

Copper and Zinc Production, Disciplined Growth.

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### Introductions & Overview



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Please see the Company's Management Information Circular dated May 18, 2016, the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2015 dated March 15, 2016 and the latest Management Discussion and Analysis of Nevsun for a more complete discussion of the risk factors associated with our business which have been filed with Canadian securities regulators and are available at <u>www.sedar.com</u>, which have also been filed or submitted to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 40-F or Form 6-K and are available at <u>www.sec.gov</u>.

Except as otherwise noted herein, Peter Manojlovic, Vice President of Exploration and Frazer Bourchier Chief Operating Officer, Qualified Persons as defined by National Instrument 43-101, have approved the scientific and technical information concerning Nevsun Resources Ltd discussed herein.



### 2017 Outlook & Guidance

#### Bisha

200–230 mm lbs Zinc at C1 cost of \$0.70 to \$0.90\*

10–20 mm lbs Copper at C1 cost of \$0.90 to \$1.10\*

Stockpile sales 10k oz gold equivalent

\$16 million in sustaining capital (not including exploration)

#### Timok UZ

Deliver UZ pre-feasibility study September

Obtain necessary permits to begin UZ decline Q4

Rapidly advance to production by mid-2021

\$45 million UZ budget (including UZ drilling)

#### Exploration

Complete 130,000 meters in exploration drilling

40,000 meters in Eritrea on Bisha regional exploration

90,000 meters in Serbia primarily on UZ and LZ

Indicative Bisha underground mine study in Q2

\$27 million budget (not including UZ)

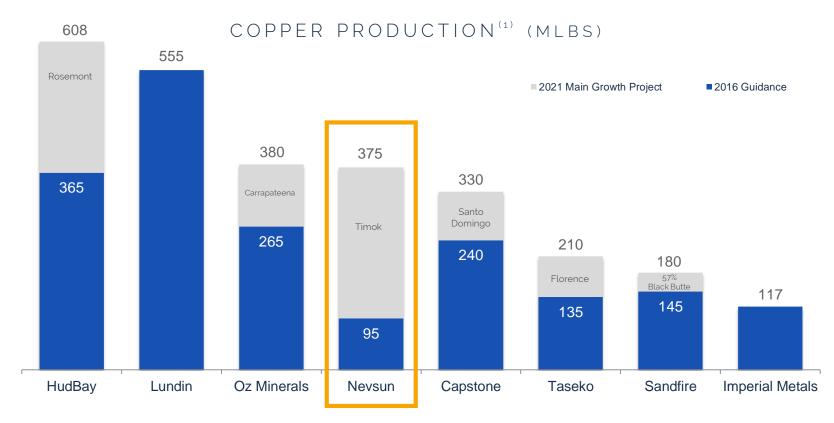


UZ = Timok Upper Zone: high grade Cu-Au resource and PEA LZ = Timok Lower Zone: Au-Au porphyry mineralization; pre-resource

C1 cash costs are on a co-product basis where site costs are allocated. The allocation method is the ratio of payable production volume, multiplied by budgeted metals prices (revenue). The zinc co-product costs will remain high, due to a greater share of the cost allocation, until more saleable copper concentrate is consistently produced.

# Leading production growth

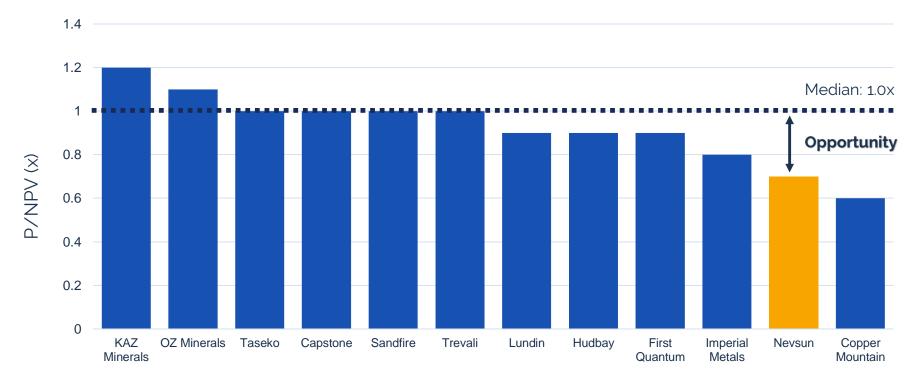
Timok will add ~300% growth in copper production in 4-5 years





