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## Adding high grade nickel prospects into core copper-gold strategy

Minotaur Exploration Limited (ASX: MEP) is pleased to advise that a new investor presentation, which forms part of the Company's current investor and media relations strategy, is attached below.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- No change to primary focus on copper-gold in QLD; introducing secondary focus on nickelgold in WA
- Initial assessment of the newly acquired WA-based nickel tenements from Breakaway Resources uncovers standout examples of substantial high-grade nickel sulphide mineralisation
- WA nickel prospects represent a compelling exploration opportunity, particularly in a rising nickel price environment
- Minotaur's Board believes Minotaur is significantly undervalued at its current share price (see Slide 11 for further information)

Managing Director, Andrew Woskett explains, "The attached presentation outlines a compelling investment case for Minotaur, with specific initiatives designed to unlock shareholder value. Minotaur has an enviable discovery track record and a strategic portfolio of exploration tenements, offering multiple copper-gold targets in the Cloncurry district (QLD) and an exciting set of advanced nickel sulphide prospects (WA). The Board believes Minotaur is significantly undervalued at current prices."

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# **Minotaur Exploration Limited** | ASX: MEP





# **Strategy Update** 7 July 2014

**Andrew Woskett** Managing Director

# Strategy update



## Adding exciting nickel prospects into core copper-gold strategy

- No change in primary focus: copper-gold in QLD
- Introducing secondary focus: nickel-gold in WA
- WA nickel assets were not a determining factor in the Breakaway Resources copper-gold focused acquisition completed late 2013
- Minotaur's review in 2014 shows the acquired nickel tenements host standout examples
  of substantial high-grade nickel sulphide mineralisation
- Targets include known deposits and multiple untested geochemical and geophysical targets
- Presenting a compelling exploration opportunity for Minotaur, particularly in the rising nickel price environment (price is up c.36% since Indonesia's nickel ore exports ban in January)

# Corporate overview



## Minotaur is a standout junior miner on the ASX

### **About Minotaur Exploration (ASX: MEP)**

- Primary focus on copper and gold exploration in QLD
- Secondary focus on advanced nickel prospects in WA acquired through 2013 takeover of Breakaway Resources
- Actively monetising non-core assets (listed investments, magnetite, industrial minerals)
- Core geology team responsible for Prominent Hill discovery is still with Minotaur
- Clean capital structure (no debt, limited options, only 152m shares on issue) with high profile share register and supportive JV partners

### **Financial Information**

Number of shares	152.2m
Share price (04-Jul-14)	A\$0.10
Market capitalisation	A\$15.2m
Cash (31-May-14)	A\$5.0m
Enterprise value	A\$10.2m

Note: 12.5m unlisted options (exercise prices A\$0.21-0.55)

### **Relative Share Price Performance** Share price (A\$) Volume traded (m) 0.25 SUSTAINED OUTPERFORMANCE 0.20 1.6 0.15 0.10 0.05 Jan-12 Jan-13 Jan-14 MEP daily volume S&P/ASX Small Resources Index --MEP share price

### **Major Shareholders**

Norilsk Nickel	7.1%
OZ Minerals	5.3%
<b>Newmont Capital</b>	3.5%
GFR	2.8%
Other major shareholders:  FMR Investments	5.8%

- Sandfire Resources
- Locantro Capital

Directors

### **JV Partners**

### JOGMEC

Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corp (Japanese government entity)

