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## FIREWEED METALS

# CRITICAL METALS FOR GENERATIONS

**Corporate Presentation – January 2024** 

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### Why Critical Metals? Why Fireweed?

We're leveraging our local and regional knowledge to create a new world-class critical metals district in Yukon, Canada

### **Coming Bull Market**

Chronic underinvestment and protracted bear market has left cupboard bare

### **Massive Global Stimulus**

Fiscal stimulus will focus on infrastructure, bullish for zinc

### **Best-in-Class Projects**

Macpass and Mactung have the grade, scale, economics and upside potential

### Strong Backers, Cashed Up

Teck, Lundins, others have invested, projects getting recognition they deserve

### **Critical Metals Essential**

Geopolitical conflict and resource nationalism are fueling Western critical metals focus

### **Catalysts Coming**

2023 drill results, resource update, and economic studies, all due in next few months

# **CRITICAL METALS FOR GENERATIONS**



Zinc's unique properties make it an essential metal for everyday life. Zinc plays a crucial role in:

- Renewable Energy
   Healthcare
- Transportation
- Food Security
- Energy Storage
- Infrastructure
- Industrial Applications
- Electronics

Tungsten is an extremely versatile metal, essential for industrial applications in the following sectors :

- Automotive parts
- Aerospace & Defense
- Industrial machinery
- Drilling

- Boring and cutting equipment
- Logging and mining
- Electrical and electronics appliances



# **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**







### **MACPASS PROJECT**

- One of the world's largest high-grade undeveloped zinc projects\*
- Newly discovered Boundary zone delivering best-in-class drill results
- Assays pending, resource update including Boundary inaugural resource due in Q2 2024

### MACTUNG PROJECT

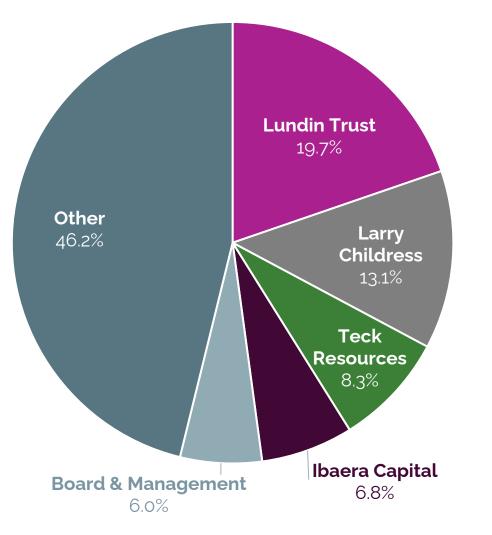
- World's largest high-grade tungsten deposit\*\*
- Environmental Assessment complete, clear path to production
- Ongoing project optimizations, explore government support for critical metals projects
- PEA due Q2 2024

#### **GAYNA PROJECT**

- Exceptional exploration potential for zinc, germanium, gallium, lead, and silver
- Transformational new deposit model supported by geophysics ready for drill testing
- Acquired via low-cost staking, high potential for new discoveries

# **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

*As of January 17, 2024* 



Shares Outstanding	145,445,800		
Shares Issuable Under Stock Option Plan	12,031,400		
Performance Shares	3,700,000		
Agents Warrants	61,941		
Investor Warrants	2,887,669		
Fully Diluted	164,126,810		

*Cash Position as of January 17, 2024:* C\$16.9M

# LEADERSHIP



### John Robins Chairman

- Great Bear Royalties Founder & Chairman, \$200M exit
- Great Bear Resources \$1.8B exit
- Kaminak Gold Founder & Executive Chairman, \$520M exit
- Discovery Group Principal, Winner of AMEBC's Murray Pezim Award in 2018 and 2022, and H.H. "Spud" Huestis Award in 2008

Peter Hemstead

CEO



### **Brandon Macdonald CEO & Director**

- Commander Resources Ltd. Chairman
- Macquarie Bank Alumni
- UBC BSc. Geology
- **Oxford University** MBA
- 2023 H.H. "Spud" Huestis Award for Fireweed team
- Grew up in Ross River, long history of work in Yukon





