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Welcome



Green Minerals as



Headquartered in Oslo

Listed in Oslo under ticker GEM NO

Market cap USD 8 mill

Norway opened up for DSM on 9 january 2024

GEM is approaching next phase - license ownership

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Our team



Ståle Rodahl Executive Chairman

- Joined SeaBird Exploration in 2019 as Executive Chairman and shortly after founded Green Minerals.
- Background from the financial industry for 30 years, amongst others as a hedge fund manager and in various executive positions in the Investment Banking industry in New York, London and Oslo in companies such as Alfred Berg, ABN Amro and ABG Sundal Collier.
- MSc with a major in Finance from the Norwegian Business School, BI with additional programs from London School of Economics (LSE) and NASD, New York.



Ståle Monstad CEO

- Ståle Monstad has more than 25 years of experience within exploration and geological management. He started his professional career in the exploration department of Norsk Hydro, gaining extensive experience in concession application work on the NCS
 He also has experience from DNO and DNO International where he acted as Chief Geologist and Director
 - Geologist and Director Subsurface for more than 10 years
- Ståle Monstad joined Green Minerals from the position of Chief Geologist Aker BP/Senior Vice President Exploration Aker Energy



Maxime Lesage Chief Engineer

- Maxime Lesage has worked for more than 10 years on complex subsea construction projects for the O&G industry.
- In 2020 he completed his PhD on the subject of Deep-Sea Mining systems which addressed the value chain of marine minerals with a focus on the Norwegian jurisdiction.
- As Green Minerals' Chief Engineer, he is driving the development of the Seafloor Massive Sulphides offshore mining system which combines O&G state-of-the art techniques and mining technologies needed for this new industry. Finally, he is also leading R&D projects with the company various academic partners.

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Espen Simonstad Sr. Advisor Geoscience

- Espen is a geologist with more than ten years experience from the Oil & Gas industry in Norway.
- He has vast experience from exploration, resource management, license management and application processes from the Norwegian Continental shelf. His experience comes from a blend of expertise from both governmental bodies and the private sector.



Angela Maekawa ESG Lead

- Angela is ESG Lead at Green Minerals. She spearheads environmental, social, and governance initiatives, oversees the reporting process, ensuring compliance, and managing the business management system.
- Her background encompasses export operations, specializing in B2B marketing, logistics, supply chain management, and conducting internal audits.
- She holds an MBA in International Trade.

Ambition: to become a license holder in one of the worlds most attractive copper resources with the lowest use of capital possible. Subsequently: deliver 1,5mt world class quality ore for off-take Strategy: partnership model & asset light



Backdrop



"Today, the data shows a looming mismatch between the world's strengthened climate ambitions and the availability of critical minerals that are essential to realizing those ambitions."

> Dr Fatih Birol IEA Executive Director

Electrification is key to meet the stated climate ambitions

The rapid deployment of these technologies as part of energy transitions implies a significant increase in demand for minerals



Minerals used in selected clean energy technologies

The rapid deployment of these technologies as part of energy transitions implies a significant increase in demand for minerals.

Source: IEA (2021), World Energy Outlook 2021, IEA, Paris (link)



The world's largest offshore wind park Dogger Bank will have an installed capacity of 3,600 MW and will produce enough power for ~6 million UK homes. This development alone will consume ~30,000 tonnes of copper*

*According to IEA (2021), The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions, construction of 1 MW offshore wind power consume ~8,000 kg copper

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The green transformation is fueling demand for minerals

- Low-carbon technologies are driving a steep demand growth for marine minerals
- The «Stated Policies Scenario» scenario is driving a close to tripling in demand for minerals in 2050...
- ...while the ambitious «Net Zero Emissions" scenario demands more than six times the 2020 level by 2050.

