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Pierre Lassonde
Chairman & CEO - Firelight Investments

Pierre Lassonde has a B.A., University of Montreal 1967, a BSc Electrical Engineering from Polytechnique, Montreal 1971 and an MBA, University of Utah, 1973. He received his P.Eng. Ontario designation in 1976, CFA designation 1984 and OIQ in 2020. He holds honorary Ph.D's in Engineering from the Universities of Toronto, Montreal and Ryerson, Doctor of Business, University of Utah and Honorary Doctor of Law from York University, June 2014 and Western University, June 2015. Awarded Doctor of Science, Concordia University, June 2016.

Pierre Lassonde co-founded Franco-Nevada Mining Corporation in 1982. Over the next 20 years Franco provided shareholders with a 36% annualized rate of return. The company was acquired by Newmont Mining Corp in February 2002 and Pierre became President and Vice Chairman in 2007. He served as Chairman of the World Gold Council from 2005 to 2009.

In 2008, Pierre led an investors group bringing back Franco-Nevada to the public market with a US\$1.2B IPO and became its Chairman. The success story continues as the market capitalization of the company today is over US\$21B. On May 6, 2020, at the Annual Meeting, Mr. Lassonde was elected Chairman Emeritus.

Mr. Lassonde's philanthropic interest in education and the arts is well known. He is Past President of the Board of the Quebec National Art Museum (2005 to December 2016). In July 2015 Mr. Lassonde was appointed Chair of the Board of the Canada Council for the Arts for a term of five years. March 18, 2020, he was named Chair of Polytechnique Montréal's Board of Directors for a period of five years.

In 2002 Pierre was made a Member of the Order of Canada. He was appointed Officer of the Order of Québec 2002 and promoted to Grand Officer of the National Order of Québec in 2019. Pierre was inducted as a Fellow into The Canadian Academy of Engineering in 2006 and inducted into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame in January 2013.