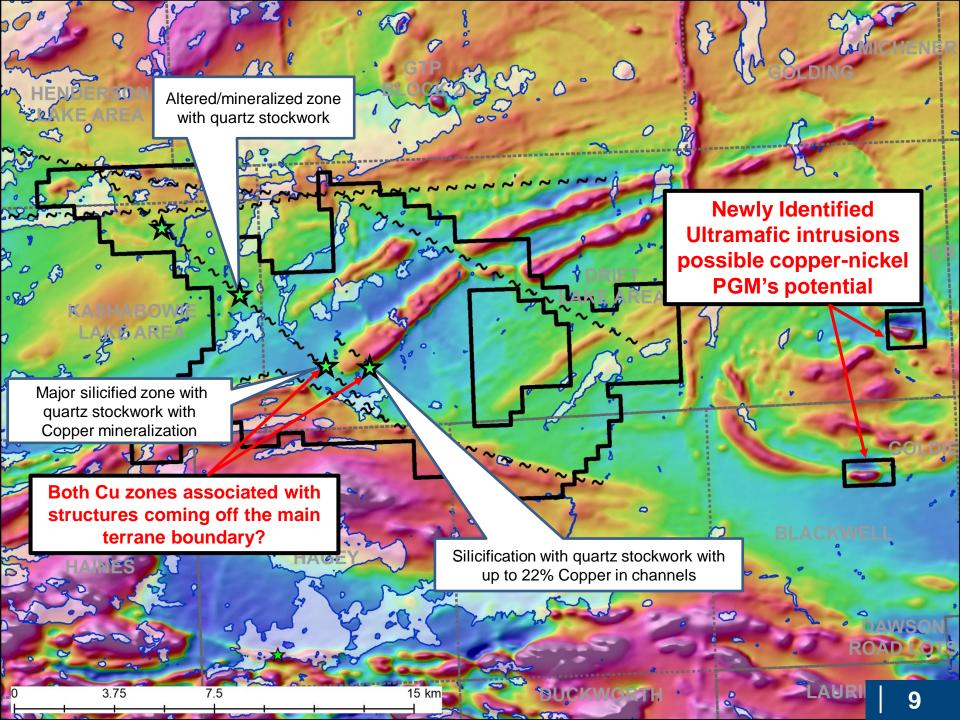


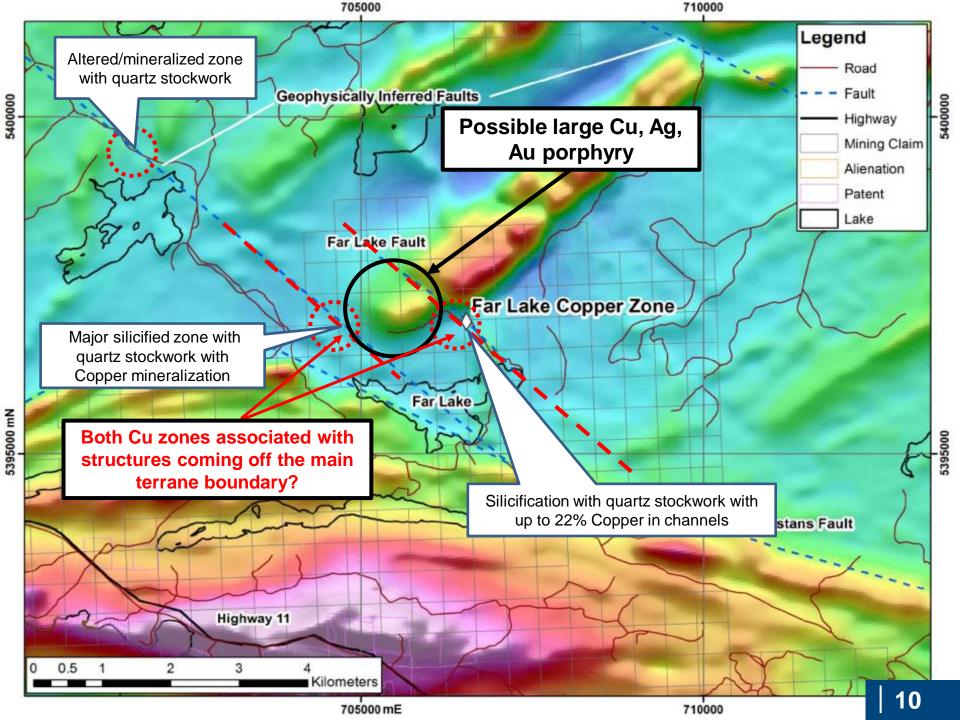


### Far Lake Copper- Gold-Silver



Northern Ontario's Newest Copper Gold Silver Discovery



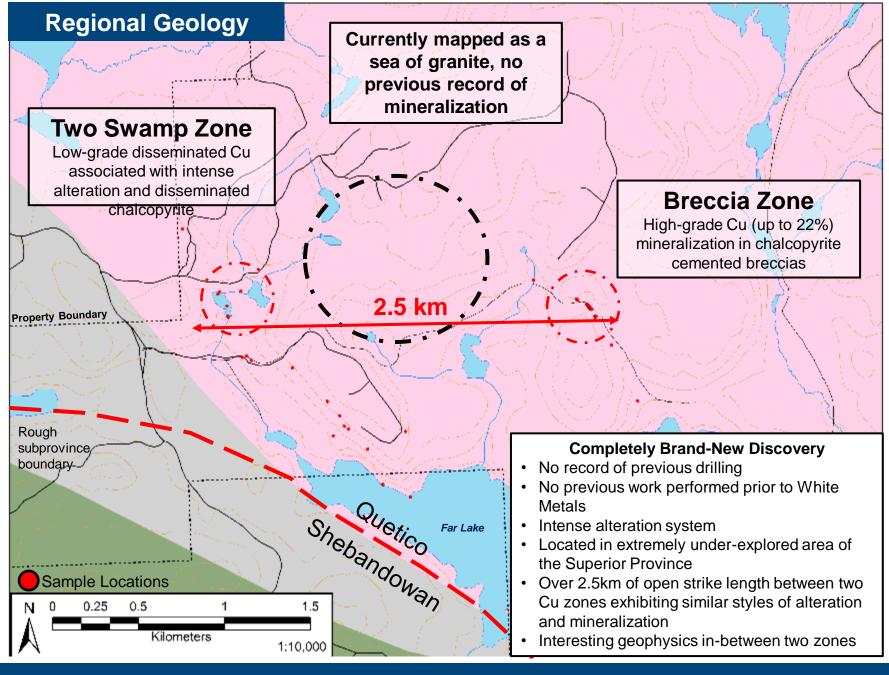


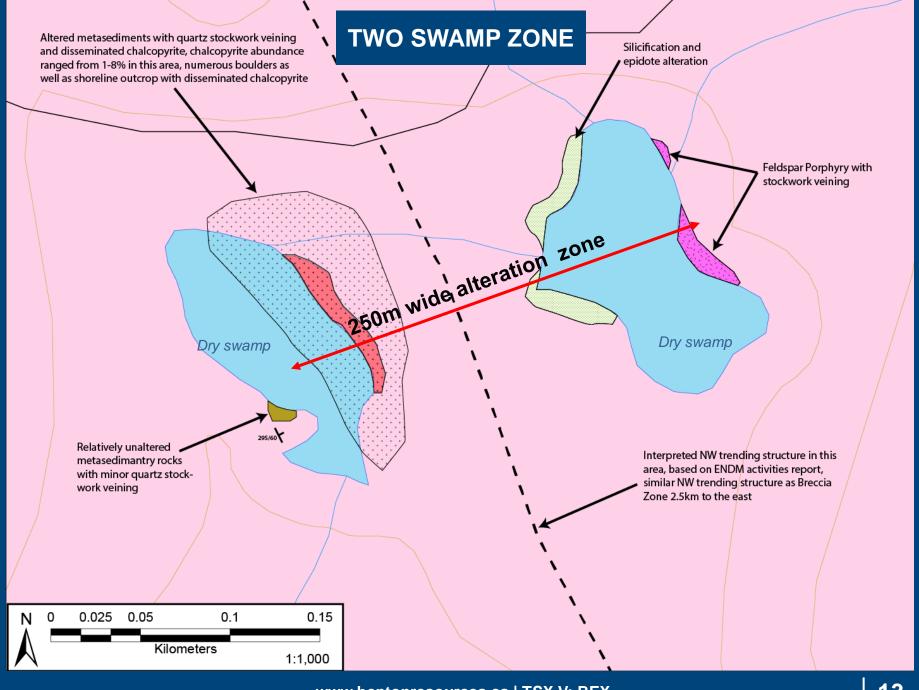
#### Far Lake Zone

 Chalcopyrite is observed to be disseminated within samples, associated with fractures, as well as stockwork veining and breccias.



