

## Rio Tinto Iron Ore Investor Site Visit

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An aerial photograph of a Rio Tinto iron ore train traveling through a vast, arid landscape. The train, consisting of several locomotives and a long line of white freight cars, is moving along a curved track that winds through the dry, scrubby terrain. In the background, a large, reddish-brown hill rises under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of industrial scale within a natural environment.

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# Iron Ore – Delivering value from flexibility and optionality

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Iron Ore chief executive



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# Our value over volume strategy maximises free cash flow

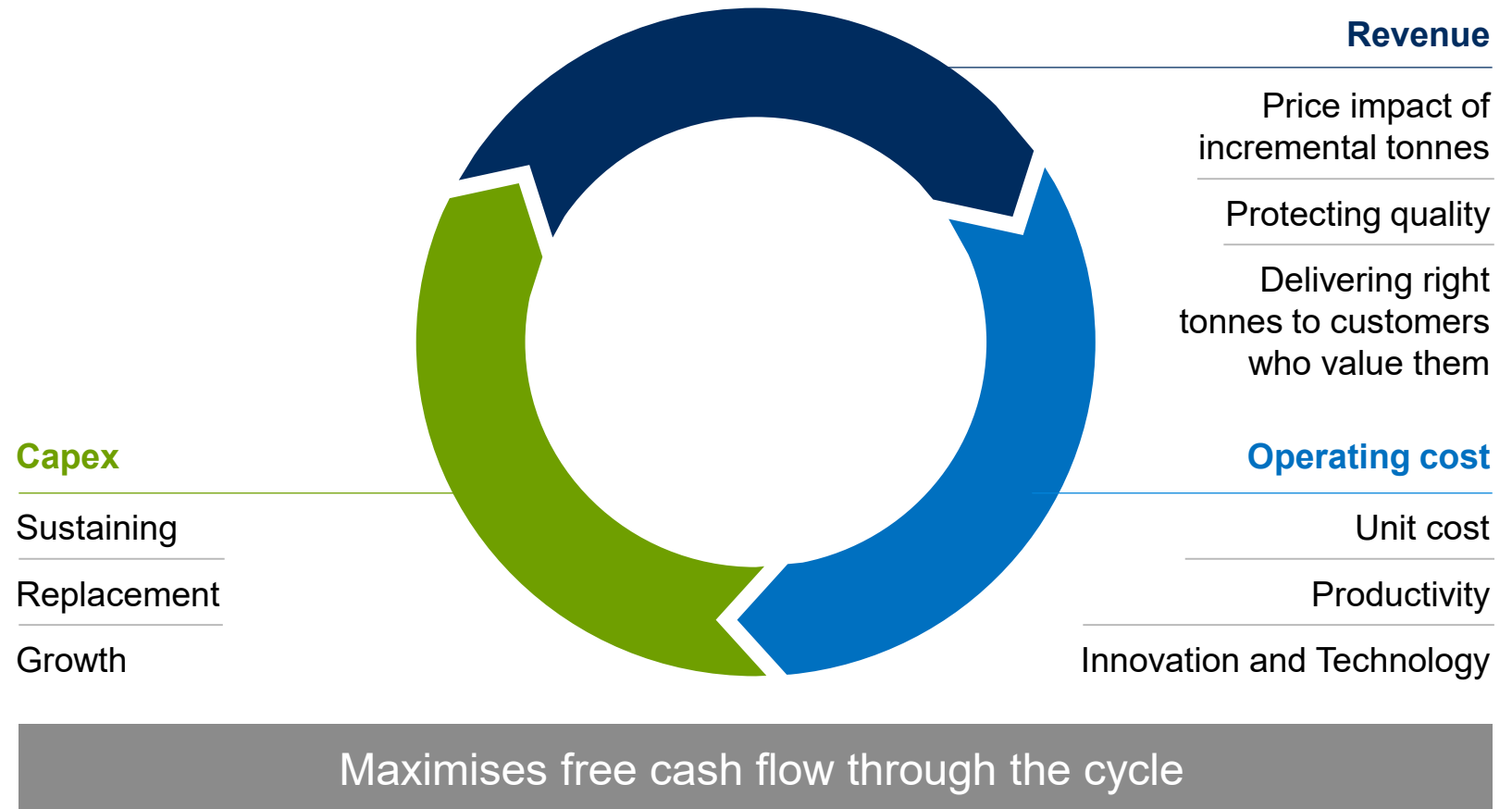
## Foundations

Exclusive fully integrated system

Highly valued product suite and significant resources

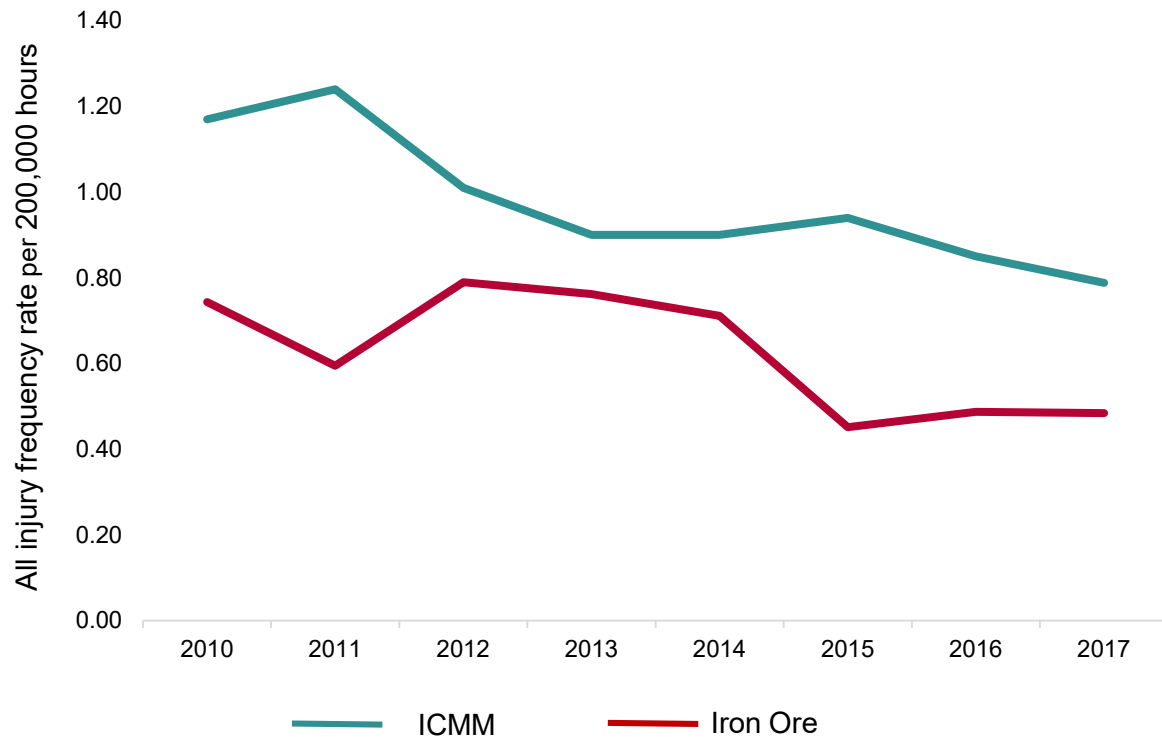
Quality people and partners driving innovation

## Value over Volume Strategy



# Health and safety come first

## Strong safety performance



Focusing on fatality elimination – 265,000 CRM verifications completed in Iron Ore in 2017

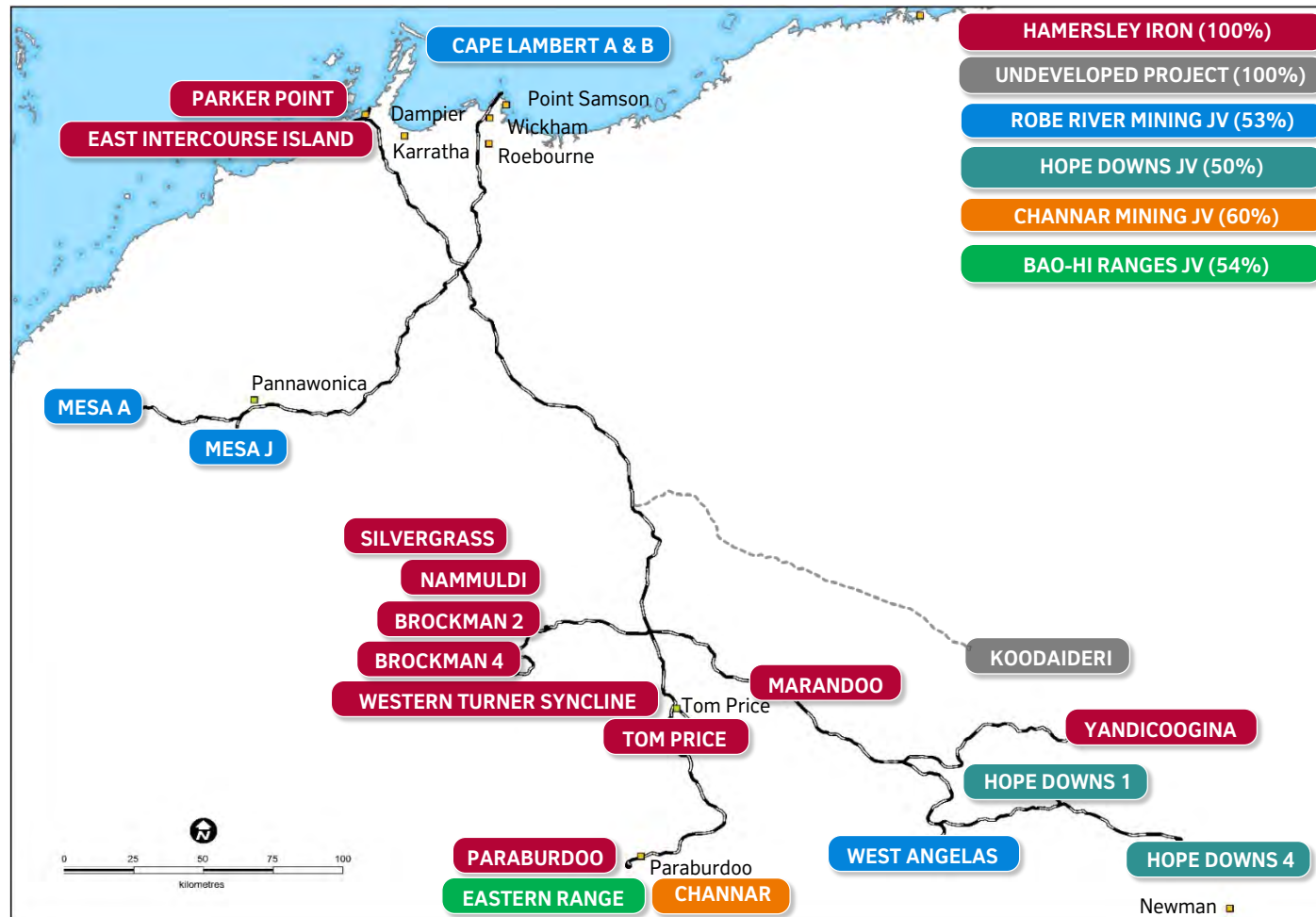
Reducing injuries – targeted hazard elimination

Catastrophic event prevention through control of major hazards

Mental health, well being and fatigue management

Underpinned by engagement, leadership and productivity initiatives

# World class assets, fully integrated and agile network



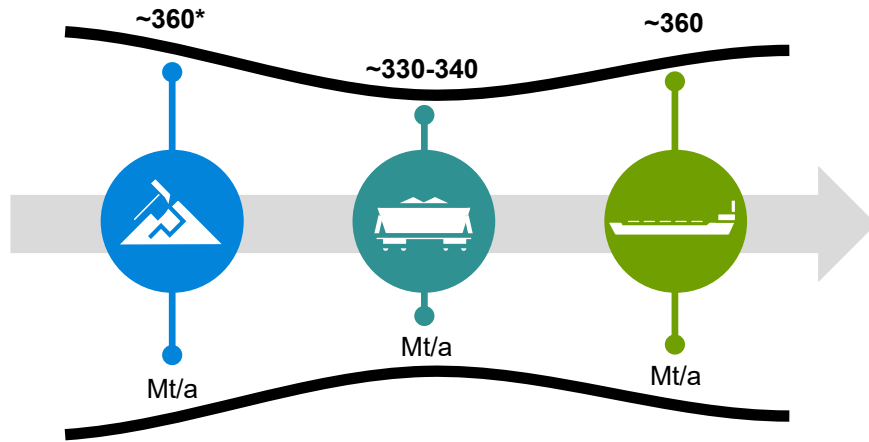
16	Mines
1,700	Rail (km)
4	Port terminals
4	Power stations
>370	Haul trucks
95	Autonomous haul trucks
55	Production drills
11	Autonomous drills
>200	Locomotives
> 100	Global customers



# Priority remains to optimise infrastructure capacity and build flexibility

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Current system capacity

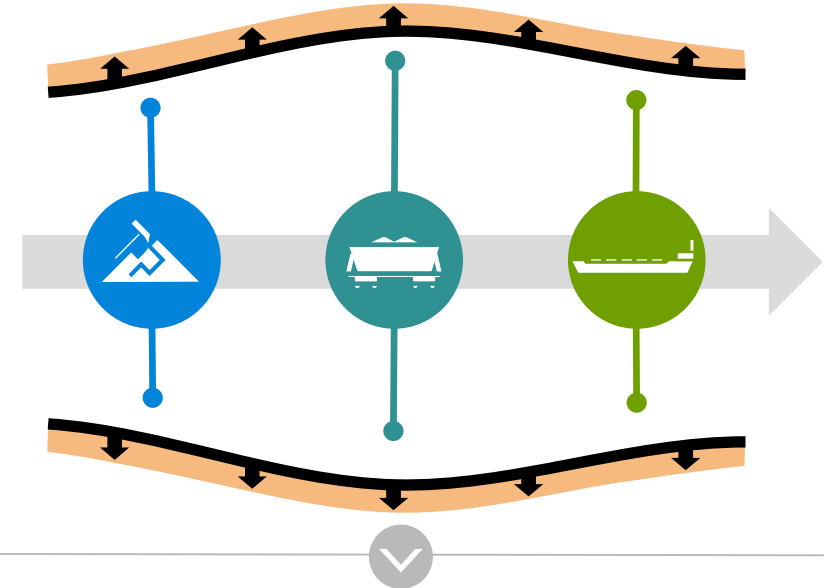


Building rail capacity to provide dynamic flexibility

Mine capacity of ~360Mtpa, with Silvergrass fully ramped up and productivity gains

2018 shipments guidance is in a range of 330 – 340Mt

Future system capacity



Rail and mine capacity expected to match nameplate port capacity by the end of 2019

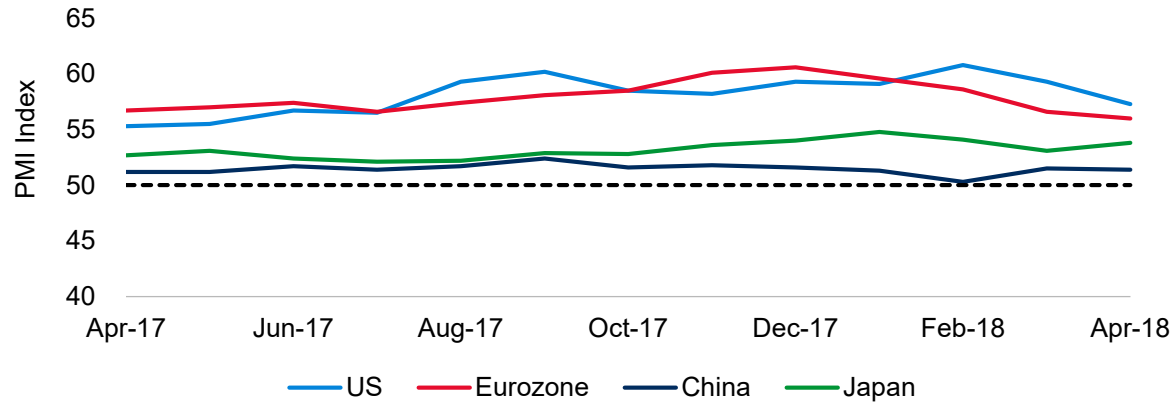
Market driven to meet customer demand

Optimise and test port capacity

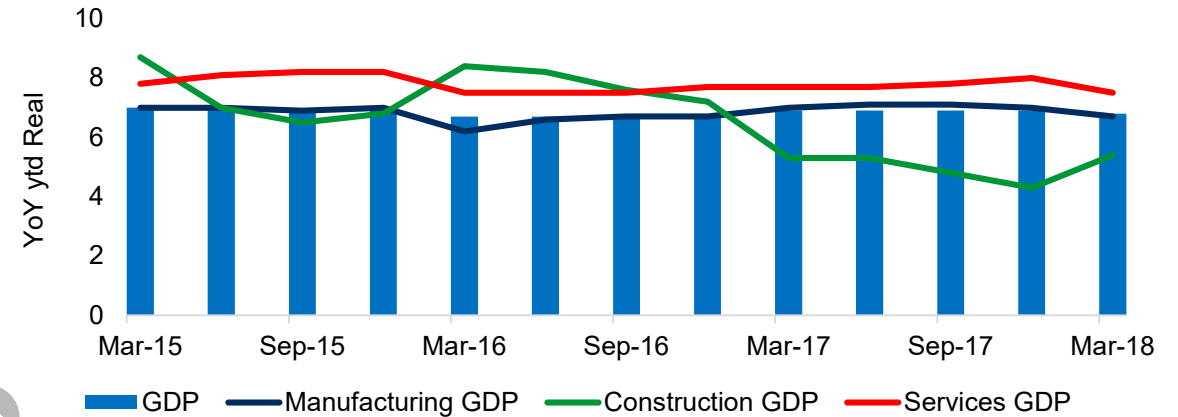


# Global macro indicators remain supportive

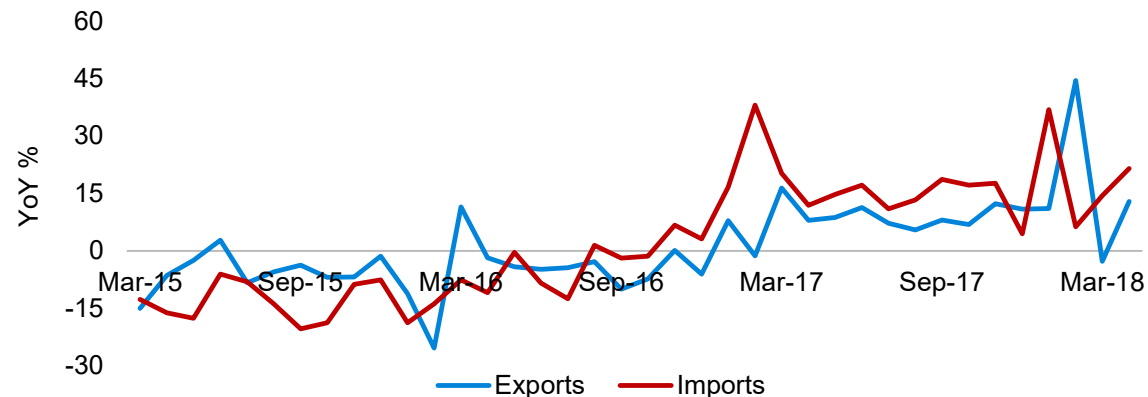
## Global PMIs have eased but remain in expansion



## Chinese growth slowing very gradually



## Recovery in global demand positive for China's exports



Trade tensions unlikely to materially affect steel demand

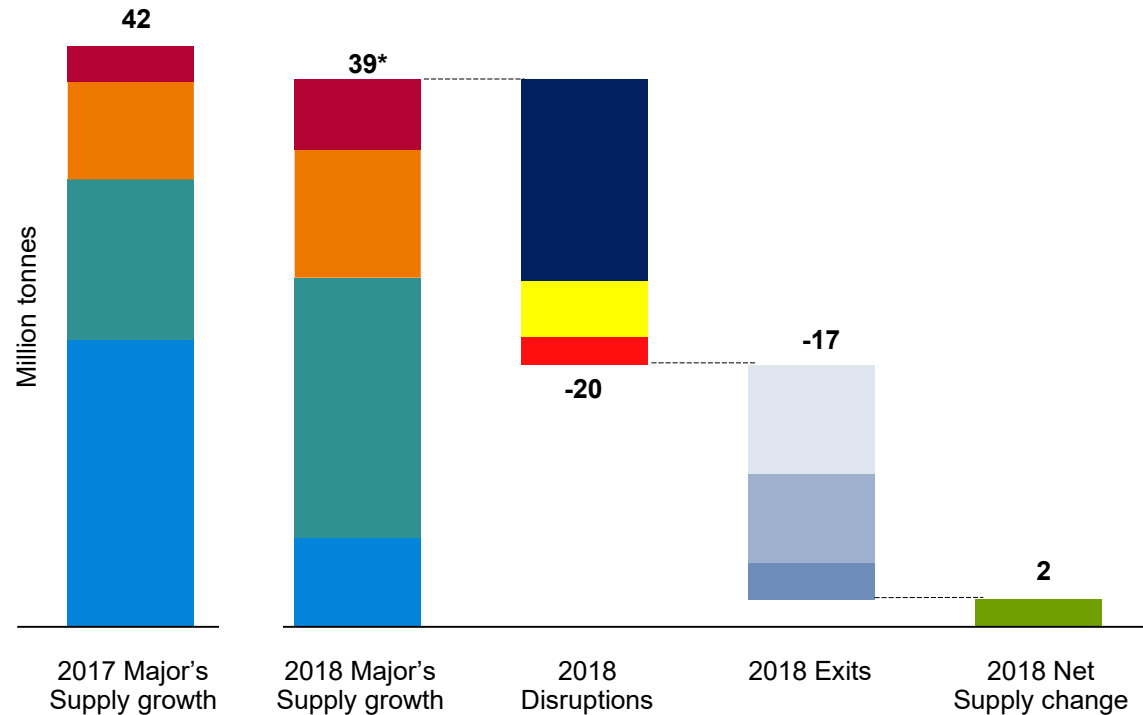
Controlled deceleration in Chinese growth from high rates in 2017

Chinese environmental policies and productivity measures supporting demand for higher grade iron ore

Strong external demand for Chinese exports despite increase in trade tensions

# Seaborne supply response remains muted...

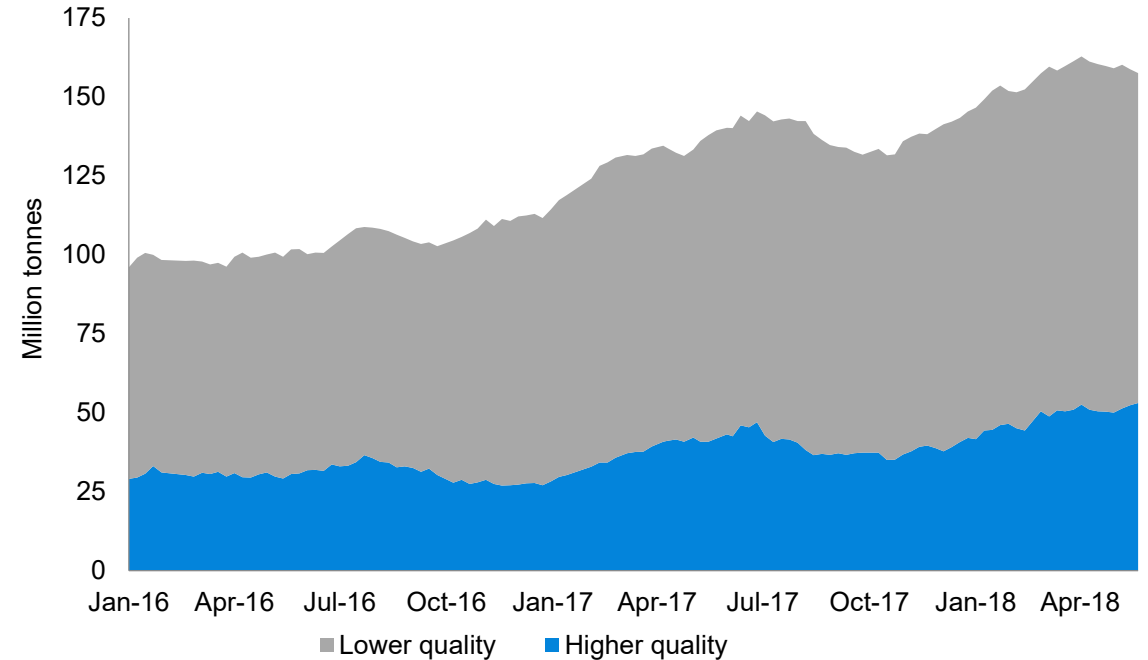
## 2018 seaborne supply additions offset by disruptions and exits



\* Rio Tinto 2018 additions assumes midpoint of full year guidance at 335 Mt

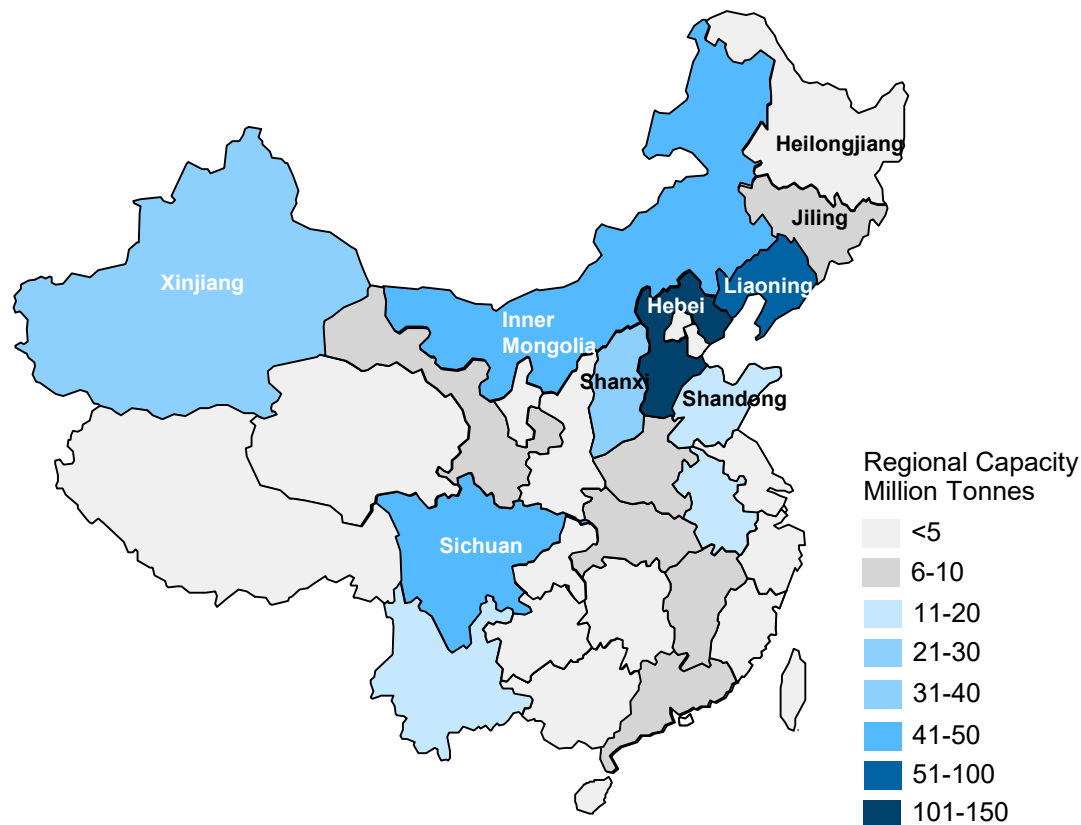


## Rise in inventories driven by lower quality iron ore

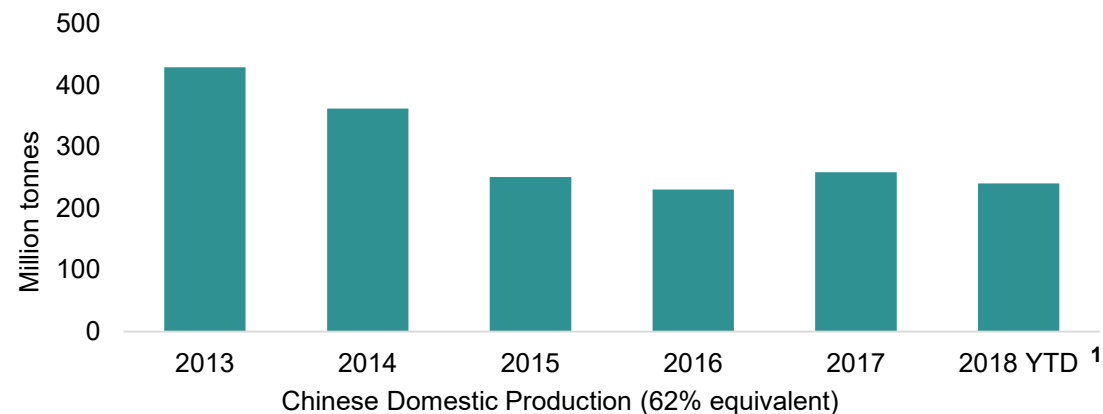


# ...and Chinese domestic production remains steady

Most Chinese domestic capacity is geographically removed from the steel mills...