• Copper demand is rising the most in absolute growth, with about 9 Mt by 2050 compared to 2020 in the NZE scenario

• Current supply is not adequate for this growth, and long lead-times for new capacity rises the risk of supply lagging demand



Onshore ore grade is in structural decline



Visual overlay of actual copper extracted from the Palabora mine in South Africa (4,1 million tonnes). Ore grade remaining reserves: 0,7%





Current recycling for a range of metals



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rates of the end-of-life recycling for a the percentage of current material demand that can be met from recycled

The author's own compiled figures.

Economy, The Natural History Museum,

Copper deficit driven by grid and transport



Source: BloombergNEF Note: Mined copper. Excludes scrap and recycling



As the world embraces clean technologies, the search for and expansion of copper mines will be essential. Early investors who gain exposure to copper miners may benefit from the rapidly increasing demand.

Increased investments into copper exploration

Mineral exploration budgets (green curve) and resultant discovery rates (orange and grey bars) of new copper deposits in the period 1990-2022

From: Herrington, R. J., 2024 Centre for Resourcing the Green Economy, The Natural History Museum, London. Figure 3. Mineral exploration budgets (green curve) and resultant discovery rates (orange and grey bars) of new copper deposits in the period 1990-2022 [12]. Copper in reserves, resources & past production (Mmt) 🔲 Copper in recent initial resources 🔹 Copper exploration budget discoveries (Mmt) 160 4800 140 4200 60% increase \$M 120 3600 budget 100 3000 Contained copper in major 80 2400 Exploration 60 1800 40 1200 800 20 2005 2007 2008 2009 2011 2011 2013 2013 2015 2020 õ

As of 1st Aug 2023 Mmt = million metric tonnes Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence © 2023 S&P Global

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Where will new supplies of copper come from?

Existing mines and new projects currently under development will likely not meet future copper demand, even if permitting and construction are accelerated.

> Since 2018 there has only been one new copper discovery.

Shortage of copper ore



Lower ore grade – Higher Capital cost



We have to dig deeper for metals



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Geopolitics



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THE GEOPOLITICS OF ADVANCED ENERGY



Source: IEA

* Countries shown represent an indication of top market producers and consumers in each case.

Geostrategy demands an independent copper production



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Countries that have adopted national mineral strategies, 2010-2023



Note: The map shows national critical material strategies, visions and policy documents. Mining codes or specific regulations were not retained.

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Process in Norway



Timeline license award



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Nomination process

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| IssuerID | share that the Company has received an invitation fr Directorate to nominate blocks for the 1st licensing | om the Norwegian Offshore round for marine minerals | | | |
| GEM | within the Norwegian Exclusive Economic Zone. Therea submit its application for license in Q3 2024 with l | fter, the Company expects to icenses set to be awarded | | | |
| Instrument | early in 2025. | | | | |
| GEM | | | | | |

Nomination deadline: May 21 @ 12:00



Support from the Norwegian Government

"Norway ought to engage in the exploration and extraction of seabed mineral resources, which have garnered increased attention due to rising global demand for critical metals. As these metals become increasingly sought after, Norway should seize the opportunity to contribute to meeting this demand, provided that our resources prove economically viable."

> *Oil & Energy Minister Terje Aasland at Regjeringen.no, 22nd June 2023*

On seabed mining:

"Minerals will be needed for the green transition....we will never allow any exploration from the Norwegian sector that will be a threath to the environment, climate or nature. But we should find out what we have there (seabed minerals) and how it can be harvested in an appropriate way."

Prime Minister Jonas G. Støre at OneOcean in Bergen, 15th April 2024:



A significant resource on a global scale

| Metals | NPD (tons) | Global annual production (Tons) | NPD/Global prod. |
|--------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Copper | 38 100 000 | 21 000 000* | 1.8x |
| Gold | 2 317 | 3 090** | 0.8x |
| Silver | 85 200 | 24 000* | 3.6x |
| Cobalt | 1 000 000 | 170 000* | 5.9x |





Exploration



Opening

- 281 000 km2 opened for mineral activities with 80/20 in favor in Stortinget (Norwegian parliament)
- Green Minerals one of the recognized industrial actors invited to nominate acreage
- Nomination deadline May 21, 2024