Monomictic breccia with angular altered porphyry fragments, contains 3-5% disseminated chalcopyrite within the groundmass and within porphyry fragments





## **Two Swamp Zone High-level System Veining**

 Both areas display characteristics of high-level veining with abundant stockwork veining and quartz veining exhibiting epithermal textures.



## **Two Swamp Zone Similar Property Scale Alteration Style**

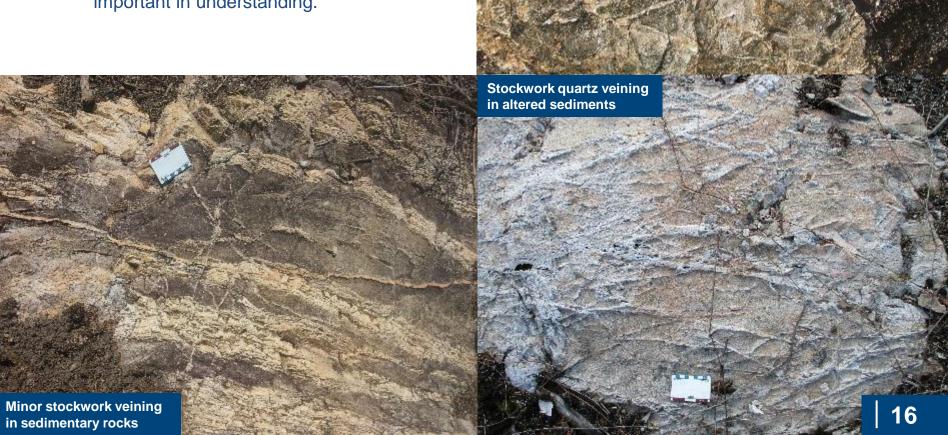