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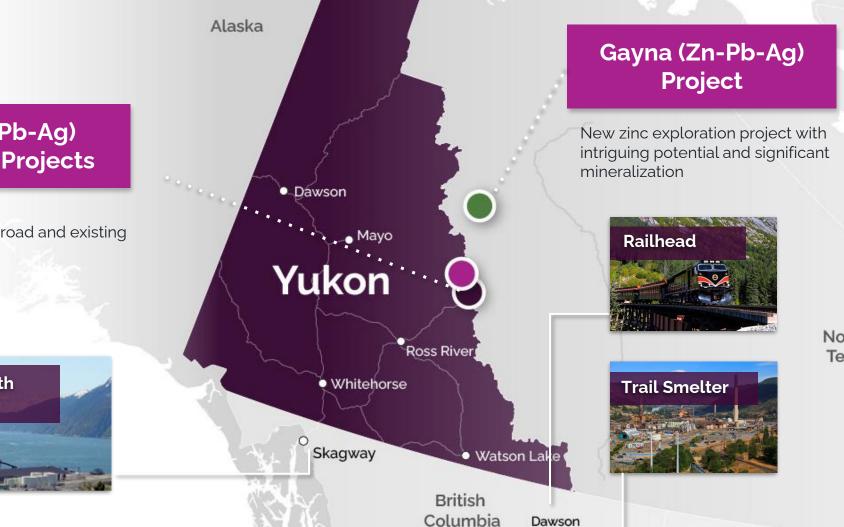
**Patrick Downey** Orezone Gold - CEO



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# PROJECT LOCATIONS & EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE



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### Macpass (Zn-Pb-Ag) & Mactung (W) Projects

>950 km² land package Projects are accessible via road and existing airstrip at site

Deep-sea port with access to Asia



Northwest Territories

# **PROGRESS & CATALYSTS**

### COMPLETED 2023

- +\$50M raised
- Acquisition of Mactung finalized
- Updated resource for Mactung
- Largest drill campaign at Macpass with >22,500 m
- Expanded Boundary Zone
- Expanded camp and facilities, increasing operational capacity and operating window
- Gayna ground and geophysical validation and drill target generation

### UPCOMING 2024

- Macpass assays pending
- Update Macpass Mineral Resource Estimate
- Mactung PEA
- 2024 program in the planning stage for Macpass, Mactung and Gayna, which may include:
  - Step-outs at Tom, Jason and Boundary Zone
  - Generative work across the Macpass property
  - o Potential drill program at Gayna

# **Macpass Project**

## Overview

We respectfully acknowledge that the Macpass Project is located on the Traditional Territories of the Kaska Dena Nation and the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun.

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# ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST UNDEVELOPED ZINC PROJECTS

- Host to multiple zinc-lead-silver deposits within a 940 km<sup>2</sup> land package
- Accessible via the North Canol Road and the Macmillan Pass aerodrome, ~250 km from Ross River

Macpass 2018 Resource Estimate						
	Tonnage (Mt)	Zn	Pb	Ag (g∕t)	ZnEq¹	
Indicated	11.2	6.59%	2.48%	21.33	9.61%	
Inferred	39.5	5.84%	3.14%	38.15	10%	
2018 Preliminary Economic Assessment*						
Life of Mine (LOM) 18 years					18 years	
LOM Tonnage 32.7 M					32.7 Mt	
LOM Production (Zn/ZnEq) <sup>1</sup> 2.887 / 4.729 N					′ 4.729 Mlb	
Initial CAPEX C\$404M					C\$404M	
After-Tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> <sup>1</sup> C\$448			C\$448M			
After-Tax IRR <sup>1</sup>				24%		

<sup>1</sup> Based on 2018 PEA commodity price assumptions (base case): US\$1.21/lb, Zn, US\$0.98/lb Pb, US\$16.80/oz Ag. \*Based on review of undeveloped zinc projects in the Standard & Poor's Global Market Intelligence Capital IQ database. Technical information in this disclosure has been approved by Fireweed Metals' VP Geology, Jack Milton, Ph.D., P.Geo. (BC), a 'Qualified Person' as defined under Canadian National Instrument 43-101.

### + 5 Years Drilling

- Additional drilling at Tom & Jason will both expand resource and improve grades in some zones
- Boundary Zone inaugural resource expected in spring 2024
- Additional engineering to improve pits, metallurgy and optimize mine plan
- Government \$71M funding commitment to access roads, included as project CAPEX in 2018 PEA, now offset

Updated Resource Statement and new Economic Studies will reflect these improvements, and add to an already World-Class Resource and Robust Mine Plan

### Boundary Zone

# **Boundary Zone**

Boundary Main Fault

Boundary Ramp Fault

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# WHY IS BOUNDARY ZONE SIGNIFICANT?