50M USD worth of exploration data

| Year | Institution | Data | Area | Resolution (MBES) |
|---------|-------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1999/00 | NPD | MBES (shipbased) | Norwegian Sea | ~100 m |
| 2010 | NPD | MBES (shipbased) | Jan Mayen ridge | ~100 m |
| 2011 | NPD/UiB | ROV | Jan Mayen ridge | |
| 2012 | NPD/UiB | ROV | Jan Mayen ridge | |
| 2013 | NPD/UiB | MBES (shipbased) | Vøring spur | ~50m |
| 2016 | NTNU | ROV | Mohnsridge | 1 m |
| 2016 | UiB/NPD | AUV | Mohnsridge | 1-2m |
| 2017 | UiB/NPD | AUV | Mohnsridge | 1-2m |
| 2018 | UiB/NPD | MBES (shipbased) & ROV-MBES incl sampling | Mohnsridge | ~50m & 1m |
| 2018 | NPD | AUV & ROV | Mohnsridge | 3 cm |
| 2019 | UiB | AUV & MBES | Mohnsridge | 1 m |
| 2019 | NPD | AUV & ROV | Mohnsridge | 1 m |
| 2020 | NPD | Drilling | Mohnsridge | |
| 2020 | UiB/NPD | MBES (shipbased) | Mohnsridge | ~50 m |
| 2020 | UiT/NPD | MBES (shipbased) | Knipovitchridge | ~50 m |
| 2021 | NPD | AUV & ROV | Knipovitchridge | 0.5m |
| 2021 | UiT/NPD | MBES (shipbased) | Knipovitchridge | ~50 m & 1-2 m |
| 2021 | UiB/NPD | MBES (shipbased) & ROV-MBES incl sampling | Mohnsridge | ~50 m & 1-2 m |
| 2022 | UiB/NPD | MBES (shipbased) & ROV-MBES incl sampling | Mohnsridge | ~50 m & 1-2 m |
| 2022 | UiB/NPD | MBES (shipbased) & ROV-MBES incl sampling | Knipovichridge | ~50 m & 1-2 m |
| 2022 | Atlab3 | Seismic and Electromagnetics | Mohnsridge | |
| 2023 | UiT/NPD | Seismic | Knipovichridge | |
| 2023 | NPD | AUV | Knipovichridge | 1 m |
| 2023 | UiB/NPD | ROV sampling | Knipovichridge | |
| 2024 | UiT/Sodir | MBES (shipbased) | Greenland Sea | 20 m |
| 2024 | UiB/Sodir | ROV sampling | Greenland Sea | |



A significant resource



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A significant resource – on a global scale





A significant resource – on a global scale





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More than 50 000 deposits?



Source: Pedersen, R.B,. GCE Ocean Technology Conference 170424



Play models



Two play models for SMS

- Axial deposits
- Flank deposits O
- Axial deposits 0
- Short lived due to O magmatic activity
- Flank deposits •
- Longer lived •
- Potential of larger • deposits
- Overburden by sediments • not volcanics

Candidates for mining




"Deep insight" - a major discovery?

- Discovered in 2023
- Water depth just below 1000 m
- Drillcores taken from 18 m depth
- Core measurements indicate copper-rich intervals
- One of the largest on Norwegian waters
- First estimates of 10-15 Mt ore



Source: Pedersen, R.B,. GCE Ocean Technology conference 170424

" Deep Insight "



Mohn's Treasure - well studied deposit

- Discovered by grab sample
- Samples with up to:
 - 14.3 % Cu
 - 0.19% Co
- Drilled by Norwegian Offshore Directorate
- The most studied deposit









Jøtul - prospectivity confirmed along Knipovich ridge

- Discovered in 2022
- Large active field
- Several hydrothermal vents
- More 1000 m long and 200 m wide
- Samples with up to 29.5 % Cu
- First discovery of a vent site on the Knipovich ridge







7°44' E

30"

77°26 20"N

77°2

100 m

PhD Programs - adding exploration value



PhD Program 2:

Understanding iron hydroxides as a way to preserve mineralisation.

