

Bringing one of the Highest-Grade Copper Deposits in the World Back Into Production

Antler Copper Project, Arizona

Annual General Meeting 28 November 2022



**Share Price** 

A\$0.038

52 week high: \$0.088 low: \$0.028

Shares on Issue

1,851.9m

Performance Rights

26.0m

Held by Management Team

**Market Capitalisation** 

A\$70.4m

Cash

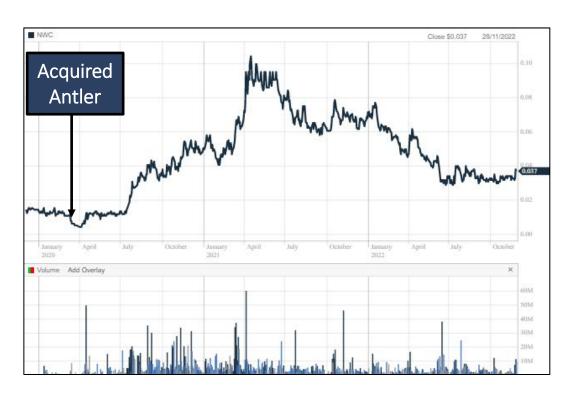
A\$6.1m

At 30 Sept. 2022

**Options** 

55.0m

Exercisable A\$0.046 - A\$0.0635





### **Antler Copper Project – Location and Infrastructure**

#### **Excellent Location**

- Located in a sparsely populated part of northern Arizona
- Privately-owned land
- 70% of all copper produced in the US is from mines in Arizona

#### **Proven VMS District**

- Cluster of 30-40 VMS deposits in northern Arizona; largest:
  - United Verde mined 33Mt of ore @ 4.8% Cu (1883-1975)

#### **Excellent Infrastructure**

- 15km from rail and an interstate highway
- Mains power to within 700m of the old headframe
- 55km by road to Kingman (population ~30,000)
- Benefits:
  - Cheaper to build
  - Cheaper to operate





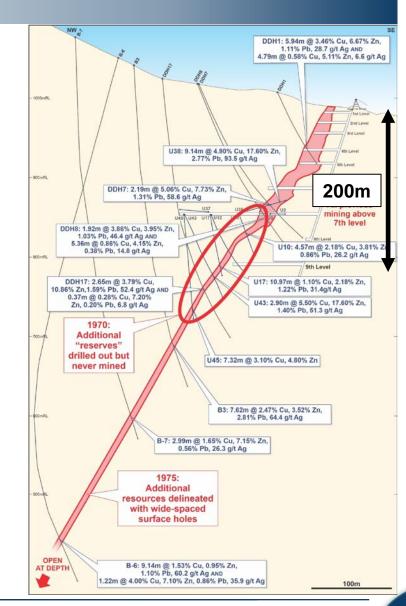
### **Antler Copper Project – No work since 1975**

#### Previous Production (1916-1970)

~70,000t @ 2.9% Cu, 6.2% Zn, 1.1% Pb, 31 g/t Ag and 0.3 g/t Au (~5.0% Cu equivalent)

#### **Compelling Opportunity**

- No work since 1975
- Excellent (high) grade
- Mineralisation:
  - Over 750m of strike
  - To 550m depth
  - Open in all directions
  - Appeared to be part of a bigger system





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- Commenced drilling.

