# Minotaur Exploration Limited | ASX: MEP







# Why are investors so glum?





# but MEP holders have reasons to be positive



- Copper-gold prospects in Qld
  - Drilling new, shallow, copper-gold targets west of the high-grade Eloise copper mine
  - Artemis first discovery
  - Today's results confirm continuity of mineralisation for further 50m along strike
  - and drilling similar targets across JOGMEC joint venture tenements
- Nickel-gold assets in WA
  - Tenements host known deposits and multiple untested geological, geochemical and geophysical targets
  - presenting compelling new exploration opportunities, particularly in a strong nickel price environment
- Share price responsive to discovery news up by 105% on 31 July
  - Despite retracement to pre-discovery levels MEP still out performs ASX Small Ords Index (SRO)

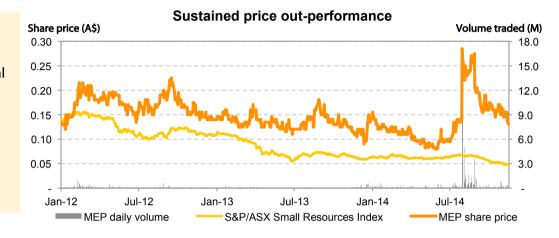
and coupled with Minotaur's discovery track record, sound management capabilities, strong cash position, multiple JVs contributing to annual expenditures and highly regarded mining industry shareholders, counteract the market gloom

# Minotaur stands out amongst junior miners



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

- Primary focus on copper and gold exploration in QLD
- Secondary focus on advanced nickel prospects in WA
- Actively monetising non-core assets (listed investments, industrial minerals)
- Clean capital structure with high profile share register and supportive JV partners
- SPP + Placement in October 2014 raised \$4M
- Cash on hand totals \$7.5M
- JV partner contributions from Oct to March 2015 total \$5.3M



#### Capital (@ 310ct 14)

Number of shares	180M
Share price	A\$0.16
Market capitalisation	A\$29M
Cash	A\$7.5M
Enterprise value	A\$21.5M

### **Top 3 Shareholders**

Norilsk Nickel	6%
OZ Minerals	4.5%
Newmont	3%
Top 10	26.6%
Number of Holders	3500
Directors	3.5%

#### **JV Partners**

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

### **Sumitomo Metals Mining Oceania** *Major global metals player*

**Sandfire Resources** Australian copper-gold producer

Cornerstone private investor

## 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)

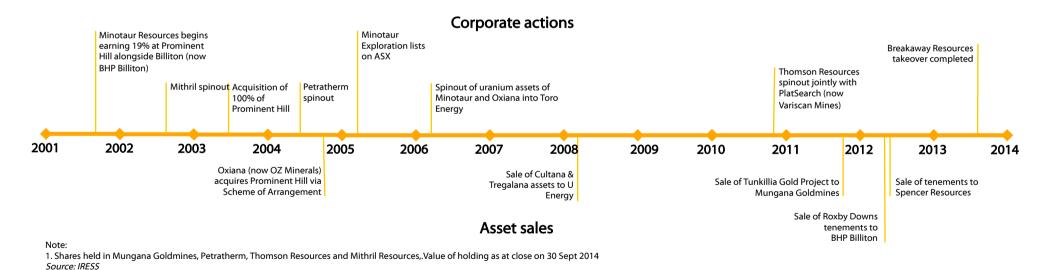


### Asset realisation



# Minotaur's corporate strategy provides shareholders with value-accretive 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
- 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
  - Mutooroo magnetite (A\$3.2M book value); Poochera kaolin (A\$4M book value); Lake Purdilla gypsum (A\$0.4M) book value
- Minotaur also holds stakes in numerous listed assets currently worth A\$1.1M<sup>1</sup>



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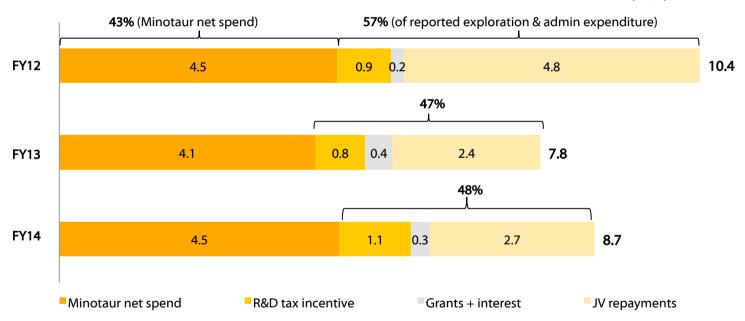
# Sound funding model



