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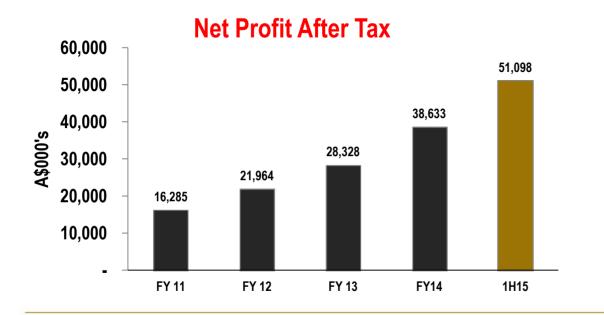
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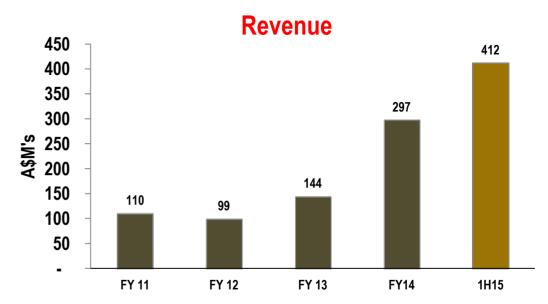
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# Financial Highlights for the Year to 31 Dec 2014



- Sales revenue: A\$412.1m
- Net Profit after tax: A\$51m including one offs of acquisition costs of A\$7.2m & restructure costs of A\$4m
- Cash flow from operations of: A\$128.7m generating underlying Company free cash flow of A\$106.6m
- Dividend: Interim dividend doubled from 1 cent to 2 cents fully franked
- Return on Equity of 17.6% for the half (35.2% on an annualised basis)
- Cash and Cash Equivalents on hand at 31 Dec: A\$119.1m
- ▶ Debt: A\$35m at 31 Dec; post half year's end debt reduced to A\$20m

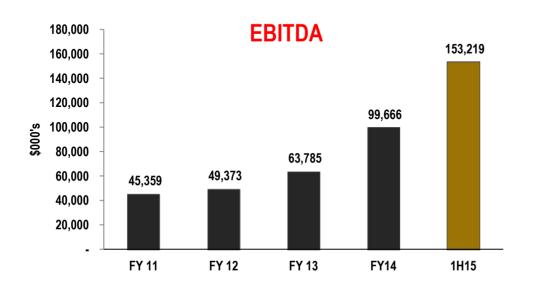


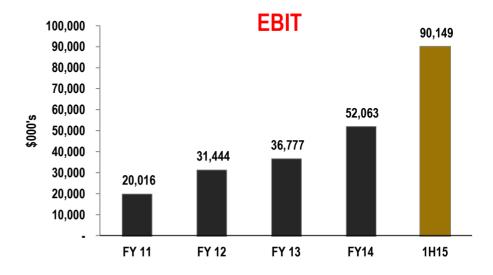


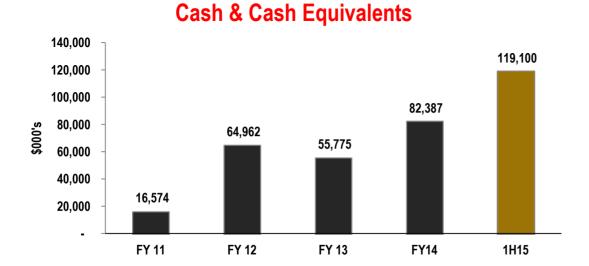
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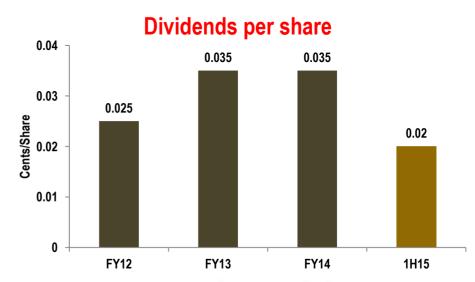