#### October 2021

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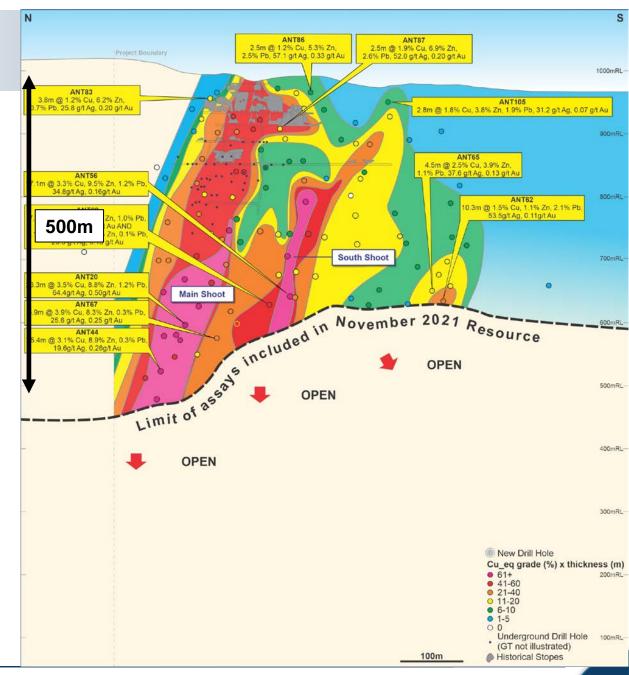
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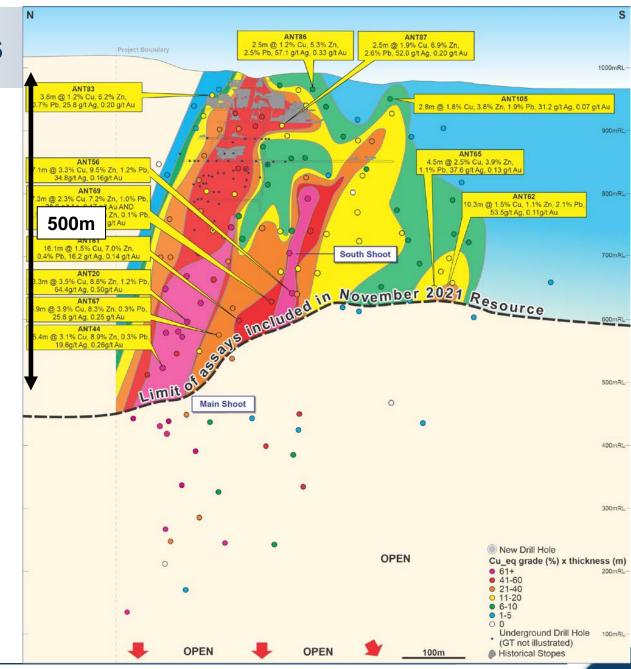
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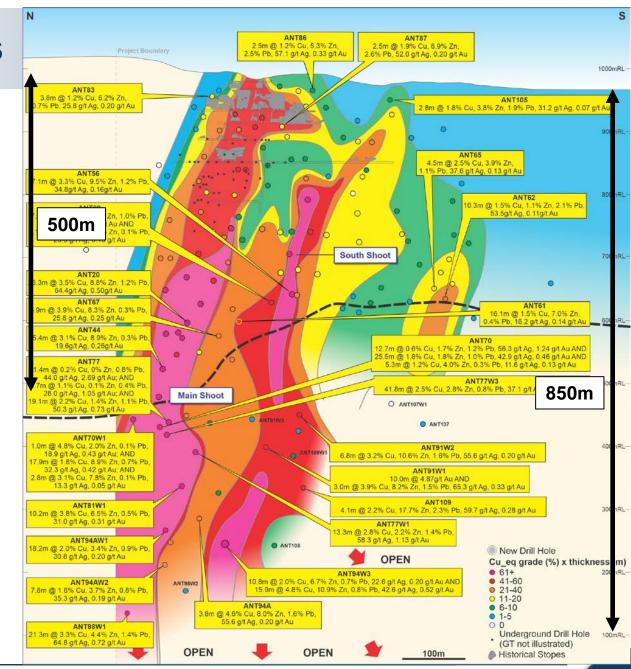
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- Two thick, high-grade shoots both extended to >900m down-dip.





# **Exceptional Exploration Results Throughout the Past 12 Months**

#### Assay Results Returned Since the Maiden JORC MRE Include:

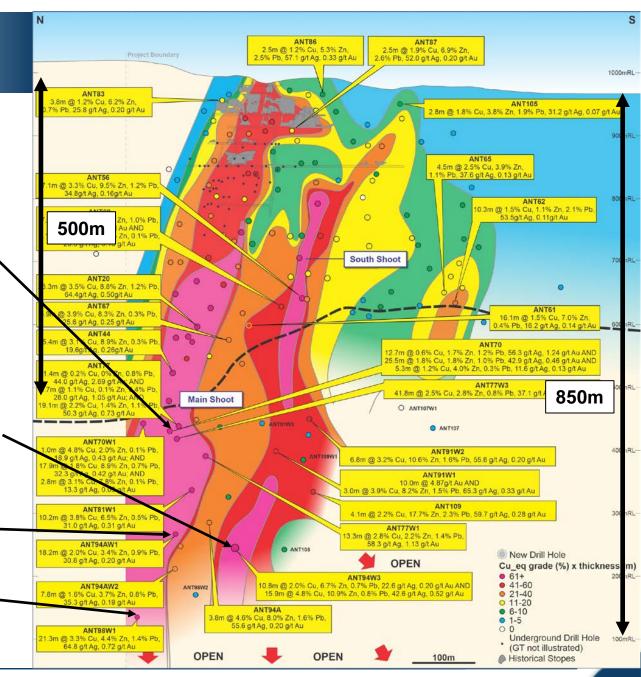
- 41.8m @ 2.5% Cu, 2.8% Zn, 0.8% Pb, 37.1 g/t Ag, 0.52 g/t Au
  (41.8m @ 3.8% Cu-equiv.) the 2<sup>nd</sup> best hole reported yet;
- 10.8m @ 2.0% Cu, 6.7% Zn, 0.7% Pb, 22.6 g/t Ag, 0.20 g/t Au (10.8m @ 4.5% Cu-equiv.) and
  15.9m @ 4.8% Cu, 10.9% Zn, 0.8% Pb, 42.6 g/t Ag, 0.52 g/t Au (15.9m @ 8.7% Cu-equiv.)