Robust potential for both scale and grade derived from stockwork/brecciated mineralization + high-grade massive sulphide stratiform layers

#### Scale

- **NB19-002**: 230 m of 4.51% Zn from surface, including 100 m of 8.73% Zn, with 6.4m of 43.5% Zn
- **NB20-002**: 213 m of 4.42% Zn, including 25.58% Zn over 5.81 m **NB21-002**: 32.99 m of 9.91% Zn and 10,42 m of 23.77% Zn

#### **High Grade**

- **NB22-002**: 124.5 m of 12.3% Zn, 1.3% Pb, 45.9 g/t Ag, including 60 m of 19% Zn, 1.6% Pb, 64.7 g/t Ag
- **NB23-007**: **Upper zone** of 82.5 m grading 11.9% Zn, 2.2% Pb and 81.2 g/t Ag + **Lower zone** of 118 m grading 15.1% Zn, 2.8% Pb, and 85.8 g/t Ag **NB23-028**: Upper zone of 66.11 m grading 7.13% Zn, 0.97% Pb, and 54.8 g/t Ag + Lower zone of 143.95 m grading 14.45% Zn, 1.15% Pb, and 60.0 g/t Ag

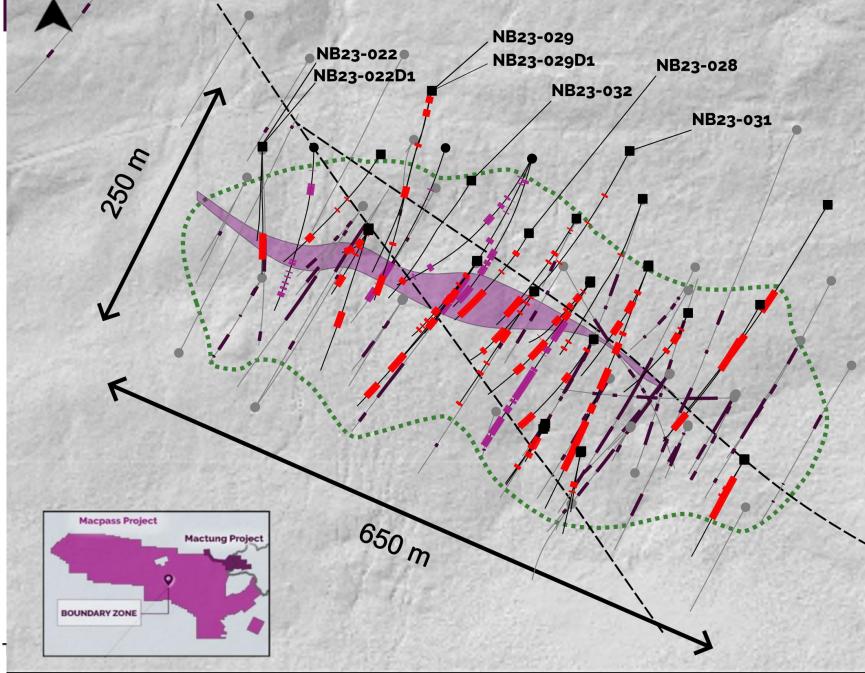
#### Pending assay for an additional wide Zn-Pb massive-stratiform intersection:

**NB23-037** intersected 110 m of feeder-proximal laminated to massive sulphides



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### **Macpass Project: Boundary Zone Mineralization**



Vertical Projection of Stratiform Massive Sulphide Zone from Approximately 300 m Below Surface

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>2% Zinc Mineralization in 2023 Holes