### Mitsubishi

Mitsubishi Materials Corp & Mitsubishi Corp

## Sumitomo Metals Mining Oceania

Major global metals player

#### Sandfire Resources

Major Australian copper-gold producer

#### GFR

3.2%

Cornerstone private investor and alliance partner

# Board and management

Lawson Gold

**Donald Stephens** 

BAcc, FCA

Company Secretary



## Deep technical expertise and extensive corporate experience

Name & Position	Biography
Derek Carter Non-Executive Chairman BSc, MSc, FAusIMM (CP)	<ul> <li>Geologist with 40+ years in corporate management, exploration and mining</li> <li>Held senior positions at Shell and Burmine before founding Minotaur Gold</li> <li>Chairman of Highfield Resources, Non-Executive Director of Blackthorn Resources and Mithril Resources</li> <li>Member of the South Australian Government's RIDB and SAMPEG advisory committees</li> </ul>
Andrew Woskett Managing Director BCivEng, MCommLaw, FAusIMM	<ul> <li>30+ years project and corporate experience in mining industry</li> <li>Led major development projects including the Kalgoorlie Super Pit, Kanowna Belle, Marymia gold mines, expansions of the Bougainville copper-gold mine, iron ore mine expansions and new project feasibility studies</li> <li>Former Managing Director of Ballarat Goldfields and founding Managing Director of AIM-listed Spitfire Oil</li> </ul>
<b>Dr Tony Belperio</b> Executive Director BSc (Hons), PhD FAusIMM	<ul> <li>Geologist with 35+ years experience in university, government and minerals exploration</li> <li>Awarded (jointly with Derek Carter) AMEC's Prospector of the Year Award in 2003 for his role in iron oxide copper-gold discovery of Prominent Hill</li> <li>Non-Executive Director of Thomson Resources</li> </ul>
John Atkins Non-Executive Director LL.B, LL.M, FAICD	<ul> <li>25+ years commercial law and corporate experience</li> <li>Chairman of Lotterywest, former Chairman of Breakaway Resources, Non-Executive Director of BWP Trust and Australian Finance Group</li> </ul>
Richard Bonython Non-Executive Director BAgSc	<ul> <li>45+ years experience in the building, rural and mineral industries</li> <li>Non-Executive Director of Mithril Resources and former Chairman of Hindmarsh Resources and Diamin Resources</li> </ul>

supported by an experienced team of 7 geologists, 2 geophysicists and 3 corporate staff

Chartered Accountant with 25+ years in minerals and industrials sectors

Non-Executive Director of Reproductive Health Sciences, Mithril Resources, Petratherm, Papyrus Australia and

# Geographic focus is Australia



## Clear focus on copper-gold assets in QLD and nickel prospects in WA

# SECONDARY FOCUS Nickel-Gold (WA)

Leinster: multiple targets located in database to be pursued Scotia: known deposits to be drilled to define JORC resources Kambalda West: high tenor nickel deposits under historic mines

### **NON-CORE ASSETS**

All iron ore and industrial minerals projects are actively being prepared for divestment

Mutooroo Iron

Poochera Kaolin

Lake Purdilla Gypsum



# PRIMARY FOCUS Copper-Gold (QLD)

Cloncurry JV: continues on IOCG targets
Eloise JV: inaugural diamond drilling underway

### **OTHER ASSETS**

SA Copper-Gold SA Base Metals VIC Copper-Gold

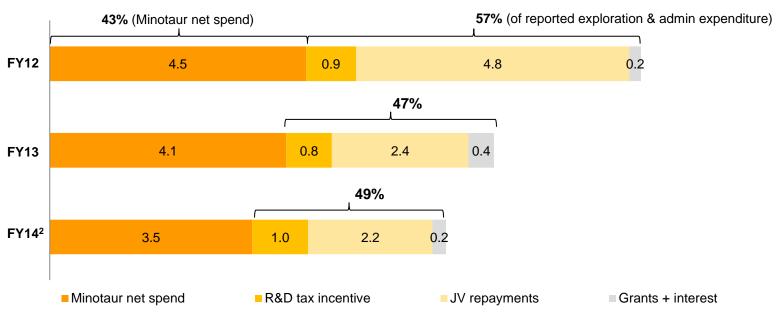
# Innovative funding model



# Minotaur recovers approximately 50% of its annual operating expenses through joint venture arrangements

Strategic alliances with high profile international partners expand Minotaur's project capacity and help minimise cash drain

## Minotaur annual exploration & admin costs by funding source (A\$m)



#### Notes

Source: Appendix 5B's

<sup>.</sup> Chart totals correspond to quarterly exploration + administration expenditure by Minotaur upfront