#### A combined total of:

26.8m @ 7.0% Cu-equiv.

in the <u>deepest hole drilled yet in the South Shoot – the best results</u> <u>yet in a single hole at the Project</u>

- 18.2m @ 2.0% Cu, 3.4% Zn, 0.9% Pb, 30.8 g/t Ag, 0.20 g/t Au (18.2m @ 3.4% Cu-equiv.) in the 7<sup>th</sup> deepest hole reported; and
- 21.3m @ 3.3% Cu, 4.4% Zn, 1.4% Pb, 64.8 g/t Ag, 0.72 g/t Au
  (21.3m @ 5.3% Cu-equiv.) in the deepest hole reported





### **Updated JORC Mineral Resource**

#### November 2022

- Updated the JORC Mineral Resource Estimate.
- At a <u>1.0% Cu-equiv. cut-off</u> the Resource comprises:

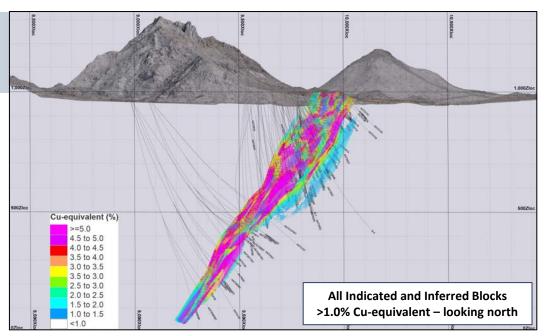
11.4Mt @ 2.1% Cu, 5.0% Zn, 0.9% Pb, 32.9 g/t Ag and 0.36 g/t Au (11.4Mt @ 4.1% Cu-equivalent\*)

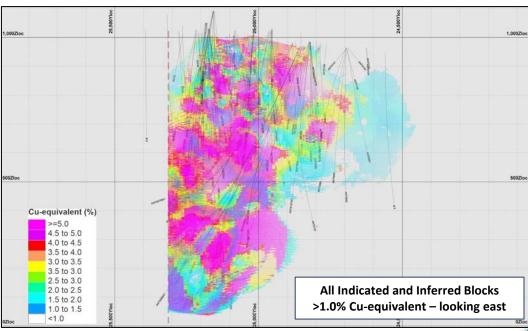
- 79% of the updated resource classified "Indicated".
- At a <u>2.0% Cu-equiv. cut-off</u> the Resource comprises:

9.8Mt @ 2.4% Cu, 5.6% Zn, 0.9% Pb, 34.3 g/t Ag and 0.35 g/t Au (9.8Mt @ 4.5% Cu-equivalent\*)

#### Improvements on the Maiden MRE (Nov. 2021):

- 48% increase in tonnes.
- 44% increase in contained metal (on a Cu-equivalent basis).
- Marginal increase in grade from 3.9% to 4.1% Cu-equivalent.







## July 2021 Scoping Study – Base Case Development Opportunity Based on November 2021 Resource

**Production Profile** 

9.3Mt at 1.0Mtpa for 10-years

Production Profile Fin.

271,240 tonnes Cu-equiv. metal

Financials

US\$2.0bn Revenue

**Financials** 

US\$135m Annual Free Cash Flow Yrs 2-9

Average Grade

3.3% Cu-Equivalent

**Financials** 

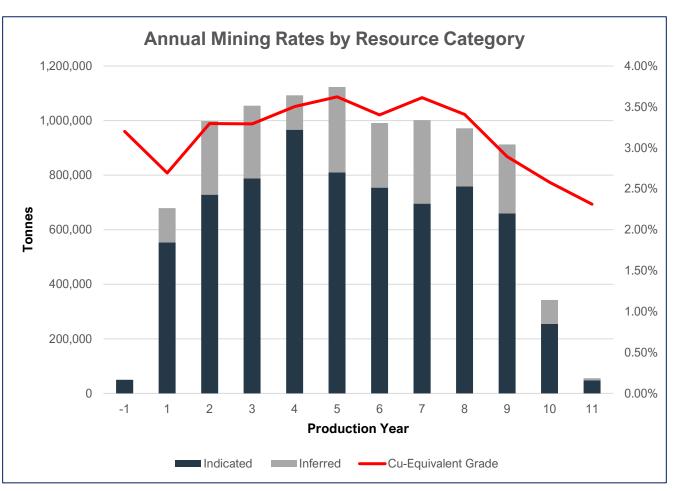
US\$201m CAPEX Including US\$36.5m Contingency

