



# Update on Electric U/G Equipment

## Borden Gold

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## 1. Background on Borden Gold ( battery electric vehicle )

## 2. Why Electric Mine?

## 3. Process

1. BEV Literature/Industry Review
2. Eng. Trade-Off (Diesel vs Electric)
3. Analysis of Other Considerations
4. Decision Point – BEV or not?
5. Acquiring Equipment
6. Other Opportunities
7. Operational Planning & Implementation

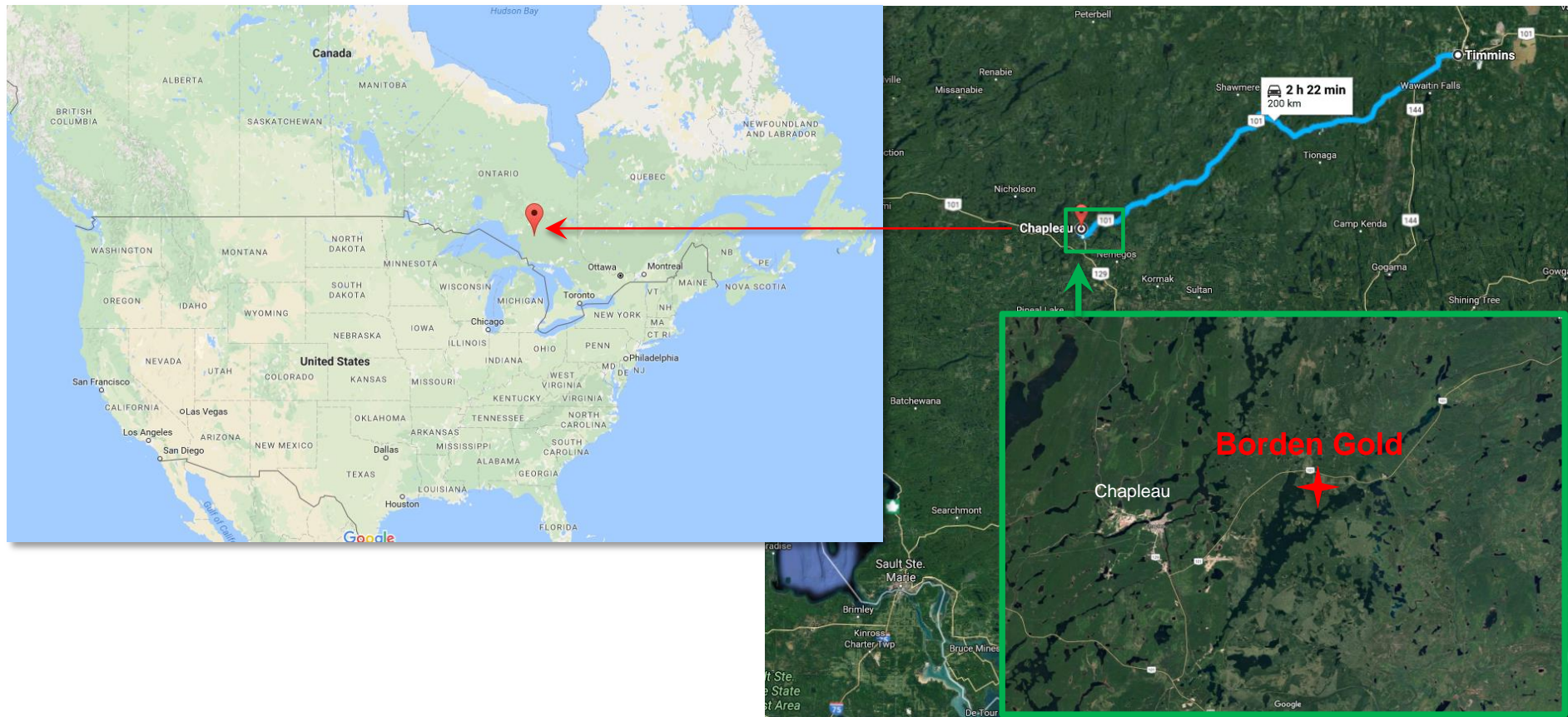
## 4. Experience – 5 Months On





# 1 - Geography & Lands

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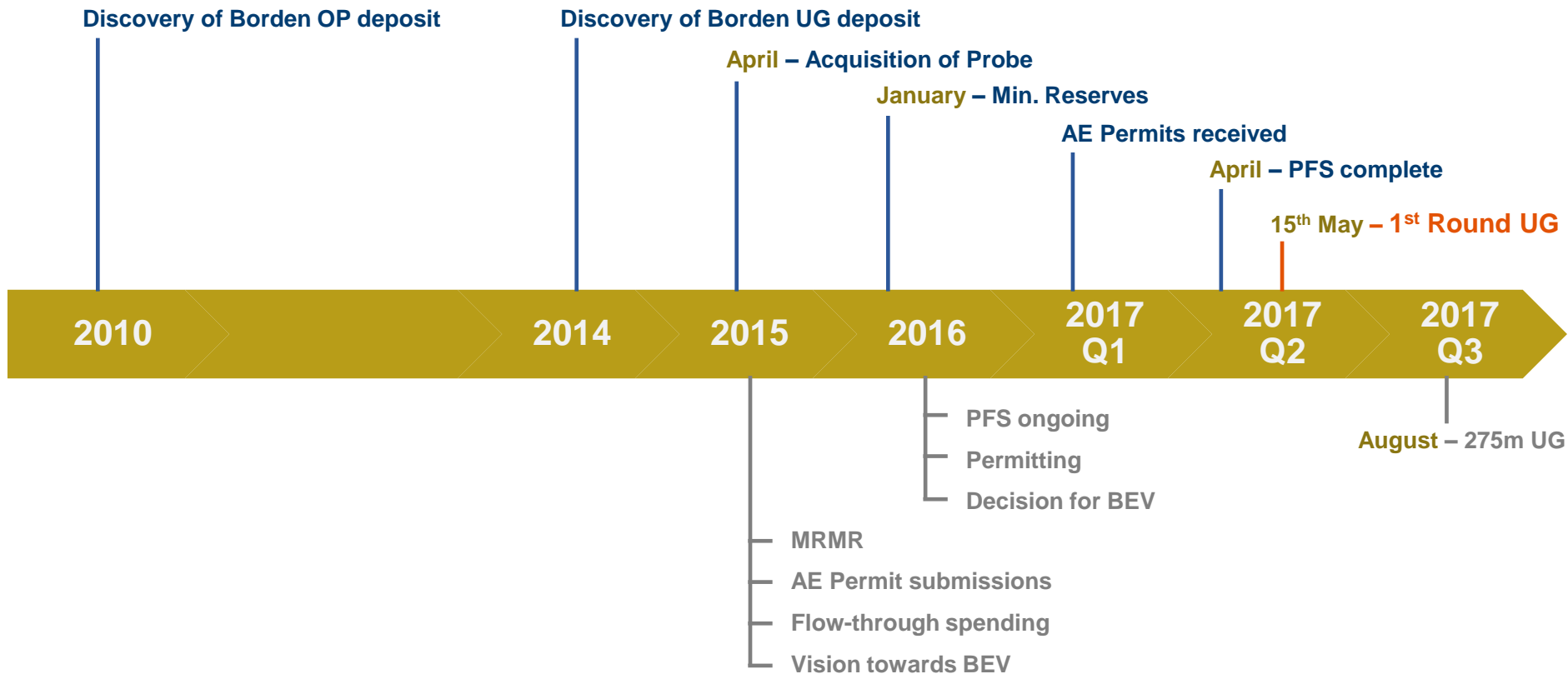


# 1 - Aerial Photography of Site

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## *Borden Gold -Safe – Simple – Green – Silent – Invisible & Inclusive Project*







- **Vision for future**
- **Sustainability** (safety, environment, community)
- **Economic** (energy & cost reduction)
- **“Greener”**
- **Improved social acceptance**
- **Technologically feasible**



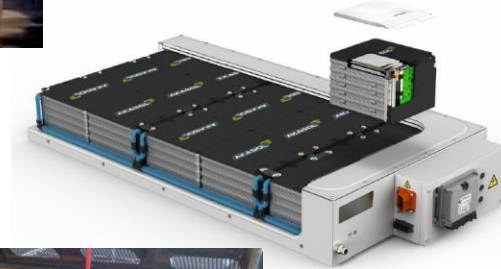
## 1. Review of BEV in underground mining

- a. Historically: trolley trucks & tethered LHDs
- b. Locally: battery at KL Gold (small size), etc...
- c. Block cave: large, tethered LHDs on drawpoint horizon



## 2. Equipment from OEMs

- a. Availability on market & in development (proven vs concept, lead times, etc...)
- b. Capability (size, duty cycle, etc...)



