

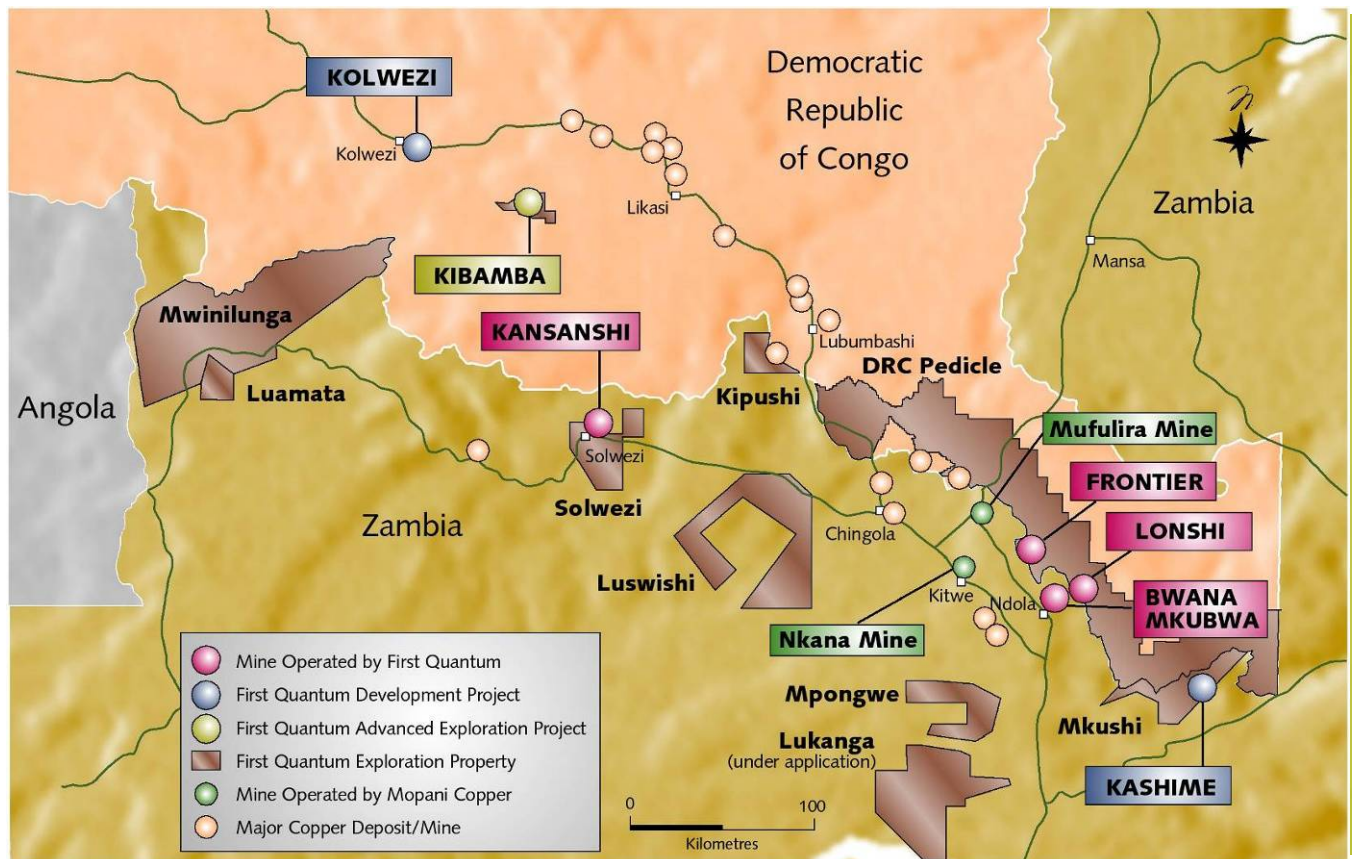
# Kolwezi

Location:	<b>DRC</b>
Ownership:	<b>65%</b>
Type of mine:	<b>tailings</b>
Status:	<b>development</b>
Capital cost est.:	<b>\$553 million</b>
Primary metal:	<b>copper</b>
Secondary metal:	<b>cobalt</b>
End products:	<b>copper cathode cobalt cathode cobalt hydroxide</b>
Resource grade:	<b>1.49 % copper 0.32% cobalt</b>
Est.mine life:	<b>2010—2032</b>
Employees:	<b>tbd</b>



## Overview

In 2006, the Company acquired 100% of Adastra for \$273 million. Adastra was a public international mining company with its principal asset being the Kolwezi copper-cobalt tailings project in the DRC. The Kolwezi project is owned 65% by First Quantum, 12.5% by La Générale des Carrieres des Mines (Gécamines), 10% by Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, 7.5% by International Finance Corporation and 5% by the DRC Government.



The Kolwezi project is located to the north of Kolwezi, a city located in the south of Katanga province. The Kolwezi tailings are from historic operations at the Kolwezi concentrator.

In November 2007, the Board of Directors of the project committed to proceed with its development. Preparatory site work and construction began shortly thereafter to meet a schedule for commercial start-up in the first quarter of 2010.

The plant will commence operations at 35,000 tonnes per year copper and 7,000 tonnes per year of cobalt hydroxide. The plant will be designed and constructed such that its capacity can be doubled for an incremental capital cost of \$40 million. The mine life is expected to be 22 years at an annual production rate of 70,000 tonnes of copper cathode per year. The future development of a cobalt metal facility and the expansion of copper and cobalt capacity will be considered in light of practical experience on site and on commodity market conditions.