Financials

US\$952m Free Cash Flow Initial Mine Life

Viability

NPV<sub>7</sub> US\$525m IRR 42.0%

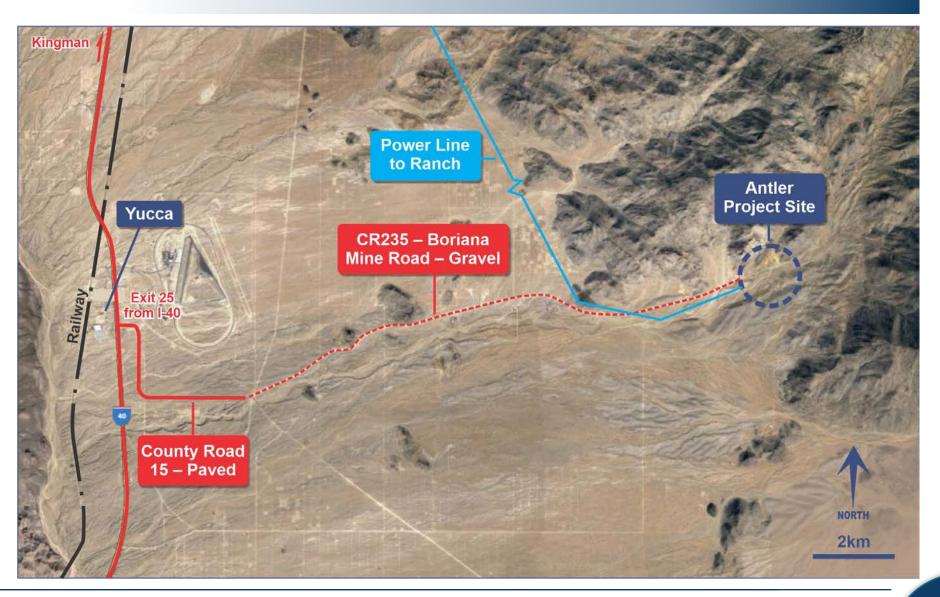


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Cu-equivalent grade based on 100% recovery and 100% payability of all metals. Assumptions on recoveries and payabilities have been made elsewhere in the Scoping Study Announcement. Refer ASX Announcement 11 July 2022. The percentage of Indicated Mineral Resources is 80% (Inferred 20%) over the first five years and 76% (24% Inferred) over the current 10-year evaluation period. There is a low level of geological confidence associated with inferred mineral resources and there is no certainty that further exploration work will result in the determination of indicated mineral resources or that the production target itself will be realised.



### **Excellent Location and Infrastructure = Low CAPEX & Low OPEX**

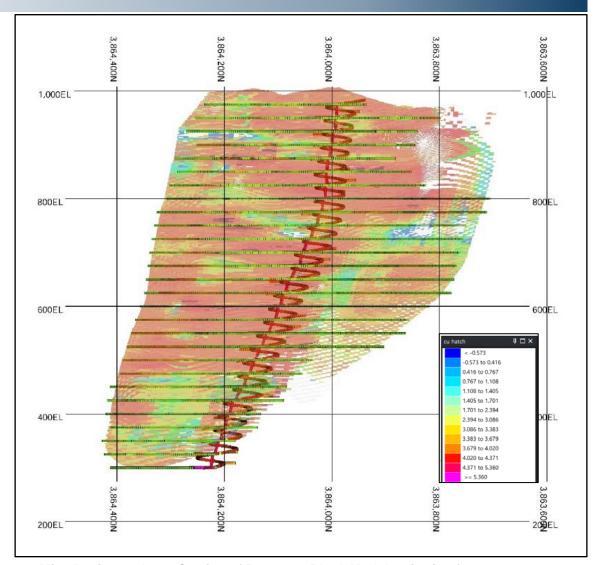
- No upgrade of existing roads required.
- Power to within 750m of the old headframe (15km to be upgraded).
- Operational rail siding in Yucca; or use intermodal facility in Kingman.
- No accommodation facilities required.





### Scoping Study: Utilised November 2021 JORC Resource

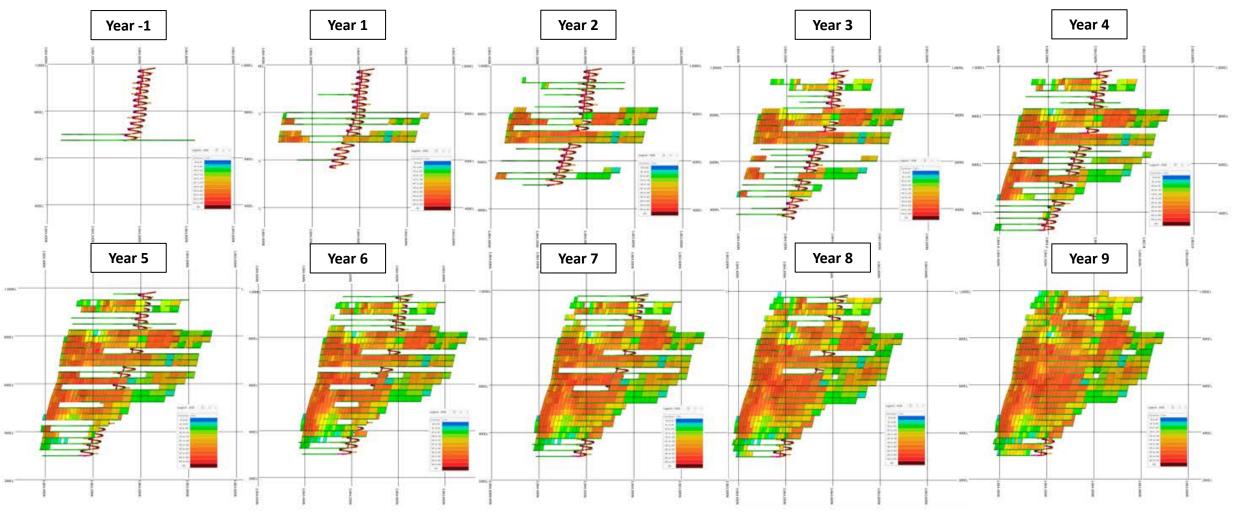
- 95% of the Resource was incorporated in the mining inventory because of:
  - High-grades
  - Lateral continuity
  - Vertical continuity
- The new November <u>2022</u> JORC Resource has the same attributes which bodes well for conversion of those mineral resources to mining inventory.