- FeOOH form as a product of weathering in seawater.
- FeOOH may form a trap/cap-rock that prevents deep weathering and unwanted remobilisation.
- FeOOH may be a tell-tale of preserved or lost in-situ value.
- FeOOH may be "ore" due to high Cu content

Assessing the value of Co-rich crusts



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Mean slope: 20°/36 % **Tonnage:** 1.8 Mt @ 0.4 % Co₄₂

Co (%)

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Co rich crust Norwegian Sea



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Concentration Mn: 12.2 % Co: 0.24 % Ni: 0.20 %

30 cm thickness => kg/m2 Mn: 55 kg Co: 0.16 kg Ni: 0.9 kg Nodules 15 kg/m2 Mn: 4.3 kg Co: 0.04 kg Ni: 0.21 kg

Prime

Crust

Zone

Source: Pedersen, R.B,. GCE Ocean Technology Conference 170424



Exploration technology



Expected licence work

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| | 2024 | | | 2025 | | | 2026 | | | 2027 | | | 2028 | | | | | | | |
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| icense Application | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Award | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Second cruise | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vine planning | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pilot production | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | and the second | | | |

First cruise

- Detailed bathymetric mapping
- Physical sampling
- Electromagnetic mapping
- Potential for coring
- Environmental data

Second cruise

- Extended mapping for added prospectivity
- Detailed coring of deposit
- Environmental data

Summary

• Several deposits confirmed

- Active
- Inactive
- Extinct
- GEM exploration plan based on 50M USD data made available by Norwegian authorities
- Recent discoveries with very promising Cu concentrations.
- Green Minerals are ready to execute on awarded acreage!



World class resource potential is available in the first licensing round!

Production



Key-levers for an efficient DSM system in Norway

- A weather-robust Riser System
- A weather-robust Ship-to-Ship System (ore offloading, personnel transfer, logistics)
- A system that lifts ore at a fast rate



Addressing systematically the DSM challenges

A weather-robust Riser System

- A stable platform: Semi-submersible instead of Drillship, possibility to moor
- A rapid-riser installation: bolt-free connections (<min per joint), field proven pipe-running systems (300m/hour – 10hrs)

A weather-robust Ship-to-Ship System

- Decreasing the need for such operations
- Decreasing the movement between the two floating assets
- Can we bypass the STS challenge:
- Ore: does the ore needs to be stored on Mining Vessel
- Personnel: do we need to transfer by light craft ? Is there a way to enable helicopter transfer? How to reduce the amount of personnel to transfer?

A system that lifts ore at a fast rate

- A system that can excavate at the desired rate (no ore mined = no ore to lift)
- A convection system that is highly available and field proven:
 - Slurry lifting using a pumping system instead of air lift
 - Container lifting seems difficult to scale-up

Partnership for responsible production

<u>Concept Study</u> on Harsh Environment Deep-Sea Mining System in progress. Completion expected end of May/early June.

OSI has delivered risers for Allseas/TMC (Nodules) and Japanese consortium (SMS).

<u>SMD</u> delivered mining machines for previous SMS mining projects.

OSI becomes shareholder in Green Minerals.







Marine operator



Subsea equipment



Global pump

supplier

RISERTEC Riser Technology

Horizontal transportation





VIDEO





Concept for SMS mining system in Norway

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Lifting principle



Air Lift has been used successfully in the 1970s (SEDCO)Has been used for the latest pilot mining test of TMC

BUT:

- -> Difficult to control (slugging)
- -> Requires large riser section in the top-part for sustaining air degassing
- -> Is more energy consuming that pump (estimated +50%)
- => Pumping solutions are considered for full-scale production

The current concept is based on a pumping solution supported by surface equipment (only the PEC is subsea)
-> proven technology designed by slurry experts from land mining
-> enable stronger redundancy with several topside pump units
-> enable easy maintenance and increased system availability (planned maintenance performed topside while mining operation is ongoing)

