

# Unearthing Australia's First Pollucite Deposit (and other things)

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# Christina's Question: "Why should you invest in Pioneer?"



- Our survival for 14 years has meant that we understand our capabilities, and we've filtered a lot of ground. We are seeing the benefits of that now as interest is returning to the sector
- With good projects and better funding we can provide 'Bang for your Buck' – we have already completed 9,000m of RC and Diamond drilling this year.
- And we are approaching a sea-change point as we transition into a self funded company.



# **Key Assets Overview**

Project	Location	Commodity	Owner- ship	Status
Pioneer Dome	Eastern Goldfields	Caesium	100%	Mine Plan in development
Pioneer Dome	Eastern Goldfields	Lithium, Tantalum	100%	Widespread lepidolite Spodumene indications Tantalum indications
Mavis Raleigh	Ontario	Lithium	Earning 80%	Spodumene intersected in Pioneer Drilling
Blair Dome	Eastern Goldfields	Cobalt/NiS	100%	Prospectivity for Cobalt
Acra	Kalgoorlie	Gold	80%	NST farming-in to project (up to 75%)







# **Corporate Overview**

#### **Capital Structure**

Share Price	\$0.021
Shares Outstanding (m)	1,449
Market Capitalisation	\$29
Cash (\$m) (approx. 31/03/2018)	\$3.76
Debt (\$m)	0.0
Options Outstanding (listed/unlisted(m))	44.3/16

#### **Board of Directors**

Craig McGown	Non-Executive Chairman
David Crook	Managing Director
Allan Trench	Non-Executive Director
Wayne Spilsbury	Non-Executive Director



#### 12 Month Share Price chart





# Pioneer's Strategy

#### **Pioneer Dome**

- Cash from Sinclair Zone Caesium Mine
- Commercialise Co-Products i.e. Lepidolite, Microcline
- ☐ Drill for further discoveries
  - ☐ Drill Lithium (Spodumene and Lepidolite) Targets
  - Watch for Caesium vectors and drill for Pollucite
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  - ☐ Golden Ridge: Drilling for Cobalt Resources
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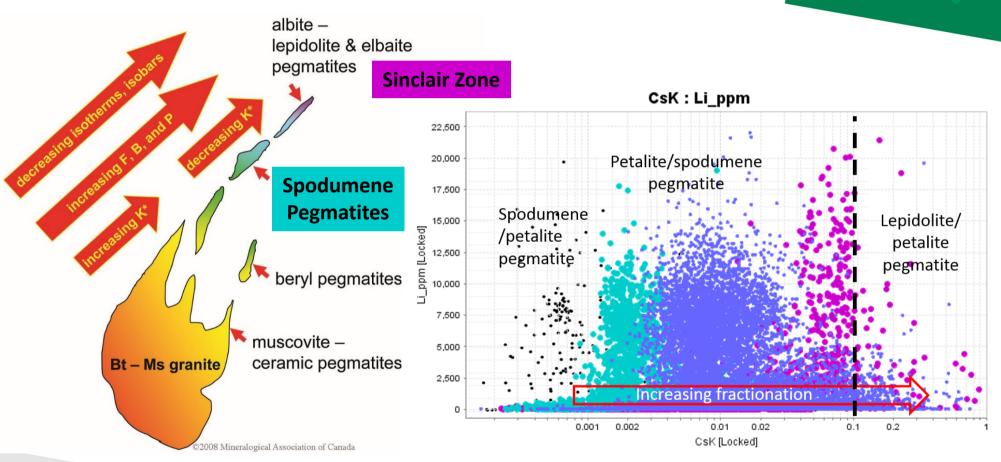
## **Sinclair Zone Caesium Mine Timetable**

Offtake and Loan Agreement	Executed	Today
Mining Quotes	Processing	July
Mining Proposal - DMIRS	Under Review	July
Project Management Plan	Under Review	July
Crushing	Quote	July
Transport and Logistics	Negotiation	July
Commence Mining		3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter



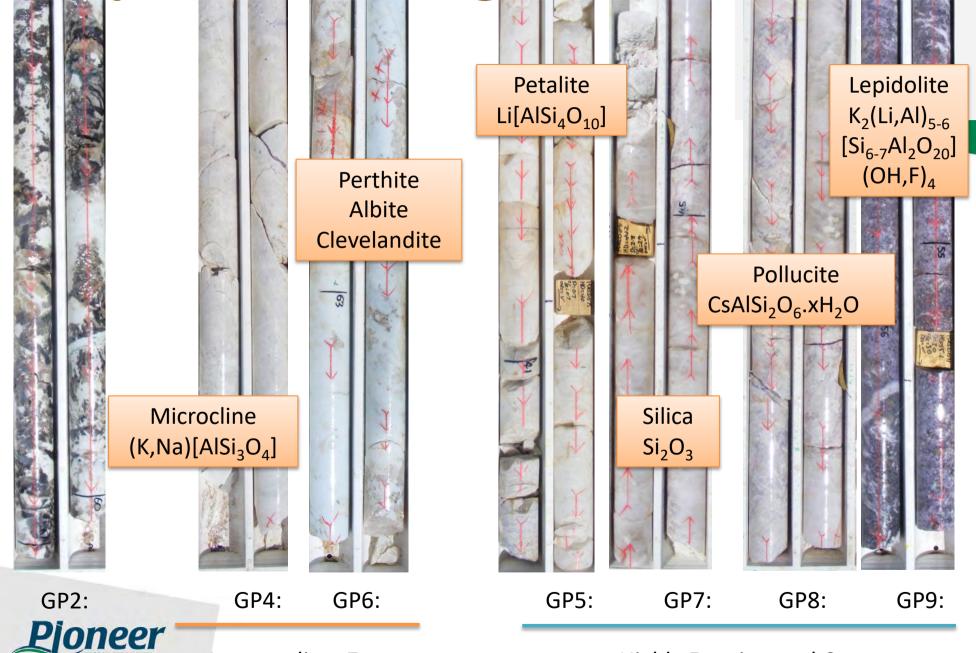
## **Charting Pegmatite Evolution**







Complex Zoned Pegmatite more akin to Tanco



Intermediate Zone

Wall zone

**Highly Fractionated Core** 

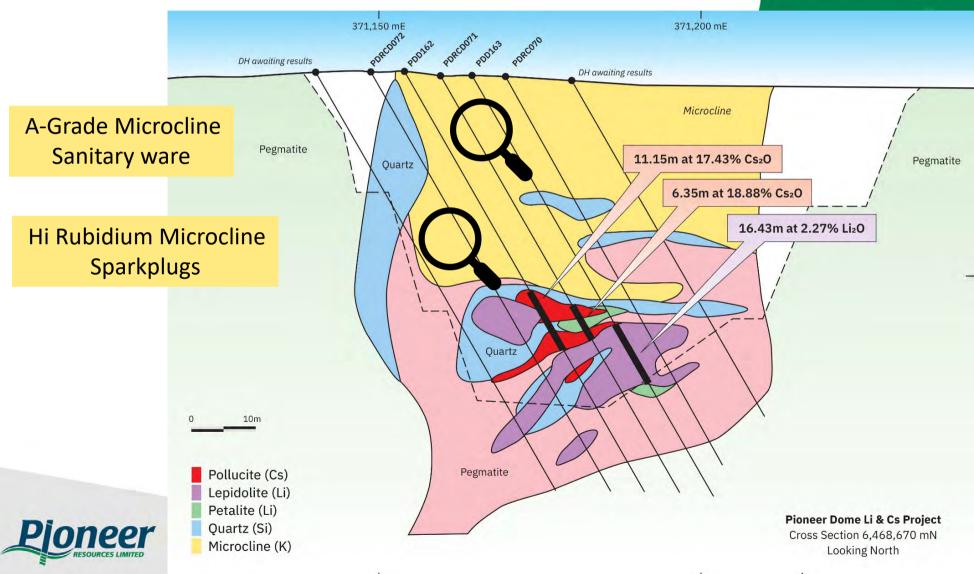
### Pollucite – what is it

- Very rare
- forms in highly evolved LCT pegmatite core zone
- one of the last primary igneous minerals to crystallise
- range from fist-size to small pods
- co-exists with petalite, silica (and lepidolite)
- Known at approximately 110 localities worldwide
  - Two locations, Tanco Manitoba and Bikita, Zimbabwe represent 'commercial-sized' pollucite deposits
  - The remaining locations contain only a few grams of the mineral (Teertstra & Černý, 1997).



