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Joining us today, we have Craig Parry, Executive Chairman and CEO of Vizsla Copper Corp., which trades on the OTCQB venture market under the ticker VCUFF and on the TSXV under the ticker VCU. Welcome, Craig.

Craig Parry

Matt, lovely to be with you. I think this is my first interview in about seven years with OTC. We've listed about 10 companies with you over the last 10 years. And the last one I spoke about was ISO Energy, which was a massive win for investors. So it's big it's great to be back with you.

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Well, it's good to hear that. and Welcome back. I'm sure hopefully that seven years wasn't too much of a gap, and I'm sure you'll do a great job.

Craig Parry

No, absolutely. No, we're ready to talk about one of the very best stories in Copper.

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So let's get started on that. um Well, it first off, if you can tell me a little bit about yourself, tell our listeners a little bit about yourself, and then Vista Copper as well, and we'll just jump right into it.

Craig Parry

Yeah, and it's a fairly straightforward story. I'm a geologist by trade. I spent eight years with Rio Tinto and roles around the world, primarily looking for copper and porphyry copper systems. um I then went out on my own with Owen Hegarty in Australia and we started a number of companies out of the Tigers Realm Group. That included EMR Capital, which at one point we had $9 billion of assets under management. NextGen Energy was a passion project of mine. I started that with a couple of friends, Lee Courier and Chris McFadden. That's now a $15 billion dollars company. We discovered one of the world's great uranium deposits. I then started IsoEnergy, which IsoEnergy was a spin out of NextGen. We discovered the Hurricane Deposit, now a billion-dollar company. I became chairman of Skeena when I moved to Canada 10 years ago, and we acquired the Eskay Creek project. That's now going into production. We're halfway through the development there. That'll be one of the world's great gold mines. So, I've been the chairman there for the past 10 years, and now a $4 or $5 billion dollars company. And then we started Vizsla Silver, and we spun Vizsla Copper around Vizsla Silver, but we discovered one of the world's great silver districts down there in Mexico. So, we're advancing that into development and production. and That will be one of the greatest silver mines ever built in the face of the planet. I think across those companies, there's probably about $25 billion dollars of shareholder value. I've raised about $4 or $5 billion over that time. So, we've created about $20 billion dollars across my various groups and roles for shareholders. So And the OTC has very much helped with that. We've you know graduated in to some extent and on some of those companies, the New York Stock Exchange, but being OTC listed been instrumental in getting us to that point.

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Thank you. It's great to hear that. And it's great to hear all your experience that you have. So, specifically, we're talking about Visa Copper right now. I know you have a number of various portfolios of projects. So if you can, I guess, start with telling us about the Palmer Project in Alaska and the Poplar Project in British Columbia. What makes them kind of attractive to investors or copper exploration for that matter?