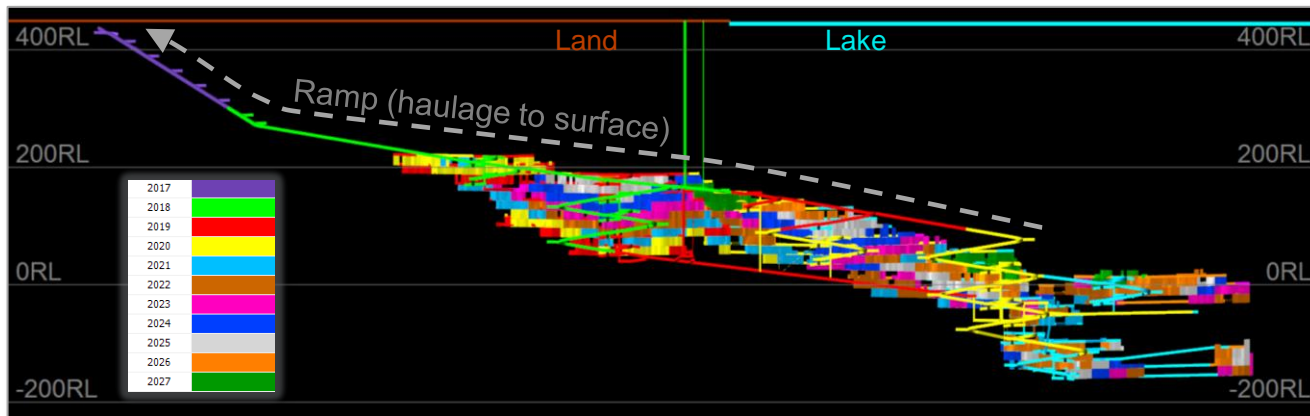
## 3. Other factors

- a. Battery technology developing rapidly
- b. Interest from government and regulators
- c. Industry trend towards reduction of contaminants in air underground



1. **Advantages of BEV**      Safety & sustainability, lower OPEX & CAPEX, project benefits
2. **Challenges of BEV**      Initial CAPEX, engineering & operations, purchasing & maintenance, change
3. **Ideal mine for BEV**      **Applies to Borden?**

- a. Long mine life
- b. Haul down ramp (loaded for regeneration)
- c. Deep & hot (vent. infrastructure)





## 1. Challenge to establish engineering criteria

- a. Ventilation requirements (not direct as with diesel)
- b. No empirical data for new equipment
  - i. Power load estimation
  - ii. Productivity
  - iii. Maintenance
  - iv. Safety requirements

## 2. Hired consulting firms & Goldcorp sites

- a. AMC and Hatch
- b. Benchmarking with conventional equipment
- c. OEMs provided estimations
- d. Produced financial models for comparison

 **Error – Auxiliary ventilation was excluded from all scenarios**

### Ventilation Criteria for Electric

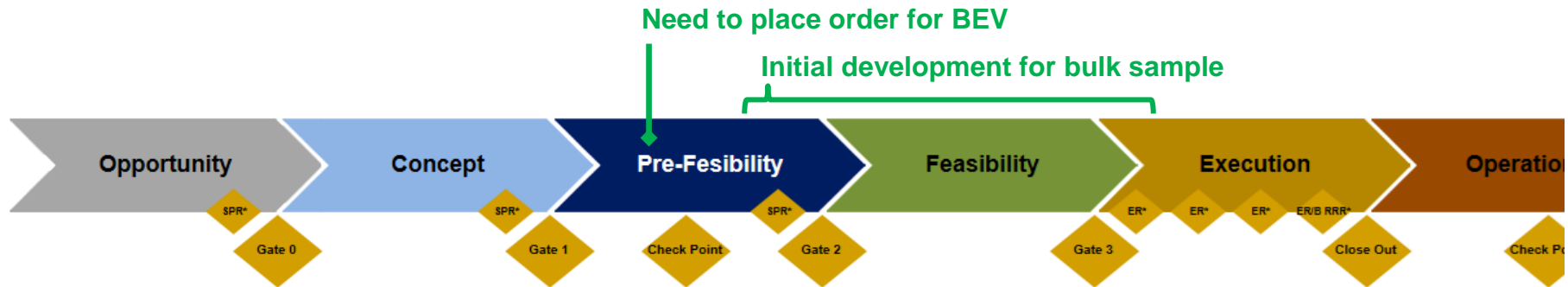
#### What determines requirement?

- a. No DPM/NOx
- b. No heat issues from estimation
- c. Dust – min./max. air velocities
- d. Other considerations?
- e. Benchmark vent. regulations for non-diesel (interprovincial, international)



- 0.25 m/s under usual operation
- Sized larger for blast clearing & VOD
- Planned for VOD on contaminants

- **Equipment needed to be ordered prior to PFS completion**
  - Rental of equipment not possible
  - Lead times for equipment
- **GIF process adapted to project**



