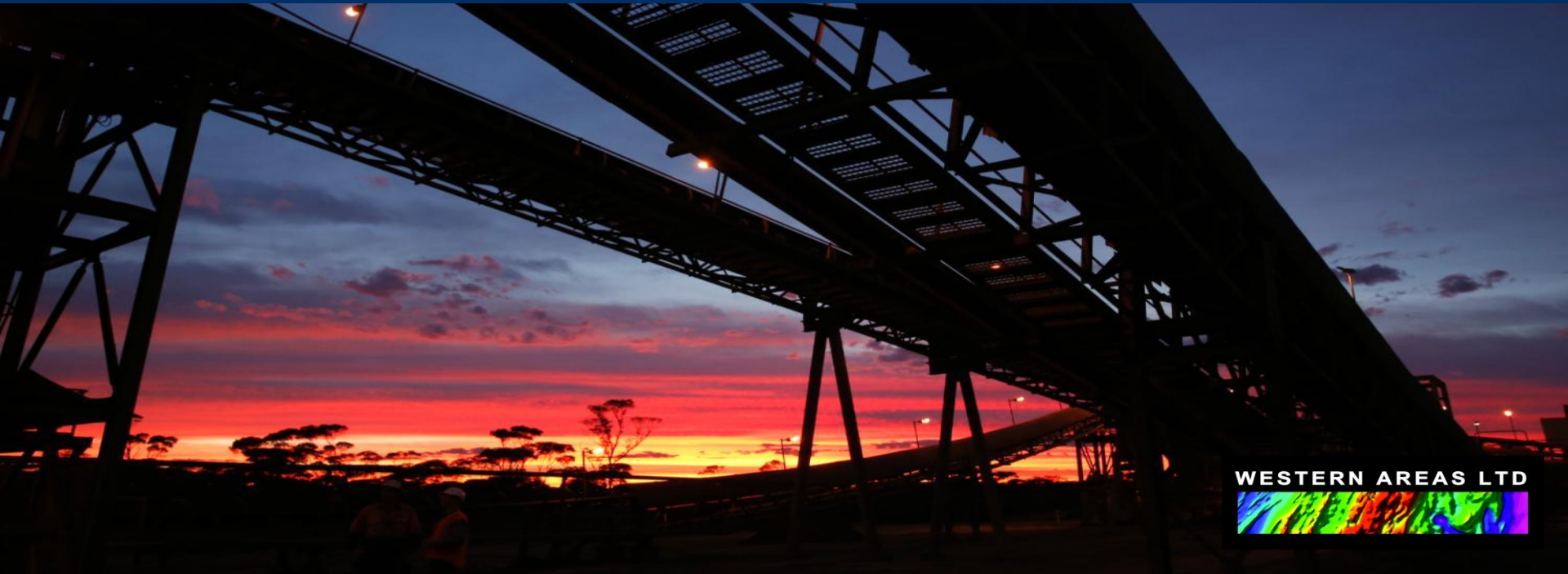


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WHO WE ARE

CORPORATE OVERVIEW

High quality assets

- Highest grade, low cash cost nickel producer
- Operational cashflow positive at current prices

No debt, clean balance sheet, low costs

- Ability to fund projects
- Low unit cash cost producer

Organic growth options

- Strong near-mine and regional exploration
- Cosmos exploration and Odysseus PFS

Positioned for nickel recovery

- A\$1/lb lift in nickel price = circa A\$35m EBITDA
- New and improved offtake contracts executed

ASX code	WSA
Share price	2.62
Shares outstanding (m)	272.3
Market Cap (A\$m) ¹	713.4
Cash (A\$m) ²	103.8

