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# FENIX

GOLD PROJECT

*“The largest undeveloped gold heap leach project in the Americas”*

5M oz Au M&I resources @ \$1,500 Au

# Why Rio2?



**Fenix Gold – One of the Largest Gold Oxide Resources in the World**

**Proven Management Team**

**Capital Markets Credibility**

**Fenix Gold Financing Arranged to Fully Fund to Production**

**Staged Development Approach to Construction**

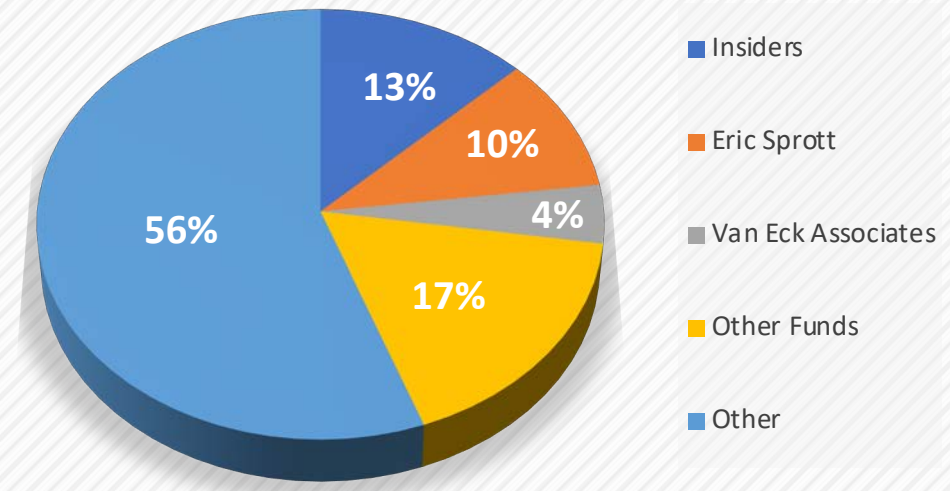
**A Platform for Further Growth**

# Capital Structure

As of March 10th, 2022

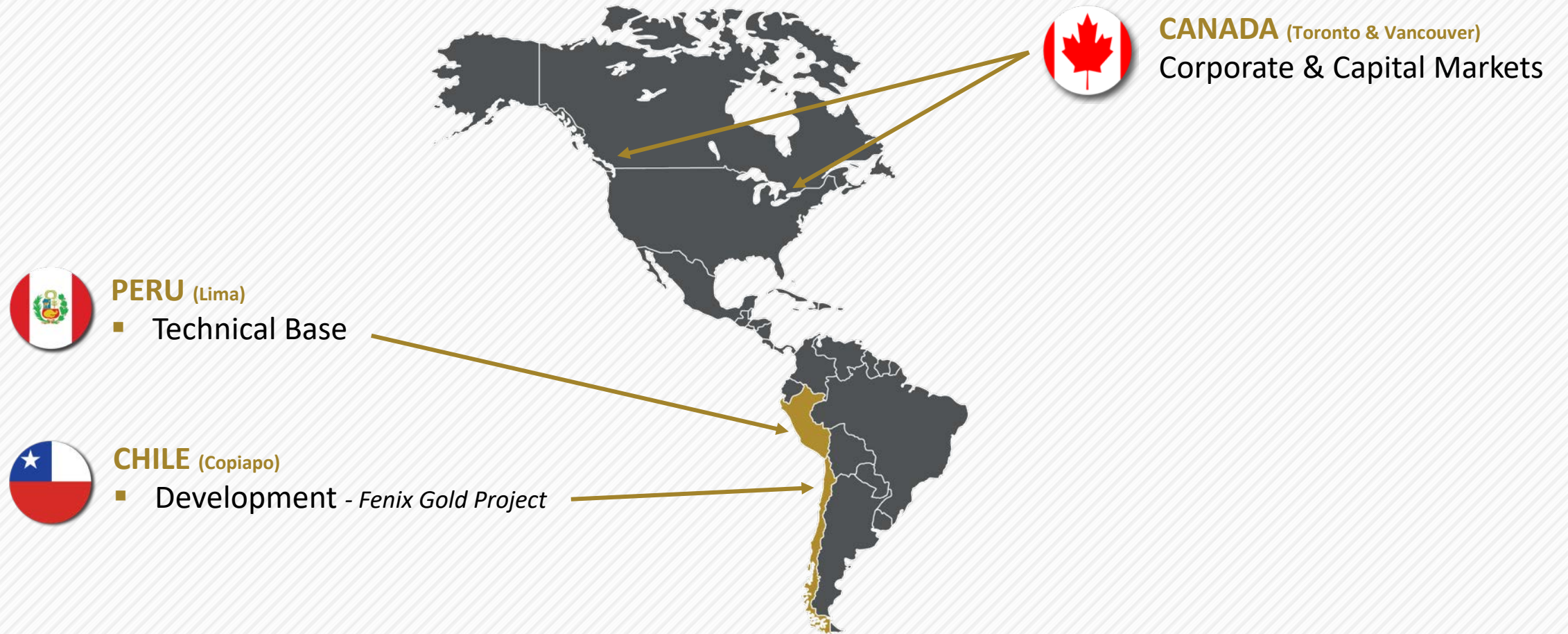
<b>Share Price (TSXV)</b>	CAD	0.78
<b>Basic Shares Outstanding</b>	M	255.8
<b>Fully Diluted Shares</b>	M	301.6
<b>Basic Market Capitalization</b>	M	199.5
<b>Working Capital</b> * <i>Cash as of Sep/30/21</i>	CAD M	29
<b>EV per M&amp;I resource ounce</b>	USD	27