>2% Zinc Mineralization in Pre-2023 Drill Holes

Logged Mineralization Pending Assay

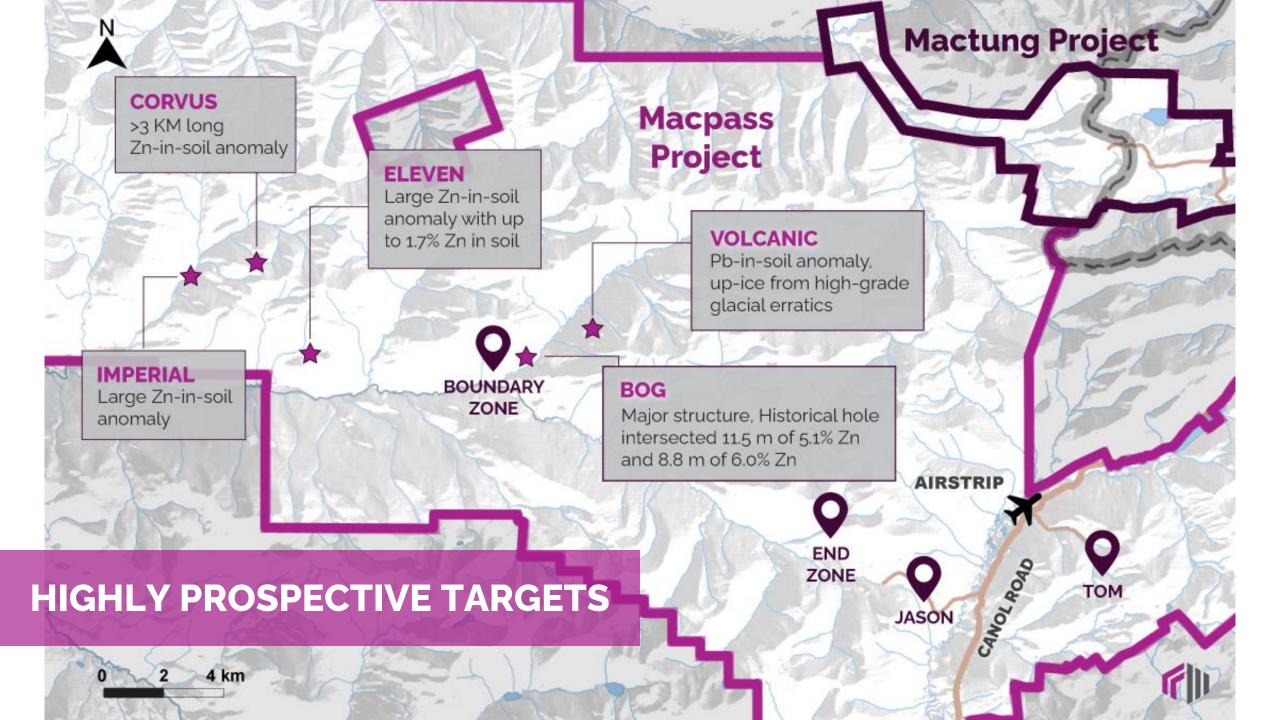
\*\*\* Extent of Zinc Mineralization Identified to Date

- 2023 Drill Holes with Assay Results
- 2023 Drill Holes with Visually Confirmed Zinc Mineralization

2023 Drill Holes Traces

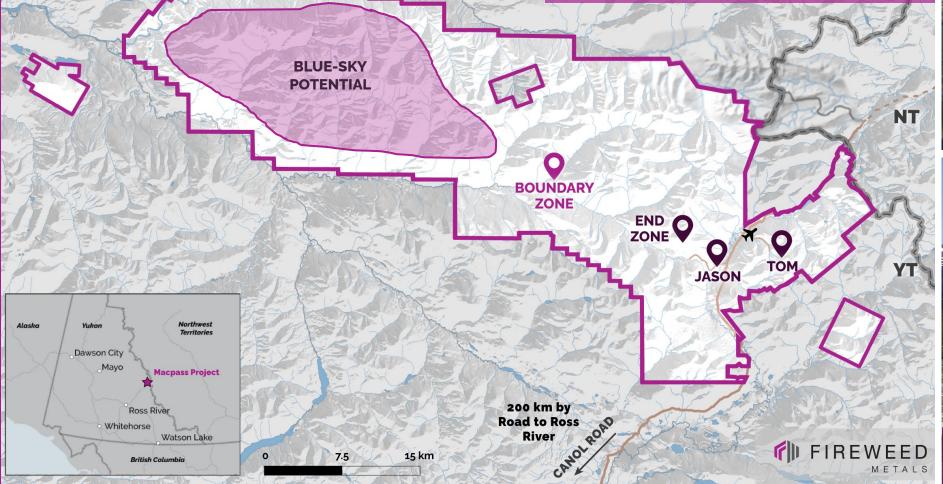
Pre-2023 Drill Holes

Pre-2023 Drill Traces



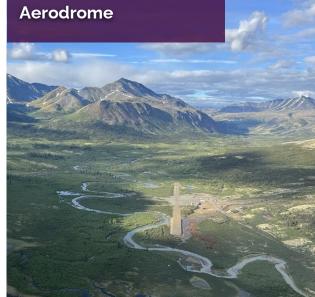
Tom, Jason and End Zone: 2018 Resource. Boundary Zone: Inaugural resource planned.

