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FIRST QUANTUM MINERALS LTD. SWOT & PESTLE ANALYSIS

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Company Name : First Quantum Minerals Ltd.

Company Sector : Mining and Metals

Operating Geography : Canada, North America, Global

About the Company :

First Quantum Minerals Ltd. is a mining and metals company headquartered in Vancouver, Canada. Its primary activities are mineral exploration, development, and mining. Copper is the company's major product, accounting for 80% of revenue. The company was created in 1983 as Xenium Resources and renamed First Quantum Minerals in 1996. It owns all or part of numerous active copper mines in Africa, producing copper cathode, copper in concentrate, gold, nickel, and sulfuric acid. Zambia, Panama, Finland, Turkey, Spain, Australia, and Mauritania are all home to active mines for the company. In Argentina, it is developing the Taca Taca copper-gold-molybdenum project, while in Peru, it is studying the Haquira copper deposit. Cobre Panama, Kansanshi, Sentinel, Cobre Las Cruces, Guelb Moghrein, Cayeli, Ravensthorpe, and Pyhasalmi are some of the mines that are now operational. Over the last two decades, the company has made numerous notable commercial and technical achievements, ranging from its initial operation reprocessing tailings facilities in Zambia to the recently completed gigantic Cobre Panama plant. By 2021, the mines' total output was expected to exceed 800,000 tonnes of copper per year. As of early 2022, First Quantum Mineral's market cap is \$19.45 billion.

First Quantum Minerals Ltd's USP lies in its being the world's largest copper company, and it is well-known for its 'can-do' attitude and specialised technical, engineering, construction, and operational skills, which enable it to develop and successfully run complex mines and minerals processing plants. The mission statement of the company reads, "to actively work towards sustainable, transparent, and responsible economic and social development, by positively contributing to supply chain development and capacity building for businesses within the host communities of the Kansanshi and Kalumbila Mines".

Revenue :

\$ 5,199 million - FY ending 31st December 2020 (y-o-y growth 27.8%)

\$ 4,067 million - FY ending 31st December 2019

SWOT Analysis :

The SWOT Analysis for First Quantum Minerals Ltd. is given below:

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Diversified portfolio of high-value copper deposits 2.Leading copper producer with operations across four continents 3.Strong cash flows and high sales volumes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Shutting down of mining activities due to pandemic 2.Protests against new mining regulations in Panama 3.ROE lower than industry average
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Reach agreement with Zambian government to increase mining activities 2.Maintain and improve new credit ratings 3.Hedge copper and nickel prices to secure financial position 4.Enter into strategic partnerships and divestitures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Seasonal fluctuations and natural disasters may lead to low production 2.High costs incurred in complying with environmental regulations 3.Uncertainty arising from exchange rate fluctuations

PESTLE Analysis :

The PESTLE Analysis for First Quantum Minerals Ltd. is given below:

Political	Economical
1.China's dominance in global copper supply chain 2.Push for renewable energy by world leaders	1.Strong copper prices with high growth forecast 2.Low fuel prices leading to lower transportation costs
Social	Technological
1.Growing demand for electric vehicles raising demand for copper 2.Increasing demand for gold due to COVID-19	1. Growing recognition of copper for decarbonization 2. Innovation in robotics and AI to increase efficiency of operations
Legal	Environmental
1.Multiple countries set to ban ICE vehicles 2.ICMM's Mining Principles And Copper Verification	1.Bring operations in line with TCFD's recommendations 2.Heavy pollution caused by mining industry

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