Riser Technology

OSI Merlin[™] Mineral Riser

Field Proven Technology





- OSI has delivered complex riser systems to the O&G industry for more than 35 years
- The Merlin hands-free system is already in use:
 - Japan (Cosmo Shoji)
 - JAMSTEC Chikyu
 - TMC
- Quick assembly system that allows for highavailability has joint-connection takes seconds instead of minutes (typical clamp or bolted joints)
- Successfully field proven at 4,500 meters



JAMSTEC Mud Pilot Lifting 2470msw









OSI Global Network



Technology validation: Small Scale Mining (VAMOS)





Typical Semi-Submersible considered for this study



Candidates:

- Cold stack rigs
- Qualified for harsh-environment
- Deck-Space to accommodate for equipment typical size 85x75m (extensions can be considered)
 Mooring capabilities



Processing



The value chain of marine minerals



=> Understanding the feedback loops is necessary to support the anterior activities

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SMS can optimize land production by valorising waste and extending LOM



Orebody where grade < gradecutoff -> treated as waste
Waste valorised as ore through blending with SMS "super-ore"
Original pit
Pit extension due to extended ore valorization through blending with SMS "super-ore"

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Mineral Processing Primer and Rational

Transformation of ore into a concentrate for smelting and refining (copper cathodes)

Often connected to the mine site as it is "tuned" for the local ore

Is a large CAPEX in the total investment which includes infrastructures and waste storage capacity (tailing ponds)

Requires relatively constant ore feed

Is rationalised over Life of Mine (LOM) e.g. MIT studies shows a 10-15 years of production is necessary for nodule processing plant amortisation

 \Rightarrow Can we integrate the marine "super" ore into the land minerals value chain?:

- Can the "super" ore boost sub-economic ore?
- Can the "super" ore delay the Mine Closure?
- Must we invest in a new plant?
- Must we take the risk of ore delivery vs process stoppage?
- Can we capitalise on existing infrastructures and avoid developing on "virgin" soils

Others approach mineral processing the same way

TMC, SGS produce world's first nickel sulphate from seafloor polymetallic nodules

Staff Writer | April 23, 2024 | 9:58 am Battery Metals Mexico and Central America USA Cobalt Nickel

"The data collected will inform further engineering decisions to move this towards commercial scale, and TMC continues to expect that initial production will begin with a capital-light approach by leveraging the existing processing facilities of strategic partners."



SMS changes the paradigm – Stand-alone comparison



Ore grade 5x higher (expected) Waste reduction up to 75% Tailings reduction up to 50%

BONUS – SMS Waste can be separated on seabed:

- No surface waste handling and storage
- No risk to land water source
- Energy efficient no lifting of unvaluable material
- Seawater can act as a buffer AMD risk low

Blendability study (SMS)-> Enabling our business strategy

Building a new processing plant means high CAPEX : long Life-Of-Mine (LOM) requirements

Need to discover several SMS deposits to sustain long production before making FID

Exploration time will be longer and expected revenues further in the future.

SMS ore are genetically related to other copper ores.

Business strategy: Integration of SMS ore in the existing copper processing flowsheet.

Reduction of consolidated resource portfolio

Reduction of exploration time and shorter route to first revenues

Win/win paradigm for existing aging mine by longer use of already spent CAPEX, and boosting of marginal ore

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- 5-8000 tonnes/day ore to surface
- 1,5Mt ore/year



Existing

5 years production 7,5 Mt ore for project life



- 10-15 years production
- 15-22,5 Mt ore for project life

Blending: Terrestrial and marine copper ore

XRF analysis %, Terrestrial ore

| S* | Cu | Ni | Fe | SiO2 | CaO | AI2O3 | MgO | Со | Zn | W |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1,5 | 0,255 | 0,245 | 8,603 | 46,903 | 13,96 | 3,343 | 19,799 | 0,051 | 0,003 | 0,125 |

Low-grade Cu-Ni sulphide ore. The mineralogical analysis showed the main minerals as chalcopyrite, pentlandite, pyrrhotite and pyrite. The grain sizes are around 20-30 μ m.

