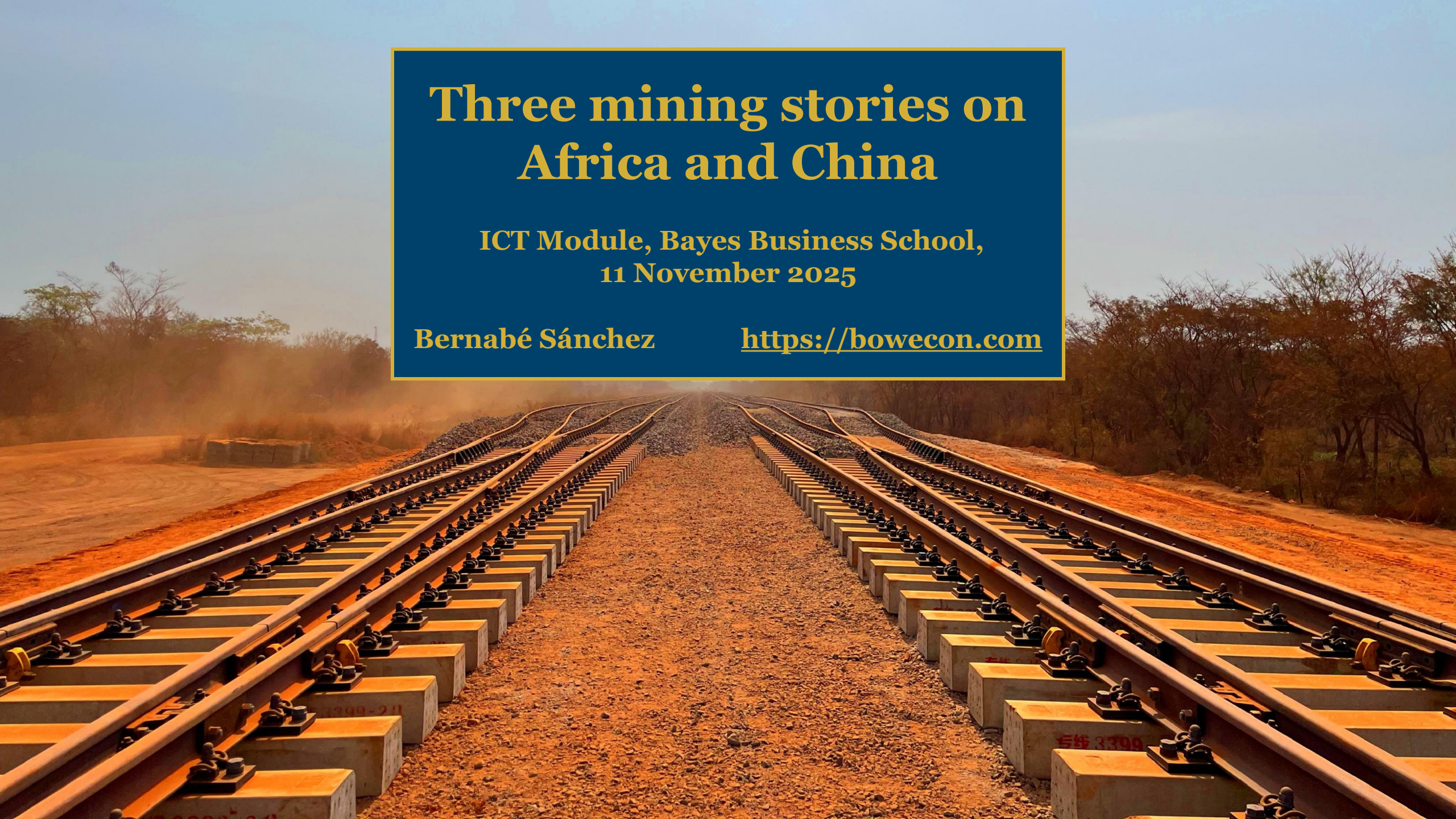


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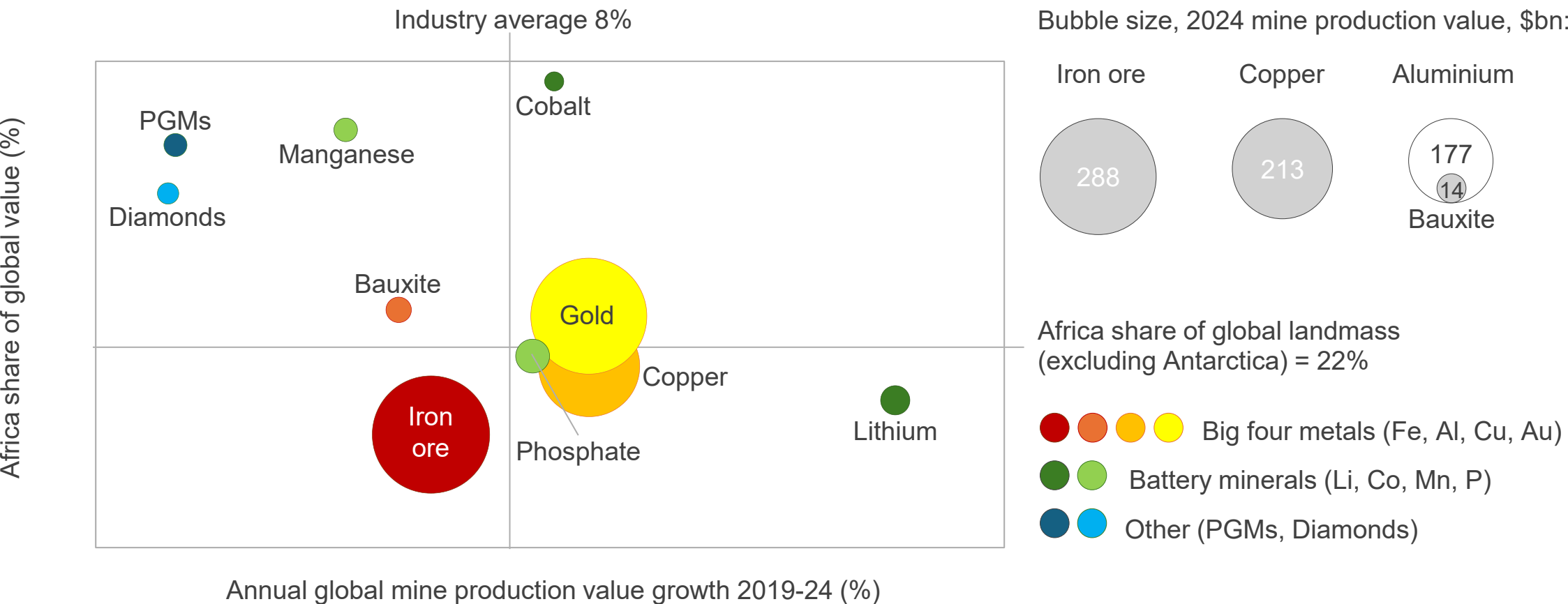
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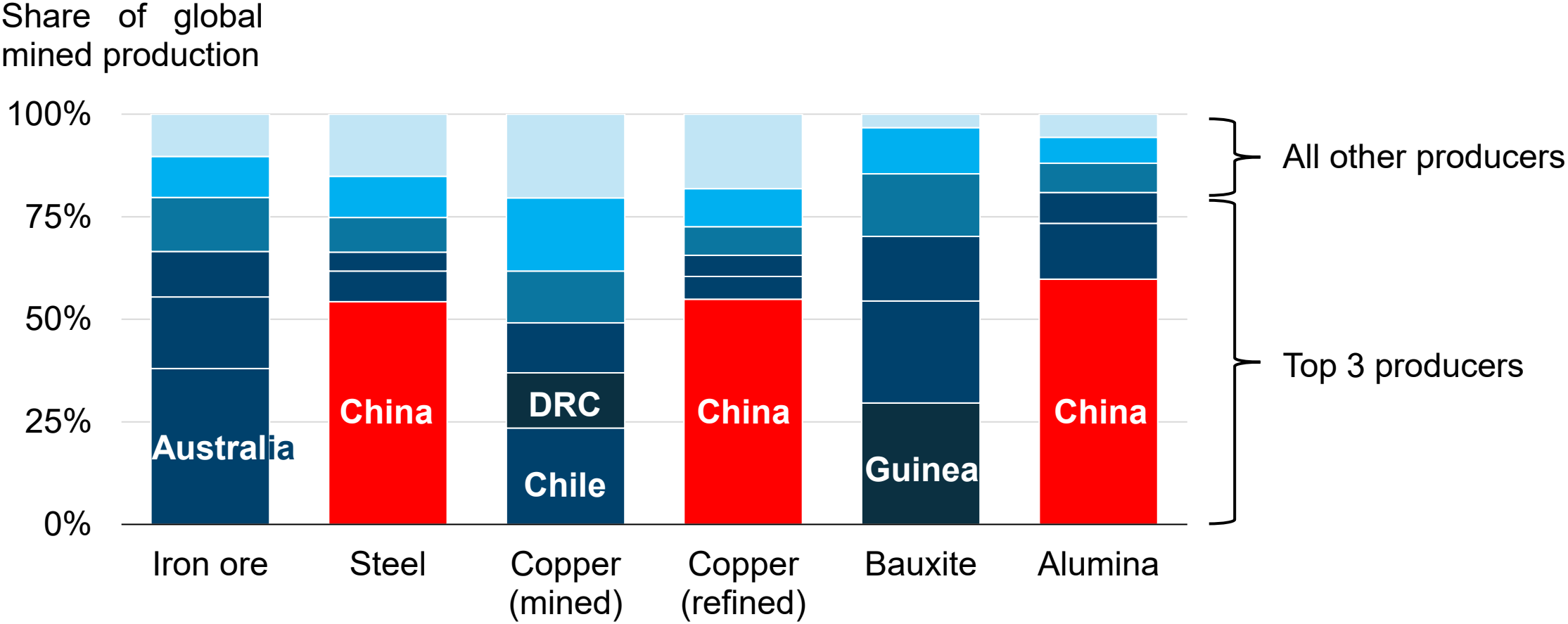
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Mining industry value has been shifted over the past 5 years from iron ore towards gold and copper