 Intense wide-spread silicification identified proximal to Cu mineralization at both zones.

Silica flooded outcrop



### Importance of sediment intrusion interaction?

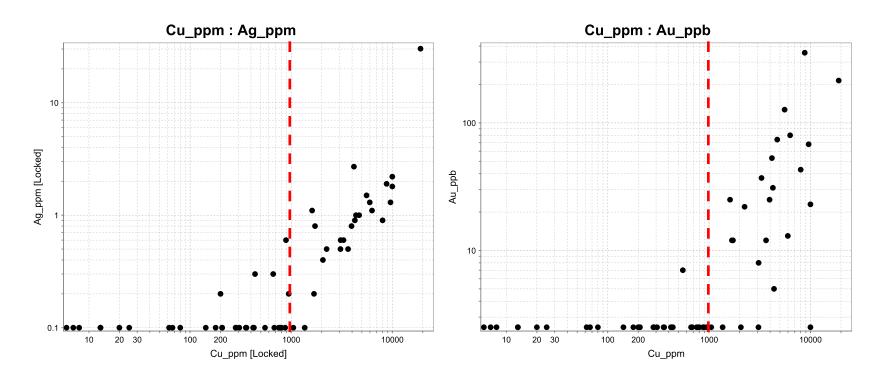
 Quetico subprovince is dominantly granites and metasedimentary rocks, units provide good competency contrast for structural and fluid pathways, contact relationships where most mineralization occurs will be very important in understanding.