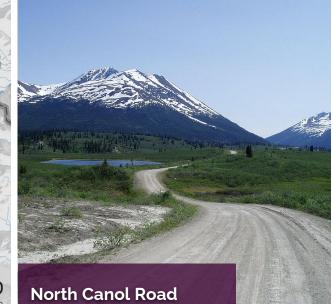
### SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL BLUE-SKY POTENTIAL



940 km<sup>2</sup>

**Macpass Project** 









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# THE WORLD'S LARGEST HIGH-GRADE TUNGSTEN DEPOSIT

- Host to a large **tungsten** deposit within a 38 km<sup>2</sup> area, 100% owned by Fireweed
- Adjacent to Macpass, and access via the North Canol Road and the Macmillan Pass aerodrome
- Extensive drilling, engineering, metallurgy, geotechnical, and environmental studies were undertaken in support of a Feasibility Study (2009)
- Environmental Assessment completed, predictable licensing and pathway to construction

	Tonnage (Mt)	WO <sub>3</sub> Grade (%)	Contained WO <sub>3</sub> (mtu <sup>5</sup> )
Indicated (underground)	12.17	1.05%	12,789,000
Indicated (open pit)	29.32	0.59%	17,367,000
Total Indicated (UG+OP)	41.49	0.73%	30,156,000
Inferred (underground)	2.82	0.73%	2,066,000
Inferred (open pit)	9.43	0.55%	5,139,000
Total Inferred (UG+OP)	12.25	0.59%	7,205,000

### Mactung 2023 Resource Estimate

### Yukon

### Mactung Project 38 km<sup>2</sup>

Northwest Territories

## Macpass Project



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240 km by Road to Ross River CANOL ROAD

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# WHY MACTUNG?

### **CRITICAL METAL**

The U.S., Canada and the EU have designated tungsten a critical metal. It has extreme physical characteristics necessary for many industries.

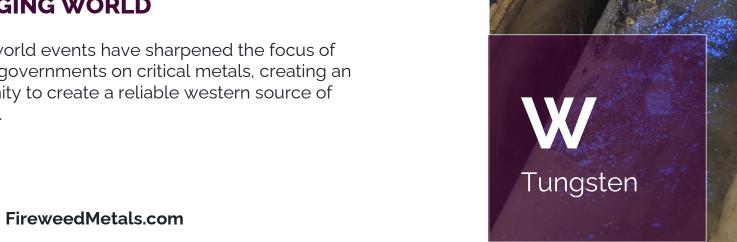
### **CHINA MARKET DOMINATION**

China controls most of the world's tungsten deposits and production, creating risks to the west in a changing world.

### **CHANGING WORLD**

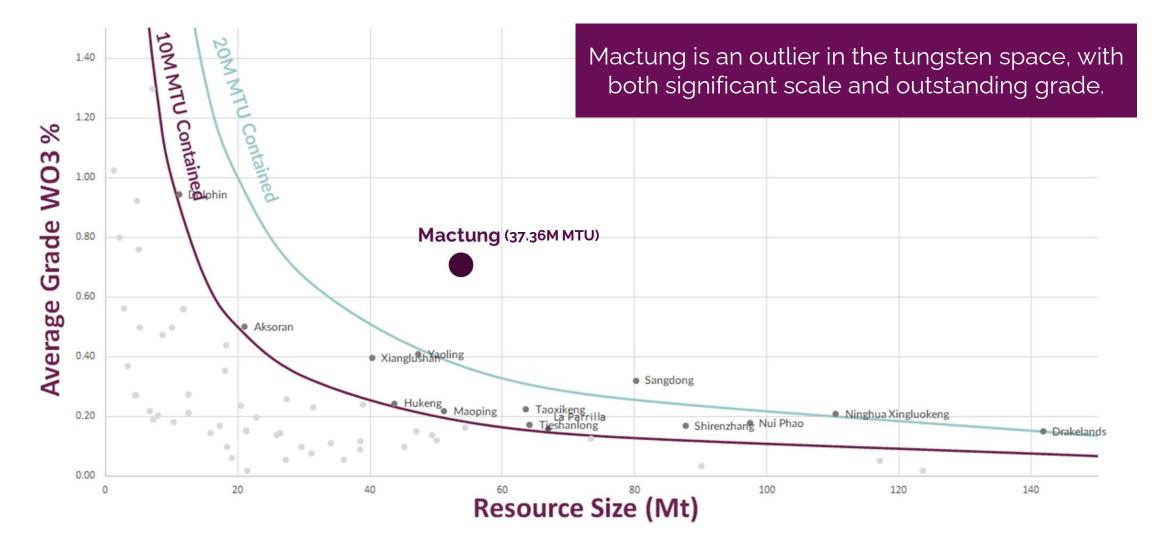
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Recent world events have sharpened the focus of western governments on critical metals, creating an opportunity to create a reliable western source of tungsten.



