

# Developing Canada's Helium Resources

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## **Opportunity Highlights**











### **World Class Land Position**

- HEVI is the largest publicly traded helium land rights holder with 5.48 million acres of permitted land
- HEVI currently holds an application for an additional ~200,000 of helium land permits
- Management has identified over 180 potential helium anomalies on HEVI land

### **Portfolio Prospects**

- Identified at least six drilling targets through detailed seismic analysis
- Over 750km of 2D seismic data purchased and shot to date
- Drilling program scheduled to begin in latter half of June, 2022
- Helium production and sales targeted to commence in Q1 2023

### **Proximity to Success**

- HEVI's land base surrounds what appears to be a successful discovery by peer, North American Helium
- North American Helium has drilled five production wells and licensed a sixth on a helium structure adjacent to HEVI's initial drilling targets
- Proposed farmout and strategic equity investment with North American announced June 8, 2022

### **Government Support**

- The Saskatchewan government has shown significant support for helium production in the province
- The government's public vision is to secure 10% of the global helium market share by 2030 through its Helium Action Plan
- Attractive royalty structure

### **HEVI'S GREEN COMMITMENT**

With helium reserves situated alongside environmentally-harmless gases such as nitrogen, Saskatchewan is positioned to become the world's most green source of helium to supply future global demand

HEVI is committed to finding and developing economic and green helium resources by leveraging its sizable position in southern Saskatchewan's helium fairway

## **An Experienced Team**



### Extensive resource development expertise with a history of success in Saskatchewan

### **Greg Robb**

President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director

Over 35 years of experience across all facets of Western Canadian energy resource activity including exploration and development, acquisitions & dispositions, and reserve valuations. Previously held executive positions in several E&P companies and founded *Salvo Energy Corp*. in 2006. Extensive experience in heavy oil, shallow gas, coal bed methane, deep basin tight gas, and conventional oil and gas plays, evaluating over \$500MM of acquired assets.

### **Ryan Tomlinson**

Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Tomlinson holds the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designations. Mr. Tomlinson has extensive financial accounting experience with domestic and international private and public oil and gas companies and has raised equity in both private and public markets. He has held key roles with increasing responsibility serving as Controller and CFO.

#### James P. Baker

Chairman & Independent Director

Mr. Baker has over 40 years of resource development experience in Saskatchewan and Alberta in field operations, consulting, and executive level positions. Extensive experience consulting to industry and government in oil and gas, power, and paper recycling. Currently a board member of *Keystone Royalty Corp.* and *Kineticor Resource Corp.*. Former Director of *SaskEnergy, Hanson Engineering*, and *Heritage Gas.* 

#### **Michael Graham**

**Independent Director** 

An independent businessman with over 35 years of energy and resource development experience. Previously served as Executive Vice President of *EnCana Corporation* and as President of the Canadian division of the company. Currently serves on the board of *Halo Exploration Ltd.* and *Saguaro Resources Ltd.* 

#### Jeff Barber

Director

Mr. Barber was a Co-founder and managing partner of a boutique M&A advisory firm in Calgary. Prior thereto, he was an investment banker with national investment firms and began his career as an economist with *Deloitte LLP*. Mr. Barber has served on the board of *Standard Lithium Inc.* since 2017 and has been an independent businessman since September 2018. Prior thereto he had been a founder, director, and Chief Financial Officer of *Hiku Brands Company Ltd.* since 2016.

#### **Patrick Mills**

**Chief Operating Officer** 

Over 35 years of executive, managerial, and engineering & operational experience in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin. Previously founded *Mustang Resources* and *Pegasus Oil & Gas* where Mr. Mills held executive and board positions; also held technical and managerial positions with *Texaco, Imperial Oil Ltd.* and *Startech Energy*.

#### John Kanderka

VP, Land & Corporate Development

Over 40 years in the energy and mineral sectors as both an officer and director of private and public entities. Previously founded multiple companies leading to a wide array of experience in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, buyouts, and corporate restructuring. Currently a Director of *Orestone Mining Corp.* and Chairman & Founder of *Visionary Gold Corp.* 

#### **Brad Wall**

**Independent Director** 

Spent 18 years in politics highlighted by a role as **Premier of Saskatchewan**, leading the province through record population and economic growth, export expansion, infrastructure investment, and securing a AAA credit rating. Currently a Special Advisor to the **Osler** Calgary office and a Director of **Whitecap Resources**, **NexGen Energy** and member of the **Canada American Business Council** and **The Fraser Institute**.