NST has increased the interim dividend 100% from 1 cent to 2 cents per share





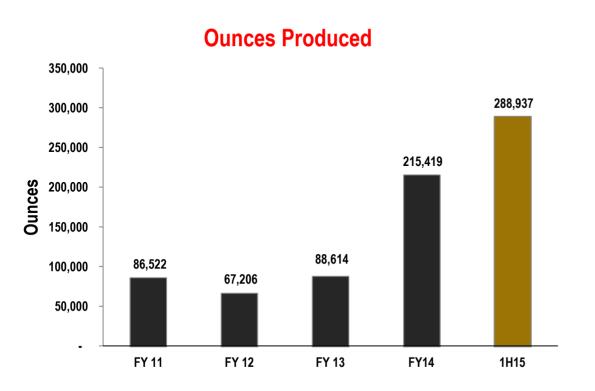


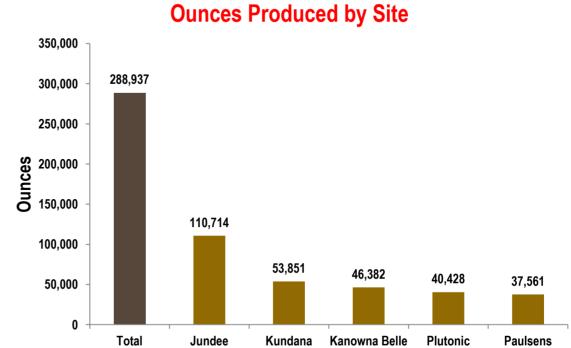


#### The Profit Centres in 1H15



- \* 1H15 was the first in which the combined business was operating all of the businesses operating mines
- Kundana operations achieved acquisition payback in 7 months
- Kanowna Belle operations achieved acquisition payback within 8 months
- Jundee is set to achieve acquisition payback in 7 months





# 1H15 Mining Operations Review



During 1H15 NST sold 292,840oz at an AISC cost of A\$1,057/oz which included a A\$49/oz non-cash rehabilitation cost as per World Gold Council reporting standards

	Measure	6 months Paulsens	6 months Plutonic	6 months Kanowna Belle	6 months Kundana (51%)	6 months Jundee	Total
Total Material Mined	tonnes	245,808	419,381	314,383	156,766	665,922	1,802,260
Total Material Milled	tonnes	248,902	430,270	389,652	142,549	632,970	1,844,343
Gold Grade	grams/tonne	5.24	3.61	4.03	12.05	5.89	5.35
Gold Recovery		90%	81%	92%	98%	92%	91%
Gold Produced	ounces	37,561	40,428	46,382	53,851	110,714	288,937
Revenue	\$'000	55,658	58,877	63,381	78,957	155,255	412,129
Cost of Sales	\$'000	37,272	53,167	44,022	23,887	73,964	232,312
Depreciation & amortisation	\$'000	10,701	11,217	4,020	5,919	31,214	63,071
Operating EBIT	\$'000	4,245	(6,723)	13,527	48,492	46,077	105,618
All in Sustaining Cost	\$/ounce sold	1,309	1,620	1,161	585	958	1,057

## Financials Review



- NST generated underlying Company free cash flow of A\$106.6m in 1H15; up from A\$6.4m in 1H13
- \* Earnings per share are up 383% from 1.8cps to 8.7cps in 1H15

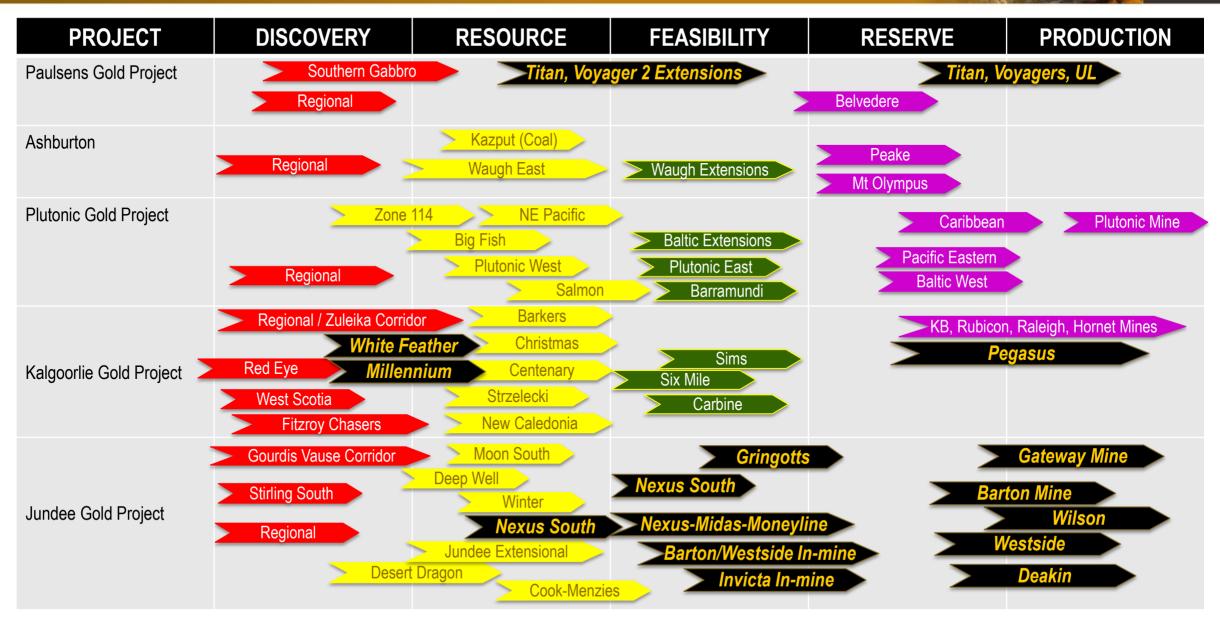
	Half Year End 31 Dec 2014	Half Year End 31 Dec 2013	Change	% Change
Revenue	412,129	72,194	339,935	<b>47</b> 1%
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	153,220	23,488	129,732	552%
EBIT <sup>(1)</sup>	90,149	10,213	79,936	783%
Net Profit	51,098	7,590	43,508	573%
Underlying profit <sup>(1)</sup>	62,405	7,590	54,816	722%
Cash flow from operating activities	128,757	24,575	104,182	424%
Cash flow from investing activities	(151,807)	(18,107)	(133,700)	738%
Underlying free cash flow <sup>(2)</sup>	106,669	6,468	100,201	1549%
Average gold price /ounce	1,407	1,416	(9)	-1%
Earnings per share (cents/share)	8.7	1.8	7	383%