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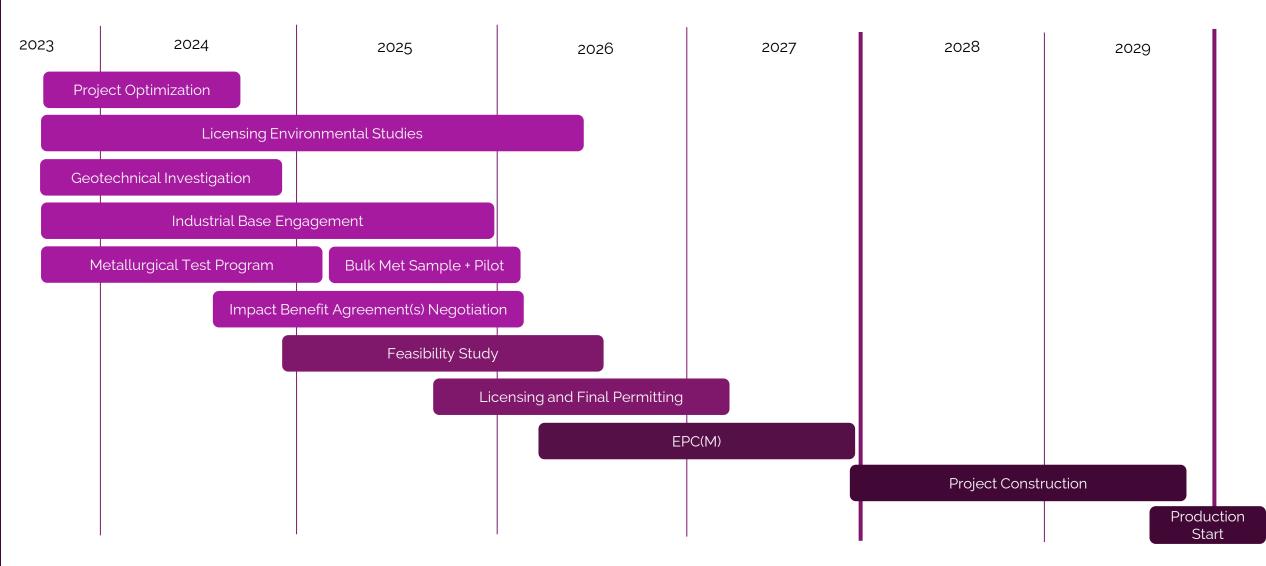
# **MACTUNG STANDS OUT**



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# MACTUNG HAS A CLEAR PATHWAY TO PRODUCTION



# Gayna Project

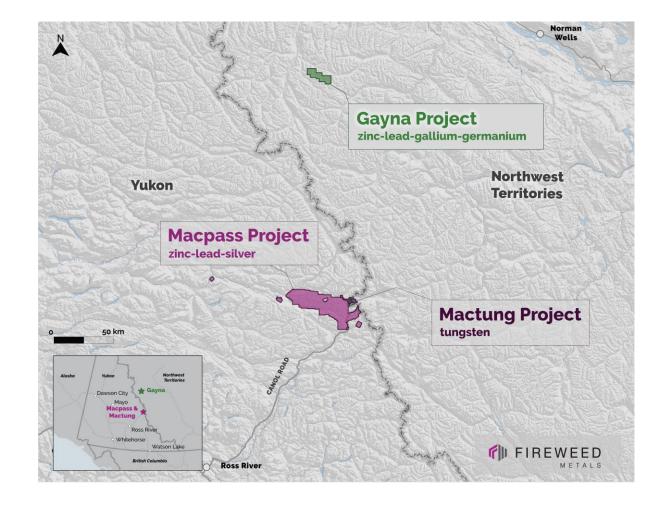
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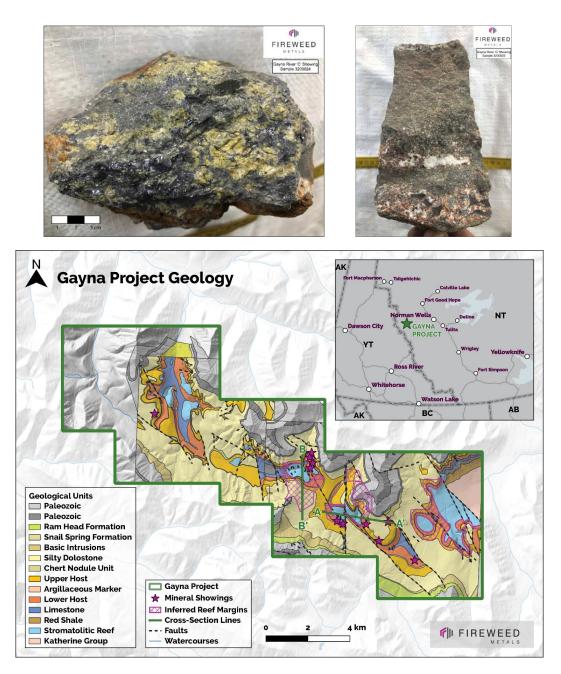
# GREAT EXPLORATION POTENTIAL FOR ZINC, GERMANIUM, GALLIUM, LEAD, AND SILVER

