

# ASX Announcement | ASX: TNC

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## Australian copper company True North Copper commences ASX trading

Near-term Australian copper producer True North Copper Limited (ASX: TNC) (True North, TNC or the Company) is pleased to announce it will commence trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) today with the ticker “TNC” following its merger with Duke Exploration (ASX: DEX).

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- True North Copper (ASX: TNC) lists on the ASX following its merger with Duke Exploration (ASX: DEX) and \$37.3m raising at \$0.25/share.
- TNC is a Queensland-based copper business with a combined Measured, Indicated and Inferred JORC Resource base containing 326kt copper, 87.4koz gold and 4.3Moz silver and substantial infrastructure including 100%-owned copper concentrator, SX plant and copper sulphate crystallisation plant.<sup>1</sup>
- TNC’s principal assets include the copper-gold Cloncurry Hub (commissioning) and the high-grade copper-cobalt Mt Oxide Project.
- Refurbishment of the SX plant at the Great Australia Complex (part of the Cloncurry Hub) recently completed on budget and commissioning is underway.
- First sales of copper sulphate expected late June/early July from processing high grade copper oxide stockpiles
- Mining restart studies for open pit mining of copper sulphide orebodies at Great Australia Mine expected Q3 CY23.
- Grade control and exploration drilling at Great Australia started in May and on-going, with assays expected in June.
- Drilling at Mt Oxide commenced last week, where historical intersections include<sup>2</sup>:
  - 23m at 8.9% Cu, 68g/t Ag and 0.05% Co;
  - 12m at 5.3% Cu, 161g/t Ag and 0.02% Co; and
  - 31m at 6.2% Cu, 48g/t Ag and 0.04% Co.
- TNC to commence trading with a market capitalisation of \$115.4m at \$0.25/share and zero debt.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to detailed JORC Mineral Resource Estimate information below.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to True North Copper Prospectus available <https://investors.truenorthcopper.com.au/pdf/fa93b6b9-5b02-45f4-a3cb-939c9182f2e2/Prospectus-to-raise-a-minimum-of-35m-fully-underwritten.pdf>

The Company aims to be Australia’s next copper producer via its Queensland-based portfolio of copper and cobalt assets. TNC expects first sales from copper sulphate production over the coming weeks with copper concentrate production anticipated to restart immediately following completion of a restart study due Q3 CY23 (subject to technical studies confirming the financial viability of the project and further financing if required for capex/opex requirements).

TNC’s project portfolio includes the **Cloncurry Hub**, a package consolidated from various vendors centred around the Great Australia Mine Complex and associated infrastructure currently on care and maintenance, and its recently acquired **Mt Oxide Project**, which was held by Perilya Limited since the mid-1980s.

TNC completed an underwritten capital raising, and a priority offer to existing Duke Exploration shareholders, raising a total of approximately \$37.3 million (before costs) at \$0.25/share ahead of its listing. Proceeds of these offers funded TNC’s acquisition of Mt Oxide, which was completed on 6 June 2023.

### TNC’s Managing Director Marty Costello said:

*“Our ASX listing is the latest milestone in our transformation into Australia’s next copper producer. With funds raised via our offer and our recently completed acquisition of the high-grade Mt Oxide copper-cobalt-silver project, we have all the assets in place to achieve this. This timing is excellent given the current price cycle for copper and expected supply deficit in the next few years.*

*“We have a large combined Indicated, Measured and Inferred JORC resource base containing 326,000 tonnes of copper as well as significant cobalt, gold and silver and infrastructure including a copper concentrator, solvent extraction plant and copper sulphate crystallisation plant. We plan to move into production in the second half of CY2023, subject to successful technical studies and further financing if required, while we will continue to explore our projects for opportunities to expand our resource base, with drilling commenced at Mt Oxide’s Vero Resource underway.”*