Sources: USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, World Gold Council, Kimberley Process Statistics, World Nuclear Association

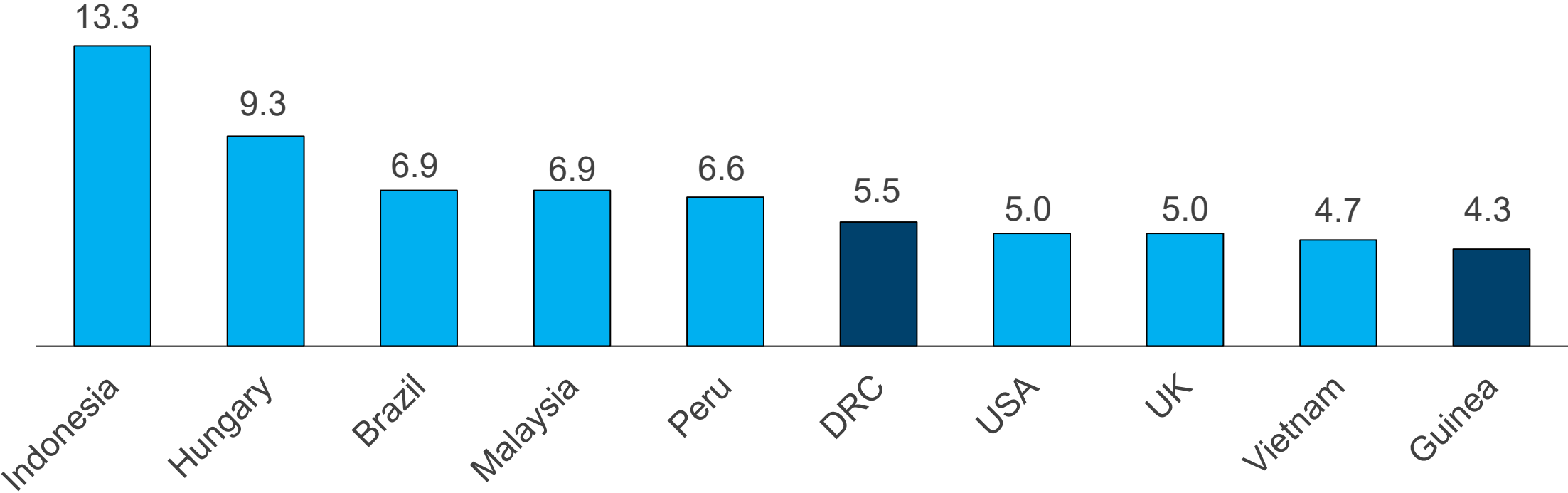
Processing is now dominated by China across most important metal value chains



Source: British Geological Survey (2025), World Mineral Production 2019-23

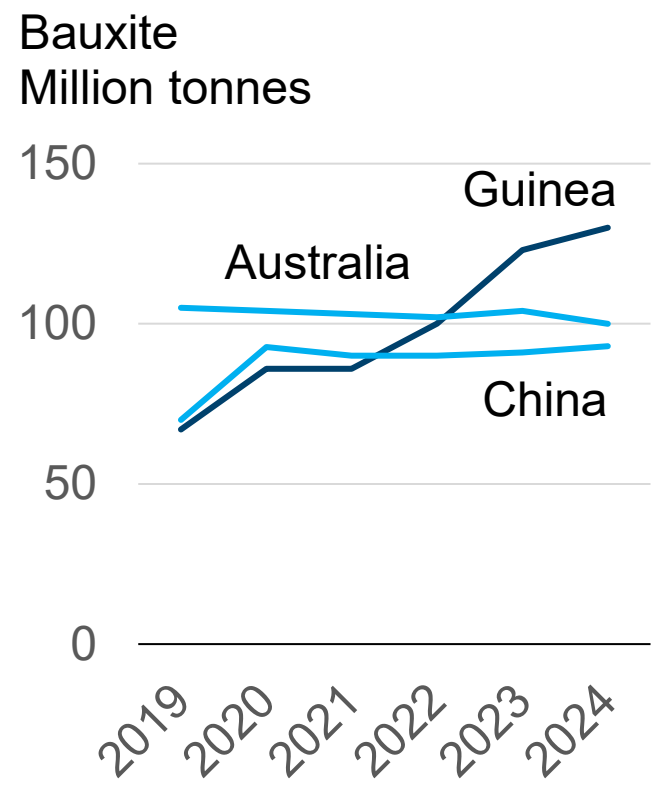
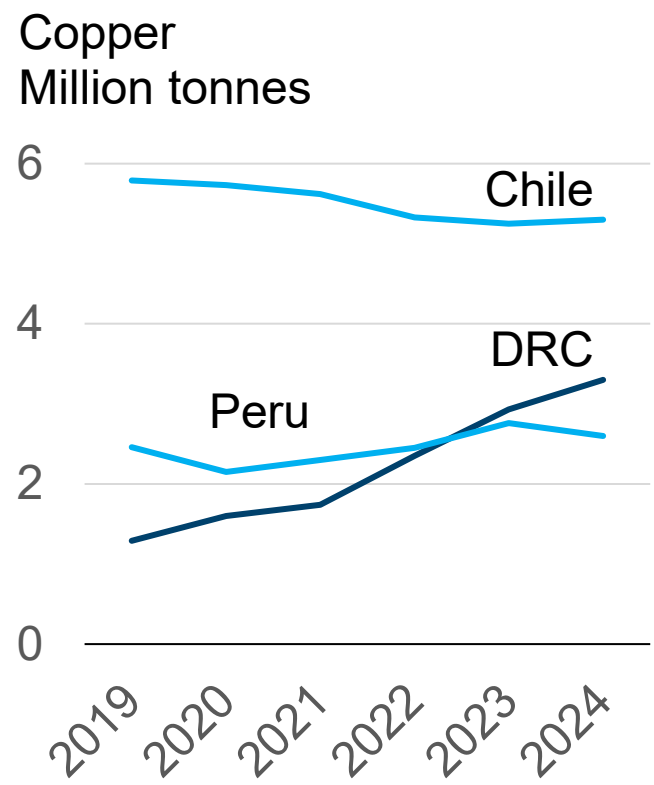
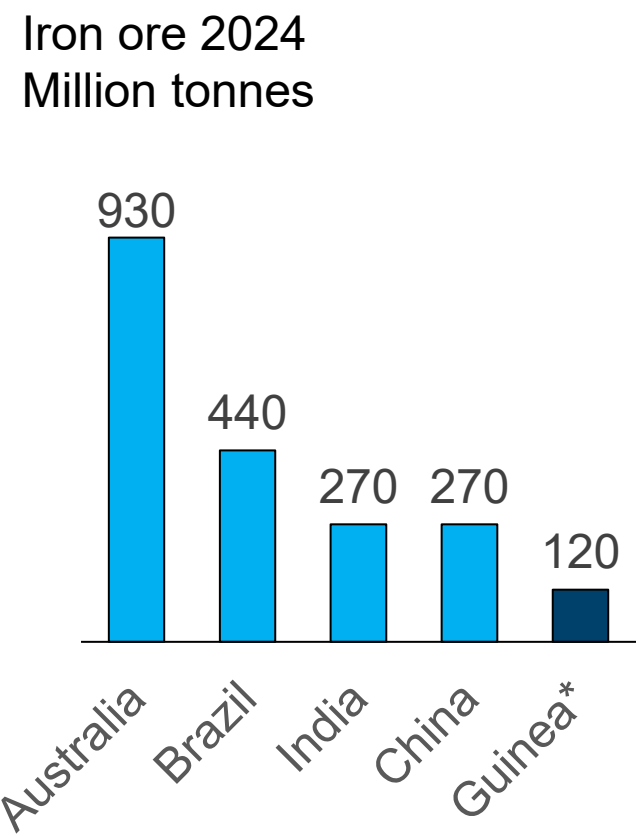
Chinese investment overseas has also been focused on mineral and metal supply chains