Cosmos Nickel Complex

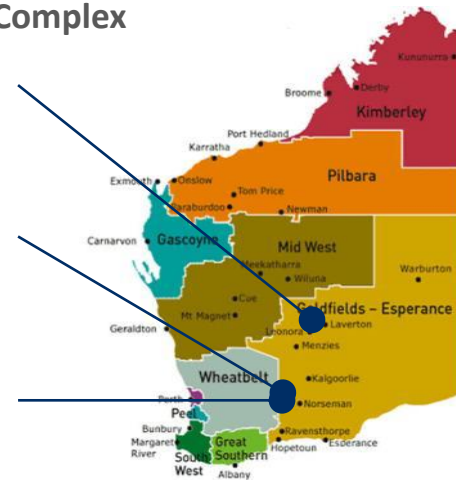
567kt Ni resources
PFS underway

Flying Fox

12kt Ni mined FY16
44kt Ni reserves
102kt Ni resources

Spotted Quoll

15kt Ni mined FY16
91kt Ni reserves
112kt Ni resources



A leading mid-tier base metal producer

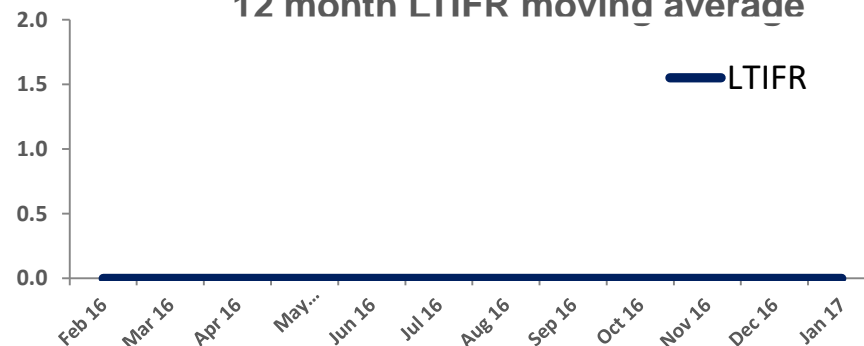
WESTERN AREAS ARE SAFE AREAS



Days LTI free

Exploration	3,136	Nov-08
Spotted Quoll	2,119	Aug-11
Cosmic Boy Concentrator	1,318	Oct-13
Flying Fox	1,301	Nov-13

12 month LTIFR moving average

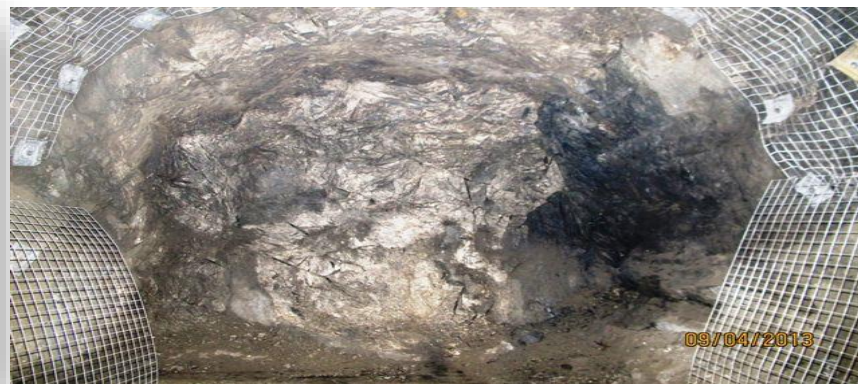


Safe operations make efficient operations

GRADE IS KING



Lounge Lizard 10m wide face of 7.0% Nickel Sulphide



Spotted Quoll face at average 10.6% Nickel Sulphide

HALF YEAR RESULTS – PROFITABLE AND CASHFLOW

- LTIFR remains at ZERO with 1,057 LTI days free as of 22 February 2017
- Cash at Bank A\$103.8m
- Debt Free and Propensity for Dividends
- 11,607 nickel tonnes in concentrate produced
- 11,437 nickel tonnes contained in concentrate sold
- EBITDA of A\$29.4m:
 - Increase of 58% over 1HFY16, despite sale volume reduced by 1,077 nickel tonnes
 - Increase of 36% over 2HFY16, despite sale volume reduced by 842 nickel tonnes
- Reported Net Profit After Tax (NPAT) of A\$0.5m:
 - A\$20.6m improvement on 1HFY16 NLAT
 - January 2017 nickel price fall impacted after tax earning by A\$2.9m
- Pre-financing Cashflow of A\$22.5m (Operating Cashflow less all capex):
 - A\$42.0m improvement on 1HFY16
 - Significant reduction in capital expenditure of A\$24.6m versus 1HFY16
- Realised 1HFY17 nickel price of A\$6.59/lb (increase of 16% from 1HFY16), but nickel price volatility remains
- FY17 Guidance Metrics improved (see slide 12)
- New and improved Offtake Agreements signed which commenced 1 February 2017

FY17 GUIDANCE UPGRADED

Metric	Updated FY17 Guidance	Original FY17 Guidance
Mine Production (Nickel tonnes in Ore)	25,000 to 26,000	22,500 to 24,500
Nickel tonnes in Concentrate Production	22,000 to 23,000	20,200 to 22,000
Unit Cash Cost of Production (Nickel in Concentrate)	A\$2.35/lb to A\$2.50/lb	A\$2.40/lb to A\$2.75/lb
Sustaining Capex	No Change	A\$22.0m to A\$24.0m
Forrestania and Regional Exploration	No Change	A\$8.0m
Odysseus PFS	No Change	A\$2.0m

