

# Gunnison Copper Eliminates Nebari Debt and Achieves Major Balance Sheet Milestone

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Phoenix, January 20, 2026 - [Gunnison Copper Corp.](#) (TSX: GCU) (OTCQB: GCUMF) (FSE: 3XS0) ("Gunnison" or the "Company") is pleased to announce it has fully eliminated all outstanding principal owed to Nebari Natural Resources Credit Fund I LP ("Nebari"), marking a significant milestone in the Company's transformation of its balance sheet.

In total, Gunnison has reduced the principal amount of the Nebari debt from US\$15.0 million to zero, achieving its stated objective of removing legacy secured debt and materially strengthening the Company's financial position. This achievement is consistent with Gunnison's broader strategy to maintain an equity-based capital structure until the construction of its flagship Gunnison Project.

The debt was finally eliminated when the Company received additional conversion notices from Nebari pursuant to the terms of the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Second ARCA"). The latest conversions total US\$4.75 million at a conversion price of US\$0.2097 per share (converted from C\$0.30), resulting in the issuance of 22,651,407 common shares.

"The repayment of the Nebari debt is a major milestone for Gunnison," said Craig Hallworth, SVP & CFO of Gunnison Copper. "Through disciplined execution, delivery on key milestones, and strategic conversions, we have removed all legacy secured debt from our capital structure. This significantly strengthens our balance sheet and positions Gunnison with enhanced financial flexibility as we continue to execute on major milestones in the advancement of our large-scale flagship Gunnison Project. As a pure-play copper company, we are proud to be advancing new large-scale copper production on US soil, as demand continues to grow from national defense, infrastructure, and AI data centers."

Andre Krol of Nebari commented, "Nebari's debt conversions are testament to the Company's strengthening progress under highly capable management. We are proud to have been part of that journey."

Combined with Gunnison's previously announced US\$7.3 million repayment of Nebari's non-convertible debt, and Nebari's accumulated conversions of the remaining convertible principal, all principal amount outstanding under the Second ARCA have now been fully repaid or converted. Gunnison shall repay the partial month of interest owing and is working with Nebari to obtain a release of the security documents associated with the debt.

Gunnison remains focused on operational execution, balance-sheet strength, and delivering long-term value as it supports domestic copper supply and U.S. critical-minerals objectives.

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ABOUT GUNNISON COPPER

Gunnison Copper Corp. is a multi-asset pure-play copper developer and producer that controls the Cochise

Mining District (the district), containing 12 known deposits within an 8 km economic radius, in the Southern Arizona Copper Belt.

Its flagship asset, the Gunnison Copper Project, has a Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource containing over 831.6 million tons with a total copper grade of 0.31% (Measured Mineral Resource of 191.3 million tons at 0.37% and Indicated Mineral Resource of 640.2 million tons at 0.29%), and a preliminary economic assessment ("PEA") yielding robust economics including an NPV8% of \$1.3 billion, IRR of 20.9%, and payback period of 4.1 years. It is being developed as a conventional operation with open pit mining, heap leach, and SX/EW refinery to produce finished copper cathode on-site with direct rail link.

The PEA is preliminary in nature and includes Inferred Mineral Resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. There is no certainty that the conclusions reached in the PEA will be realized. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

In addition, Gunnison's Johnson Camp Asset, which is now in production, is fully funded by Nuton LLC, a Rio Tinto Venture, with a production capacity of up to 25 million lbs of finished copper cathode annually.

Other significant deposits controlled by Gunnison in the district, with potential to be economic satellite feeder deposits for Gunnison Project infrastructure, include Strong and Harris, South Star, and eight other deposits.

For additional information on the Gunnison Project, including the PEA and mineral resource estimate, please refer to the Company's technical report entitled "Gunnison Project NI 43-101 Technical Report Preliminary Economic Assessment" dated effective November 1, 2024 and available on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Dr. Stephen Twyerould, Fellow of AUSIMM, President and CEO of the Company is a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101. Dr. Twyerould has reviewed and is responsible for the technical information contained in this news release.

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Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The forward-looking information is made as of the date of this news release. Except as required by applicable securities laws, the Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking information.

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