Chinese FDI in \$ billion
Cumulative value 2023-2025 H1



Source: CRU LME Week Breakfast, October 2025

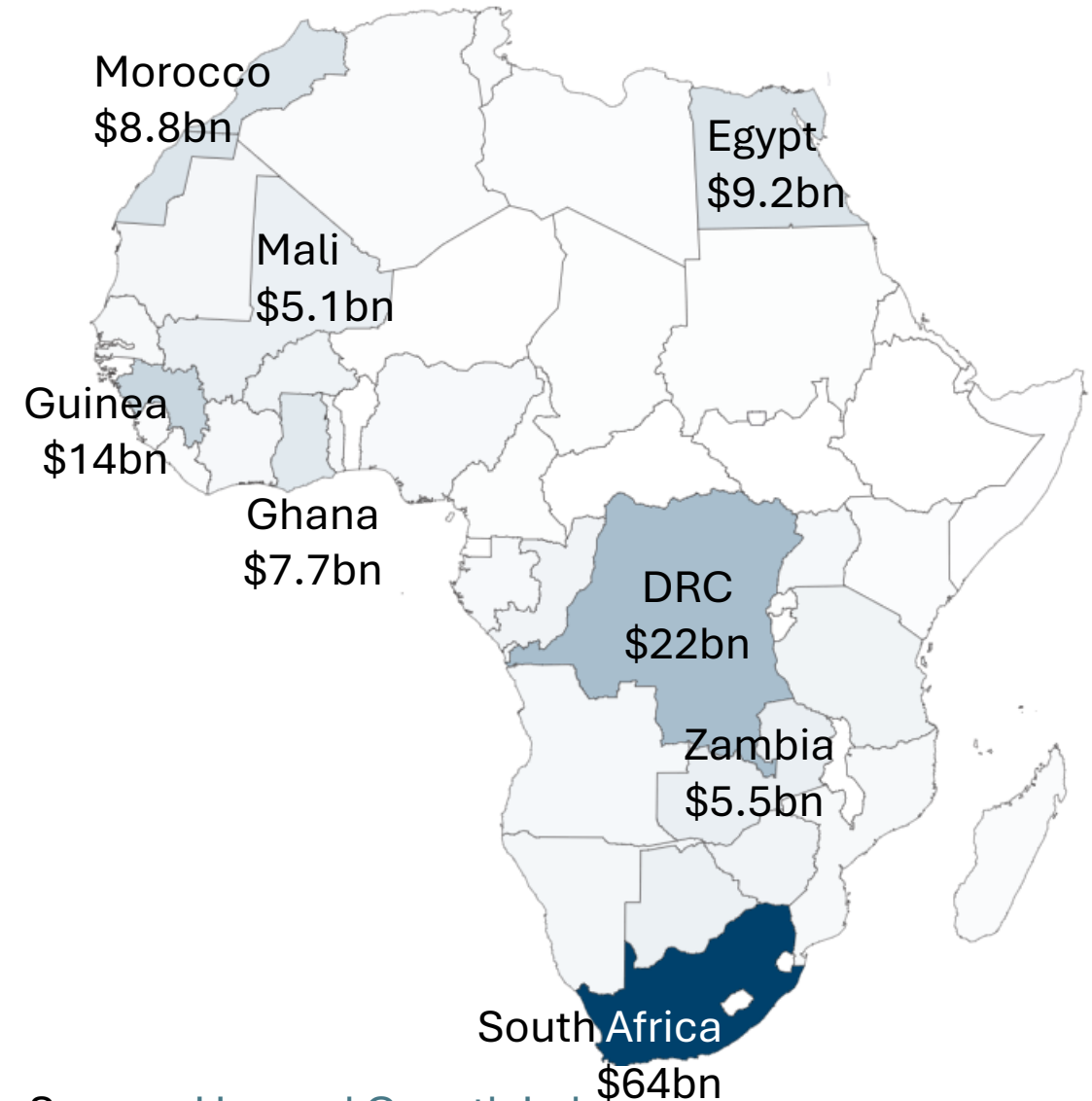
The DRC and Guinea are responsible for the largest mine production increases for main industrial metals



* Guinea iron ore shown as expected 2029 production for illustrative purposes
Source: USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries

Top African mineral and metal exporters in 2023

South Africa		Gold, platinum, diamonds >50% total
DRC		Copper and cobalt >95% of total
Guinea		Gold and bauxite >99% of total
Egypt		Semi-fabricated metal and cement ~55% of total
Morocco		Phosphates and derived fertilizers ~80% of total
Ghana		Gold almost 90% of total
Zambia		Copper ~80% of total
Mali		Gold 99% of total



Source: [Harvard Growth Lab](#)