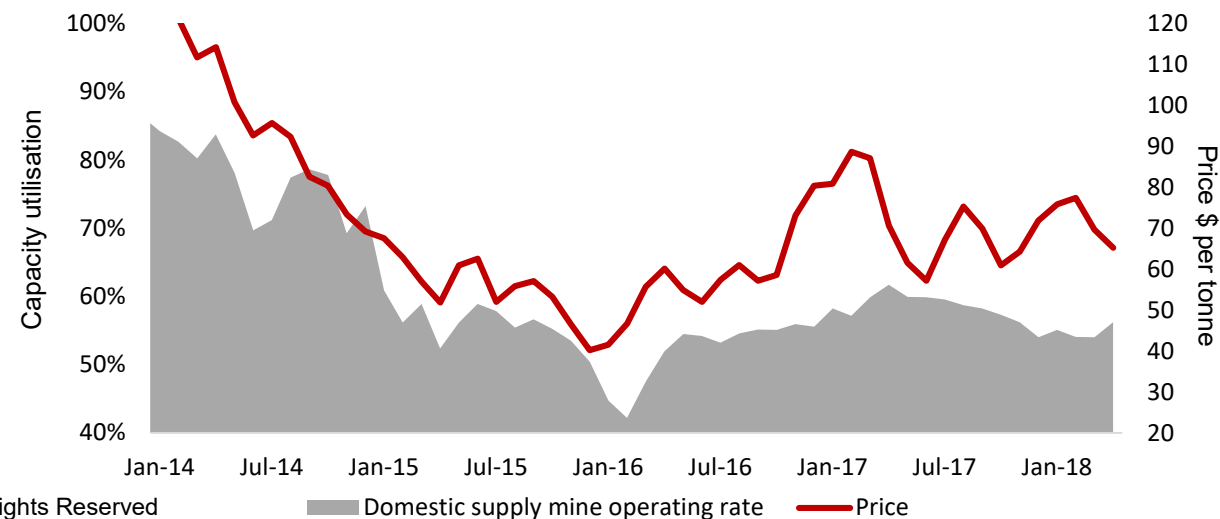


...Chinese domestic production has remained steady...



<sup>1</sup> YTD annualised January – April 2018

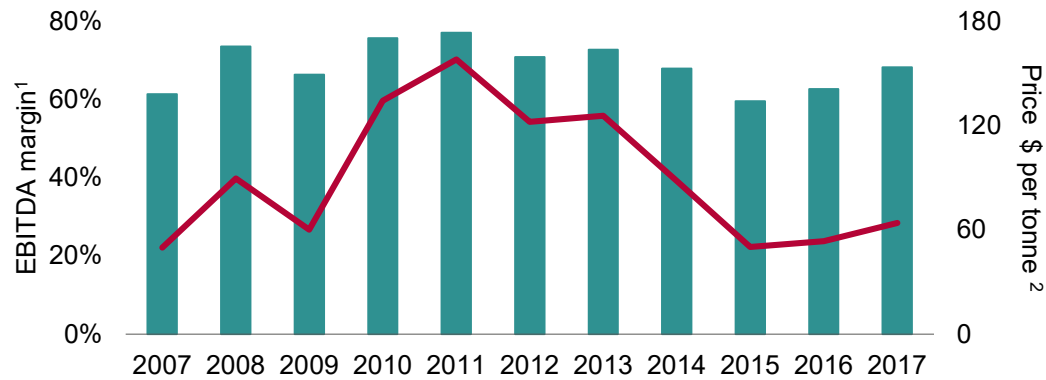
...and its elasticity to price is reducing



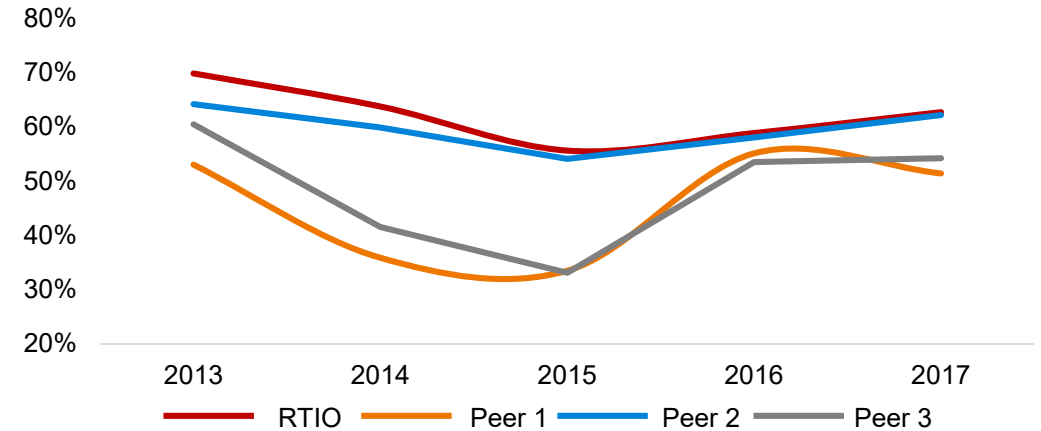
# Our Iron Ore business consistently generates superior margins

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## Rio Tinto Iron Ore EBITDA performance

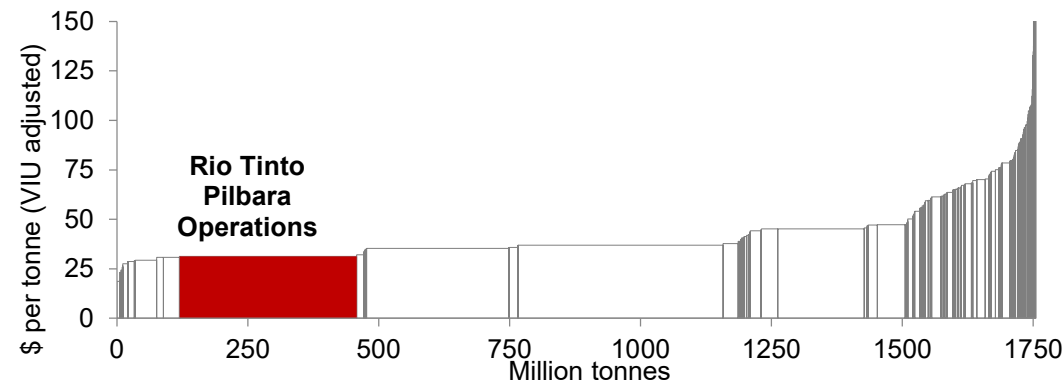


## EBITDA Margin v Peers



## 2018 Seaborne iron ore cash costs by operator

CFR China, 62% Fe fines equivalent

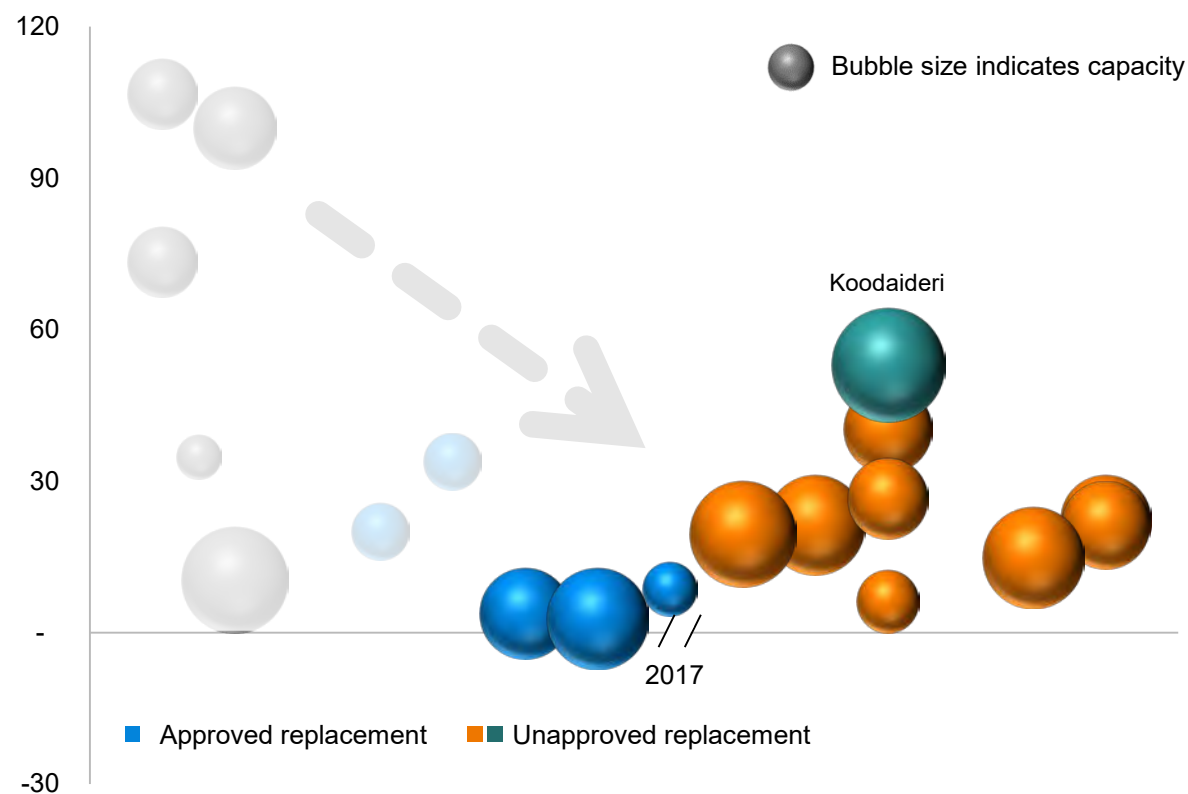




# Multiple low cost, value accretive capital options

## Pilbara development options

\$ per tonne installed capital intensity



Sustaining capex of ~\$1 billion per year for the next three years

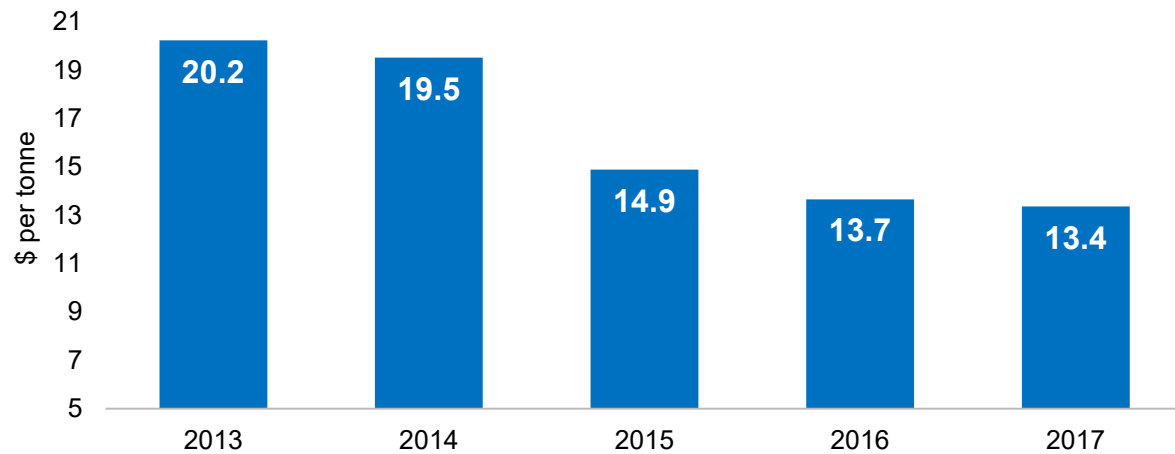
Pilbara replacement mines capital 2018 – 2020 of ~\$2.2 billion includes West Angelas, Robe Valley and Koodaideri development from 2019

Koodaideri underpins Pilbara Blend, low cost operations and capacity optionality

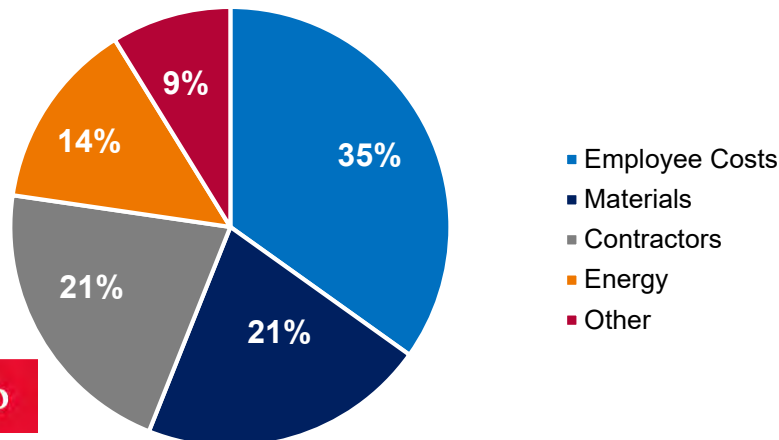
Post-Koodaideri replacement options are expected to be lower capital intensity and will leverage off existing infrastructure

# Sustainable long term, low cost position underpinned by our world class assets

**Pilbara cash unit cost**



**Breakdown of 2017 Pilbara costs**



## Headwinds in 2018:

Haul distance  
Bulk materials  
Labour costs  
Contractor costs  
Cyclical maintenance costs

Cyclical maintenance costs, partly offset by new tactics

>4,500 productivity improvement initiatives

# Productivity options to continue to deliver cash benefits



Best Practice



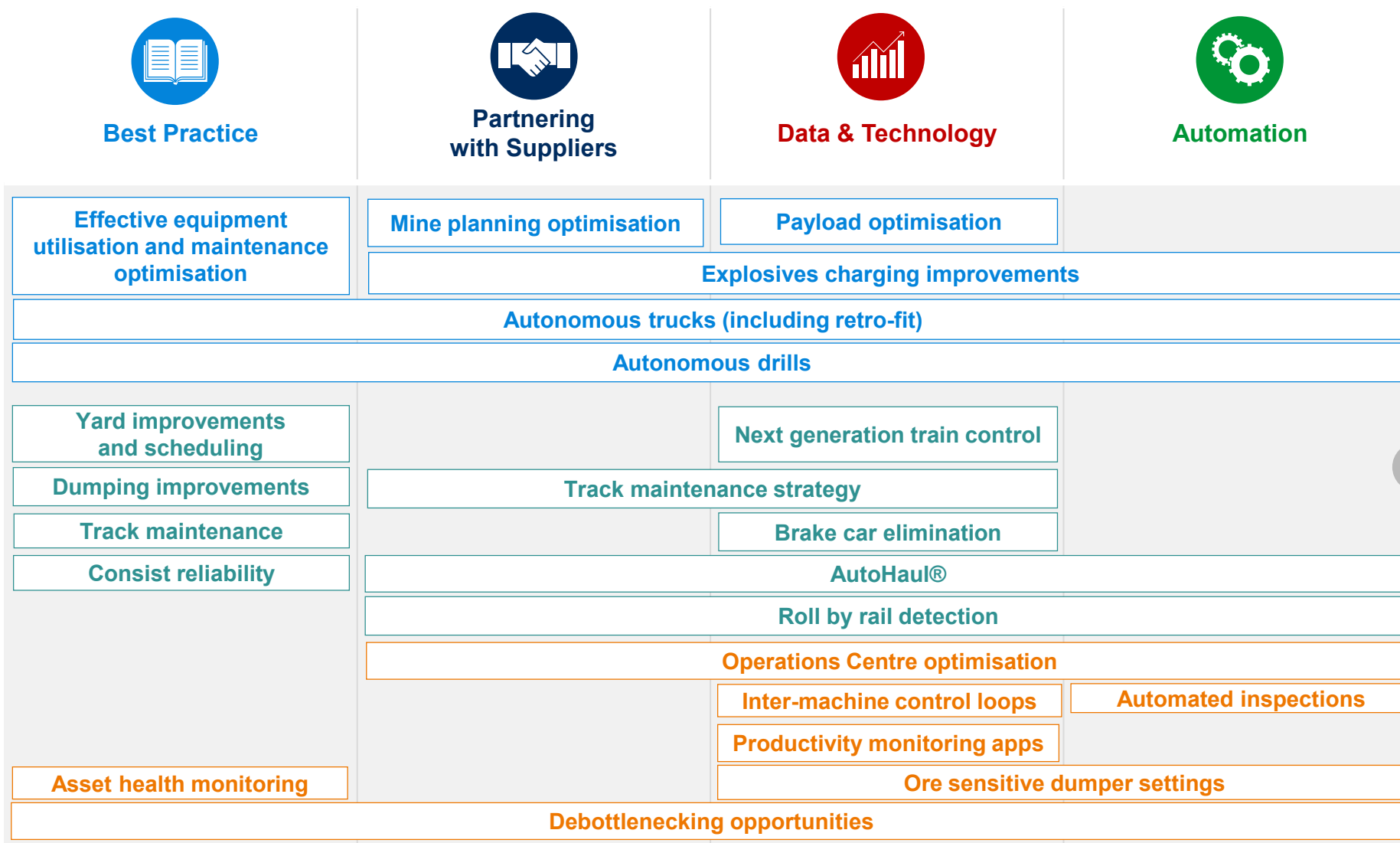
Partnering  
with Suppliers



Data & Technology



Automation



Iron Ore to deliver additional free cash flow of ~\$0.5 billion per year from 2021



# Supported by our people and partners

Valued customer relationships  
built on technical knowledge  
and product quality



11,500 employees driving  
sustainable productivity and  
cost improvements



Local procurement  
Over 1,000 WA suppliers  
provided with business



Rio Tinto paid \$1.3 billion  
of royalties in Western Australia in  
2017



Strong community,  
joint venture partners and  
technology partners



# Iron Ore is consistently generating superior shareholder returns

## Market led strategy

Clear strategy of value over volume - focused on delivering value for decades to come

## Productivity and value focused

Disciplined embedded process for delivery of improvement in volume and productivity

## Low capital developments

Attractive low capital intensity for sustaining mine developments

## Sector leading returns

A world class asset base generating sector leading returns

An aerial photograph of a large red and black oil tanker ship, the RTM Djulpan, sailing on a blue sea. The ship is viewed from a high angle, showing its full length and the white wake it leaves behind. The ship's name 'RTM DJULPAN' is visible on the bow. The deck is red, and the hull is black. There are several large rectangular structures on the deck, likely for oil storage. The ship is moving towards the right side of the frame.

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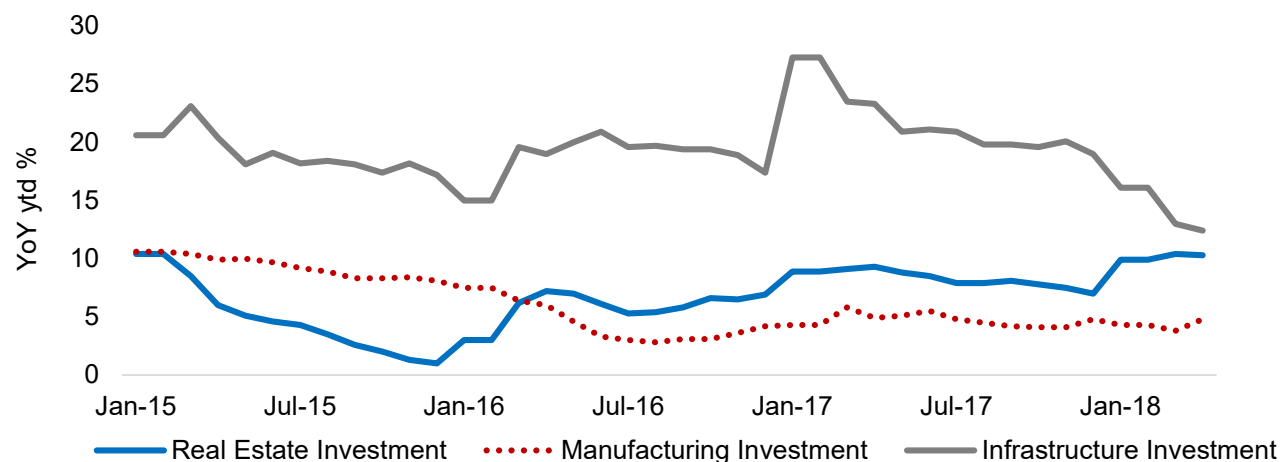
# Sales and Marketing

Simon Farry

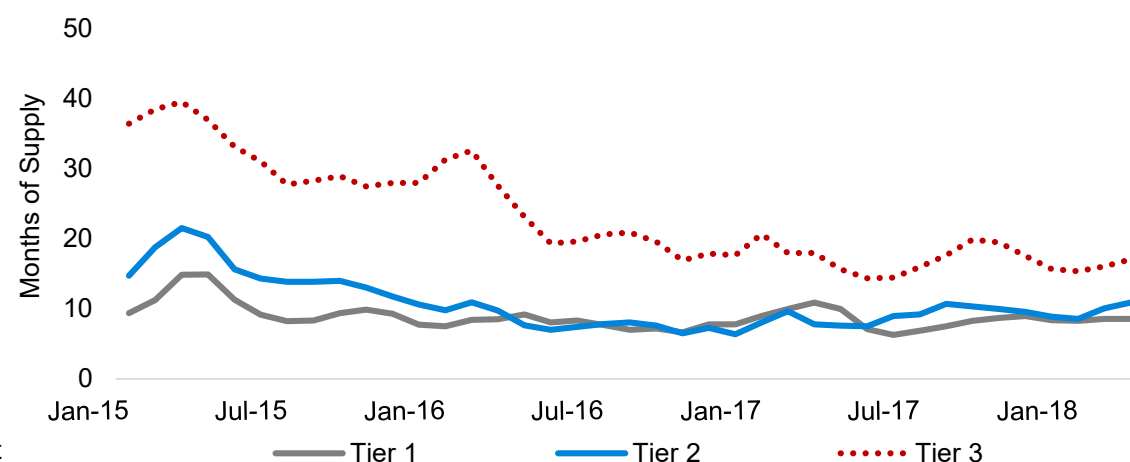
Vice President, Sales and Marketing

# Controlled deceleration in Chinese growth

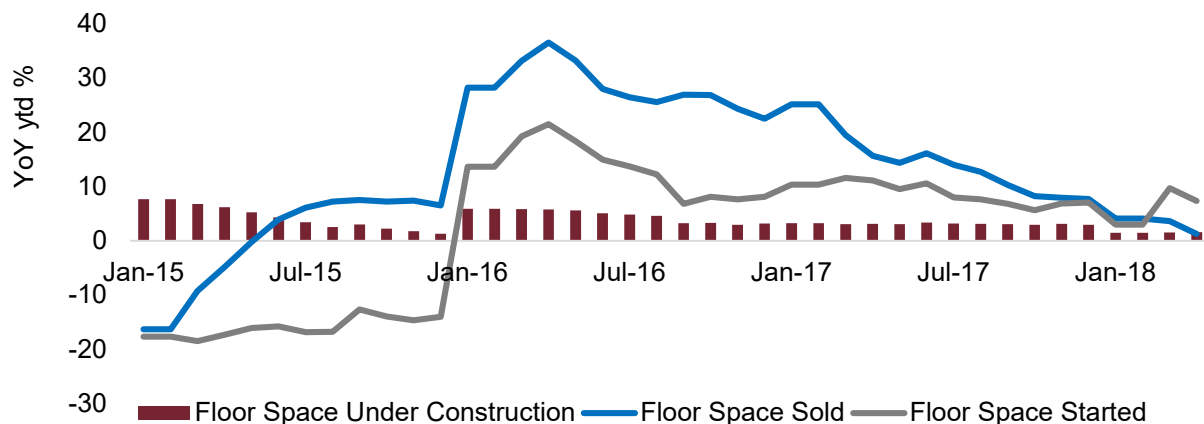
## Infrastructure investment slowing but remains robust



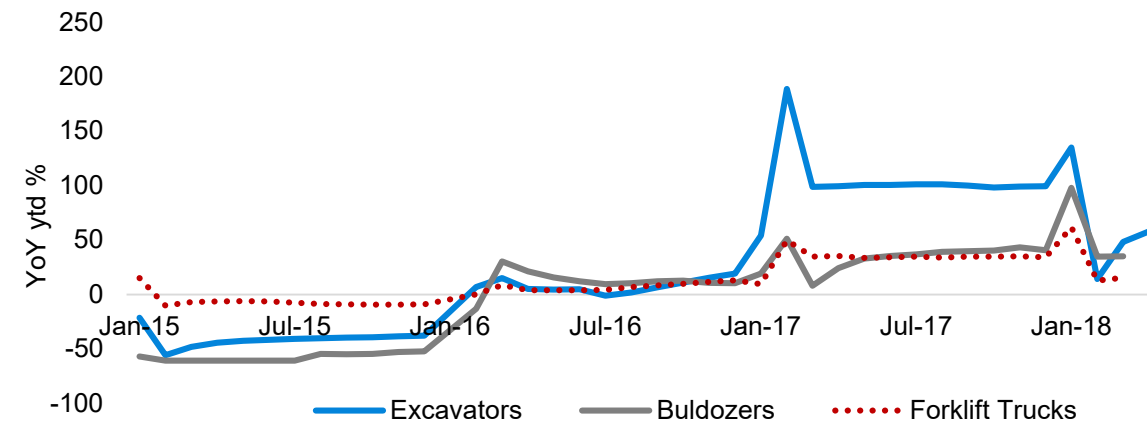
## Housing inventories are very low...



## ...leading to strong growth in housing starts

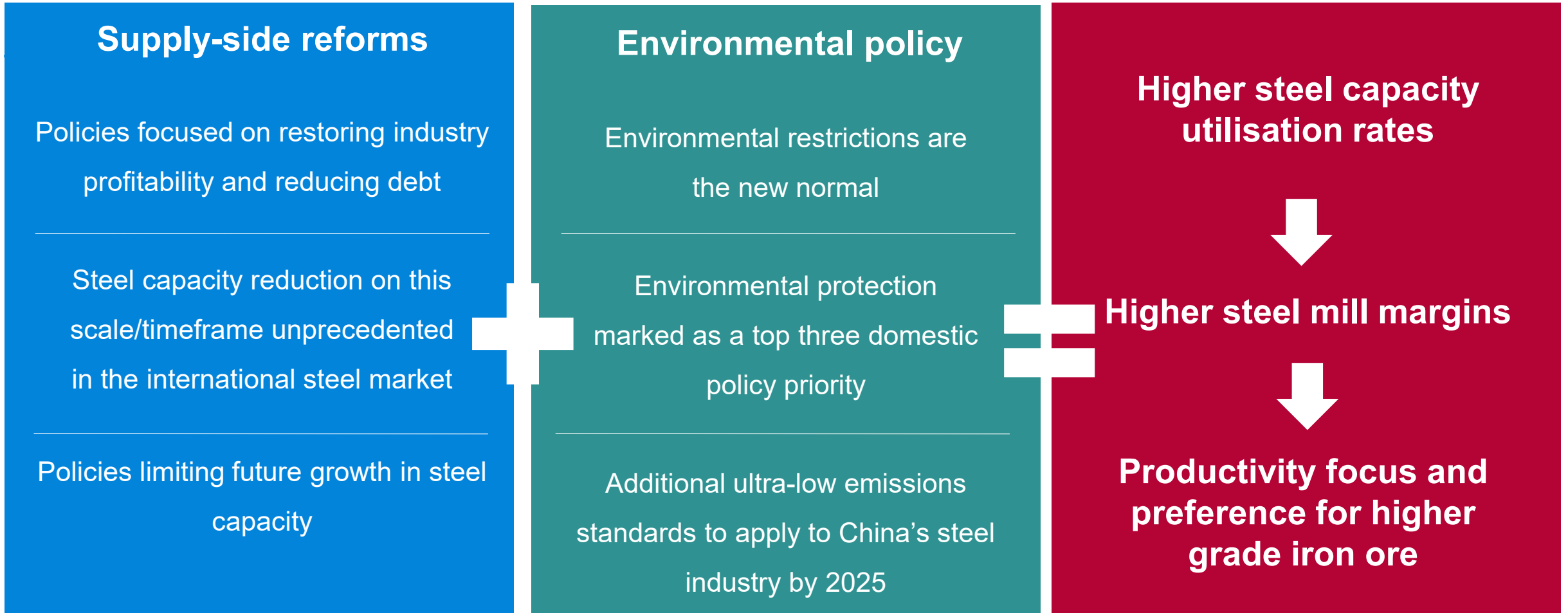


## Heavy machinery sales remain strong





# Supply-side reform and tightening environmental policy have driven structural changes

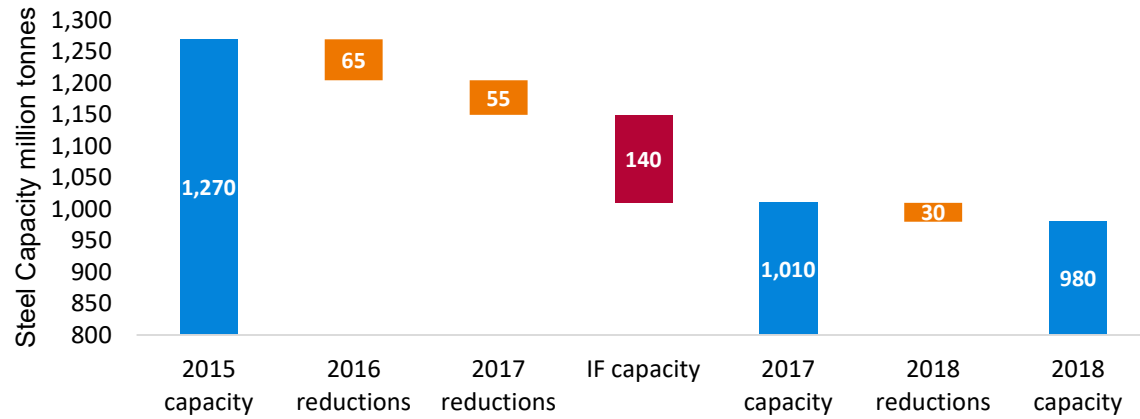




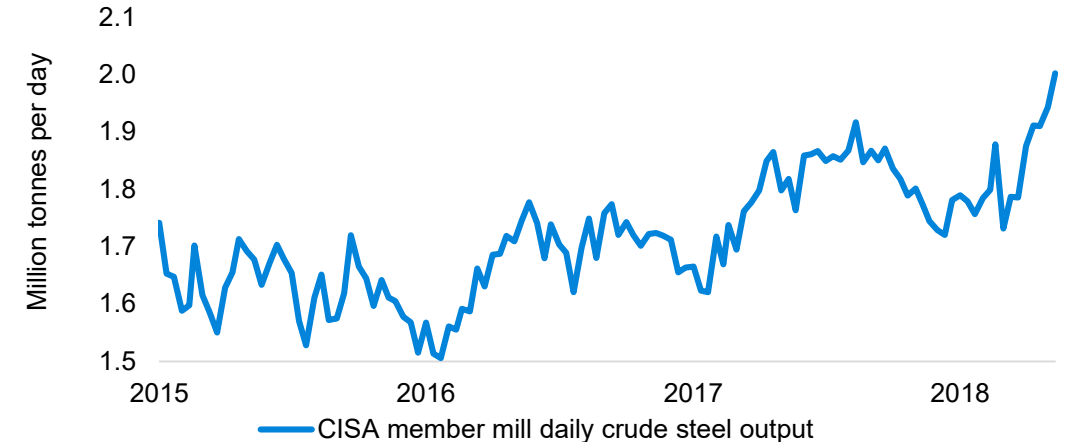
# China's supply-side reform and environmental policies have created a more efficient industry...