### Nevsun trading at a discount to peers

Timok PFS, Bisha commissioning & new CEO value drivers in 2017





Source: Company filings, Fact Set, BMO analyst research, February 2017

### About Serbia





#### Strong federal government support

- Committed to increasing GDP from mining from 2% to 5% by 2020
- No restrictions on foreign ownership
- No government participation
- No restrictions on the flow of capital
- 15% corporate tax rate; 5% NSR royalty on Cu and Au metals
- New Dec 2015 mining code: exploration
  3 + 3 + 2 yrs before mining licence.
- Inexpensive energy costs approx. \$0.06/kilowatt hour
- Other miners in Serbia include Rio Tinto, Freeport-McMoRan, First Quantum Minerals & Dundee Precious Metals
- Municipality with experienced & educated labour force

### Serbia assets

#### **Timok Magmatic Complex**

Rakita Joint Venture

4 exploration permits in the Bor region, including the Timok project JV with Freeport McMoRan

#### Tilva Joint Venture

 4 exploration permits in close proximity to Timok project
 JV with Rio Tinto

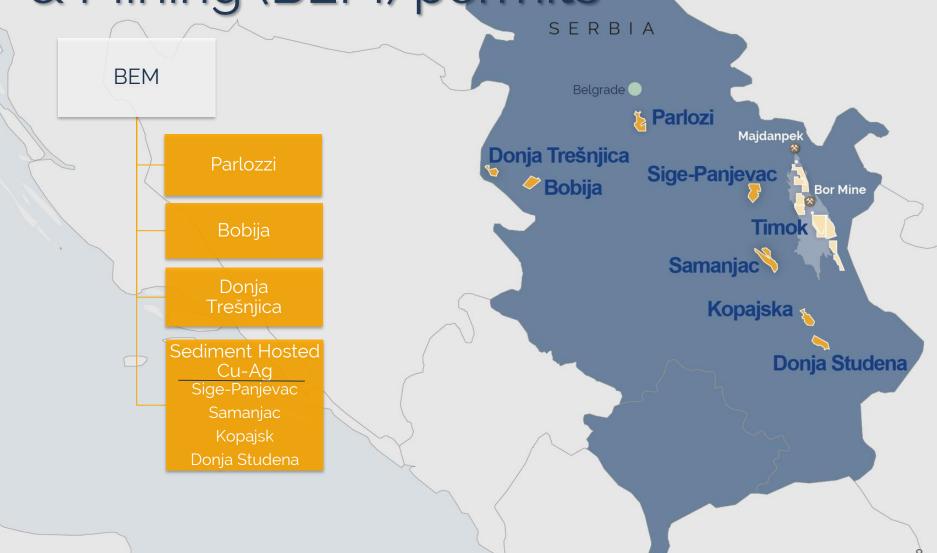
#### **100% Owned Projects**

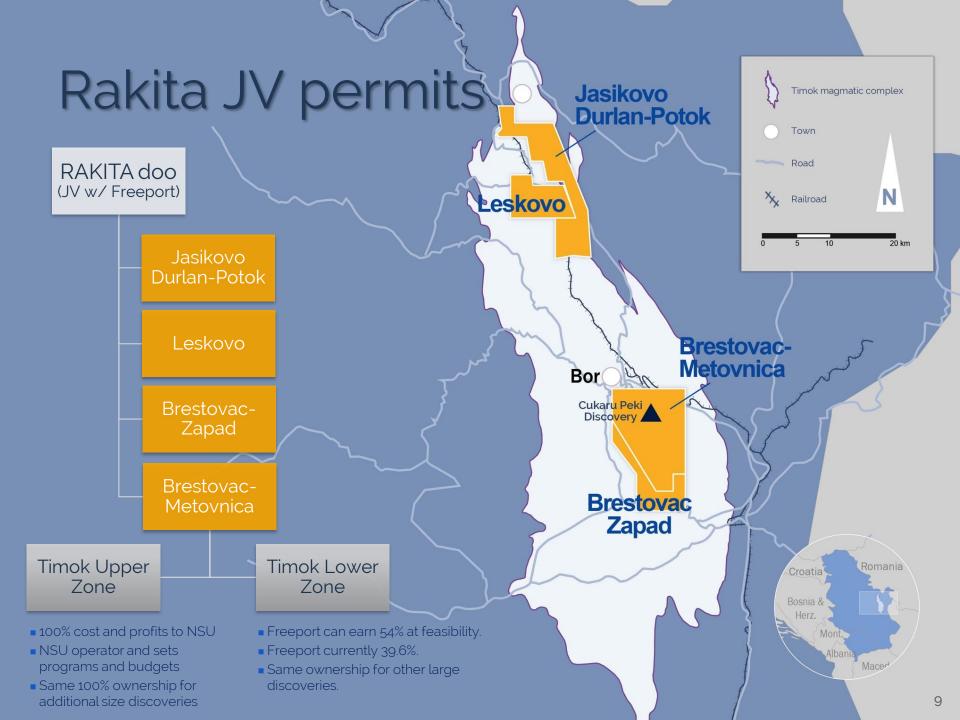
■ 3 permits: zinc, lead, gold, silver sulphide targets