Notes: Metals, Minerals, Stone and Mineral Chemicals, excluding Fossil Fuels

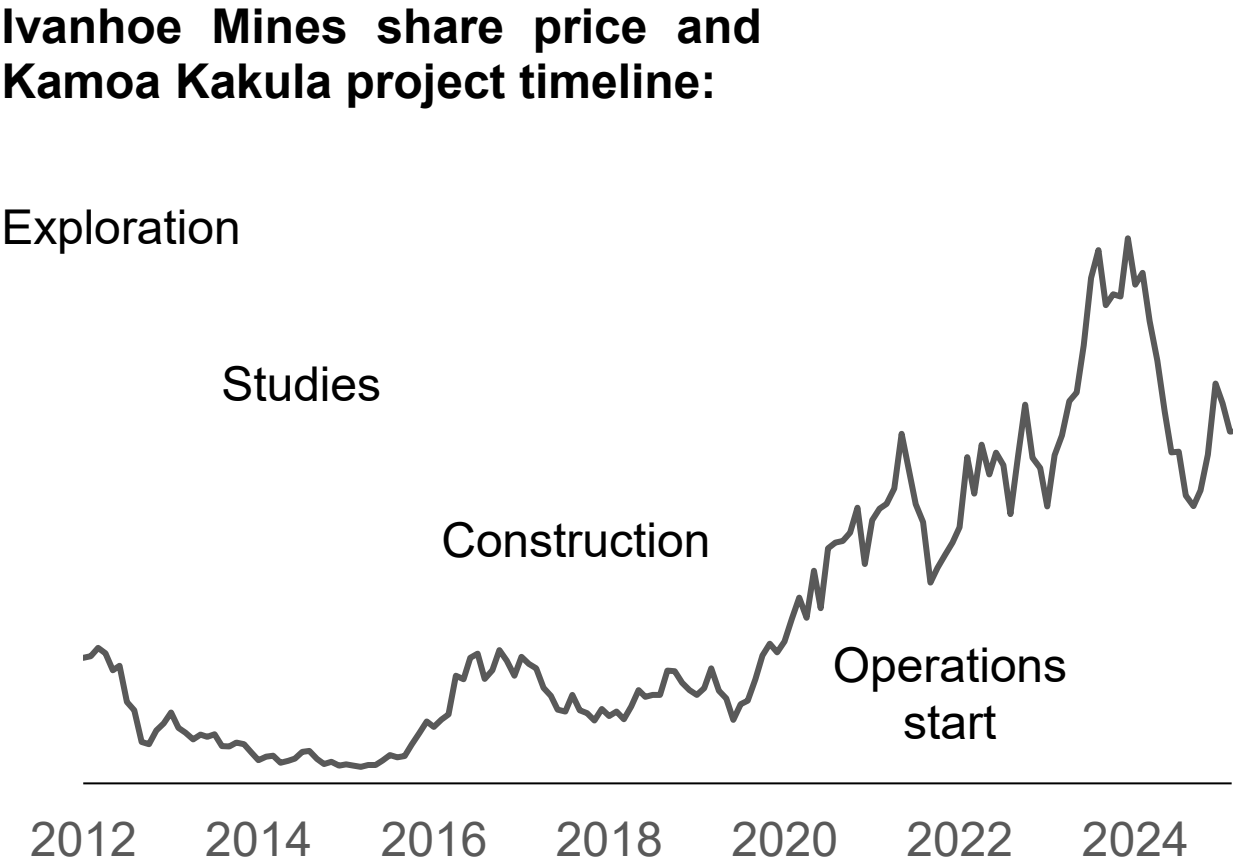
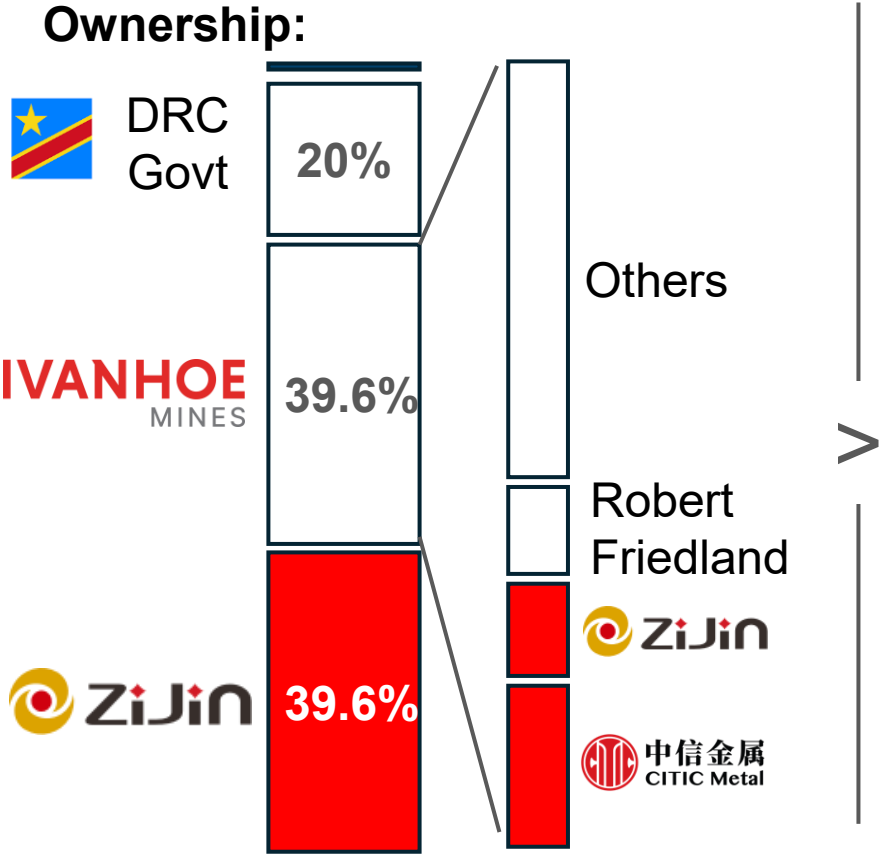
An aerial photograph of the Kamoakakula processing plant and tailings dam. The image shows a large industrial facility with several long, elevated conveyor belts transporting material across the site. In the center, there are large circular structures, likely part of the grinding or flotation process. To the right, a massive, dark-colored tailings dam stretches across the landscape. The surrounding area is a mix of reddish-brown earth and some green vegetation. In the foreground, there are some smaller buildings and a parking area with several vehicles.

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KAMOA-KAKULA

The World's fastest-growing, highest-grade, lowest-carbon major copper mine

Kamoakakula accounts for most of Ivanhoe Mines \$13bn market cap and is targeting 550kt copper



Sources: Ivanhoe Mines 2025 Investor Presentation, Yahoo Finance

Mining projects start with exploration



Source: Ivanhoe Mines 2018 Investor Presentation

Geologists discover and delineate the orebody, providing estimates of reserves and resources

Figure 1.4 Kamoā-Kakula Exploitation Licence, Showing the Kamoā, Kakula, Kakula West, Kamoā North Bonanza Zone and Kamoā Far North Mineral Resource Areas.

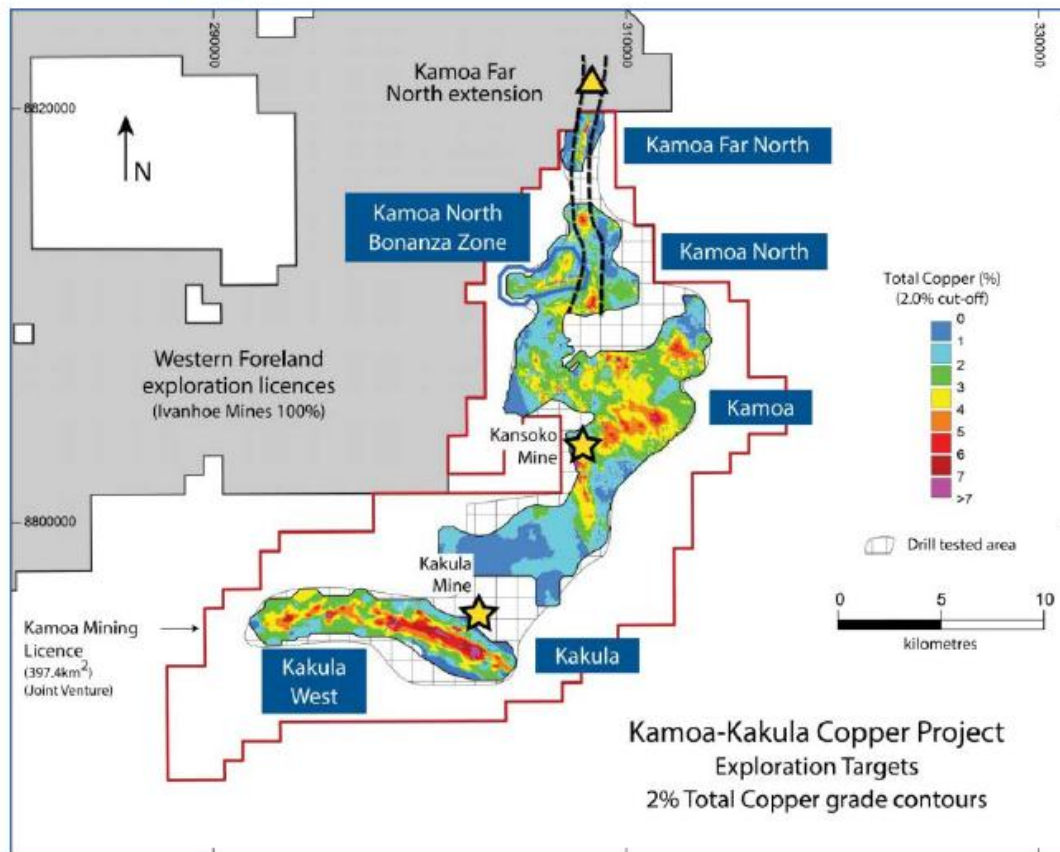


Table 1.2 Kamoā and Combined Kakula Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources

Deposit	Category	Tonnes (millions)	Area (km ²)	Copper (%)	Vertical Thickness (m)	Contained Copper (kt)	Contained Copper (billion lbs)
Kamoā	Indicated	760	55.2	2.73	5.0	20,800	45.8
	Inferred	235	21.8	1.70	4.0	4,010	8.8
Kakula	Indicated	627	21.7	2.74	10.3	17,200	37.9
	Inferred	104	5.6	1.61	6.7	1,680	3.7
Total Kamoā-Kakula Project	Indicated	1,387	77.0	2.74	6.5	38,000	83.7
	Inferred	339	27.4	1.68	4.5	5,690	12.5

