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## Metallurgy test-work verifies Cangai ore produces commercial grade copper concentrate

- ➤ Using a representative massive sulphide ore sample extracted from drill hole CC0023R at Cangai Copper Mine (CCM), a commercial grade concentrate of 22.2% Cu & 7.4% Zn with a recovery of 79.3% of total contained copper was achieved:
  - This result was derived from using standard metallurgical flotation methods; and
  - The result is highly encouraging as it provides first-hand insight on a potential final copper concentrate product from using high-grade CCM ore
- The composite sample utilised in the metallurgical test-work process comprised high-grade massive sulphide RC chips with a head grade of 8.18% Cu and 4.36% Zn
- These head grades reinforce that CCM is one of Australia's highest grading historic copper deposits and a strategic core pillar central to progressing CCZ's transformation into a midtier copper group
- Moving forward, the next phase of the exploration program at CCM will focus on expanding the known orebody, especially drill-testing several sizeable massive sulphide conductors that are open at depth

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Castillo Copper's Managing Director Simon Paull commented: "The key insight from the metallurgical test-work result is that massive sulphide ore from Cangai Copper Mine can potentially produce a commercial grade copper concentrate. More pointedly, this is clearly a strong motivating force to intensify and progress the exploration campaign at this core pillar, especially test-drill the several sizeable massive sulphide conductors open at depth to ascertain the project's potential scalability. With funding now secured from the recent capital raising exercise, the Board's core focus is to accelerate the exploration program across the three pillars, which is central to our strategic intent to transform CCZ into a mid-tier copper group."

CCZ's London based director Ged Hall remarked: "We are now heading into a significant inflection point in CCZ's evolution which will see a material ramp up in exploration work across the three pillars. Against this backdrop, it is pleasing metallurgical test-work on massive sulphide ore from Cangai Copper Mine can potentially deliver a commercial grade copper concentrate."

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**Castillo Copper Limited ("CCZ"** or "the Company") has received metallurgical test-work results back from ALS Global in Perth which verifies that massive sulphide ore from CCM can produce copper concentrate to industry standard benchmarks.

#### **METALLURGICAL TEST-WORK**

#### **Encouraging result**

Utilising a standard flotation methodology, the metallurgy test-work achieved a concentrate of 22.2% Cu and 7.4% Zn, with a recovery of 79.3% total contained copper.



**Metallurgical Flotation Test-work in progress** 

This is an encouraging result as it highlights the potential for high-grade massive sulphide ore from CCM to produce a commercial grade copper concentrate. (Note, for this test-work, no attempt was made to separate out the zinc from the copper.) Gold and Silver assays for the composite and the metallurgy flotation test-work were requested after receiving the Copper and Zinc test-work results and assaying is in progress.

### High-grade composite sample

The composite sample used to perform the metallurgical test-work was selected from high-grade massive sulphide RC chip bags that were previously drilled and reported<sup>1</sup> (Figure 1; Appendix A). The head grade for the composite sample was 8.18% Cu and 4.36% Zn.

Notably, from the geology team's perspective, the samples were selected as being representative of massive sulphide mineralisation intersected during the two drilling campaigns conducted at CCM over the past two years.

FIGURE 1: COMPONENTS OF COMPOSITE SAMPLE - DRILLHOLE CC0023R

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	From Sample ID	To Sample ID	Cu %	Zn %	Ag g/t	Au (g/t)
CC0023R	41	42	1	C10525		8.990	2.290	23.400	1.31
CC0023R	50	51	1	C10535		7.520	6.040	30.600	0.38
COMPOSI	TE SAMPL	.E							
CC0023R	comp	comp	ı	composited		8.18	4.36	-	-

Source: CCZ ASX Release - 3 September 2018

#### **Next steps**

With funding secured following the recent capital raising exercise, the overall objective going into 2020 is to expedite the exploration campaign across the three strategic copper pillars in Australia and Zambia.

For and on behalf of Castillo Copper,

#### **Simon Paull**

#### **Managing Director**

#### References:

1) CCZ ASX Release - 3 September 2018

#### **Competent Person Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources of the Cangai Copper Mine is based on information compiled by Peter Smith, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Peter Smith is employed by Castillo Copper Pty Ltd. Peter Smith has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken 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'. Peter Smith consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The Australian Securities Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the accuracy or adequacy of this release.

#### **ABOUT CASTILLO COPPER**

Castillo Copper Limited (ASX: CCZ) is an ASX-listed base metal explorer primarily focused on copper then nickel, zinc & cobalt.