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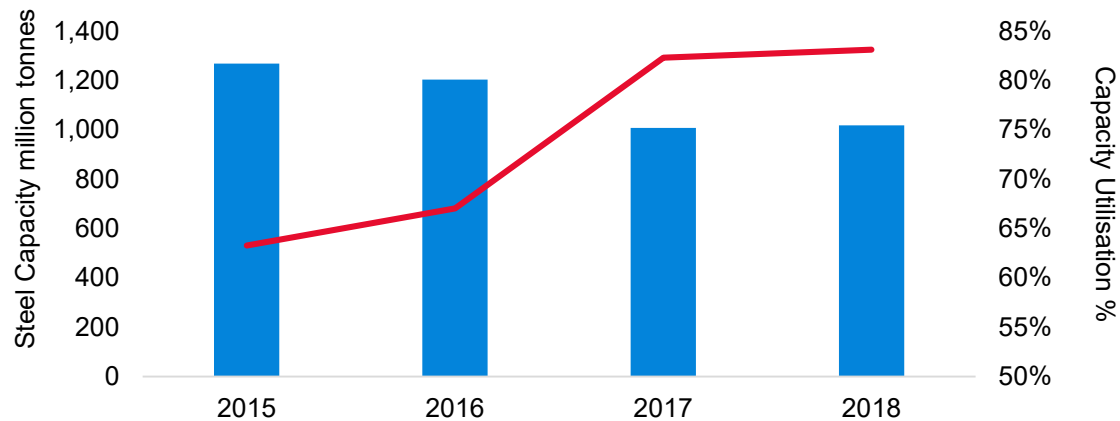
**Steel mill rationalisation programme has removed significant capacity...**



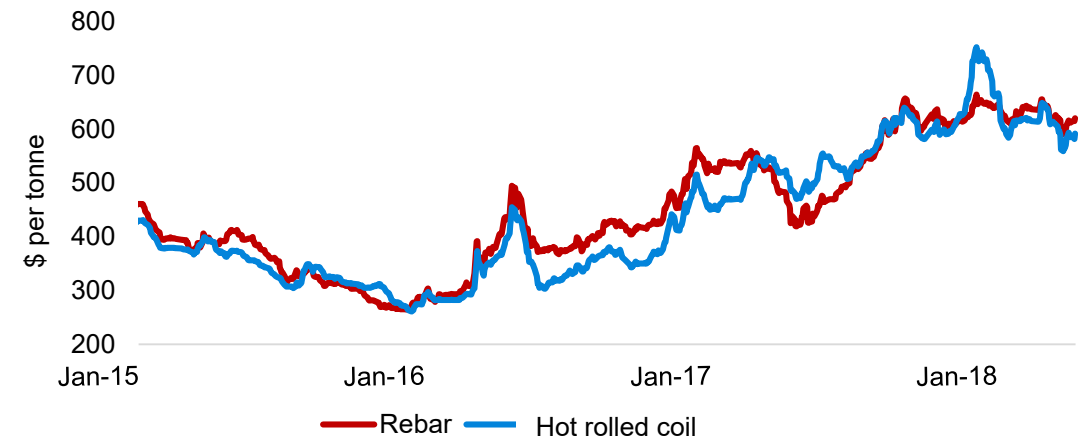
**...while steel production has remained robust...**



**...driving record steel mill utilisation rates...**

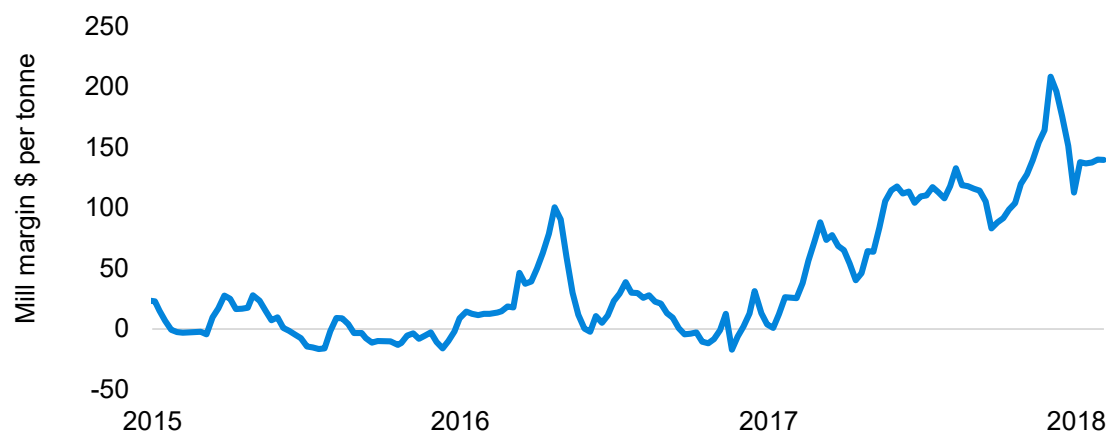


**...and higher steel prices**

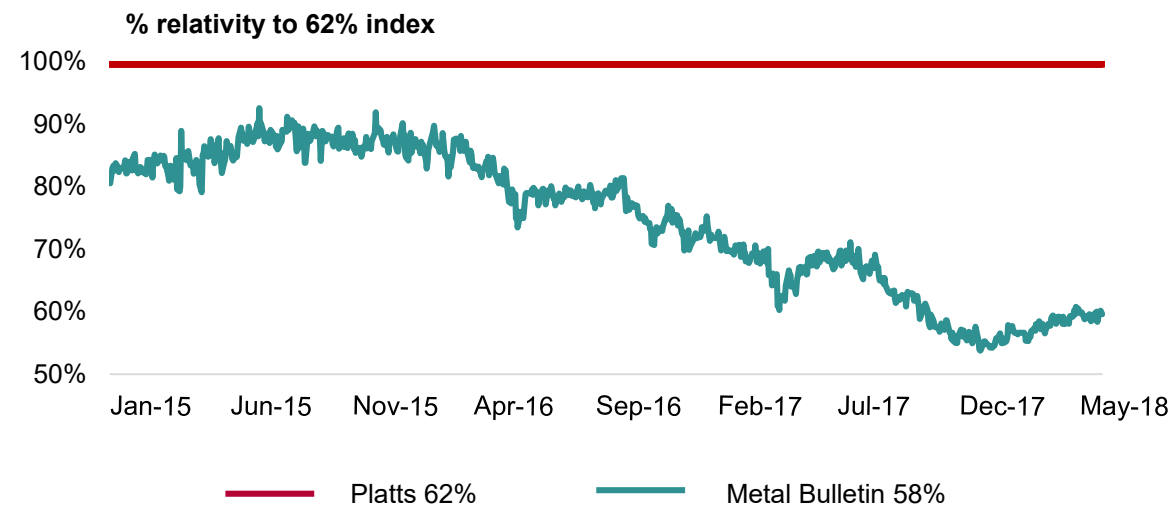


# ...causing a structural shift towards productivity

## Improvement in Chinese steel industry profitability...



## ... and the focus on productivity has caused structural widening in iron ore premiums

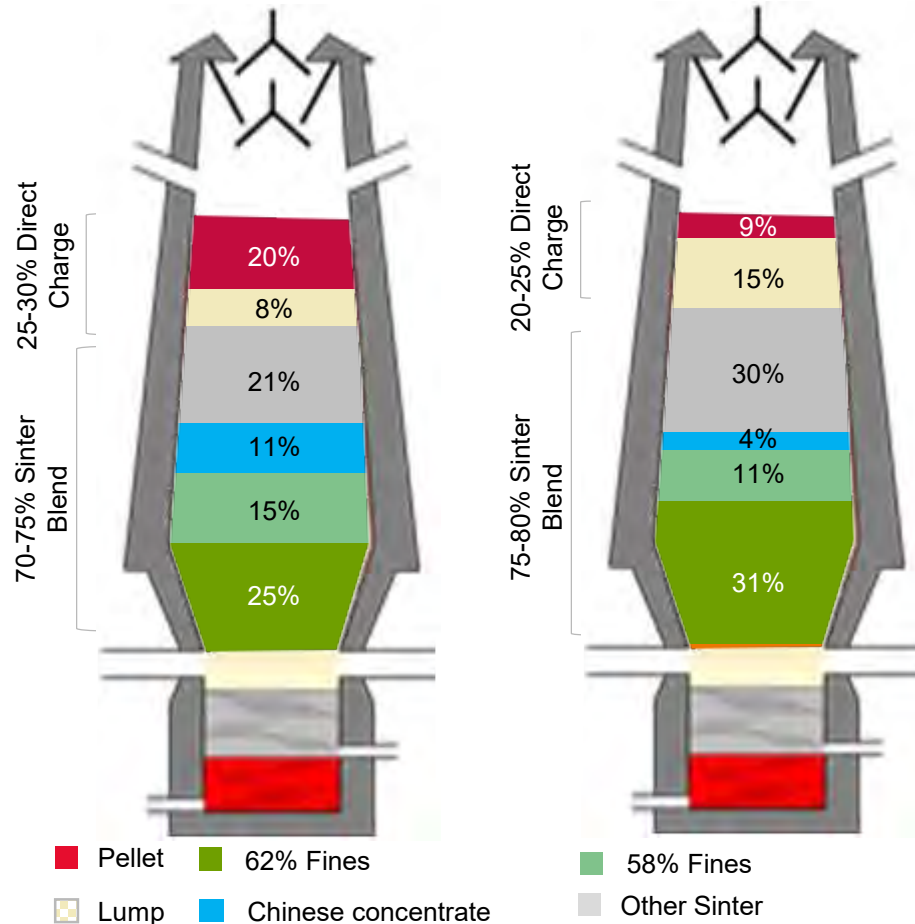


# Northern China is driving structural change to iron ore pricing

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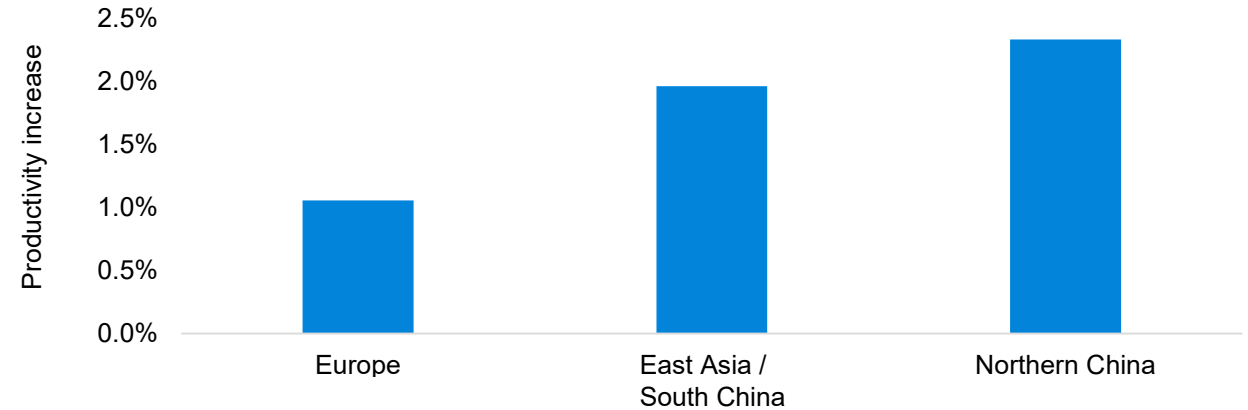
Typical North China

Typical South China



Northern Chinese mills are most sensitive to changes in Fe grade

Blast furnace productivity increase for a 1% increase in iron burden



~2/3 of Chinese capacity is in the north and is key for price formation

Access to higher quality domestic concentrates and pellets allows North China mills to consume more lower grade seaborne iron ore

Recent environmental restrictions have reduced North China sinter capacity and enhanced the value of higher grade iron ore

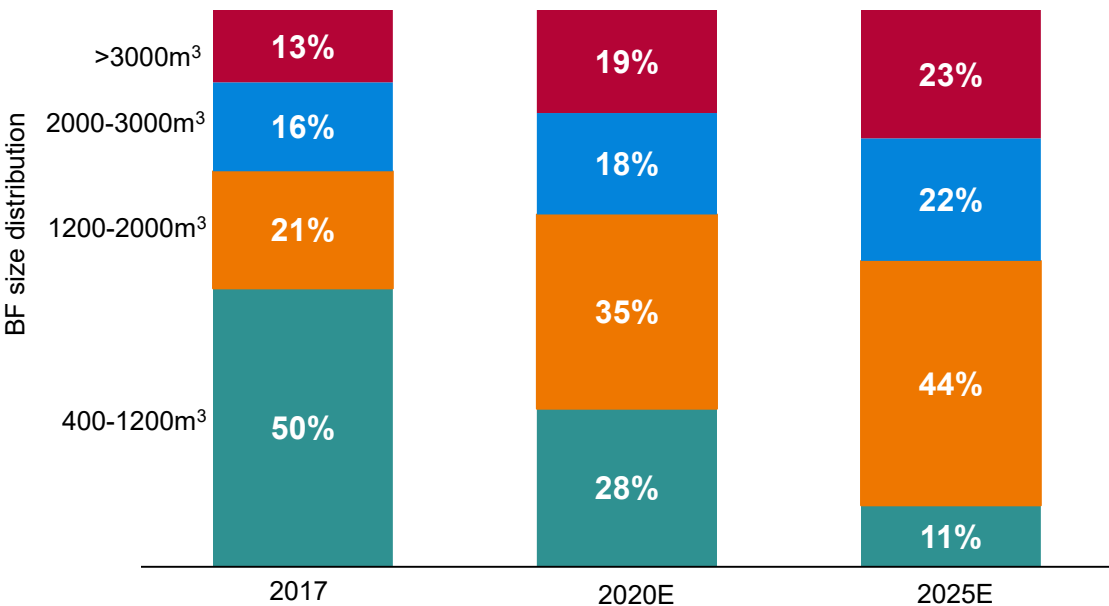
# China's supply-side reforms are here to stay and will continue to be driven by tightening environmental policy

Southern and Coastal regions destination for replacement steel capacity – well located for seaborne iron ore ...



- Environmentally sensitive areas (ESA), where steel capacity required to decline
- Capacity new and replacement area
- Provincial BF capacity > 30Mt
- 15Mt < Provincial BF capacity < 30Mt
- Provincial BF capacity < 15Mt
- Share of small BF capacity (<1200M³) >50%

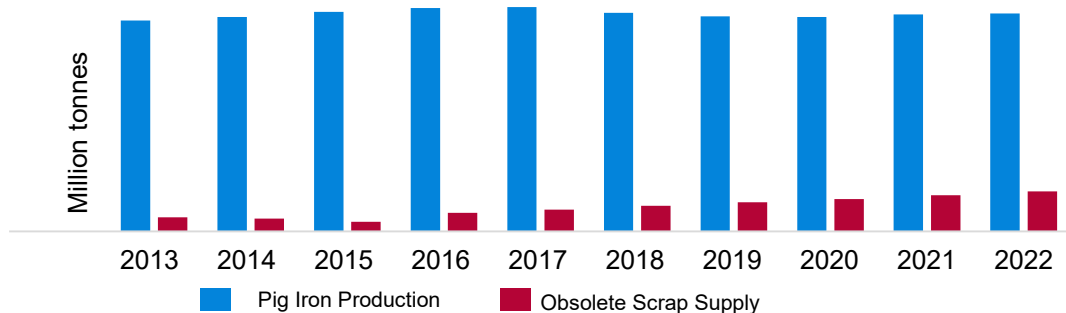
... and replacement capacity will be larger and cleaner blast furnaces



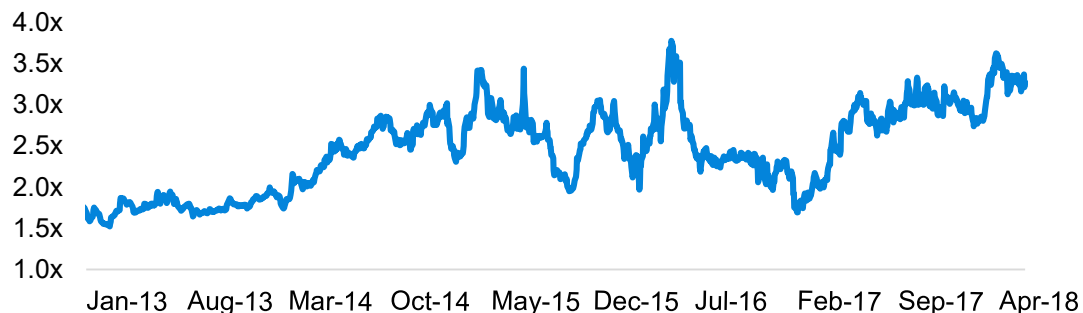


# Scrap usage in China gradually increasing from a low base, but will face headwinds

## China's scrap supply growing slowly from a low base



## Increased scrap usage in BOF has increased scrap to iron ore price ratio



## Headwinds limiting scrap consumption:

Scrap to iron ore price ratio has risen to historic highs

Scrap quality is low

Scrap handling and transport bottlenecks

Higher electricity costs

# Rio Tinto Commercial bridges our customers and our assets



Rio Tinto's commercial hub now established in Singapore, combining sales and marketing, procurement, and marine and logistics

Iron Ore Sales & Marketing team strategically located to provide deep customer and market insights:

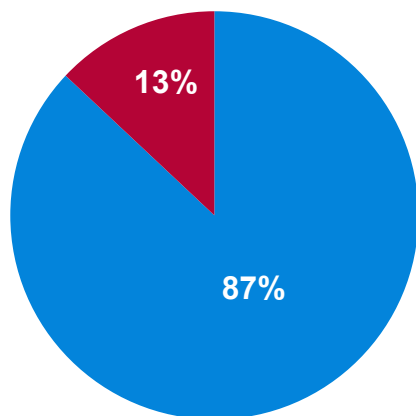
- Headquarters in Singapore
- Customer-facing teams in our regional offices in China, Japan, Korea and Europe
- Technical marketing teams located close to our customers (regional offices) and close to our assets (Perth)

# We have a Tier 1 customer base

## 2017 shipments by country/region



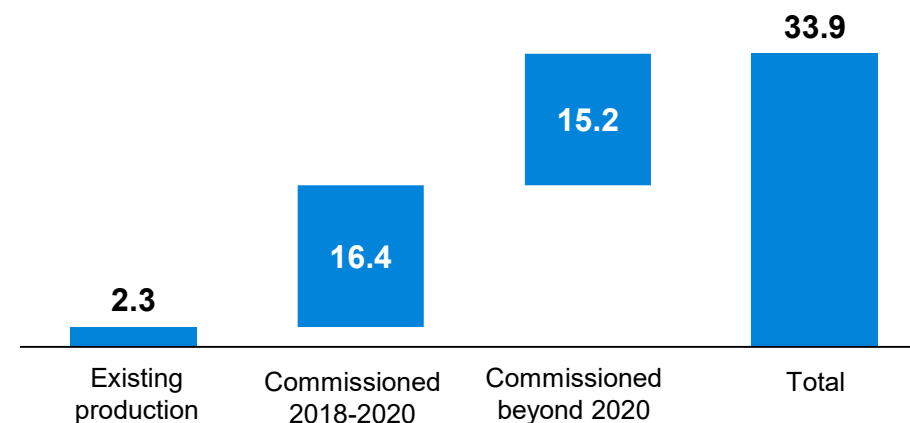
## 30 largest steel mills in Asia



■ Rio Tinto supplied
 ■ Non-Rio Tinto supplied

## Well positioned to supply emerging iron ore demand in South East Asia

Upcoming Blast Furnace capacity in ASEAN (Million tonnes)



# We understand every customer is different

## Technical



Operations and technical constraints and process efficiency

Stockyard and screening capacity

Sinter and pellet capacity

Coke production and quality

PCI and operating practices

## Geographical



Logistics and supply chain

Proximity to deep water ports

Costs and quality of fluxes

Seasonal factors

## Regulatory



Environmental exposure and restrictions

Energy caps / limitations

By-products value, recycle or disposal costs

## Strategic



Steel market sector

Production flexibility

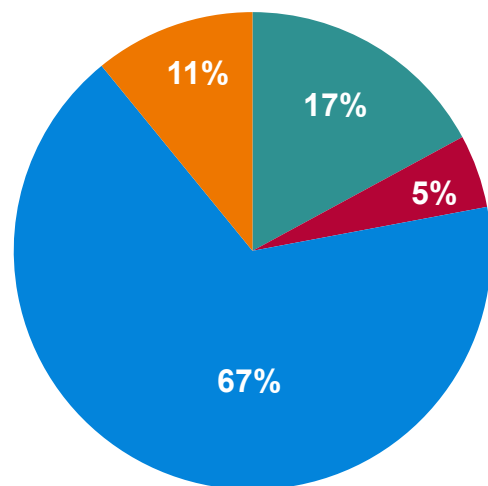
Commercial approach

Supply integration

Pricing and contract periods

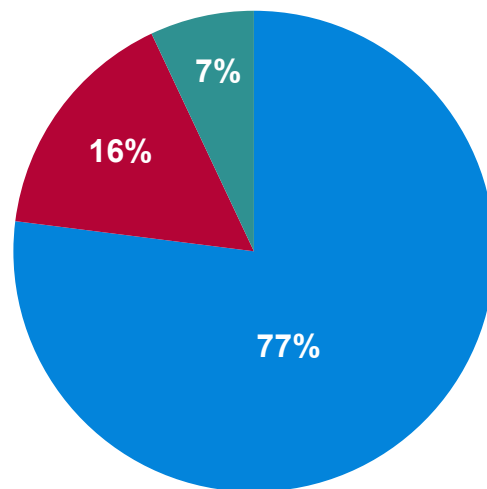
# And we sell our product on different contracts ...

2017 sales by pricing type



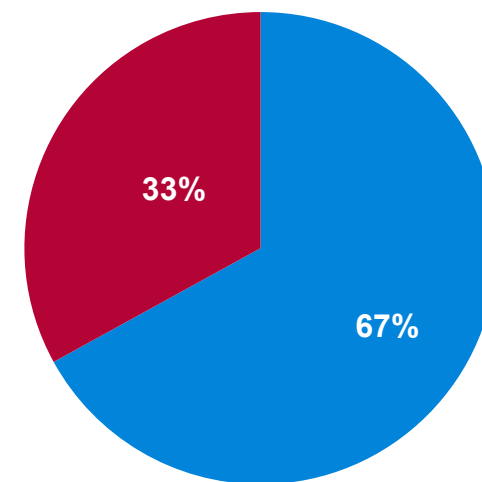
- Fixed price (spot)
- Month actual
- Quarter lag
- Quarter actual

2017 sales by contract type



- Long term contract
- Short term contract
- Spot

2017 sales by delivery type



- Delivered
- FOB



... we produce five products in the Pilbara to meet their needs

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**Pilbara  
Blend Fines**



**Pilbara  
Blend Lump**



**Yandicoogina  
Fines**



**Robe  
Valley Fines**



**Robe  
Valley Lump**



### 2017 shipments by product



■ Pilbara Blend Fines ■ Pilbara Blend Lump ■ Yandicoogina Fines ■ Robe Valley Fines ■ Robe Valley Lump

# Pilbara Blend is the world's most recognised brand of iron ore

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## Pilbara Blend Fines

### Pricing

Reference product for the 62% indices

Most traded physical iron ore product

### Strengths

Valued for its liquidity, reliability

### Market position

Base load sinter blend in China



## Pilbara Blend Lump

### Pricing

Aligned to 62% fines index plus lump premium

### Strengths

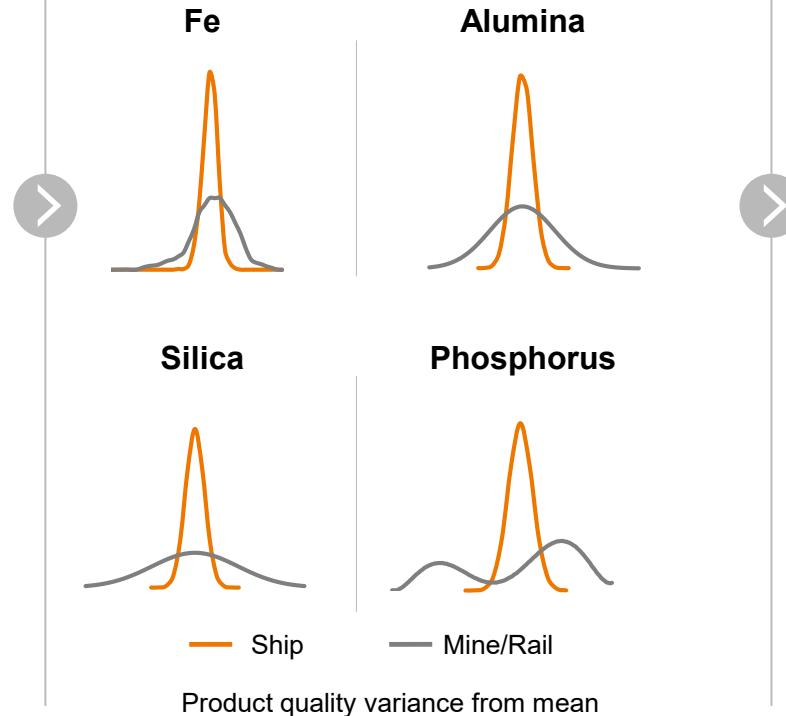
Avoids the costs of sintering which will increase with emissions legislation

