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Abitibi Metals Corp. (AMQ: CSE)

Abitibi continues to strengthen its leadership team with the appointment of Ben Pullinger as Senior VP of Corporate Development and Growth

On July 16, 2026, Abitibi Metals announced the appointment of Ben Pullinger as Senior VP of Corporate Development and Growth. He shall lead the Abitibi Metal's corporate development and growth strategy as it continues to advance its flagship B26 Project while increasing market value and assessing further growth opportunities. The appointment significantly deepens Abitibi's management and leadership capacity as it continues to advance its high-grade, rapidly growing B26 Project in NW Québec.

Recognized instigator of growth and development: Ben is widely recognized in the mining sector for being one of the most successful value-creation track records among junior developers in recent years. Ben significantly contributed to and ultimately led ATEX Resources Inc. transformation from an emerging junior explorer into a globally recognized company reaching a market capitalization exceeding \$1.5 billion at the time of his departure. He joined ATEX as Senior Vice President, Exploration and Business Development in May 2022, and was promoted to President and CEO in May 2024, a position he held until February 2026. Under his leadership, ATEX advanced the Valeriano Copper-Gold Project in Chile into the largest new copper discovery in Chile in over a decade and one of the most significant emerging Cu-Au discoveries globally, driving the market capitalization from a modest junior explorer to over \$1.5 billion in less than 4 years.

Ben is a Registered Professional Geologist in Ontario and a graduate of the University of Johannesburg with a B. Sc, Honours, in Geology in 2004. His career also includes senior corporate roles at Roxgold Inc., Excellon Resources Inc. and Golden Star Resources Ltd. Ben has spent his career directly contributing to the growth and development of significant mineral projects globally alongside business development and marketing initiatives. He brings this same combination of technical credibility, capital markets fluency, and shareholder-value focus to Abitibi Metals.

Ben joins a team of experienced executives, led by, among other:

COO – Dave Bernier, who leads Operations & Development and joined the Abitibi Metals in January 2026. He previously served as COO of Foran Mining Corp.

VP Exploration – Louis Gariepy, who leads Exploration and joined in March 2025. He previously served as VP Exploration at O3 Mining.

Jonathon Deluce, CEO of Abitibi Metals stated: *"We are very excited to have Ben join the Abitibi team. Ben has a proven track record of significant value creation in various senior roles over the last 15 years, and most recently as CEO of ATEX Resources where he was instrumental in the transformation of ATEX from a sub \$50 million junior explorer to a fully funded \$1.5 billion market cap company at the time of his departure. Ben joins what is becoming a best-in-class leadership team, with a compelling asset base and ambitious growth strategy aimed at building Abitibi into a market leading base metals exploration, consolidation and development Company".*

Ben, SVP of Corporate Development and Growth added: *"This is an incredible opportunity to join a dynamic, motivated team of professionals with a comprehensive skill set allowing Abitibi to grow across the full spectrum of value creation from exploration to production. I look forward to contributing to the future success of the Company".*

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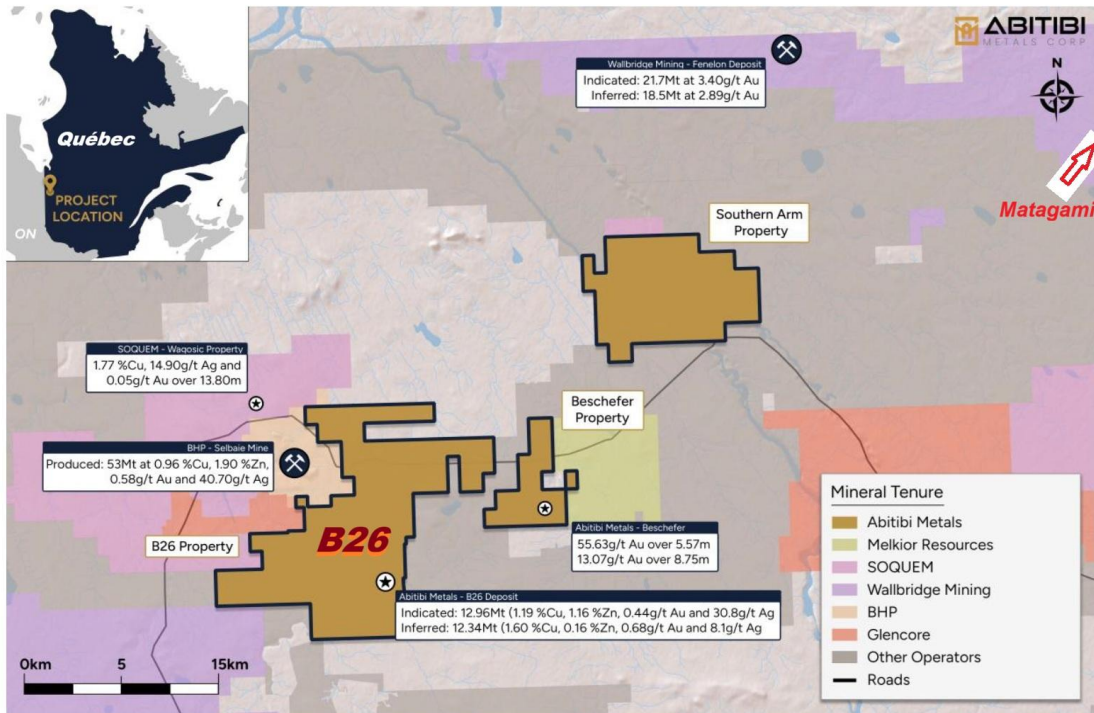
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Ben Pullinger

Abitibi Metals:

Flagship - B26 Deposit



Polymetallic

Copper	Gold	Silver	Zinc
~775 Mlbs	~471 Koz	~16 Moz	~376 Mlbs

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Company	Ticker	Disclosures*
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- Q This issuer has directly paid the Mining Analyst.
- R This issuer has indirectly paid the Mining Analyst.**

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