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

• Strategic alliances expand Minotaur's project capacity and help minimise cash drain

#### MINOTAUR ANNUAL EXPLORATION & ADMIN COSTS BY FUNDING SOURCE (A\$M)



Note

 $<sup>1. \</sup>quad \text{Chart totals correspond to quarterly exploration} + \text{administration expenditure by Minotaur upfront} \\ \textit{Source: Appendix 5Bs}$ 

# Geographic focus is Australia

Lake Purdilla Gypsum





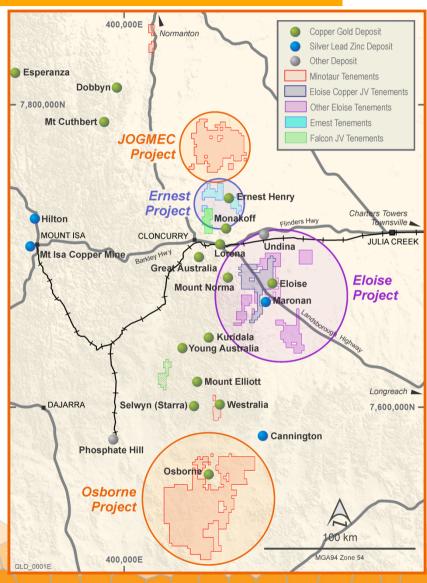
VIC Copper-Gold

# Copper-gold focus around Cloncurry



### 4000km<sup>2</sup> around known mining centres

- Tenement packages selectively accumulated over past 5 years
- A region enriched in mineralisation
- Well endowed with mining infrastructure:
  - Ernest Henry (adjacent to Ernest Project MEP 100%)
  - Eloise (adjacent to Eloise Project MEP 84%)
  - Osborne (adjacent to Osborne Project MEP 100%)
- Moved rapidly to exploit Breakaway Resources assets
  - Artemis polymetallic discovery within 7 months of control
- Discovery technique being applied on the JOGMEC JV ground
- New high-power VTEM survey over Osborne tenements to be flown by Qld geosciences agency