# These are called 'Complex Pegmatites' with good reason

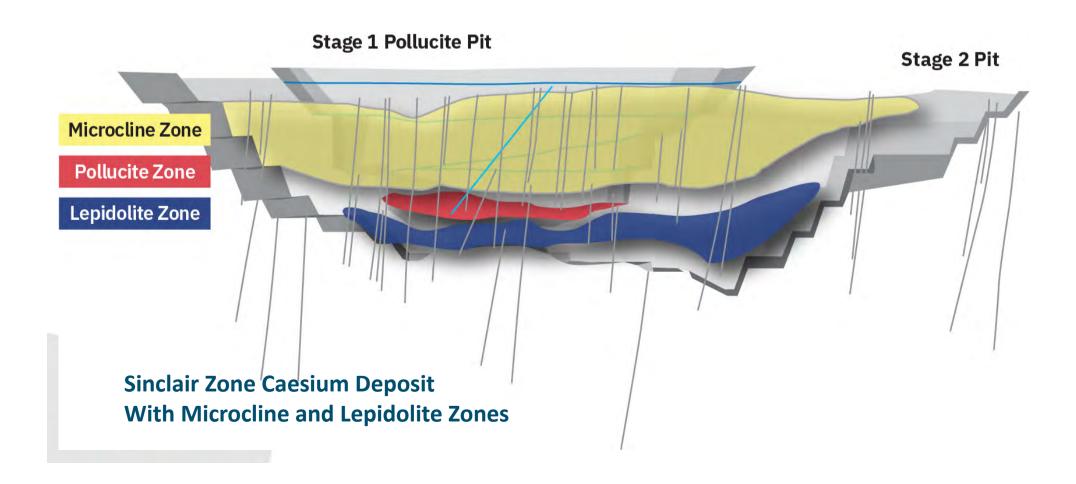




# This is what the Sinclair Mine Could Look Like

- The World's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest known Pollucite deposit
- Overlain by two grades of Microcline
- Underlain by Lepidolite and Petalite





#### **Caesium Formate**

- lubricant in high temperature/high pressure oil and gas drilling,
  - Ensures faster completion times and
  - higher production rates
- The two main producers of Pollucite:
  - TANCO mine, CABOT Canada, produces sufficient ore to generate approximately 8,400bbl CsFm and a lesser amount of Cs chemicals
  - Bikita Mine in Zimbabwe (sporadic, and supplies the Cs chemical market)
- CABOT Specialty Fluids:
  - 2010-2014 (5 years) EBITDA averages
     US\$37 million, or \$312 million between
     2004 and 2016
  - CsFm rented to oil companies including Shell, Total, Statoil, ExxonMobil and BP, used in 30 wells per year (2008-2009)







### Offtake Announcement



 PIONEER ENTERS BINDING OFFTAKE AND FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH CABOT CORPORATION FOR SINCLAIR ZONE CAESIUM PROJECT

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• Includes US\$4.8 million financing arrangement to fully fund mining operations at the Sinclair Mine.