<sup>(1)</sup> EBITDA; EBIT and Underlying Profit have been calculated by adding back one off acquisition (\$7.2 million) and restructure (\$4.1 million) expenses. Note: Underlying profit is a non-IFRS measure and is unaudited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[2)</sup> Underlying free cash flow has been calculated as cash flow from operating activities minus cash flow from investing activities plus the adding back of the Jundee acquisition and bullion awaiting final settlement at 31 December 2014.

# A\$50m exploration plan already paying dividends

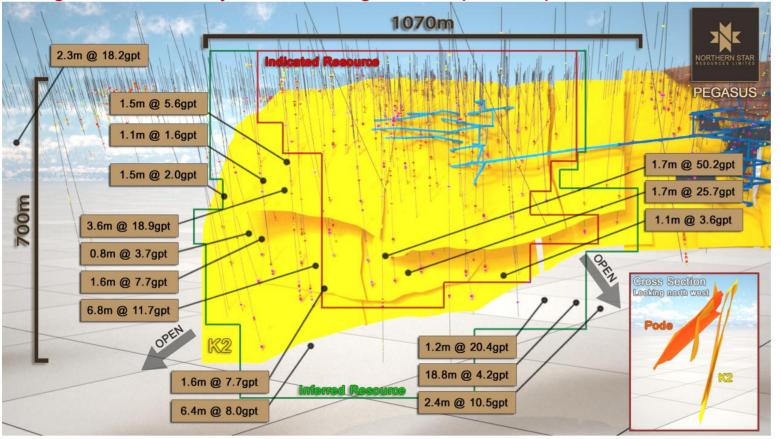




# Pegasus: A case study in Return on Invested Capital



Stage 1 mining of the recently defined Pegasus deposit represents a return of invested capital of 500% to NST





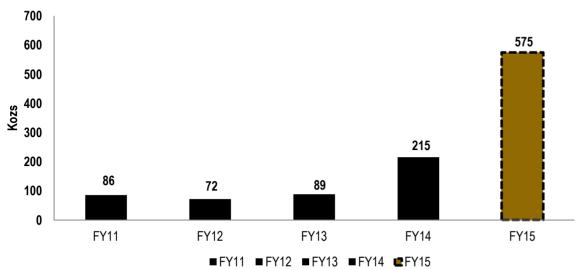
- ▶ Pegasus offers significant growth potential, Resource of 1.1Moz @ 11.6gpt, discovered 24 months ago
- ▶ Pegasus set for long mine life, with Kundana's historical conversion rate from Resource to Reserve running at ~80%
- \* Pegasus remains open at depth and along strike, highlighting significant potential for further resource increase
- Drilling is still on going at Pegasus and the flat lying Pode structure

# Summary / Guidance

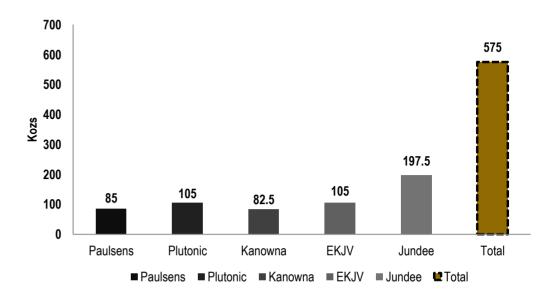


- FY2015 Forecast of 550koz to 600koz at an AISC of A\$1,050-A\$1,100/oz
- Capital Expenditure of A\$100-A\$110m, 95% of which will be spent on sustaining capital and ~\$5m to bring the Pegasus deposit into production
- NST is delivering into a gold price that is currently ~A\$200/oz higher in the 2H of 2015.





#### Mid point of FY2015 Production by Site





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