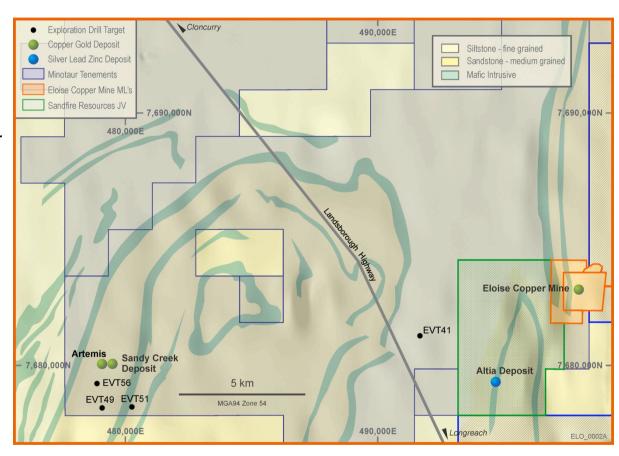


# Copper-gold focus near Eloise Mine



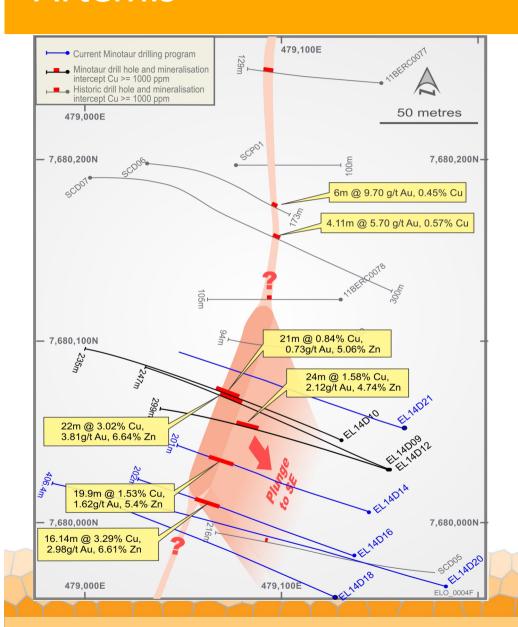
### **Eloise Copper JV**

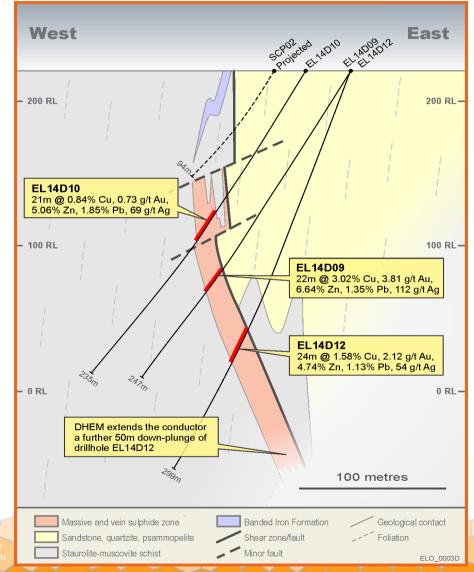
- JV partner spending A\$6m over 15 months to earn 50% project interest by April 2015
- Tenements highly prospective for Eloise style high-grade Cu-Au deposits
- Success at the Artemis copper-gold-zinc-silver prospect (ISCG type)
  - First 5 diamond holes successfully intersected oregrade, massive sulphide mineralisation
  - 13 18m true width of mineralisation
- Step-out diamond drilling underway
  - 40 holes for 18,000m
  - 3 rigs drilling at 25m spaces for JORC purposes
- Additional regional targets to be tested
  - 10 holes for 2,000m



### Artemis

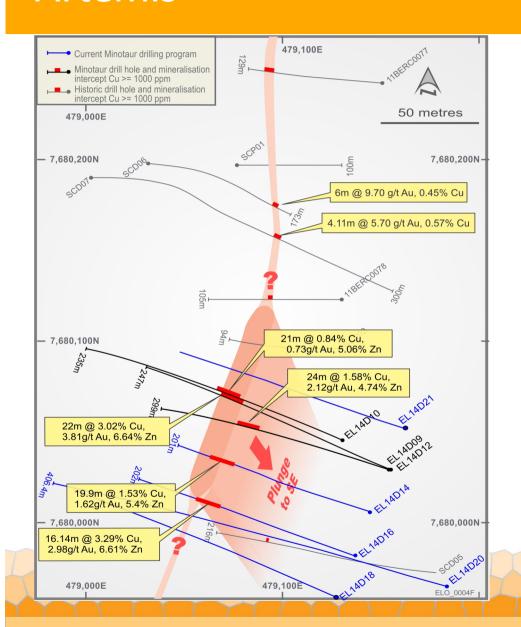


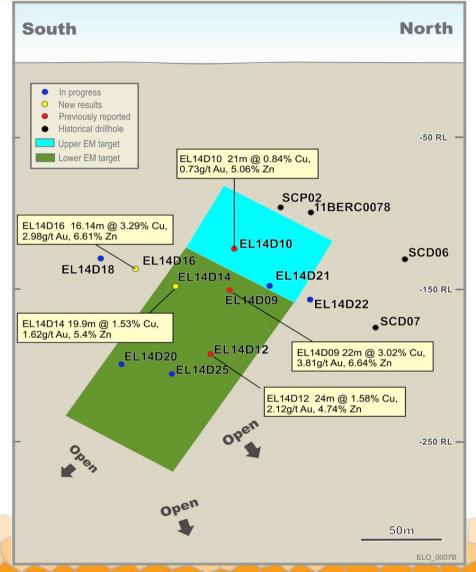




### Artemis







## Artemis – today's results

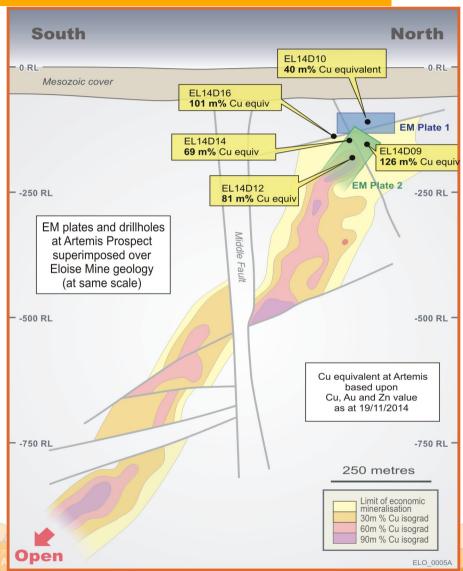


### Hole D16

- Massive sulphides from 150m 166.1m downhole depths
- True width estimated to be 13.7m
- 16.1m @ 3.29% Cu + 2.98g/t Au + 6.61% Zn
  - incl 9m @ 5.15% Cu + 4.26g/t Au + 6.61% Zn