### Market position

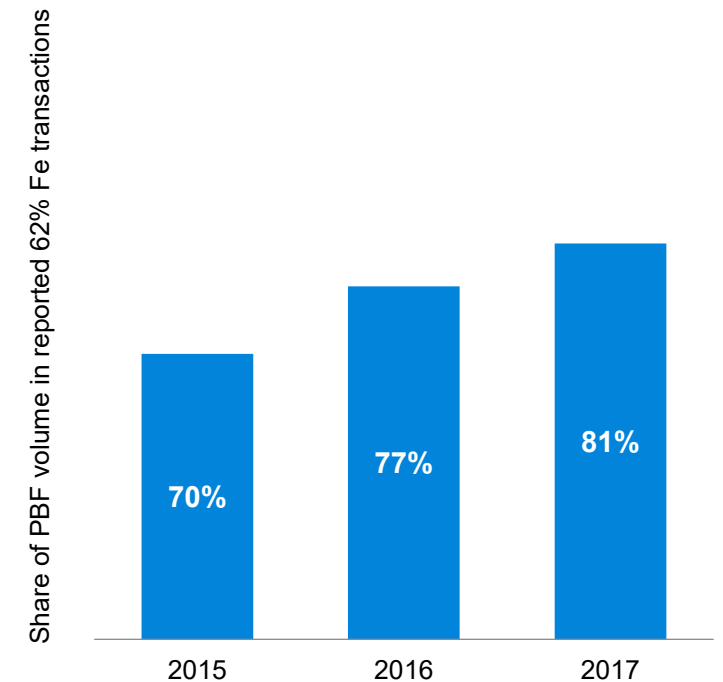
Most widely available lump product

In demand across most markets and emerging South East Asia

We remove variability for our customers through our blending process



Pilbara Blend Fines is main reference product for the 62% indices



# Yandicoogina, Robe Valley products are placed with customers who value them most



## Yandicoogina Fines

### Pricing

Priced very closely to the 62% index

### Strengths

58% Fe but calcines to high Fe Sinter

Low in phosphorus and alumina

### Market position

Base load in blends in East Asia and Southern China



## Robe Valley Fines

### Pricing

Priced against 62% index based on negotiated relativities

### Strengths

Coarse sizing aids sinter granulation  
Low phosphorus

### Market position

Coastal China mills and producers of niche steel in North China

Suitable for steel mills whose basic oxygen furnace (BOF) is the bottleneck



## Robe Valley Lump

### Pricing

Priced against 62% index based on negotiated relativities

### Strengths

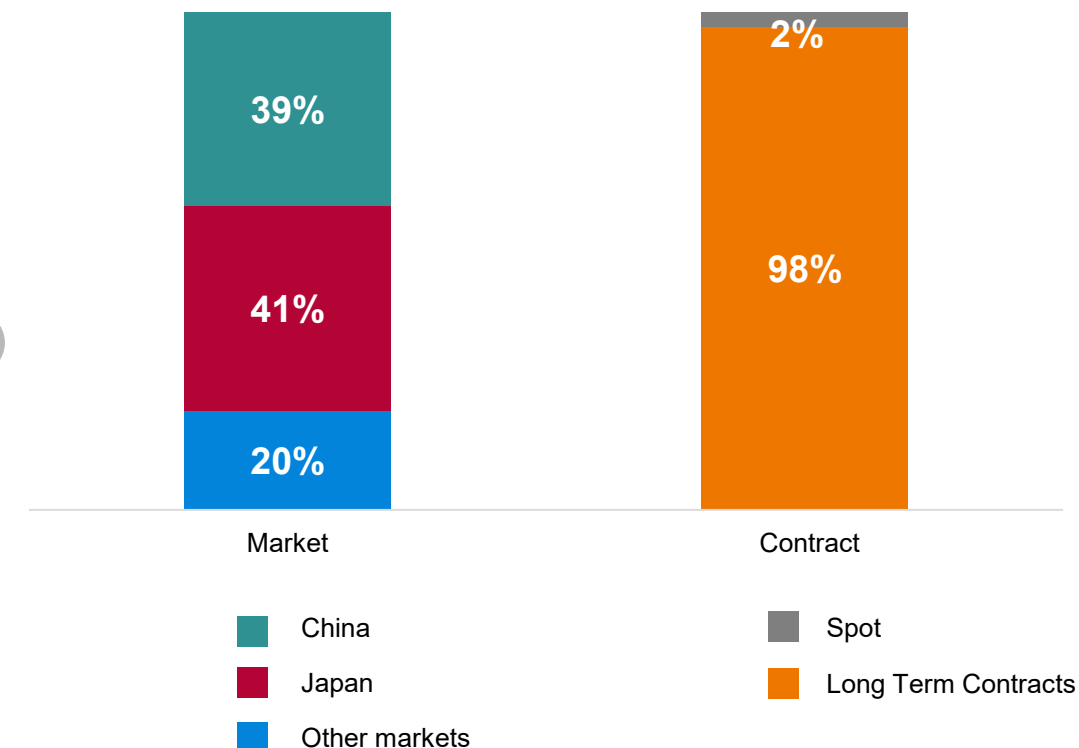
Low phosphorus

### Market position

Producers of niche steel in Japan and Coastal China

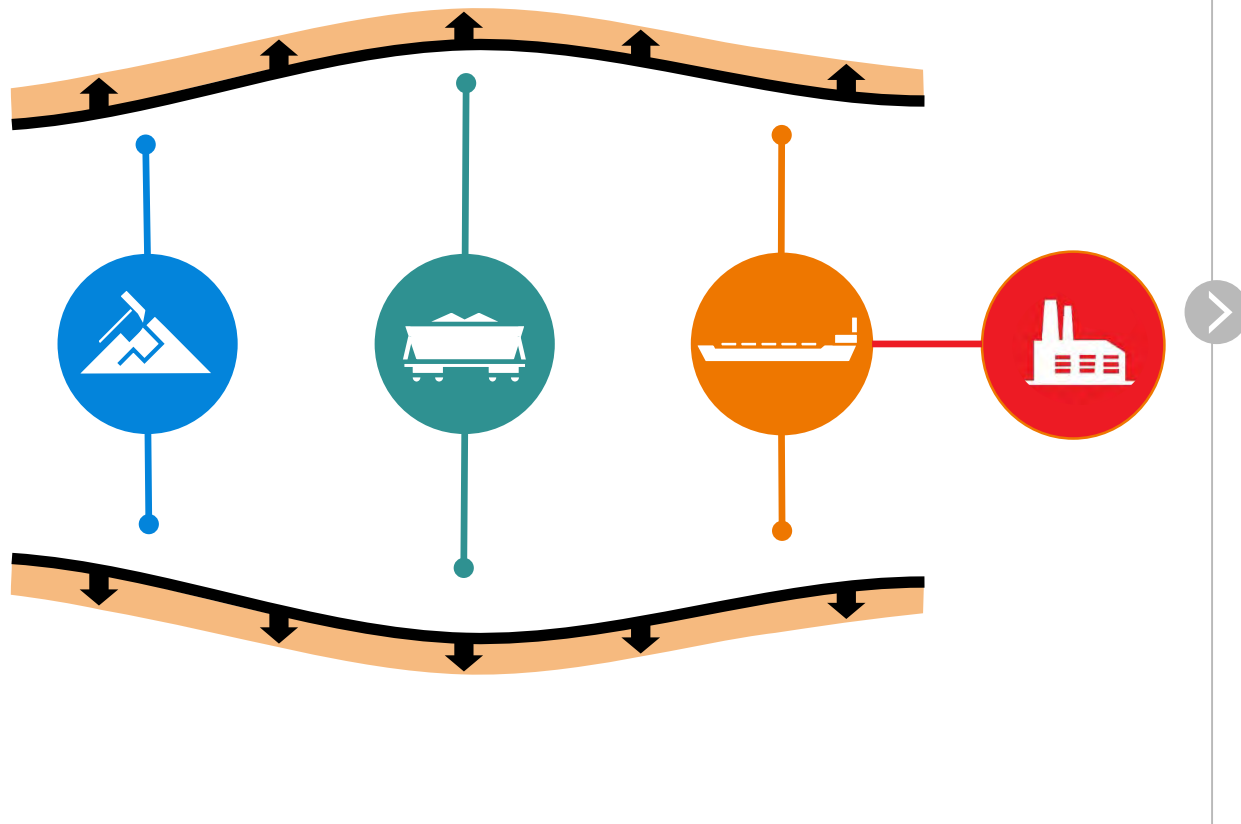
Suitable for steel mills whose BOF is the bottleneck

## Total tonnes of Yandicoogina Fines, Robe Valley Fines and Robe Valley lump



# Creating a flexible supply chain allows agility to respond to customer needs and market conditions<sup>32</sup>

## Future system capacity



Flexing Pilbara Blend Lump shipments in line with market demand and premium cycle

Aligning Yandicoogina fines shipments in line with customer demand

Flexing volume and product mix in line with seasonal demand



# Technology will improve the customer experience and generate market insights

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Live visual interface between Sales & Marketing in Singapore and the Operations Centre enabling a customer-led supply chain



Robotic technologies to eliminate manual tasks and enhance customer experience



Artificial intelligence and predictive analytics to generate market insights and drive better decisions



# Our commercial approach maximises the value of our products

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## Customer centric organisation

Focused on growing value for all through deep understanding of our customers and the industry

## Product portfolio

A suite of highly valued, consistent products

## Supply chain optimisation

Right customer, right product, right time

## Commercial acumen

Value over volume underpinned by strategic product placement

An aerial photograph of a large-scale open-pit mine. The mine features deep, terraced levels of earth and rock, with a prominent winding road or conveyor system cutting through the landscape. The terrain is rugged and brown, with some green vegetation visible on the upper slopes. The sky is clear and blue.

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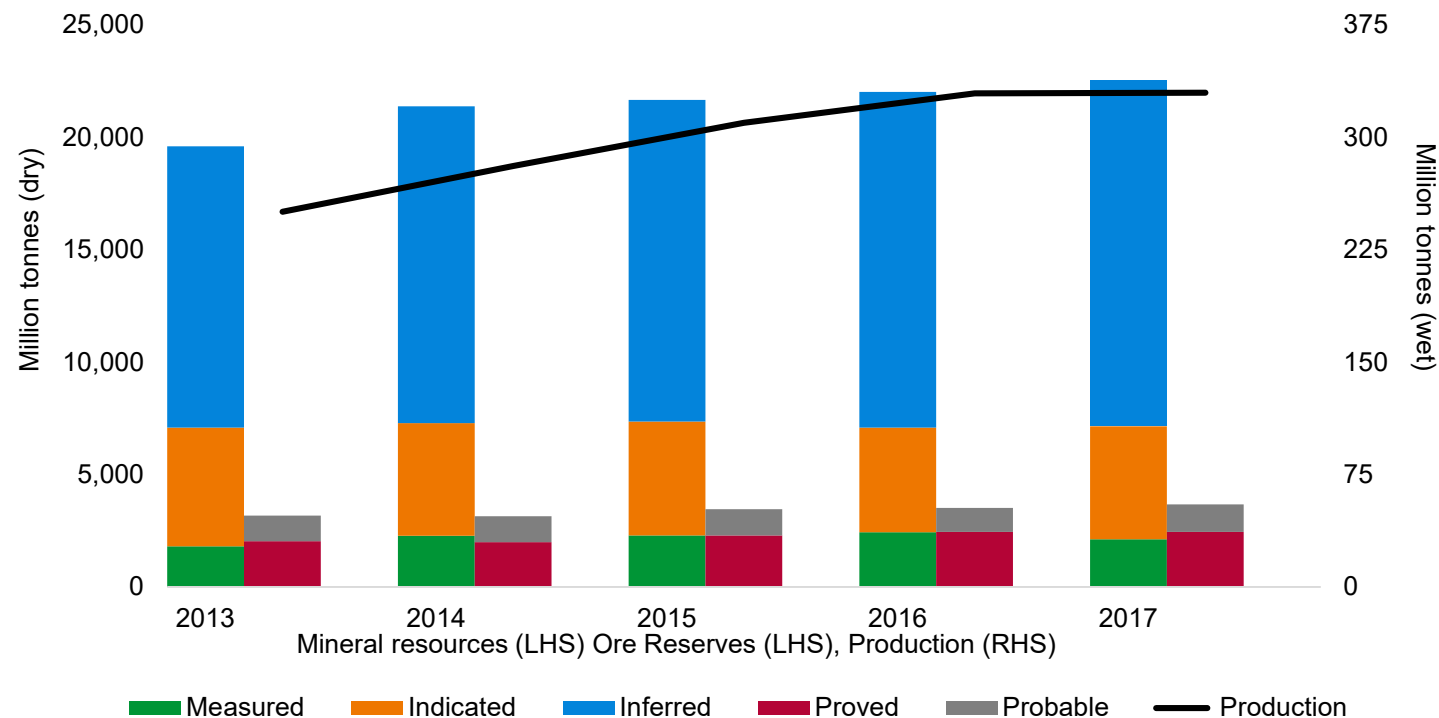
# Planning, integration and assets

Kellie Parker

Managing Director, Planning, Integration and Assets

# Highly valued product suite, sustained by significant resources

## Pilbara resources, reserves<sup>1</sup> and production



Large mineral resources support system optionality

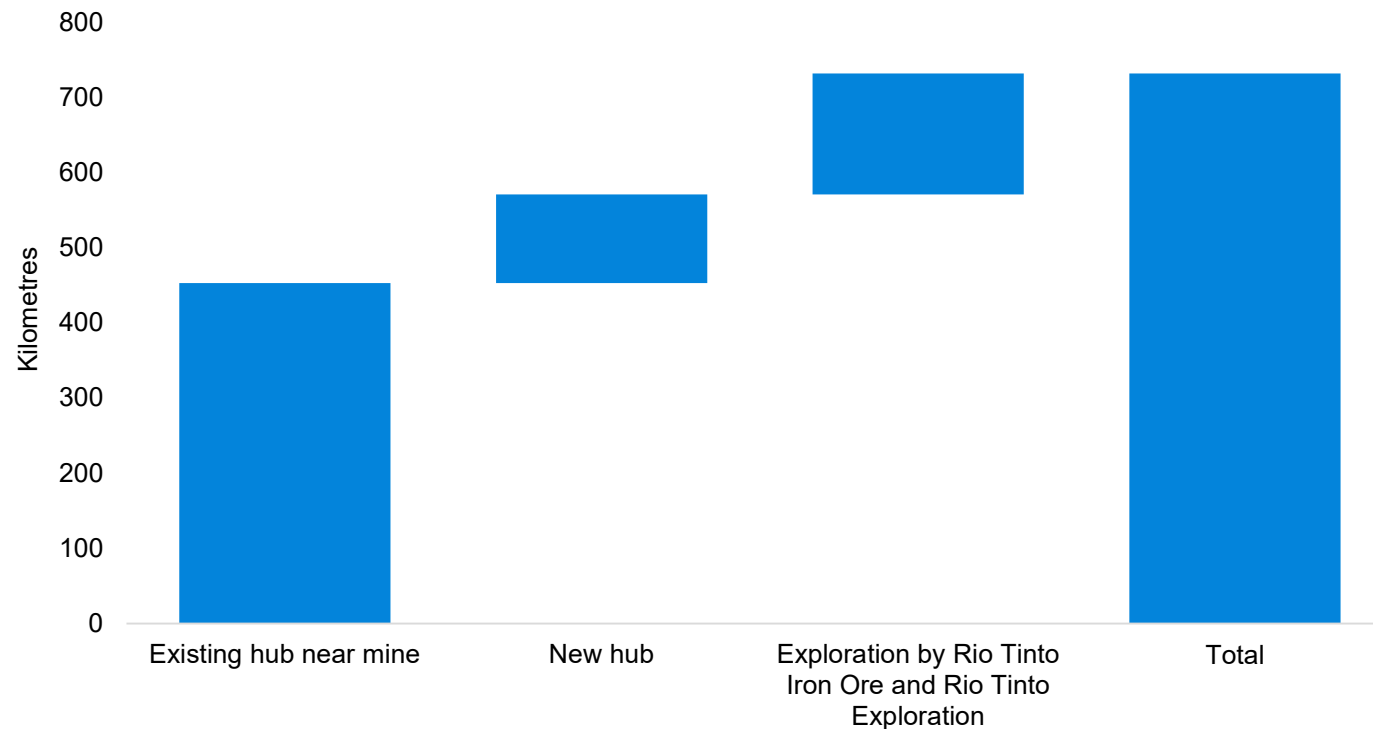
Ore reserves maintained in line with depletion

Maintaining evaluation drilling and resource development programmes

# Continuing to grow the pipeline of future resources and exploration options

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## 2018 drilling plan by hub regions



Extensive existing resource base

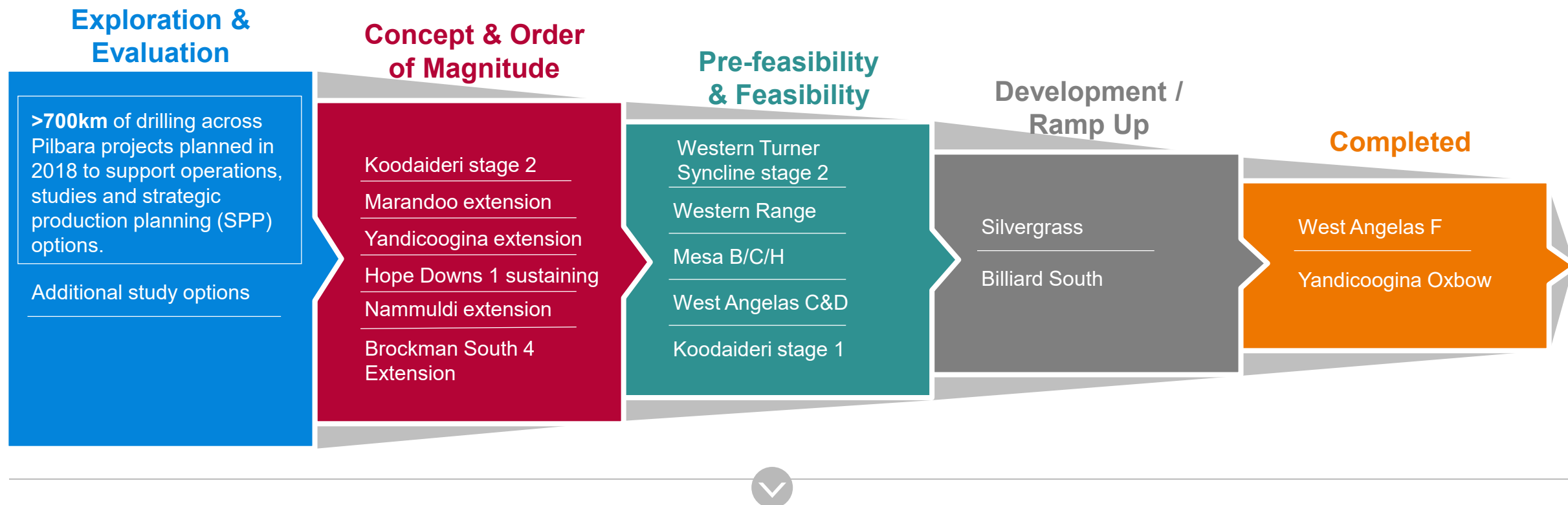
Drilling focused on evaluating mineralised inventory or conversion to resource

Extensive tenures beyond existing mines

Active exploration to provide future optionality



# Extensive pipeline of options



## Strategic Production Planning underpins the pipeline:

Full resource optimisation

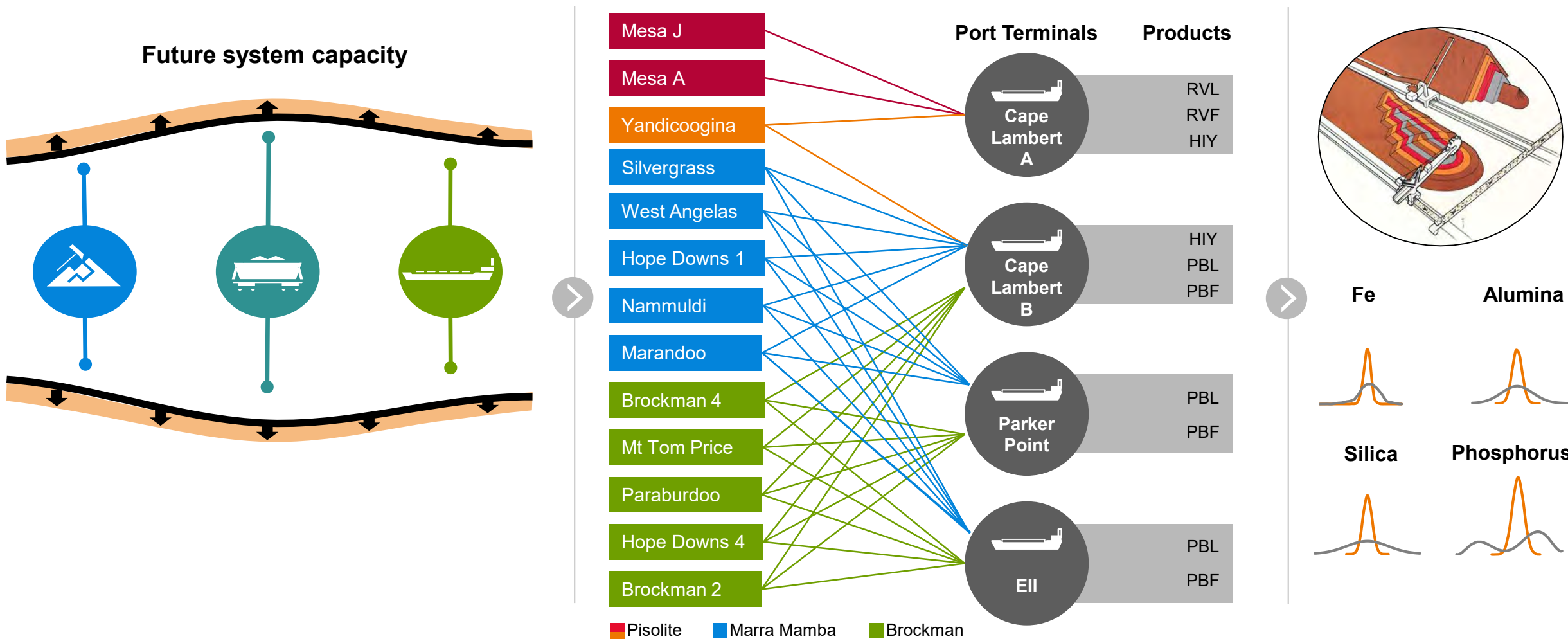
Assess product strategy

Inform study options

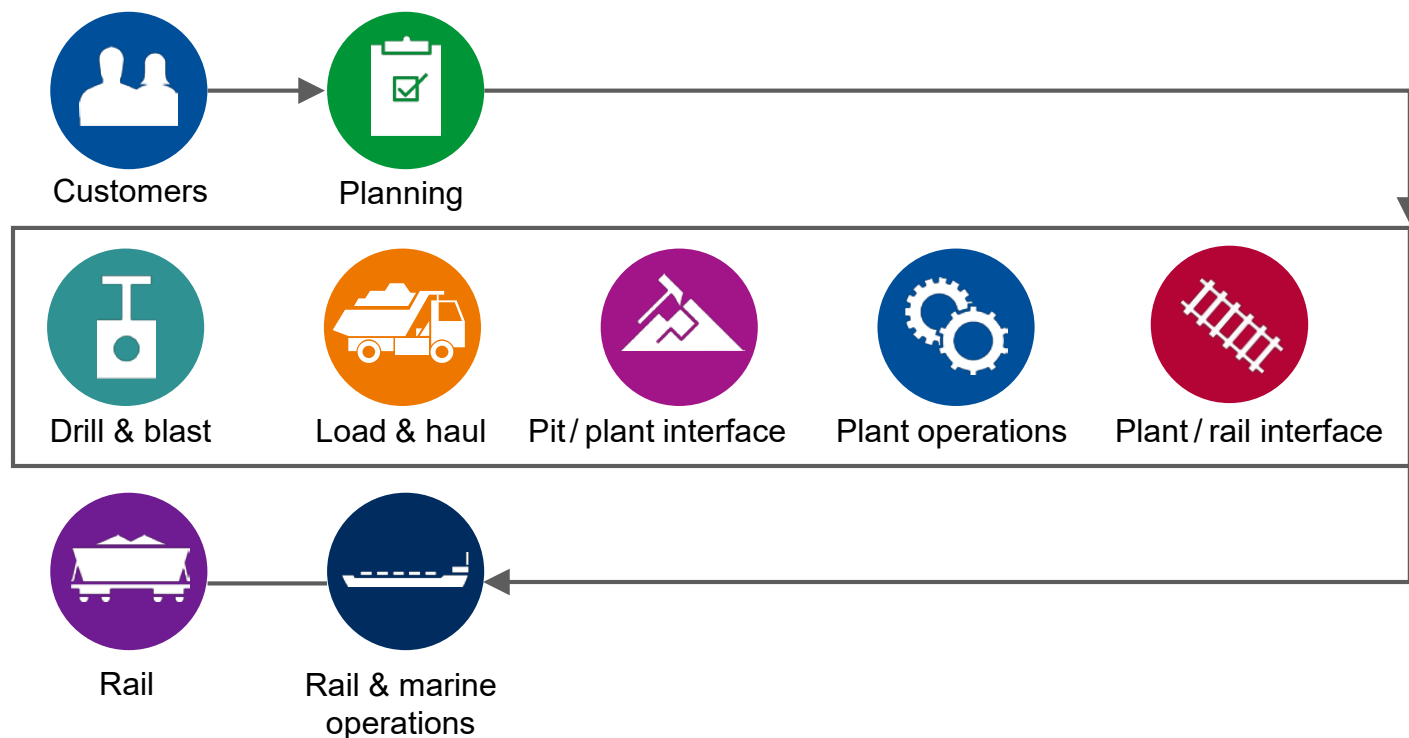
Sequence optimisation



# Best in class quality delivered through system blending



# Dynamic market driven integrated planning system...



The system optimises reserves and fixed mobile assets for right quality and value

Right quality, at the right time, delivered through system

Whole of system optimisation through integrated planning:

- Short, medium and long term planning
- Integrated rail and port schedule

Operating management  
system

Reliability of systems

System optimisation

Technology and automation

# ...supported by three improvement streams

## People



Connected teams

Skills requirement for  
job of the future

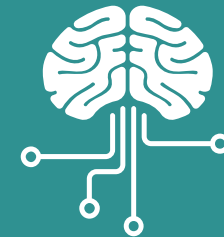
## Process



Ore body to customer –  
an integrated decision system

Augmented asset health

## Technology



Integrated automation

Big data infrastructure

# Industry leading technology driving productivity...

## Machine / Asset Automation

Improved safety and productivity

Autonomous drills (ADS)

Explosives charging improvements

Autonomous haulage system (AHS)

AutoHaul®

## Networked machines

Control systems connected at all interfaces

Mine Automation System (MAS)

Visualisation tools (RTVIS™)

Control Loops

## Customer to ore body knowledge

End-to-end value optimisation

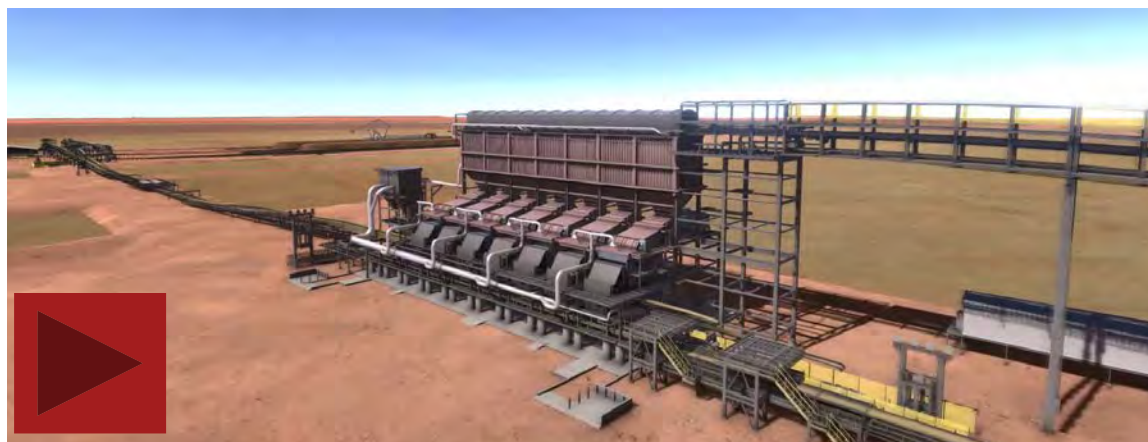
Artificial Intelligence across the entire system

Dynamic system optimisation



A fully automated system, mine to customer, integrated system delivering maximum value

# ... with Koodaideri being our first intelligent mine



Sustaining Pilbara Blend - 40Mtpa throughput coarse ore capacity plant

>170 kilometres of new AutoHaul® rail

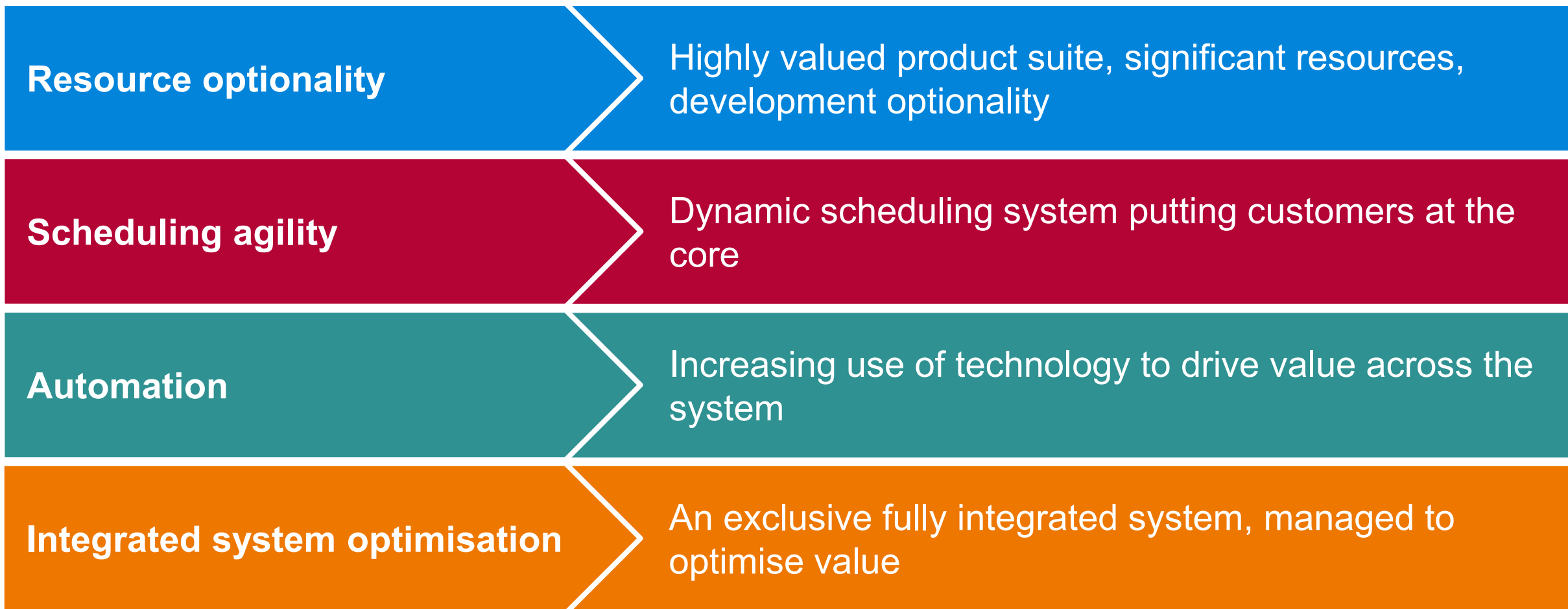
World class project delivery - utilising data centric and advanced digital engineering to produce a digital twin of the asset

