# LEADING THE WORLD IN







# INTRODUCTION



There is a growing global demand for molybdenum, a versatile element with diverse applications in the chemical, engineering and petroleum industries. Molybdenum and its alloys are key components in chemical and metallurgical applications.

Climax Molybdenum Company, a subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan, is the largest molybdenum producer in the world. From our early beginnings in Colorado, Climax Molybdenum has grown into a global, diversified company with downstream operations and a proven commercial presence worldwide.



# **1918**

#### **CLIMAX MINE BEGINS PRODUCTION**

On April 2, 1918, Climax ships its first concentrate totaling 21,000 pounds with a market value of \$100,000. Climax is a major contributor to the allied war effort during World War I.

# **GLOBAL OPERATIONS**



RESPONSIBLY PRODUCED MOLYBDENUM

All molybdenum producing sites of Freeport-McMoRan are Molybdenum Mark assured producers.

HENDERSON, COLORADO Primary Mine

CLIMAX, COLORADO Primary Mine

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Global Headquarters, Sales Office

SIERRITA, ARIZONA By-product Mine Roasting

BAGDAD, ARIZONA By-product Mine Pressure Leach

FORT MADISON, IOWA Roasting, Chemicals

> **CERRO VERDE, PERU** By-product Mine

Our operations in North America and South America include both primary and by-product molybdenum mines.

We are the world's largest integrated molybdenum producer with chemical and metallurgical products manufactured at our production facilities in the United States and Europe. Our Fort Madison plant's conversion capabilities provide Climax Molybdenum with a premier source for upgraded molybdenum chemical products. The Climax Stowmarket plant in the United Kingdom provides ferromolybdenum, and Climax Molybdenum B.V. in the Netherlands produces technical molybdic oxide, ammonium dimolybdate and pure molybdic oxide.

Serving customers worldwide, Climax Molybdenum's resources are well positioned to maintain molybdenum production rates for decades to come.



Henderson Mine, Colorado

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# MINING AND DOWN STREAM PRODUCTION



Climax Molybdenum operates the Henderson mine and mill in the Rocky Mountains, west of Denver. It has been in operation since 1976.

Separated by the Continental Divide, the Henderson mine and mill are connected by one of the world's longest conveyor systems, a 10-mile elevated belt that runs underneath the Continental Divide and emerges above ground for the final five miles.

Our Climax mine near Leadville, Colorado, restarted in 2012 and has a potential production capacity of 30 million pounds per year.

# 1945

WORLD'S LARGEST MINE

Climax becomes the world's largest underground mine.



## CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS OF MOLYBDENUM



Molybdenum chemicals are used in the production of catalysts for a variety of reactions, notably hydrotreating and selective oxidation. The increasingly stringent requirements for low sulfur fuel oils, gasoline and diesel fuel make this application a particularly important use for molybdenum. Molybdenumbased catalysts also are used in the production of renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuels (SAF).



Molybdenum metal and alloys are used in a number of important end products including lamp applications, glass melting electrodes, electronic devices, medical equipment and chip lithography. The characteristics of molybdenum metal powders are determined not only by the process conditions during reduction, but also by the physical and chemical properties of the starting materials.



The naturally occurring form of molybdenum (MoS<sub>2</sub>) is an important solid lubricant used primarily for reduction of wear and friction and maintains good lubricating performance in tough conditions. Molybdenum complexes, soluble in petroleum oils and other organic solvents, are finding increased use as antiwear and extreme pressure additives as well as friction modifiers in lubricating oils, greases and coatings.

## **1957** CLIMAX MOLYBEDNUM COMPANY MERGES

Climax Molybednum Company and American Metals Company merge to become AMAX.



## **CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS OF MOLYBDENUM**



**CORROSION INHIBITION** 

Molybdate, usually in the form of sodium molybdate, is used as an anodic corrosion inhibitor in aqueous systems, such as cooling water treatments and automobile anti-freeze/coolant products. It is effective in inhibiting corrosion of steel, cast iron, aluminum, copper, brass, cadmium and solder, and typically is used with other corrosion inhibitors.



Molybdenum compounds are used in the production of molybdenum orange pigments added to paints, plastics and inks to provide a reddish hue, cleanliness and striking colors.White corrosion inhibiting pigments are used as paint primers, and other molybdenum compounds are important components in organic toners. More recent uses include incorporation into bismuth vanadate yellow and the emerging classes of rare earth molybdenum high-performance pigments.