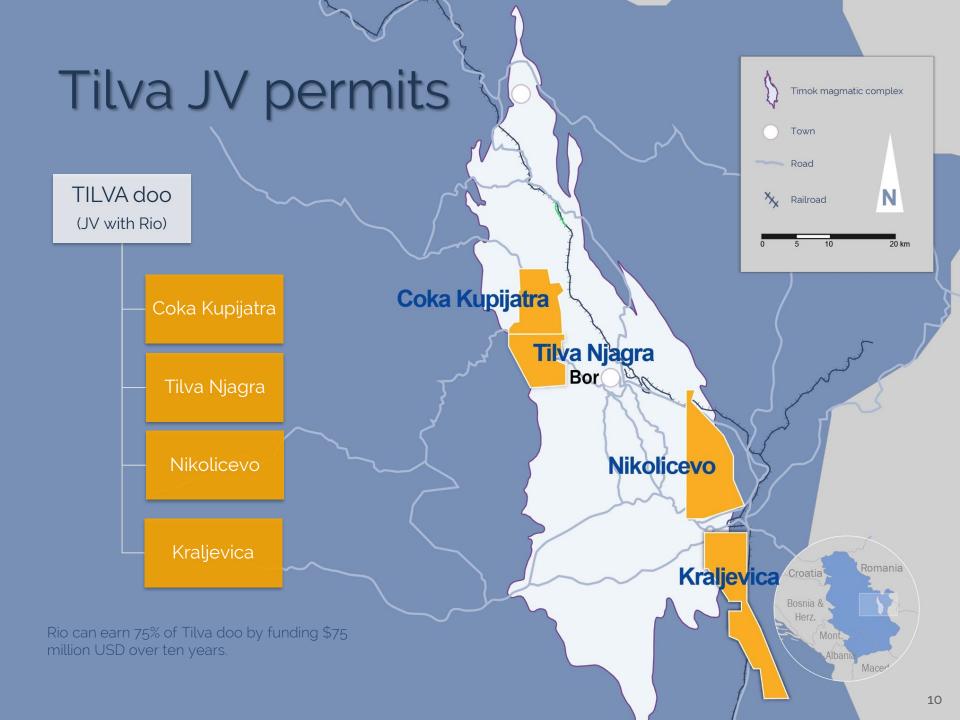
4 permits: sedimentary copper targets



# Balkan Exploration & Mining (BEM) permits











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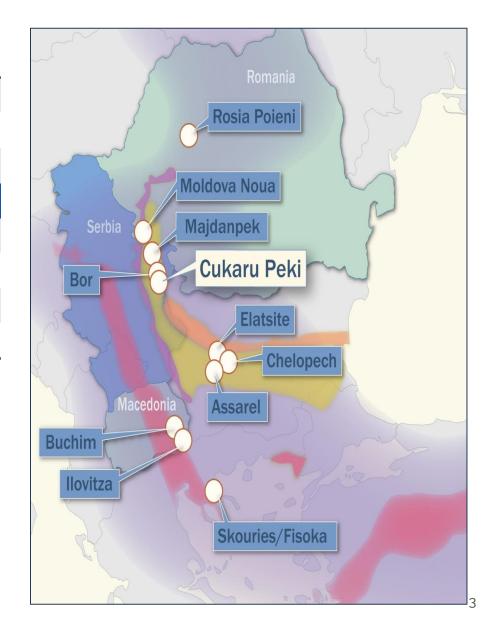
**Durlan-Potok** eskovo **Brestovac-**Metovnica Bor Cukaru Peki Discovery Brestovac Zapad

# Tethyan Metalogenic Framework

#### Copper-Gold Endowment

Rosia Poieni	431 Mt @ 0.55% Cu and 0.25g/t Au
Majdanpek	1,000Mt @ 0.5% Cu and 0.35g/t Au
Bor	800Mt @ 0.84% Cu and 0.39 g/t Au
Cukaru Peki (UZ)	35Mt @ 2.9% Cu and 1.5 g/t Au <sup>note 2</sup>
Chelopech	60Mt @ 1.2% Cu and 3.4 g/t Au
Assarel	354Mt @ 0.44% Cu and 0.35 g/t Au
Ilovitza	374Mt @ 0.21% Cu and 0.32 g/t Au <sup>note 3</sup>
Skouries	568Mt @ 0.35% Cu and 0.47 g/t Au

Tonnage and Grade data from USGS "Porphyry Copper deposits of the world" database Note 2 – RMC SRK PEA March 2016 Note 3 - Euromax 43101 FS 2016 (M+I)