Over 100 innovation opportunities within the feasibility study

Enabling technologies - combining best practice technologies with new process and production loops



# Optimised system maximising value



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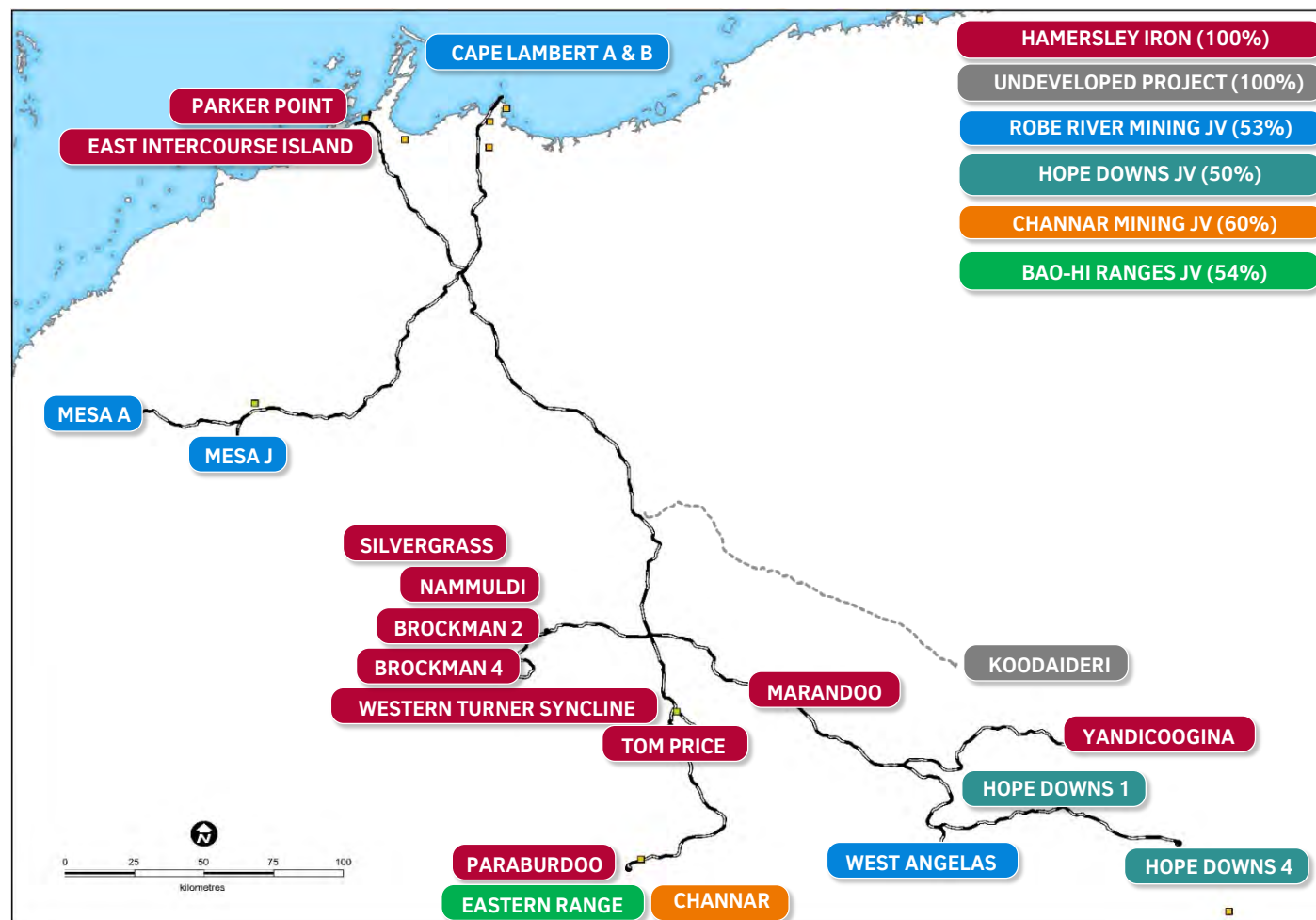
# Pilbara Mine Operations

Matthew Holcz

Acting Managing Director, Pilbara Mines



# World class assets, fully integrated and agile network



16	Mines
15	Train load outs
17	Plants (including ports CLA, B and Dampier)
11	Dry processing plants
6	Wet processing plants
>370	Haul trucks
95	Autonomous haul trucks
55	Production drills
11	Autonomous drills

2014 Nammuldi BWT



2013 Hope Downs 4



2010 Brockman 4



1990 Channar



1966 Mt Tom Price



# Further opportunity exists to optimise mines

## Mines



### Equipment Reliability

(Mean time between failure, availability)

### Equipment Productivity

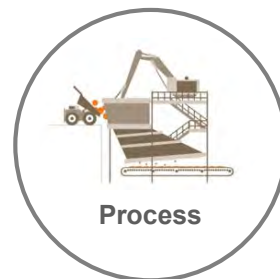
(Effective utilisation, payload, truck speed)

### Technology and automation

(AHS, ADS, MAS)



## Plant



### Asset Reliability

(Scheduled loss, unscheduled loss)

### Asset Productivity

(Effective utilisation, rates, yield)

### Technology and automation

(Process control loops)



## Train Load Out



### Tonnes per car

(Dynamic tuning for mass and volume)

### Train load time

(Reclaimer efficiency, stockpile management, control system improvements)

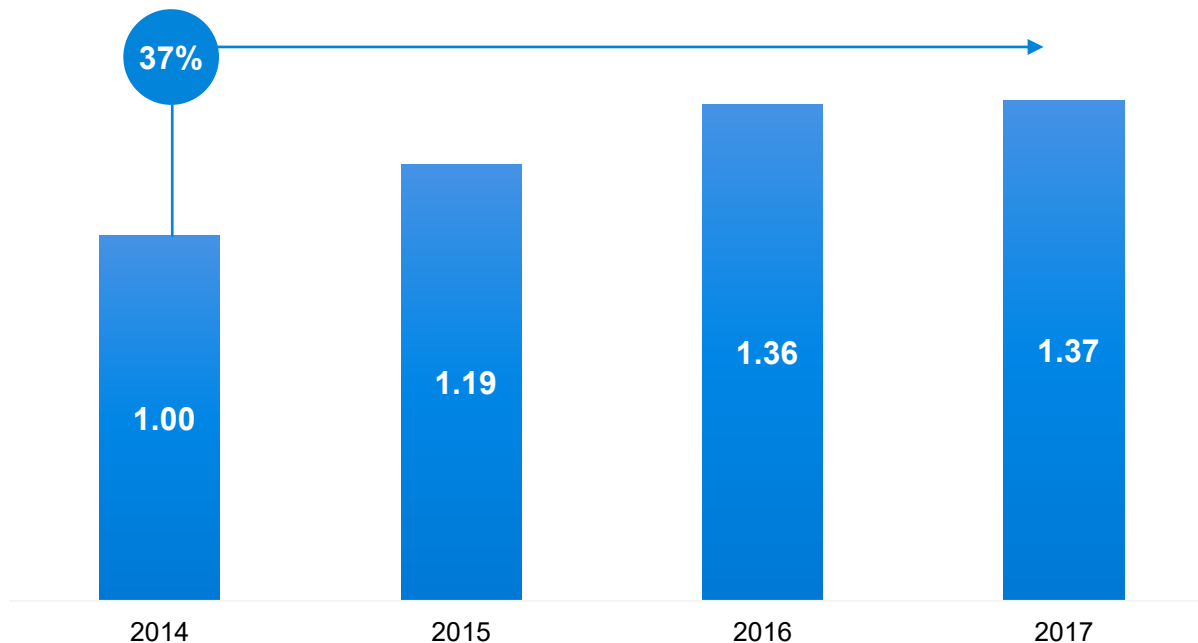
### Technology and automation

(Automated train loading, expert control systems)

# More productive and engaged workforce

## Increasing gains in workforce productivity

SOP<sup>1</sup> per employee<sup>2</sup>  
(kt / person, Index: 2014 = 1.00)



Productivity improvements in fixed and mobile equipment

Mutually beneficial partnerships with key local suppliers

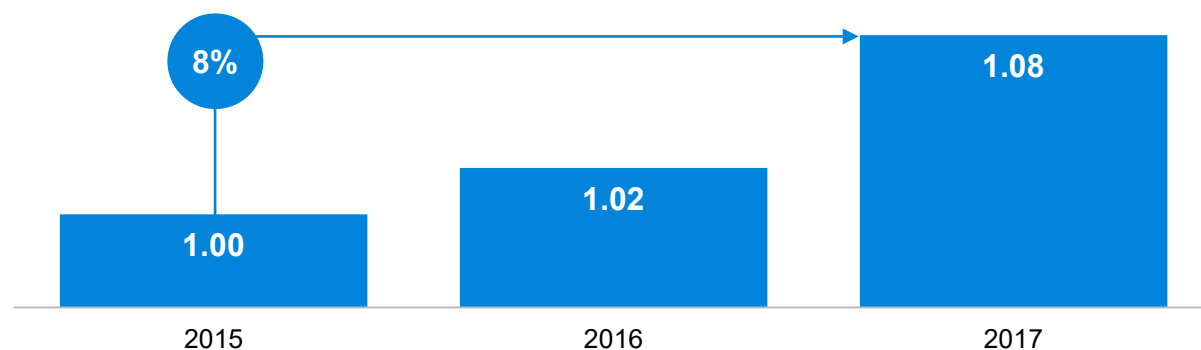
Sustained focus on continuous improvement

Continued deployment of autonomous technology

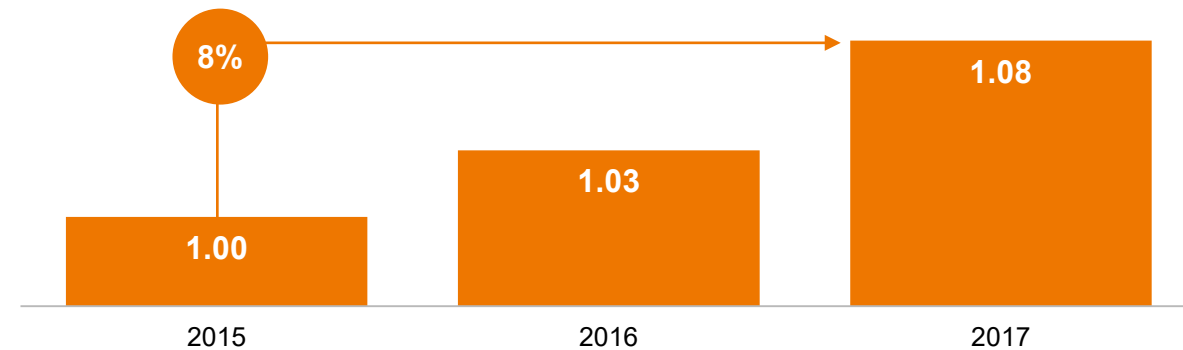
# Significant improvement achieved across our mines...

Productivity increases are supporting our volume growth . . .

**Haul truck effective utilisation**  
(%, Index: 2015 = 1.00)

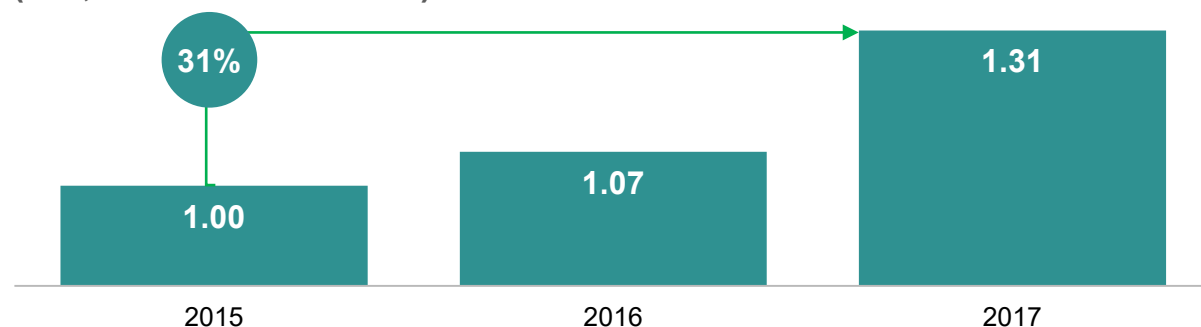


**Haul truck payload**  
(kt, Index: 2015 = 1.00)

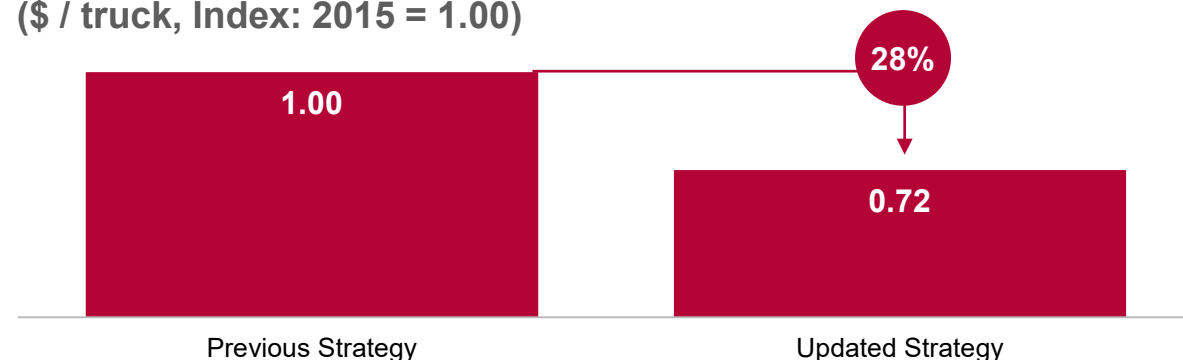


. . . while improving reliability will drive efficiency on maintenance costs

**Haul truck mean time between failure**  
(hrs, Index: 2015 = 1.00)



**793F truck engine replacements**  
(\$ / truck, Index: 2015 = 1.00)

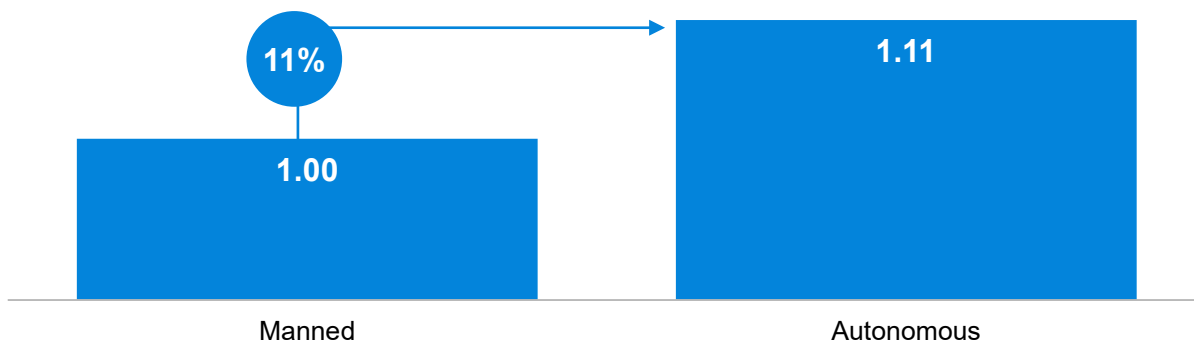




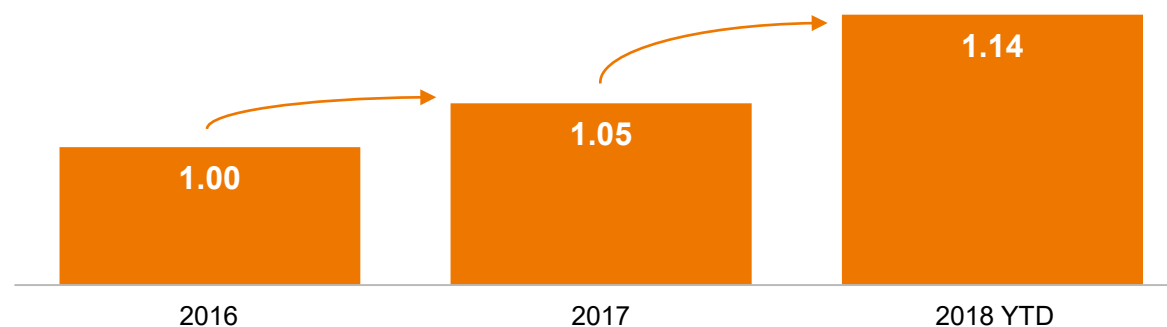
# ...with automation delivering significant advantages

Haul truck automation is delivering clear benefits with further upside to be realised as the technology matures

**2017 haul truck effective utilisation**  
(%, Index: Manned = 1.00)

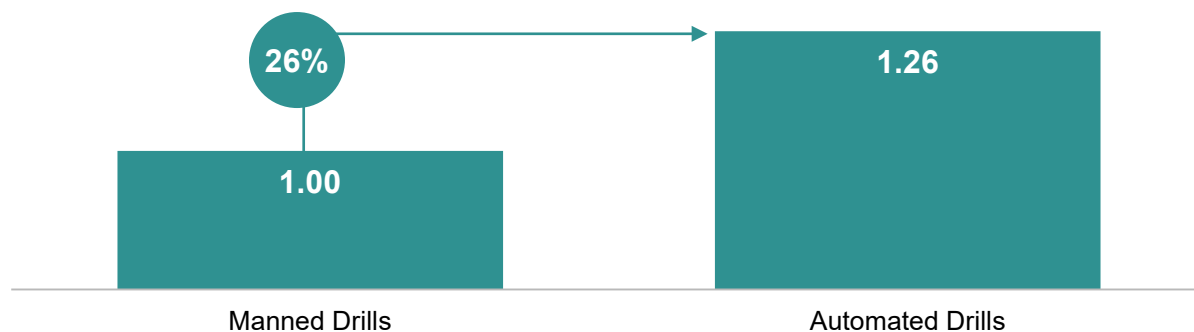


**Yandicoogina AHS effective utilisation<sup>1</sup>**  
(%, Index: 2016 = 1.00)

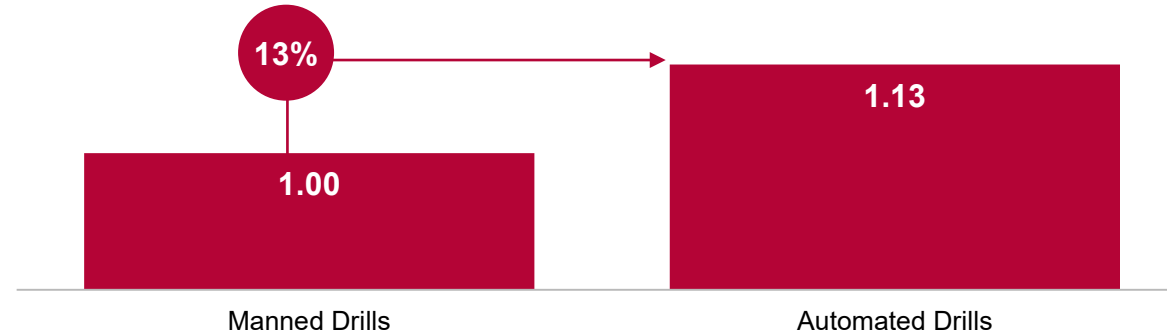


Our automated drills are running for longer and achieving more metres per hour

**2017 drill fleet effective utilisation**  
(%, Index: Manned = 1.00)



**2017 drill fleet penetration rate**  
(m / hr, Index: Manned = 1.00)

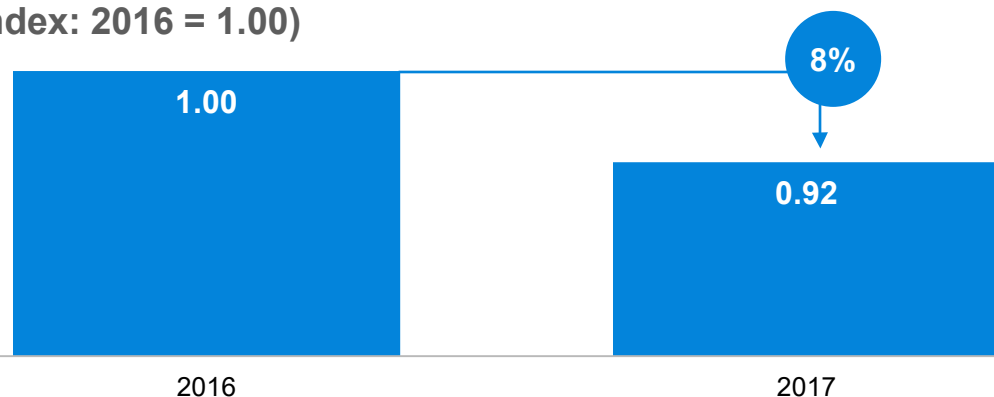


# Fixed plant reliability and productivity

Focus on maintenance efficiency and asset reliability is driving up availability

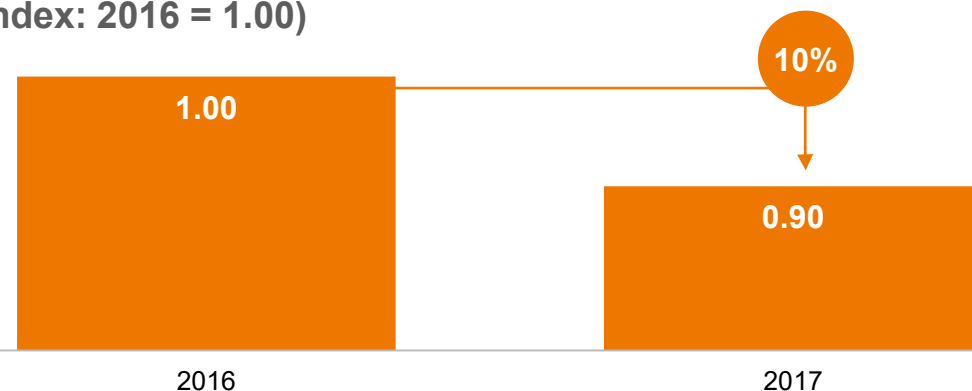
## Scheduled loss

(%, Index: 2016 = 1.00)



## Unscheduled loss

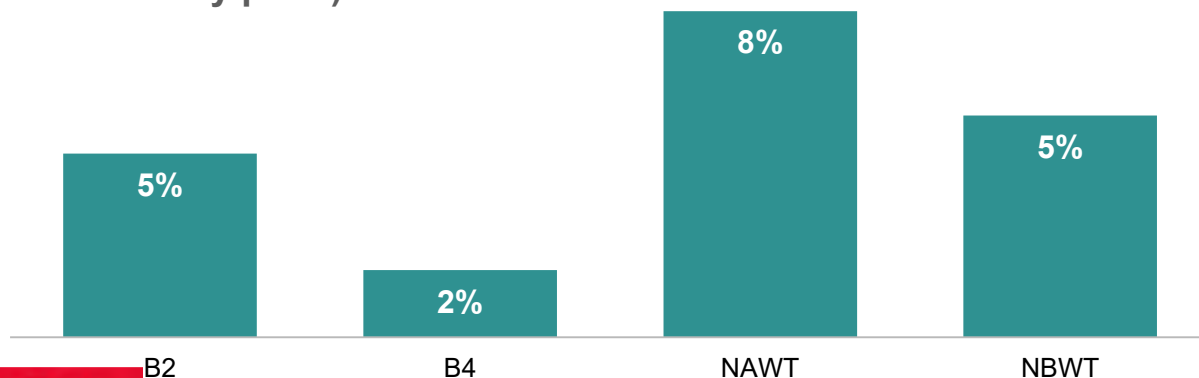
(%, Index: 2016 = 1.00)



Plant performance supporting growth at Greater Brockman: our largest operation

## 2017 Improvement in Asset Utilisation Ratio

(%, Index YoY by plant)



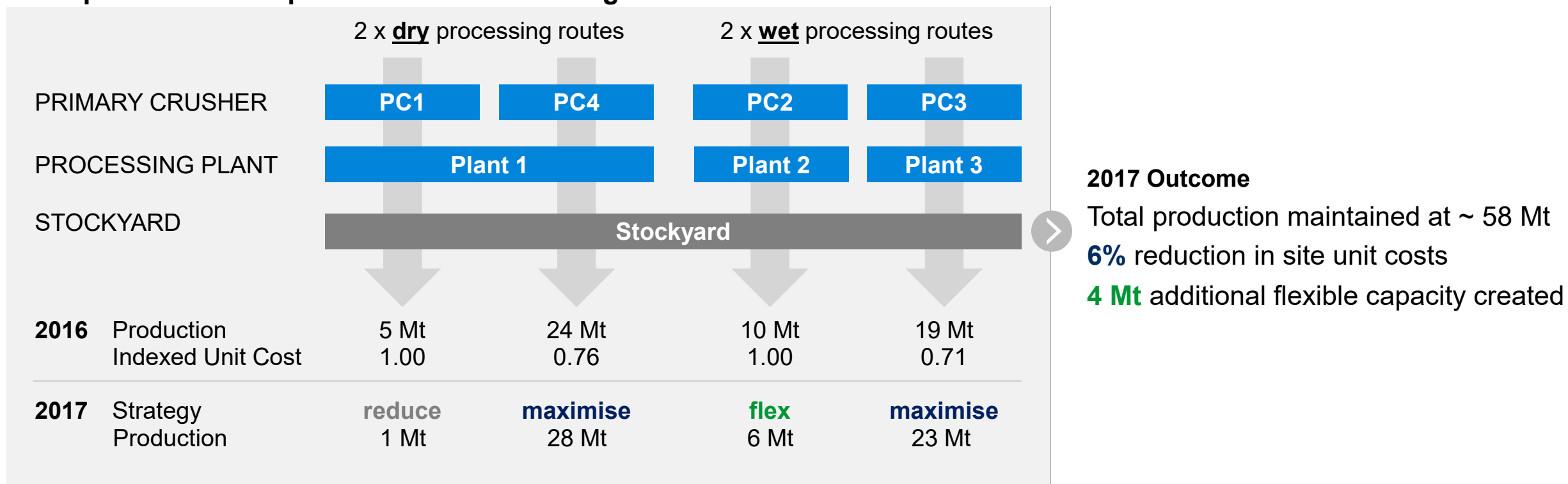
Targeting both operating time and rates

Improvements across all four plants

Supported increased production from Greater Brockman of 5.1 million tonnes in 2017

# Creating a flexible value driven mine production system

## Plant performance improvements at Yandicoogina



Improved baseload

Productivity

Reliability

Leverage flexibility

Rail capacity

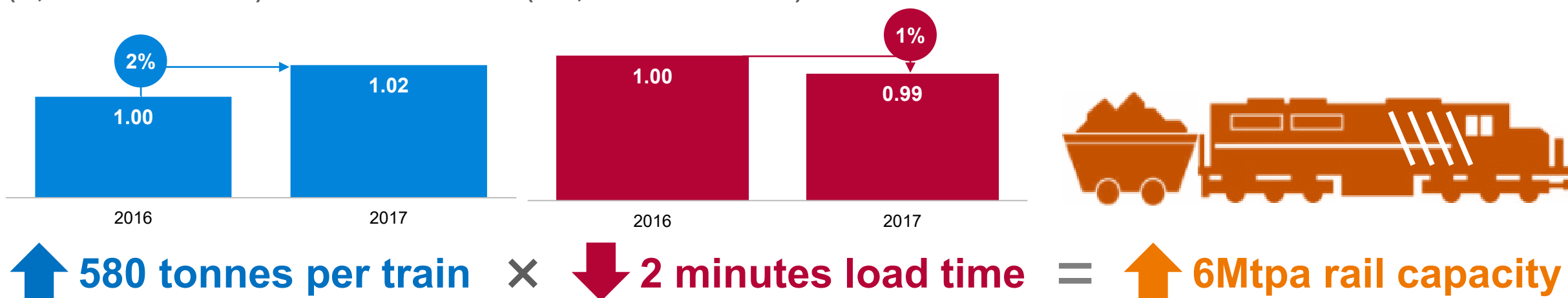
Market demand

# Mines supporting rail to unlock capacity

Incremental improvements at significant scale can deliver substantial benefits

**Tonnes per car**  
(kt, Index: 2016 = 1.00)

**Train load time**  
(min, Index: 2016 = 1.00)



The progressive rollout of automation in train loading delivers improvements in payload

