

## COMPANY PRESENTATION - MARCH 2013



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#### Team with a track record



	Shares	Options
Total	424M	3.5M
* As at 13 Mar 2013	3	

Share price: A\$0.975

**Market Capitalisation (ASX: NST)** 

**ASX 200** 

Undiluted ~A\$413M

**A\$62M** 

Cash, Bullion & Investments (31
Dec 2012)

Top 20: +50%



<b>Board</b> - Successful record in discovering and developing mines								
BILL BEAMENT	Managing Director (Mining Engineer)							
CHRIS ROWE	Non Executive Chairman – Independent (Barrister and Solicitor)							
PETER O'CONNOR	Non Executive Director – Independent (Investment Fund Management)							
JOHN FITZGERALD	Non Executive Director – Independent (Resources Finance and Banking)							
MICHAEL FOTIOS	Non Executive Director (Geologist)							

#### DISCIPLINES TO OPERATE A MINING BUSINESS ARE COVERED

#### **Senior Management**

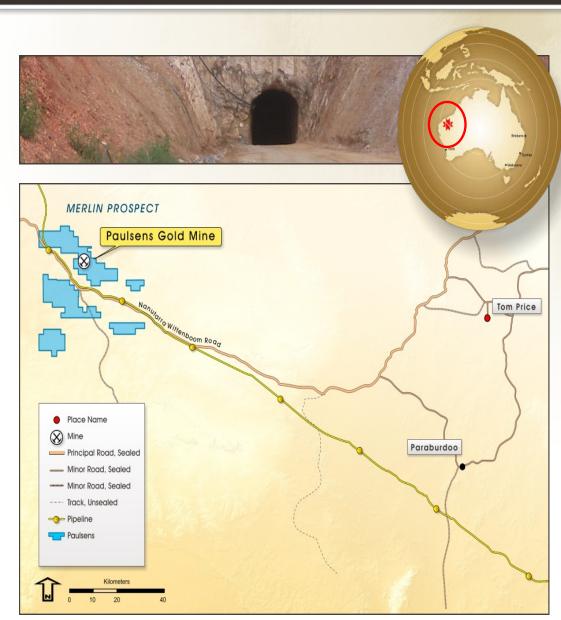
RAY PARRYChief Financial OfficerBERNIE SOSTAKGeneral Manager GeologyPHIL TORNATORAGeneral Manager ExplorationDARREN STRALOWGeneral Manager (Paulsens)

MANAGEMENT CAPACITY TO CATER FOR COMPANY GROWTH

### Northern Star: an abridged history



- Acquired Paulsens Gold Mine in Western Australia for A\$40M in July 2010
- At the time Paulsens had an eightmonth life based on a mine plan of 45,000oz
- Repaid full A\$40M acquisition from cashflow within 7 months
- Mine has been producing every year since 2005 at average rate of 70-80,000ozpa
- Expanded production rate to 100,000ozpa
- Greatly extended the mine life to +5 years
- Declared maiden fully franked dividend, interim just announced
- Established our own in-house mining services division, "owner operator"

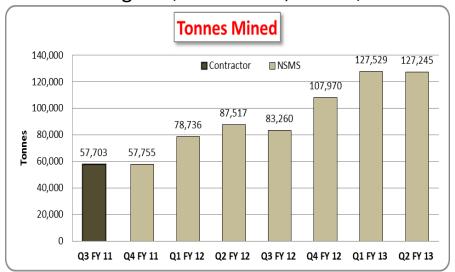


### Paulsens – Productivity Drive



- Changed our Mining and Crushing Contractors with in-house team (Northern Star Mining Services Division)
- Increased our productivity by 100% in ore tonnes since change out now mining at 500,000t per annum
- Dropped total cost per tonne by 20%, lowering the underground cut-off from 4gpt to 2.5gpt
- Enables the Company to mine a greater portion of the orebody, bodes well for feeding our expanded plant
- Recently de-risked the mine by installing a new mobile fleet, 102,000t ore on surface stockpiles, undertaking rapid capital and operating development which has opened up multiple productions area to obtain ore from

Forecast savings of \$7M FY2013, saved \$3.6M in Dec Half. Now showing-up in unit cost per ounce





#### Paulsens: 2012 and Current Status



- Increased Company profit by 57% to A\$34.1M for FY2012, Great start to FY2013 with A\$24.8M for Dec Half
- Record December Half with 50,252oz mined, 43,267oz sold and 39,230oz recovered, ahead of budget
- Delivered three resource upgrades, taking total inventory to 555,000oz¹ 485% increase since acquisition
- Mine and Mill expansion to +100,000ozpa completed ahead of schedule and on budget
- First production is now coming out of the extremely high grade Voyager 1 extension zone

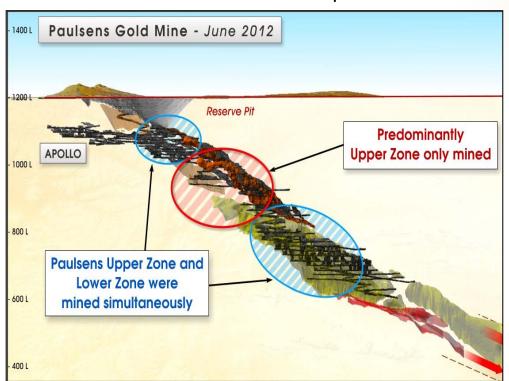


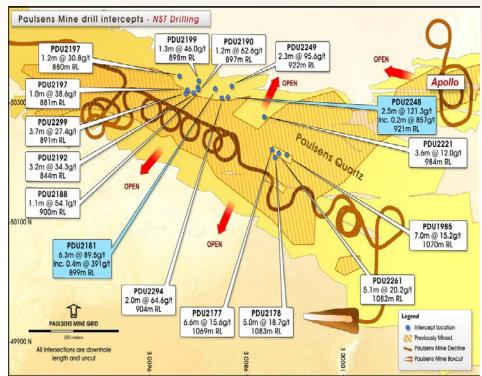


#### Opportunities: Upper Levels



- Orebody has yielded 500,000oz over ≈ 400 vertical meters, 7 years of production so far
- Large part of mineralised structure not mined by previous owners due to hedging High graded the mine
- Upper Levels will provide additional mill feed for years to come, resource increased 156% to 92koz @ 10gpt
- Numerous drill results to follow up outside current mining areas





