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# Theme of presentation



## **PRODUCTION NOW** – from Wiluna

- Apex is Australia's newest gold producer in a difficult economic climate
- Apex is focused on generating cash from initial 120,000ozpa production, increasing to
   150,000ozpa in 2H09, with a variety of future expansion opportunities

## **GROWTH NEXT** – from Wiluna

- Frequent ownership changes have caused inconsistent strategy/planning and have starved Wiluna of expertise or capital throughout the last 10 years
- Prior insufficient investment in drilling positions + holes = small resource inventory = short fuse reserve = high costs = little profit = insufficient investment (etc.)
- Wiluna is not a single deposit it is a major gold field, having produced 4 million oz to date, >100,000ozpa throughout the last 20 years
- Opportunity, value and leverage lie in breaking paradigms Wiluna is ours, and the surface has barely been scratched



# Capital structure and corporate information (



Fully paid shares 446 million

Partly paid shares20 million (20c to pay)

Unlisted Options
 30 million (@ average ~50c exercise)

Warrants 43.5m (@ 33.2c/sh)

Cash
 ~A\$2 million (excluding ~6,000oz GIC and reserve a/c)

Gold at refinery ~A\$2 million

Debt
 A\$60.5m senior secured note (maturing Sept 2011)

Hedging 75,000oz (60%) of year 1 production forward sold at

A\$1140/oz, 40% exposed to spot

50% of year 2 and 3 production underpinned by put

options at A\$952/oz – downside insurance and 100% upside

Shareholders
 Top 20 ~65%, management ~5.8%

Substantial holders: Mark Creasy 8.7%

Market capitalisation ~A\$130 million undiluted (@ 30c/sh)

## Milestones so far



- Proven management team with successful discovery, development, production and corporate track record took control in 2006
- Gold consolidation strategy commenced May 2007 with acquisition of Gidgee,
   Youanmi, Aphrodite and Wiluna, at a cost of A\$22/oz
- Global resource increased to 3.4 million ounces @ 5.1g/t gold during 2008
- Wiluna resource doubled to 1.5 million ounces @ 6g/t gold, at a cost of A\$16/oz
- Initial ore reserve of 548,000oz @ 5.9g/t gold (based on A\$800/oz gold price)
   infill drilling of Inferred Resources is expected to significantly increase this
- Open pit ore reserve increased by 70% to 52,000oz @ 4g/t gold: the expected cash margin on this will pay for the entire acquisition cost of Wiluna
- Wiluna plant and infrastructure refurbished for A\$35 million
- Wiluna plant commissioning commenced late 2008, delayed by 2 months
- Production is now ramping up toward the initial target rate of 120,000ozpa

# Near term objectives

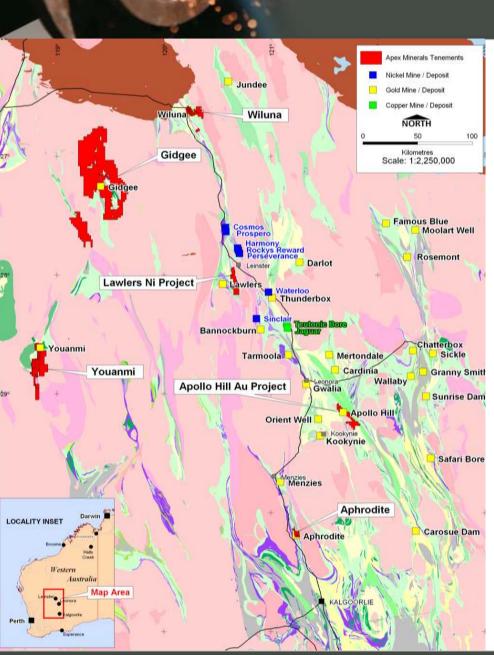


- Achieve >10,000oz/month poured (= >120,000ozpa) early in 2Q09
- Build cash balance during 2Q09
- Recommence resource definition drilling in 3Q09
- Increase production to 150,000ozpa in 2H09 with startup of East Lode North orebody
- Expand resources and reserves by significant increments by end FY0910
- Acquire more high leverage assets and grow them



