

A NEW FORCE IN RUTILE

KASIYA: A RAPIDLY EXPANDING HIGH-GRADE RUTILE DISCOVERY



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Sovereign Metals – A New Force in Rutile





KASIYA DEPOSIT AN EMERGING COMPANY MAKER

STRONG MARKET

FUNDAMENTALS



INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE

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MULTIPLE HIGH-GRADE RUTILE PROSPECTS



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HUGE

EXPLORATION

SIMPLE **MINING AND** PROCESSING



A Genuinely Scarce Commodity

Rutile: The rarest, highest grade and most valuable titanium source

- Rutile primarily is used as pigment (paints, plastics and paper), welding rods and for titanium metal
- Global supply of rutile in structural deficit
- Mature mines with declining grades
- General lack of new rutile-rich deposits to fill the gap
- Natural rutile has a far lower carbon footprint compared to substitute titanium feed-stocks (synthetic rutile or titanium slag)



Natural Rutile has a Far Lower Carbon Footprint

Natural rutile is the cleanest, purest form of titanium dioxide. It is favoured by pigment producers over higher energy and carbon intensive "upgraded" titanium feed-stocks such as synthetic rutile or titanium slag

Mined natural rutile is extracted in a form ready for pigment production



Synthetic rutile and titanium slag are products of energy & carbon-intensive upgrading of ilmenite prior to pigment production



"...alumina refining, aluminium smelting and **the upgrading of titanium feedstocks are all high temperature, energy intensive processes**...lifting the Group's average carbon intensity...^{"1}



Kasiya Rutile Discovery – An Emerging Company Maker

Kasiya has the characteristics of a company making asset: large, high-grade and at surface

- All mineralisation occurs from surface and is hosted in soft, free-dig, friable saprolite
- Mineralised zone: +7.5km strike length with surface widths up to ~3.0km
- Mineralised zone continues to be open along strike in both directions and open laterally to the south east
- Significant ongoing exploration upside
- Located in close proximity to existing infrastructure



Kasiya Deposit – High-Grade & Expansive

Recent drilling has significantly increased high-grade rutile areas

Key Results

- 10m @ 1.53% rutile inc. 3m @ 2.31% rutile from surface
- 14m @ 1.24% rutile inc. 4m @ 1.95% rutile from surface
- 7m @ 1.27% rutile inc. 3m @ 1.80% rutile from surface
- 5m @ 1.43% rutile inc. 2m @ 2.04% rutile from surface
- 11m @ 1.52% rutile inc. 7m @ 1.99% rutile from surface
- 9m @ 1.19% rutile inc. 3m @ 1.86% rutile from surface
- 11m @ 1.37% rutile inc 5m @ 1.82% rutile from surface
- 11m @ 1.33% rutile inc. 5m @ 1.79% rutile from surface
- 13m @ 1.13% rutile inc. 4m @ 1.86% rutile from surface

"Kasiya is now displaying what we believe to be some of the highest-grade, thickest and spatially expansive rutile drill-intercepts globally"

Sovereign's Managing Director, Julian Stephens



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Exceptionally High-Grades from Surface



- A large percentage of intercepts remain open at depth
- High-grade rutile mineralisation is interpreted to extend to the base of the soft saprolite at around 25m
- Exceptionally high rutile grades from surface substantially enhance the economic potential of Kasiya
- High-grade and thick rutile drill intercepts predicted by the company's refined geological exploration targeting model
- Maiden JORC Mineral Resource Estimate on target for late Q3 2020

Kasiya – Conventional Proven Flowsheet

Significantly de-risked

- Simple, conventional flowsheet
- Each drill-sample processed represents a mini metallurgical test in its own right
- Single heavy mineral product = simplified back-end mineral separation plant (MSP)



Premium Rutile Product For All End Markets

Initial metallurgical results on saprolite-hosted mineralisation show highly favourable, premium rutile product specifications

- ♦ 96% TiO₂
- No critical impurities
- Standout chemical parameters
- Highly favourable grain size distribution
- d50 of 123-129µm comparable to leading market products
- Suitable for all major natural rutile end-use markets