## Ownership



\* Company Estimate

# Company Platform



# Leadership Team

Board of Directors



Executive Management



Senior Management



Management



# Fenix Gold Project Overview

- Located in established mining district
- Approx. 16,050 ha
- Surrounded by key infrastructure
- Water agreement in place
- Over 115,000 m drilling completed since 2010
  - 5 million Au oz of M&I Resources (US\$ 1,500)
  - 1.8 million Au oz of P&P Reserves (US\$ 1,225)
- Rio2 acquires Fenix Gold in July 2018
- Pre-Feasibility Study completed August 2019
- Environmental Impact Assessment filed April 2020
- Construction Financing Arranged August 2021

→ **Fast-track to Construction/Production**



# Complementary Strategic Infrastructure



## ❑ Location

- 2 kms from proposed camp
- 22 kms from future mine site
- 1.5 hour drive from Copiapo

## ❑ Camp

Current capacity for 250 people at 3,200 masl that with refurbishment and expansion will become construction camp and accelerate startup of mine construction

## ❑ Power

Connection to grid power. Existing power agreements. Positive future impact on currently estimated energy costs

## ❑ Water

Permitted water bore - 5 litres per second  
20% of the water requirements for 20,000tpd production. Positive future impact on currently estimated water costs

## ❑ Fuel station

## ❑ Internet access

## ❑ Land package

Several hectares for additional facilities as required

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# Highlights of Construction Financing Package

*~US\$ 125 - US\$ 135 million*

## Strategic Benefits

- ✓ Fenix Gold financing arranged to fully fund to production
- ✓ Significant endorsement from leading financial partners **Wheaton Precious Metals** and **BNP Paribas**
- ✓ Comprehensive financing solution de-risks Fenix Gold construction
- ✓ Highly attractive, flexible and complementary financing package at competitive cost of capital
- ✓ Allows for pre-construction & process plant fabrication activities to commence
- ✓ Minimal equity dilution (<15% of total financing package)

# Construction Financing Package

*Fully Funded to Production*

## Equity: C\$35.1 Million Financing

- Successful equity offerings closed in August 2021

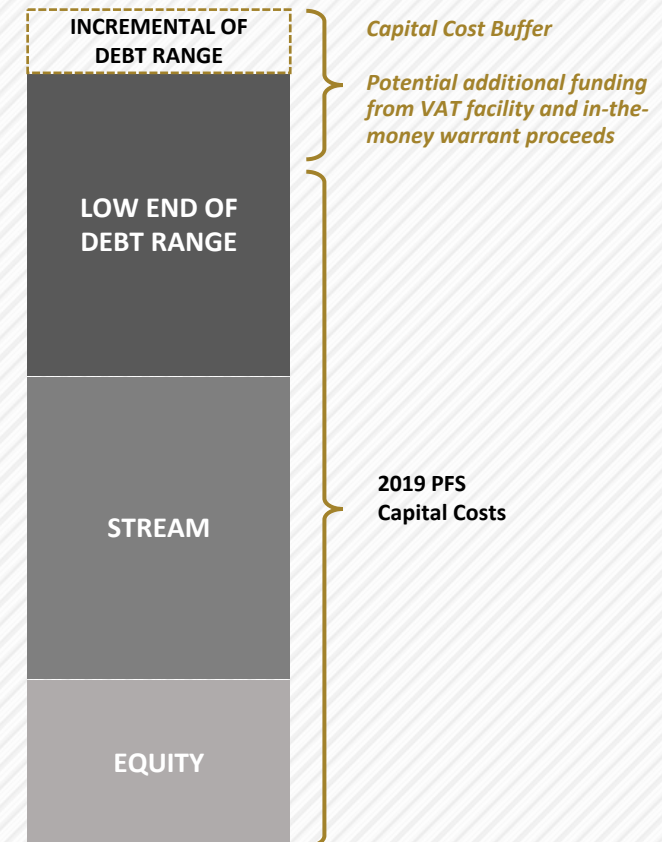
## Gold Stream: US\$50 Million

- Definitive Agreement signed on November 15, 2021
  - 1<sup>st</sup> t Payment: US\$25 million payable upon satisfaction of certain customary conditions following the signing of the definitive documentation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment: US\$25 million payable upon satisfaction of certain other conditions following the receipt of EIA approval

