

TORRENS DRILLING UPDATE

Building a Copper Development Company

TORRENS: Massive Copper Target

LUMWANA WEST: Advanced Copper-Cobalt Deposit

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CORPORATE OVERVIEW

ASX Code

ARE

Capital structure

Shares on issue: 1.544 billion

Unlisted options: 65 million

Market capitalisation: A\$40 million

Average daily volume: 6.8 million shares

Cash A\$4.7 million

Directors

Pat Elliott Non-Executive Chairman

Lindsay Owler Director and CEO

Andrew Bursill Director and

Company Secretary

Malcolm Richmond Non-Executive Director





COPPER FOCUS

Torrens - Copper, SA

- Massive IOCG system
- Primary focus
- Drilling underway

Lumwana West - Copper Cobalt, Zambia

- Copper Cobalt sulphides and oxides
- Metallurgical testing underway

Higginsville - Gold, WA

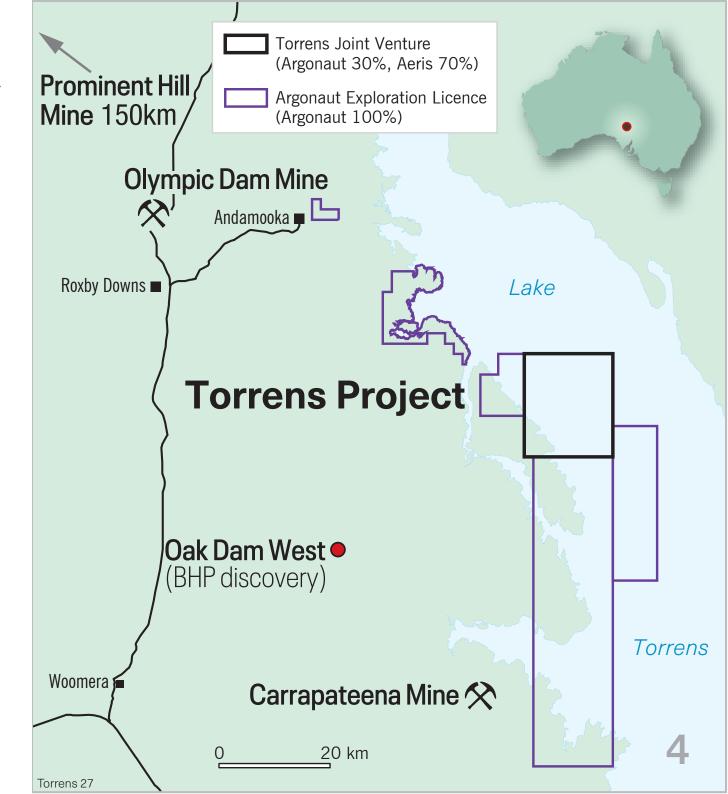
 Multiple gold and nickel targets





TORRENS COPPER PROJECT

- 1. The right geological address
- 2. Massive anomaly with multiple deposit-scale target zones
- 3. Confirmed Iron
 Oxide Copper-Gold
 (IOCG) system