- Located 180 km north of Macpass, in the Mackenzie Mountains, NWT
- Rio Tinto drilled 28,000 m in the 1970s. Claims ultimately lapsed
- New interpretation establishes Gayna's geological setting and mineralization as similar to that of a reefstyle deposit, like Ivanhoe's high-grade Kipushi mine in DRC
- Fireweed acquired Gayna through staking a 128-sqkm area encompassing all historical showings and anomalies
- 2023 geophysical program identified two broad areas with gravity anomalies, while ground gravity survey highlighted multiple potential drill targets.



# **EXPLORATION UPDATE**

- High-grade rock samples confirmed the presence of massive sulphide mineralization that also contains elevated gallium and germanium.
- Soil samples confirmed the presence of a strong, 4 km x 1 km, historical zinc and lead soil anomaly
- Results from two ground gravity surveys totaling ~100 line-km have highlighted multiple potential drill targets.
- Completion of a LiDAR topographic survey over the entire 128.75 km<sup>2</sup> property has generated accurate location data for future drilling and other exploration work.
- The 2022 geophysical program identified two broad areas with gravity anomalies consistent with Kipushi-style targets.
- The 2023 gravity survey expanded the gravity coverage to identify new anomalies, and to refine existing anomalies for future drill-testing.



# **BLUEPRINT FOR VALUE CREATION**



### **FIREWEED METALS**

With best-in-class team and strong backers,
Fireweed is poised to deliver shareholder value as we drive our critical metals projects forward during a catalyst-rich 2024.

#### **MACPASS PROJECT**

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Resource expansion, inaugural Boundary resource and governmentfunded road upgrades position Macpass in a class of its own among undeveloped zinc-leadsilver projects globally, with blue-sky potential including germanium / gallium.

### MACTUNG PROJECT

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Updated environmental and economic studies, including PEA, and government backing for critical metals will drive value at Mactung.

### **GAYNA PROJECT**

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 Exciting discovery upside and further drill targeting at Gayna, a target-rich project that hosts Kipushi-style geology.

# Thank you!

Please visit us online at **fireweedmetals.com** and follow for updates.





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# Appendix

# **ABOUT FIREWEED METALS**

Fireweed is a Canadian company with the mission to explore and develop critical mineral assets through progressive leadership, high standards, innovation, and collaborative partnerships for the benefit of present and future generations.

### **OUR VISION**

Fireweed Metals will sustainably explore and develop critical minerals assets to support the transition to a low-carbon economy. We will focus on leading with integrity, striving for consistency in words and actions, being honest, transparent, and accountable, mitigating health and safety risks, and being progressive and innovative while promoting environmental and social stewardship.

We will act in a way that reflects our core value of respect, for both the environment in which we work and the people we work with. Our approach will foster meaningful relationships with employees and local communities, and will build trusted partnerships benefiting Indigenous peoples and shareholders.

# **OUR VALUES**



For stakeholders For Indigenous partners For shareholders

### INTEGRITY

Honesty, Transparency, Accountability

### PARTNERSHIPS

Progressive, Environmental Stewardship, Social Stewardship, Value Creation

### PEOPLE

Inclusivity, Collaboration, Health & Safety

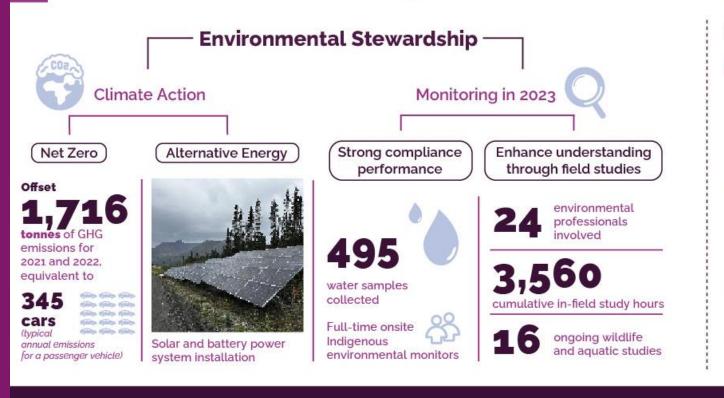
# **SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH**

### What does it mean to Fireweed?

Workplace

Diversity

Undertaking exploration and mine development activities that respect the environment, benefit local communities, and enhance project and investment certainty.