### Hole D14

- Massive sulphides from 153m 172.9m downhole depths
- True width estimated to be 15.9m
- 19.9m @ 1.53% Cu + 1.62g/t Au + 5.4% Zn
  - incl 7m @ 2.72% Cu + 1.45g/t Au + 5.09% Zn
- 5 additional holes completed; waiting on assays
  - Testing down-dip & strike extensions
- Drilling to continue for 3 months



## Exploration model – Eloise Mine

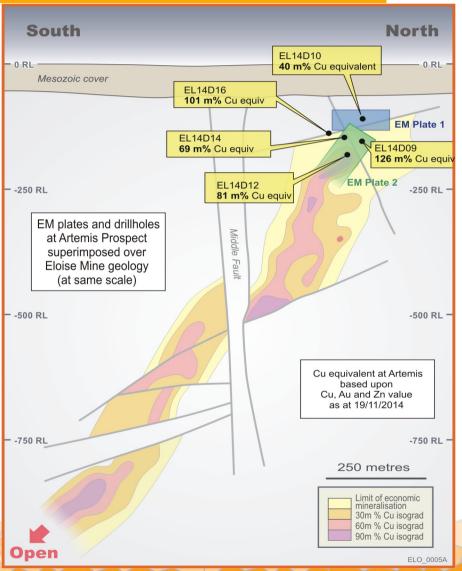


### **Eloise Mine**

- Deposit is now known to be 10Mt+@ 3.2% Cu and 0.7g/t Au
- Long Section shows deposit geometry and Copper gradients
- Economic mineralisation from 200m below surface
- Hauling ore from 1300m below surface via Decline
- Orebody has strike extent of 180m, depth beyond 2000m
- Orebody believed to be improving at depth (~3.5% Cu & 5g/t Au)

### **Artemis comparison** (results superimposed onto Eloise section)

- Economic mineralisation from 100m below surface
- High-grade Copper contours at shallow levels
- Strike & Depth potential now being investigated
- 2 diamond rigs drilling to 500m down plunge, down dip



## Industry recognition for Artemis discovery



# QUEENSLAND EXPLORER

MENT OF THE YEAR 2014



# WA nickel portfolio



# Advanced nickel sulphide prospects on proven, fertile ultramafic belts

### Leinster JV (MEP 85%)

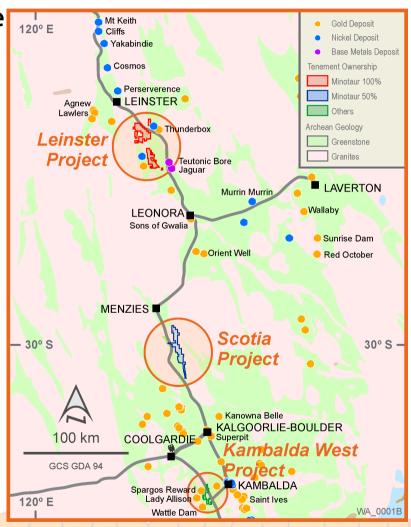
- Multiple nickel targets identified from a massive historic exploration database acquired through Breakaway Resources
  - Ground along the Nickel belt is tightly held and rarely available
  - Large tenement package ideally located over mineralised ultramafic units
  - On strike from major nickel mines and Tier 1 nickel projects
  - Ground EM underway across multiple targets