XRF analysis %, SMS ore

| | S* | Cu | Fe | Zn | Со | Мо | Ag | w | Rh | Se |
|-------|------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| SMS-2 | 50,5 | 1,79 | 45,8 | 0,0069 | 0,207 | 0,0106 | 0,0032 | 0,128 | 0,0021 | 0,0074 |

Sample contain high contents of S and Fe which are mainly carried by pyrite.



Blendability proven

- 15 tests with different:
 - VMS/SMS ratios
 - Commonly used Reagents for
 - floatation/depression
- Same comminution (d80 35µm)
- => SMS can be floated together with other copper ores
- => SMS can be introduced within the same comminution
- Business plan for smaller reserves stands







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Sustainability report





• GRI

- Reporting process
- Materiality

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ESG Handbook for Marine Minerals

Reporting standards overview

| Current | From 2025 | From production year |
|---|---|----------------------|
| GRI Global Reporting Initiative | ESRS (The European Sustainability Reporting Standards)- CSRD (Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive) | Science Based target |
| UNGC | TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure) /IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) - ISSB (The International Sustainability Standards Board) TCFFD TASK FORCE or CLIMATE-RELATED BISCLOSURES | |
| NORWEGIAN TRANSPARENCY ACT - Due diligence to identify and assess actual and potential adverse impacts on human rights and decent working conditions in companies and their supply chains. | | |

Environmental concerns

and Public opinion


Perception in the society

- Opening for exploration activity will provide important information on the deep sea and for DSM
 - Biological data
 - Potential environmental impact
 - Improved geological models
 - Technology development

Deep Sea Minerals need to be accepted as an enabler for the green shift

Forskere mener regjeringens plan for gruvedrift i havet er umulig

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Iselin Elise

Flertallet av verdens land har satt foten ned, men Norge skal utrede gruvedrift på havbunnen. Forskere og norske miljømyndigheter mener regjeringens plan er umulig.



PÅ DYPT VANN: Mange av artene på dyphavet er ikke engang beskrevet ennå, advarer forskerne. Bilde er Mareano-kartleggingen av Jan Mayen-ryggen i 2014.



Innlegg: Havbunnsmineraler trengs, gjenvinning blir ikke

konomien gitt oss de seringsbølgen krever. Men gjenvinning i langt unna.

«Gulljakten» på havbunnen kan bli et mareritt for havet

Det jubles for store mineralforekomster på Norges havbunn som bare «må» utvinnes. Utvinning av mineralene kan imidlertid gi økte utslipp og ødelegge det myldrende liver

Gruvedrift på havbunnen: Stor mangel på kunnskap om områdene



Det kan ligge mineraler som kobber, sink, kobolt, littum, sølv og gull verdt flere milliarder kroner på havbunnen vår. Men vi vet ikke nok om økosysteme i områdene, teknologien eller hva som vil bli sluppet ut i utvinningsprosessen. (lilustrasjonsfoto: Mareano / Havforskningsinstituttet) Kontakt



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Perception

TU Ledige stillinger Nyhetsbrev Nyhetsstudio Video

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EU kan punktere Norges drøm om gruvedrift på havbunnen

I et nytt direktiv om kritiske råvarer som EU er i ferd med å vedta, advares det mot å utvinne mineraler på havbunnen. Det kan bli kinkig for regjeringen.