Core

Fireweed

Team

• male

female

### 2023 Workplace Performance

880

50

Workplace personnel

18-78

age range

Field-level Risk Assessments

Five Drill Program and Field Studies:

21 Number of All-personnel "Safety Sunday" Meetings

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Number of Kaska Nation

employees in 2023

Lost Time Injuries

\$ \$ \$

people hours on site, >50% with Yukoners

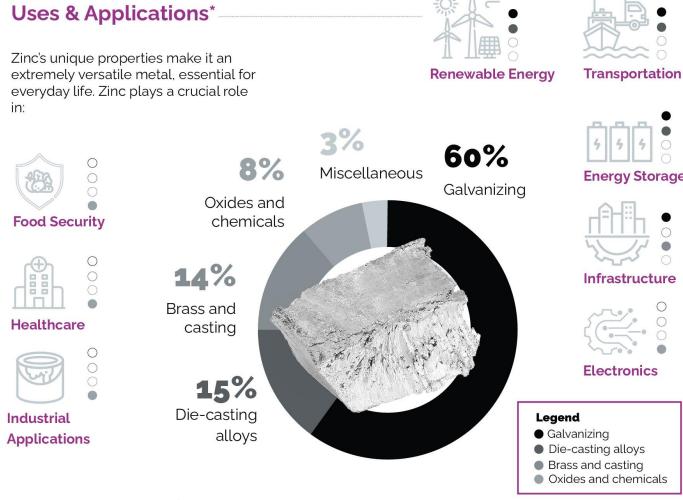
employed

**130** truck trips delivering goods primarily from Yukon suppliers

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\*Source: Government of Canada, "Zinc facts", 2021





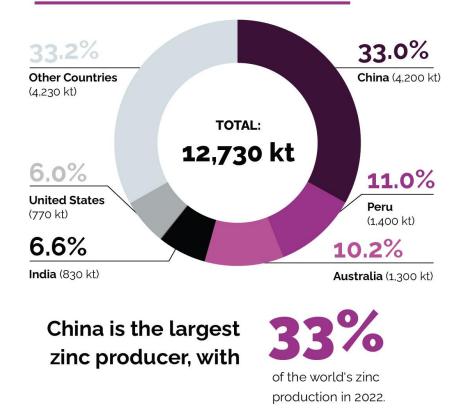
Galvanizing

Die-casting alloys

- Brass and casting
- Oxides and chemicals

### **Zinc Supply**

Worldwide Zinc Mine Production in 2022 (kt)\*



\*Source: U.S. Geological Survey, "Mineral Commodity Summaries", 2023

# Why Tungsten?







### **Uses & Applications**

Tungsten's unique properties make it excellent for industrial applications in the following sectors:

By application: • Tungsten carbide • Tungsten alloys & mill products

- Automotive parts
- Aerospace & Defense
- Industrial machinery
- Drilling
- Boring and cutting equipment
  - Logging & Mining
  - Electrical & electronics appliances

Scheelite (CaWO4) mineral ore is the preferred source of tungsten

### **Tungsten Supply**

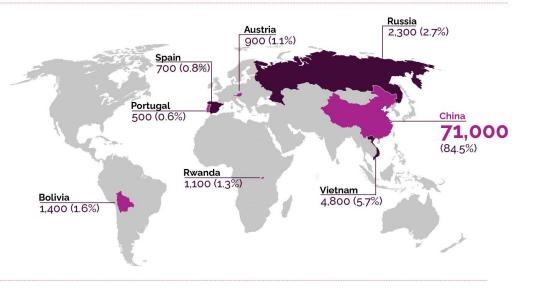
Global production of tungsten in 2022, by country (tonnes)\*

China is the world's largest tungsten producer and exporter, with

84.5%

of the world's tungsten in 2022.





### **Critical Metal**

Tungsten is a critical metal as now listed by Canada, the USA, and the EU, with extreme physical characteristics necessary for many industries.

### **China Market Domination**

China controls both the resource and production side of the Tungsten market, creating risks to the west in an uncertain future.

### **Changing World**

Recent world events have changed western government views on critical metals, creating an opportunity to create a reliable western source of tungsten.

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# Leveraging Emerging Technologies

- Automated core cutting to improve speed, efficiency, and reduce job hazard and fatigue
- Automated core scanning to improve data capture for future interpretation and validation
- Directional drilling techniques to improve drilling efficiency and accuracy