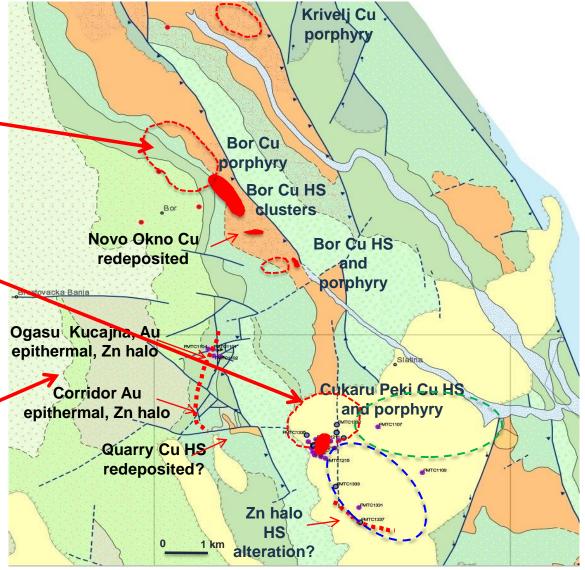


### Exploration outside Cukaru Peki

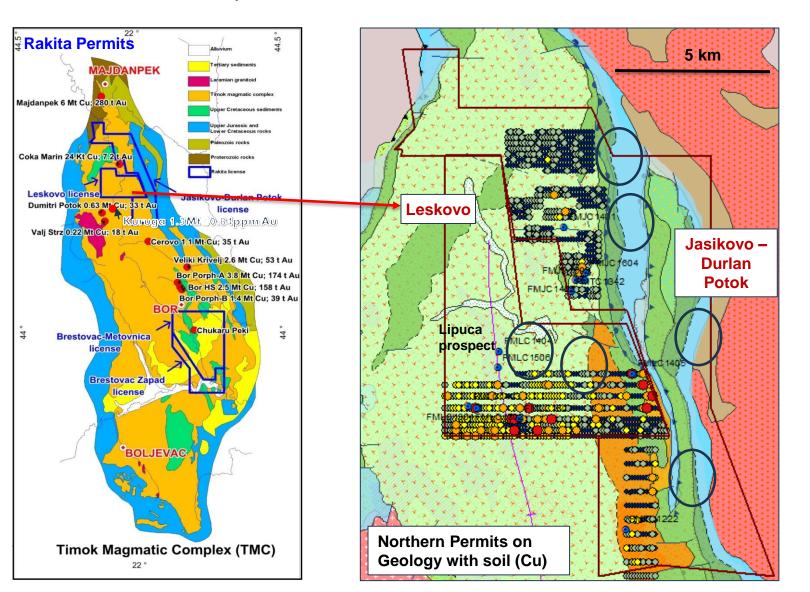
- 1. Bor Mining District:
- Bor HS and porphyry clusters including numerous HS bodies and Borska Reka–Borski
   Potok porphyries
- Novo Okno Cu redeposited
- 2. Cukaru Peki (CP) Discovery Zone:
- Additional HS and porphyry targets (both brownfield and in permit)

- Include Tailings Dam Area

- 3. Ogasu Kucajna / Corridor Zone:
- Corridor-Ogasu Kucajna IS Au epithermal + Au targets
- Conceptual HS and porphyry targets on Corridor – Bor Fault Zone – further review



# - Northern permits: Leskovo & Jasikovo



# Exploration outside Cukaru Peki

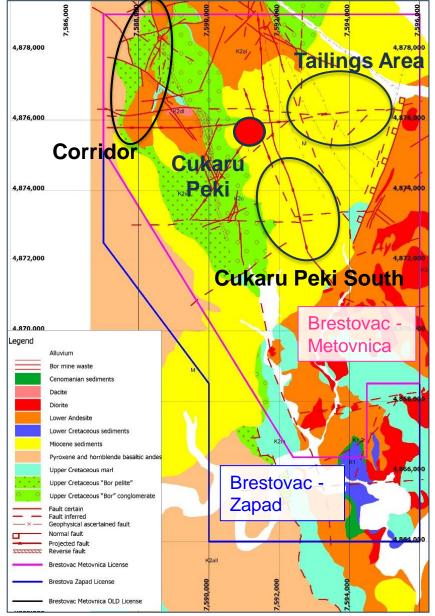
### - Brestovac Metovnica

- Outside of the drilling immediately at Cukaru Peki, there has been little drilling completed in the Miocene basin to-date
- Priorities include:

1) Focus on sterilizing areas where potential tailings facilities will be located

2) Continue exploring the Bor – Cukaru Peki trend to the south (starting in 2017)

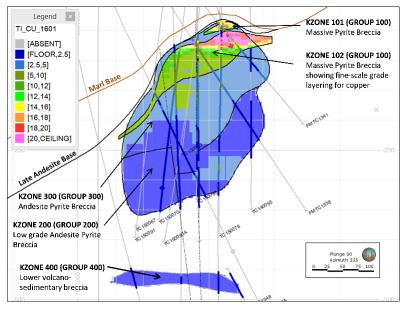
3) Continue to evaluate the Corridor gold deposit



# High grade Timok Upper Zone project

Rapidly developed with production by mid-2021

#### UPPERZONE BLOCK MODEL COPPER GRADE DISTRIBUTION



#### Upper Zone Resource and PEA

 Semi Massive Sulphide ("SMS") → high-sulphidation epithermal pyrite and copper sulphide