The group is embarking on a strategic transformation to morph into a mid-tier copper group underpinned by three core pillars:

- > **Pillar I:** Cangai Copper Mine in northern New South Wales, which is one of Australia's highest grading historic copper mines with a JORC inferred resource of 3.2Mt @ 3.35% Cu (ASX Announcement 6 September 2017);
- > **Pillar II:** The Mt Oxide project in the Mt Isa district, north-west Queensland, which delivers significant exploration upside through having a sizeable untested anomaly within its boundaries in a copper-rich region.
- > Pillar III: Several high-quality prospective assets in Zambia, which is the second largest copper producer in Africa.

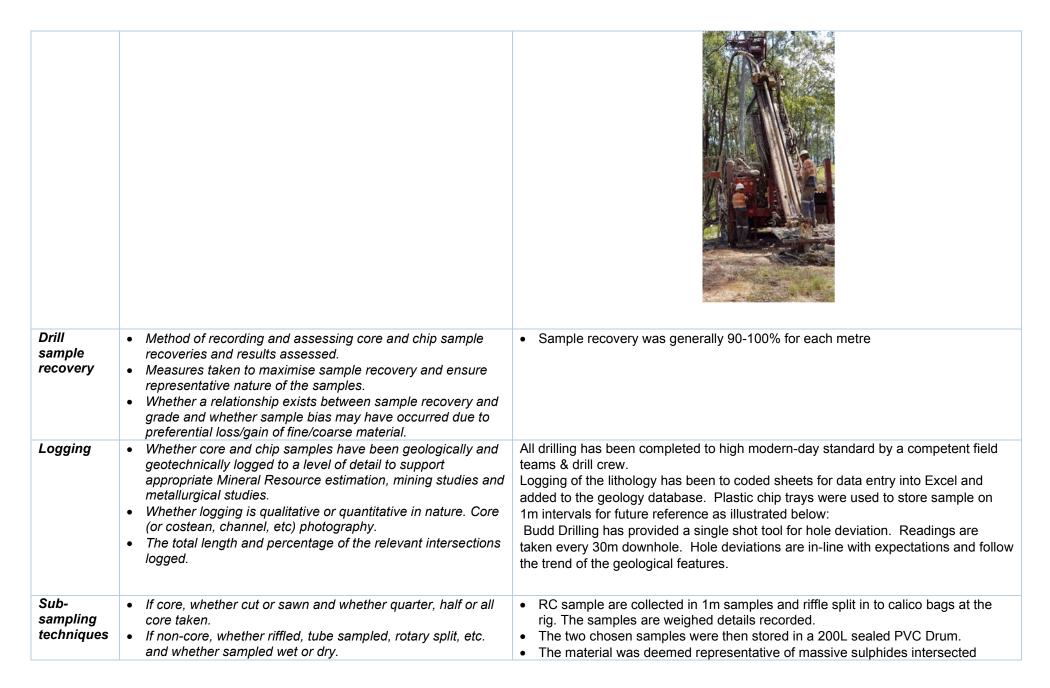
In addition, Castillo Copper is progressing a dual listing on the standard board of the London Stock Exchange.

## **APPENDIX A: JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1 report template**

## **Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data**

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary											
Sampling techniques	Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad mapping of sampling.	samp conte using	les had been nt. Individua procedure M	n previo ally they ME-MS6	usly colled two samp 31-C which	C dust/chip bag samples from CC0023R. The ected and saved due to their massive sulphide ples were previously sent for analysis at ALS ch uses a 4 acid digest.  e Chips (ALS, Method ME-MS61-C)							
	<ul><li>broad meaning of sampling.</li><li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample</li></ul>		Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Copper (%)	Zinc (%)	Silver(ppm)	Gold (ppm)				
	representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.	C10525	450010E	41	42	8.99	2.29	23.40	1.31				
	Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are	C10535	459995E	50	51	7.52	6.04	30.60	0.38				
	Material to the Public Report.  In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30-g charge for fire assay'). In other cases, more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.		erial was dee	emed re	epresentat and grade	ulphide chips. ive of massive s consistent w	ith historic	al mined grad	des.				
Drilling techniques	rilling  • Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer,			-		using a modif		mounted UD	H RC rig				



and sample preparation	<ul> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in-situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	during the drilling, with mineralogy and grades consistent with historical mined grades.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	Multi-suite analysis methodology (MS-ME61) which involves a four-acid digestion, was completed by ALS in Brisbane QLD on the initial RC Chip samples, for the following elements; Ag, As, Se, Ca, K, S, Ba, Sb, Sn, Cd, Pd, Zr, Sr, Rb, Pb, Hg, Zn, W, Cu, Ni, Co, V, Ti, Au, Ga, Ge, Ll, La, Fe, Mn, Cr, Sc, Mo, Th, U, Ta.  Samples containing >1000ppm Cu were tested for Au by fire assay method CU-OG62.
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	Field reading of multi-elements are estimated using Olympus Vanta M Portable XRF analyser as conducted as in internal check prior to sending samples for laboratory analysis.  Reading times using 2 beam Geochem Mode was employed via 30sec/beam for a total of 60 sec.  All logging and sampling data is collected, and data entered into excel spread sheets.
Location of data points	<ul> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	Drill collars located using an RTK differential GPS, with DH surveys carried out by the drilling contractor every 30m.  Drillholes and downhole co-ordinates are tied to MGA Zone 56 co-ordinates  Topography was linked to a Drone DTM Topography model, with accuracies of +/-0.3m