# Consolidation – synergy and optionality





## Why Wiluna?

- BIOX® processing plant
- Gas power low cost energy
- Quality ore and high grade satellite deposits within trucking distance

## **Initial consolidation strategy**

 A full plant based on a mix of Wiluna and satellite feed from Wilsons and Youanmi

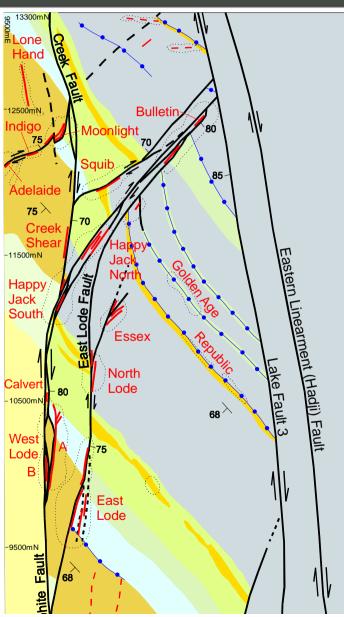
## **Evolving growth strategy**

- More ore at Wiluna no reliance on satellites to fill Wiluna plant
- Optionality of single Wiluna operation, satellites underpinning a plant upgrade, or a separate hub at Gidgee

# Why Wiluna is our focus







- Three >3km long trends with 4moz past production and >1.5m oz of resources
- East Lode known to 900m
- West Lode known to 600m
- Moonlight trend known to 400m
- All three trends remain open down dip and along strike
- Two more trends are virtually unexplored
- All are equally prospective to the same depth (>1,000m)



# Mining ramp up – March 2009



- March monthly production from Calais (underground) and East Lode (open pit) of:
  - Underground: 27,000t @ 4.6g/t\* (= 50% increase on February's production)
  - Open pit: 95,000t @ 3.8g/t\*
  - Total mining: 122,000t @ 4.0g/t\* (15,740oz)
- ROM stocks of 223,000t @ 3.4g/t for 24,800oz gold at end March (mainly open pit ore)
- Developed ore awaiting stoping comprises 143,000t @ 6.3g/t for 29,000oz (Calais only)
- Underground tonnes and grade likely to increase in the next quarter due to:
  - More, and higher grade, Calais stopes coming on line in April
  - Smaller proportion of development ore and stope ore from peripheral (thinner)
     parts of the Calais 50 and 100 Lens

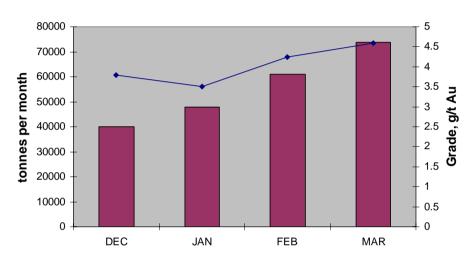
<sup>\*</sup> based on reconciled production for January and February, and preliminary (unreconciled) production for March

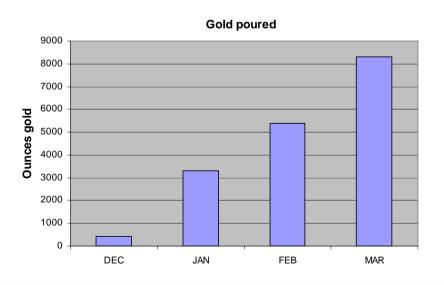
# Processing ramp up – March 2009



- Ore treated in March increased by 21% to 73,800t (= a throughput of 850,000tpa, exceeding initial planned 825,000tpa treatment rate)
- BIOX performing well as a result of reliable power, air and cooling water services
- Overall plant recovery averaged 82% during March, and is expected to improve with various planned optimisation initiatives (grinding and flotation) in 2Q09
- Gold In Circuit (GIC) has stabilised at a steady state at ~6,000oz, mainly residing in concentrate storage tanks and BIOX reactors
- Gold poured in March increased by 54% to 8,300oz