#### 35 MT a 2.9% Cu & 1.7 g/t Au

INFERRED RESOURCE

#### 1.7 MT a 13.5% Cu & 10.4 g/t Au

INDICATED RESOURCE

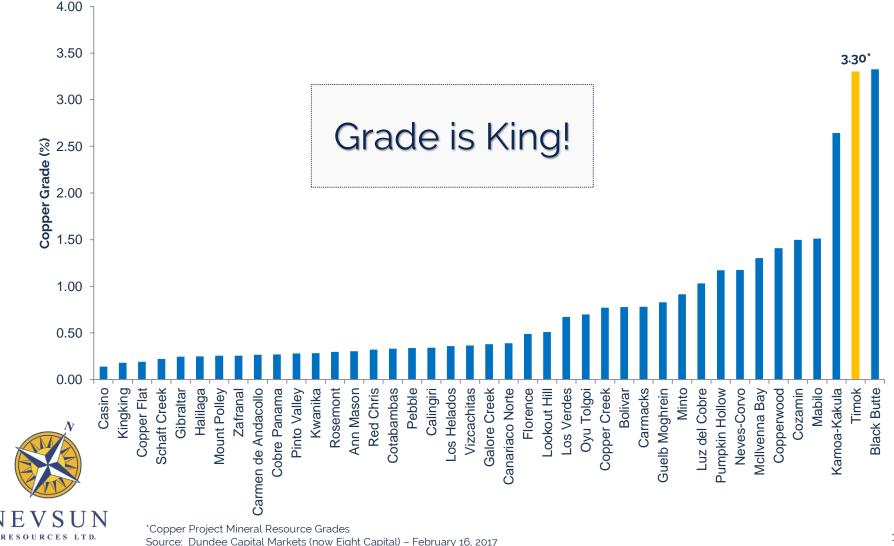
- Subject of the April 2016 Reservoir Minerals PEA<sup>5</sup>
  - \$US1.5B NPV at \$3.00 per lb Cu/\$1200 per oz Au
  - 12 year mine life with sub-level open stoping and conventional copper flotation processing

#### Nevsun owns 100% of Upper Zone



- 1. The cut-off grade used for the estimate is 0.75% Cu.
- 2. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate
- Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- 4. Mineral Resource is given on 100% basis.
- 5. The Mineral Resources and the associated PEA were reviewed and approved by Martin Pittuck of SRK Consulting (UK) Limited, a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101, details of which can be found on SEDAR and the Nevsun website. The PEA is preliminary in nature and it includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that the PEA will be realized.

### High grade copper project In a jurisdiction supportive of development





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### Timok - Lower Zone

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# Timok project: next steps

Pre-feasibility study Upper Zone

Nevsun is rapidly advancing a Pre-Feasibility study ("PFS") for the **Upper Zone**.

Key next steps for the project are:

- PFS targeted to be completed in September 2017
- 25,000 metres of drilling
- Decline development to start later in Q4 2017
- Production anticipated in 2021
- ~ \$45 million spend in 2017





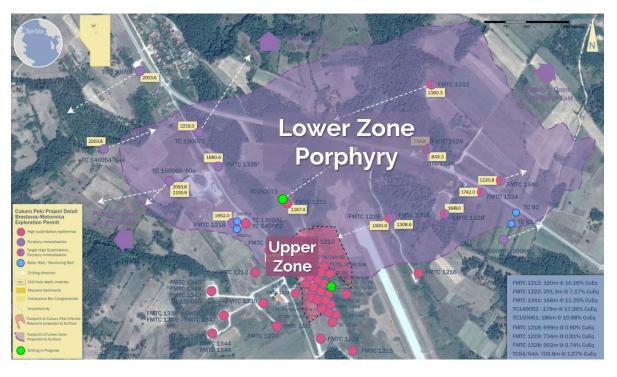
# Timok project: Lower Zone

Lower Zone project adds significant growth potential

#### PLAN VIEW OF UPPER & LOWER ZONE DEPOSITS

#### Lower Zone

- Extensive porphyry style copper-gold mineralization below the Upper Zone w/ block cave potential
- Long term potential for world scale project
- After UZ feasibility, Freeport-McMoRan 54% JV partner
- Drilling \$20 million by early 2018 to further define mineralization





### Experienced leadership

#### Management

Cliff Davis, *CEO* Frazer Bourchier, *COO* Joe Giuffre, *CLO* Scott Trebilcock, *CDO* Tom Whelan, *CFO* Ken Engquist, *VP Project Development* Peter Manojlovic, *VP Exploration* Todd Romaine, *VP CSR* Peter Tam, *VP Finance* 

#### Directors

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### JEVSU

#### Strong Site Management Teams



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