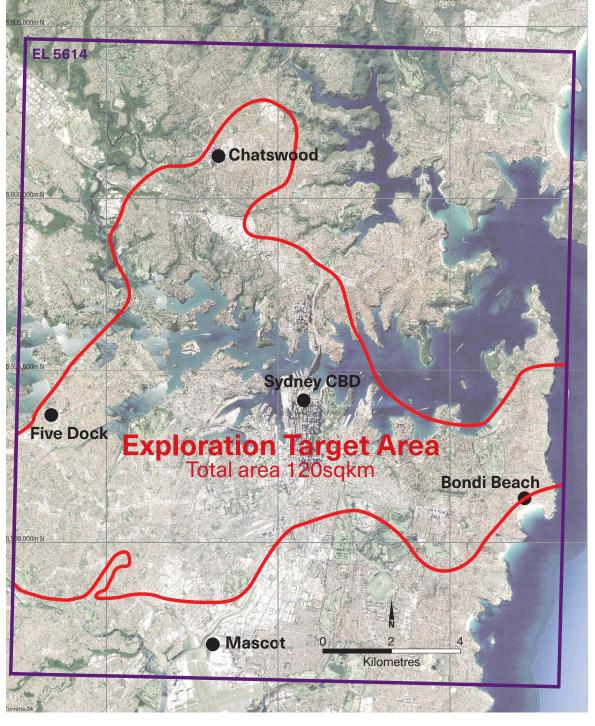




TORRENS: MASSIVE SCALE

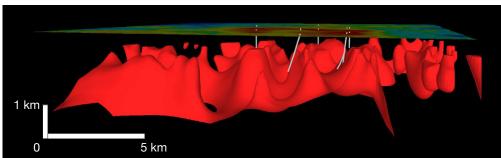
In the event of discovery, there is scope for:

- Very large tonnages
- Successive discoveries





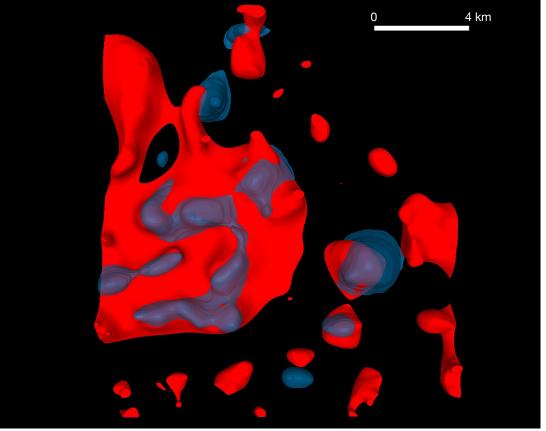
TORRENS: MASSIVE ANOMALY WITH MULTIPLE TARGETS



Gravity model with historic drillholes, looking east

Torrens offers a smorgasbord of IOCG targets

Gravity model (red) and magnetic model (blue), plan view



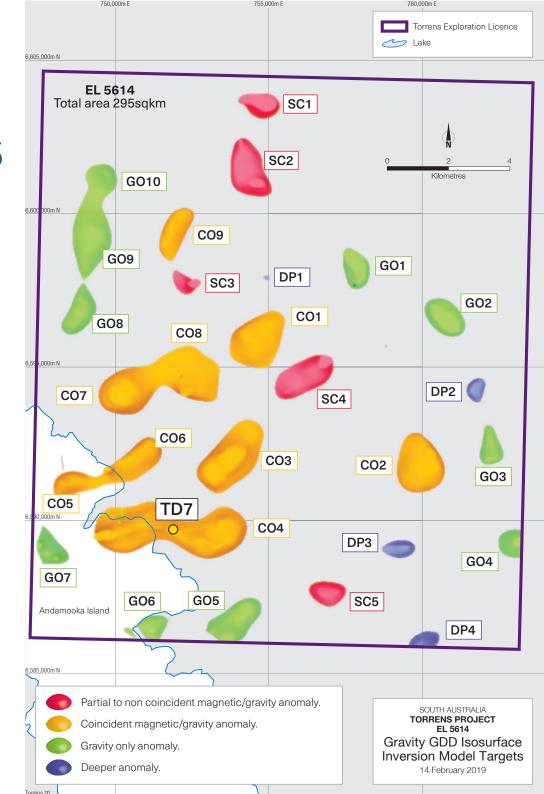


TORRENS: MASSIVE ANOMALY WITH MULTIPLE COPPER TARGETS

Twenty-eight individual target zones

- Multiple discovery opportunites
- Each target large enough to host a world-class deposit

Twenty-eight target zones within a broad, intense anomaly





TORRENS: CONFIRMED IOCG SYSTEM

IOCG CONFIRMATION:

Copper sulphides associated with iron oxide:

- Copper assays to 1.36% Cu
- Chalcopyrite and bornite present
- Very large volume of magnetite/hematite

Alteration minerals:

- All diagnostic alteration minerals noted
- Alteration zonation

Late-stage hydrothermal mineralisation:

- Hematite replacement
- Sulphides and proximal alteration minerals

Accessory/indicator elements:

- Fluorine
- Rare earth elements









TORRENS: ALL ACCESS APPROVALS GRANTED

Native title:

