

# CORPORATE PRESENTATION

Fall 2025



#### **HEBEI WENFENG OVERVIEW**

Hebei Wenfeng Industrial Group ("HWIG") is a large-scale, privately owned Chinese conglomerate with businesses spanning steelmaking, alumina refining, industrial parks and ports, mining investments, manufacturing, solid waste management and pharmaceuticals.

As at the end of 2024, HWIG had total assets of US\$6.3 Billion, operating income of US\$5.5 Billion, and ~8,800 employees in China and overseas.

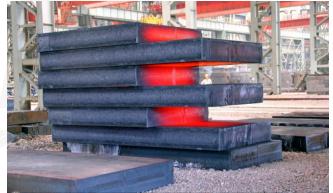


# SPECIALIZED STEEL

HWIG's primary business is specialized hot-rolled heavy and super heavy steel plate production through its significant ownership stake, management and operation of two large steel companies:

- 49% ownership in Tangshan Medium and Heavy Plate Co. Ltd. (other 51% owner is HBIS Group) which produces steel plates at an annual output of 6 million tons valued at ~US\$3.35 billion.
- 36% ownership in Tangshan Wenfeng Specialized Steel Co. Ltd. which operates a 2,000 tpa blast furnace steel plant located in Caofeidian Equipment Manufacturing Park, Tangshan, Hebei, China. Its main products include round billets and extra thick plates. Annual iron and steel production capacity of the plant is approximately 5 million tons with value of ~US\$2.8 Billion.





## **ALUMINA REFINING**





HWIG's second largest business unit is alumina refining through two subsidiaries:

#### 1) Hebei Wenfeng New Materials Co. Ltd.

- 70% owner and operator of a 4.8Mt capacity low-temperature alumina refinery in Caofeidian district, Hebei Province, China (commissioned in March 2022).
- Utilizes state-of-the-art technology to process raw materials into metallurgical-grade calcined alumina.

#### 2) Wenfeng Steel & Aluminum

- New, wholly owned, high-temperature alumina refinery with potential capacity of 7.8Mt under construction.
- First lines to be commissioned by Fall 2025 and full capacity to be brought online in 2026.
- Also leases alumina refining capacity elsewhere in China.

HBIG expects to have alumina refinery capacity of over 15Mt per year by the end of 2026.

## **SOLID WASTE TREATMENT**

HWIG is proud to recycle waste products from its steel and alumina factories through its subsidiary **Tangshan Wenfeng Resources Comprehensive Utilization Co. Ltd.** which operates a large industrial solid waste treatment facility.

The treatment facility processes the waste produced from steel production and alumina refining into products which have multiple industrial and agricultural applications.

Each year, the treatment plant produces:

- 18,000 tons of feed grade zinc carbonate
- 92,000 tons of agricultural grade zinc sulfate
- 3,000 tons of agricultural grade potassium chloride
- 1.59 million tons of dezincification material







#### **DEEP SEA PORT**



HWIG controls four 50,000-ton multi-purpose cargo berths and two 70,000-ton cargo berths, along with corresponding supporting facilities, covering a total length of 1,600 m of shoreline with annual throughput capacity of 18 million tonnes.

The Caofeidian district is located in the Bohai Sea coastal area and serves as a crucial shipping port for neighboring cities like Beijing and supports heavy industries such as manufacturing and steelworks.





# **INDUSTRIAL PARK**

HWIG also operates an Industrial Park located next to the Caofeidian district port.

The park spans 150,000 m<sup>2</sup> and consists of 24 standard warehouses hosting more than 30 enterprises.

A primary use for the Industrial Park is the processing of 2.2 million m<sup>3</sup> of imported timber.





## **FINANCE**

HWIG is the largest single shareholder of three banks and one insurance company in Northern China:

- Hebei Tangshan Rural Commercial Bank Co. Ltd – total assets of US\$14.2 Billion
- 2) Hebei Cangzhou Rural Commercial Bank Co. Ltd. – total assets of US\$9.3 Billion
- 3) Hebei Tangshan Caofeidian Rural Commercial Bank – total assets of US\$2 Billion
- 4) Yanzhao Property & Casualty Insurance Co. Ltd. – total assets of US\$376 Million





## **OVERSEAS MINING PROJECTS – CHILE IRON ORE**





HWIG holds iron ore projects in Chile through its wholly owned subsidiary **Minera San Fierro Chile Limitada**.

The subsidiary controls a total of **500** km<sup>2</sup> of mining rights, prospecting rights and option in the Atacama Region of Chile.

The company has three projects called **Oso Negro (Black Bear), Escondida** and **Morion (Xing Xing 48)** – with combined Proven reserves of over 500 million tons of iron ore.

The Black Bear iron ore mine is currently producing ~1 million tons of iron ore concentrate with the others in development.

Once all three mines are in production, combined annual output of iron concentrate powder is expected to be ~10 million tonnes.

# **OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS – CANADIAN NICKEL PROJECT**

HWIG holds a 38% equity stake in **CaNickel Mining Limited**, which owns 100% of the Bucko Lake Mine Project located near Wabowden, Manitoba, Canada.

The Bucko Lake Mine is a past-producing Class 1 nickel sulfide mine. From 2009 to 2012, nearly 450,000 tonnes of ore were mined to produce 6.9 million pounds of nickel before the mine was placed on care and maintenance due to low nickel prices.

The Bucko Lake Mine currently hosts significant NI43-101-compliant mineral resources of 5.8Mt @ 1.24% Ni in the Measured and Indicated category and 10.6Mt @ 1.18% Ni in the Inferred category.

Together with an existing 1,000 tpd processing facility, backfill paste plant, a 100-person camp, and extensive infrastructure access, the project represents one of the most advanced nickel sulfide projects in North America today.





## **KEY EXECUTIVES**

#### Mr. Wenfeng Liu – Chairman of the Board of Directors

Mr. Liu is a Chinese-Canadian businessman and investor who has numerous business interests. He has held senior positions with Chinese steel producer Hebei Wenfeng Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. from its inception in 2001 to 2021, as well as senior management and executive positions in various other business corporations in China. In Canada, Mr. Liu has served as the Chairman of TSXV listed CaNickel Mining since December 2010 and previously as Director of Welichem Biotech Inc. from January 2008 to March 2009.

#### Shirley Anthony – Executive VP, Corporate Development

Ms. Anthony has +20 years of strategic marketing, communications, investor relations and corporate development experience. She previously served as VP Corporate Development of CaNickel Mining Limited (38% held by HWIG), before being appointed CEO in November 2023. Prior to CaNickel, Ms. Anthony served as VP Investor Relations and Corporate Communications for numerous publicly listed companies in North America, including Silvercorp Metals and TVI Pacific Inc.



## **CONTACT US**

HWIG has rapidly established itself as a significant player in China's alumina refinery scene, with anticipated alumina refinery capacity of over 15 million tonnes per year by the end of 2026. The company also plans to expand its footprint through the development of new alumina refineries and potentially aluminum smelters in China and overseas.

We are currently open to partnership opportunities on new alumina refineries and aluminum smelters around the world and welcome prospective partners to contact us.

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