Mine Design on Long Section of Resource Block Model – viewing from west to east



### **Scoping Study: Mine Development By Year**





### **Scoping Study: Processing Flow Sheet**

#### **Primary grind:**

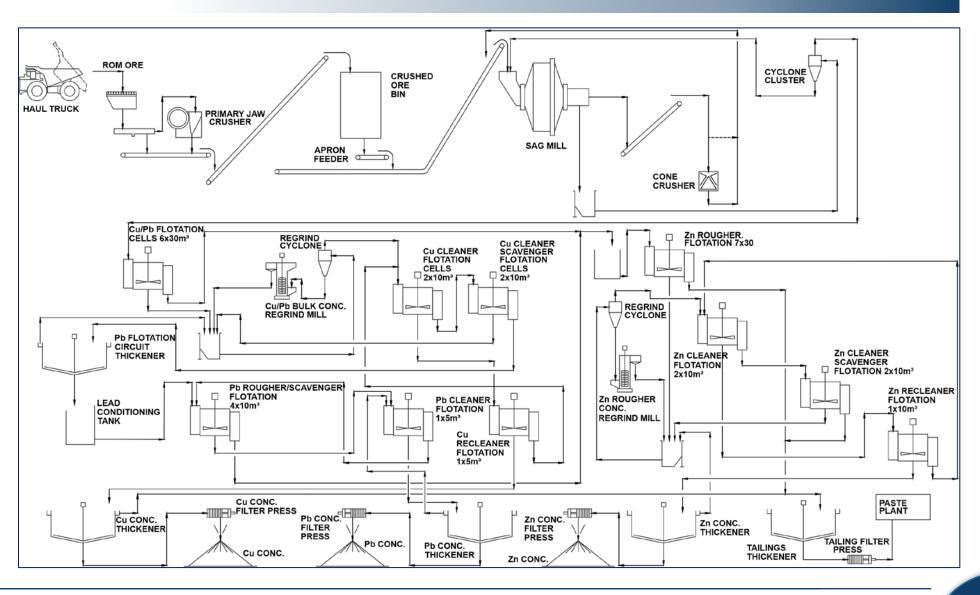
80% passing 100 microns

#### **Concentrate re-grind:**

80% passing 35 microns

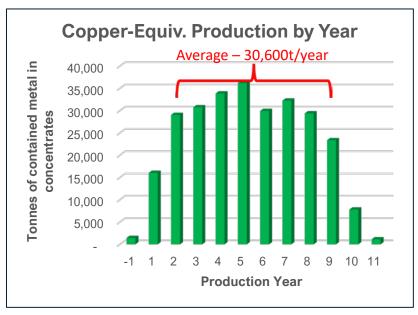
#### **Produce 3 concentrates:**

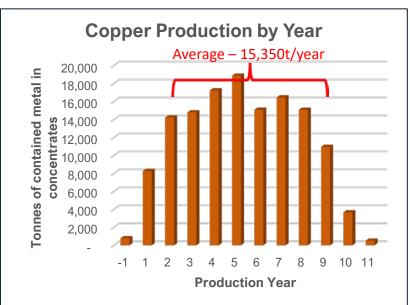
- Copper-gold:
  - 85.3% Cu recovery
  - Concentrate: ~28.0% Cu
    & 3.0 g/t Au
  - Low deleterious elements
- Zinc:
  - 89.5% Zn recovery
  - Concentrate: 52-55% Zn
  - Low deleterious elements
- Lead-silver:
  - 53.6% Pb recovery
  - Concentrate: ~55% Pb & 1,750 g/t Ag

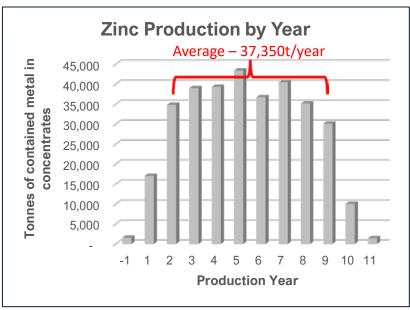




### Scoping Study: Mining – Metal Production by Year









### Scoping Study – One of the Lowest Cost Copper Producers in the World

C1 Cost

US\$1.66/lb (US\$3,660/tonne)

**Copper-Equivalent Production** 

C1 Cost

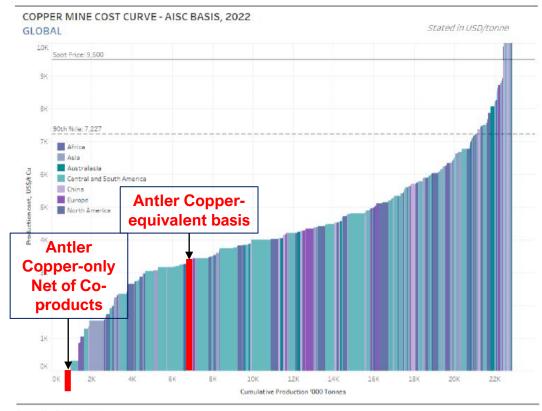
Negative US\$0.31/lb (Negative US\$683/tonne)

Copper-Only Production (Net of Co-Product Credits)

Opportunity to be one of the lowest-cost producers of copper in the world.