Approval granted March 2017

Operational/environment

Approval granted in November 2017

Aboriginal heritage:

Approval granted in February 2018

No further approvals required for drilling





TORRENS: DRILLING UNDERWAY

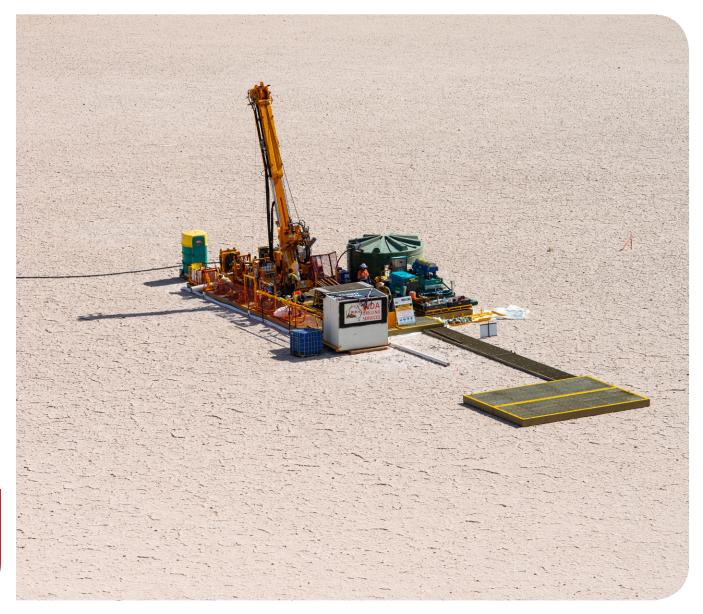
DRILLING PROGRAM

- 25-30 diamond drill holes
- Average depth >1,000m
- Helicopter supported
- 1 to 3 drilling rigs
- Cost to JV A\$15 million

STAGE ONE

- 8–10 diamond drill holes
- Average depth >1,000m
- Initially one drilling rig
- Cost to JV A\$5 million

Drilling commenced
January 2019





ARGONAUT: TORRENS EXPLORATION EXPOSURE

TORRENS JOINT VENTURE

- Joint venture interests:
 - » 30% Argonaut Resources NL
 - » 70% Aeris Resources Ltd
- Operator: Aeris Resources Ltd
- Expenditure:
 - » Pro rata
 - » Stage One: A\$5 million (ARE: A\$1.5 million)
 - » All stages: A\$15 million (ARE: A\$4.5 million)





TORRENS: DRILLING INFRASTRUCTURE



21 person camp to support 24/7 drilling



Helicopter support to minimise environmental impact



TORRENS: SUMMARY

The right geological address

• Olympic Domain

Massive anomaly with 28 target zones

- Bigger than Olympic Dam
- Twenty-eight individual target zones

Confirmed IOCG mineralisation

Copper sulphides, alteration halos, indicator minerals

DRILLING COMMENCED JANUARY 2019

THEREFORE:

- Higher likelihood of discovery, and
- Higher likelihood of commercial tonnages and grades.





TORRENS: ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TARGETS

Argonaut holds a commanding land position:

MURDIE:

- Confirmed IOCG system
- One drill hole by WMC in 1981
- Native title access granted

WEST LAKE TORRENS:

- Prospective gravity anomalies
- Investigation warranted
- Native title access granted

