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On June 20, 2019, Champion Iron Limited released the results of the Feasibility Study for the Bloom Lake Phase II expansion project reported in the National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("National Instrument 43-101") technical report entitled "Bloom Lake Mine - Feasibility Study" Dhase II expansion project reported in the National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("National Instrument 43-101") technical parameter of any new information included in the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates in the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates in the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates in the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates in the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates in the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates in the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates in the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates and the Phase II Feasibility Study and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underprinning the estimates and the Phase II Feasibility Study and the

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Mr. Vincent Blanchet, Senior Geologist at Quebec Iron Ore Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (P.Geo.) is a "qualified person" as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the disclosure of the scientific and technical information contained in this Presentation. Mr. Blanchet's review and approved the disclosure of the scientific and technical information contained in this Presentation. Mr. Blanchet's review and approved the disclosure of the Scientific and technical person" as the Company's knowledge or awareness of new information or data or any material changes to the material assumptions and technical parameters underginning the Phase II Feasibility Study. Mr. Blanchet is a member of the Ordre des Incénieurs du Québec.

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## **FY2022 FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS**













1,936,000 WMT CONCENTRATE PRODUCED \$60.1/DMT TOTAL CASH COST REVENUES \$545.4M

NET CASH FLOW OPS BEFORE WC

\$248.4M

EBITDA \$405.7M

\$466.7M TOTAL CASH ON HAND\* & RESTRICTED CASH

82.9% ORE RECOVERY

\$72.6/DMT ALL-IN SUSTAINING COST NET INCOME \$224.3M \$0.44 EPS \$253.1M SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEBT\* \$410.6M UNDRAWN LOAN

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH & SAFETY

- → Maintained the operating rapid testing COVID-19 laboratory at the Bloom Lake mine with strict measures to adapt operations and conform to or exceed the Government's directives
- → Ongoing participation in the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in the region with the
   □ Côte-Nord Industry Vaccination Center
- Québec vaccination campaign progressing rapidly with -73% of the population having received a first dose of a vaccine and -63% are considered adequately vaccinated\*



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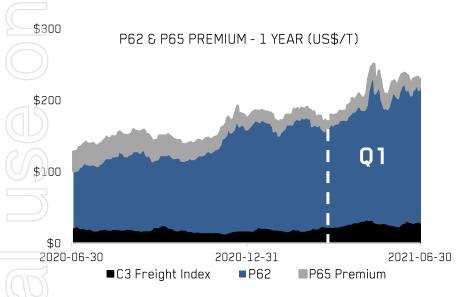
QUEBEC IRON ORE + CONTRACTORS FISCAL PERIODS					
	2021	Q1/2022			
Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR)	2.94	3.73			
Disability Injury Severity Rate (DISR)	19.55	33.97			

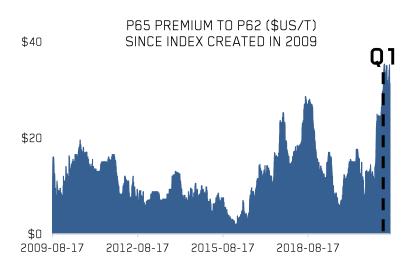
- → Initiated additional health and safety action plans specific to different sectors of activity to minimize injury frequency rate
- ightarrow No major environmental occurrence issues during the quarter
- → Completed an additional 14 hectares of revegetation

#### INDUSTRY OVERVIEW



- ightarrow Iron ore prices continued to rise in the period with global steel demand accelerating globally
- → World Steel Association reported a 17.4% year over year increase for global steel output in the quarter
- Rising steel margins, enforced steel production restrictions in China and rising coal prices resulted in record P65 price premiums in the quarter







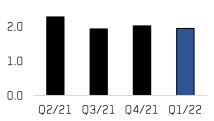
### **OPERATIONS OVERVIEW**

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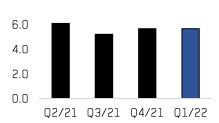
- → Robust operational results despite a scheduled semi-annual maintenance program
- → Stable iron ore recovery in line with target
- Strip ratio and head grade in line with the mine plan
- → Continuous improvements enabling improved mill productivity