### **Philip Hughes**

Independent Director

Over 35 years of Canadian energy experience serving as President and CEO of five energy companies across Canada. Previously a senior executive with *Fortis Inc.* including CEO of *FortisAlberta*, *Newfoundland Power Inc.*, *Maritime Electric Company*, and *FortisBC*. Currently Chairman of *Oceanic Wind Energy Group* and *Kineticar Resources Inc.* 

#### **Heather Isidoro**

**Independent Director** 

Ms. Isidoro has over 20 years of experience in the energy industry, the last 17 of which focused on business development, most recently as VP, Business Development with *Pine Cliff Energy Ltd*. She brings a broad range of industry experience with specialization in acquisitions and divestitures, reserves valuations, and financial modeling. Ms. Isidoro is President and a Director of the *Petroleum Acquisitions and Divestitures Association*, and a Trustee on the *University of Saskatchewan Engineering Advancement Trust*.

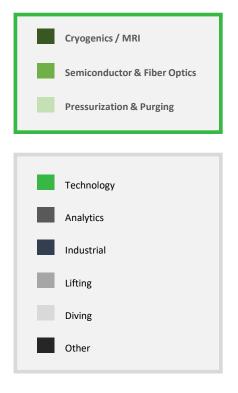
## **A Growing Need for Helium**

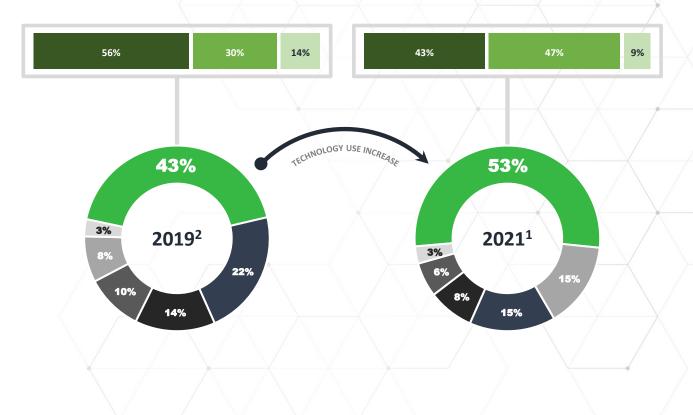
HELIUM EVOLUTION

- Technology industry demand for helium has been increasing<sup>1,2</sup>
- The helium market is expected to grow 11.2% (CAGR) over  $2021 2026^3$
- Annual helium demand reached 6.5Bcf in 2021<sup>4</sup>
- Several countries, including Canada, have now classified helium as a critical mineral<sup>5</sup>

### KEY DRIVERS1

- ✓ Medicine
- ✓ Aerospace
- ✓ Computing
- ✓ Green technology





Global Helium Market Update; Edison Investment Research; 2021
Helium Macro View Update; Edison Investment Research; 2019

<sup>3</sup> Global Helium Market Report; Research and Markets; 2021
<sup>4</sup> Helium Market – Growth, Trends, COVID-19 Impact, and Forecasts; Mordor Intelligence
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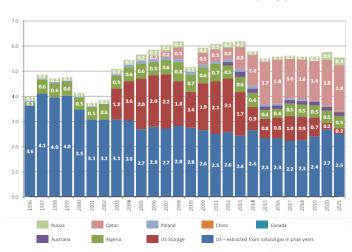
### The New Market Landscape



- Below market pricing by the U.S. Strategic Reserve imposed price suppression for decades that has now been removed
- · North American supply has significantly weakened with the elimination of the U.S. strategic reserve
- · As the helium market continues to evolve, greater transparency into market pricing for helium is expected
- Wholesale helium pricing in the US\$600 mcf range and retail prices in the US\$2000 per mcf range as reported by an industry competitor<sup>1</sup>

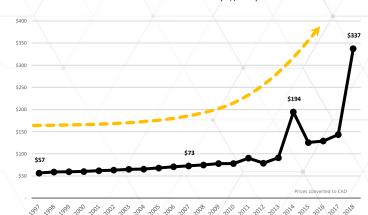
### **Supply Estimates**

USGS Global Helium Production Estimates (Bcf/yr)<sup>2</sup>



### A New Price Environment

U.S. BLM Sale Prices (C\$/Mcf)<sup>2</sup>



**RESULT** 

Pure-play Canadian helium development is now economically viable and deemed critically important for Canada's economic development.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> https://www.bloomberg.com/press-releases/2022-04-13/avanti-energy-confirms-major-helium-discovergive for the second of Land Management; 2023. 

