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## **DRILLING COMMENCED TO EXPAND SALAZAR REE RESOURCE AND NEXT STEPS**

### **Summary**

- Extensive first phase of aircore drill program comprising 9,000m has commenced
- Drilling designed to extend the Inferred Resource at the Newmont deposit and to explore other parts of the Salazar licences
- Proposed activities and next steps to accelerate West Cobar projects

West Cobar Metals Limited (ASX:WC1) (“West Cobar”, “the Company”) is pleased to provide an update on its drilling activities at the Salazar Clay Rare Earth Element (REE) Project, 125km NE of the town of Esperance in Western Australia.

The phase 1 aircore drilling program of 9,000m is now underway and will continue to completion early in the new year. The program is planned to extend the existing Inferred Resource of 43.5Mt at 1192ppm total rare earths oxide (TREO) at Newmont, explore the southern part of E63/1496 which contains the Newmont deposit, and to explore the O’Connor licence area (E63/1469).

The intention is to both increase the Inferred Resource at Newmont and to delineate areas where additional Inferred Resources can be defined (Figure 1). Programs of Work (PoWs) for the planned drill programs have been approved by the Western Australian Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS).

Assay results from the drilling are expected within four to six weeks of sample dispatch. The results will be integrated with available historical data and an updated Inferred Resource for the Newmont deposit is expected to be delivered in Q2, 2023 (Figure 3).

Non-Executive Chair Rob Klug commented: *"We are very pleased to have commenced drilling at our Salazar REE project, which already stands as one of the more advanced clay-hosted REE projects in Australia. The program seeks to build on the discovery of the Newmont REE deposit by expanding the current resource base at Newmont and working toward achieving our Exploration Target of 200-500Mt at 1400ppm TREO for Salazar."*