### 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 is nearing completion

#### Kambalda West

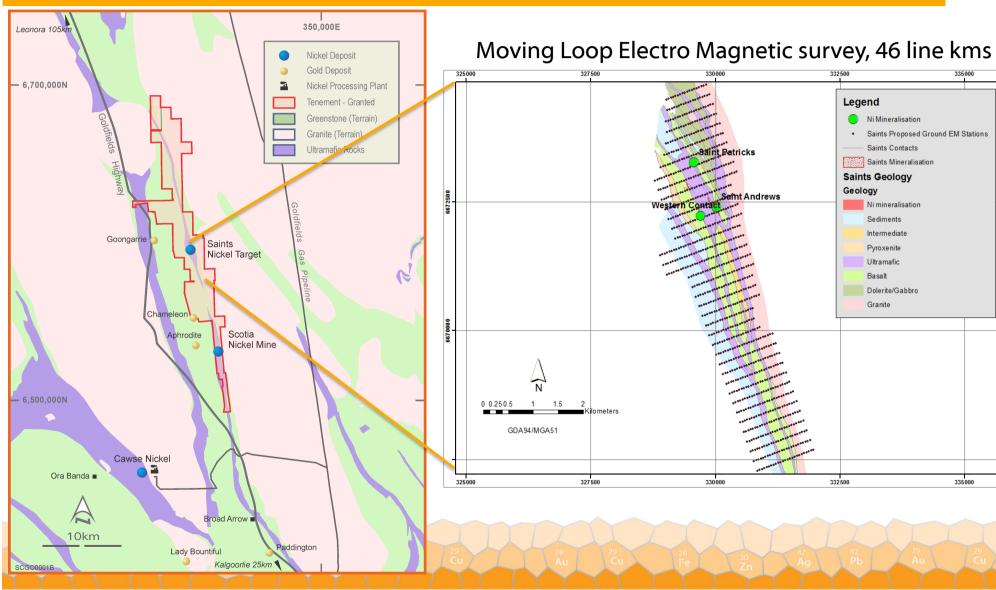
- Minotaur holds nickel rights over 10 tenements owned by Tychean Resources (ASX: TYK)
  - High-grade Ni-Au assays published 23 July 2014
  - Additional deposits waiting to be drilled to JORC standard





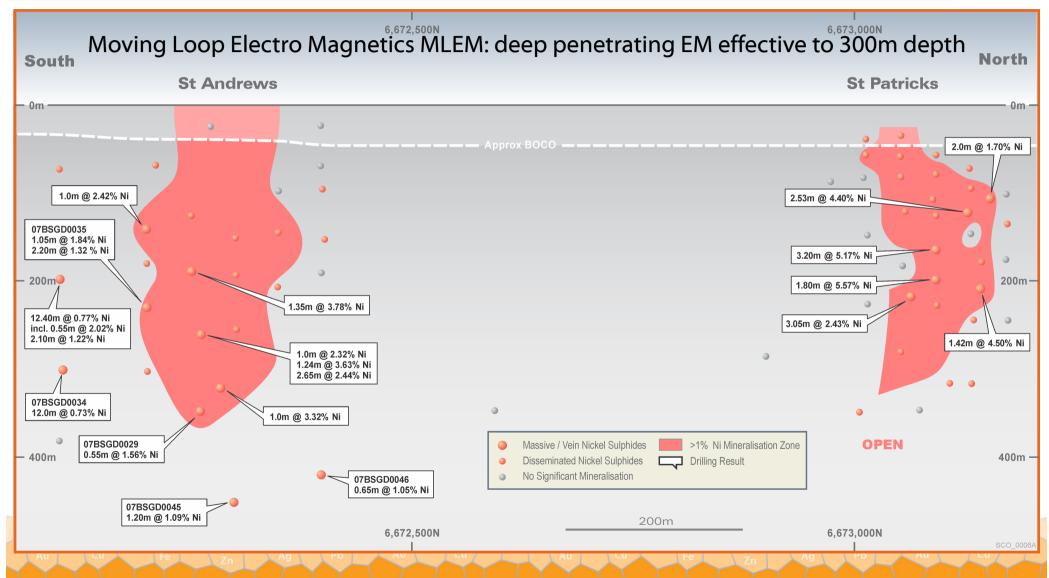
# Scotia Tenements – Saints Prospects





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# Share price catalysts



### Minotaur will deliver substantial news flow over the coming months

- Actively drilling at Eloise
  - High-grade copper-gold-zinc mineralisation at Artemis Prospect, analogous to nearby Eloise copper-gold mine
  - Extensive drill programme underway to test for strike and down-plunge extensions of mineralisation
  - Multiple similar targets to be drill tested in the vicinity of Artemis

#### JOGMEC JV

- Ground EM surveys revealed new copper drill targets. Diamond drilling underway
- Exploration on advanced nickel portfolio in WA
  - Historic nickel database reveals multiple nickel sulphide targets and drill defined mineralisation, which have received little follow up
  - MLEM underway at Saints deposits to extend boundaries of known NiS mineralisation and test for new conductors
  - Ground EM surveys underway on Leinster tenements to refine ultramafic nickel targets

#### Sale of non-core assets

- Kaolin projects in South Australia are being prepared for sale
- \$4.8M sale agreement of Gypsum deposit executed

### Listed investments

Minotaur's listed investment portfolio provides discovery upside and monetisation potential on liquidity events

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