FISCAL PERIODS	Q2/21	Q3/21	Q4/21	Q1/22
Iron ore concentrate produced (M wmt)	2.27	1.92	2.01	1.94
Iron ore concentrate sold (M dmt)	2.06	1.89	1.97	1.97
Waste mined and hauled (M wmt)	4.11	4.96	3.80	4.70
Ore mined and hauled (M wmt)	6.07	5.18	5.64	5.64
Strip ratio	0.68	0.96	0.67	0.83
Head grade Fe (%)	30.90	29.70	30.70	29.57
Fe Recovery (%)	85.20	83.60	82.60	82.89
Product Fe (%)	66.10	66.40	66.50	66.32

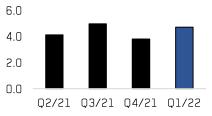
## Iron ore concentrate produced (M wmt)



## Ore mined and hauled (M wmt)

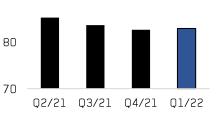


Waste mined and hauled (M wmt)



Fe recovery (%)

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<sup>\*</sup> FISCAL PERIODS



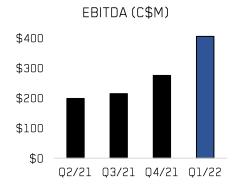
## FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- → Record quarterly revenue, EBITDA, net income and EPS
- → Higher total cash cost mainly resulting from increased costs of the scheduled and completed maintenance program
- → Cash flows impacted by timing of supplier payments and receivables

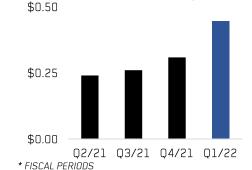
FINANCIAL RESULTS (\$ MILLION)	Q2/FY21	Q3/FY21	Q4/FY21	Q1/FY22
Revenues	311.0	329.5	396.7	545.4
EBITDA	199.0	214.6	275.8	405.7
Operating income	189.5	203.3	262.5	400.0
Net income	112.2	120.8	155.9	224.3
Adjusted net income	113.8	123.4	155.5	225.1
Net cash flow (used) from operations	131.4	188.2	228.6	-12.6
Earnings per share - basic	0.24	0.25	0.32	0.44
Adjusted earnings per share - basic	0.24	0.26	0.31	0.44
Gross average realized selling price (\$/dmt)	162.8	194.8	220.0	279.7
Net average realized selling price (\$/dmt)	150.7	174.2	201.3	276.2
Total cash cost (\$/dmt)	48.5	56.2	54.4	60.1
All-in sustaining cost (\$/dmt)	57.4	65.0	65.1	72.6
Cash operating margin (\$/dmt)	93.3	109.2	136.2	203.6
Cash operating margin (%)	61.9%	62.7%	67.7%	<u>73.7%</u>







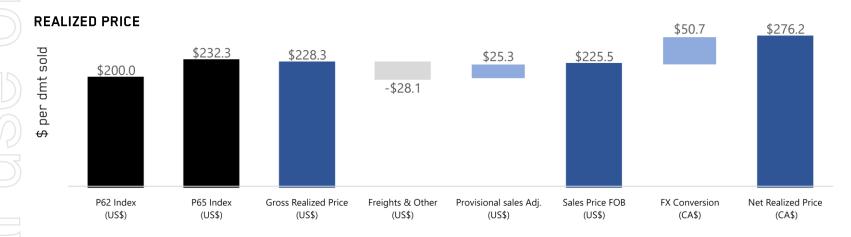
ADJUSTED EPS (C\$)



# FIRST QUARTER AVERAGE REALIZED SELLING PRICE



- → Average gross realized price 31.3% higher than the previous quarter
- → Rising demand for high-grade iron ore eliminated discounts and certain additional premiums to the P65 index
- → Rising coking coal prices led to strong demand for low silica and alumina products
- → Higher freight prices quarter over quarter as a result of the global economic recovery and rising fuel prices



## **POSITIVE PROVISIONAL** PRICE ADJUSTMENT

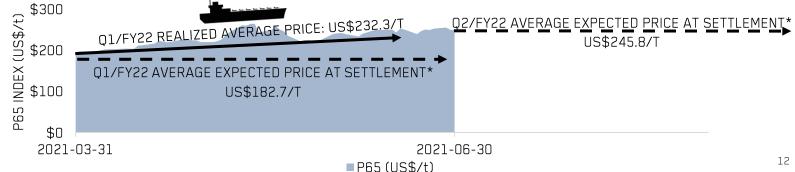


- → 1M tonnes which were subject to provisional pricing at the end of Q4/FY21 realized final prices during the quarter
- → Q1/FY22 positive provisional pricing adjustment of \$60.9M (US\$49.9M) represents a positive impact of US\$25.3/dmt on the average realized price for tonnes sold in the period

