

# QIA - 2024 Mary River Security Estimate



# Methodology

- Unit Rate Development
  - RECLAIM model where directly applicable
  - Productivity rates from equipment handbooks
  - Comparison to other Okane projects
- Disturbed Area Analysis
  - Verification of all quantities used by BIM
- Scope
  - Background review of Mary River data/documents (WRF design, water quality etc) + site visit



# QIA Security Estimate

- Total (highest cost for calendar year) - \$156M
- Direct Costs – \$77.5M
  - NAG Cover System – \$28.8M
  - Remediation of Contaminated Ore Stockpiles–\$4.8M
  - Grade and Re-countour – \$11.6M
  - Building Demolition - \$5.9M
  - Equipment Demob - \$7.8M

# QIA Security Estimate

- Indirect Costs - \$79M
  - Monitoring + Maintenance - \$19.2M
  - Mob/Demob Reclamation Equipment - \$28.9M
  - Admin + Engineering - \$11.2M
  - Contingency - \$15.5M

# Uncertainties

- Climate change effects – is cover system thickness appropriate for climate change?
- Pit-wall stability/ high wall cover system – are pit-walls geotechnically and geochemically stable as is?
- Water treatment periods – Estimate assumes 3 years of treatment, is there any supporting documentation?

# Discrepancies

- QIA Estimate - **\$156M**
- CIRNAC:
  - **\$167M** (without consideration of progressive placement of WRF cover system)
  - **\$133M** (with consideration for progressive placement of WRF cover system)
- BIM - **\$125M**

# Key Differences - QIA and CIRNAC

- 20% Contingency applied on Direct and Indirect costs by CIRNAC, only direct costs by QIA
- If contingency was applied the same way by QIA – estimate could come to **~\$169M (only \$2M higher than CIRNAC)**
- Smaller discrepancies
  - Water treatment costs, monitoring costs, calcium chloride demob, fuel mob, engineering and project management costs

# Key Differences – QIA and BIM

- WRF Cover System Quantity and Unit Price
  - BIM only includes 15% of PAG area in estimate, representing anticipated WRF cover composition December 31, 2024
  - Cover system thickness of 3 m (BIM) vs 4 m (QIA)
  - Unit price of \$12.38/m<sup>3</sup> (BIM) vs \$18.07/m<sup>3</sup> (QIA)
- Contingency applied on indirect costs

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