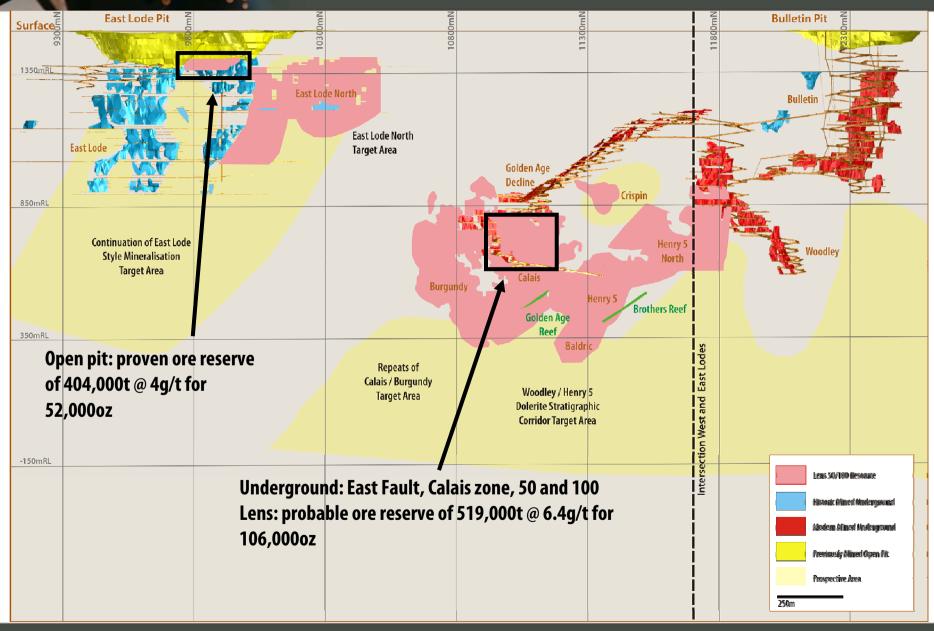
### Plant throughput and grade

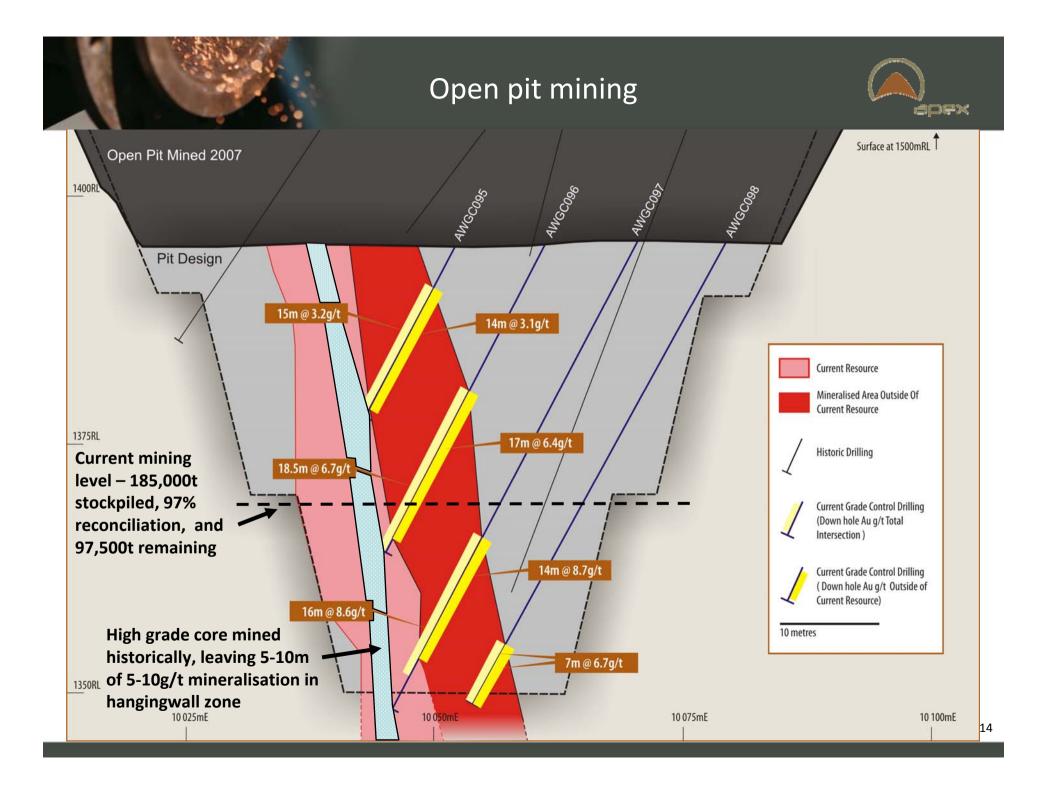




# Initial production sources – first half 2009 (

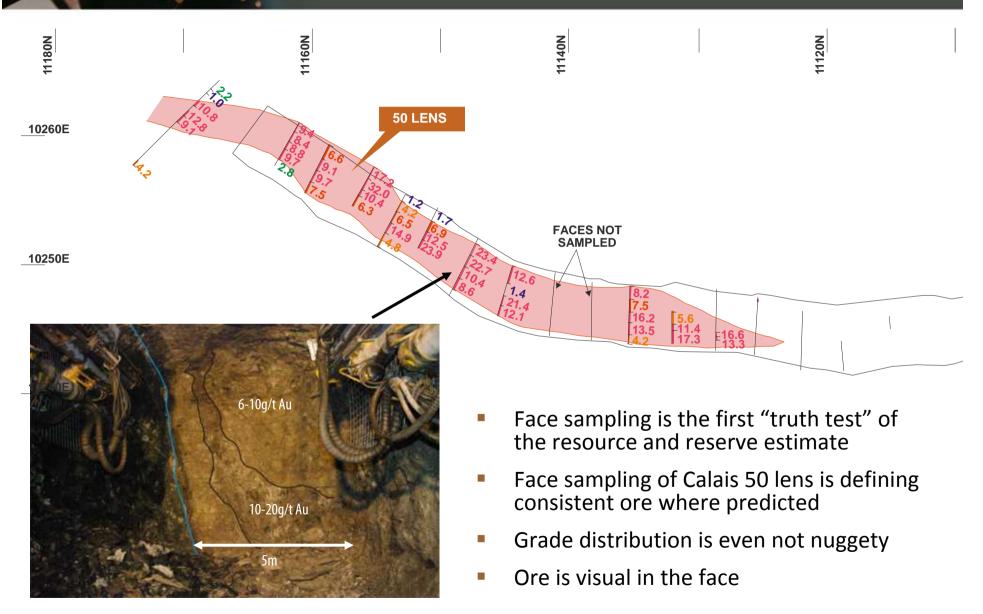






# Calais 50 Lens – 700 level plan





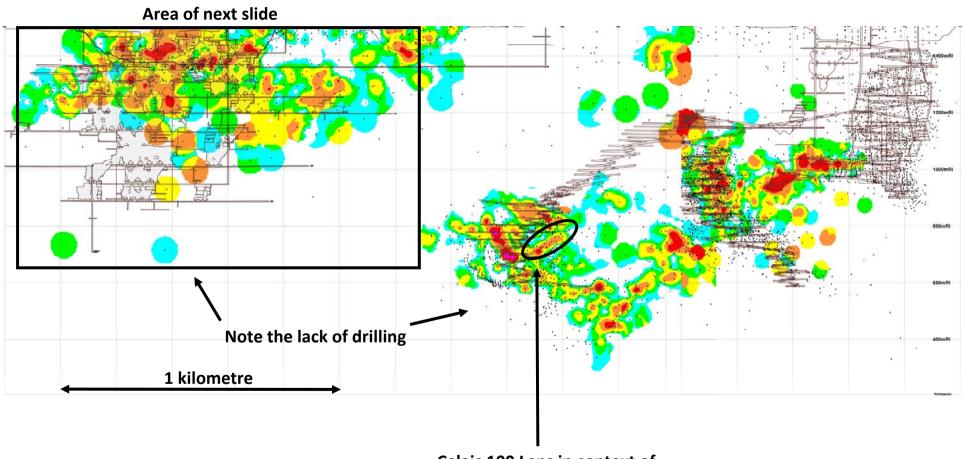
# Calais 100 Lens – long projection 775 level 750 level 725 level Sections shown on next slide 700 level Current ore reserve 675 level Additional ore

# Calais 100 Lens – stope definition drilling 25m @ 34g/t Au 18m @ 32g/t Au Better than resource drilling Better than face sampling



