

# Happy Creek CEO on tungsten as a critical metal

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**Jeff Wareham:** David is the CEO of Happy Creek. He is also quite an expert on the metals market. When we were talking last David you told me that your intention was to focus on your tungsten asset this year. Does that say something about what you see with tungsten in the market?

**David Blann:** Absolutely. We have actually been involved in this tungsten project for over 20 years, long before it became a fashionable new thing. Really tungsten is a special metal. There is not any production of any consequence done in North America. 99% of the tungsten is imported into North America.

**Jeff Wareham:** From where?

**David Blann:** China, Bolivia, places like DRC. It really brings up the definition of critical metal.

**Jeff Wareham:** Why do we need it?

**David Blann:** Tungsten is a real important metal. It is in all the tools that are used to make things. You not only find it in products like your vibration in your cell phones, the tips of

your ballpoint pens, medical tools, hard steels, but it is mostly used in making tools, the drill bits, the cutting teeth, the blades. Things like that, that are used to manufacture just about everything we have around us. North America is not producing anything of consequence in the world of tungsten. Happy Creek hopes to change that.

**Jeff Wareham:** I was going to say you guys must be pretty excited about the grades you released in your most recent drill.

**David Blann:** That is true. The resource estimate is top tier in the western world. The metallurgical aspects are awesome. We have a near-surface open-pit component that looks for potentially a rapid cost payback on a mill production scenario for building a mill...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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**Jeff Wareham:** A couple of metals that you have got in your portfolio I have not really talked to anyone about this week, copper and tungsten; two of my favorites. Where is your focus this year?

**David Blann:** This year we are looking at advancing our Fox tungsten project into more advanced development stages. We just recently announced a resource for the tungsten project that is among the highest grade in the western world. It is a brand new discovery. We also have a great copper asset located in the Highland Valley district of British Columbia, which is home to Teck Resources' Highland Valley Mine, Canada's largest producer.

**Jeff Wareham:** You have already put out the resource. What should investors be looking for this year?

**David Blann:** This year we are advancing the Fox tungsten project in two directions. First we have to start all the baseline studies towards more feasibility related work and then we are also conducting exploration to expand our existing resource.

**Jeff Wareham:** Are you financed for all the development you have to do?

**David Blann:** We are close to financed up for all that. In fact that is partly where the idea for our Highland Valley is we are getting a lot of interest in our copper project. It is in a world-class mining district. We are seeing a strong interest for that project so we are looking to leverage that asset into financial position to allow us to develop the Fox project.

**Jeff Wareham:** From the looks of it that really is in the land of the big boys, would it not?

**David Blann:** Oh yeah. It is as good as any big major copper project around the world.

**Jeff Wareham:** Good stuff. Investors should be looking for lots of news coming out of you this year.

**David Blann:** It is going to be a busy year. We are expecting to be able to tell the shareholders that this is going to be a big year for us, a massive advance. We are very comfortable with our tungsten asset advancing and we also feel that the copper project could be the right time and place for that project to get dealt with...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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## Happy Creek CEO on one of the largest discoveries of tungsten in the western world

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“Happy Creek’s flagship property, the tungsten Fox project, from my understanding is one of the largest discoveries of tungsten in the western world...” – starts Kelly Bird of InvestorIntel in an interview with David Blann, CEO, President and Director of [Happy Creek Minerals Ltd.](#) (TSXV: HPY).

**David Blann:** In fact it is the highest grade new tungsten discovery in the western world. It is not the largest at this time. We hope it will be. At this stage it is a brand new discovery. We have had several campaigns of drilling done on it. We have published a 43-101 compliant resource that does show it is among the highest tungsten grades in the western world. We

think the updated resource, when announced in the next few weeks or a month, will improve on what we have already. We already know there is a lot more that we can do out there to increase the size. The point being is just, how big do we want to make it before we start looking at the economics studies?

**Kelly Bird:** At this time, what is your goal for how big you see this project being?

**David Blann:** Based on a past producer in northern British Columbia in the Yukon exactly, North America tungsten, we think we can model the Fox property along the lines of that project. That was regarded as the highest grade and largest producer in the western world at the time before it closed. That amounts to around 1,200 tons per day production, grading around 0.8% tungsten trioxide. If we are modeling that over a 10-year life, we think we are going to have a fantastic project.

**Kelly Bird:** Happy Creek also has a copper project...tell us a bit more about it.

**David Blann:** Where we are today is we have got two new copper deposit discoveries there. They do not have 43-101 at this point. We continue to expand and outline the mineralized zones. These are 6½ kilometers from an existing producing open pit of Teck Resources' Highland Valley Copper...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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