#### Revenue by Metal over Forecast Initial Operating Life





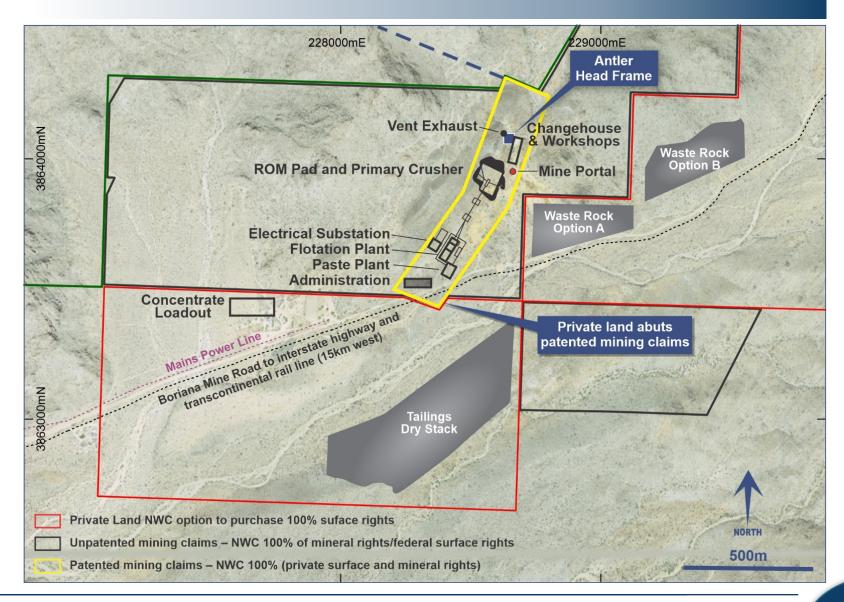
Source: CRU, Trafigura Research

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Cash costs are inclusive of mining costs, processing costs, site G&A, treatment, refining charges (including transportation charges) and royalties



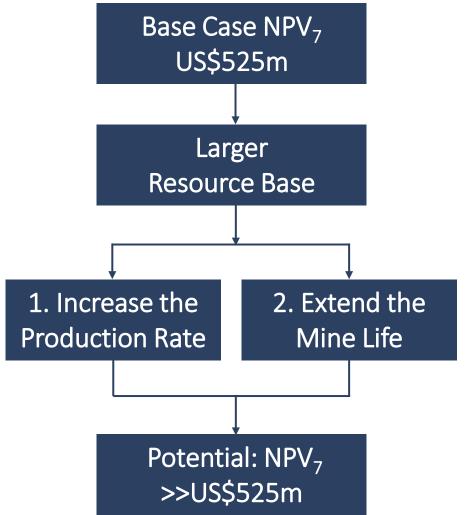
### **Scoping Study: Site Layout**

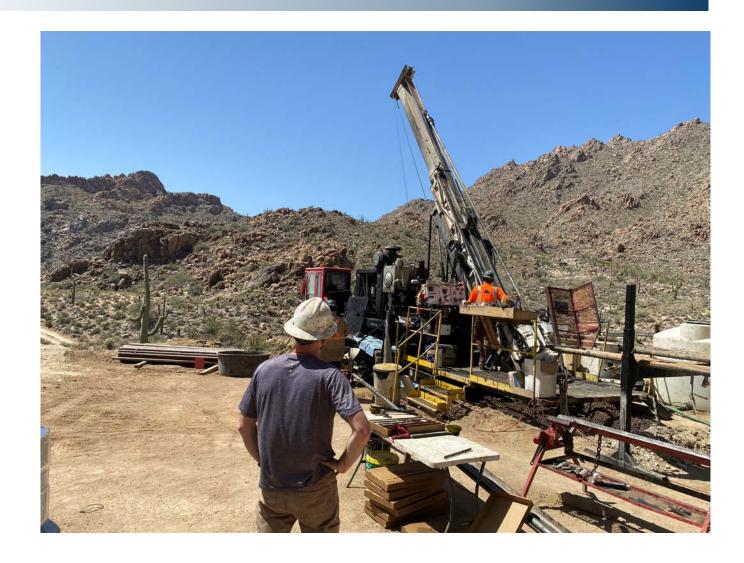
- Mine development to be constrained so all surface infrastructure is developed on privately-owned land that NWC already owns/controls:
  - Simplifies and streamlines mine permitting.





### **Further Enhancing Economics of Project Development**







### Potential Economics of Longer Life/Greater Production Rate

- Scoping Study illustrates the potential value of exploration success:
  - 1Mtpa average production in Years 2-9 generates an estimated US\$135m (A\$193m) of free cash flow per year.
- Hence further exploration success is potentially very valuable.
- Analysis of potential longer life/greater production rate:

Scenario		Physicals				Finar	ncials	Notes			
	<b>Production Rate</b>	Life (years)	Tonnes mined	CAPEX	Revenue (US\$/t)	OPEX (US\$/t)	Free Cash (US\$m)	NPV7 (US\$m)	IRR	Notes	
1	1.0Mtpa	10	10m	\$200m	\$214.76	\$112.19	\$824.7	\$485.40	50%	Scoping Study CAPEX and OPEX	
2	1.2Mtpa	10	12m	\$200m	\$214.76	\$106.58	\$1,097.2	\$664.30	64%	Scoping Study CAPEX; 5% reduction in S.S. OPEX	
3	1.2Mtpa	12	14.4m	\$200m	\$214.76	\$106.58	\$1,356.8	\$775.80	64%	Scoping Study CAPEX; 5% reduction in S.S. OPEX	
4	1.5Mtpa	10	15m	\$250m	\$214.76	\$100.97	\$1,456.8	\$886.74	68%	25% Increase on Scoping Study CAPEX; 10% reduction in S.S. OPEX	
5	1.5Mtpa	12	18m	\$250m	\$214.76	\$100.97	\$2,139.6	\$1,178.30	68%	25% Increase on Scoping Study CAPEX; 10% reduction in S.S. OPEX	



**South Shoot** 

27.0m @ 7.0%

Cu-equiv.)