## Senior Project Debt Facility: US\$50-60 Million

- BNP Paribas engaged as the sole and exclusive bookrunner, sole and exclusive lead arranger
  - The closing of the Senior Project Debt Facility remains subject to a number of customary conditions including the completion of satisfactory due diligence, the receipt of credit approvals and the negotiation of definitive documentation.
  - Funds to be available following receipt of all material approvals required for the construction

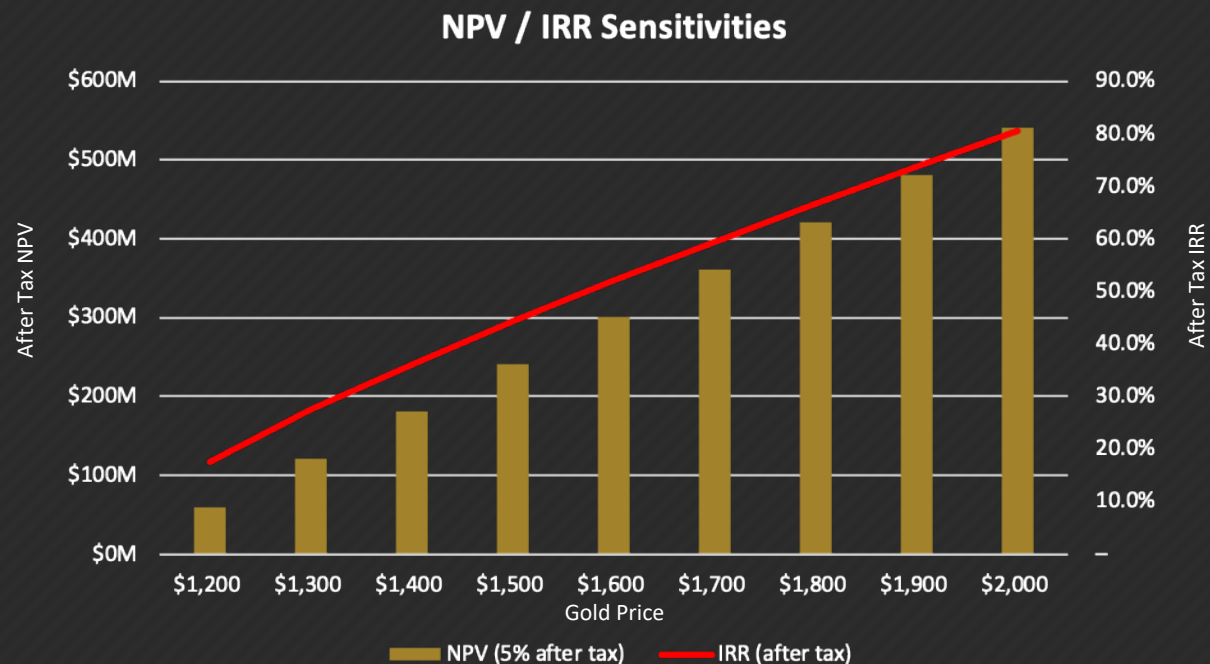
## Financing Components



		High-Grade	Low-Grade	2019 PFS
Gold Price	US\$ / oz	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Proven & Probable Reserve @\$1,225	Au oz			1,829,000
Throughput	tpd	20,000	20,000	20,000
Ore	tonnes M	81.9	33.1	115
Grade	Au g/t	0.57	0.30	0.49
Strip Ratio				0.81
Recovery	%	75	75	75
Recoverable Gold	oz			1,371,000
Avg. Annual Gold Production	oz	93,000	50,000	85,000
Mine Life	years	13	3	16
Initial Capex	USD M			\$111
Sustaining Capex	USD M			\$95
Cash Cost	USD / oz	\$918	\$1,036	\$927
AISC	USD / oz	\$979	\$1,082	\$997
Post-tax NPV @5%	USD M			\$121
Post-tax IRR @5%	%			27.4

# Economic Sensitivities

20,000 tonne per day mining rate



### Capital Cost Sensitivities

Capital Costs	-10%	\$111M	10%
NPV (5% after tax)	\$128M	\$121M	\$113M
IRR (after tax)	31.2%	27.4%	24.3%