# The bigger picture – East Lode Fault

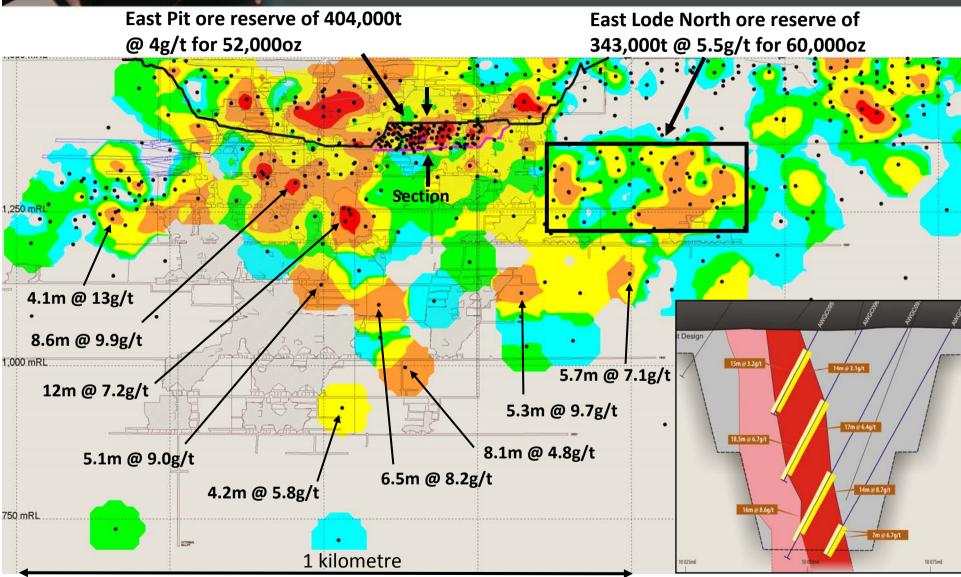




Calais 100 Lens in context of East Lode mineralisation

# East Lode – Hangingwall zone

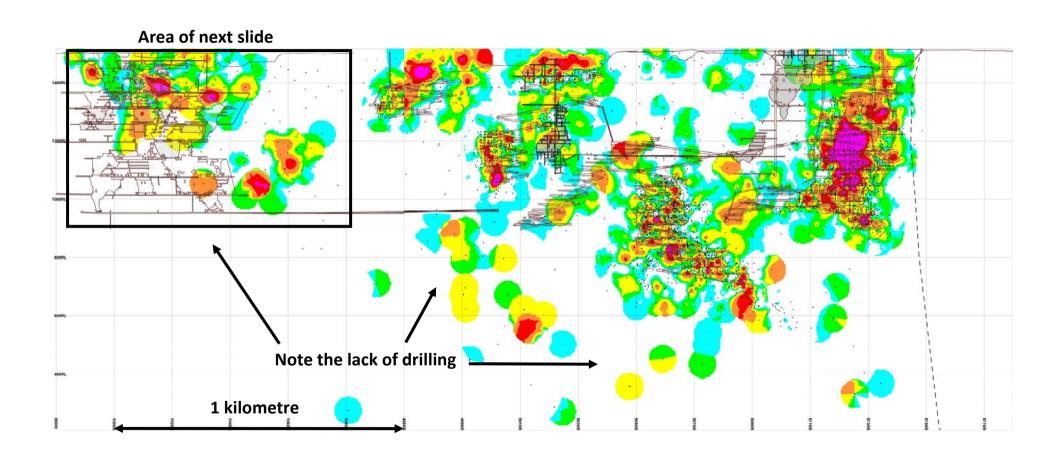




Significant intersections in wide spaced drillholes within a 1,000m x 600m area, open down dip