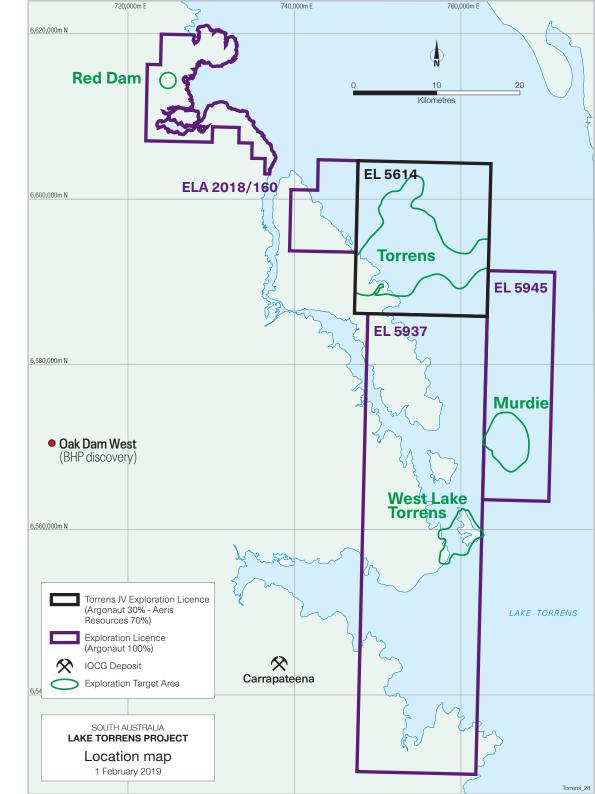
RED DAM:

- Package of 3 licence areas
- Includes Red Dam target
- Pre-Oak Dam BHP relinquishment

Primary and secondary exploration targets held in one package

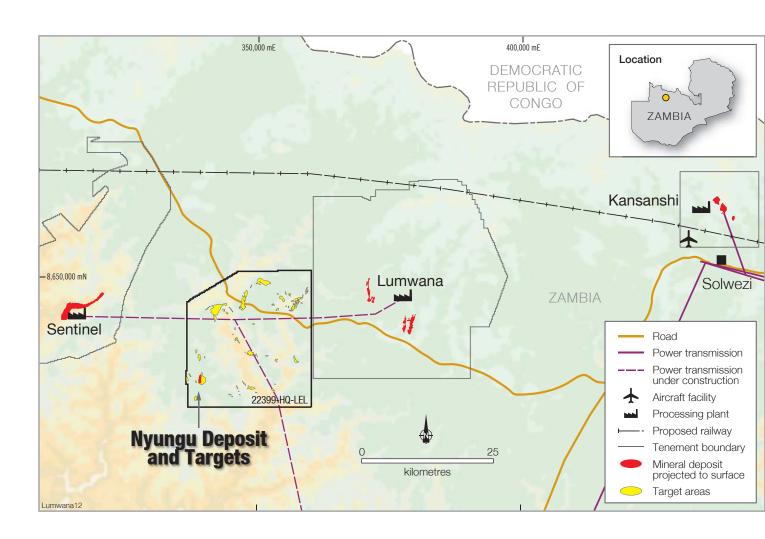


TORRENS DRILLING UPDATE



LUMWANA WEST, ZAMBIA

- Large tonnage coppercobalt sulphide and oxide deposit
- Large-scale regional copper-cobalt deposits/ targets
- Metallurgical pathways to early, low-cost production
- Argonaut holds a 90% interest





LUMWANA WEST: NYUNGU COPPER-COBALT DEPOSIT

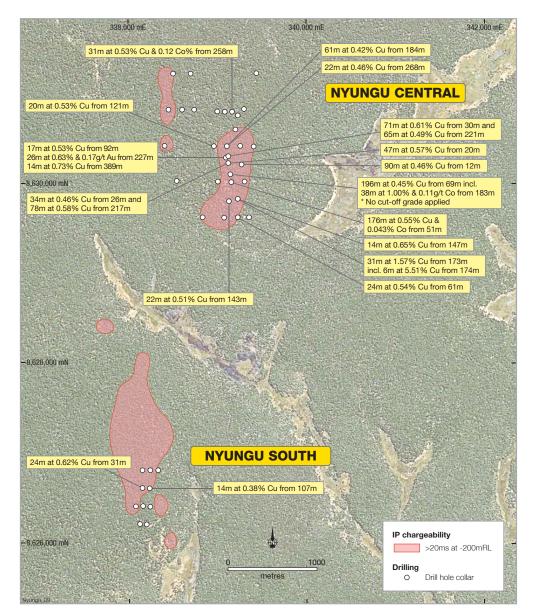
Nyungu

• **NYUNGU CENTRAL** deposit defined by 48 modern drill holes – significant mineralised copper-cobalt body.