På havbunnen ligger uante mengder nikkel, mangan, kobolt og kobber – mineraler som er viktige i produksjonen av blant annet elbiler, batterier og solcellepaneler. Norge, Japan og Cook-øyene kan bli de første landene som åpner opp for gruvedrift til havs. Men forskere advarer om ukjente miljøkonsekvenser. Foto: Sam McNeil/AP/NTB



reality

Collapsed chimney of an extinct SMS from the Norwegian Mid Ocean Ridge, NPD 74

VS

SMS: Higher ore grade – Lower energy consumption

Indirect environmental impact

Decreasing Ore Grades in Global Metallic Mining: A Theoretical Issue or a Global Reality?

by Guiomar Calvo 1,* , Gavin Mudd 2, Alicia Valero 1 and Antonio Valero 1

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Direct environmental risks

 Sediment plumes Noise Light pollution Toxic waste Destruction of endemic ecosystems (Black smokers/ hydrothermal vents)

Images: Library of Parliament (left) Drazen et al., 2020 (right)



POTENTIAL EFFECTS

Reduced visual communication

Respiratory distress

Auditory distress

Reduced feeding

Buoyancy issues

Toxicity

Individuals



Populations

Emigration

Decreased fitness/reproduction

Mortality

for manganese nodules

- **Ecosystem Services** · Changes in community composition Fisheries
 - Seafood contamination
 - · Carbon transport
 - Biodiversity

Sediment plumes

"The observations suggest that 92 to 98% of the sediment mobilized by the collector were below 2m at the time and location of the observations, with some local sediment deposition causing blanketing of nearby nodule fields (see fig. S6), while 2 to 8% of the sediment were 2m or more above the seabed. Over a longer time scale, vertical turbulent diffusion near the seabed is the mechanism by which some of the sediment in suspension below 2m could still be raised further above the seabed, in which case the amount of sediment dispersed away from the mining track could exceed the aforementioned 2 to 8%."

Facts





Muñuz-Royo et al., 2022



Hypotesis

VIDEO





Copper mining: Direct (areal) environmental impact, land vs seafloor.





Utah vs Assessment area

Assessment area, Norway:~600 000km²



State of Utah, US: 220 000km²



Butterfield Canyon/Bingham Canyon mining area vs Loki's Castle

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Loki's Castle: Depth of deposits ~100m





Nordmarka, Oslo



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Scaled according to area, an excavation site with a diameter of 300 m on the assessment area equals digging a hole with a diameter of 20 cm in Nordmarka.

Key metrics and investment case



SUPERIOR KEY METRICS DISRUPTING THE ECONOMICS OF TRADITIONAL COPPER MINING

Economics

- No infrastructure investment needed
- CAPEX per ton USD 17/t vs USD 30k/t onshore
- Pick up equipment and leave for next site --> zero sunk cost in mine
- Offshore oil&gas services business model
 - Capital efficiency
 - Asset light

Environmental

- 90% reduction in environmental footprint*
- Semi-closed loop HEDSM system
- No midwater plume, return water transported to the seafloor.
- No pumps creating noise along the risersystem.
- Sharply reduced overburden
 - Less waste
 - Less tailings

* Paulikas et. al., 2020 (for nodules)

Key metrics investment case

Targeting a world class copper resource

USD 50m of exploration data obtained from OD at zero cost

License exptected within the next few months

One GEM HEDSM system

- 1,5mt ore pa
- 5% avg copper ore grade
- USD 176m annual EBITDA
- <USD 50m max cash drawdown
- Payback time: 4 months pre-tax
- >300pc CROI pa pre-tax

USD 8 mill market cap

NCS one GEM HEDSM system – cash profile 2024-2034



Summary

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Delivering on

strategy –

ready for next

step

Norway 9 January 2024 opening decision derisks business case

- o GEM invited to nominate license area
- GEM in pole position for license win

Production concept developed together with globally leading partners and ready

VMS/SMS Processing study confirms business plan and adds significant industrial value to project

Mining infrastructure in Nordics well developed - off-take agreements expected closer to first ore

- DSM metrics superior to traditional terrestrial mining
- Business model
- Economics
- o ESG

Unusually strong investment case financially

- USD 176 mill in annual EBITDA from one HEDSM system
- Pre-tax CROI > 300pc pa
- Pre-tax cash payback time 4 months

Market cap USD 8 million

GEM is primarily a copper play. CCZ license MoU provides upside on other key battery metals.





THANK YOU!

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