Comments

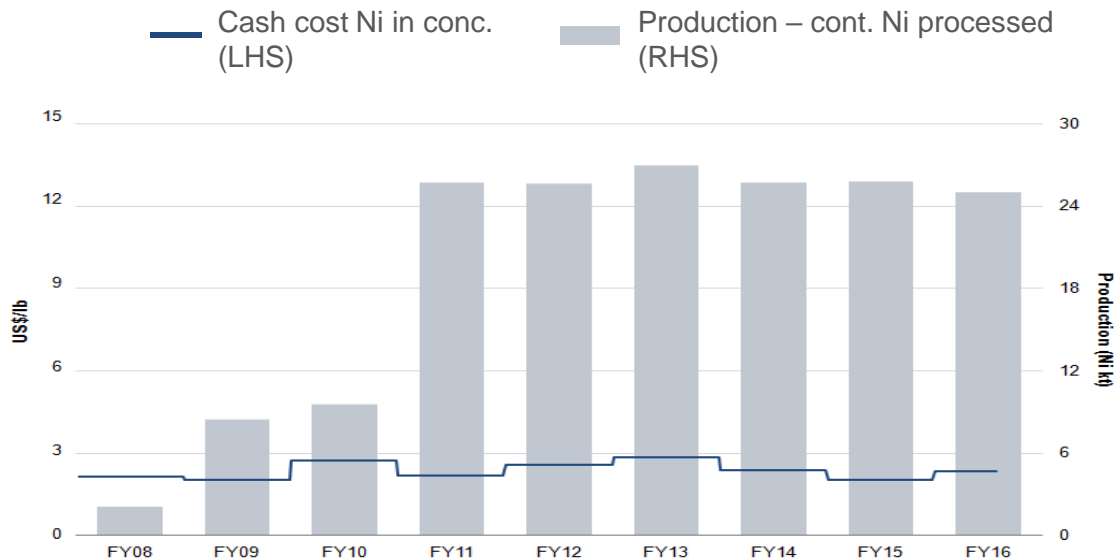
- Production improvements reflect higher grade mainly from Spotted Quoll with reduced dilution and blasting innovations
- Unit cash cost of production an outcome of higher production, improved grade and cost out initiatives
- Sustaining capital includes the last major one-off item of capex at either mine – ventilation shaft for A\$6m
- Odysseus PFS due for release in the March quarter

WHY WESTERN AREAS



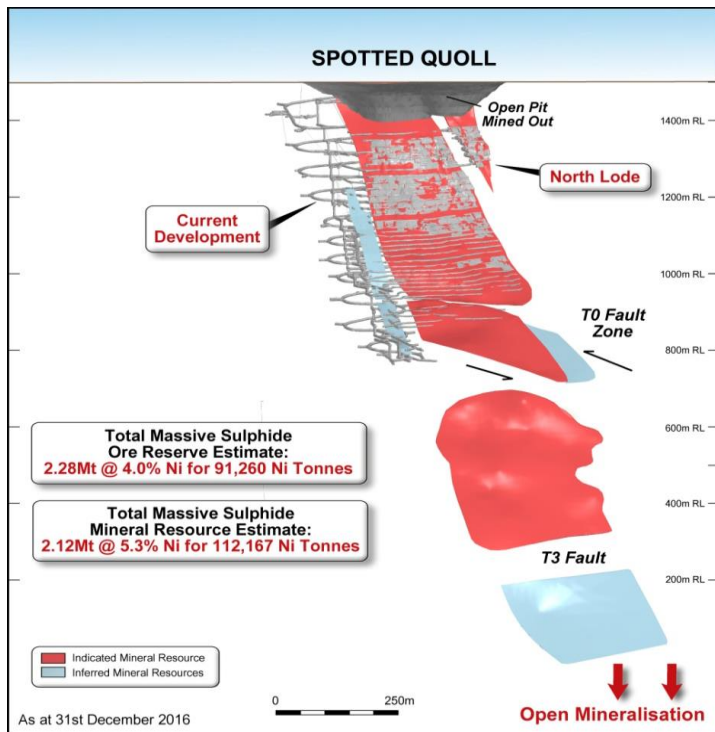
CONSISTENT LOW COST PRODUCER

- **FY17 GUIDANCE METRICS IMPROVED**
- LTIFR – ZERO – over 3 yrs LTI free
- Spotted Quoll mine tracking toward record production
- Unit cash cost of production at A\$2.44/lb (US\$1.84/lb) of nickel in concentrate
- Mill continued to perform well above nameplate capacity
- Exceptional consistency and 6 years without a guidance miss