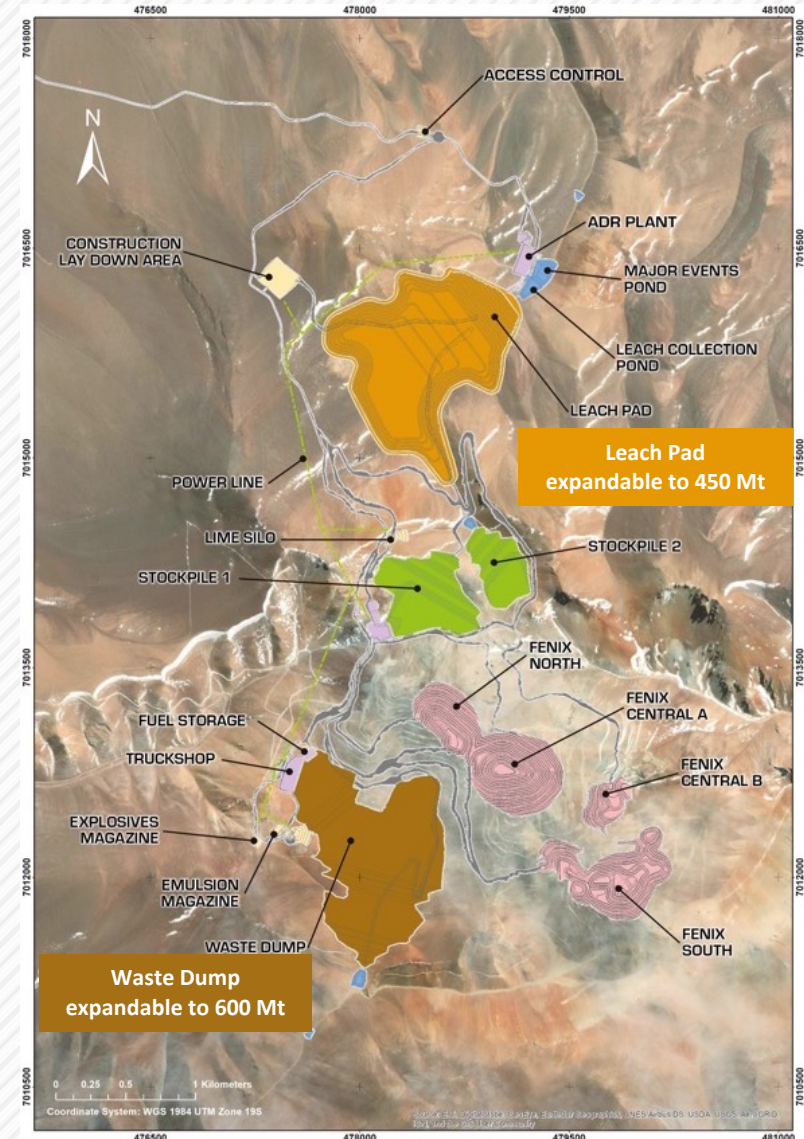
### Operating Cost Sensitivities

Operating Costs	-10%	\$1,272M	10%
NPV (5% after tax)	\$176M	\$121M	\$65M
IRR (after tax)	34.9%	27.4%	18.8%

Incorporating only Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves of 1,829,000 oz of gold – USD 1,300 Gold Price \$ in USD

# Unique Project and Development Approach

- Maricunga Region is dominated by many large-scale gold projects
- All have challenges with water, metallurgy, tailings disposal and capex
- Fenix Gold is **unique** in the Maricunga
  - ✓ **Clean oxide mineralization**
  - ✓ **Simple metallurgy**
  - ✓ **100% leach for LOM**
  - ✓ **No tailings**
  - ✓ **Able to bootstrap start-up with low construction capex**
  - ✓ **Able to cut development timeline to 2 years from 5 years by trucking water**
  - ✓ **A number of alternative water options identified to allow project expansion**
  - ✓ **Any future expansion fits within the exiting project footprint**