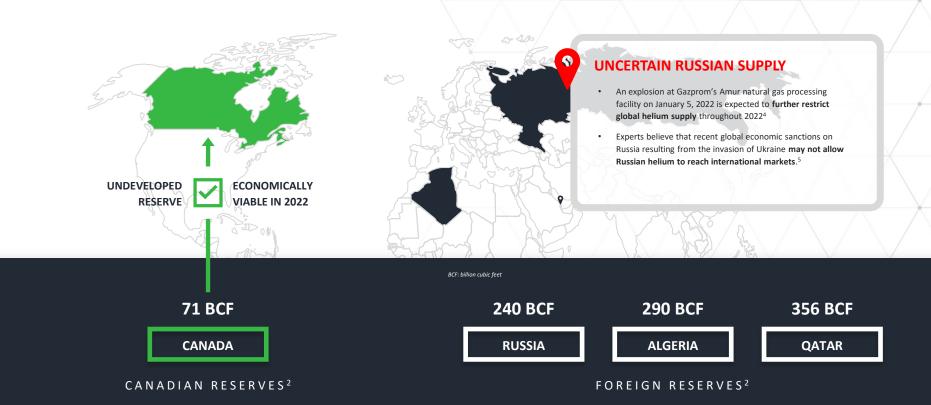
<sup>2</sup> USGS; US Bureau of Land Management; 2023. 

<sup>3</sup> Childed Management; 2023.

### **The North American Opportunity**



- North America has historically represented the largest source of helium demand, with the U.S. alone accounting for 30% of global consumption<sup>1</sup>
- Canada's largely undeveloped helium reserves present an opportunity for Canada to support North American demand
- Foreign producers present significant geopolitical risk to domestic North American helium buyers<sup>3</sup>
- Canada is an ideal global supplier with a track record of transparent, regulated and environmentally-responsible resource development



### **A Global Need for Green Helium**



- Currently, over 95% of helium is produced as a **by-product of natural gas / NGL production**. By specifically targeting helium, HEVI anticipates **greener production**.
- Global emission standards are expected to significantly increase the need for non-natural gas helium projects in order to satisfy growing global demand for sustainable helium.<sup>1</sup>
- Saskatchewan's helium is the greenest supply available.



¹ Global helium market update; Edison Research; 2021 Helium in Southwestern Saskatchewan: Accumulation and Geological Setting; Melinda Yurkowski; 2016 <sup>3</sup> Wyoming helium production helps keep world supply afloat; Cowboy State Daily; 2019
<sup>4</sup> Amarillo Helium Plant; Preservation Texas;

### **Our Saskatchewan Advantage**



HEVI has selected Saskatchewan to pursue its helium resource development strategy given the province's regulatory, infrastructure, and geological benefits, coupled with close proximity to the U.S. market



### Ideal

**Geological Structure** 



### **Optimal**

Regulatory Regime<sup>1</sup>



### **Established**

Infrastructure

- ✓ Proximal to significant basin of uranium and thorium source rocks
- ✓ Known economic concentrations of helium²
- ✓ Dominant presence of **nitrogen carrier**gas²
- ✓ Home to Canada's largest helium producer, North American Helium

- ✓ Helium regulations separated from natural gas regulations
- ✓ Non-competitive bidding process with Crown
- ✓ 21 year lease terms
- ✓ Drilling not required to maintain permits
- √ 4.25% net provincial royalty rate

- ✓ Easy access to public roads, power, and water
- ✓ Existing pool of skilled resource labour
- ✓ Identical drilling process and equipment as natural gas
- ✓ 1 hr drive from HEVI permitted lands to US border (30% of global consumption)