# The bigger picture – West Lode & Bulletin 🛴

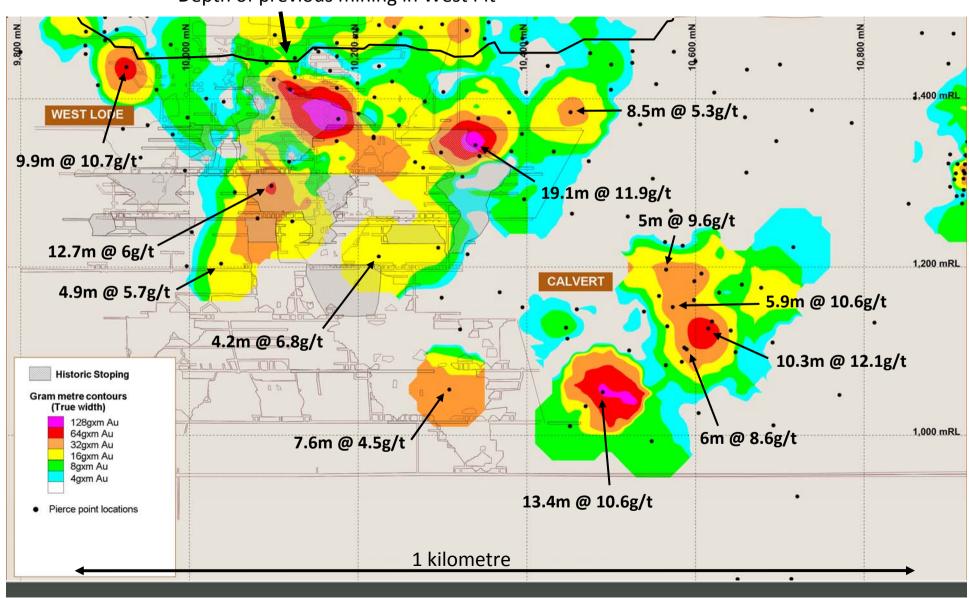




# West Lode – Calvert zone



## Depth of previous mining in West Pit





# The Wiluna gold system revealed in 3D





# Summary



A significant new Australian gold producer

Exposure to gold price upside and protection against downside

A world class asset waiting to be unlocked – 5 million ounces of gold to date and plenty more to come