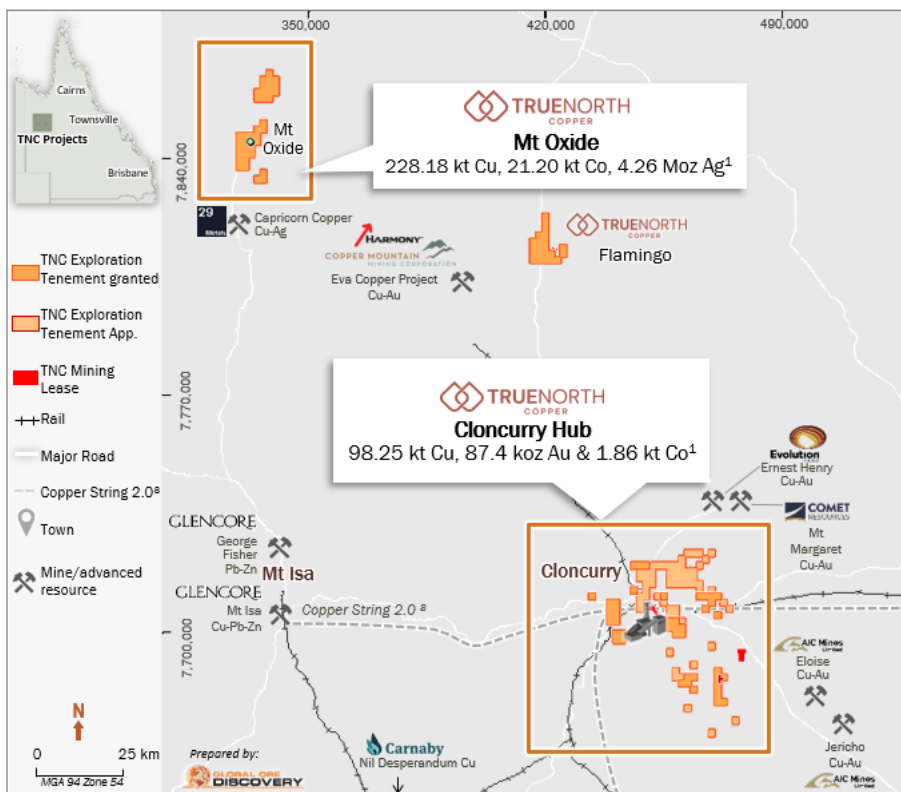


Figure 1: True North’s Cloncurry Hub and Mt Oxide projects

## Cloncurry Hub

The Cloncurry Hub offers TNC the opportunity to rapidly restart copper mining and production, comprising a number of wholly-owned granted mining leases and associated exploration tenure, with a copper flotation plant (sulphide plant) and a solvent extraction crystal plant (oxide plant), heap leach pads, tailing impoundment, and waste dumps (permitted inground infrastructure).

TNC completed the refurbishment of the SX plant located at the Great Australia Mine Complex within the Cloncurry Hub in June, on budget, with commissioning underway. TNC's global Resource includes high-grade copper oxide stockpiles and initial production is commissioning via a heap leach operation to process these stockpiles to produce a copper sulphate product.



Figure 2: Refurbished SX plant at Cloncurry Hub



Figure 3: Copper in-solution from heap leach; Figure 4: Stockpiled oxide ore from Mt Norma on ROM pad

Initial sales and cashflow from the production of copper sulphate is expected over the coming weeks, meanwhile TNC is well advanced on mining restart studies examining restarting full-scale copper production at the Cloncurry Hub via open-pit mining at the Great Australia mine.

### Mt Oxide

The Mt Oxide Project consists of three exploration permits about 150km north of Mt Isa in Queensland and 24km north of the Capricorn Copper Mine owned by 29Metals Ltd (ASX: 29M), and situated within the Mt Isa Inlier, specifically in the Western Succession part of the belt. No field work has been conducted over the project since 2011 and the orebody remains open along strike and at depth. TNC has commenced an initial 12-hole diamond drilling program at Mt Oxide designed to confirm historical high-grade intersections and test the depth and strike extensions to the existing Vero Resource.