Craig Parry

Absolutely, Matt. Love to talk about that. You know, what we're trying to do at Vizsla Copper is something I've been trying to do for 20 years. Again, something of a passion project for me. There's a massive gap emerging in the mid-tier copper space. There's probably only eight names left. for the majors to acquire. And of course, we're about to see a dramatic drop off in copper production around the world. I think we're going to see incredibly high copper prices over the next four or five years. I would not be surprised if we see $30 per pound copper. You know, there's precedent there. When I joined Rio Tinto in 1999, the copper price was about 70 cents. It went all the way to $4.60 under a similar supply demand disconnect that we're seeing at the moment. So, I think we're going to see extraordinarily high copper prices, $20 per pound. At the end of this next cycle will be the base case for copper. So, with that in mind, we want to build a copper business. It's the most important metal to the planet, to humanity. um There hasn't been enough exploration and development work and permitting indeed over the last 10 or 12 years during the downturn we've been through. So, there's a massive gap in that mid-tier copper spra space, and that's what we're trying to fill. We've got tremendous porphyry copper projects in central British Columbia, and then our flagship Palmer project in Alaska is an incredibly high-grade project, about 18 million tons at 3.2% copper equivalent. We're drilling there at the moment. I'm expecting that that resource will grow pretty dramatically from here, and certainly, you know, we're a... a only a couple of weeks away from putting out drill holes. And we're drilling in and around some of the highest-grade copper hits I've ever seen on the face of the planet. I'm looking at a piece of core here next to me at the moment where we hit the... the back in 2023, 24 meters at 9.7% copper equivalent. So, we're drilling in and around that and looking to expand those high-grade zones. I'll repeat that again, you know that high-grade copper zone at Palmer is one of the highest grade pods of copper I've ever seen on the planet. I think we're going to find others there. You know, there's another hole there, 24 meters, 11% copper equivalent. You don't see that too often, Matt. So look out for those results as we continue our drilling program over the summer. So, you know, I'm expecting some pretty eye opening results to come out of that project in a tremendous location, just up the road from the port of Haines in Alaska. We've got massive government support in Alaska, strong community support in Haines. It's a fabulous project. It's a project that, you know, It's had a PEA done on it back in 2019. That was before that high-grade copper zone was discovered. As I say, we we're drilling out there at the moment. We've got two rigs turning. I'm confident that we're on the verge of a discovery up there as well. So, it's turning out to be, and of course, we acquired that project in essence for $20 million dollars back in December last year. I think this project is going to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars during this cycle as the copper price gets moving. And on that front, you're seeing massive interest from investors in copper at the moment in in our sector, but also outside of our sector. So, you have guys like Elon Musk, Chamath Palapattaya saying that, you know, the constraints for AI data centers and development of humanity in a way, are concrete and copper. Well, we have lots of that and that's what we're looking to deliver by building this company into a mid-tier producer as quickly as we can.

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So, you talked about him you know watching for results this summer, that there wasn't hasn't been perhaps enough exploration with copper. You mentioned copper prices over the next five years will go exponentially, it sounds like. My question for you is how does Vizsla really position itself long-term? How does it stand to benefit from these long-term trends? And aside from these results this summer, perhaps, what else what other milestones should investors be watching out for over the coming year?

Craig Parry

Well, that's an outstanding question, Matt. And I think, um you know, what we're doing here is building up a pipeline of projects. Of course, we do want production. I think that the Palmer project may give that to us in the future, but that's some way down the road. Of course, you've got to go through permitting and things. And that's another thing that hasn't been done. And I suppose the last boom that we saw where the copper price went from $0.70 to $4.60 was, You saw companies like Rio Tinto go from $20, $22 a share all the way to $122 a share. That's coming again. For a mid-tier copper producer to be attractive either as an acquisition target or to investors, I think you need a pipeline of projects and that's what we're building up. We are looking at M&A opportunities as we speak. There's some interesting things emerging there. So, watch this space. But for us, we have this fantastic high-grade project that will have a modest or a relatively lower capital input, capital cost to develop the project as opposed to these porphyry coppers that we have, and other competitors have in British Columbia. So, there's something to go on with there. It gives us a kernel, a core asset to work around. And then we follow that up with these assets we have in British Columbia. I think at the moment, stated resources give us about 4 billion pounds of copper on the books and nearly 2 million ounces of gold. But that doesn't factor in the fact that we've found the Thera porphyry in our Poplar project. We've now drilled out a zone of porphyry mineralization that's 800 meters by 900 meters wide, down to 500 meters. We haven't gone below 500 meters. so that and then we're finding evidence around that. you know Of course, porphyries occur, porphyry apophyses, there's usually more than one in in in a camp, in a field. And here we're finding multiple porphyry systems combined together. So, I think that this theory of discovery we've made has the potential to be a major new discovery and a major new district within British Columbia. And that will have serious value to particularly larger players as this cycle unfolds. So, we've got a pipeline of projects where the company will be very attractive to acquirers. But very importantly, we're not interested in selling. At some point in time, we may be. But at the moment, we have built up a team within Inventor Capital, you know, our group company that sits over the various companies that we work with. So, it gives Inventor gives us access to a tremendous our team of professionals, some of the best in the industry. Our technical services team headed up by Simon Smurlach. Simon was the chief operating officer of Asenko Engineering. He's probably the most prolific mine builder on the planet. He's built 43 major mines around the world. And we now have a team under Simon that is one of the very best on the planet at delivering projects from early stages through studies on engine development and engine production. So, we have that behind us and that's what we're really trying to achieve here. Get at least one of our projects into production in record time. and then start looking at the development of that other pipeline of projects as we go. If we do all that over the next three or four or five years, you know, we've done what we set out to do. We've positioned ourselves as a mid-tier copper producer with an outstanding pipeline of follow-on projects behind that.