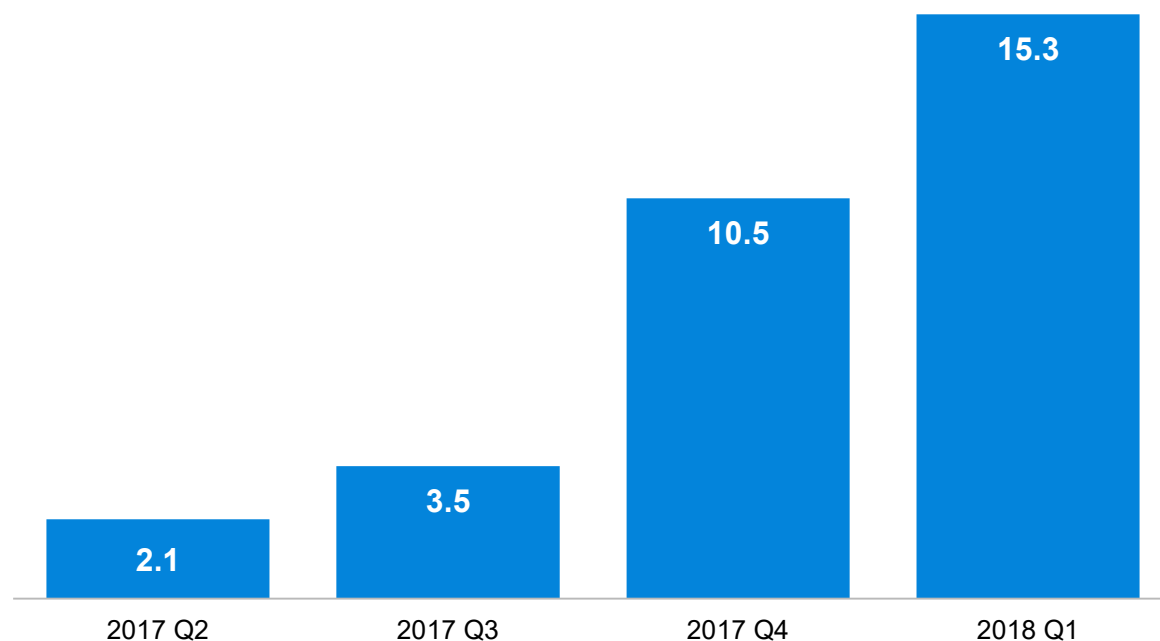
Expert control systems enable dynamic tuning for mass or volume constrained sites

Improvements to rolling stock capacity at mines allow full system utilisation

# Silvergrass delivered on time and on budget

## Silvergrass ramp up commenced in Q2 2017

### Silvergrass and Nammuldi incremental production tonnes (Annualised million tonnes)



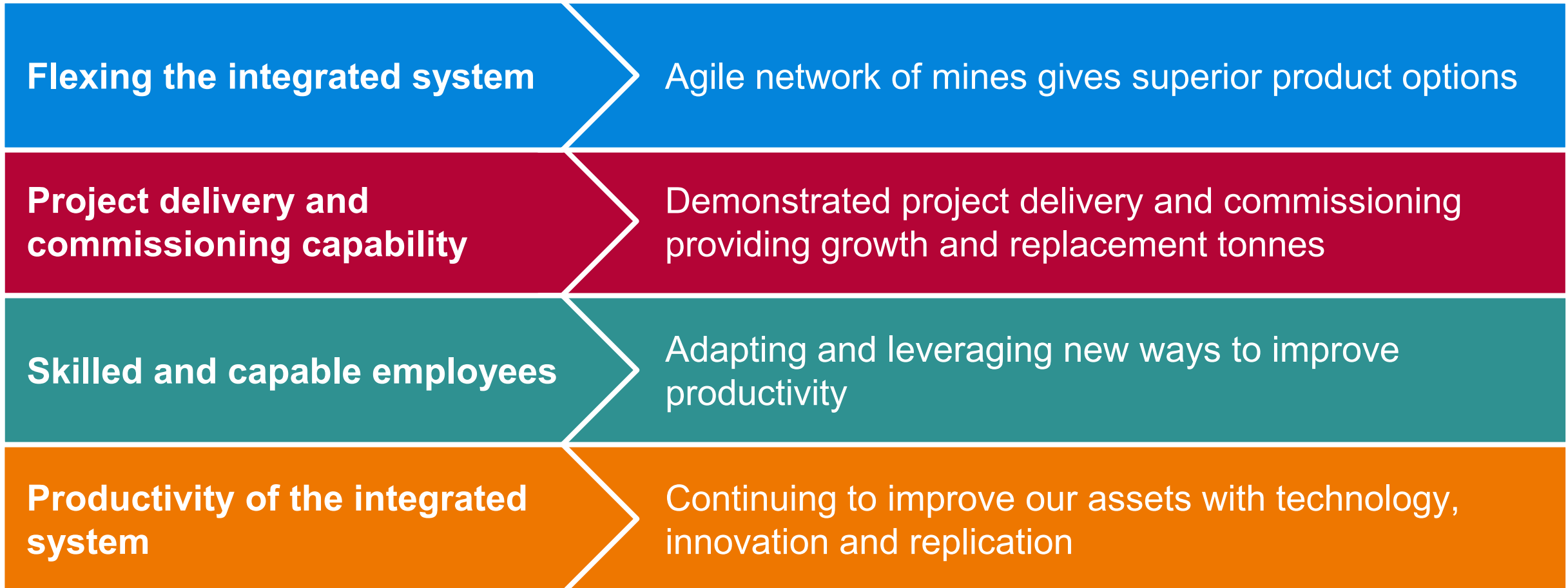
Increased production capacity up to 21Mtpa

High grade Marra Mamba ore supporting Pilbara Blend

All construction contracts awarded to Western Australian companies



# Pilbara mines continuing to deliver productivity improvements



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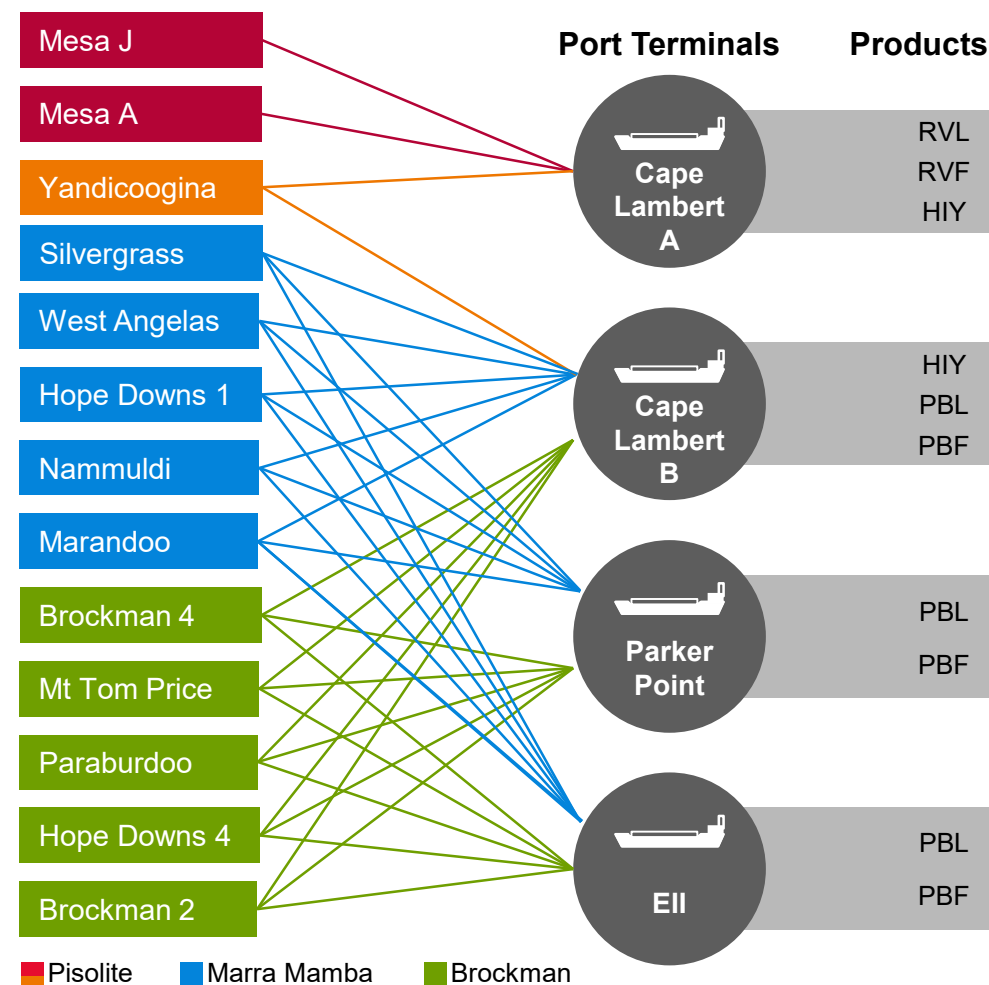
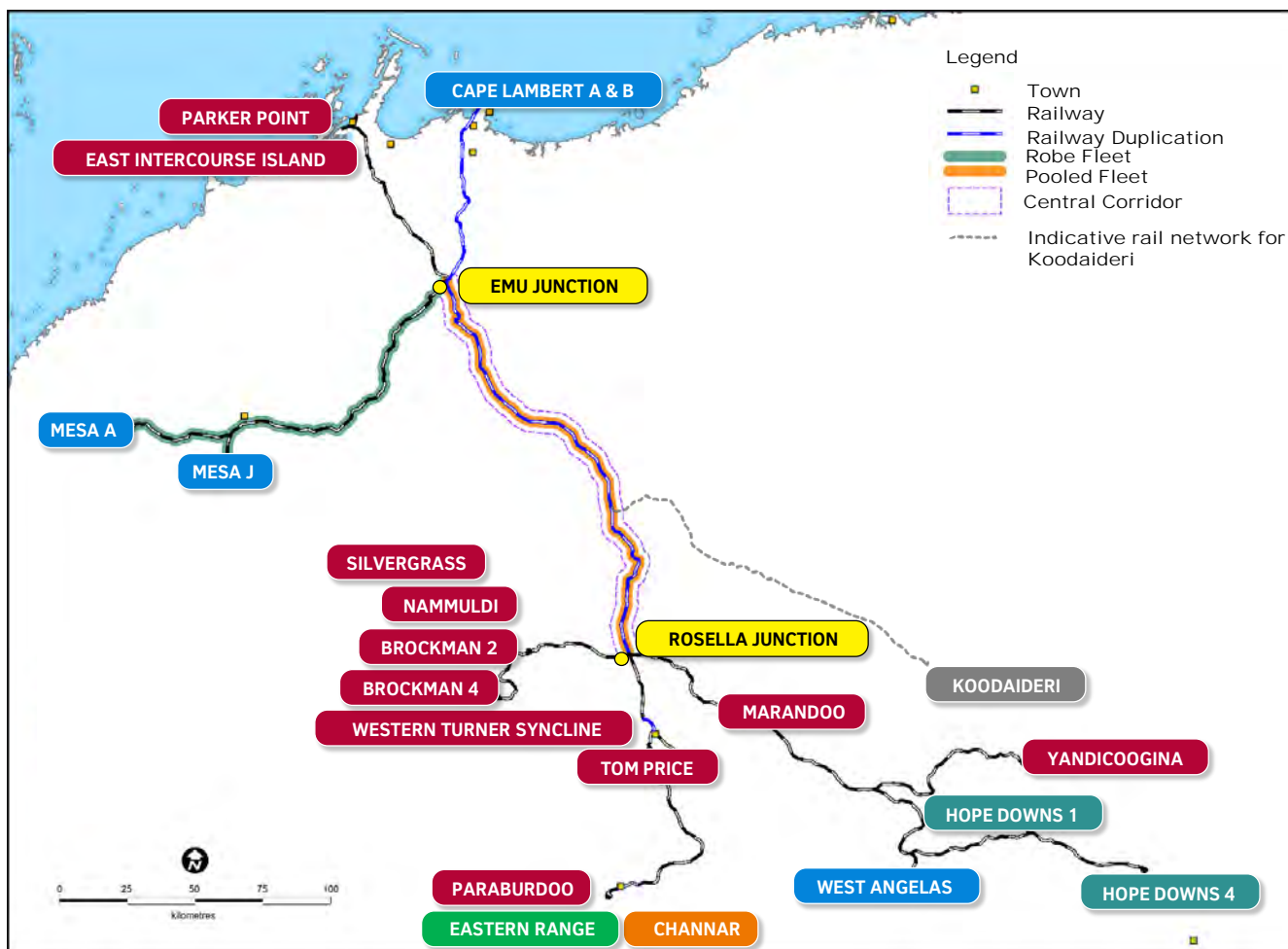
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# Rail & Port Operations

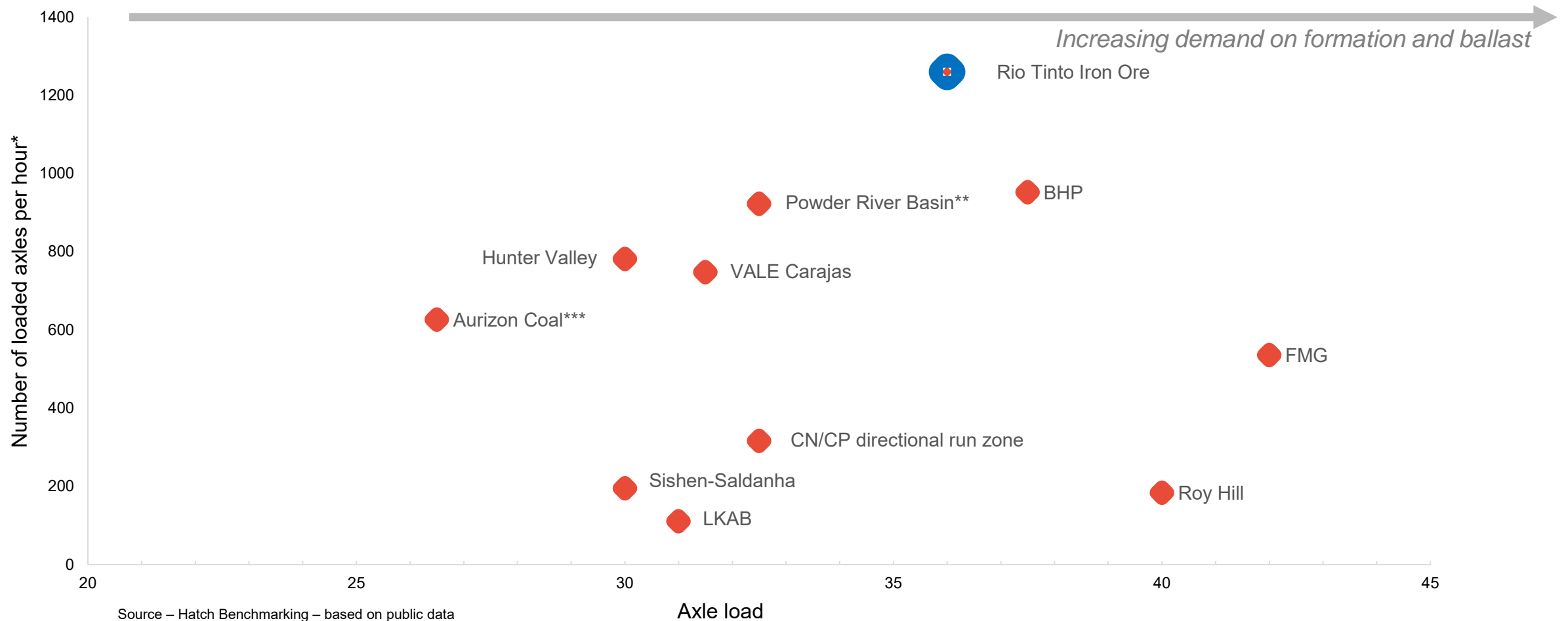
Ivan Vella

Managing Director Rail, Port & Core Services

# World class assets, fully integrated and agile network



# Our integrated system allows us to achieve unparalleled levels of utilisation<sup>58</sup>



Source – Hatch Benchmarking – based on public data

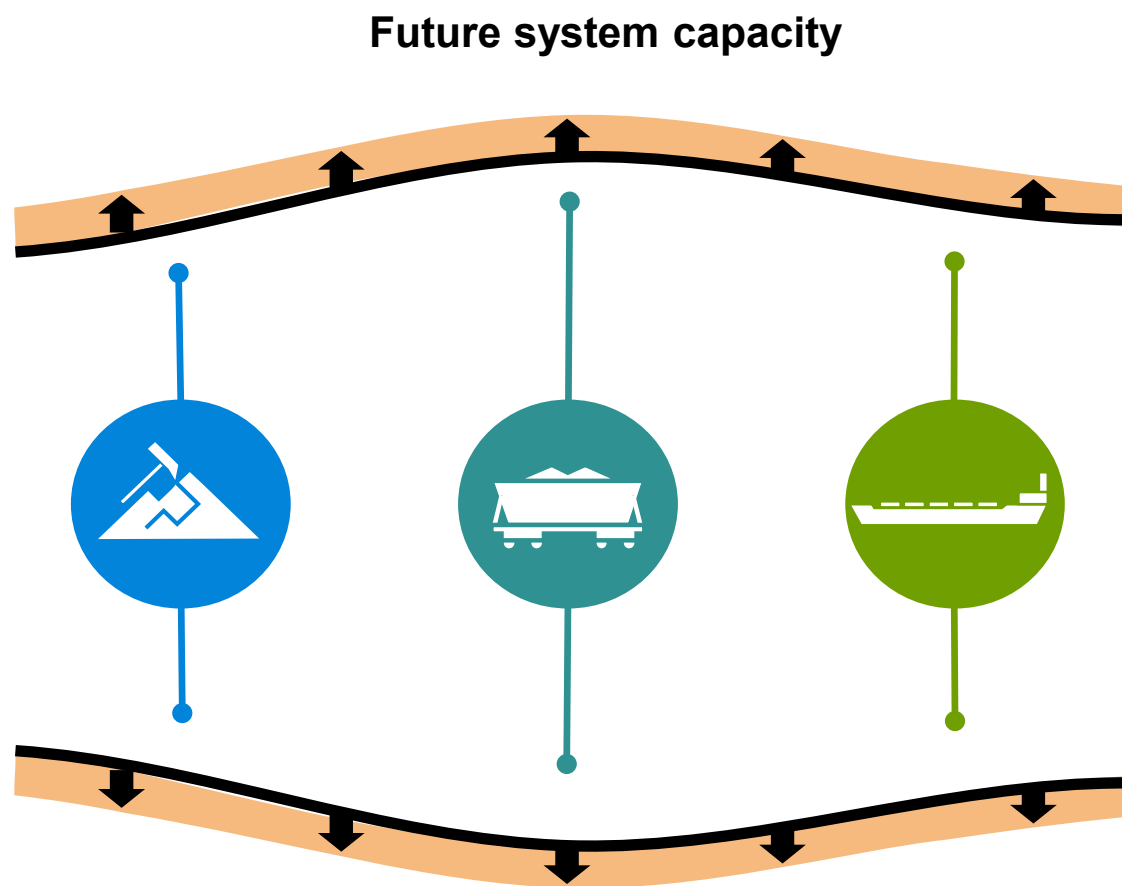
(\*) Number of loaded axles refers to main spine of networks, excludes RTIO Robe River and BHP Goldsworthy

(\*\*) Powder River Basin factored from triple track to double track

(\*\*\*) Aurizon Goonyella tonnages are "below rail", including all operators

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# Increased flexibility in our supply chain creates additional competitive advantage



Delivering rail capacity provides dynamic flexibility to respond to customer demands

System designed to ensure rail does not limit the full potential of the port and mine assets

> Continue to optimise and challenge overall port capacity

Q4 2017 shipments of 90Mt and December shipping rates of ~390Mtpa shows port potential



# Optimising rail capacity and improving flexibility

## Train Load Out



### Tonnes per car

(Dynamic tuning for mass and volume)

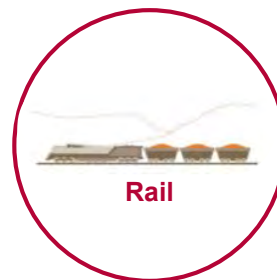
### Train load time

(Reclaimer efficiency, stockpile management, control system improvements)

### Technology and automation

(Automated train loading, expert control systems)

## Mainline



### Mainline network operating strategy

(Network operation, common tactics, reduced delays and stoppages)

### Rail track maintenance

(Optimum speed, productivity and reliability)

### Autohaul®

(Optimised speed, advanced signalling, reducing variability)

## Yard and Port (Dumper)



### Yard operations

(Optimised scheduling, mobility solution, RFID for rolling stock management)

### Train maintenance

(Automated condition monitoring, further automation in workshops)

### Reduced dump cycle times

(Control system machine learning and analytics, interface management)

## Range of investment options being studied

(Eliminating brake cars, electronic braking to dumper, closer train spacing, LTE /4G network – real time monitoring and control across the network)

# Building future system flexibility with AutoHaul®



Improved productivity, efficiency and safety

Greater flexibility in scheduling

Removal of driver changeover times  
~3x stoppages for each round trip

Improved cycle time performance

Removing the need to transport drivers 1.5  
million kilometres each year to and from trains

# AutoHaul® to complete in 2018

World's first fully autonomous heavy haul mainline run completed in September 2017



~65%

production kilometres  
currently completed in  
autonomous mode<sup>1</sup>



>1 million

kilometres  
completed in autonomous  
mode<sup>1</sup> this year



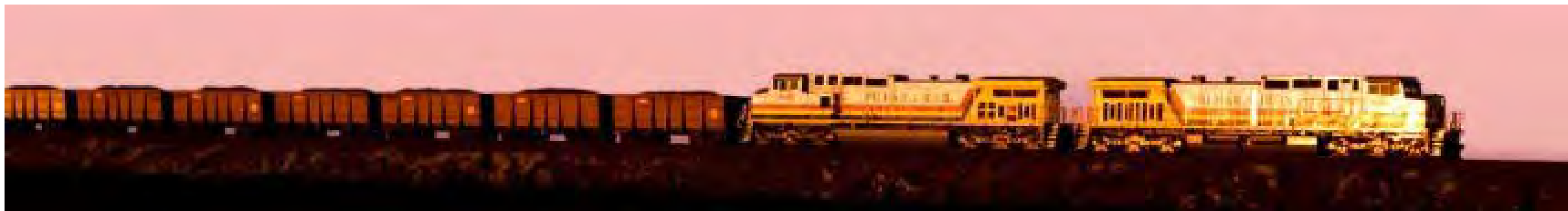
~6%

Speed improvement  
in autonomous  
mode<sup>1</sup>

AutoHaul® usage continues to be  
**expanded**

**Regulator approval** received in May

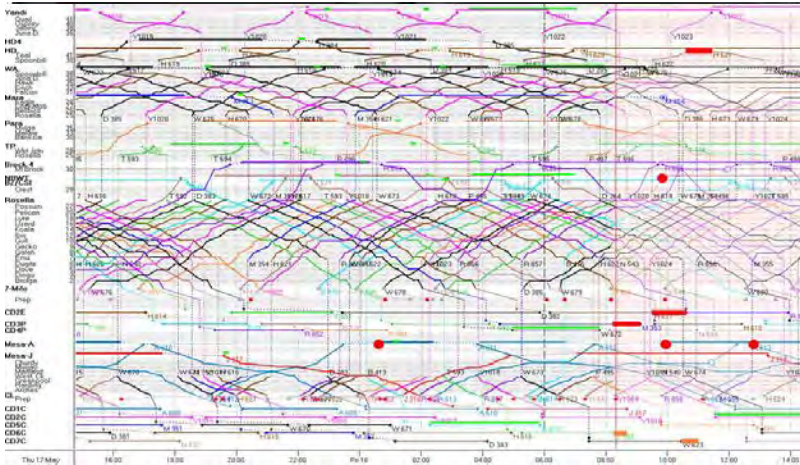
Full implementation of autonomous  
programme by **end of 2018**





# Advancements in technology are crucial to the network operating strategy

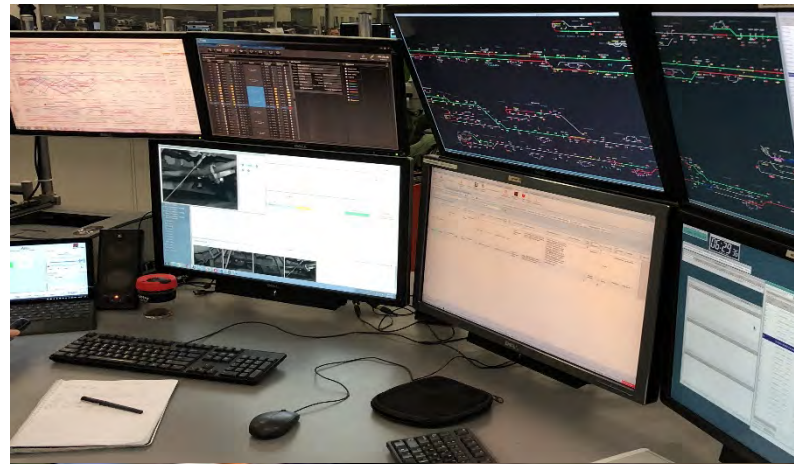
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Technology-enabled best practice tactics covering the yard interface, mainline and mine interface



Analytics, decision support and automation tools for train control team



Real time visibility and optimisation of our network with predictive capabilities and scenario testing to illustrate implications of different tactics

# Yard improvements and digital transformation

## Automated roll-by (ARB)

Optical solution providing insight into the health of our fleet

Improved paperless information on the wagon and its history

Closing the feedback loop when faults are rectified

## RFID tracking of assets

All locos and wagons tracked using RFID technology

Location available to yard optimisation engine and mobility solution

Improved utilisation of assets

## Yard optimisation engine

Dynamically optimised yard movement plan

Closed loop feedback to yard operators and drivers

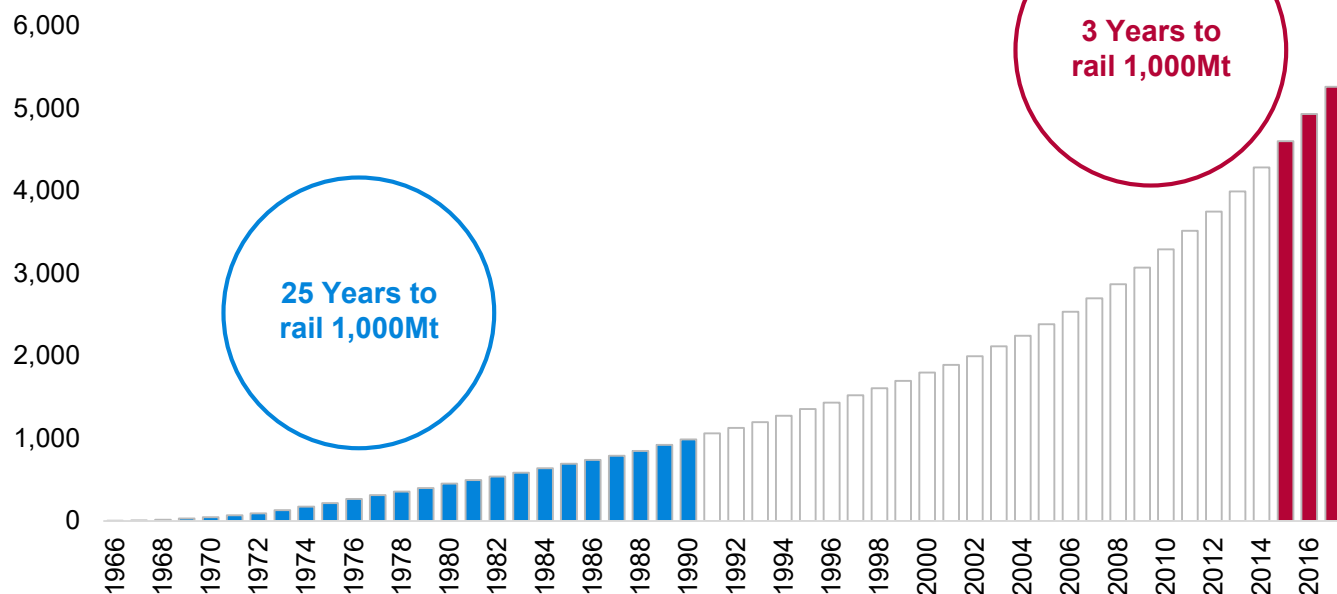
Comprehensive mobility solution to support operations and maintenance teams



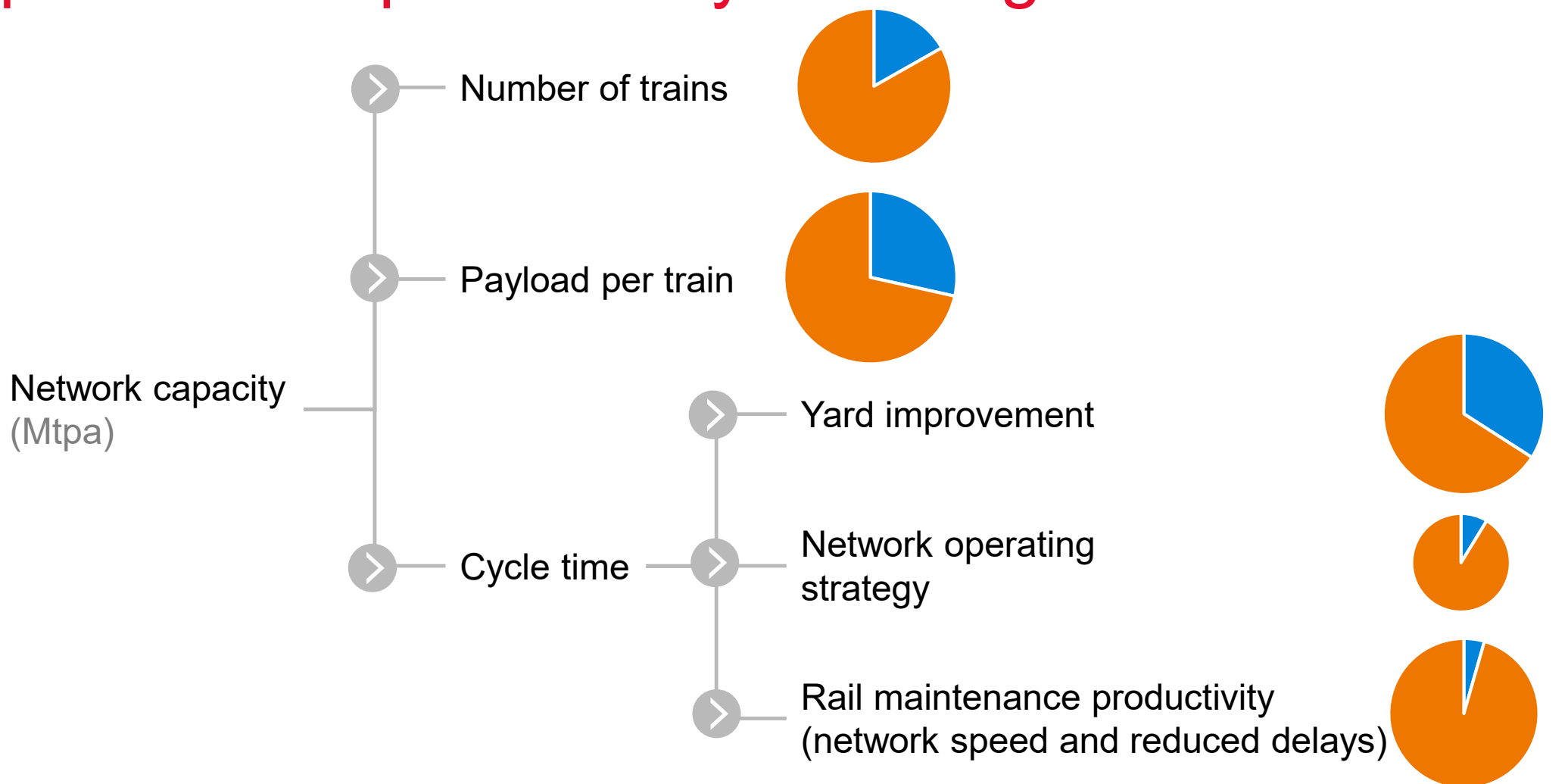
# Rail maintenance productivity can unlock new potential