Natural End Users of Rutile

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Comparison of Sovereign's Rutile Specifications to Leading Global Producers								
Constituent		Malawi Rutile (Sovereign)	Sierra Rutile (Iluka)	RBM (Rio Tinto)	Kwale (Base Resources)	Namakwa Sands (Tronox)		
Ti0 ₂	%	96.0	96.29	93.30	96.18	94.50		
ZrO ₂ +HfO ₂	%	0.14	0.78	1.30	0.72	1.10		
Si0 ₂	%	1.29	0.62	2.00	0.94	2.00		
Fe ₂ O ₃	%	0.97	0.38	0.70	1.25	0.8		
Al ₂ O ₃	%	0.33	0.31	0.90	0.23	0.6		
Cr ₂ O ₃	%	0.046	0.19	0.11	0.17	0.14		
V ₂ O ₅	%	0.50	0.58	0.40	0.52	0.33		
Nb ₂ O ₅	%	0.25	0.15	0.30	-	0.04		
P ₂ 0 ₅	%	0.036	0.01	0.03	0	0.02		
Mn0	%	<0.01	0.01	-	0.03	0.4		
MgO	%	0.01	<0.01	-	0.1	0.01		
CaO	%	0.02	0.01	-	0.04	0.04		
S	%	0.02	<0.01	<0.05	-	0.01		
Sn	%	0.005	-	-	-	-		
U+Th	ppm	30	26	100	-	-		

"Iluka" is Iluka Resources Limited; "Rio Tinto" is Rio Tinto plc; "Base Resources" is Base Resources Limited; "Tronox" is Tronox Holdings plc. "-" is not disclosed. Sources: RBM data from World Titanium Resources Ltd TZMI Conference Presentation November 2011 (Updated January 2012); Sierra Rutile, Kwale and Namakwa Sands data from BGR Assessment Manual titled "Heavy Minerals of Economic Importance" 2010. Sovereign's results are extracted from the Company's ASX Announcement dated 24 June 2019.

Comparison of Sovereign's Rutile d50 to Leading Global Producers							
Constituent	Malawi Rutile (Sovereign)	RBM (Rio Tinto)	Namakwa Sands (Tronox)				
d50	123-129 μm	124 µm	124 µm				

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Source: BGR Assessment Manual titled "Heavy Minerals of Economic Importance" 2010

Malawi – Stable, Transparent Jurisdiction

- ✤ A stable, transparent jurisdiction
- Increasingly attracting international investment
- Significant potential and appetite for mining
- Excellent operating infrastructure in place



Operation-Ready Infrastructure

Infrastructure in place to connect Sovereign to global rutile markets



Established rail network direct to Nacala Port MoU in place with rail & port operator



Paved roads surrounding project locations



Grid power becoming available across license areas



Established labour pool and other industrial services



Plentiful water sources for operations



Kasiya – Simple and Lower Risk



A New Rutile Province Discovered

Sovereign has identified a potentially globally significant, strategic rutile province across its large Malawi ground holding

- The Malawi Rutile Province features two confirmed, discrete rutile mineralisation styles;
 - Residual saprolite which is soft, friable weathered material i.e. Kasiya
 - Traditional placer sand i.e. Bua Channel
- Bua Channel confirmed as a highgrade, rutile dominant, sand-hosted, channel placer deposit with drilling over an initial 8km
- Further extensional drilling over the Bua Channel's full ~50km length is in the advanced planning and permitting stage



Solid Knowledge Base Paving the Way

Sovereign has been active in Malawi for over 8 years, taking a saprolitehosted graphite project to PFS and then DFS - technical level.

The data gathered gives us a substantial head start and offers significant benefits in terms of cost and time savings to progress our rutile projects

- Geology identical lithologies and weathering profile
- Mining the same host material
- Processing the same front-end
- Infrastructure strong knowledge base
- Logistics same logistic solution
- Permitting same process, framework and policies
- Personnel same management and team
- Country established presence

Ongoing Work Programs

- Maiden JORC Mineral Resource estimate for Kasiya is targeted for late Q3, 2020
- Bulk-scale metallurgical test-work on a 1 tonne sample from Kasiya is near completion with results expected in the coming weeks
- Push-tube drilling at Kasiya to twin hand-auger holes also to obtain cored samples for specific gravity determination and initial geotechnical analysis
- Step-out and regional drilling at Kasiya and the broader surrounding area to identify extensions and satellite rutile mineralisation zones
- Mining and tailings studies are ongoing in order to feed in to a future Scoping Study
- Utilising the Company's refined geological exploration model targeting more high-grade, Kasiya-like rutile mineralisation regionally
- Investigation of the potential for a coarse-flake graphite by-product from Kasiya

Sovereign – A Compelling Rutile Opportunity



THANK YOU

APPENDICES



Rutile – Rarest, Highest Value & Grade Titanium Mineral



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Rutile – A Genuinely Scarce Commodity

No high-grade rutile discoveries in over a decade... until now



SUBSTANTIAL MARKET SPACE FOR A NEW RUTILE PRODUCER

- Global supply of rutile in structural deficit
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Rutile's Scarcity Means Limited Comparable Projects

Two projects with the most similarities make up over 32%* of global rutile production



1. Iluka Resources Limited, Sierra Rutile: Resource and Reserve as at 31 December 2019. Resource also includes 739Mt @ 0.8% Ilmenite & 0.1% Zircon

2. 70% of Ore Reserves relate to the Sembehun expansion project.