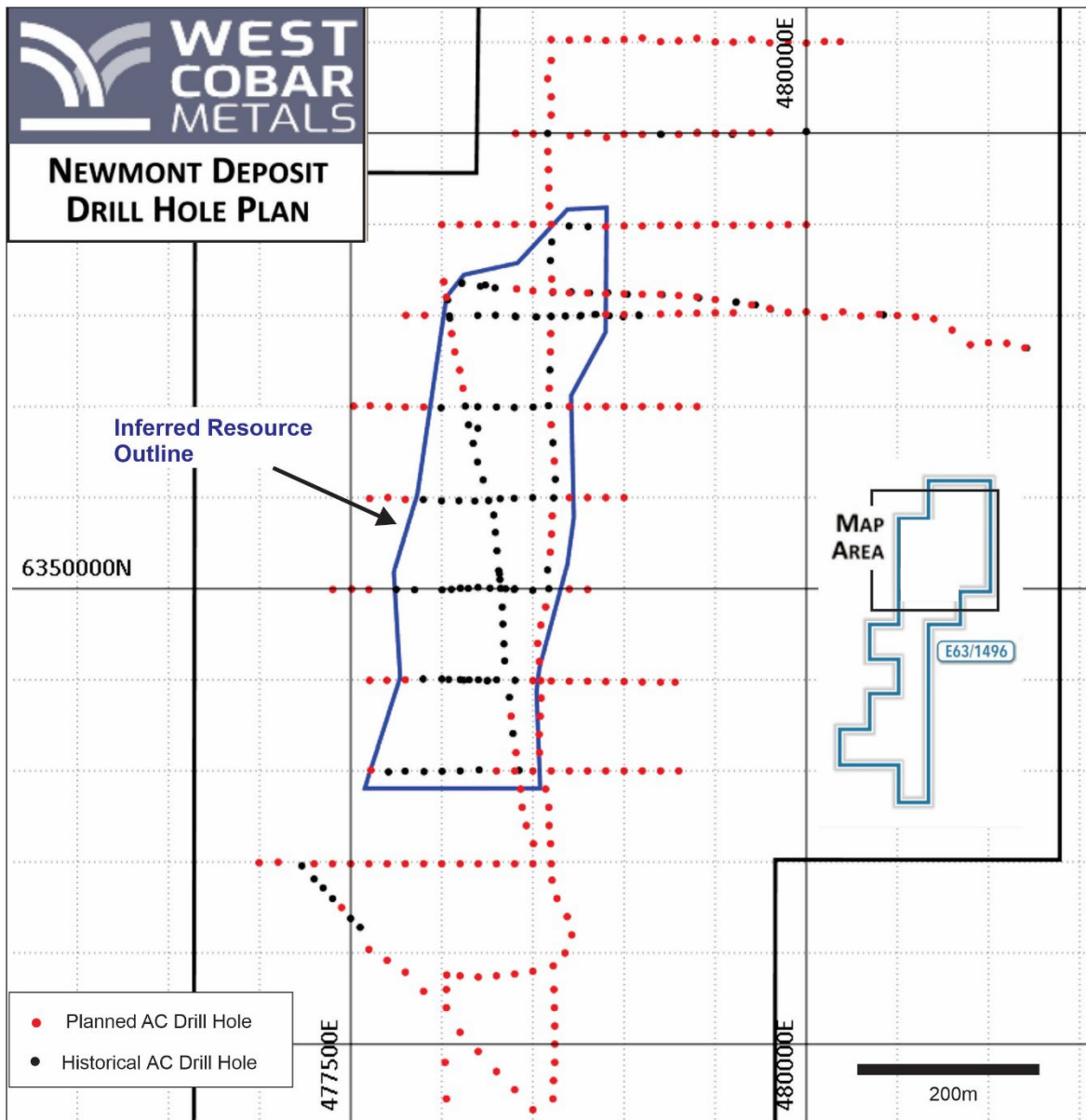


Figure 1: Newmont Inferred Resource outline showing historical and planned air core drill collars