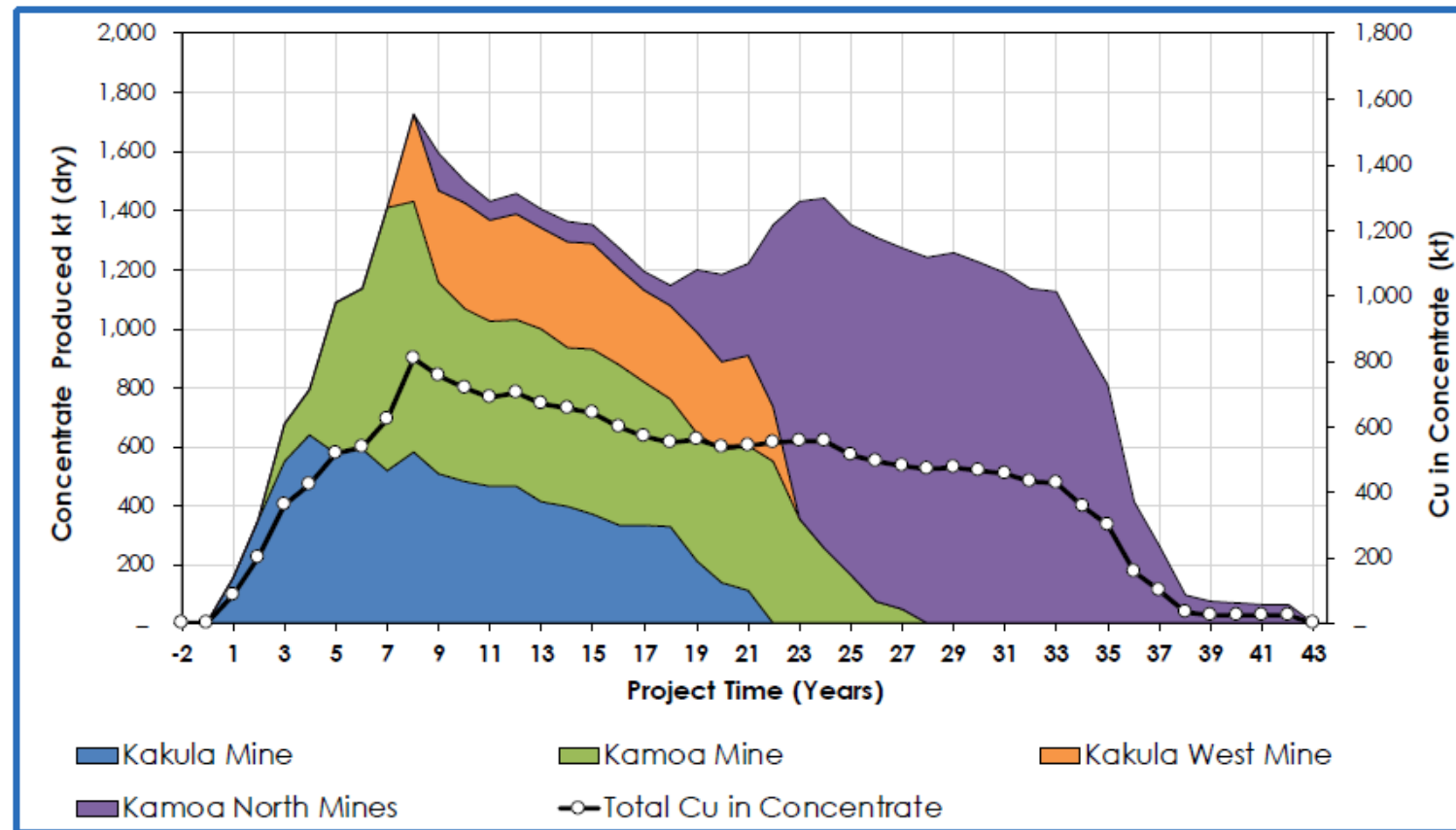
Table 1.5 Kamoā-Kakula Project Mineral Reserve

Classification	Ore (Mt)	Copper (%)	Contained Copper (Mlb)	Contained Copper (kt)
Proven Kakula Mineral Reserve	–	–	–	–
Probable Kakula Mineral Reserve	110	5.22	12,665	5,745
Proven Kansoko Mineral Reserve	–	–	–	–
Probable Kansoko Mineral Reserve	125	3.81	10,525	4,774
Total Proven Mineral Reserve	–	–	–	–
Total Probable Mineral Reserve	235	4.47	23,190	10,519

Source: Ivanhoe Mines 2020 Kamoā-Kakula Integrated Development Plan

Mining engineers and metallurgists develop a mine and metal processing plan...

Figure 1.22 Kamoā-Kakula 2020 PEA Concentrate and Metal Production



Project studies from lower to higher levels of confidence:

- Preliminary economic assessment (PEA)
- Pre-feasibility study (PFS)
- Feasibility study (FS)

Source: Ivanhoe Mines 2020 Kamoā-Kakula Integrated Development Plan

... and provide estimates for capital expenditure and operating costs

Table 1.14 Kakula 2020 FS Capital Costs

Capital Costs (US\$M)	Initial Capital (US\$M)	Expansion Capital (US\$M)	Sustaining Capital (US\$M)	Total (US\$M)
Underground Mining				
Underground Mining	131	202	538	871
Mining Infrastructure and Mobile Equipment	38	16	362	416
Capitalised Pre-Production	76	–	–	76
Subtotal	246	218	899	1,363
Off-site Power				
Power Supply Off Site	36	–	–	36
Subtotal	36	–	–	36
Concentrator and Tailings				
Plant	123	128	70	320
Tailings	13	26	88	127
Subtotal	136	154	157	448
Infrastructure				
Surface Infrastructure	69	101	14	184
Other Infrastructure	–	–	–	–
Subtotal	69	101	14	184
Indirects				
EPCM	35	17	0	53
Owners Cost	66	47	–	114
Customs Duties	8	18	40	66
Closure	–	–	82	82
Subtotal	110	83	122	315
Capital Expenditure Before Contingency	596	556	1,193	2,346
Contingency	50	38	72	159
Capital Expenditure After Contingency	646	594	1,265	2,505

Totals have been rounded.

Table 1.12 Kakula 2020 FS Unit Operating Costs

	Payable Cu (US\$/lb)		
	Years 1–5	Years 1–10	LOM Average
Mine Site	0.48	0.52	0.62
Transport	0.32	0.32	0.32
Treatment and Refining Charges	0.11	0.11	0.11
Royalties and Export Tax	0.20	0.20	0.20
Total Cash Costs	1.12	1.16	1.26

Source: Ivanhoe Mines 2020 Kamoā-Kakula Integrated Development Plan

Analysts estimate the NPV and IRR of the project under different price scenarios

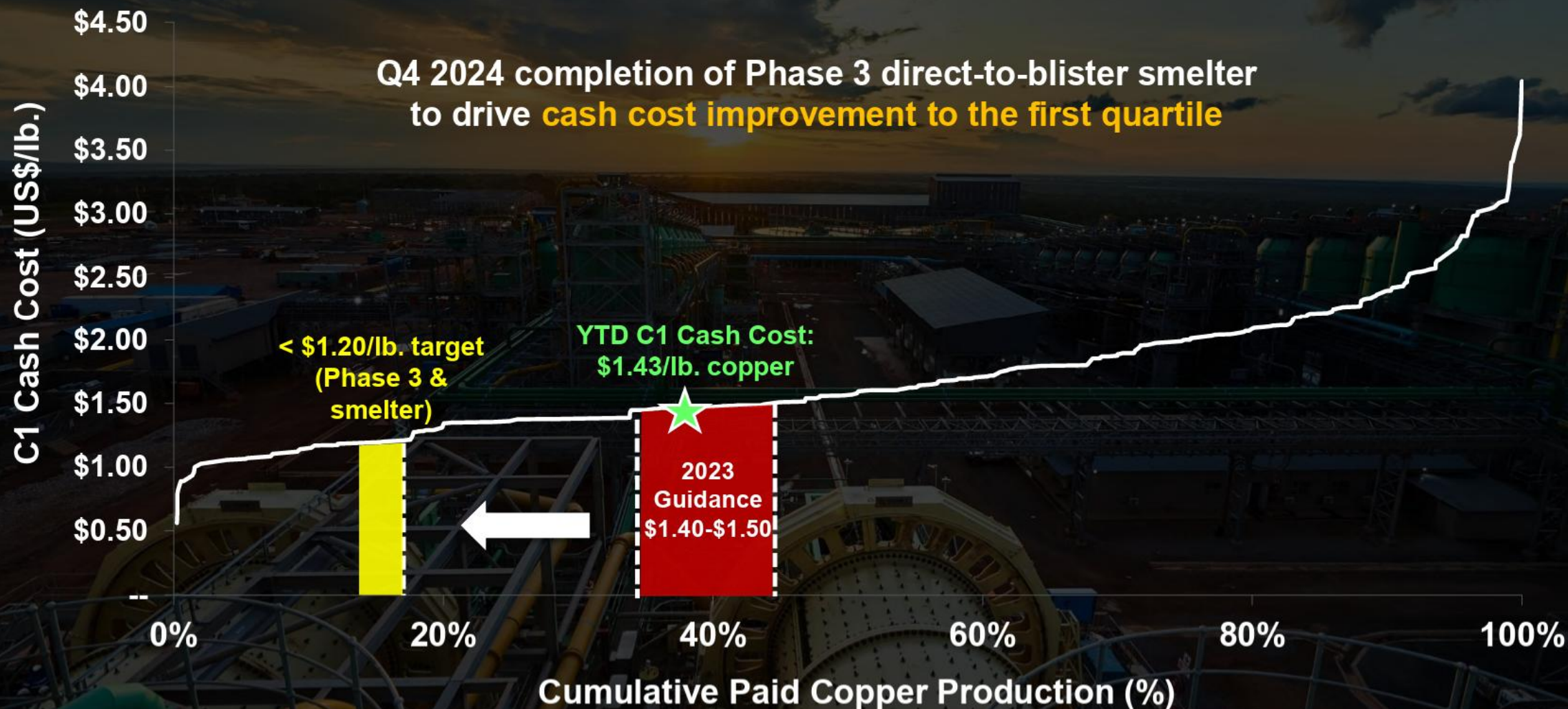
Table 1.15 Kakula 2020 FS Copper Price Sensitivity