3. Base Resources Limited, Kwale: Resource and Reserve as at 30 June 2020. Resource also includes 246Mt @ 1.0% Ilmenite & 0.1% Zircon. Reserve also includes 40Mt @ 1.9% Ilmenite & 0.2% Zircon

* Sovereign's estimate based on Iluka Resources Limited and Base Resources Limited's reported 2019 production calculated against TZMI's forecasted 2019 production (680,000 tonnes).

21 All information sourced from Company Reports.

Very Strong Rutile Market Fundamentals

The natural rutile market has recently shifted to a supply deficit



Supply tightness driving price upwards – very strong short, medium and long-term outlook

Huge Exploration Upside

Advanced Targets

- Significant number of untested targets across the Company's very large ground package
- Regional exploration continues to identify new rutile prospects
- Majority of key prospects and targets are located near key infrastructure
- Huge exploration upside large amount of unexplored ground



Bua Channel Prospect

Drilling confirms Bua Channel as a high-grade, rutile dominant, sand-hosted, channel placer deposit within the emerging Malawi Rutile Province.



Exploration well underway

- Excellent grades of rutile and high-quality chloride ilmenite with a TiO₂ content of ~60%
- Further extensional drilling over its full ~50km length is in the advanced planning and permitting stage

Shallow drilling results

- 7m @ 0.81% rutile, 1.0% ilmenite & 0.11% zircon (from surface) Inc. 3m @ 1.03% rutile, 1.2% ilmenite & 0.13% zircon (from 4m)
- 6m @ 1.09% rutile, 1.6% ilmenite & 0.13% zircon (from surface) Inc. 4m @ 1.28% rutile, 1.9% ilmenite & 0.15% zircon (from 2m)

Air-core results

- 8m @ 0.88 % rutile, 1.5% ilmenite & 0.08% zircon (from surface) Inc. 5m @ 1.02% rutile, 1.7% ilmenite & 0.09% zircon (from 3m)
- 7m @ 0.86% rutile, 1.4% ilmenite & 0.08% zircon (from surface) Inc. 3m @ 1.05% rutile, 1.7% ilmenite & 0.09% zircon (from 4m)

Corporate Information

Management team with a proven track record of success

IAN MIDDLEMAS Chairman	Mr Middlemas was a Senior Group Executive for Normandy Mining for more than ten years, which was Australia's largest gold miner before merging with Newmont Mining. He is currently Chairman of Salt Lake Potash, Berkeley Energia, Prairie Mining & a number of other listed resource companies. Mr Middlemas was also previously Chairman of Papillon Resources Limited and Mantra Resources Limited.
JULIAN STEPHENS Managing Director	Dr Stephens is a Geologist with over 20 years experience in mineral exploration across many commodity types, and has spent 14 years working on minerals projects in Malawi. Dr Stephens identified, secured and led the team that discovered rutile and graphite mineralisation across Sovereign's large ground position in Malawi.
BEN STOIKOVICH Project Consultant	Mr Stoikovich is a Mining Engineer with 25 years experience in mine operations and mineral project development and finance. He has extensive experience in Africa having previously worked for Lonmin and Standard Bank. Mr Stoikovich is based in London. He commenced his career with BHP Billiton.
SAM CORDIN <i>Business</i> <i>Development</i> <i>Manager</i>	Mr Cordin is an experienced Chartered Accountant who commenced his career at a large international accounting firm and has since been involved with a number of ASX and AIM listed exploration and development companies operating in the resources sector, including most recently Salt Lake Potash Limited.
ANDRIES KRUGER Country Manager	Mr Kruger is a Geologist with over 20 years experience in mineral exploration. Mr Kruger has spent 10 years working on major Malawian minerals projects for ASX listed companies, directing all in-country activities relating to project development.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Shares on Issue ¹	394,237,561
Unlisted Options ¹ (\$0.10 to \$0.18)	20,025,000
Un-Diluted Market Capitalisation @A\$0.22 ^{1,2}	A\$86.7 m
Cash ³	~A\$3.6 m
 Equities on issue as at 12 August 2020 Closing price 12 August 2020 Cash as at 21 July 2020 	

Cash as at 31 July 2020

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