- **Data presented to IC for approval of funding BEV equipment**

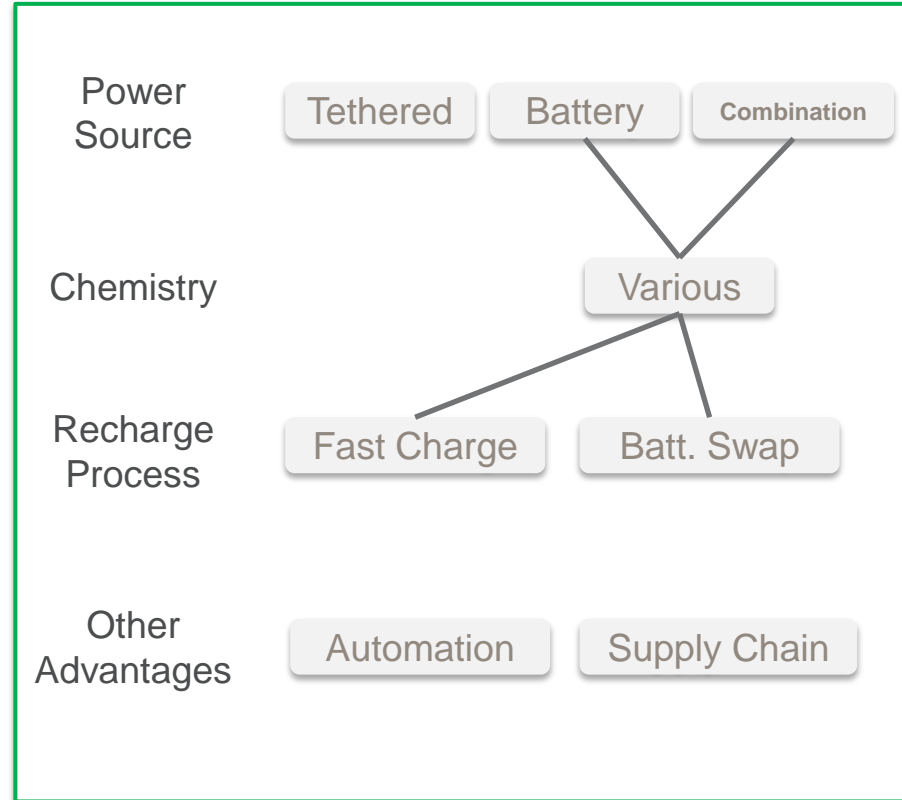
## 1. Support from corporate procurement team

## 2. Typical RFP process considered less effective

- Direct conversation with suppliers individually

## 3. Engage with OEMs

- Started during trade-off studies
- Great interest in coming to market
- Different philosophies & designs
- R&D timelines
- Reality vs Sales





## 1. Subsidies & Grants

- a. Federal & Provincial governments (various programs)
- b. Utility companies (IESO) – rebate

## 2. Corporate branding

- a. Idea City – Designing Mines of the Future
- b. BNN interviews

## 3. Leadership in updating standards/regulations

- a. Fill a “void”

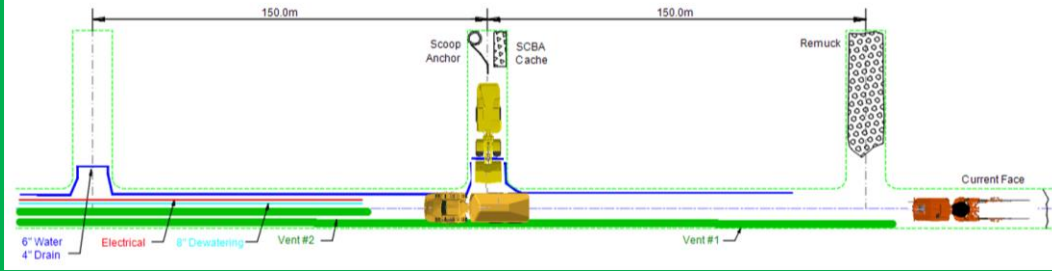
## 1. Operational redesign for equipment

- Tethered LHD
- Power reticulation (more lines, charging locations, 1kV, etc...)
- Cold climate parking (u/g, surface)

## 2. “Training Camp” at Hoyle Pond UG Mine



### Sketch of Standard Remuck Configuration



## 1. General

- a. It worked relatively quickly!
- b. Industry inquiring on project
- c. Catalyst for Goldcorp sites

## 2. Detail

- a. LHD is slower than expected
- b. New habits: plug in after shift!
- c. Difficulties with charging
- d. LHD cable challenges





**Employee Satisfaction Survey conducted to determine the Miner's perspective. Two of the questions and answers below.**

Question	The same	Somewhat better	Significantly better	A huge improvement	Total
Compared with an all diesel fleet of equipment, is the air quality at Borden's all-electric project...	0	1	15	28	44

Question	I wouldn't recommend working at Borden	I might recommend Borden	I would recommend Borden more than other places I've worked	I would strongly recommend Borden because there is a huge difference in air quality	Total
Considering ONLY the all-electric fleet, would you recommend working at Borden, over other diesel equipped mines?	0	9	11	23	43

- 1. Equipment is stealth quiet U/G**
- 2. Workers pleased about air quality**
- 3. Major support from equipment vendors**
- 4. Opportunities “outside the box”**
- 5. Learning curve was steep but new technology embraced**