Sedimentary xenolith, in altered porphyry, cross-cut by intense

stockwork veining





Elevated Au and Ag values once Cu grade is >0.1%, Some anomalous trace elements, more sampling being planned.

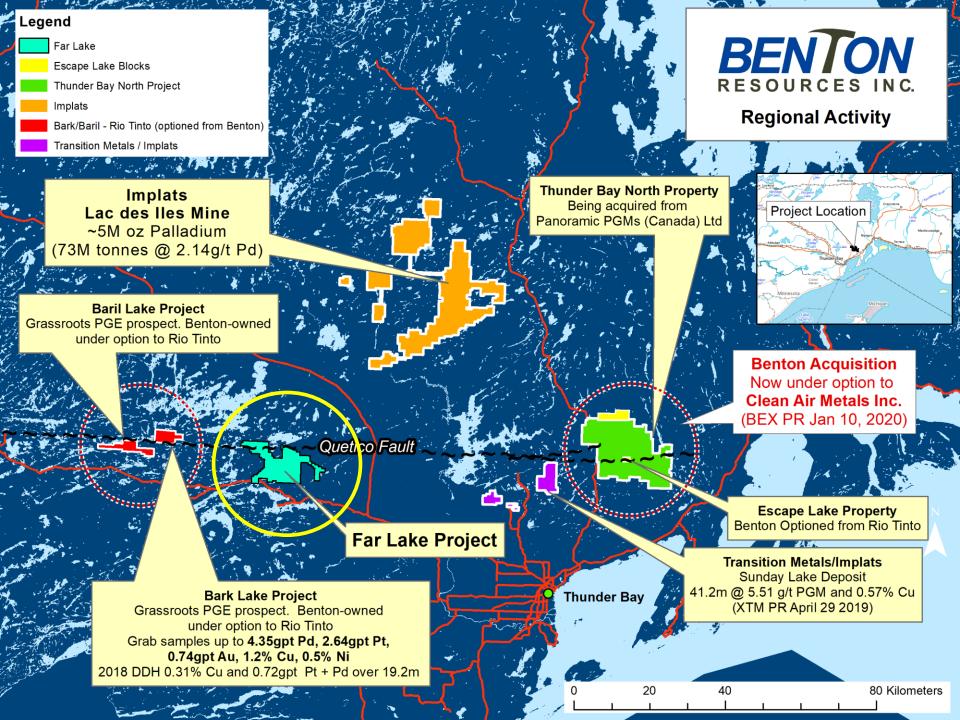




- Recently acquired from White Metal Resources with the option to earn up to 70% interest.
- Project has excellent access; logging roads starting at the Trans-Canada Highway used to access all zones within mintues, CN rail and power flank the property.
- Property has great blue-sky potential, a new discovery in a great jurisdiction yet little to no
  previous work; main Cu-sulphide occurrence discovered in 2017.
- Plan to immediately begin soil geochemical sampling campaign along with prospecting and mapping of structures and project geology.
- Select and carry out geophysics Airborne EM-Mag, Ground IP or MT.
- Drill priority targets outlined by field work.



## PGM







Benton optioned the **Escape Lake** (Rio Tinto) and **Thunder Bay North PGE** deposits to newly formed **Clean Air Metals Inc** ("AIR").

Benton paid Rio Tinto \$3.0M cash and then sign its rights to AIR in return for:

- 24.6M shares of Clean Air Metals.
- Benton retains **0.5% NSR** on the Escape Lake deposit and on **0.5% NSR on** portions of the TBM deposit/project, which have no legacy NSR.
- AIR raised a \$15M at \$0.20/share in late May and currently trading above \$0.40.



