

**MAY 2021**

## **A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT & CEO, PETE DOUGHERTY**

With our site preparation and early site earthworks well underway, the Magino construction project continues to advance on schedule. We have also made progress on mobilizing teams, constructing camp accommodations and offices, and continue to work with our two major partners, Ausenco Engineering Canada Inc. and Sigfusson Northern Ltd.

It is also important to note that at the end of March we executed a private placement of C\$10 million by Ausenco that aligns our companies as we work together to advance and unlock the value of Magino. We are very pleased to have a partner with 'skin in the game' as we continue to advance Magino's construction.

A summary of progress in April includes:

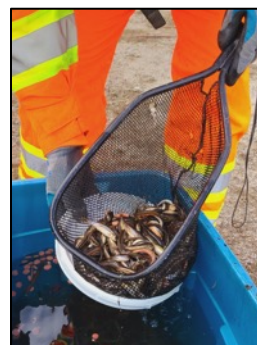
### **SITE WORKS PROGRESS**

Site works milestones include:

- Logging completed and commenced scaling of hardwood and hauling of softwood to local mills for processing and making firewood available to local dealers;
- Initiated Red Spruce seedling grow program with Lakehead University Greenhouse;
- Fish capture & relocation program initiated with Biologists in preparation for construction water treatment system commissioning;
- Obtained draft Permit to Take Water in support of spring construction works;
- Plant site stripping/excavation is 90% complete;
- Prep for plant footprint underway – includes drilling and blasting;
- Pre-production Reverse Circulation (RC) grade control drilling commenced;
- Main haul road to the open pit is established;
- Open pit overburden stripping is ongoing with production drilling commencing;
- Crushing plant mobilized in a temporary set-up; and
- Screening plant mobilized.



**Loading and hauling of softwood**



**Fish Capture & Relocation Program at Polishing Pond**



**Haul road heading west from T-intersection**



**Crusher set-up**





**Screener and Gran B Select 1 Stockpile**



**Open Pit development**

## **MOBILIZING TEAMS & CAMPS**

We continue to assemble and mobilize our teams and build infrastructure, and have made the following progress:

- Main office hub in Dubreuilville is online and operational;
- Completion of 144-person onsite camp modules 1&2, including the large kitchen;
- Installed hydrophones at Goudreau Lake; and
- Installed 40' communications tower, server and repeater.



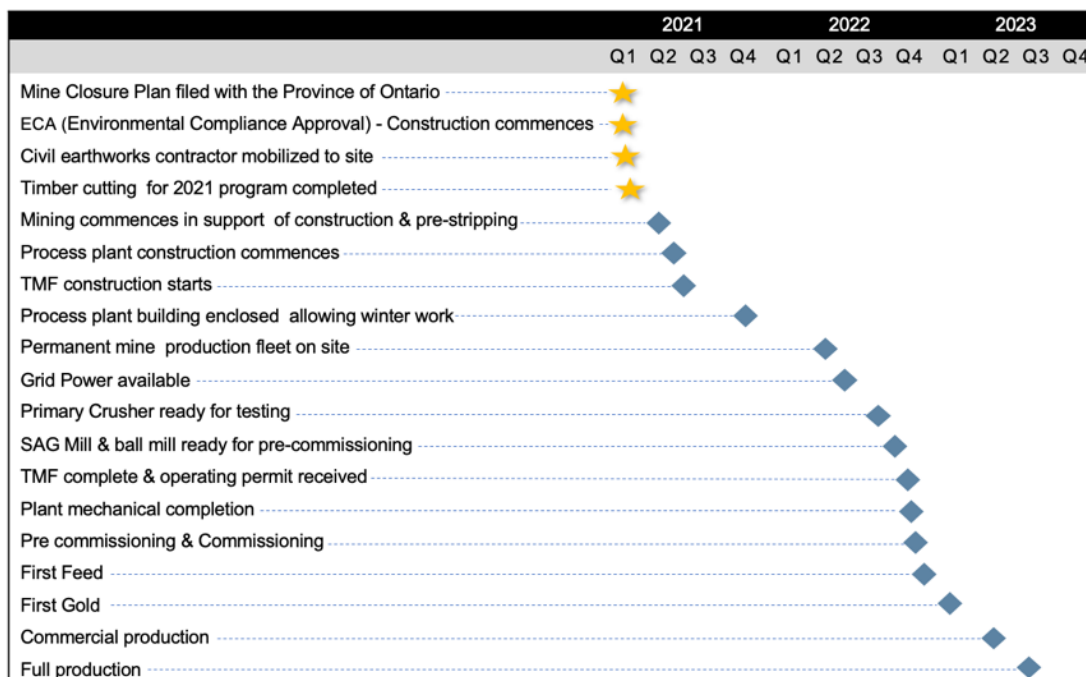
**Site Construction Offices and Civil Earthworks Contractor Camp**

## PROJECT TIMELINE & UPCOMING MILESTONES

During the next few weeks, upcoming milestones include:

- Commencing plant site pad blasting and continuing pad development;
- Commencing open pit production drilling and blasting;
- Continuing onsite haul road construction to TMF from open pit mine area;
- Completion of modules for the onsite 144-person camp and commence pad construction for the 458-person camp at the old mill site in Dubreuilville;
- Testing and taking I.T. & Communications servers and towers online;
- Ongoing RC grade control drilling program;
- Ordering of concrete aggregate; and
- Ausenco leadership team mobilizing on-site.

An overview of the project timeline through 2023 is below:



As we continue to progress on the construction of our Magino, we are committed to updating our shareholders during this process as we execute on our transition strategy.



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President & CEO