# Large Undeveloped Oxide Gold Deposit

MEASURED & INDICATED

**5** MOZ  
US\$ 1,500

PROVEN & PROBABLE

**1.8** MOZ  
US\$ 1,225

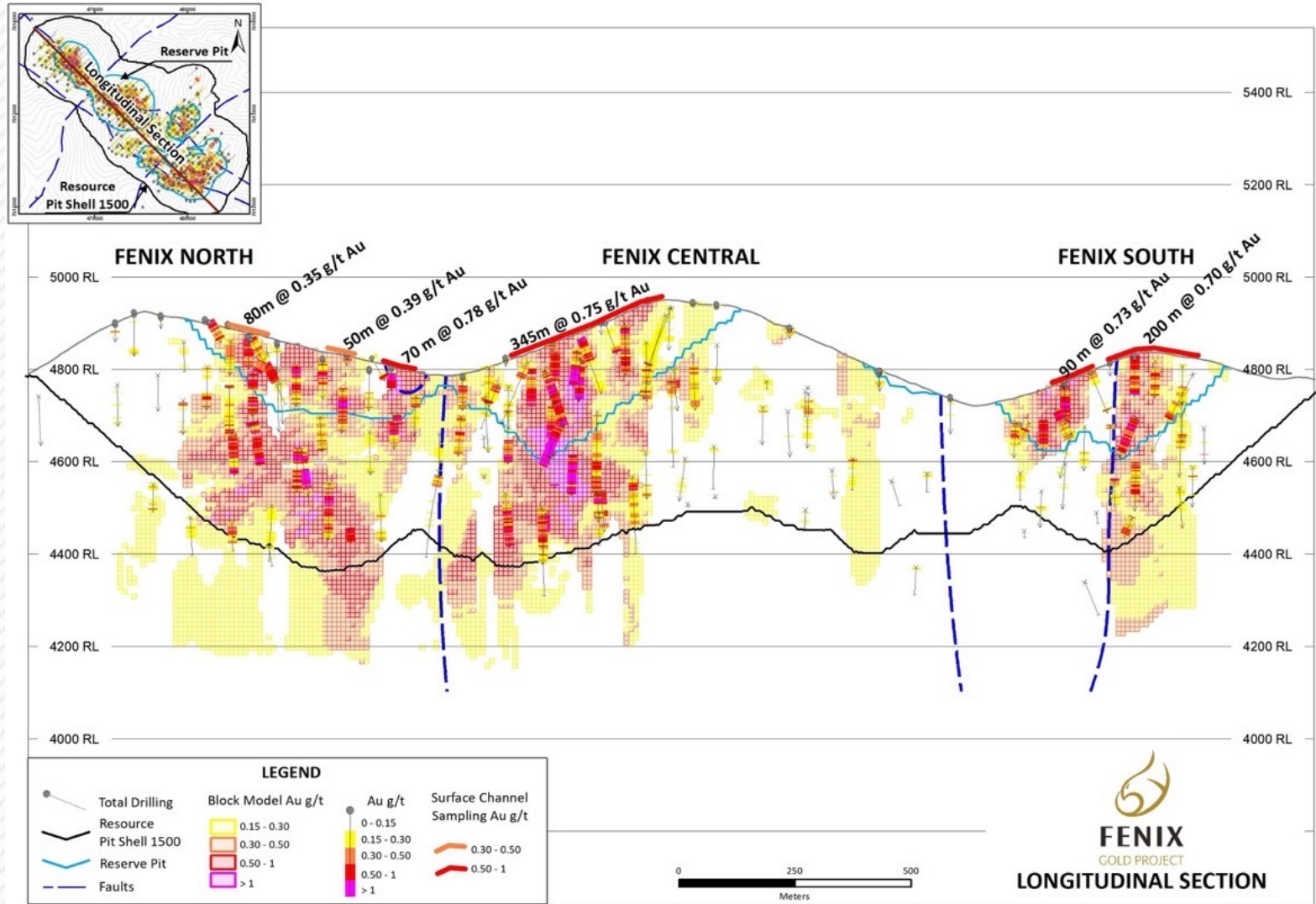
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**1.4** MOZ  
US\$ 1,500

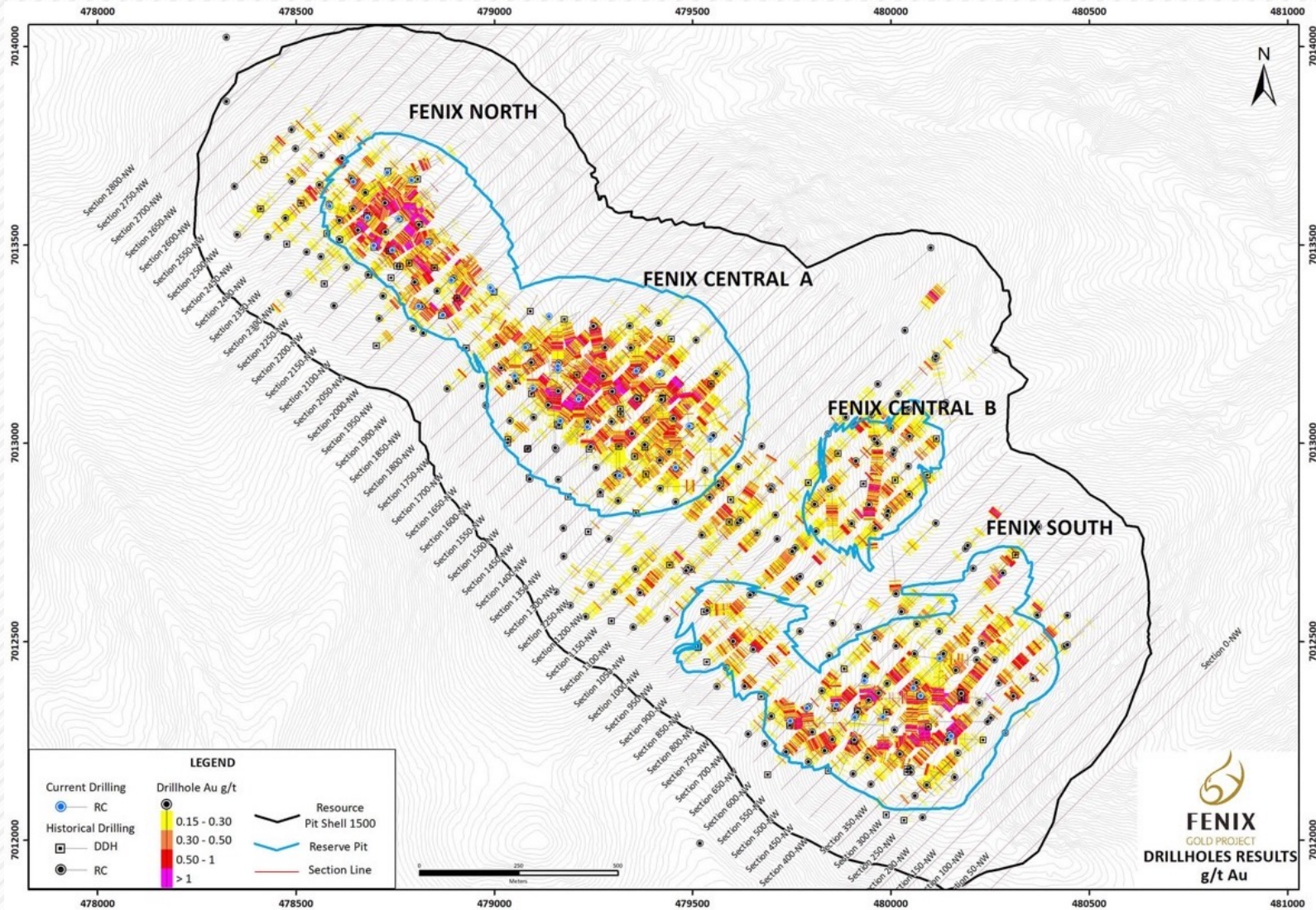
Note: Resources are inclusive of reserves

