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Joining us today is Christopher Pennimpede, the president and CEO of Cantera Minerals, that trades on our OTCQB venture market under the ticker CTMCF. Cantera is a diversified minerals exploration company focused on gold, copper, and other critical minerals in central Newfoundland. Chris, thanks so much for joining us today.

Christopher Pennimpede

Absolutely. Thanks so much for having me, Cecilia. It's great to be on the pod.

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Absolutely. So, to begin, walk us through a bit about your background and your path to Cantera.

Christopher Pennimpede

Yeah, absolutely. I mean I'm a geologist by background and training. And so, I spent most of my early career like jumping out of helicopters, chasing bears in the Canadian North and Alaska, you know hunting for new gold and copper deposits. And eventually, you know I really took an interest in the business side, and so I eventually traded my rock hammer for a suit and joined sort of the Corp dev world with a company called Contact Gold back in 2017. And that really prepared or complimented my technical background as a geologist looking for gold and copper basically across the world with sort of the business side. And in 2020, I combined the two things and became CEO of Cantera as the company had just acquired the gold assets in Newfoundland, adjoining what is now Equinox's Valentine Mine.

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So, talk about your 2026 drilling projects across Bukon's Victoria Lake Supergroup and Wilding Gold and the milestones you're looking to accomplish.

Christopher Pennimpede

Absolutely. So, 2025 was really a transformative year for Canterra, where we executed 12,000 meters of drilling across Buckins and our Wilding Gold project. We didn't get to the Victoria Lake Supergroup projects. But it really set the stage here for our 2026 drill program, which we announced just the other week of 15,000 meters across both the Wilding Gold project and the Buckins Copper project. And so, we announced to here in the last week of February, our final

results from the 2025 drill program showing that at Buckins there's resource growth potential and ultimately, you know, we'll look to do a resource update at Buckins by the end of 2026.

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Exciting.

Christopher Pennimpede

Yeah, and the Victoria Lake Supergroup deposits we'll have, you know, a more focused effort here in 2026. First, we have to do sort of boring work as far as the market's concerned, where we have to you know work all the data together. get boots on the ground on some of our target ideas and then hopefully by the end of 2026 drill to make a new a new copper discovery and in the central Newfoundland mining district where all these assets are focused and so really you know Cantera's evolution from 2020 to here in 2026 was ultimately consolidating all the metal in the ground outside of Equinox's new Valentine Gold Mine, which is now Atlantic Canada's largest gold mine. And so, you know, the last six years have really been consolidation, and now we're executing at the drill bit, growing our resource base and trying to make new discoveries in the camp.

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How does your regional and exploration strategy differ from other junior Canadian mining companies?

Christopher Pennimpede

I wouldn't say we differ. I would say we're taking the approach, similar to our peers. We're just much smaller at the moment in terms of our market capitalization. So, if you look at our peer group, namely Firefly north of us in Newfoundland and Foran Mining, who is the subject of a \$3 billion dollars takeout just a month ago. you know they've both done consolidation of resources. So in our case, its copper gold, similar in their case as well. And then ultimately, once they consolidate those resources, they explore and because they own all the ground, the exploration is more efficient, and it increases their odds to make a discovery. And we saw that play out at both Firefly and Foran, where Firefly you know went from sort of 20, 30-million-dollar market cap to I think today they're over a billion. And then 4N, much the same story where you know they started where we are today, several years ago, had consolidated the resource base,

started exploring, had had success, and then ultimately, that led to the takeout a month ago for over \$3 billion by Eldorado Gold. So, I wouldn't say we're different. We're just earlier on here in our quest to become sort of the next Firefly or 4M mining.

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Cantera Minerals trades on the OTCQB venture market here in the U.S. and it's also traded on the CSE. How does cross-trading on the OTCQB venture market here enhance your investor strategy in the U.S.?

Christopher Pennimpede

It just gives us a lot more reach, you know, through the marketing we do as a company, US is a big market. And so ultimately, that means a lot more investors to reach. And so, the OTC gives them a path to get exposure and ultimately buy Canterra, opposed to having to do cross border and buy on the Toronto Venture Exchange here in Canada. So, it's a very powerful tool to combine with our marketing efforts in the US, attracting US investors and giving them exposure to Cantara minerals.

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Well, Chris, it's been a pleasure to speak with you. Thank you so much for your time today.

Christopher Pennimpede

Thank you so much, Cecilia. Looking forward to the next time.

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