#### SEMICONDUCTORS

Molybdenite as a monolayer material has excellent semiconductor properties which could surpass silicon and graphene. Molybdenum metal can be deposited in very thin layers, enhancing vertical stacking in 3D NAND memory. Molybdenum as a metal has good electrical conductivity as well as high temperature resistance. Its thermal expansion is similar to glass, thus allows it to be used in the creation of gate electrodes in MOSFETs.



## **1976** HENDERSON MINE PRODUCES

Henderson begins production at the rate of 10,000 tons per day via panel caving from the 8,100-foot level.

## METALLURGICAL APPLICATIONS OF MOLYBDENUM



Molybdenum primarily is used to improve the corrosion resistance of stainless steel in more demanding applications, such as chemical processing plants or in marine applications. The addition of molybdenum increases the pitting and crevice corrosion resistance of stainless steels in chloride containing solutions.



#### **ALLOY STEEL & IRON**

To increase hardness and wear resistance over a broad temperature spectrum, molybdenum is added to tooland high-speed steel. It increases the strength and hardness of cast iron, as well as increases elevated temperature strength and creep resistance. In high-strength, lowalloy steels (HSLA), molybdenum improves strength and weldability.



Molybdenum is an important alloying element in highperformance nickel-based alloys. The corrosion-resistant, nickelbased alloys find extensive use in the chemical processing, pharmaceutical, oil and gas, petrochemical, and pollutioncontrol industries.

## 1980 **BREAKING RECORDS**

Climax and Henderson mines produce a record 100 million pounds of molybdenum; employment peaks at 3,000 at Climax and at 2,000 at Henderson.







1993

# 1993

AMAX MERGER

Cyprus Minerals and AMAX merge becoming Cyprus AMAX.

## **PRODUCTION OF MOLYBDENUM PRODUCTS**





# 1996

#### **HENDERSON REPLACES TRAIN**

Project at Henderson commences to replace train with an underground crusher and 15-mile long conveyor system.

## MARKETS

The markets for molybdenum products are diverse, and we serve both the chemical and metallurgical market segments on a global basis.



Source: International Molybdenum Association's SMR End-Use Molybdenum 2023



## 1999

#### **CONVEYOR SYSTEM COMPLETE**

Phelps Dodge purchases Cyprus AMAX; conversion from train haulage to conveyor system is completed.



2000

# 2000

#### HENDERSON MODERNIZATION COMPLETE

Over one million hours worked without a lost time accident. Highest yield ever.

# 2007

### PHELPS DODGE ACQUISITION

Freeport-McMoRan acquires Phelps Dodge and announces restart of Climax.



2007

# LEADING THE WORLD OF MOLY INTO THE FUTURE

At Climax Molybdenum, we mine metals and produce products for the future. With growth in demand for our products, we continue to explore opportunities to provide more molybdenum to the world while respecting our sustainable priorities and maintaining safe operations.



# 2012

#### **CLIMAX OPERATIONS START**

Commercial operation starts at Climax with first shipment of molybdenum in May.

# 2018

#### **CLIMAX'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

Climax Molybdenum has provided highquality products that meet a diversity of needs, wherever our customers are located.



## **RECENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**





#### THE MOLYBDENUM MARK

The first primary molybdenum miner to achieve the Molybdenum Mark demonstrates leadership in sustainability and responsible production practices.

#### **ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS (ROSPA)**

Climax Stowmarket operations receives the prestigious Royal Society For The Prevention Of Accidents (ROSPA) gold award for 10 consecutive years - the top honor for safety performance.

#### **AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL RESPONSIBLE CARE®**

**Climax Fort Madison operations receives** American Chemistry Council Responsible Care® award for commitment to a culture of process safety throughout chemical facility processing operations, management systems and leadership.











# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Climax Molybdenum is committed to sustainable development, combining social and environmental responsibility with economic growth. We aim to minimize environmental impacts by implementing strategies based on valid data and sound science, and we work to maintain a safe workplace by having a solid framework for managing risk and meeting compliance obligations.

URAD Water Treatment facility at the Henderson Mine



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## PRODUCTS

#### **CHEMICAL PRODUCTS**

Ammonium Dimolybdate Ammonium Heptamolybdate Calcined Pure Molybdic Oxide Sublimed Pure Molybdic Oxide Sodium Molybdate Molybdenum Disulfide

#### METALLURGICAL PRODUCTS Ferromolybdenum Technical Molybdenum Oxide Powder Carbon Free Briquettes

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*Cover photo*: The I-74 bridge, officially known as the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge. The bridge uses both 2205 (2.5 - 3.5% Molybdenum) and 2507 (4% Molybdenum) duplex stainless steel for strength, longevity, and corrosion resistance.

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