Demonstrated strike length: 1,700m

- NYUNGU SOUTH: edge of mineralised body intercepted by Argonaut drilling. Vast, undrilled IP anomaly to be tested.
- NYUNGU WEST and NYUNGU NORTH: drilling to date has not accounted for IP anomalies.

Major copper-cobalt deposit with potential for large extensions and repetitions





LUMWANA WEST: NYUNGU EXPLORATION TARGET

Commodity	Tonnage Range	Grade Range	Contained Metal Range
	(Mt)	(%)	(kt)
Copper*	130 to 180	0.45 to 0.65	580 to 1,150
Cobalt^	15 to 20	0.08 to 0.12	12 to 24

^{*} Copper Exploration Target estimation announced to the ASX by Argonaut on 9 April 2013.

Exploration Targets have been independently estimated to JORC 2012 standards.

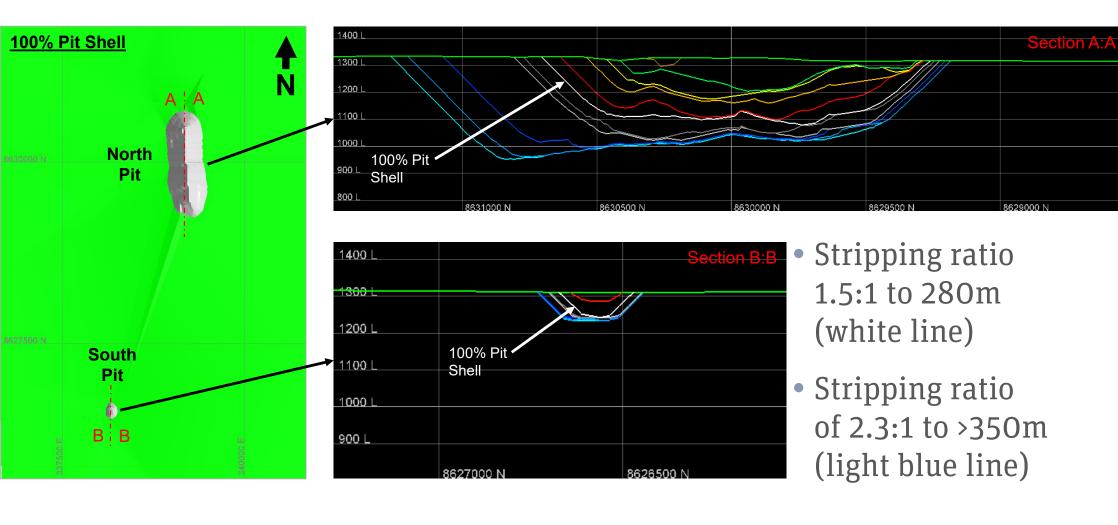
The potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Targets are conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.



[^] Cobalt Exploration Target estimation announced to the ASX by Argonaut on 28 March 2017.

LUMWANA WEST: VERY LOW STRIPPING RATIO

Whittle Pits





NYUNGU COPPER-COBALT DEPOSIT

Metallurgical testwork

- Potential exists for a two-stage, low capital cost, short lead-time copper-cobalt mine.
 - » Stage one dense media separation of cobalt oxide.
 - » Stage two heap leach and solvent extraction of copper and cobalt sulphides.
- Metallurgical samples have been selected from existing drill core and these samples are being exported to Australia for testwork.
- Initial testwork will involve a mineralogical study of four mineralisation types.
- Follow-up metallurgical work may include:
 - » dense media separation of copper and cobalt oxide;
 - » leaching of copper and copper-cobalt sulphide; and
 - » conventional flotation of copper-cobalt sulphide.



ARGONAUT SUMMARY

Market Capitalisation: A\$40 million

Focus on Torrens IOCG Target:

- Right geological address
- Massive scale
- Confirmed IOCG system
- Drilling underway

Extreme leverage to discovery

Lumwana West

- Copper-cobalt deposit with scale
- Metallurgical pathways to low-cost, early production

ARGONAUT AT TORRENS:

- Multiple drill targets

 higher likelihood of
 discovery, and
- Huge upside potential on discovery