After Tax NPV (US\$M)	Copper Price (US\$/lb)						
Discount Rate	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.10	3.50	4.00	4.50
Undiscounted	4,225	7,519	10,911	11,595	14,353	17,532	19,928
4.0%	2,828	5,072	7,370	7,832	9,704	11,852	13,457
6.0%	2,334	4,227	6,156	6,544	8,117	9,918	11,256
8.0%	1,935	3,551	5,190	5,520	6,857	8,384	9,513
10.0%	1,609	3,005	4,413	4,696	5,845	7,153	8,116
12.0%	1,340	2,558	3,779	4,024	5,022	6,154	6,982
15.0%	1,018	2,028	3,031	3,232	4,052	4,977	5,649
IRR (%)	38.5	57.9	74.0	77.0	88.9	100.4	106.9

Source: Ivanhoe Mines 2020 Kamoā-Kakula Integrated Development Plan

KAMOA-KAKULA YTD C1 CASH COSTS WITHIN GUIDANCE

(Figures shown on 100% basis for Kamoa-Kakula)



Note: Represents 2025 C1 pro-rata cash costs that reflect the direct cash costs of producing paid copper incorporating mining, processing, mine-site G&A and offsite realization costs, having made appropriate allowance for the costs associated with the co-product revenue streams.

Source: Wood Mackenzie, 2023 (based on public disclosure, the Kamoa-Kakula 2023 PFS has not been reviewed by Wood Mackenzie).

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Kamoa-Kakula's Phase 1 & 2 4.6-Mtpa-concentrators, with the Phase 3 5.0-Mtpa-concentrator in the distant background

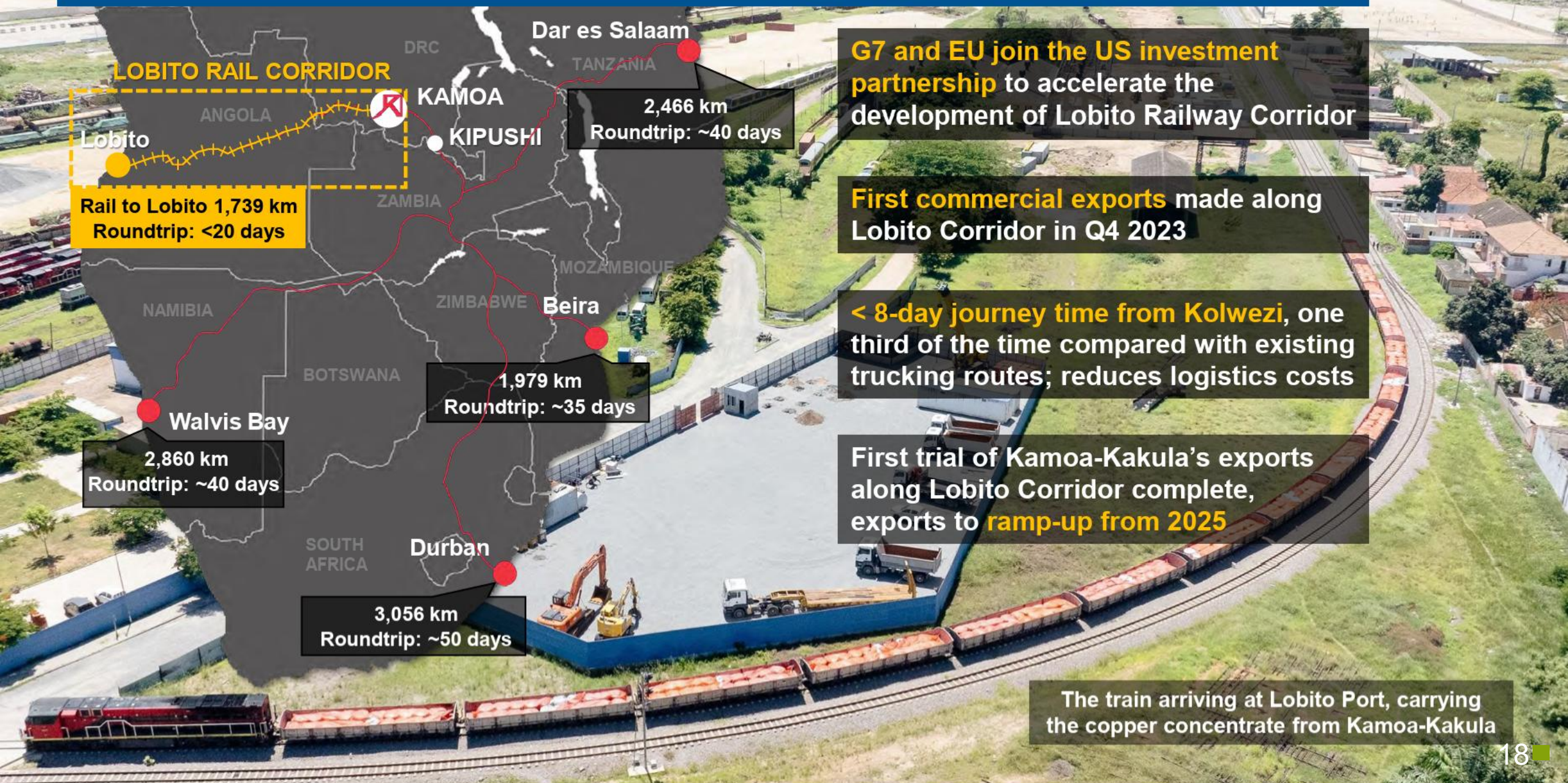
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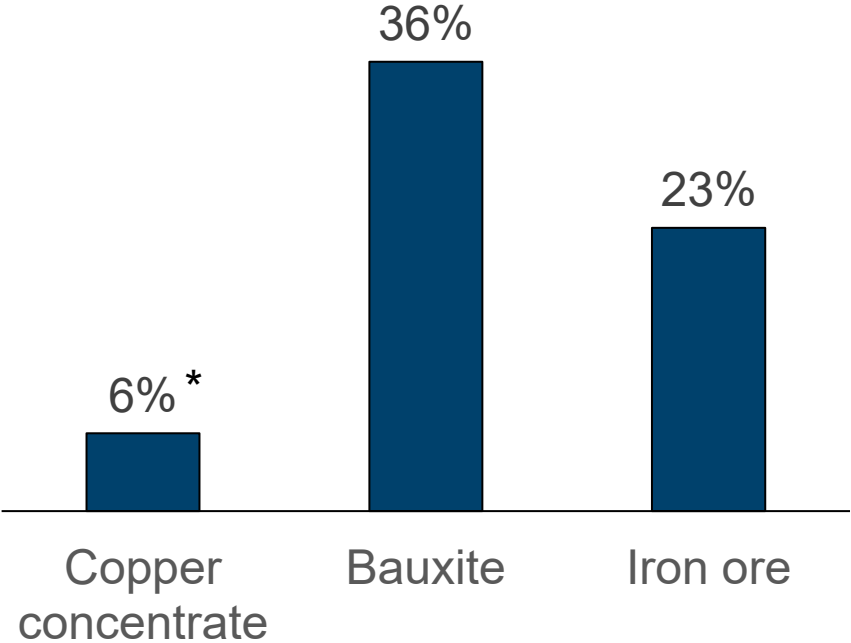
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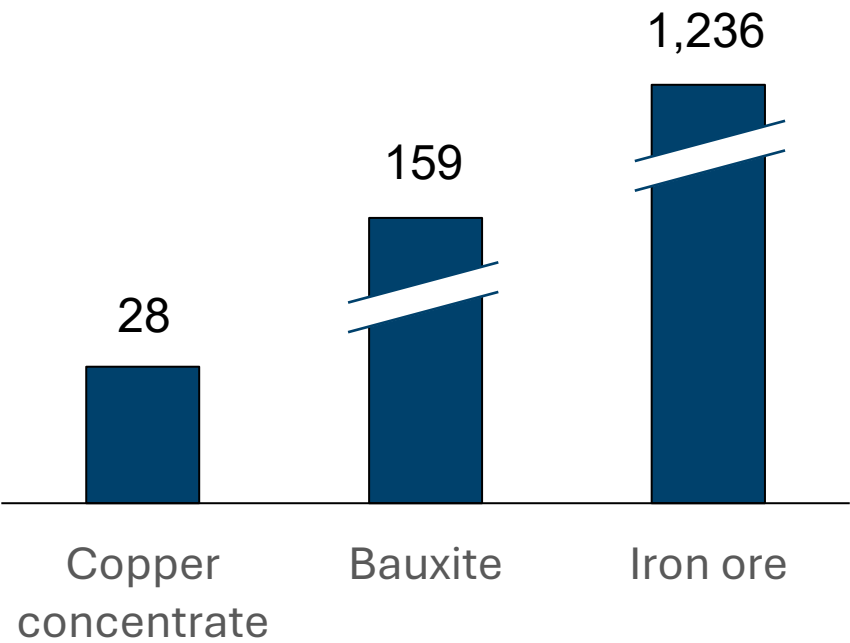