# Binding offtake and loan agreement

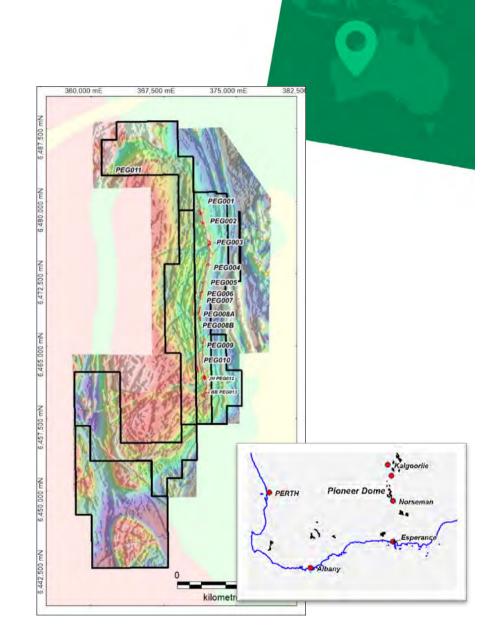
- Cabot is a leading global specialty chemicals and performance materials company with a market capitalisation of US\$4 billion;
- US\$4.8 million interest-free loan facility will fully fund mining operations;
- Loan to be offset through the delivery of DSO pollucite, or by cash settlement; and
- Offtake agreement provides for the sale and purchase of 100% of the pollucite mined from proposed Sinclair Mine.



### Lithium and Caesium

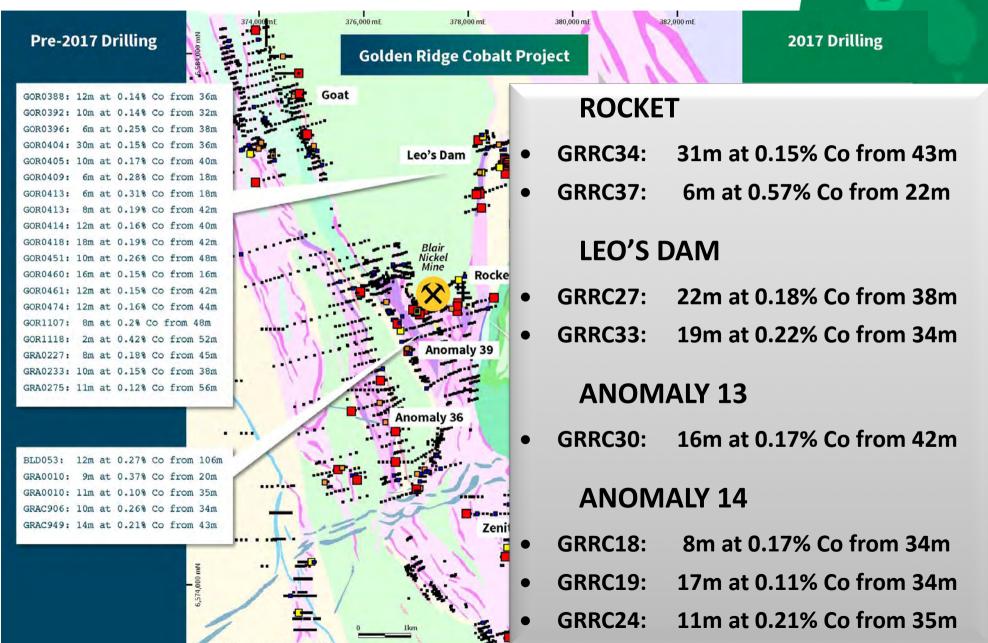
#### We've Just Started

- Lithium (Spodumene / Petalite) intersected in drilling: Conventional lithium exploration model to be followed
- **Lepidolite** widespread
  - PEG009 Farm-in agreement with Lepidico
     (ASX: LPD) Gives L-Max® exposure
  - Much Chinese lithium derived from lepidolite
- One of the few significant Pollucite deposition environments known – so why not more?
- Key agreements and infrastructure in place with road, rail, gas and water all passing through the tenements