- Strike length – 2.4 km; Width up to 400 m
- Currently drilled to depth of 600 m - open at depth and along strike
- Finely disseminated gold hosted in breccias
- 100% oxides - negligible copper

# Massive Outcropping Oxide Orebody



# Massive Outcropping Oxide Orebody



- Bulk, disseminated deposit
- Black banded quartz veins in breccias
- Low sulfidation mineralization
- Open in all directions
- Negligible copper, sulfur and mercury

*Fenix Gold is **unique** in the Maricunga region as it is a pure oxide gold deposit with **no transitional or sulfide mineralization***



## STATUS

Industrial water supply secured to fully support LOM Production

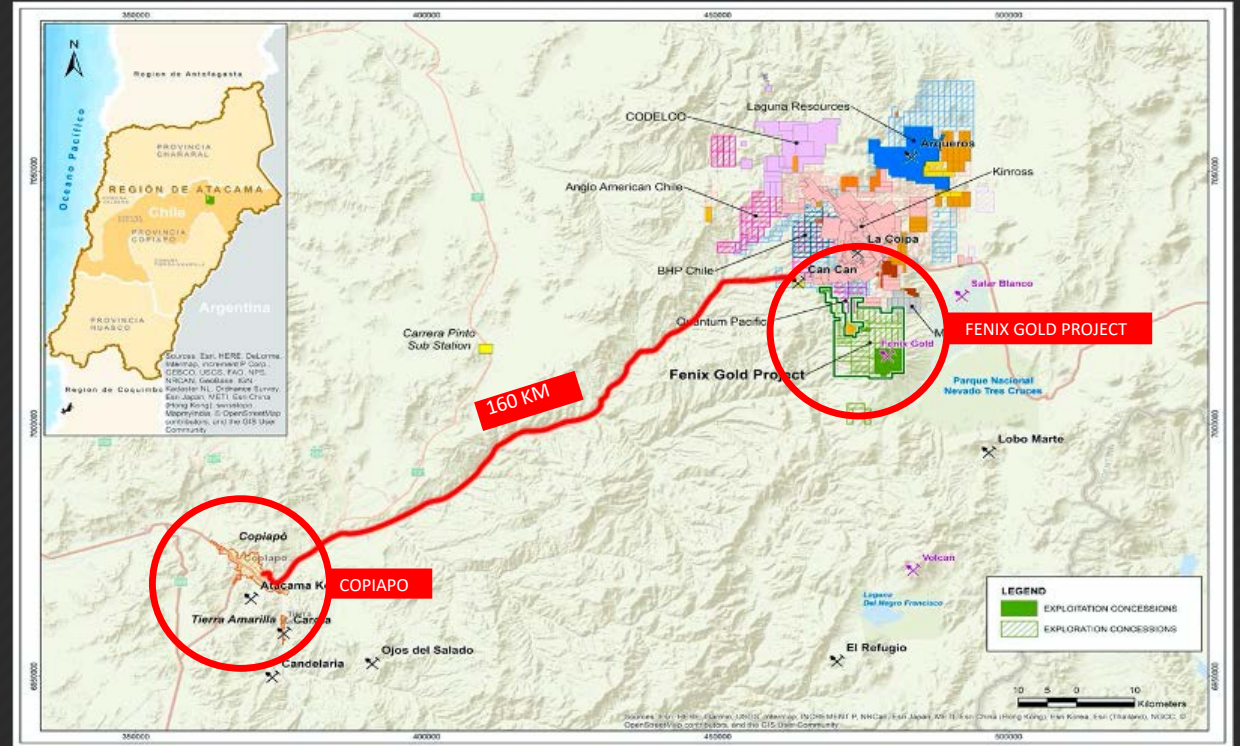
## SUPPLIER

Agreement in place with Nueva Atacama

- Water is industrial (re-treated effluent) suitable for heap leaching process
- Full-Service Water Utility Company, part of a leading infrastructure platform in Chile and global conglomerate

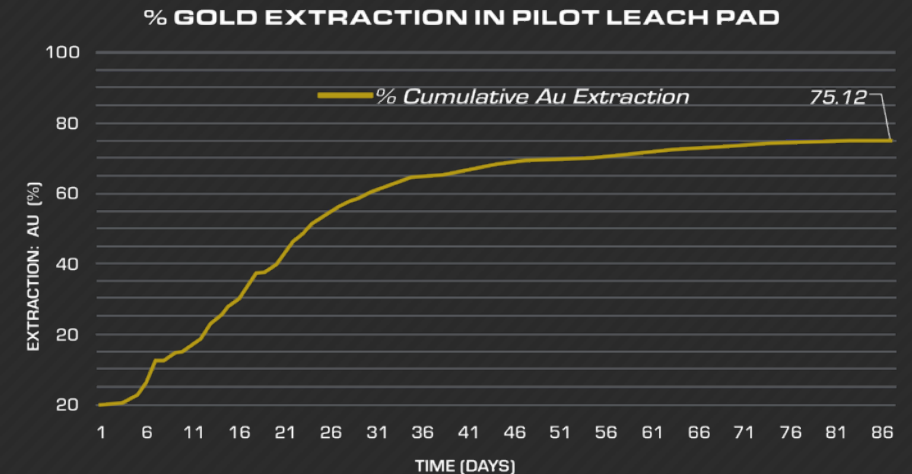
## LOGISTICS

Truck water from Nueva Atacama (Copiapo) to the project site



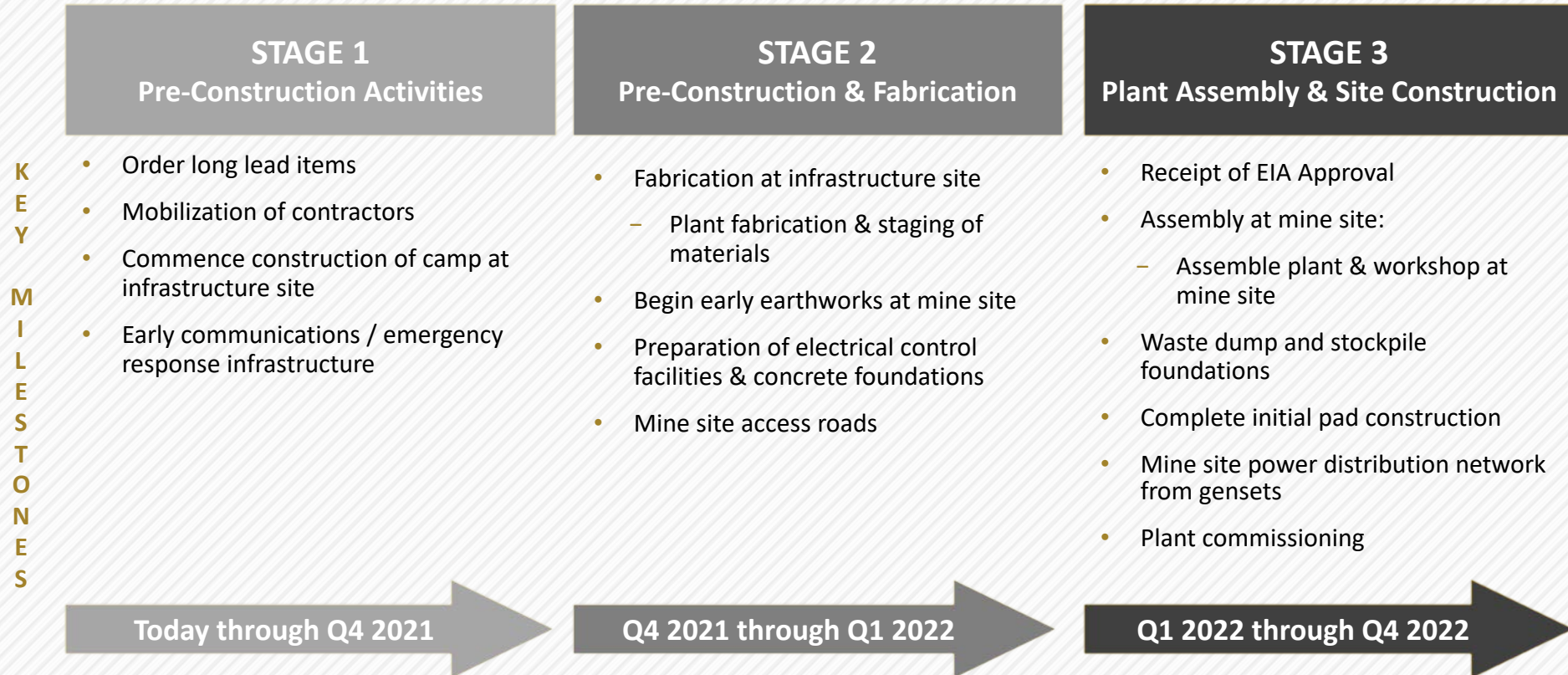
# ROM Leaching – “Game Changer”