Shipping and logistics costs have a small impact on copper, but are crucial for bauxite and iron ore

Shipping costs for African producers, % of 2024 price



China import volumes, Million tonnes



* Total logistics cost for copper concentrate based on Kamo-a-Kakula 2023 Integrated Development Plan
 Source: China customs, C3 capesize rate, Ivanhoe Mines

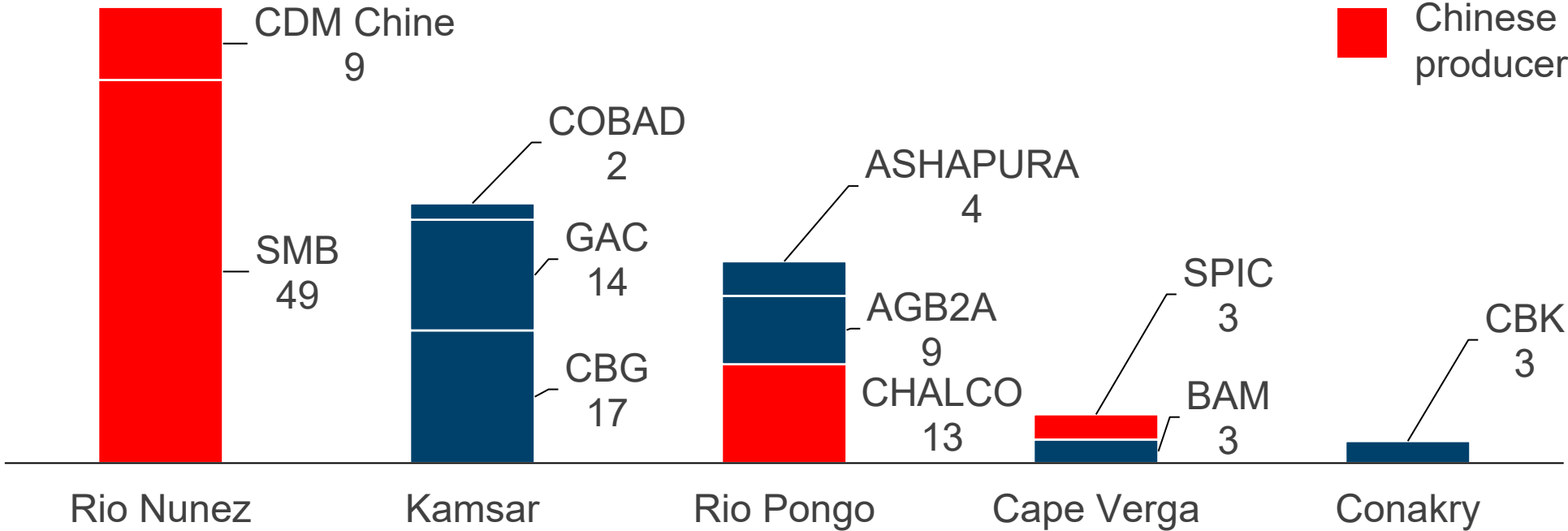
Despite the distance and need to tranship, Guinea has emerged as China's largest bauxite supplier



Source: <https://www.winninggroup.com.sg/en/service/logistics>

Bauxite mining in Guinea is a very competitive landscape, shipping out of five main port areas

Million tonnes of bauxite
exported in 2023



Source: *Bulletin de Statistiques Minières et Carrières No 22, Ministère des Mines et de la Géologie*

There has been significant infrastructure investment to improve in-land logistics

First new railroad in Guinea since 1970, 135km Santou-Dapilon line constructed by China Railway 18 for SMB-Winning

Despite the limitations of barge transhipments, these river ports have also become much more efficient

*River port in Guinea with barge loading
(AGB2A-GIC in Boffa, July 2025)*

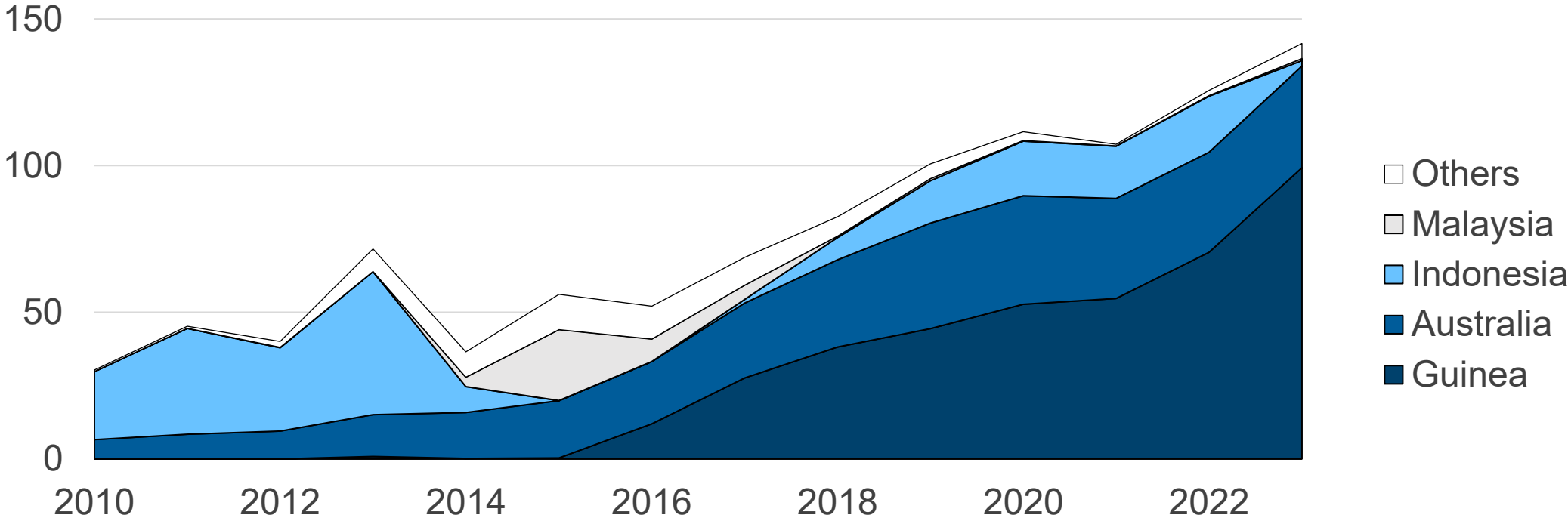
China's alumina refineries have increasingly relied on imported bauxite



Alumina refinery, 3-million tonne capacity, Shanxi province in China, March 2018

About 75% of China's bauxite imports have come from Guinea over the past two years

(Chinese bauxite imports, million tonnes)