The Saskatchewan Government's vision is to secure 10% of the global market share for helium by 2030 through its Helium Action Plan

<sup>1</sup> Emerging Ideas, Industrial Technology: Helium; Cormark Securities; 2020

### **Strategic Investment & Proposed Farmout**



Strategic equity investment of \$3.5MM by North American Helium along with proposed farmout agreement validates business model while concurrent ~\$5MM financing affords HEVI ample liquidity

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT & PROPOSED FARMOUT

- Strategic \$3.5MM equity investment by NAH into HEVI.
- Proposed farmout: NAH has the right to drill 5 wells on 3 predetermined blocks of land totaling ~2.3MM acres, located W3M, excluding HEVI's McCord area.
- For every well drilled, NAH funds 100% of drilling costs to earn an 80% interest in the section on which the well was drilled plus 9 contiguous sections of adjoining land, up to a maximum of 32,000 acres.
- 5 drilling targets must be selected by NAH within 6 months and all 5 wells must be drilled within 24 months. One well must be drilled in each of the 3 blocks, with no more than 3 wells drilled in any given block.
- HEVI to retain 20% working interest in the earned lands and each successful well drilled by NAH.



- ✓ Privately-held company and Canada's largest helium producer
- ✓ Complementary and contiguous land base to HEVI with proven track record of success developing helium assets

### PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING

- Best-efforts brokered private placement with Peters & Co. to raise up to \$4.5 MM at \$0.40 per Unit (common share + 1/3 warrant), plus 15% Agent's option on same terms.
- Insider private placement to HEVI directors, officers and employees for gross proceeds of \$500,000 under the same terms.
- Each full warrant entitles the holder to acquire one common share of HEVI at \$0.70 for 24 months post-closing, with acceleration feature if HEVI closing price over a 30-day period remains at or above \$1.20/share.
- Net proceeds will be used to fund HEVI's obligations with respect to our 20% working interest, including with respect to drilling and facilities, the ongoing drilling and development capital expenditure program of the Company and for general corporate purposes.

### **Target Formation**



### **HEVI's Target Geological Formation: The Deadwood**

### **Regional Data Used**

Significant sources of well logs, seismic, and aeromagnetic data on the Deadwood are available and were used to select the best drill targets.

### **Simple Drilling Process**

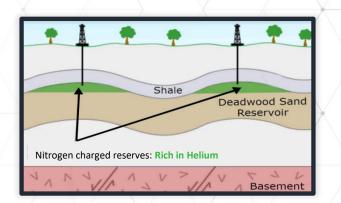
Helium drilling is similar to conventional natural gas drilling which requires simple, lower-cost vertical drilling and completions.

### **Targeting Basement Highs**

The highest concentrations of helium are typically found near regional basement (Precambrian) highs, which are commonly found in the Deadwood formation.1

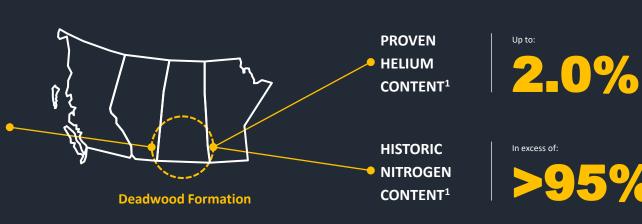
### **Nitrogen Carrier Gas**

Saskatchewan helium occurs with nitrogen as the primary carrier gas with little associated CO2, allowing nitrogen to be vented in an environmentally-friendly manner, while providing cost advantages during helium extraction and purification.<sup>2,3</sup>



The Deadwood formation has the highest concentrations of helium in Southwest Saskatchewan<sup>2</sup>

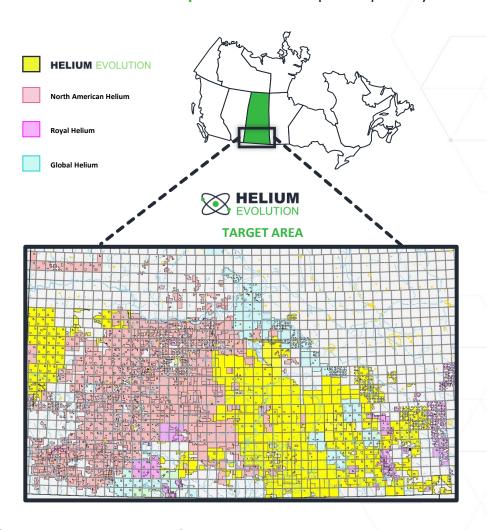
Radioactive decay of the **uranium** in southern Saskatchewan's basement rocks has produced significant helium reserves.<sup>2</sup>



## **HEVI Land Holdings**



Bancroft Capital has outlined a detailed land and prospect analysis showing **significant upside potential.** This report is publicly available on HEVI's corporate website.