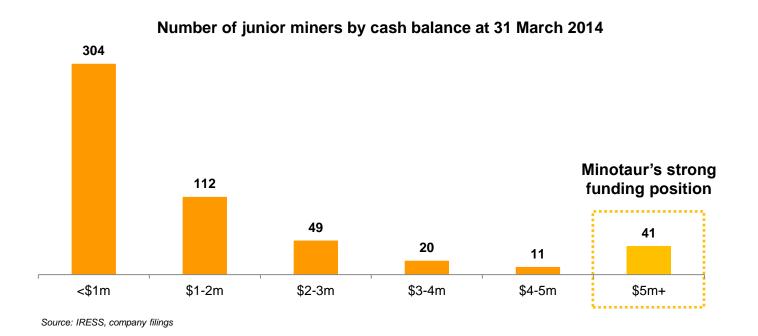
<sup>2.</sup> FY14 figures include 3 guarters to 31 March 2014

# Strong balance sheet



## Minotaur's innovative funding model minimises shareholder dilution

- Most junior miners are cash-strapped with no revenue:
  - At 16 June 2014, there were 537 ASX-listed metals & mining companies with market capitalisation less than A\$25m
  - 465 had less than A\$3.0m in cash at 31 March 2014
  - Minotaur has a strong history of responsible capital management

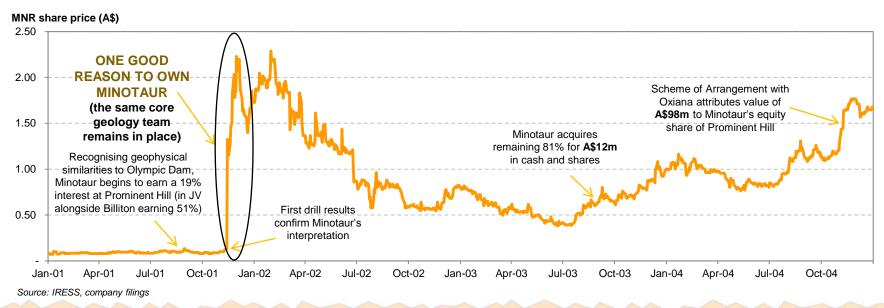


# Minotaur's role in Prominent Hill discovery



# "The Prominent Hill copper-gold deposit, discovered in 2001 by Adelaide based Minotaur Exploration, was a stand-out greenfield discovery in Australia"

- OZ Minerals, owner and operator of Prominent Hill copper-gold mine
- Prominent Hill region was identified as an IOCG province in the late 1980s, but it wasn't until 2001 that Minotaur Resources (ASX: MNR) intersected economic mineralisation
- By 2004 the scope of the project was becoming clear and Oxiana (now OZ Minerals) acquired the Prominent Hill deposit, while MNR's remaining assets were spun off into Minotaur Exploration (ASX: MEP)
- Shareholders received 1.85 Oxiana shares and 1 MEP share for each share held in MNR before the Prominent Hill transaction, equivalent to A\$2.29 per share (2,190% higher than MNR's share price pre-discovery)

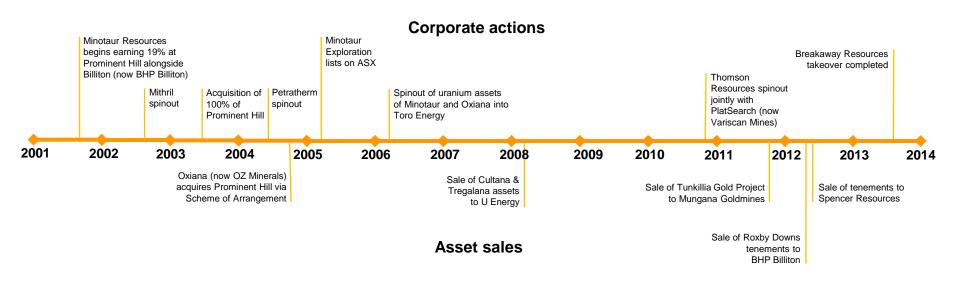


## Asset realisations continue



## Minotaur's corporate strategy provides shareholders with valueaccretive transactions and a pipeline of investment opportunities

- Prominent Hill transaction allowed shareholders to retain upside exposure through their Oxiana shares as well as the
  opportunity to benefit from future discoveries by Minotaur
- In 2014, the same core geology team responsible for the discovery of Prominent Hill is still guiding Minotaur
- Minotaur has a strong track record of acquisitions, joint ventures, asset sales and asset allocation into new floats
- Minotaur is actively negotiating solutions that can monetise its valuable non-core assets