## RTIO cumulative tonnes railed

Million tonnes



# Our plan for rail productivity is strong and balanced



**AutoHaul® platform enables further improvement**

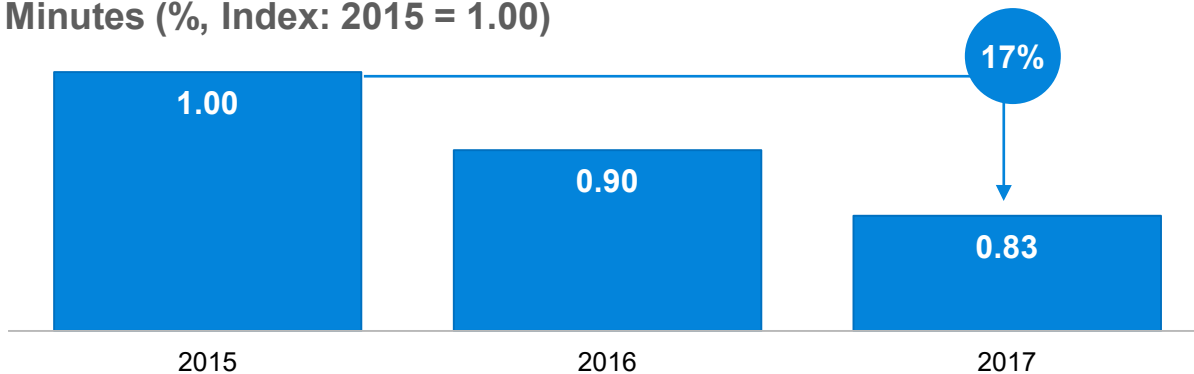
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# Productivity is key to unlocking further value

## Yard and Dumping productivity benefits continue...

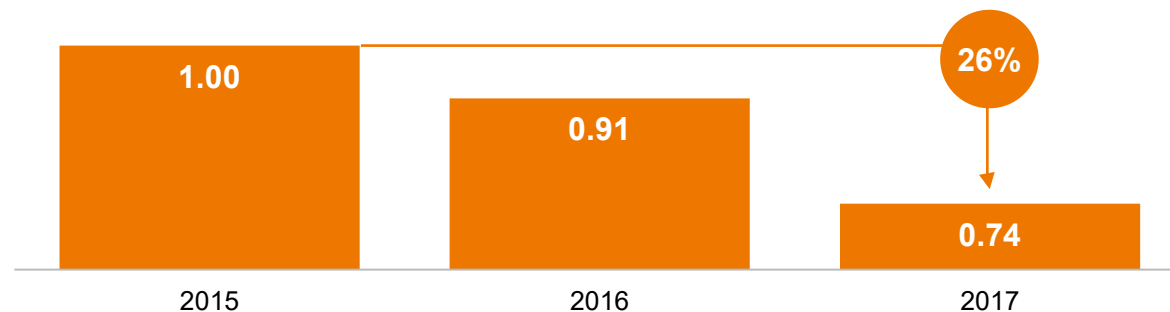
### Yard-in improvements

Minutes (% Index: 2015 = 1.00)



### Dumping – placing train improvements

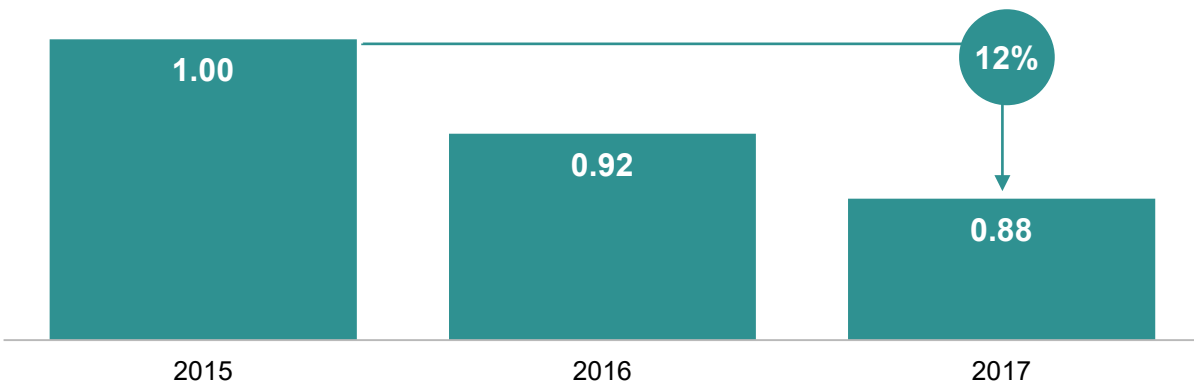
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## ...with demonstrated volume upside for cycle time and payload

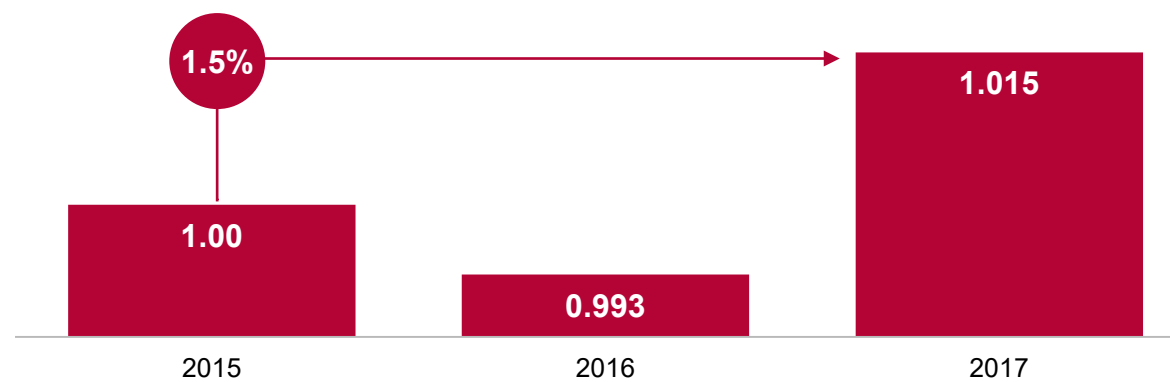
### Yard-out improvements

Minutes (% Index: 2015 = 1.00)



### Payload – Tonnes per train

kt / Train (% Index: 2015 = 1.00)



# Unencumbered port facilities with built in optionality



Continued improvement in productivity and safety, with considerable potential for capacity uplift

Unparalleled flexibility for blending and customer centric operation

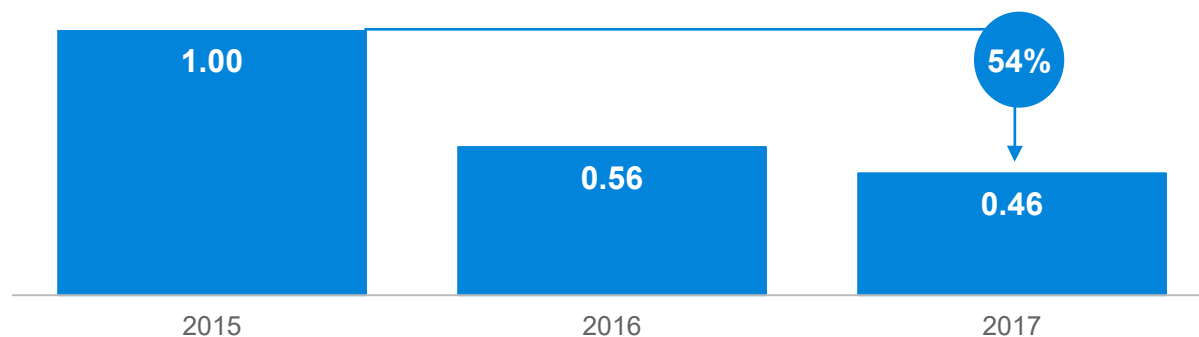
Four independent terminals that provide optionality and full utilisation of our ship loaders

# Improving the capability of our port assets

## Port reliability continues....

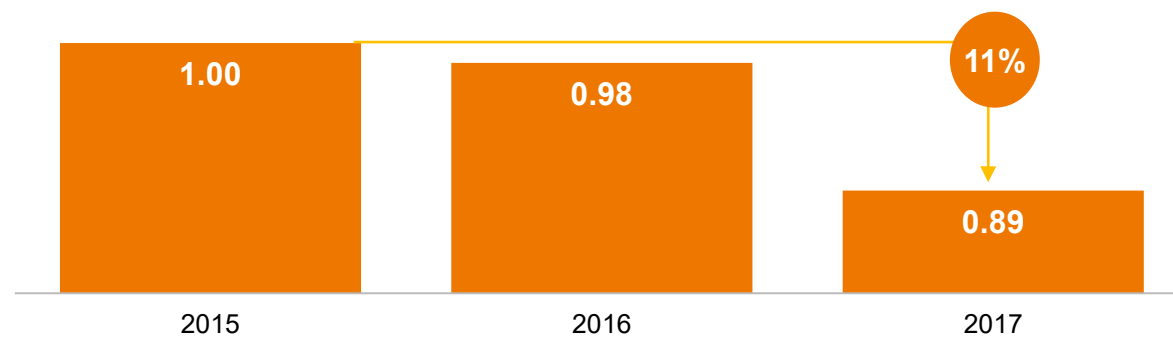
### Unscheduled downtime hours per million tonnes

Pooled fleet dumping circuits (% Index: 2015 = 1.00)



### Dumper capacity - time between queuing trains

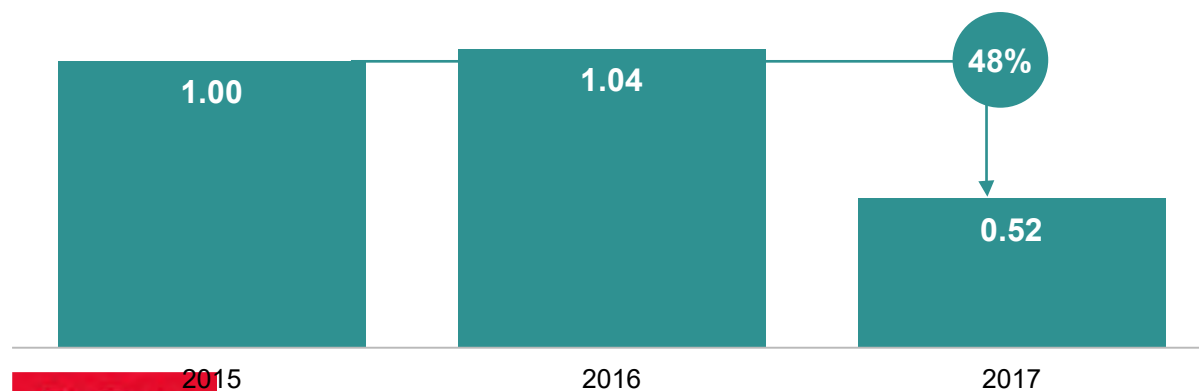
Cape Lambert yard / dumper interface (% Index: 2015 = 1.00)



## With demonstrated volume improvements in loading capacity

### Time lost from shutdown over-runs

All ports circuits (% Index: 2015 = 1.00)



### Ship loading capacity Cape Lambert

CLB performance (% Index: 2015 = 1.00)



# Exclusive, fully integrated infrastructure delivers value for shareholders

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## Reshaping the supply chain

Leveraging the fully integrated and flexible system - extracting capacity to realise more value from market

## AutoHaul® benefits flowing

AutoHaul® platform enables additional productivity

## Future benefits from technology

Opportunities to leverage technology across the supply chain

## Delivering full asset potential

Productivity programme established and delivering strong results across the system





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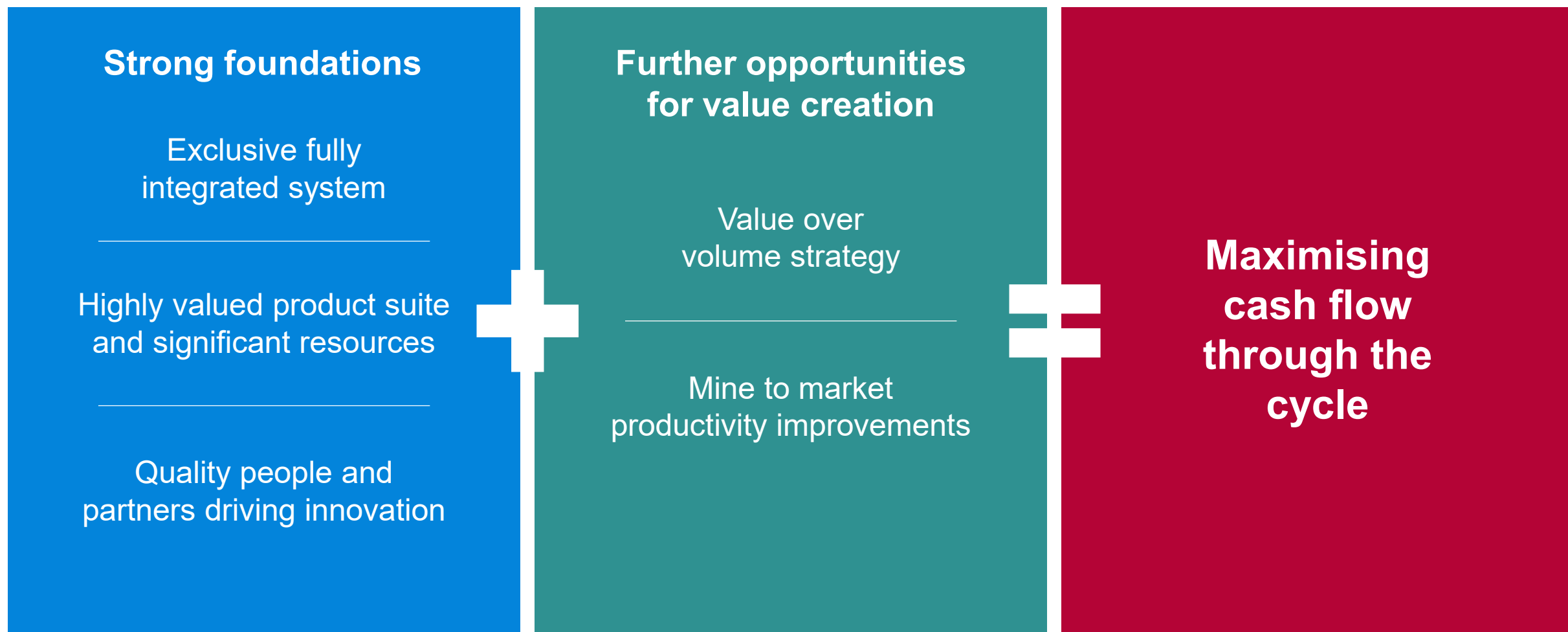
# Summary

Chris Salisbury

Iron Ore chief executive



# Iron Ore continues to deliver optimal value



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**Q&A**



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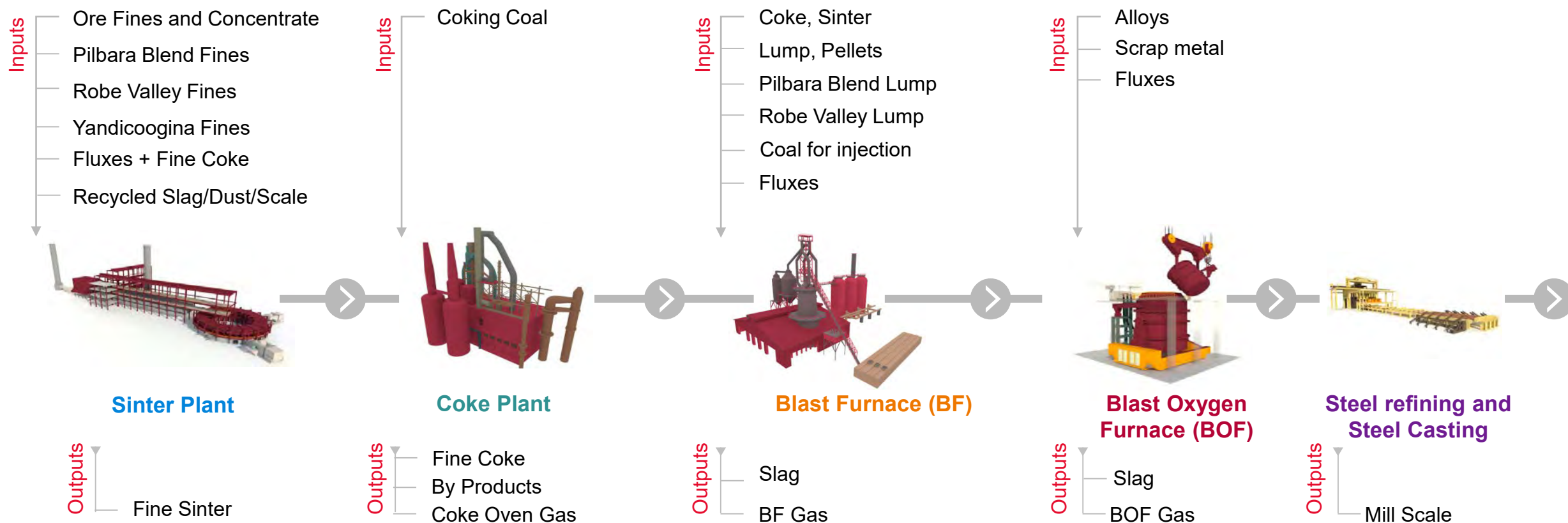


# Iron and steelmaking process flow

## Step 1: Sinter and Coke Making

## Step 2 : Iron Making

## Step 3 : Steel Making, Refining and Casting



An aerial night photograph of the Greater Brockman Operations (GBO) industrial facility. The complex is illuminated by numerous bright lights, creating a stark contrast against the dark, arid landscape. The facility features a dense network of multi-level steel structures, including platforms, walkways, and scaffolding. Large storage tanks and processing units are visible at the top of the structure. A long, elevated conveyor system or pipeline runs diagonally across the foreground. The surrounding terrain is flat and dark, with distant hills visible under a twilight sky.

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# Greater Brockman Operations (GBO)

Scott Wilkinson; General Manager GBO



# Safety Share

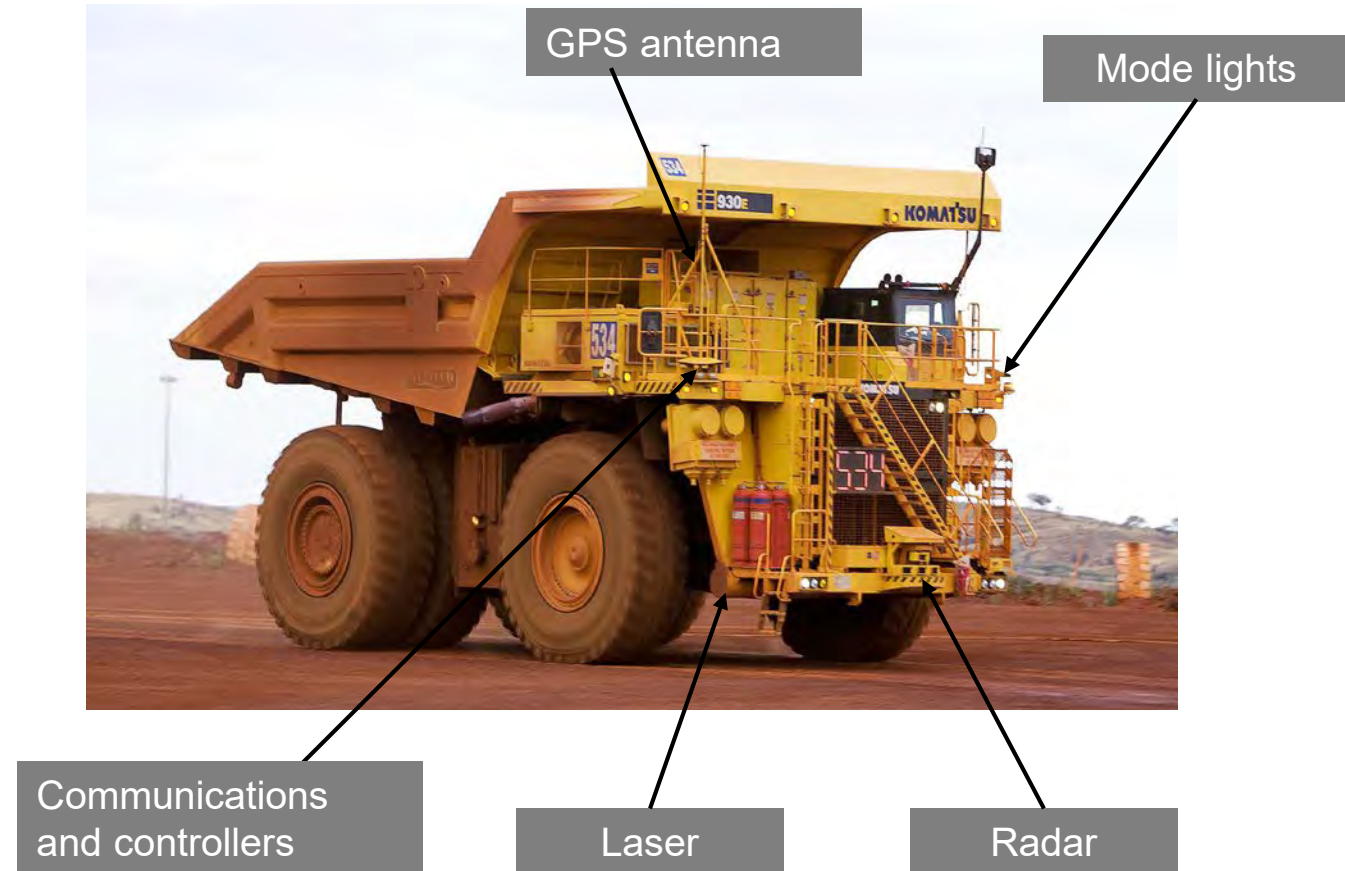
## Automation introduces additional safety controls

### Benefits;

- Reduces number of people exposed to hazards
- Reduces number of critical risk scenarios
- Improves level of control effectiveness (engineering controls)



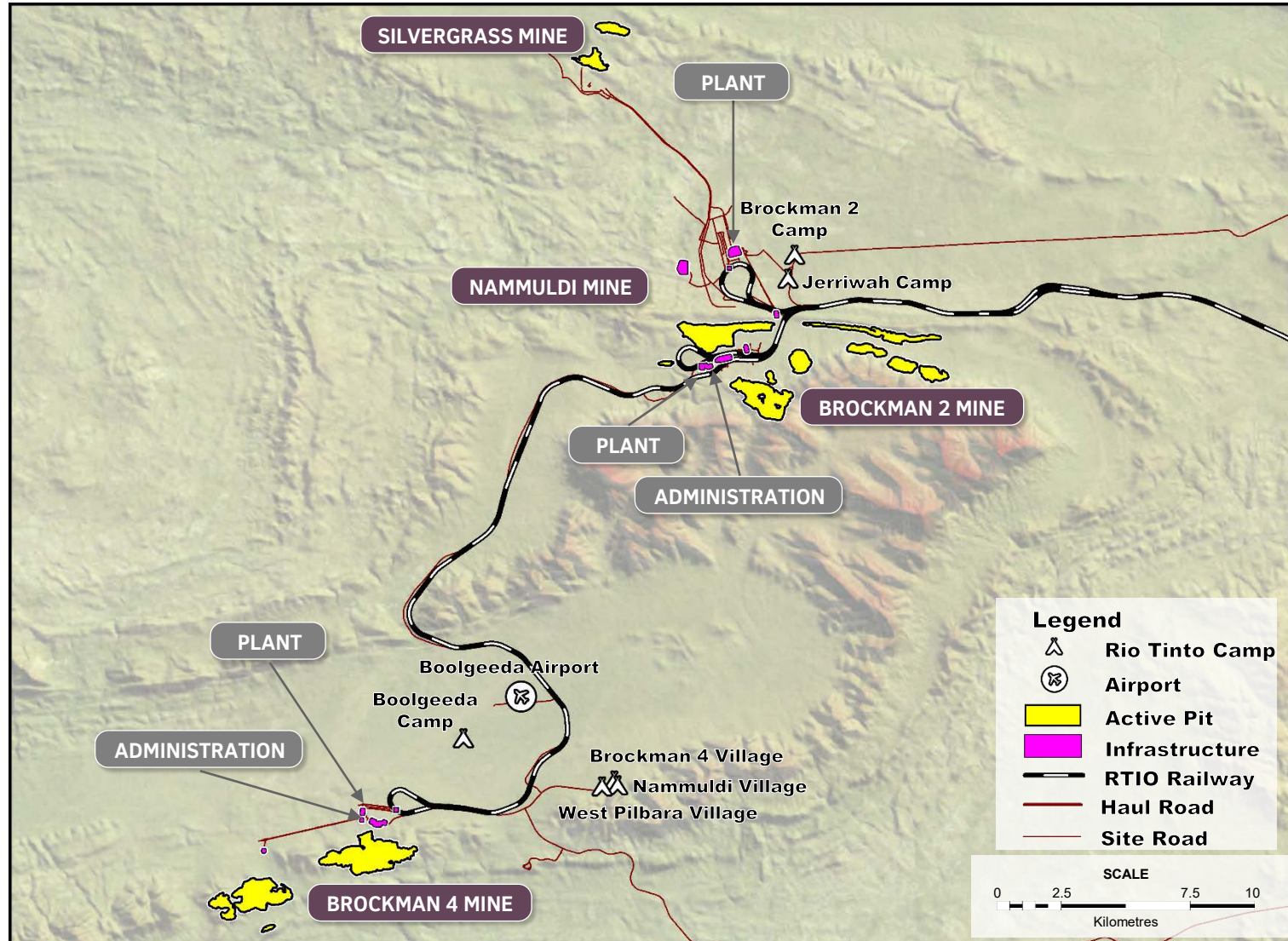
### Autonomous haulage system (AHS) setup



# Mines and Infrastructure of GBO

## Greater Brockman Summary

- Traditional owners of the land are the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura and the Eastern Guruma people.
- Open Pit ore commencement;
  - Brockman 2/Nammuldi – 1992
  - Brockman 4 – 2010
  - Silvergrass - 2017
- Approximately 1400 employees.
- FIFO workforce; regional WA and Perth.
- Marra Mamba and Brockman Ore types.
- 6 villages in operations.





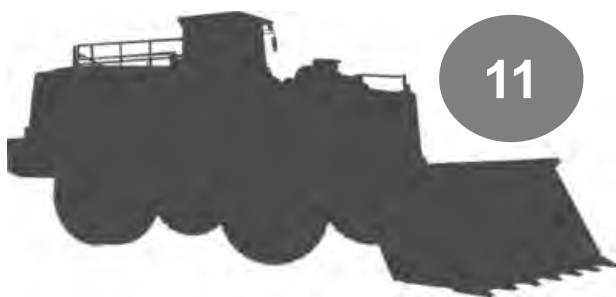
# Four world class mines connected to an integrated system



# An extensive mining fleet of autonomous and manned equipment



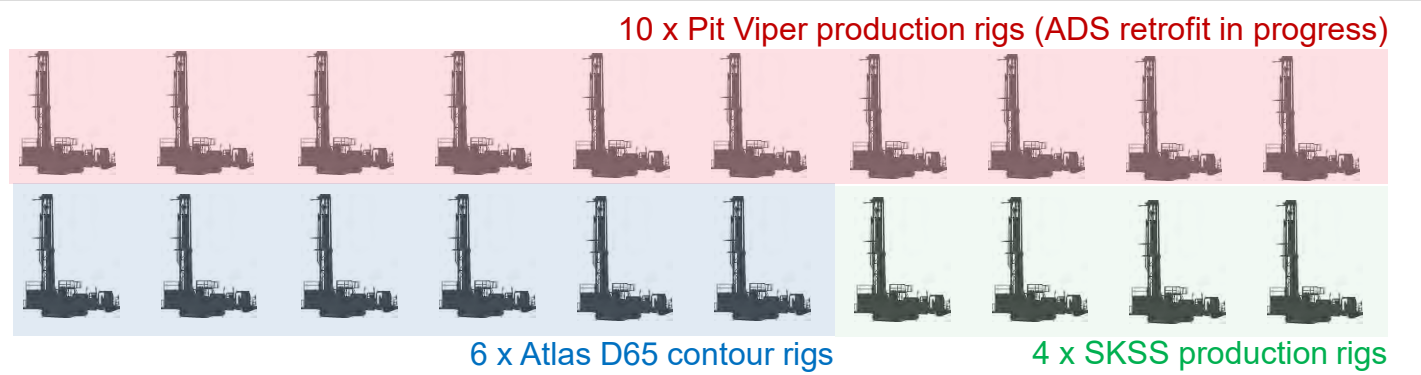
Shovel configuration: 3 x Hitachi EX8000, 1 x Hitachi EX5600, 3 x Hitachi EX5500. Backhoe configuration: 4 x Hitachi EX5600, 5 x Hitachi EX3600 and 2 x Hitachi EX2500.