Multiple growth options with exploration and infrastructure

Exploration, production and corporate expertise to do it



# Mineral Resources as at November 2008



|                |                           | MEASURED |       |        | INDICATED  |              |           | INFERRED  |              |           | TOTAL      |              |           |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------|-------|--------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
|                |                           | Tonnes   | Gold, | Oz     | Tonnes     | Gold,<br>g/l | Oz        | Tonnes    | Gold,<br>g/t | Oz        | Tonnes     | Gold,<br>g/l | Oz        |
| Wiluna         | Calais u'ground           | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 2,380,000  | 6.8          | 520,000   | 1,410,000 | 6.2          | 280,000   | 3,790,000  | 6.6          | 800,000   |
|                | East Lode North           | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 440,000    | 5.9          | 80,000    | 670,000   | 5.7          | 120,000   | 1,110,000  | 5.8          | 210,000   |
|                | Other u'ground            | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 630,000    | 5.9          | 120,000   | 1,610,000 | 6.0          | 310,000   | 2,230,000  | 6.1          | 440,000   |
|                | Total Wiluna underground  | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 3,440,000  | 6.6          | 730,000   | 3,680,000 | 6.1          | 720,000   | 7,120,000  | 6.3          | 1,440,000 |
|                | East Pit                  | 370,000  | 4.1   | 50,000 | 0          | 0.0          | 0         | 30,000    | 4.2          | 4,000     | 400,000    | 4.1          | 53,000    |
|                | Other pits & stockpiles   | 180,000  | 1.7   | 10,000 | 100,000    | 4.7          | 15,000    | 190,000   | 2.6          | 16,000    | 470,000    | 2.8          | 42,000    |
|                | Total Wiluna open pits    | 550,000  | 3.4   | 60,000 | 100,000    | 4.7          | 15,000    | 220,000   | 2.9          | 21,000    | 870,000    | 3.4          | 96,000    |
|                | TOTAL WILUNA              | 550,000  | 3.4   | 60,000 | 3,540,000  | 6.5          | 741,000   | 3,900,000 | 5.9          | 738,000   | 8,000,000  | 6.0          | 1,539,000 |
| Gidgee         | Wilsons u'ground          | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 920,000    | 7.3          | 215,000   | 540,000   | 6.4          | 110,000   | 1,460,000  | 6.9          | 325,000   |
|                | Other u'ground            | 30,000   | 10.4  | 9,000  | 128,000    | 10.4         | 43,000    | 611,000   | 7.4          | 146,000   | 766,000    | 8.0          | 197,000   |
|                | Total Gidgee underground  | 30,000   | 10.4  | 9,000  | 1,049,000  | 7.6          | 258,000   | 1,146,000 | 7.0          | 256,000   | 2,223,000  | 7.3          | 523,000   |
|                | Other pits & stockpiles   | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 1,050,000  | 3.1          | 103,000   | 0         | 0.0          | 0         | 1,050,000  | 3.1          | 103,000   |
|                | Total Gidgee open pits    | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 1,050,000  | 3.1          | 103,000   | 0         | 0.0          | 0         | 1,050,000  | 3.1          | 103,000   |
|                | TOTAL GIDGEE              | 30,000   | 10.4  | 9,000  | 2,100,000  | 5.4          | 361,000   | 1,146,000 | 7.0          | 256,000   | 3,270,000  | 6.0          | 626,000   |
| Youanmi        | Youanmi underground       | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 810,000    | 8.1          | 210,000   | 1,610,000 | 8.7          | 449,000   | 2,410,000  | 8.5          | 659,000   |
|                | Total Youanmi underground | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 810,000    | 8.1          | 210,000   | 1,610,000 | 8.7          | 449,000   | 2,410,000  | 8.5          | 659,000   |
|                | Various open pits         | 20,000   | 5.5   | 3,000  | 4,620,000  | 1.5          | 219,000   | 1,180,000 | 1.9          | 72,000    | 5,820,000  | 1.6          | 294,000   |
|                | Total Youanmi open pits   | 20,000   | 5.5   | 3,000  | 4,620,000  | 1.5          | 219,000   | 1,180,000 | 1.9          | 72,000    | 5,820,000  | 1.6          | 294,000   |
|                | TOTAL YOUANMI             | 20,000   | 5.5   | 3,000  | 5,430,000  | 2.5          | 429,000   | 2,790,000 | 5.8          | 521,000   | 8,230,000  | 3.6          | 953,000   |
| Aphrodite      | Alpha Lode                | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 0          | 0.0          | 0         | 1,440,000 | 6.2          | 287.000   | 1,440,000  | 6.2          | 287,000   |
|                | Total Aphrodite           | 0        | 0.0   | 0      | 0          | 0.0          | 0         | 1,440,000 | 6.2          | 287,000   | 1,440,000  | 6.2          | 287,000   |
| Total u'ground |                           | 30.000   | 10.4  | 9.000  | 5,300,000  | 7.0          | 1,194,000 | 7,870,000 | 6.8          | 1,710,000 | 13,200,000 | 6.9          | 2,910,000 |
| Total o'pit    |                           | 570,000  | 3.4   | 63,000 | 5,770,000  | 1.8          | 337,000   | 1,400,000 | 2.1          | 93,000    | 7,740,000  | 2.0          | 493,000   |
| Total          |                           | 600,000  | 3.8   | 72,000 | 11,070,000 | 4.3          | 1,530,000 | 9,280,000 | 6.0          | 1.802.000 | 20,945,000 | 5.1          | 3,405,000 |

# Ore Reserves as at November 2008



| Ore Reserves                  |                 | Proved           |                |                 | Probable         |                | Total           |                  |                |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--|
|                               | 000's<br>tonnes | Grade,<br>g/t Au | 000's<br>oz Au | 000's<br>tonnes | Grade,<br>g/t Au | 000's<br>oz Au | 000's<br>tonnes | Grade,<br>g/t Au | 000's<br>oz Au |  |
| Wiluna u/g –<br>Calais area   |                 |                  |                | 1,341           | 6.2              | 266            | 1,341           | 6.2              | 266            |  |
| Wiluna East<br>Lode North u/g |                 |                  |                | 343             | 5.5              | 60             | 343             | 5.5              | 60             |  |
| Wiluna East<br>Lode open pit  | 404             | 4.0              | 52             |                 |                  |                | 404             | 4.0              | 52             |  |
| Wiluna total                  |                 |                  |                | 1,684           | 6.0              | 326            | 2,088           | 5.7              | 378            |  |
| Wilsons u/g                   |                 |                  |                | 826             | 6.4              | 170            | 826             | 6.4              | 170            |  |
| Total                         | 404             | 4.0              | 52             | 2,510           | 6.1              | 496            | 2,914           | 5.9              | 548            |  |