	PROVISIONAL IMPACT Q1/FY22					
Final price on tonnes in transit at Q4/FY21	-	Q4 Average expected price at settlement date*	×	Tonnes in transit at Q4/FY21 (M dmt)	=	Provisional impact on Q1/FY22
US\$232.3/t		US\$182.7/t		1.01		US\$49.9M

	PER TONNE SOLD				
	Tonnes sold		Provisional impact		
÷	in Q1/FY22	=	per tonne sold in		
	(M dmt)		Q1/FY22		
	1.97		US\$25.3/t		

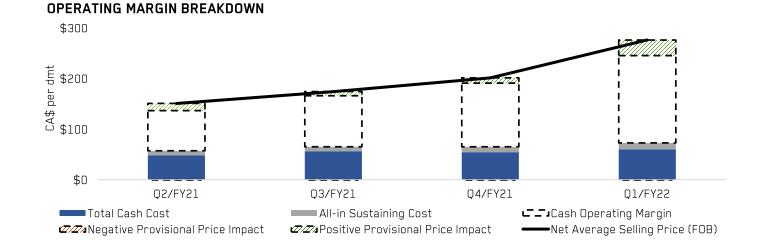
ightarrow 1.16M tonnes remain subject to provisional price at the end of Q1/FY22



#### POSITIVE CASH OPERATING MARGIN



- → Increased cash operating margin for the seventh consecutive quarter
- → Total cash cost up 2.9% year over year mainly due to increased costs of the scheduled and completed maintenance
- → Sustaining costs impacted by the mine plan and continuous investments in the Company's safe tailings solution with a planned total work program of \$23M for fiscal year 2022
- → Record cash operating margin of 73.7% and EBITDA margin of 74.4% in Q1/FY22



#### DILIGENT BALANCE SHEET MANAGEMENT



- → Redeemed 60M QIO preferred shares held by Caisse de Depot et placement du Quebec for \$60M
- → Redemption is expected to reduce future dividend payments and overall cost of capital
- $\rightarrow$  \$125M in QIO preferred shares with a current dividend rate of 9.25% remain outstanding
- → Option to redeem remaining outstanding preferred shares at parity as of August 2021



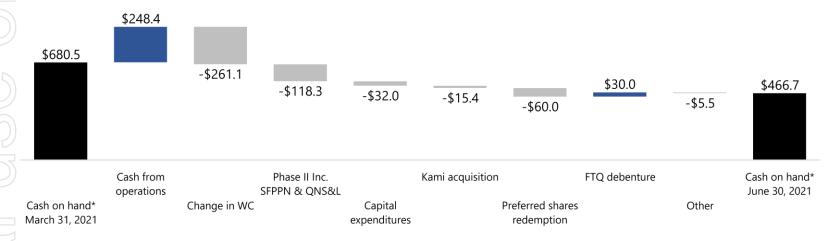


#### CASH CHANGE DETAILS



- → Cash flows from operations\* of \$248.4M, an improvement of 47.2% compared to the previous quarter
- → Paid the fiscal 2021 taxes payable totalling \$191.5M in May 2021
- → Cash impacted by the Phase II work programs, the Kami project acquisition, the preferred shares redemption and change in working capital

#### CASH CHANGE FROM MARCH 31,2021 TO JUNE 30,2021



#### BALANCE SHEET POSITIONED FOR GROWTH





\$423.3M Cash & S-T investments \$43.4M Restricted cash\* \$126.8M Working capital

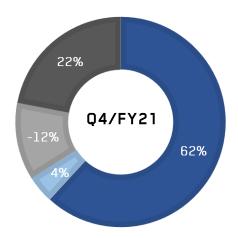


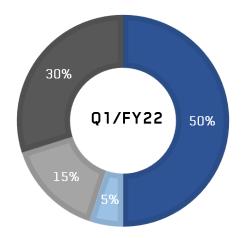
\$253.1M Long-term debt (face value)\* \$410.6M Available & undrawn loans\*