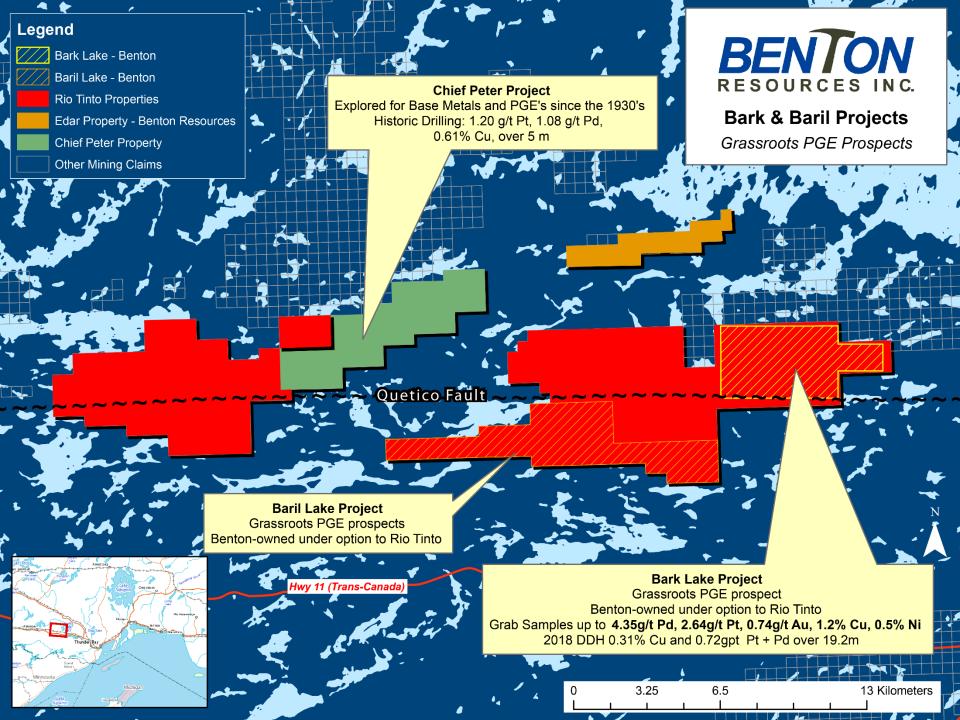
### Highlights of Clean Air Metals Inc, TBN and Escape Lake Deposits:

- Only 65km south on (Hwy 527) of North American Palladium's ("NAP") Lac des Ille Mine and approximately 12km east of NAP's Sunday Lake PGE project and only 40km north of Thunder Bay with paved highway and power line.
- NAP recently taken over Impala for \$1.0 billion dollars cash.
- NAP's CEO Jim Gallagher joined AIR as Executive Chairman and Director.
- Abraham Drost President, CEO and Director.
- TBN Deposit with Historic estimate of 741,000 ounces at 2.3g/t Pt Eq indicated and 49,000 inferred ounces at 2.9g/t Pt Eq. Drill intercepts of 46.65m @ 10.1g/t Platinum+Palladium+Gold and 1.62% Copper+Nickel including 13.0m @ 33.2g/t Pt+Pd+Au and 4.91% Cu+Ni including a spectacular intercept of 2.6m @ 97.9g/t Pt+Pd+Au and 14.9% Cu+Ni in drill hole BL 10-197.
- Never released publicly until Benton's acquisition: Rio Tinto's high-grade Escape Lake discovery in 2010-2012 had spectacular drill results including up to 121.6m of 2.49g/t Pt+Pd+Au and 0.86% Cu+Ni, incl. 33.4m of 7.28g/t Pt+Pd+Au and 2.26% Cu+Ni. Zone is wide open for expansion.