Data spacing and distribution	<ul> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	Drillhole CC0023R was drilled at the Volkhardts drill site.  Compositing of the two samples has taken place at ALS Global in Perth where Metallurgical testwork was carried out.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drilling was planned to intersect known and interpreted mineralization, at a nominal inclination of 30 degrees to true width.</li> </ul>
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	The two individual samples were transported under lock and key direct to ALS Global In Perth, with the locks checked at each end, and found to be intact.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	No audits or reviews have yet been undertaken.

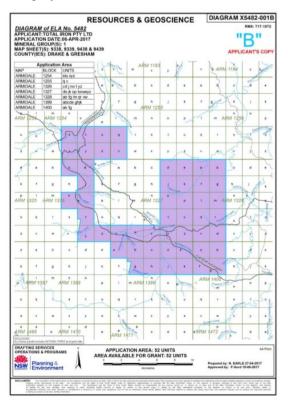
## **Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results**

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.  The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.	Castillo Copper holds EL 8625 of 35 units (155 km²). The tenure has been granted for a period of thirty-six months until 17th July 2020, for Group 1 minerals. The location of the tenure is shown in Figure 1 below: Figure 1: Location of EL 8625 Jackadgery North  RESOURCES & ENERGY    DIAGRAM X5600-0018   MARCH 100 March
	<ul> <li>Type, reference         name/number, location and         ownership including         agreements or material         issues with third parties         such as joint ventures,         partnerships, overriding         royalties, native title         interests, historical sites,         wilderness or national park         and environmental settings.</li> <li>The security of the tenure         held at the time of reporting         along with any known         impediments to obtaining a         licence to operate in the</li> </ul>

21st August 2020, for Group 1 minerals. The location of the tenure is shown in Figure 1 below:

Figure 1: Location of EL 8635 Jackadgery South



# Exploration done by other parties

 Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties. Previous explorers (Brownlow, 1989; Abraham-Jones, 2012) have noted that a 'basement window' of exposed magmatic hydrothermal alteration and historical copper workings may represent the western and upper extent of a much larger hydrothermal system concealed under Mesozoic cover to the east, prospective for:

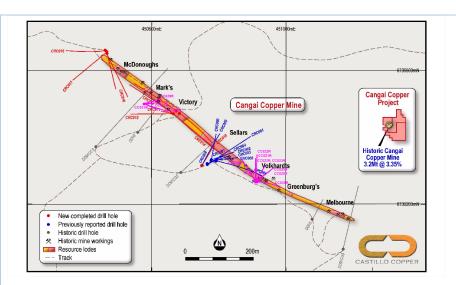
- Quartz-tourmaline-sulphide-cemented, magmatic-hydrothermal breccia hosted copper-gold-molybdenum-cobalt (Cu-Au-Mo-Co) deposit;
- Concealed porphyry copper-gold-molybdenum-cobalt (Cu-Au-Mo-Co) ore body associated with quartz diorite to tonalitic porphyry apophyses proximal to the tourmaline-sulphide cemented breccia's;
- Potential also exists for copper-gold (Cu-Au) skarn;