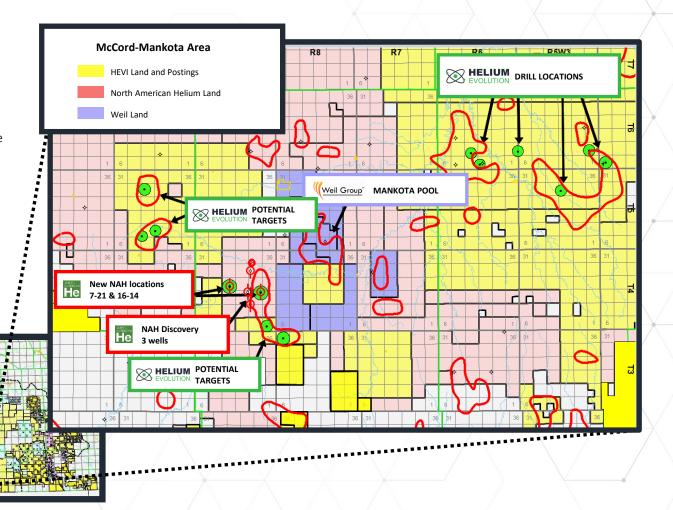


- HEVI holds 5.48 million acres of land permitted for helium, making HEVI the largest publicly-traded helium land holder in North America
- HEVI has ~200,000 acres of helium land currently under application
- HEVI land coverage offsetting what appears to be a significant helium discovery by North American Helium
- 180+ potential helium anomalies captured on current land holdings

## **Initial Drilling Focus Area**



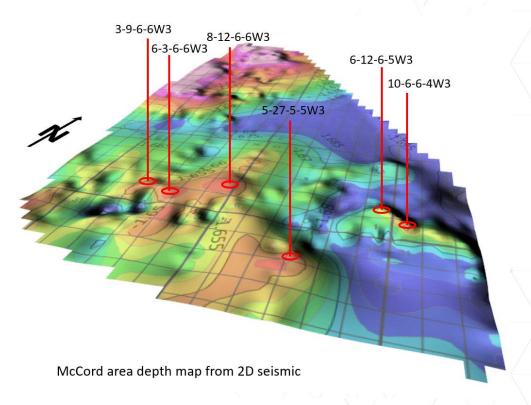
- Many basement high structures identified nearby proven helium discoveries
- North American Helium has drilled 5
   production wells on a discovery inside
   HEVI's initial focus area and licensed a
   6th well into their Mankota pool
- The nearby Mankota Pool has demonstrated a nitrogen-rich reserve with helium concentration of 1.08%<sup>1</sup>



## **Multiple Defined Targets**



HEVI's initial prospective drill locations are offsetting the helium discovery of peer company, North American Helium