#### **Highlights of Bark Lake and Baril Lake**



- Rio Tinto Exploration Canada (RTEC) can earn a 70% interest in Bark Lake by incurring \$3 million in exploration expenditures and by paying Benton \$50,000 cash over 5 years (the "First Option"). After the First Option period, RTEC may either form a joint venture with Benton on a 70/30 basis or, at its election, increase its interest to 80% (the "Second Option") by spending an additional \$5 million in exploration expenditures over 4 years and by paying Benton \$100,000 cash within 30 days after electing to exercise the Second Option. Upon exercising the Second Option, RTEC may elect to form a joint venture with Benton on an 80/20 basis.
- The mineralized occurrences are situated along the Quetico Fault and in the same stratigraphy as TBN, Escape Lake and Sunday Lake PGM zones which is a major crustal-scale east west oriented structure. Grab samples have returned grades up to 4.35g/t Pd, 2.64 g/t Pt, 0.74g/t Au, 1.2% Cu, 0.5% Ni by Hackl Prospecting. Samples collected by Benton personnel have confirmed significant precious and base metals across the project area returning individual assays grading up to 1.5% Nickel, 1.2% Copper, 2.6 g/t Pt, 1.4g/t Pd and 0.7g/t Au, the source of the high grade boulders have yet to be found.
- 2018 drilling by RTEC identified the best mineralized zone to date which graded 0.72g/t Pt+Pd and 0.31% Cu over 19.2m.
- RTEC will have the right to earn a 100% interest in Benton's Baril Lake claims located approximately 5km west of Benton's Bark Lake project which is also currently under option to RTEC (see Benton PR dated October 25, 2016). Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, RTEC can earn 100% of the Baril project by paying Benton \$200,000 over 4 years and should RTEC achieve commercial production at the project, will pay Benton an additional \$1,000,000. The Company will also retain a 2% Net Smelter Royalty (NSR), half of which (1%) can be purchased by RTEC for \$1,000,000.