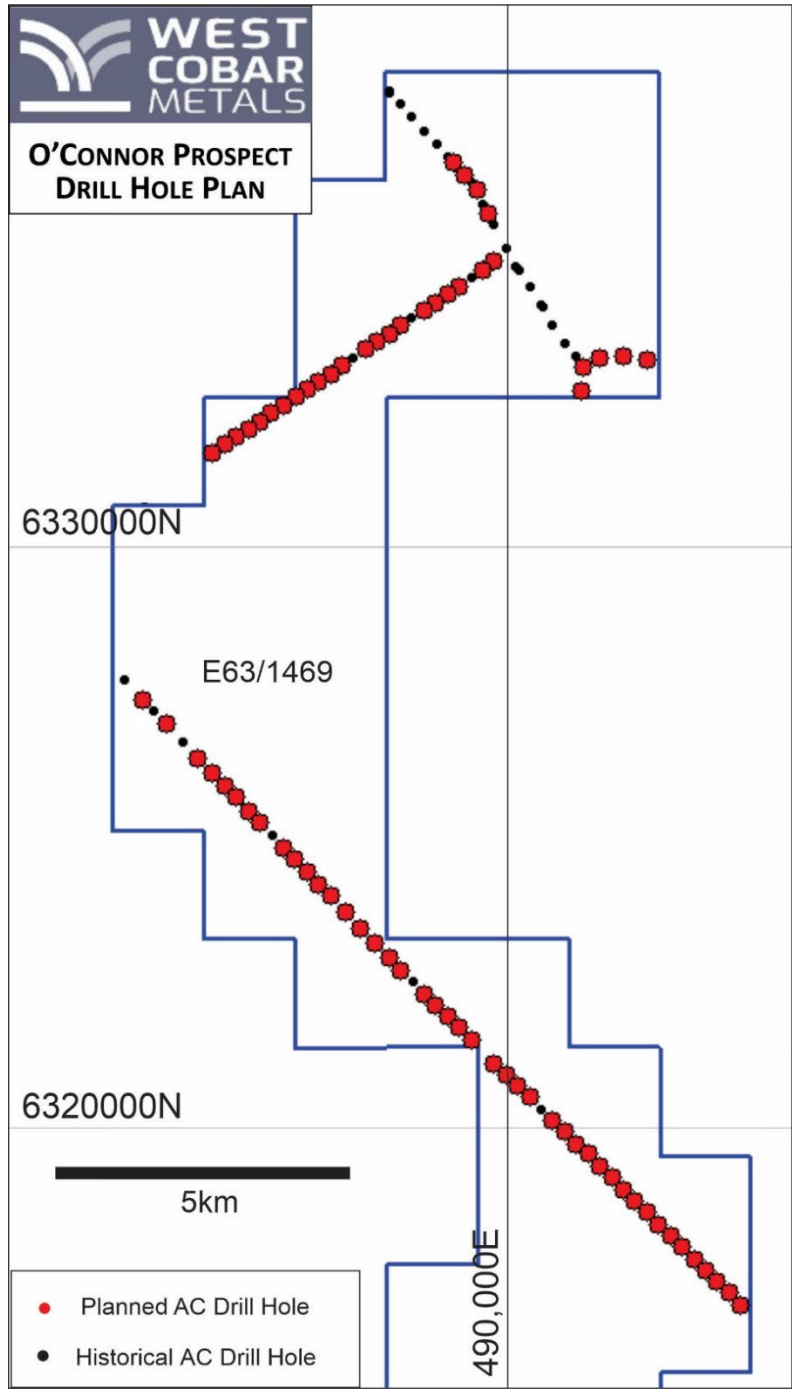


Figure 2: O'Connor prospect showing historical and planned air core drill collars

## Proposed Activities and Next Steps

Extensive exploration and resource drilling commenced at the Salazar project in December 2022 and will continue to completion into Q1, 2023, with a resource upgrade at Newmont expected in Q2, 2023. West Cobar has also re-engaged beneficiation trials with the University of Newcastle and is in the process of re-engaging metallurgical studies with industry partners in the new year.

In addition, the Company plans to commence aeromagnetic surveys and drill programs at its Cobar West (Cawkers Well and Nantilla) projects once landholder negotiations have concluded. Planned and completed activities for 2022/2023 for West Cobar projects are shown below.