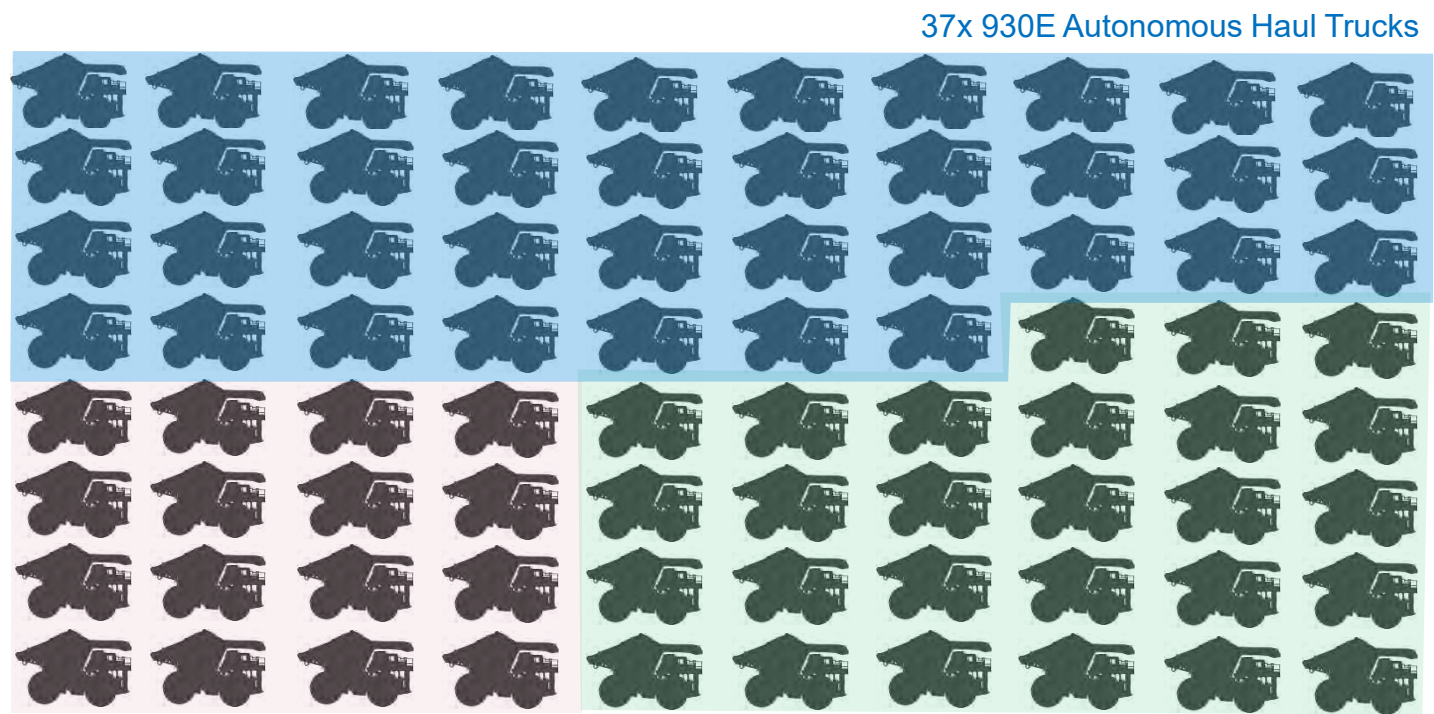
Loaders - 2 x Letourneau L-2350, 2 x Letourneau L-1850, 2 x Komatsu WA1200 and 5 x CAT993.



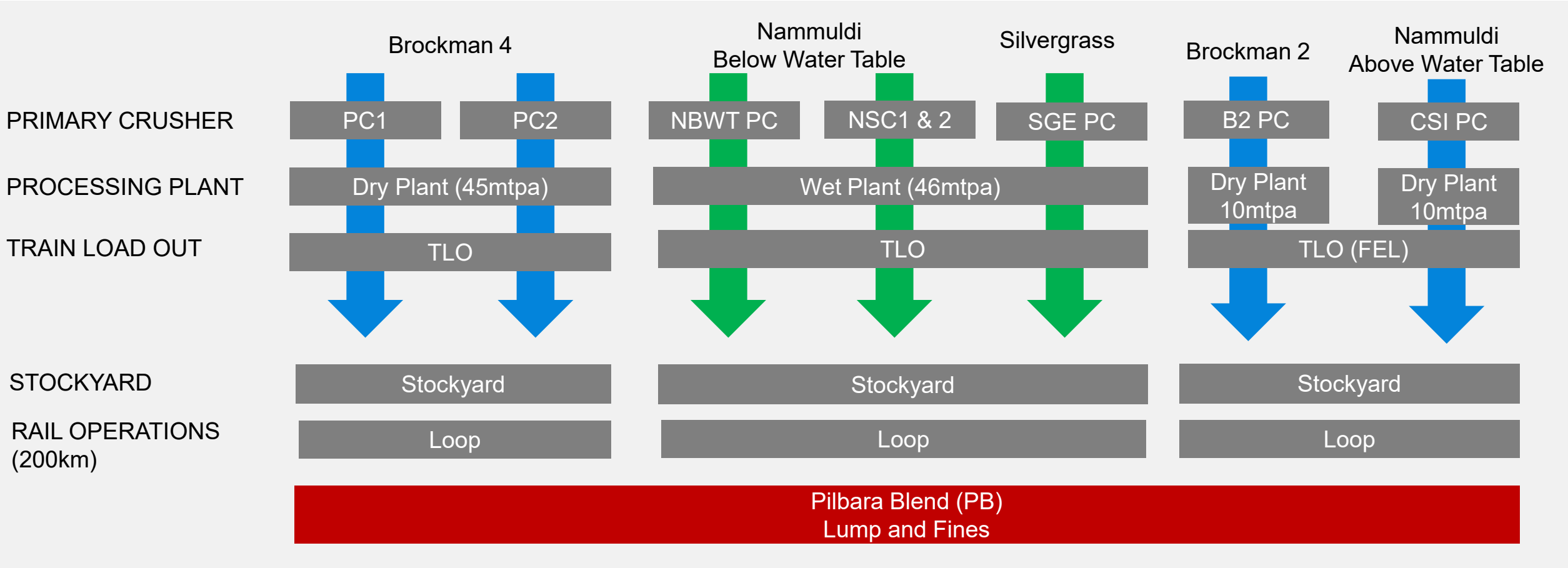
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# GBO is instrumental in delivering our Pilbara Blend through our integrated production system



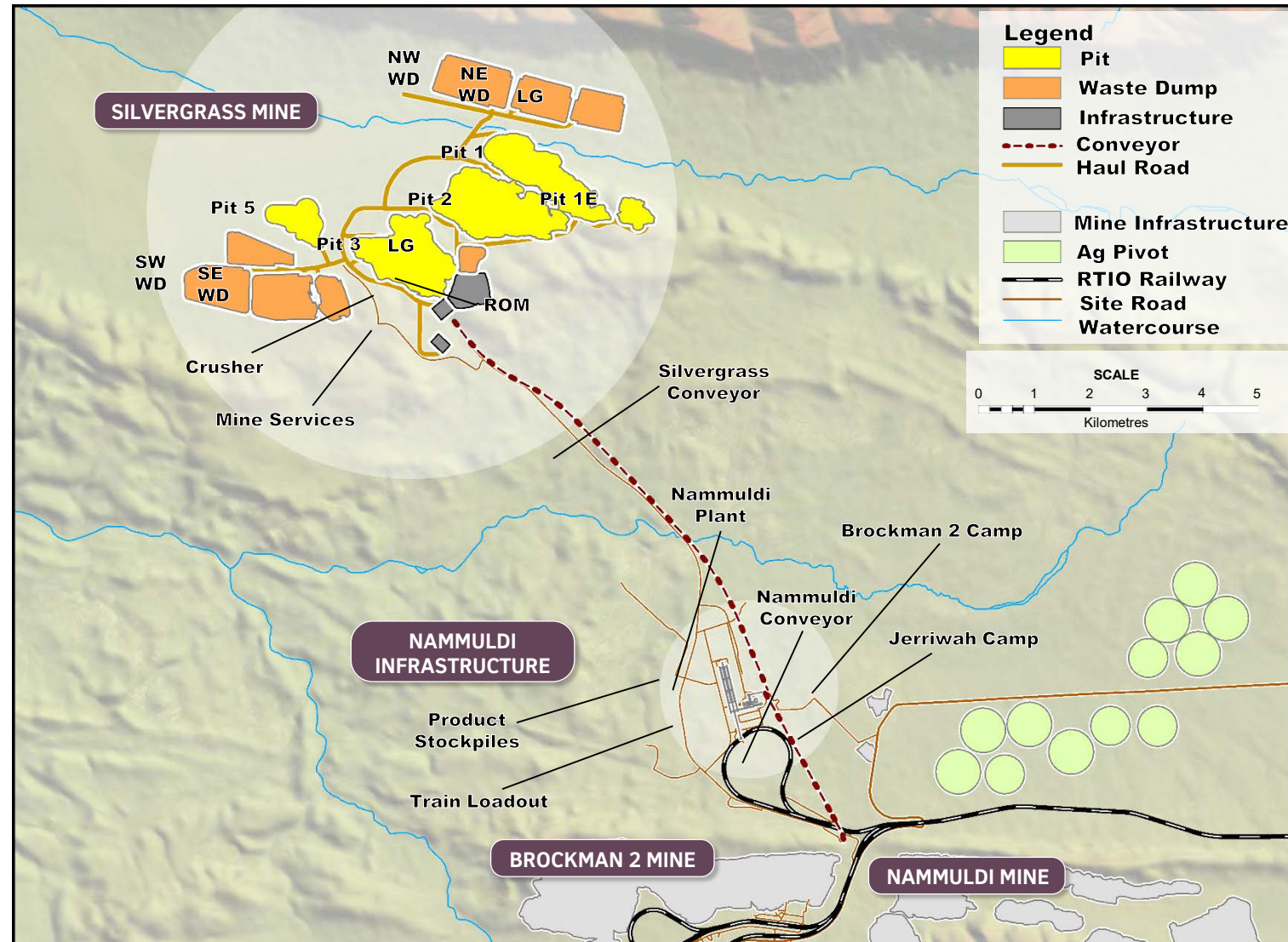


# Silvergrass our newest mine

- First low-phosphorus ore 5 Nov 2017.
- Primary crusher with 9km conveyor connecting existing infrastructure at NBWT Plant.
- Extension of Nammuldi workshop (4 bays, tyre change and storage facility and light vehicle workshop, fuel facility and wash bay).
- Other infrastructure - office and crib facilities, emergency services.
- Upgrade of Jerriwah Village.



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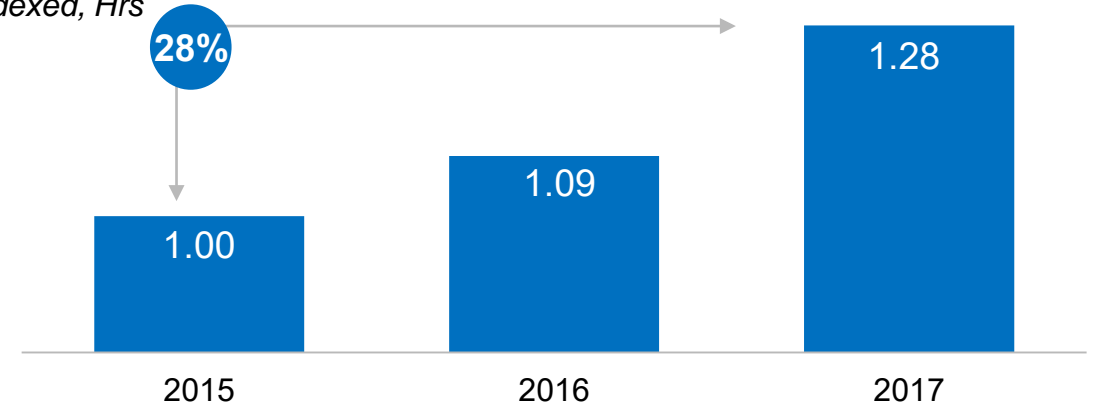
# GBO are demonstrating cost and productivity wins....

Focused on;

- Delivering the tonnes and grade of ore to meet system requirements.
- Increasing plant performance and asset reliability.
- Continuous improvement of manned and autonomous fleet optimisation.
- Retrofitting drills to support autonomous drill technology.
- Improving train loading times to support debottlenecking rail.

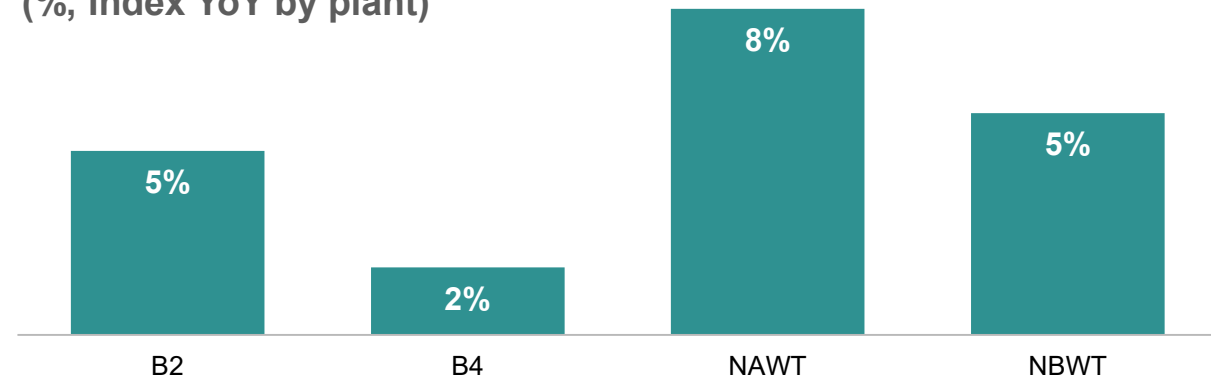
**Brockman 2 Plant Operating Time**

*Indexed, Hrs*



**2017 Improvement in Asset Utilisation Rate**

*(%, Index YoY by plant)*



# And today you will see our progress

AHS in operation - Silvergrass



Production drill during ADS technology installation at NBWT MEM Workshop



Train Loadout Operations B4





The Rio Tinto logo, consisting of the words "RioTinto" in white serif font on a red rectangular background.

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# The Operations Centre (OC)

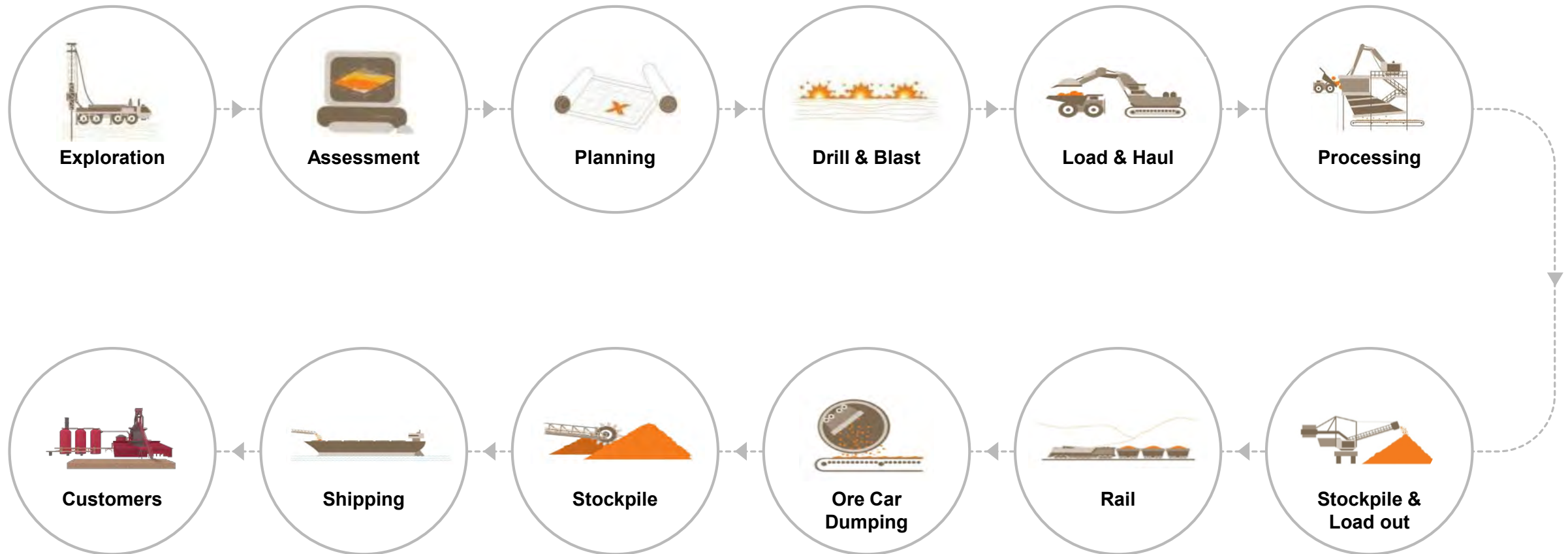
The nerve centre of the integrated network

**Kellie Parker**

Managing Director, Planning, Integration and Assets

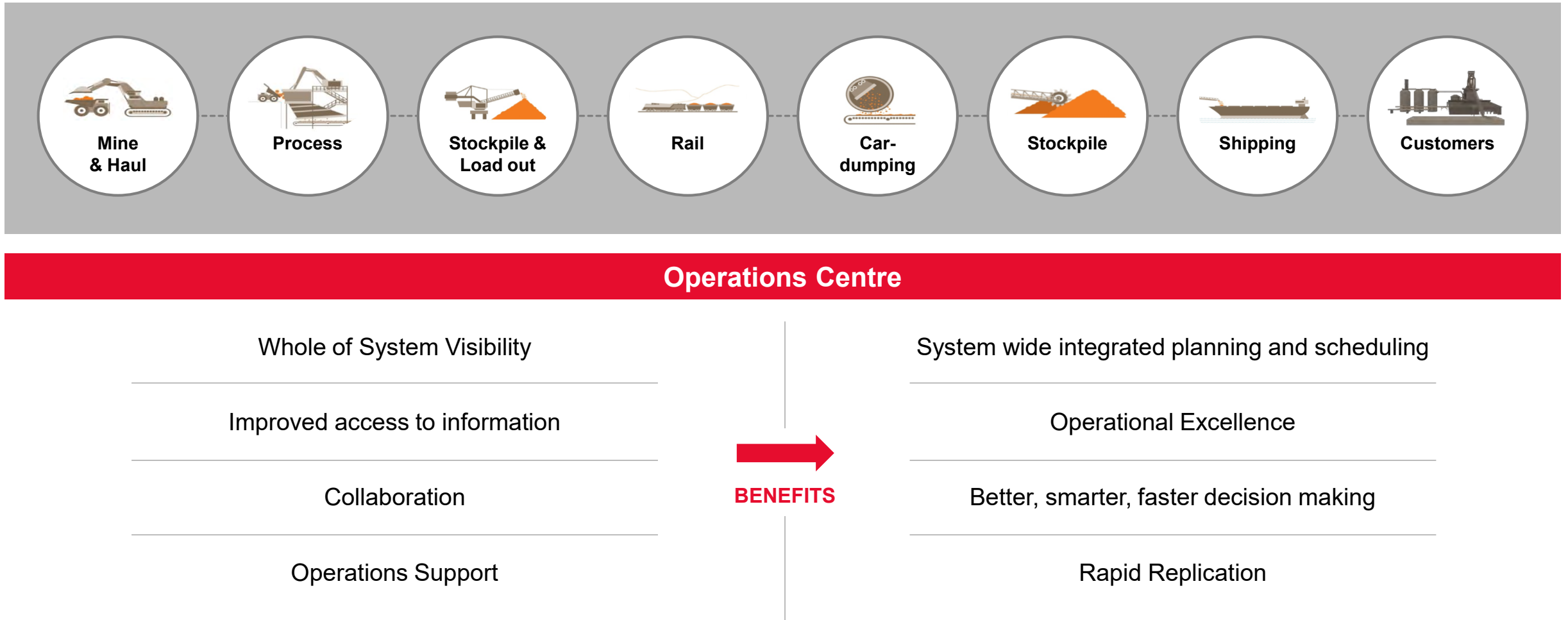


# Seamless integrated operations.....





# ...optimising schedule and performance of the system



# Managing an integrated system of .....

## Operations Centre

Control, Monitor and Optimise the integrated system

### Mine



**16 Mines**

**>370 Trucks Manned & AHS**

Autonomous Haulage

**95 Trucks**

**3 sites - HD4, NAM, YAN**

Autonomous Drills

**11 drills currently**

WAN (7) & YAN (4)

### Plant



**10 sites with 12 Fixed Plants**  
(Wet & Dry)

Remote TLO - B4,  
NBWT, Mesa A

### Rail



**1700 Km** of rail network

**>200 locomotives**

**>12,000 wagons**

### Ports



Operation **4 Ports**:  
CLA, CLB, PPT, EII

Dumping & Stacking /  
Stockyard Management

Reclaiming & Ship Loading

### Asset health



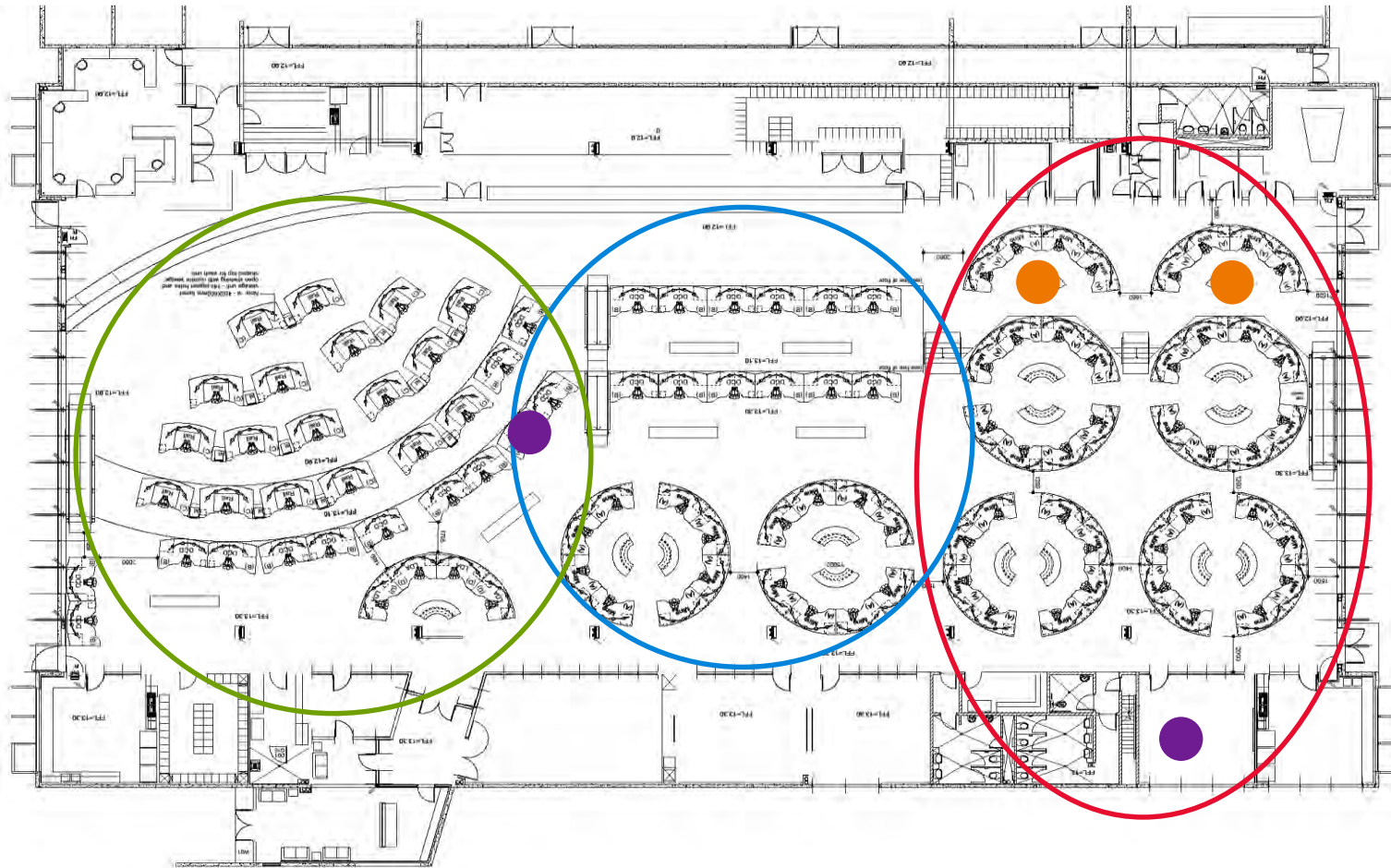
Real-time monitoring of  
fixed and mobile assets






AutoHaul® Locomotive  
Monitoring & Signals  
& Networks

Condition Monitoring  
& Oil Analysis



# The OC of today is very different to the OC of 2007



-  Rail
-  Asset Health, Ports & Dynamic Scheduling
-  Mining & Plants
-  Increased AHS presence
-  Newest– Autonomous Drills

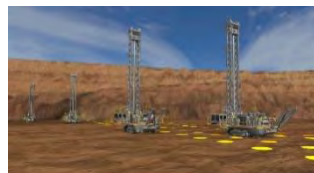
# We have been busy building our integrated system; underpinned by pioneering advancements in technology...



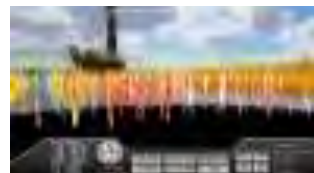
**2007**  
Operations Centre  
and automated truck  
trials (AHS)



**2009/10**  
Automated trucks  
Pilbara 'A Pit' trial



**2010/11**  
Autonomous Drilling  
System (ADS) trial



**2014**  
Deployment of ADS  
and RTVis™



**2016**  
Mobile-device  
production reporting



**2017/18**  
First Autonomous  
Drill deployment /  
retrofit commences



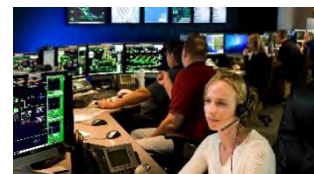
**2008**  
Automated  
train trial (manned)



**2010**  
Operations Centre  
commissioned



**2012**  
Automated truck  
deployments



**2015**  
Transition automated  
truck control to the  
Operations Centre



**2017**  
First unmanned rail  
journey First AHS  
retrofit ADS to OC



**2018**  
Regulator Approval  
AutoHaul®  
VET Skills Launch



# ... and we are the pioneers of autonomous technology

## Autonomous haul trucks - AHS

Improved safety, productivity & operating costs

95 autonomous haul trucks

Av. 1,000 more hours

15% lower load and haul cost in 2016 than conventional haul trucks



## Autonomous drills - ADS

11 autonomous drills across two sites –  
West Angelas & Yandicoogina

1,000 drill hours > conventional drills in 2017

Being deployed at Silvergrass



## AutoHaul®

Full implementation –  
end 2018, regulator approval completed

6% speed improvement in autonomous mode

Step change in safety and productivity



# Supporting the journey.....

## Pioneering technology

Advanced Decision Support  
Integrated Automation  
Big Data Infrastructure  
Enhanced Data Capability



## Innovative projects

AutoHaul®  
Machine to machine control loops  
Productivity monitoring apps



## Skills of the future

Connected Teams  
Skills for jobs of the future



# Industry leading technology driving productivity...

## Machine / Asset Automation

Improved safety and productivity

Autonomous drills (ADS)

Explosive charging improvements

Autonomous haulage system (AHS)

AutoHaul®

## Networked machines

Control systems connected at all interfaces

Mine Automation System (MAS)

Visualisation tools (RTVIS™)

Control Loops

## Customer to ore body knowledge

End-to-end value optimisation

Artificial Intelligence across the entire system

Dynamic System Optimisation

A fully automated system, mine to customer, integrated system delivering maximum value.



# The operations centre will continue to extend our competitive advantage by.....

Integrating and managing the fully integrated system.

Maximising value from our operations, with value underpinning decision making.

Right quality at the right time delivered through the dynamic system.

Leading in technology and automation.