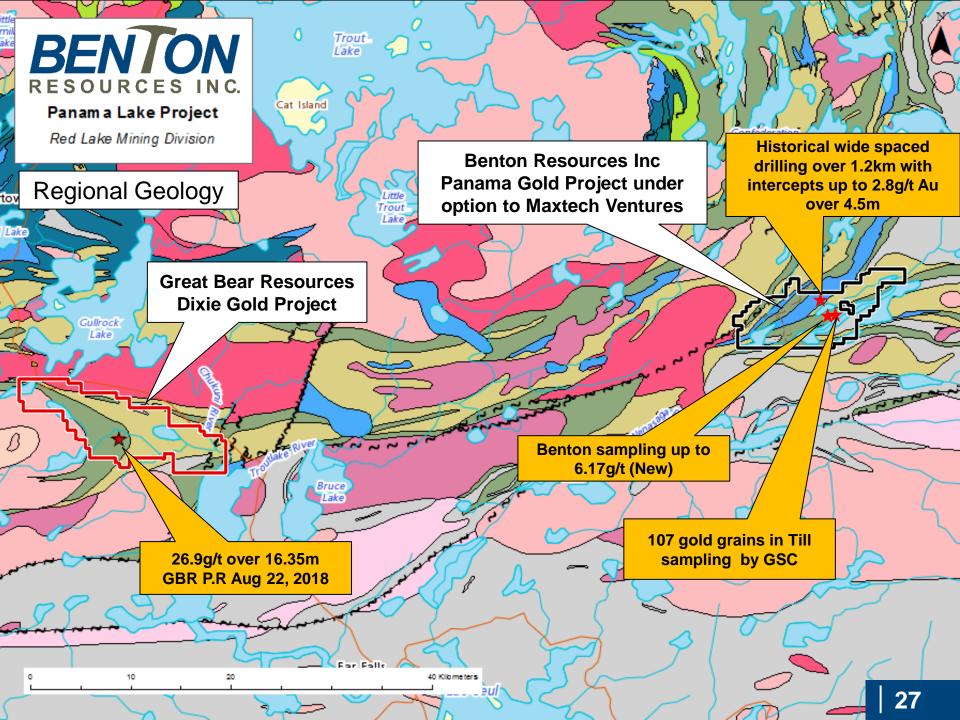


# GOLD



### Panama Gold Project Optioned to Maxtech Ventures

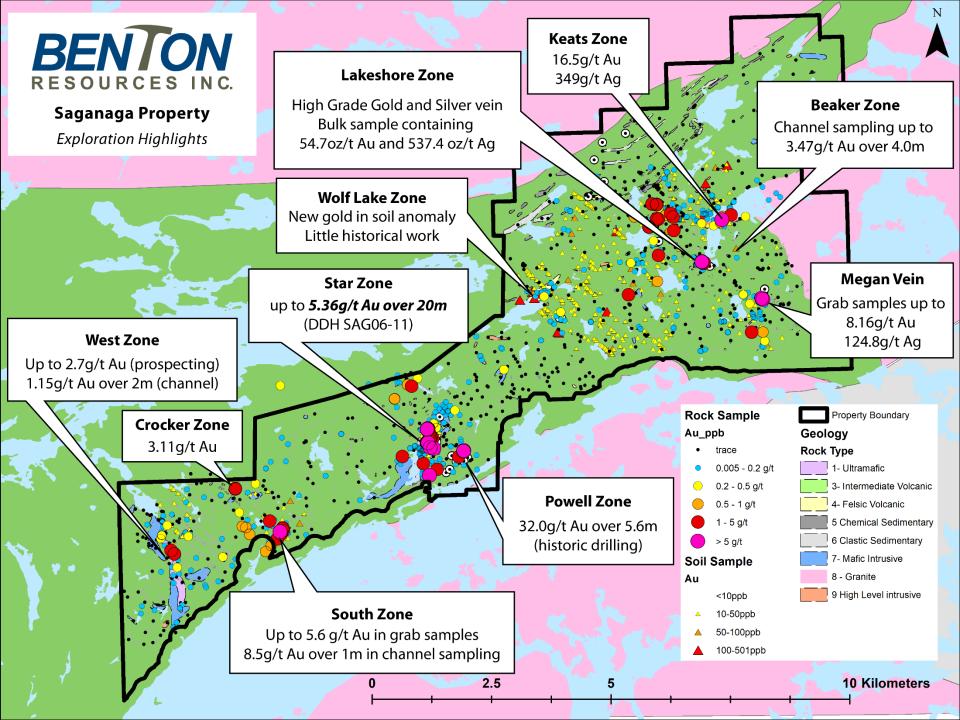
- Excellent exploration and discovery potential for Au in Red Lake Gold mining district.
- Historical drilling completed on the project in 1989 by Noranda Exploration returned grades up to 1.2g/t over 15m including 2.8g/t gold over 4.3m on the Panama Zone.
- Recent drilling with grades up to 2.34 g/t Au over 4.7m at the Panama Zone shows similar geology to that of the Great Bear Resources' discovery 50km to the west along strike.
- The property hosts the highest gold grain count in till sampling completed by the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) in the Red Lake district.
- New discovery of 6.17g/t au in arsenopyrite-rich quartz veins in a carbonate shear zone on surface and a 8.4m zone of 0.18g/t in drilling confirmed the presence of a good gold system in the Slate Lake Zone.
- Phase 2 drill program underway by Maxtech Ventures on newly identified targets generated by Benton airborne survey.







- Located in the Shebandowan Greenstone belt with a large land position hosting multiple Au-Ag zones and 100% owned.
- High grade surfaces showings grading up to 54.7oz/T (1,876g/t) Au 537oz/T (18,414g/t) Ag.
- Multiple untested surface gold showings and soil geochem anomalies
- Best drilling highlights:
  - 5.0g/t Au over 20.6m in the Star Zone
  - 32.0g/t Au over 5.9m on the Powell Zone
- Recent historical data compilation and Leapfrog modelling have provided a number of drill-ready targets.



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