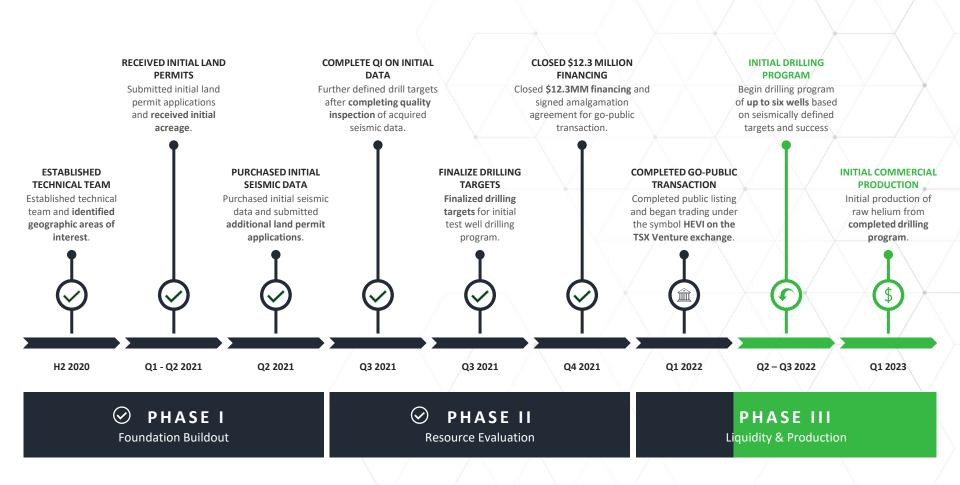


- At least 6 initial drill targets identified with seismic analysis to date
- Over 750 km of 2D seismic data purchased and shot to date
- Spudding of first exploration well expected in latter half of June 2022 plus required casing secured
- Strategy for modular-based processing, production and offtake identified once production comes on stream
- Plans to establish a continuous cycle of shooting seismic, drilling and production
- Multiple years of drilling runway with structures captured on current land base

## **Growth Trajectory**



Helium Evolution is executing on a strategically defined path to value creation.



### **Capital Structure**



### **HEVI Share Capitalization**

Total Anticipated Basic Shares Outstanding	78.74MM		
Post-Money Basic Valuation <sup>1</sup>	С\$23.62ММ		
Total Options & Warrants Outstanding  Total Anticipated Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding  Shares & Dilutives Held by Management <sup>2</sup>	8.26MM 87.00MM 22.2%		
Post-Money Fully Diluted Valuation <sup>1</sup> Cash on Hand	C\$26.10MM C\$10.00MM		

Private placement financing in June, 2022 to raise aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$8.5 million

- Strategic equity investment by NAH for gross proceeds \$3.5 million
- Insider private placement of a minimum of \$500,000
- Brokered best efforts private placement for up to \$4.5 million

### **Milestones**

LAST FINANCING: C\$12.3MM raised at C\$0.30/share

- Increased land holdings from 500k acres to 5.48MM acres
- North American Helium successful helium discovery on property adjacent to HEVI drill targets
- Over 750 km of 2D seismic data purchased and shot to date
- Initiated marketing and facility procurement discussions
- 6 initial drilling targets identified; expect an additional 10-12 targets to be identified in 2022 through further interpretation of new, recently acquired 2D seismic data

<sup>1</sup> Valuation calculated using \$0.30/subscription receipt price offered in recently closed subscription receipt financing <sup>2</sup> Includes shares and dilutives held by management and board of directors

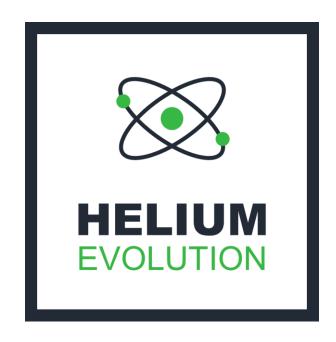
### **Helium Peers**



With a strong fundamental value proposition, Helium Evolution holds a robust position relative to industry peers.

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Company	Helium Evolution	North American Helium	Desert Mountain Energy	Total Helium	Avanti Energy	Royal Helium	Global Helium
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Country	Canada	Canada & U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	Canada & U.S.	Canada	Canada
Development Location <sup>1</sup>	Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan & Utah	Arizona & Oklahoma	Kansas	Alberta & Montana	Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan
Stage <sup>1</sup>	Pre-drilling	Production	4 test wells	1 test well	2 test wells	7 test wells	Pre-drilling
Helium Concentration <sup>2</sup>	>1.0%³	0.5% - 0.9%	4.1% - 7.1%	0.6%	0.6% - 2.2%	0.3% - 0.76%	1.0% - 2.0%
Net Acres <sup>1</sup>	5,480,000+	6,000,000+	85,230	115,000	69,000	1,000,000	1,500,000
Market Capitalization <sup>4</sup>	C\$28.7 million <sup>5</sup>	Private Over C\$241 million raised to date <sup>6</sup>	\$296.7 million	\$137.3 million	\$81.9 million	\$73.1 million	\$43.3 million

Having 5.48 million acres of land under permit, HEVI has the largest helium land position in North America among publiclytraded companies, offering a long runway for continuous development and production.



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