# Valuable non-core assets



Minotaur is actively seeking solutions to monetise its valuable noncore assets

- Mutooroo magnetite (A\$3.2m book value)
  - JV with Sumitomo (MEP 42%), where project expenditure to date totals A\$5.9m
  - A beneficiation plant could yield 300Mt of high quality concentrate with 70% Fe
  - For resource details, please refer to ASX release dated 24 November 2011, entitled "Maiden JORC Resource for Mutooroo"
  - For exploration target details, please refer to ASX release dated 20 February 2012, entitled "Exploration Target Upgraded for Mutooroo Magnetite Project"
- Industrial minerals (A\$4.4m book value)
  - Poochera kaolin (MEP 100%)
    - World class, high purity, kaolin district
    - Commercial grade product range produced through extensive Pilot Plant test work and independent verification
    - Potential production scenario within 18 months of an off-take agreement being in place
    - Various kaolin operators and ceramics manufacturers currently assessing investment opportunity
  - Lake Purdilla gypsum (MEP 100%)
    - A large, high quality gypsum deposit nearby to Poochera kaolin deposits
    - Suitable for quality plasterboard manufacture, cement making and export markets
    - Export infrastructure synergies achievable with co-development of Carey's Well kaolin

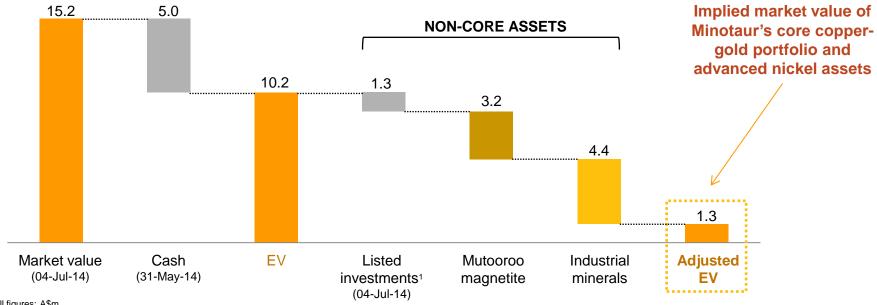


# Minotaur is significantly undervalued



## Negligible value currently ascribed to Minotaur's core assets

- Minotaur's EV at the current A\$0.10 share price is A\$10.2m
- If you subtract the mark to market valuation of the listed investment portfolio and accept the book value of Minotaur's two
  main non-core assets, the valuation of Minotaur's core copper-gold and nickel assets is only A\$1.3m
- Minotaur's track record of realising book values (or above) for non-core assets is instructive (sale of Roxby Downs tenements to BHP Billiton realised A\$9.5m compared to A\$1.0m book value)



All figures: A\$m

Note

1. Includes shares held in Mungana Goldmines, Variscan Mines, Petratherm, Thomson Resources and Mithril Resources

Source: IRESS

# Core assets: copper-gold portfolio



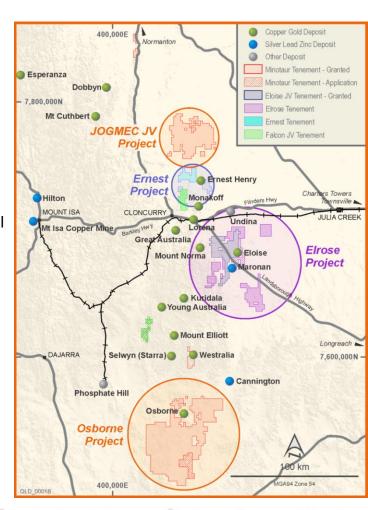
# MEP's primary focus is its strategic Cu-Au ground position around Cloncurry

### Minotaur recognised Cloncurry region as an emerging IOCG province

- Extensive land position strategically acquired over several years around known Cu-Au mining centres:
  - Ernest Henry (adjacent to Ernest Project)
  - Eloise (adjacent to Elrose Project)
  - Osborne (adjacent to Osborne Project)
- In-house technical expertise has been successfully applied to geophysical target identification under deep and conductive cover, revealing multiple, potentially mineralised anomalies
- Investigatory drilling proves Minotaur's geophysical technique to be a valid discovery tool