		Considerable exploration has taken place in and around the Cangai Copper Mine (closed) by several large explorers such as Western Mining and CRA Exploration, the results of which are covered in the Local Geology section.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	Regional Geology  The underlying geology is contained within the Coffs Harbour Block, east of the Demon Fault. The major basemen unit is the Silurian-Devonian Silverwood Group (locally the Willowie Creek Beds), a mixed sequence of tuffaceous mudstones, intermediate to basic igneous rocks, slates, and phyllites, a low stage of regional metamorphism.  Overlying this rock formation is a younger tectonic melange of Early Carboniferous age – the Gundahl Complex o slates, phyllites and schist, with chert, greenstone and massive lithic greywackes.  These rocks are intruded by the Early Permian Kaloe Granodiorite, which also in turn is intruded by numerous later-stage mafic dykes.  Local Geology
		The local geology is well understood as considerable exploration has taken place in and around the Cangai Copper Mine (closed) by several major explorers such as Western Mining and CRA Exploration, the results of which are covered in the section below.  Western Mining 1982-1984
		Western Mining found that the recognition of substantial amounts of pyrrhotite in high grade ore collected from mine dumps led to the reappraisal of previous explorer's ground magnetics (Brown, 1984). Two soil anomalies were identified @ +60ppm Cu (max 1100ppm) and several strong linear magnetic anomalies (=250nT above background). Soil sampling and detailed ground inspections conducted over the linear magnetic high failed to identify any anomalous geochemistry or a possible source lithology. A 180m diamond drill hole was drilled to tes the anomaly. Given the poor results of both the drilling and the follow-up stream sediment sampling, no furthe work was recommended. The decision was made to relinquish the licence in 1984.
		CRA Exploration 1991-1992
		CRA Exploration examined the geological form, setting and genesis of the mineralisation at the Cangai Copper Mine over several years. The work carried out consisted of geological mapping, collection of rock chip samples and underground investigations at the mine site. Drill core from a CRA exploration program and mine dumps were also inspected. They concluded that the Cangai Copper Mine is hosted by sedimentary rocks of the Siluro-Devonian Willowie Creek Beds of tuffaceous mudstones, tuffaceous sandstones and conglomerates Mineralisation appears to be associated with steeply plunging ore shoots in and adjacent to the main shear zone (Figure 2). Massive primary ore consists of chalcopyrite, pyrite and pyrrhotite with lesser sphalerite and minor arsenopyrite and galena. A detailed, well documented report was produced, but no reasons were given for the relinquishment of the licence.

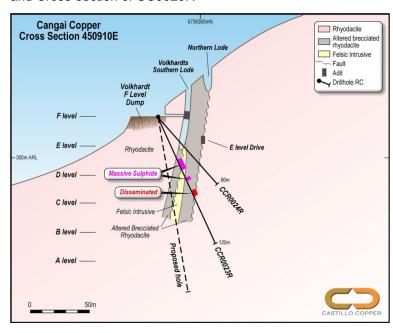
Drill hole Information	A summary of all information material to the	Drill hole collar details								
	understanding of the	Hole_ID	Hole_Type	Depth	Projection	Dip	Az	MGA56_East	MGA56_North	NAT_RL
		CC0023R	RC	121	MGA94_56	-64		450912.02	6736270.61	324.38
	exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:  • easting and northing of the drill hole collar  • elevation or RL  (Reduced Level — elevation above sea leve in metres) of the drill hole collar  • dip and azimuth of the hole  • down hole length and interception depth  • hole length.  • If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.				_					
Data aggregation methods	<ul> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and</li> </ul>							1m RC samples. m, and split into 1	kg charges.	

Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.  The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.  These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.  If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.  If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'down hole length, true width not known').	Figure 3, below is a cross-section showing the four (4) main near vertical mineralised zones at the Cangai Mine.  Figure 3 NW to SE Cross-section of workings at Cangai Mine  Figure 5  Figure 5  Figure 5  Figure 6  Figure 6  Figure 6  Figure 6  Figure 7  Figure 1  Figure 1  Figure 2  Figure 3  Figure 3  Figure 3  Figure 5  Figure 3  Figure 6  Figure 6  Figure 6  Figure 6  Figure 7  Figure 7  Figure 8  Figure 8  Figure 8  Figure 9  Figure 9  Figure 9  Figure 1  Figure 9  Figure 1  Figure 1  Figure 1  Figure 3  Figure 3  Figure 1  Figure 3  Figure 4  Figure 4  Figure 4  Figure 4  Figure 4  Figure 4  Figure 5  Figure 5  Figure 6  F
Diagrams	<ul> <li>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole</li> </ul>	Drillhole location map.

collar locations and appropriate sectional views.



#### and Cross-section of CC0023R



Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced avoiding misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	No new exploration results are being reported other than the metallurgical testwork.
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	The data being reported is metallurgical flotation testwork, using standard flotation methodology, a concentrate of 22.2% Cu, 7.39% Zn with a recovery of 79.3% of total contained copper was achieved.  The RC Chip Composite sample Head Grade of composite RC massive sulphide sample Copper: 8.18% Cu, Zinc: 4.36% Cu  were ground to P80 53um with a 15 um regrind.  8 Rougher Flotation Stages were carried out, with the results graphed below.  Massive Sulphide Composite Flotation Kinetics p80 53µm with 15µm Regrind  100.0 90.0 80.0 90.0 80.0 90.0 90.0 90.0

Further work	The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g.	<ul> <li>Further work on the metallurgical sampling includes assaying for Gold and Silver</li> <li>Mineralogy using QEMSCAN</li> </ul>
	tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).	• Willeralogy using QLWSCAN
	Diagrams clearly     highlighting the areas of     possible extensions,     including the main     geological interpretations.	
	geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.	