# Then: Golden Ridge – Cobalt 2018 Results



#### **Rocket**

BLD053: 12m at 0.27% Co from 106m

GRAC949: 14m at 0.21% Co from 43m

GRAC906: 10m at 0.26% Co from 34m

GRRC34: 31m at 0.15% Co from 43m

GRRC37: 6m at 0.57% Co from 22m

#### **Anomaly 14**

GOR0451: 10m at 0.26% Co from 48m

GOR0404: 30m at 0.15% Co from 36m\*

GOR0409: 6m at 0.28% Co from 18m

GOR0413: 6m at 0.31% Co from 18m\*

GOR0418: 18m at 0.19% Co from 42m\*

GRRC24: 11m at 0.21% Co from 35m

#### Leo's Dam

GRRC27: 22m at 0.18% Co from 38m

GRRC33: 19m at 0.22% Co from 34m

#### **Anomaly 13**

GRRC30: 16m at 0.17% Co from 42m



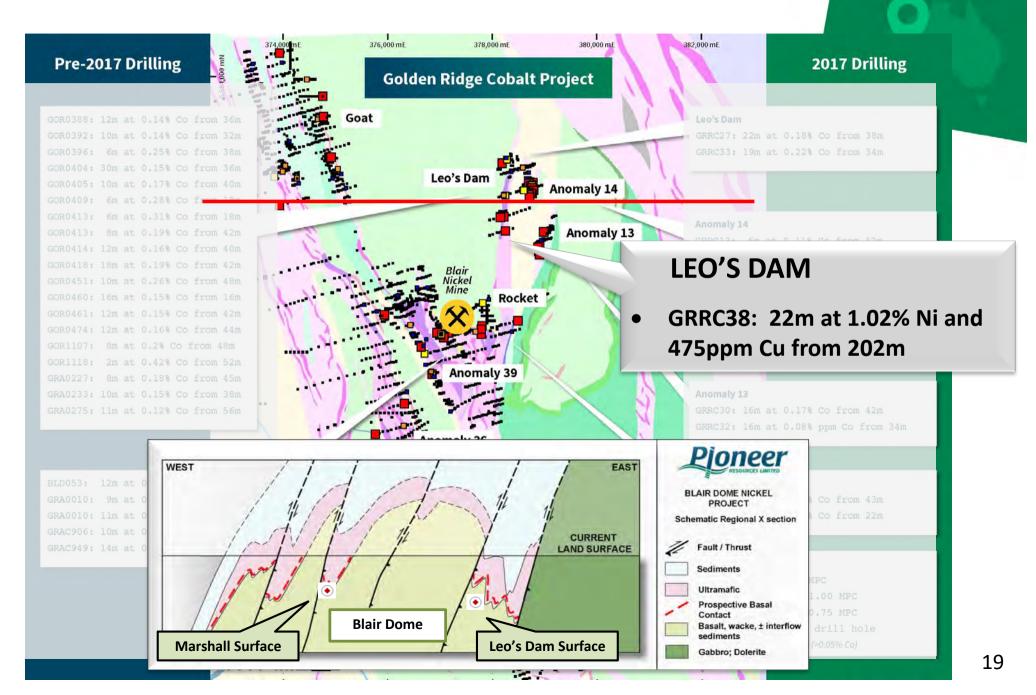
#### **Comparable Cobalt Projects**

#### **Reported Lateritic Cobalt Deposit Size**

Company	Tonnes	Grade*	Location	
Company	(mt)	Со		
Ardea \$94m	805	0.05%	Kalgoorlie, WA	
includes	64	0.13%		
CleanTeq \$816m	109	0.10%	Syerston, NSW	
GME \$60m	108	0.06%	Leonora, WA	
Conico/Barra \$36m	32	0.12%	Norseman, WA	
Galileo \$41m	9	0.15%	Norseman, WA	

Grades appropriately rounded from reported Co %

# **GR/Blair Dome – Nickel Sulphide 2018**



# **Mavis Lake – Spodumene 2018 Results**

MF18-53



#### **2018 Drilling Results**

MF18-53: 55.25m at 1.04% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 82.75m

MF18-58: 28.95m at 1.14% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 116.8m

MF18-51: 23.30m at 1.09% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 76.8m

MF18-52: 13.45m at 1.17% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 149.95m

MF18-54: 18.20m at 1.27% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 94.8m and

MF18-54: 6.10m at 2.33% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 139.25

MF18-55: 12.35m at 1.41% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 135.14m



All widths reported are drill core widths and have not been converted into true width. Appropriate rounding of Li<sub>2</sub>O values applied.

# **Value Proposition**

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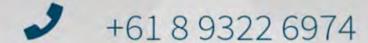
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