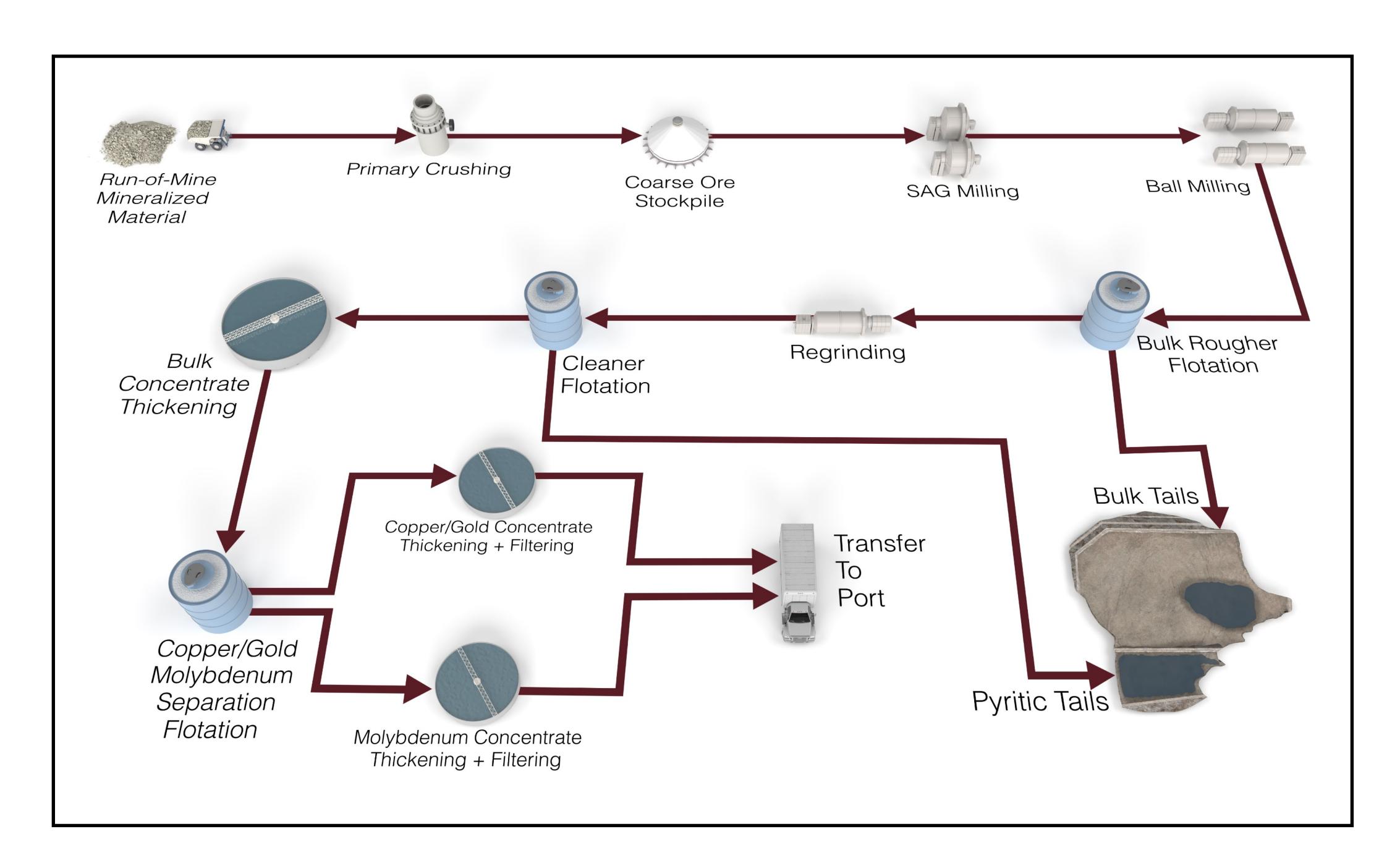
MINING & PROCESSING



The Project will mine approximately 1.1 billion tons of mineralized material over the 20-year mine life.

AN OVERVIEW OF MINERAL PROCESSING











SUMMARY INFORMATION

- Mining rate up to 90 million tons per year
- Milling rate up to 58 million tons per year
- Annual copper/gold concentrate of 600,000 tons
- Annual molybdenum concentrate of 15,000 tons



SCOPING CONCERNS AND ISSUES MINING & PROCESSING

- HOW MUCH WATER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING ORE?
- WHAT CHEMICALS WILL BE USED AND HOW TOXIC ARE THEY?
- WHAT STREAMS WILL HAVE WATER DIVERTED TO THE MINE?
 - POTENTIALLY UP TO 35 BILLION GALLONS/YEAR
- EIS NEEDS TO INCLUDE BUILD-OUT SCENARIOS FOR A 200 YEAR MINING OPERATION DUE TO THE KNOWN 11 BILLION TONS OF MINERAL RESOURCES
- ACID MINE DRAINAGE FROM WASTE ROCK WILL BE GENERATED AND CAN HARM THE STREAMS AND WETLANDS IN THE AREA
- MINING OPERATION WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS IN THE AREA DUE TO TRUCK TRAFFIC, NOISE FROM BLASTING, DUST IMPACTS, AIR QUALITY FROM POWER PLANT