- 426 tonne composited material from Fenix North, Central and South
- Trial conducted at Rio2’s infrastructure site located approximately 22 kilometers from the Fenix Gold mine site **at an altitude of 3,200m**
- The test work targeted **simplifying operations** and eliminating the need for the installation of a single stage gyratory crusher as outlined in previous studies
- Water used in the trial leaching was **industrial water** sourced from the Nueva Atacama water retreatment facility located in Copiapo
- The average grade of the composite material in the trial pad was **0.46 g/t gold, 0.43 g/t silver and 0.02% copper**
- Cyanide leaching - 81 days resulting in recoveries of **75.12% for gold** and 12.37% for silver. These results compare favorably with those from the 2019 PFS which assumed crushing material to a size of 4 inches with recoveries of 75% for gold and 10% for silver
- A recovery of approx. 60% for gold was achieved in the trial ROM heap within 30 days of leaching commencing
- Cyanide consumption averaged 0.18 kg/t and lime consumption averaged 2.95 kg/t. The 2019 PFS assumed cyanide consumption of 0.4 kg/t and lime consumption of 4 kg/t
- The granulometric analysis for the composited ROM material determined that the size fraction for 75% of the material was less than 3 inches, and 94% passing 5 inches – **Rio2 believes there is an opportunity to improve gold recoveries further by optimizing the blasting design during mining**



# Fenix Gold Fast-Tracked to Production

*First Gold production currently guided for Q4 2022*



# Noteworthy Project Comparisons

	SSR Mining Marigold Mine Nevada	Equinox Gold Mesquite Mine California	Rio2 Limited Fenix Gold Project Chile
<b>Avg. Ore Mining Rate (tpd)</b>	60,000	28,000	20,000
<b>Avg. Annual Production Au oz</b>	200,000	100,000	85,000
<b>Years</b>	9	3	16
<b>Ore</b>	205M	31M	116M
<b>Waste</b>	658M	121M	94M
<b>Strip Ratio</b>	3.2	3.9	0.8
<b>Au Grade</b>	0.46	0.58	0.49
<b>Au Recovery</b>	74%	52%	75%
<b>Recoverable Gold</b>	2,232,938	302,540	1,372,000
<b>AISC - US\$</b>	966 Inc.\$117 Capitalized stripping	n.a.	997
<b>Resources</b>	302Mt @ 0.48 g/t Au 4.7M oz (Au \$1,400)	32Mt @ 0.42 g/t Au 0.4M oz (Au \$1,500)	411Mt @ 0.38 g/t Au 5.0M oz (Au \$1,500)

Source: NI 43-101 Technical Report

DATE: DEC 31, 2017

DATE: DEC 31, 2019

DATE: AUG 15, 2019

Note: LOM from 2020 onwards @ \$ 1,250 Au

# Fenix Mine Expansion – “The Bigger Project”

## STRATEGY TO EXPAND MINE PRODUCTION TO 80 ktpd from 20 ktpd

- All components are in place or being aligned for a “Bigger Project”
- Expect to initiate a PFS on mine expansion in mid-2022

## LARGE RESOURCE AVAILABLE

- 3.2M oz Au of M&I resources, plus 1.4M oz Au of inferred resources (exclusive of 1.8M oz P&P Reserves), plus exploration potential in order to keep growing the mineral resource at the Fenix Gold Project

## WATER SUPPLY

- Several water options are being evaluated including desalinated water, treated water from Copiapo and continental water from water rights located within 100 km of the Project

## SCALABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Fenix 20 ktpd mine layout has been designed to enable expansion for the Project without interference
- Leach pad – Space upstream to accommodate > 450 Mt total mineral
- Waste Dump – can grow downstream and in adjacent valley to accommodate > 600 Mt
- Plant platform layout has sufficient space for the addition of three extra column trains
- Workshop becomes auxiliary workshop with space available for new truck shop



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