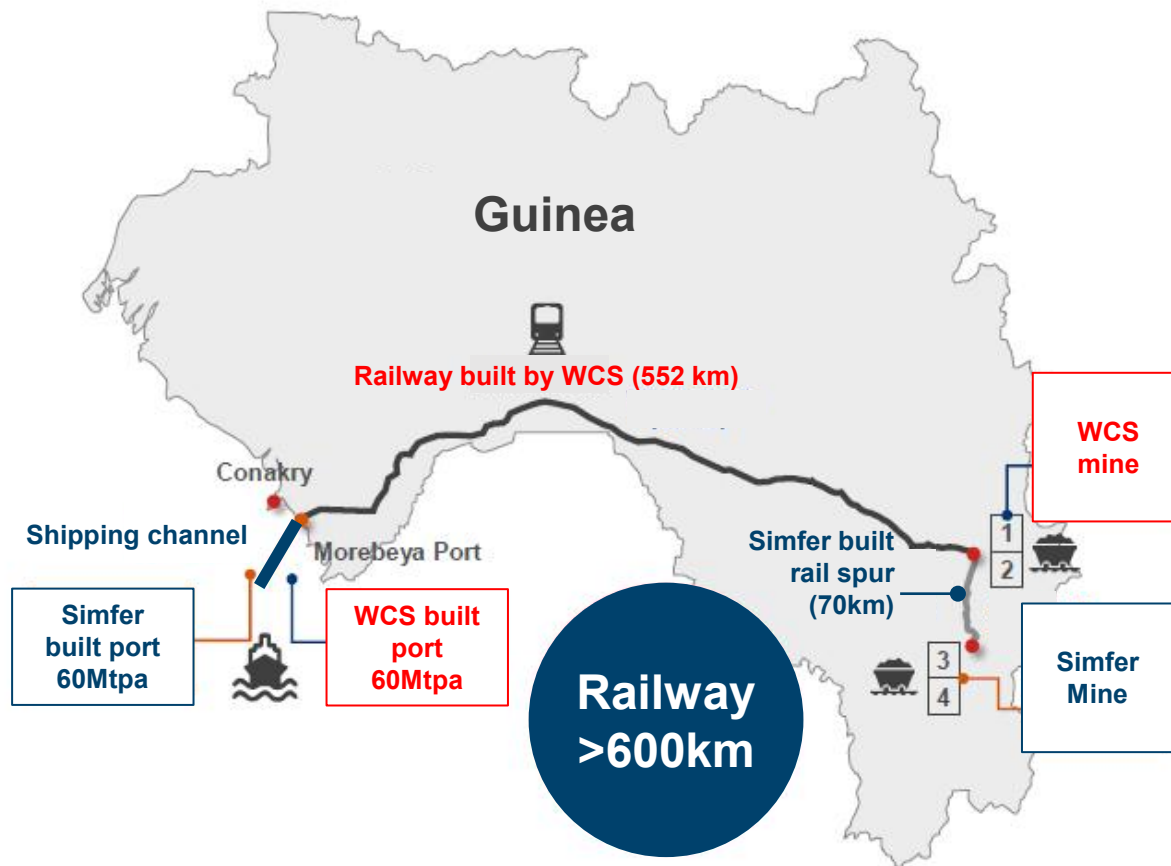
Source: S&P Global Trade Atlas

The bauxite experience is now being applied to the 120 million tonne Simandou iron ore project



Source: <https://www.seetaoe.com/details/236089.html>

Simandou is a \$20 billion iron ore mining and infrastructure project in Guinea



Simplified ownership:



Source: Rio Tinto Investor Seminar, December 2023

The new infrastructure requirements were huge, with over 200 bridges and 30 km of tunnels required

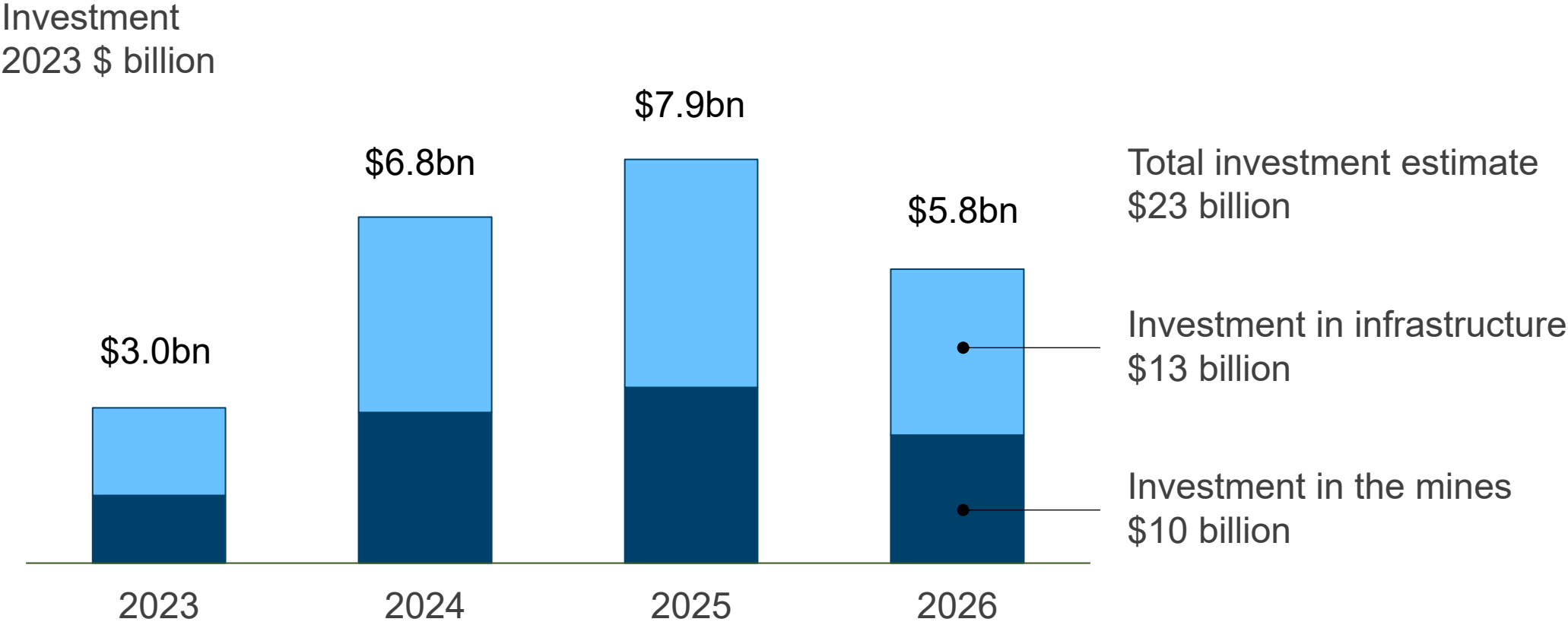


Simandou capital and operating cost estimates and tax settings available publicly

	Compagnie du Transguinéen infrastructure	Simfer Rio Tinto mine	Winning Consortium Simandou mine
Royalties (rate over total revenues)	\$0.50/t	3.5%	5%
Local development fund (rate over total revenues)	N/A	0.25%	0.5%
Corporate income tax	15% years 1-17 25% years 18+	15% years 1-8 30% years 9+	0% years 1-10 30% years 11+
Guinea Government equity	15%	15%	15%
Capex	\$13 billion	\$5.1 billion	?
Opex and sustaining capex	\$17/wmt	\$11/wmt	?

Source: Rio Tinto Investor Seminar December 2023, Convention de Base de WCS June 2020

Financial reporting obligations mean that it is easier to track project progress



Source: Rio Tinto 2024 full year financial results; author's calculations

Higher transparency with publicly available Environmental and Social Impact Assessments

Selected Chapters of the Rio Tinto Simfer Mine and Rail Spur ESIA 2024

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| 5. Local climate | 14. Project induced migration |
| 6. Greenhouse gas emissions | 15. Health and safety of affected communities |
| 7. Use of non-mineral resources and waste | 16. Ecosystem services |
| 8. Biodiversity | 17. Human rights |
| 9. Cultural heritage | 18. Mine closure |

Source: Rio Tinto ESIAs available via <https://bowecon.com/Simandou-impact>

Conclusions

Key trends in the mining sector:

- Value moving from iron ore towards copper
- China now dominates mineral processing and plays a lead role in upstream financing
- Africa supplying a disproportionate amount of additional volume

The top three African mineral growth stories:

- Kamoakakula in the DRC: “The World’s best copper mine”
- The remarkable ascent of Guinea to become the World’s top bauxite producer
- Simandou iron ore in Guinea: the largest greenfield mining project globally

Questions?