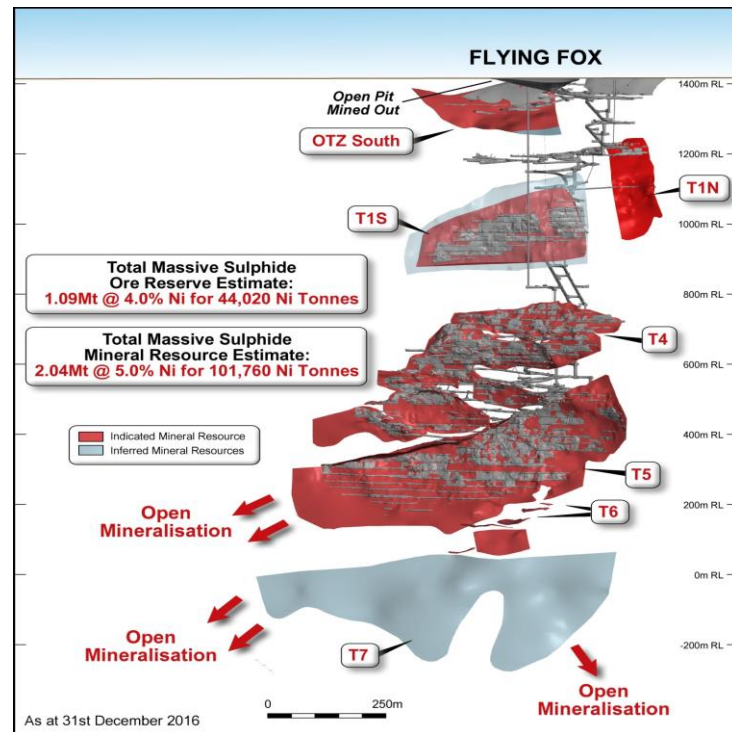


A management team which consistently delivers guidance

TWO HIGH GRADE MINES



6km apart



WSA's foundation assets within Forrestania

FORRESTANIA NICKEL CONCENTRATOR

Concentrator Summary

- Mill processed an annual record of 616k tonnes of ore in FY16, for 25,009 nickel tonnes
- 12% above name plate capacity of 550,000 tpa
- Concentrate grades of between 14.0% to 15.5% Ni
 - Premium blending product (Fe/Mg ratio >15:1)
 - Desirable to smelters

Export Infrastructure and Logistics

- Export concentrate transported to Esperance Port in half height containers and through to China
- Shipping contract in place, FOB Terms
- BHPB Nickel West concentrate delivered to Kambalda



WSA produces a high quality and in demand nickel concentrate

OFFTAKE CONTRACTS

New Contracts Executed

- Most competitive tender process in WSA's history
- New contract terms will improve financial returns
- WSA's long term strategic plan executed to integrate with an end user (stainless steel) and capture additional value
- WSA has become a lead innovator with nickel concentrates

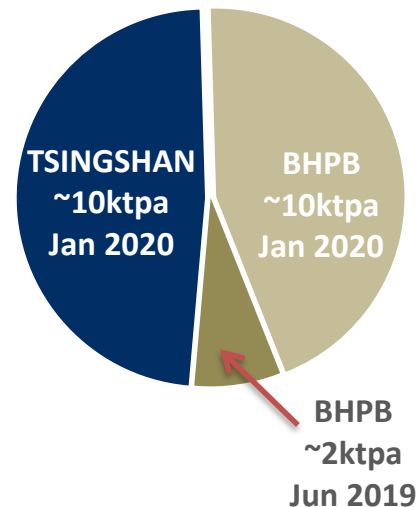
About Tsingshan Group

- China's largest stainless steel producer
- Estimated to consume 25% of China's nickel demand
- Revenue of RMB85 billion in 2015, 20,000 employees
- Contracted through associated Singaporean entity Golden Harbor International Pte Ltd

About Roasting

- WSA first tested its concentrate in 2012 and 2013 with Tsingshan
- Creates a high grade Nickel Oxide that can be blended with Laterite ore
- By-products of sulphuric acid for stainless steel
- Most concentrates do not suit roasting due to no by-product credits such as Cobalt, Copper and PGE's
- Proven process that opens up opportunities with Tsingshan

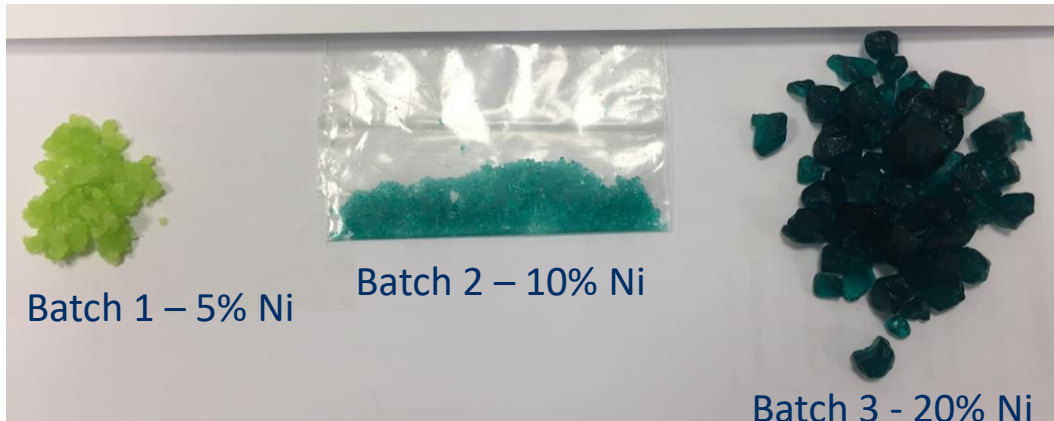
New & Improved Contracts



INNOVATION – BATTERY MARKET

Mill Recovery Enhancement Project (MREP)