Main Shoot

21.3m @ 5.3%

Cu-equiv.)

### **Continuing to Expand the Resource Base**

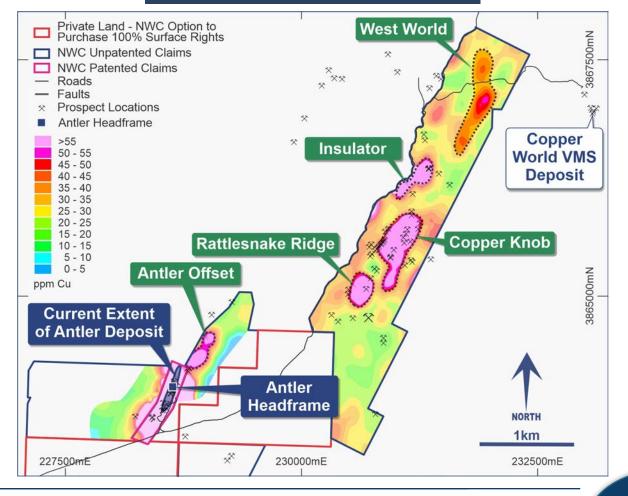
### 1. At Depth

Long Section – Cu-Equiv. Grade x Thickness



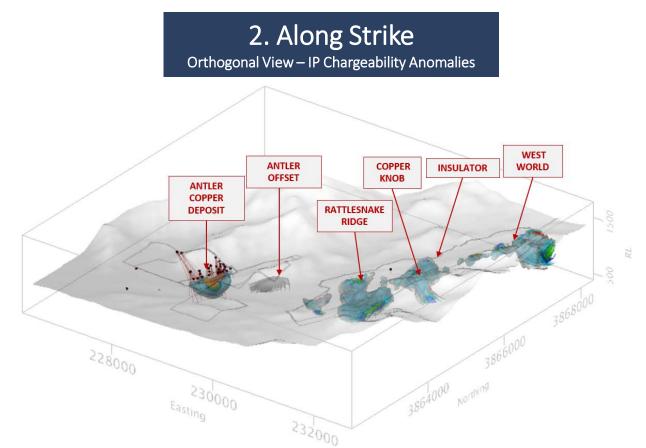
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Plan View – Copper in Soil Geochemistry



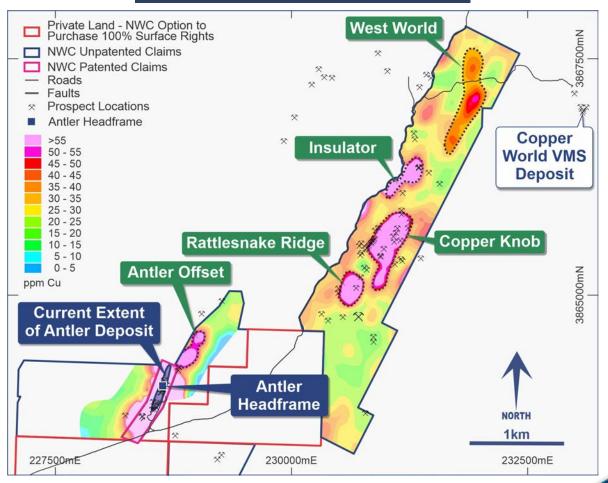


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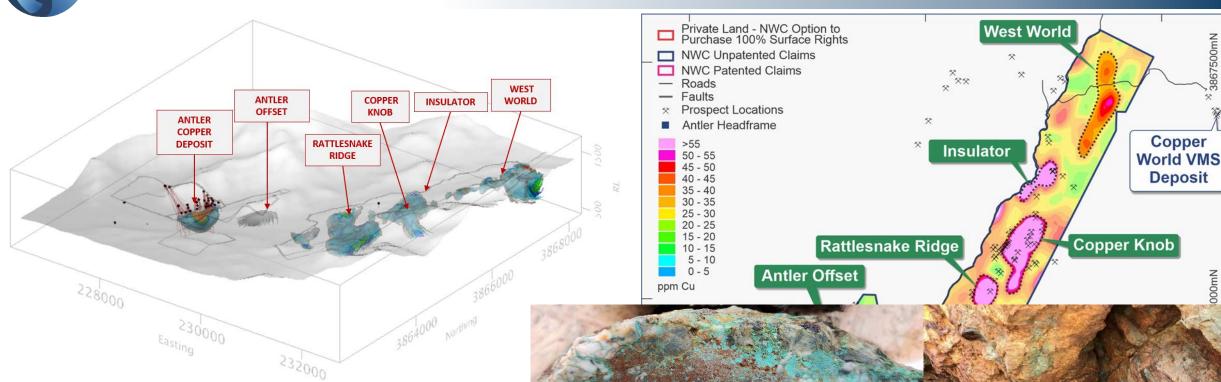
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### Plenty of Initial Encouragement Along Strike



#### Initial Drill-Testing to Commence Q1 2023

- IP targets all 50-300m below surface:
  - Shallow drilling cheaper and faster news flow.
- Any mineralisation discovered could potentially be incorporated into the mine schedule earlier than additional deep mineralisation from the Antler Deposit.