- Ore Reserve as of November 2008, based on drilling to October 2008
- Does not include potential future reserves which may be defined from substantial additional Inferred Resources expected to be upgraded to Indicated status following infill drilling

# **Competent Persons Statement**



The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr. Andrew Thompson who is an employee of the company. Mr. Thompson is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and the types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. Thompson consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

Mineral Resources have been estimated using standard accepted industry practices. All Resources have been estimated via Block Ordinary Kriging using 1m composite samples. Top cuts have been applied to the composites and are considered appropriate for the nature and style of mineralization in all cases. Directional grade variography was modeled for all zones based on 1m composites. Geological and mineralization modeling has been achieved by 3D modeling of footwall and hangingwall structures (a lower 2g/t Au cutoff was applied in the case of Wilsons Deposit). Block models have been developed for these deposits incorporating a suitable parent and sub block dimension to allow adequate volume resolution of modeled geology and mineralization. Grade interpolation (via Block Ordinary Kriging) was then undertaken using a multiple estimation pass strategy.

Where quoted, Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve tonnes and ounces are rounded to appropriate levels of precision, causing minor computational errors.

Mineral Resources are classified on the basis of drillhole spacing, geological continuity and predictability, geostatistical analysis of grade variability, sampling, analytical, spatial and density QAQC criteria and demonstrated amenability of mineralization style to proposed processing methods.

Ore Reserves have been estimated in accordance with the guidelines defined in the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The JORC Code, 2004 Edition).

The information in this report which relates to the Wiluna and Wilsons Underground Ore Reserves is based on and accurately reflects the information compiled by Mr Blair Duncan a consultant to Apex Minerals NL and Principal of Arbitrage Consulting Australia Pty Ltd. The information in this report which relates to the Wiluna Open Pit Ore Reserve is based on and accurately reflects the information compiled by Mr Linton Putland a consultant to Apex Minerals NL and Principal of Linton Putland and Associates Pty Ltd. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Putland are members of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy ("AuslMM") and have sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and the types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a 'Competent Person' as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code fro reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Putland consent to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

# Management



# Proven management team with significant personal interest

| Kim Robinson<br>Non-Executive Chairman | <ul> <li>Founding Director of Forrestania Gold, Exec Chairman of Kagara Ltd</li> <li>29 years' experience in minerals exploration and mining</li> </ul>  |
|--|--|
| Mark Ashley<br>Managing Director       | <ul> <li>Over 20 years' experience in the resources industry</li> <li>Previously Managing Director of LionOre's Australian operations,</li> <li>Founding CEO and current Non-Exec Director of Kagara Ltd</li> </ul>            |
| Dr Mark Bennett<br>Director of Geology | <ul> <li>Over 21 years' experience in gold, nickel and base metals</li> <li>Previously with WMC and LionOre in Australia and Africa</li> <li>Prospector of the Year 2002 - discovered Thunderbox and Waterloo mines</li> </ul> |
| Glenn Jardine<br>Operations Director   | <ul> <li>Over 20 years' experience in mining industry</li> <li>COO and then Managing Director of LionOre's Australian operations</li> <li>Oversaw successful development of several major nickel mines</li> </ul>              |

# Financing



## September 2008

- A\$60.5m 3 year senior secured note issue (Goldman Sachs JB Were)
- 11.25% coupon
- 43.5m warrants (at 33.5c)
- Gold Price participation Notes:
  - 30% of gold price above ~A\$1,100/oz for 500,000oz
  - Expected to mature August 2012 42 months

## January 2009

 A\$20m placement (27c) to cover revenue shortfall resulting from 2 month commissioning delay

## Hedging

- 75,000oz forward sold @ A\$1140/oz approx 60% of year 1 production
- 150,000oz of A\$952/oz put options approx 50% of years 2 and 3 production
- Put options provide insurance against downside and exposure to upside