- Project status is under review, with long lead items purchased – circa 6 month construction period if approved and around A\$16m left to be spent
- MREP has the option to produce a high grade sulphide (approx 45% Ni)
- MREP can also be modified to produce sulphate crystals using ION exchange:
 - ❑ 3 lab simulation tests completed all with improving results
- Potential offtake partner discussions for sulphide and sulphate commenced over a year ago



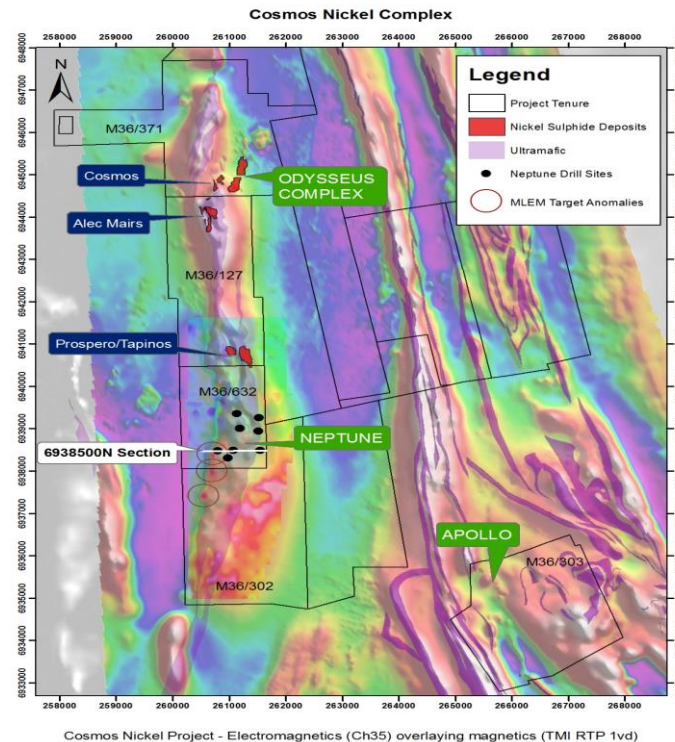
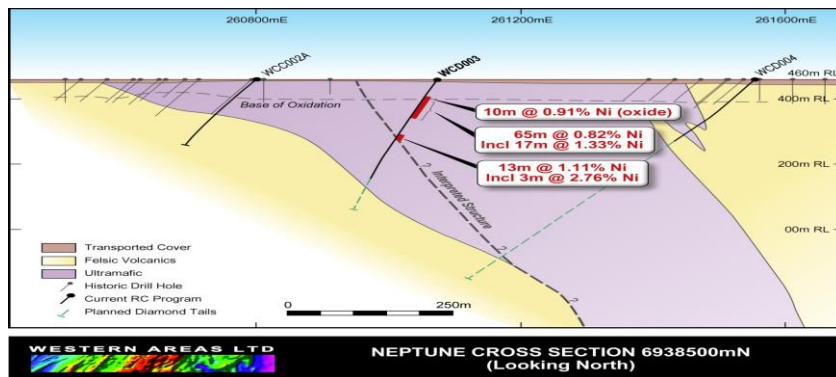
COSMOS EXPLORATION - NEPTUNE

Status

- WSA and Tjiwarl traditional owners have worked together and approved the first drill program, following anomalies detected through MLEM

Drilling Results

- First drill program completed with encouraging results
- RC pre-collars completed and diamond core tails to be completed over next few months



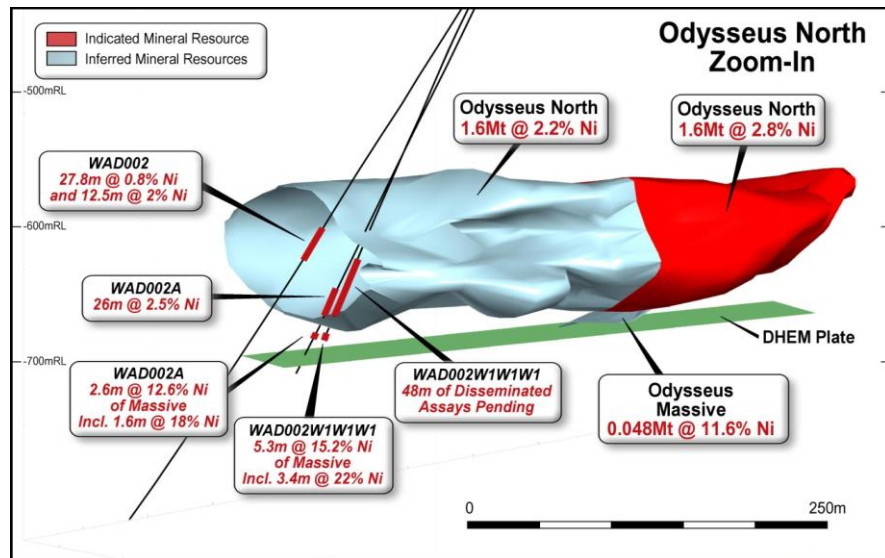
ODYSSEUS NORTH EXPLORATION RESULTS

Program Design

- Drill Inferred Resource at ODAYN with 2 goals:
 - Increase Indicated Resource category
 - Test high grade potential of Odysseus massive sulphide