Copper-rich gossan from the Rattlesnake Ridge Prospect

Outcropping copper-oxide mineralisation at the Copper Knob Prospect (view approx. 1.5m x 1m)



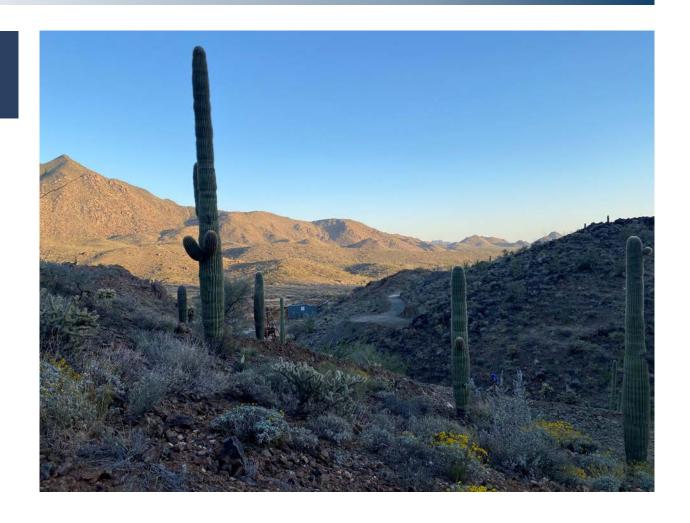
### **Two Key Corporate Objectives – Value Drivers**

## Continue to Expand the Resource Base

Recommence Production ASAP

#### Near-Term Catalysts

- Upgrade JORC Resource reported today!
- Update Scoping Study:
  - Enhanced Project Development Economics
- Ongoing Exploration Drilling Results:
  - At Depth at Antler
  - Testing New Geophysical/Geochemical Targets
- Lodge Mine Permit Applications
- Complete PFS:
  - Refined Project Development Parameters and Economics
- Further JORC Resource Upgrades





## Forward Work Program – Antler Copper Project

Wall Branch	2021 2022					2023				2024			
Work Program	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Exploration Drilling - Resource Expansion													
JORC Resource													
Scoping Study (based on Nov 2021 JORC Resource)													
Updated Scoping Study (based on 2022 JORC Resource)													
Pre-Feasibility Study													
Mine Permit Application and Permit Approvals													
Definitive Feasibility Study													
Resource-to-Reserve Drilling													
Metallurgical Testwork													
Project Development/Construction													



#### "Grade is King"

Grade potentially getting even better with depth.

#### Rarity That Exploration Projects Get Better With More Work

- March 2020: 7-8 years @ 0.4-0.5Mtpa
- Dec. 2020: 7-8 years @ 0.75Mtpa
- Nov. 2021: 8-10 years @ 0.8Mtpa
- July 2022: Scoping Study 9-10 years @ 1.0Mtpa
- Nov. 2022 Resource Update 10+ years @ 1.2-1.4Mtpa????

#### **Excellent Jurisdiction**

#### **Excellent Time**

• Great copper price now – looking even better.



#### Heavily Undervalued



### **Previously Reported Results and Contact Details**

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There is information in this presentation relating to:

- (i) the Mineral Resource Estimate for the Antler Copper Deposit, which was previously announced on 5 November 2021 with an update to that MRE announced on 28 November 2022; and
- (ii) exploration results which were previously announced on 14 January, 9 and 20 March, 17 and 24 April, 12 May, 3 June, 7, 21 and 28 July, 3 and 31 August, 22 September, 22 October and 2 and 10 and 25 November 2020 and 18 January and 2, 12 and 19 March and 8 and 20 April, 20 May, 21 June, 15 and 29 July, 16 August, 22 September, 13 October, 1, 5 and 30 November 2021 and 20 January, 1 March, 20 April, 14 and 22 July, 26 September, 4 and 11 October and 23 November 2022.

Other than as disclosed in those announcements, the Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements, and that all material assumptions and technical parameters have not materially changed. The Company also confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

All references to the Scoping Study and its outcomes in this document relate to the announcement of 11 July 2022 titled "Scoping Study Results – Antler Copper Project". Please refer to that announcement for full details and supporting information.

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### **Appendix 1 – Antler Project Acquisition Terms**

- NWC owns 100% of the Antler Copper Project
- The entity that vended the project to NWC is entitled to additional payments that comprise:
  - 1. Annual payments of US\$75k per year until the commencement of commercial production;
  - 2. Cash payments totaling US\$2m during the first 12 months of commercial production; and
  - 3. 10% Net Proceeds Interest after CAPEX is recovered in full NWC can purchase this (or part thereof) for US\$10M at any time up until 8 March 2024, and thereafter an escalation factor of 12% per annum (from March 2024) will apply.