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So it sounds like there's a lot to watch out for.

Craig Parry

This is going to, I think this year, you know, every we've been building here. Every year's been more important than the next, but this is certainly the most exciting year for the company and its in its short history, really only three-year history. We've made some outstanding acquisitions. You know, we have four rigs turning at the moment. We're growing those resources, particularly that high-grade resource at Palmer. And look out for more results. As I say, we've got two rigs at Palmer, two rigs in British Columbia, testing a lot of targets, drilling out a lot of high-grade copper zones like that one I mentioned earlier, 24 metres at 11.15% copper equivalent. So, we're in great shape at the moment. It's going to be a massive year for the company. News flow, very dense over the next few months because of those four rigs turning.

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So we talked mining, now let's talk capital markets. I understand you have, obviously, as you said, a ton of background, and ton of experience with companies trading on OTC markets. And as I had mentioned earlier, Vizsla does trade on the OTCQB market in the US and the TSX venture market in Canada. Can you talk about you know what the US s trading presence means for you as your company continues to grow?

Craig Parry

Yeah, look, it's an interesting, was little bit of a special case because of course, you know, some of my other companies like ISO Energy, NextGen, of course, we listed on the OTC. um Visa Silver, we listed there, of course. Skeena was listed on the OTC. So, you know, we've enjoyed that, but these companies were all Canada centric or Mexico focused. This is the first time we've had very solid US projects or, um you know, certainly with Palmer at the moment, an outstanding US focused project. And so, and I've been spending a lot of time talking to investors in the US and having that OTC listing has been crucial for those investors to get exposure to the company. It makes it a lot easier than investing through Canada for US investors. um So for many, many years, I've enjoyed the support of the OTC. And now with a US focused, more of a US focus for Vizsla Copper, um we're in a much better position to offer opportunities to invest in the company for US investors. And that's growing. And we're seeing those US volumes grow. coming in through the OTC, really ramping up at the moment. And I expect that to continue. So, it's very helpful to have that listing.

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Great to hear. So, Craig, we are coming up on time here. um If investors, listeners want to learn more about Vizsla Copper, how to stay up to date on news or your milestones, results, what's the best way for them to stay in touch, follow the story, follow you, stay in touch with you?

Craig Parry

Yeah, absolutely. So, look, we have, of course, various social media channels. If you just look on search for either Craig Perry or Wiesler Copper on YouTube, you'll see a huge amount of content. A lot of interviews. I've been doing a tremendous amount of interviews, ably helped by our team at Prime Morris, who's advised us on that front. But the very simplest way is just to go to vizlacopper.com and I'll spell that V-I-Z-S-L-A-C-O-P-P-E-R.com and you'll see info and access to, you know. Firstly, you can subscribe to our newsletters and all of our news flow, but also contact the company. and our team there john ward and Natasha Macquarie at Vizsla Copper um and we'll get back to you very quickly but

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All right, Craig, thank you very much. So again, we had Craig Perry, executive chairman and CEO of Vesla Copper Corp, which trades on the OTCQB venture market under the ticker VCUFF and the TSXV under the ticker VCU. Craig, thank you again.

Craig Parry

Tremendous. Thanks, Matt. Really appreciate your time.