Drilling Outcome

- New high grade zone discovered with two significant intersections, best being **5.3m @ 15.2% Ni, including 3.4m @ 22.0% Ni**
- Represents upside opportunity to Odysseus studies not included in PFS
- DHEM modelled plate 160m South of existing high grade Inferred Resource of **0.5Mt at 11.6% Ni**
- Significant high grade disseminated intersections that should convert a substantial portion of Inferred to Indicated category, including **26.0m @ 2.5% Ni** and 48.0m (awaiting assays)

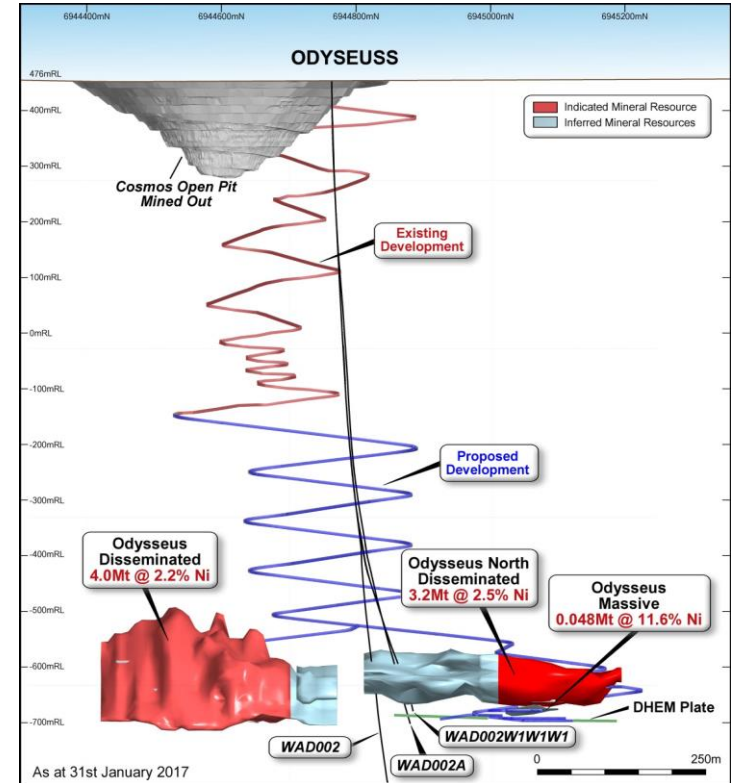


ODYSSEUS PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY

Significant undeveloped resource containing massive sulphides, matrix sulphides and high grade disseminated sulphides

Pre-feasibility Study Nearing Completion:

- March quarter 2017 completion;
- Significant savings >30% identified from Xstrata results in both operating costs and capex;
- Review mining method, mining schedule and UG infrastructure
- Produce concentrate grade in line with FNO grades and improve nickel recovery
- Review metallurgical testwork and flow sheet to optimise processing plant
- Further optimise capital and operating cost assumptions
- Explore contractor versus owner operator alternatives and leverage FNO experience
- Full definitive feasibility study planned for CY2017, assuming Board approval of the PFS



WESTERN GAWLER JOINT VENTURE

Greenfields Exploration

- Large strategic holding (4,450km²)
- Camp scale opportunities
- Majority 100% owned
 - With Strandline farm in agreement – WSA earning up to 90%

Right Address

- Prospective under explored belt
- Analogous to Fraser Range
- Targeting poly-metallic base metal and gold mineralisation

Right Rocks

- Mafic/Ultramafic intrusive rocks
- Magmatic nickel sulphides confirmed in multiple locations (Petrology)