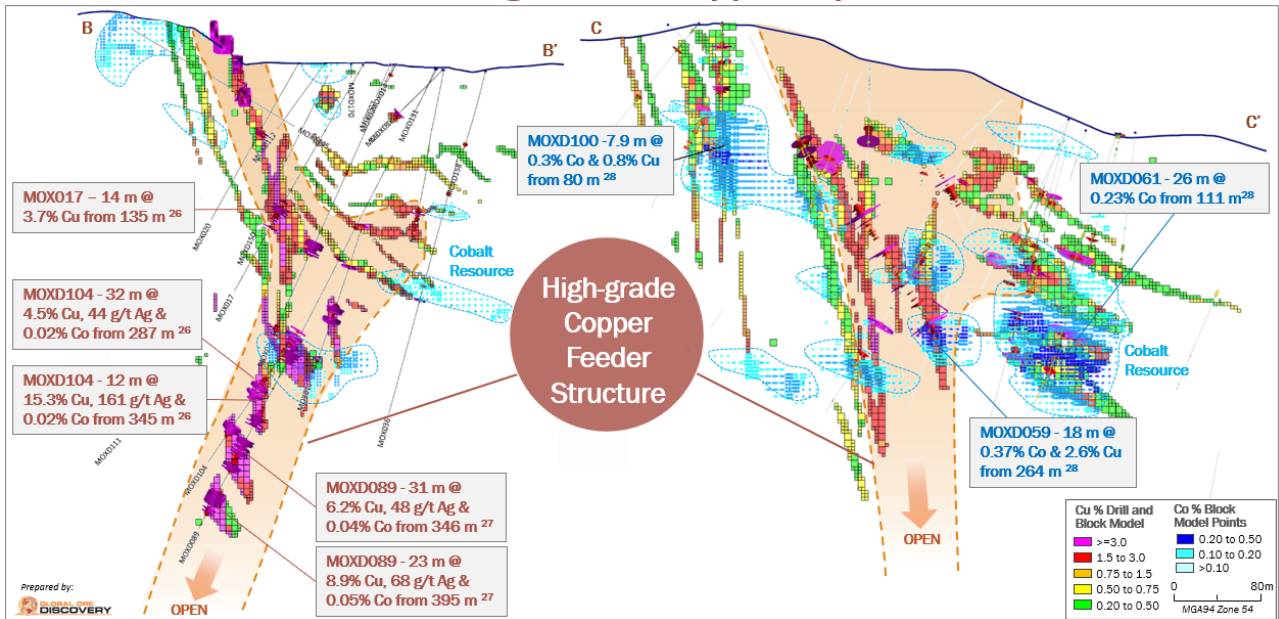


Figure 5: Mt Oxide high-grade copper-cobalt-silver project

TNC’s Board features its founder Marty Costello as Managing Director and DEX’s Chairman Ian McAleese as interim Non-Executive Chairman. Experienced mining engineer and analyst Tim Dudley, a partner at Tembo Capital, recently joined as a Non-Executive Director and Paul Frederiks, who has more than 30 years’ experience in public company financial and secretarial management, is a Non-Executive Director and Company Secretary.

Bell Potter and Morgans Corporate were Joint Lead Managers and Underwriters to TNC’s Public Offer.

## AUTHORISATION

This announcement has been approved for issue by Marty Costello, Managing Director.

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## JORC COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The information in this announcement which relates to mineral resources is based on information announced by the Company on 28 February 2023 (compiled by Mr Steve Rose (Great Australia, Orphan Shear and Taipan), Mr Allan Ignacio (Mt Norma In Situ and Mt Norma Heap Leach & Stockpile) and Mr Geoff Bullen (Mt Oxide – Vero Copper Silver and Mt Oxide – Vero Cobalt Resource) and 4 May 2023 (compiled by Mr Christopher Speedy (Wallace North)). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which Messrs Steve Rose's, Allan Ignacio's, Geoff Bullen's and Mr Christopher Speedy's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the announcements.

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