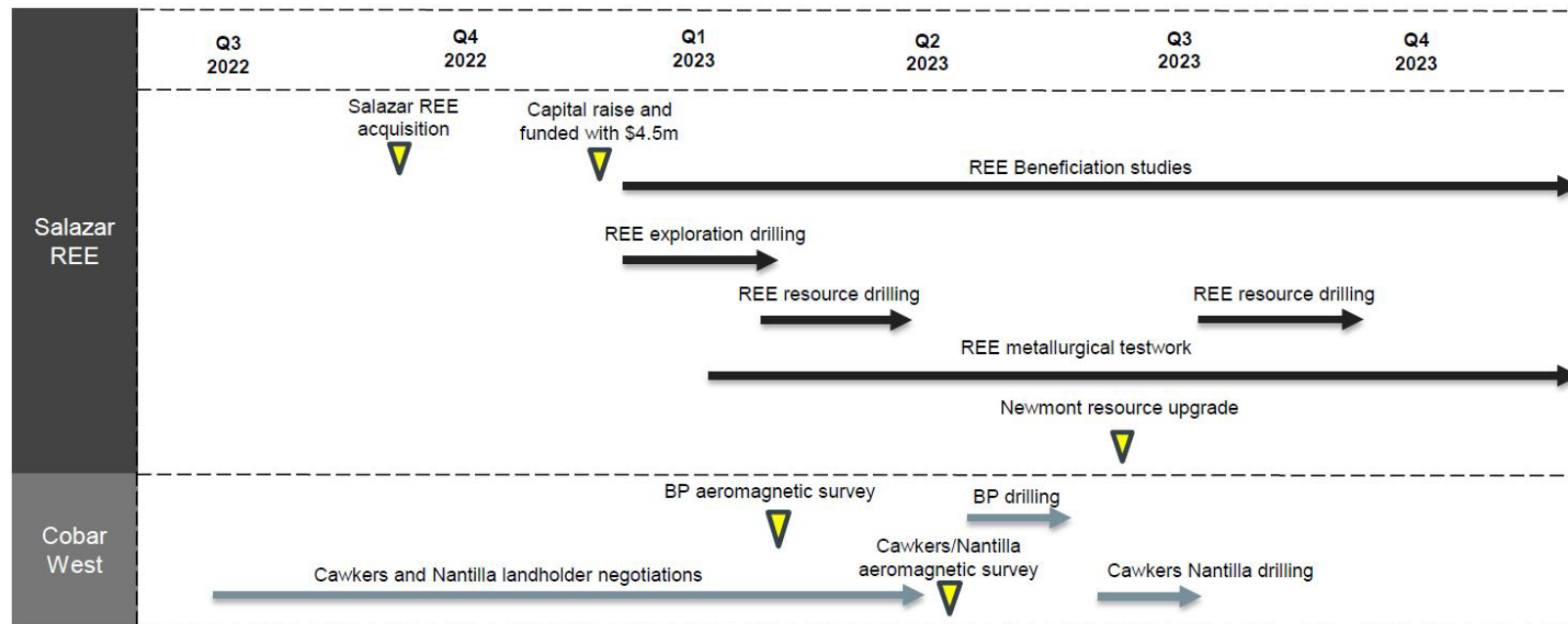


Figure 3: Proposed WC1 quarterly exploration and resource development activities

## About West Cobar

West Cobar is progressing the Salazar Rare Earth Element (REE) Clay Project which includes the clay-hosted Newmont deposit, containing an Inferred Mineral Resource of 43.5Mt at 1192ppm total rare earth oxide (TREO) and estimated Exploration Target of 200-500Mt of 1000ppm to 1400ppm TREO (ASX announcement of 7 November 2022).

In the area west of Cobar NSW, exploration for copper and silver at the Bulla Park Project is continuing with data reassessment and further geological mapping with a view to establishing new drill targets. Exploration at the Cawkers Well and Nantilla gold and base metal projects will proceed as soon as landholder access agreements are concluded.

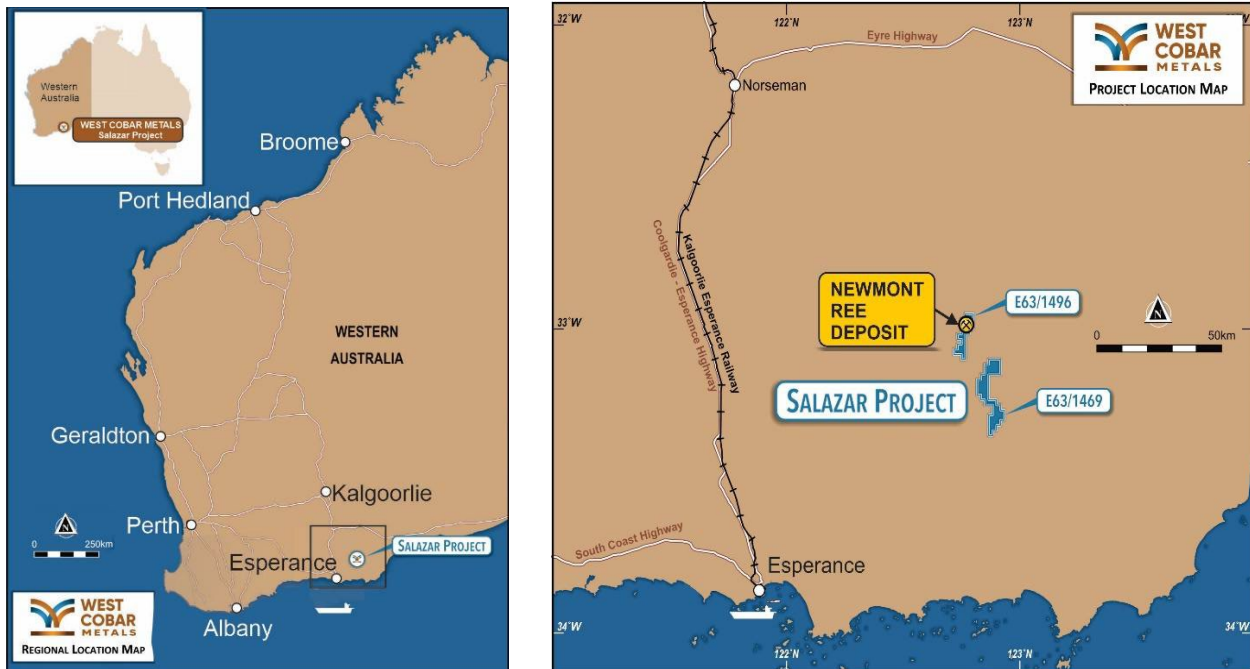


Figure 4: Location of the Salazar REE project tenements

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This ASX announcement has been approved by the Board of West Cobar Metals Limited.

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The information contained in this announcement that relates to the exploration information at the Salazar Project, WA fairly reflects information compiled by Mr David Pascoe, who is CEO of West Cobar Metals Limited and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Pascoe has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Pascoe consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The Company confirms that with respect to the Salazar Project, that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Ore Resources provided by the Competent Person in the announcement to the ASX of 8 September 2022 and that all material assumptions and technical parameters