Right Signatures

- Anomalous values returned from drilling



EXPLORATION SUMMARY – WESTERN GAWLER

Broad scale prospectivity for Ni/Cu and Gold

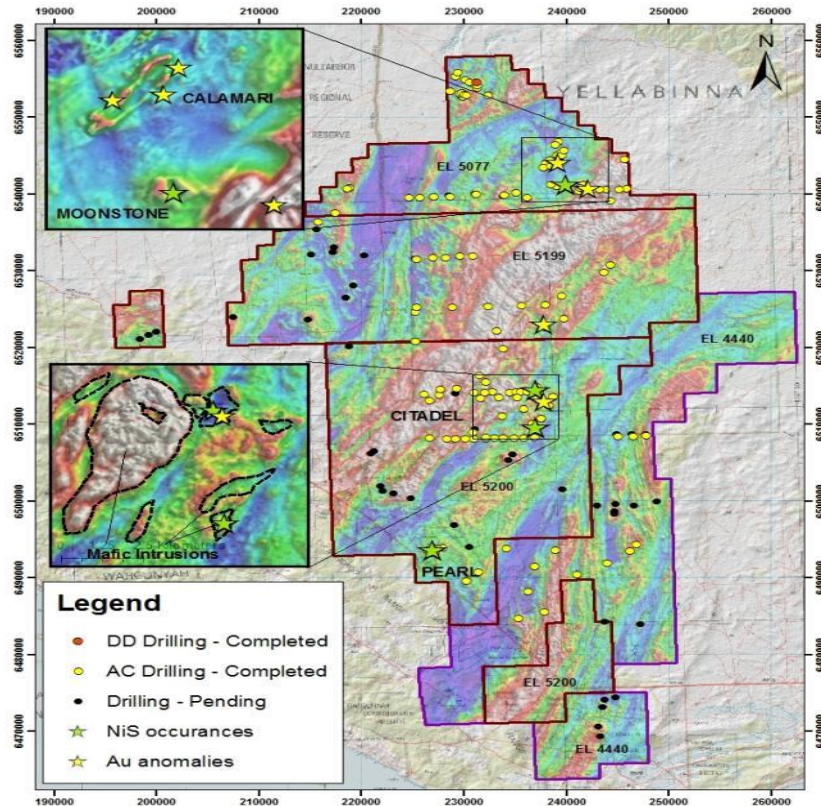
Successful first phase of exploration

- Broad spaced drilling complete
- Mafic/Ultramafic intrusions identified
- Coincident magnetic and gravity anomalies identified such as Pearl, Citadel, Moonstone, Calamari

Planned exploration (next six months)

- Currently completing gravity and ground EM surveys at Pearl and Citadel
- Finalise targeting with AC/RC drilling to commence in June quarter FY17
- Confirm lithology with focus on base metals and gold

Community – Proactive engagement to support activities



Exploration drilling overlaying magnetics (RTP)

NICKEL MARKET



GEO-POLITICAL FORCES, BUT STRONG DEMAND

Pre Indonesian Ore Ban Relaxation

- 2017 heading for a deficit of between 70-75k nickel tonnes
- Recent 300 series stainless steel growth in China has been around 13%

Indonesia relaxes the laterite ore export ban implemented in 2014

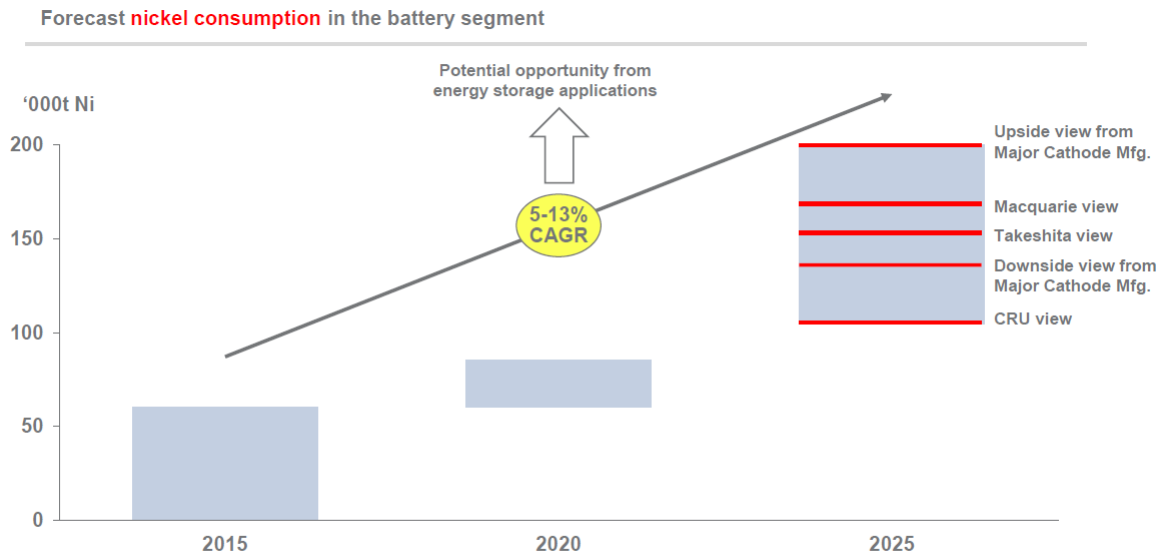
- Limited information on the new legislation released
- This is not a reversal of the ban and exports allowed under certain circumstances
 - The volume of ore that can be exported is being finalised
 - Exporter must show plans and demonstrate progress to constructing in-country processing facilities
 - Only impacts ore <1.7% nickel
 - Exporters must prove 30% of low grade is processed in-country
 - Rules on majority ownership transfer over 10 years