## **Eloise Copper Joint Venture**

- JV partner spending A\$6m over 4 years to earn 50%
- Minotaur is Operator/Manager
- Tenements highly prospective for Eloise style high-grade Cu-Au deposits
- 11 high priority EM-generated conductive plates modelled and selected for first-pass drill investigation; many others recognised for future assessment
- 8 drill sites cleared for initial ground disturbing activity
- First-pass drill campaign underway and will conclude mid July
- Initial exploration results due by end July

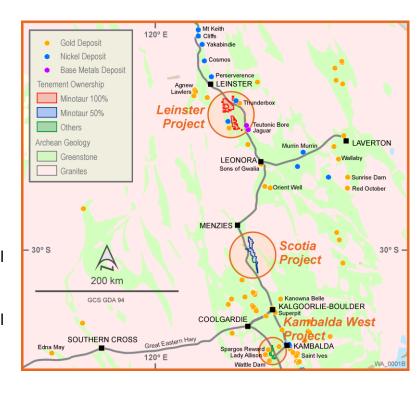


# Core assets: nickel sulphide portfolio



## Advanced nickel sulphide prospects on proven, fertile ultramafic belts

- Leinster JV (MEP 85%)
  - Multiple nickel targets identified from a massive historic exploration database acquired through Breakaway Resources
    - Large tenement package ideally located over mineralised ultramafic units
    - On strike from historic mines and Tier 1 nickel projects
    - Estimate replication of database alone would require over 10 years of intensive exploration and cost in excess of A\$30m
    - Ground along the Nickel belt is tightly held and rarely available
- Scotia (MinAuSol of which MEP 50%)
  - Small historic nickel sulphide resource established at St Patricks
  - Multiple drill holes into adjacent St Andrews deposit represent an advanced stage prospect with walk-up drill positions established
  - Modern ground EM to cover both targets and refine geometry of drill intersected ultramafic units will be be underway in August
- Kambalda West
  - Minotaur holds nickel rights over certain tenements owned by Mithril Resources (9) and Tychean Resources (10)
    - Minotaur is currently sampling RC intervals to assay for possible nickel sulphide mineralisation
    - Assay results anticipated late July



# Share price catalysts



## Minotaur expects substantial news flow over the coming months

- Active drilling at Eloise
  - Targets identified by aerial and ground EM surveys in 2014 represent significant copper-gold discovery potential
  - Inaugural drilling campaign underway from 10 June 2014, initially testing 8 targets at 50-150m depth; completion in July
  - Additional targets will be accessed as Native Title heritage clearances are gained
- Exploration results from advanced nickel portfolio in WA
  - Historic nickel database reveals multiple nickel sulphide targets and drill defined mineralisation, all of which have received little or nil follow up
  - Modern EM to be applied to Saints deposits to extend boundaries of known mineralisation and test for new conductors
  - Nickel assay results from West Kambalda expected shortly
- Sale of non-core assets
  - Magnetite, gypsum and kaolin projects being prepared for sale
- Listed investment developments
  - Minotaur's listed investment portfolio provides discovery upside and monetisation potential on liquidity events
- New opportunities
  - Minotaur is actively reviewing major Australian copper-gold acquisition opportunities with its alliance partners
  - Advanced stage to ready-to-mine and/or in-production opportunities being targeted

# A compelling investment case



## Minotaur is a standout junior miner on the ASX

- Enviable record of exploration success core geology team responsible for Prominent
   Hill discovery is still with Minotaur
- Significant exploration potential given focus and quality of core assets
- Innovative funding model underpinned by strategic JV alliances
- History of responsible capital management with strong balance sheet and clean capital structure
- High profile share register and supportive JV partners
- Clear asymmetric payoff profile given implied value currently ascribed to Minotaur's strategic copper-gold portfolio and advanced nickel assets is only A\$1.3m
- Actively monetising non-core assets to realise additional value for shareholders
- Substantial news flow over the coming months

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