✓ Net cash\* positive of \$340.5M (including working capital)

√ \$9.0M QoQ improvement in net cash\*





<sup>■</sup> Cash and cash equivalents ■ Restricted cash ■ Working Capital ■ LTD Face value\*

<sup>\*</sup> Restricted cash for potential cost overruns on Phase II as a condition of the senior debt facility; Long-term debt face value includes US\$180M in term loan at Constent FX; Senior debt including US\$170M Term Loan and US\$50M Revolving Facility, master lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial services Limted of US\$75M and \$45M undrawn loan from FTQ; Net cash including cash & short-term investments and restricted cash



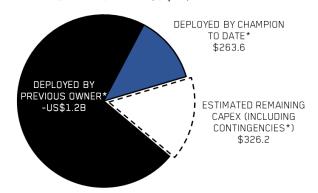
#### PHASE II ADVANCING AS PER EXPECTATIONS

- → Project progressing as planned with completion expected by mid-2022
- → Construction work accelerating and expected to peak in Q2 fiscal 2022
- → Deployed an additional \$118.3M in the quarter including \$25M in deposits
- → Cumulative work programs to date of \$263.6M\*
- → Progress on key milestones, including:
  - ✓ Commencement of load-out conveyor's installation
  - ✓ Mechanical and electrical installation of the mill recirculation conveyors
  - ✓ Erection of structure steel in the milling and screening area
  - ✓ Delivery of some major mining equipment



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#### PHASE II - CAPEX (C\$M)









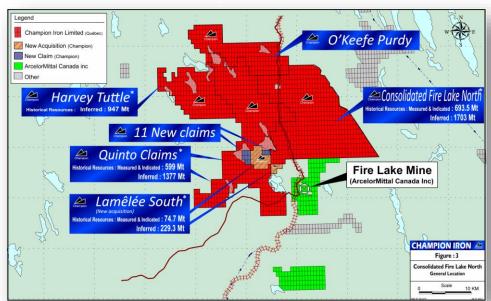


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#### POSITIONING FOR THE FUTURE



- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Initiated work to revise the scope and feasibility study of the recently acquired Kami project
- √ On July 12, 2021, Champion completed the acquisition of the Lac Lamêlée south property in addition to a 1.5% net smelter royalty interest on the Company's Moiré Lake property and Fermont Properties portfolio
- Acquisition further positions the Company for long-term development potential of high-grade iron ore in the region
- Lac Lamêlée south property adds an additional 74.7M tonnes of historical indicated resources\* and 229.3M tonnes of historical inferred resources\*, with the project located adjacent to Champion's existing development properties south of Bloom Lake
- Staked 11 additional claims directly adjacent to the Lac Lamêlée property



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#### THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF





- → A renewed collective agreement was reached on June 23, 2021
- → Revised agreement reaffirms our long-term partnership with our workers



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OUR VALUES
FOR A
SUSTAINABLE
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#### NOTES ON HISTORICAL ESTIMATES USED IN THE PRESENTATION

- 1. The historical Lac Lamèlée resource estimates are based on the NI 43-101 technical report entitled "NI 43-10 Technical Report and Mineral Resource Estimate on the Lac Lamèlée South Resources Quebec Canada" by Met-Chem, a division of DRA Americas Inc. dated July 28, 2017 and having an effective date of January 26, 2017. The historical mineral resources mentioned are strictly historical in nature, are non-compliant with NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition) and should therefore not be relied upon. A qualified person or competent person has not done sufficient work to upgrade or classify the historical estimates as current "mineral resources", "mineral reserves" or "ore reserves", as such terms are defined in NI 43-101 and the JORC Code (2012 edition), and it is uncertain whether, following evaluation and/or further exploration work, the historical estimates will be able to be reported as mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves in accordance with NI 43-101 or the JORC Code (2012 edition). Champion Iron Limited is not treating the historical estimates as current mineral resources, mineral reserves or ore reserves are not material mining projects and are for properties adjacent to or near Champion Iron Limited's existing mining tenements and therefore the reports on these mineralisations have not been prepared in accordance with the JORC Code (2012 edition) and the ASX Listing Rules.
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