Philippines has announced significant nickel mine closures and suspensions

- Mining and Resources Secretary Lopez announces closures and suspensions that could impact 50% of domestic laterite nickel exports
- Concerned about mining in Water Sheds
- Strong opposition from mining groups and appeal process underway
- Only President Duterte can reverse the decision – to date he has been a vocal supporter of Lopez

GROWING EMERGING MARKET – ELECTRIC VEHICLES

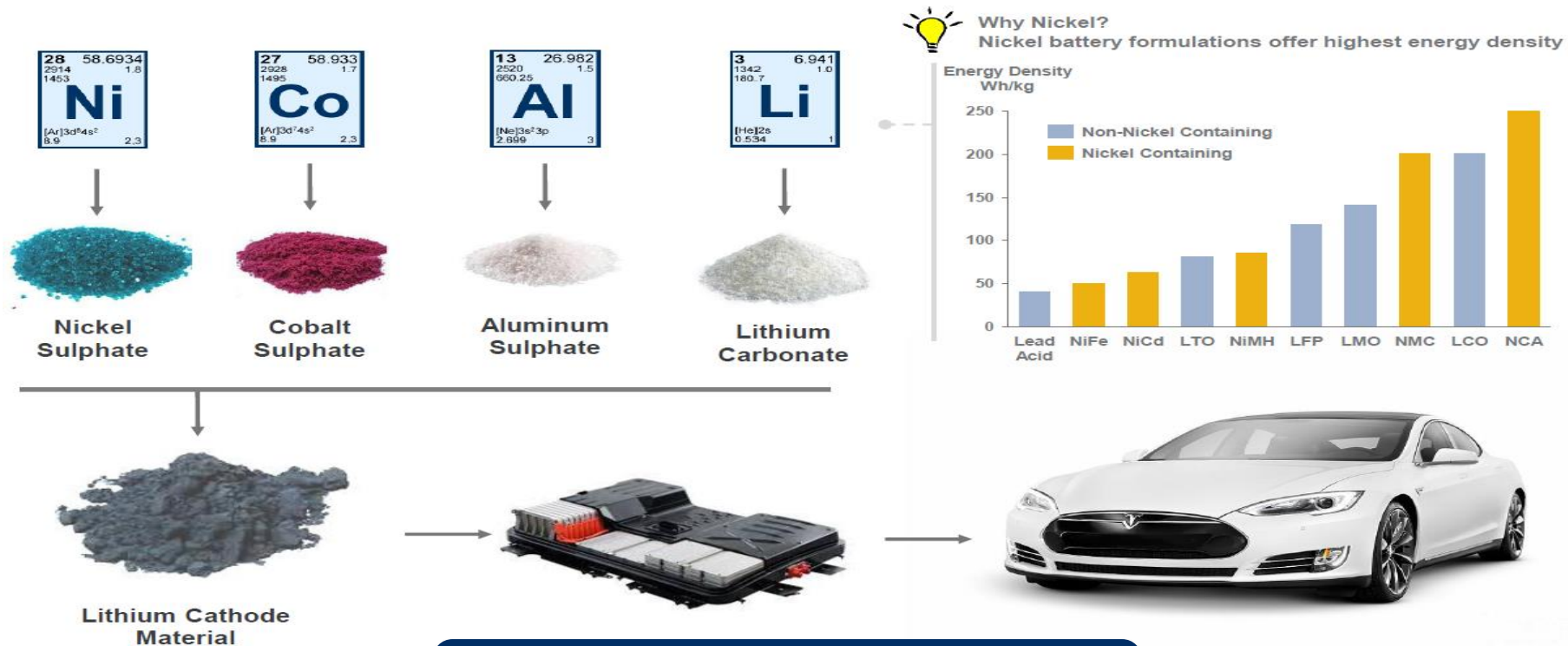
- Nickel is increasingly being included in battery formulations as it leads to higher energy density batteries. Approximately 50kgs Ni in each Tesla EV.
- **Nickel demand from batteries is expected to grow at faster pace than seen historically, from ~50kt in 2015 to 150-200kt by 2025**



Source: Takeshita 2015, CRU, Macquarie, Vale sources



NICKEL A KEY INGREDIENT IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES (~50KG NI PER CAR)



"Our cells should be called Nickel-Graphite, because primarily the cathode is nickel and the anode side is graphite with silicon oxide... [there's] a little bit of lithium in there, but it's like the salt on the salad," Tesla CEO Elon Musk

WESTERN AREAS VALUE EQUATION

Strong leverage to turnaround in nickel price through current operations and organic projects

- Zero Lost Time Injuries in past 36 months

Safety



- High Grade
- Lowest Quartile Cash Costs

Highest Grade Nickel Globally



- Operational cashflow positive

Cashflow Positive



- Guidance continually met or exceeded

Strong Track Record of Delivery



- Pipeline of growth opportunities

Growth



- Fundamentals and forecasts positioned to rebound

Nickel Price Primed for Upside



- Strong “can do” management

History of Discovery and Development



- No debt with significant financial flexibility

Strong Balance Sheet



THE END