# 2013: The year of rising production, falling costs and increasing cashflow



- Key CY2013 forecasts @ Gold Price A\$1,550/oz:
  - Total production of 100-115koz
  - Plant capacity expanded by 25% to 450,000tpa
  - Average blended grade to rise 20% from 7gpt to ~8.5gpt
  - Cash Costs C1 of A\$610-690/oz (inclusive of A\$40/oz royalty)
  - Total Operating Costs C3 of A\$850-950/oz

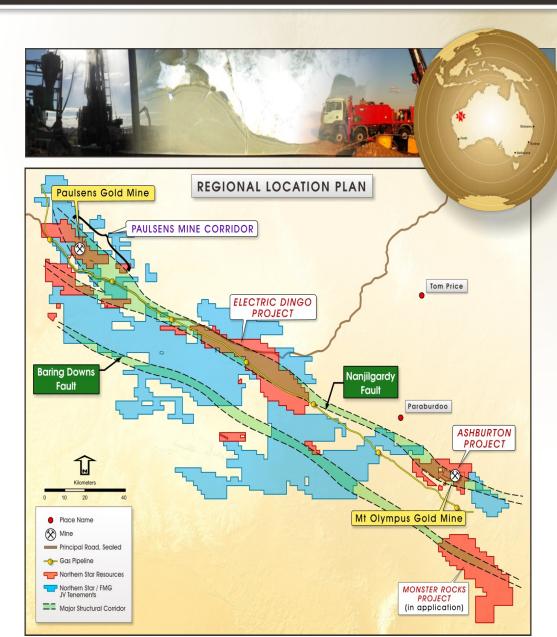
## Generating surplus cash of A\$65-85 million



#### Exploration: writing the next chapter for Northern Star



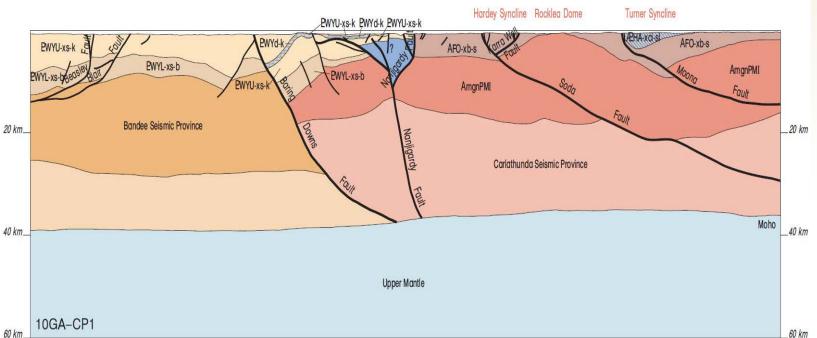
- A\$20M exploration program, consistent stream of outstanding results in 2012
- No other deposit found within 50km radius of Paulsens mine, which is now a +1Moz endowment
- Great opportunity as there has been limited regional or near-mine exploration for the past 10-15 years
- Recently expand our tenement package to 7,000km<sup>2</sup> with FMG JV deal on all noniron ore rights across the Ashburton region
- \$2M upfront for 25% JV interest, earn 60% by spending a further \$4m, FMG must co-contribute or dilute to an eventual 2% NSR
- Over 100 targets identified across two major regional structural trends



### Exploration: writing the next chapter for Northern Star – cont'd



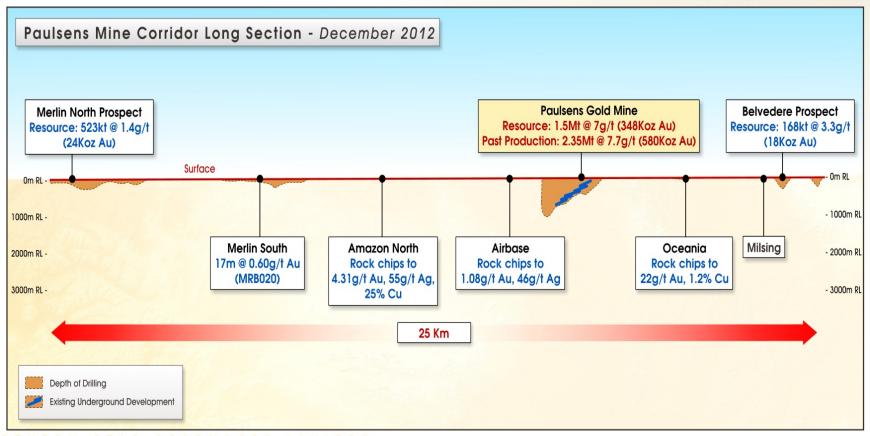
- Northern structure, the "Nanjilgardy Fault" hosts the Paulsens gold mine and the 1.7Moz<sup>1</sup> Mt Olympus
  deposit along with a host of other prospective targets
- The southern structure, the "Baring Downs Fault" considered to be a geological replica, little exploration
- Importance of both structures recently highlighted by a government seismic survey, tap the upper mantle
- Identification of Southern structure resulted in 560km<sup>2</sup> tenement application for vacant Monster Rocks



### Exploration: writing the next chapter for Northern Star – cont'd



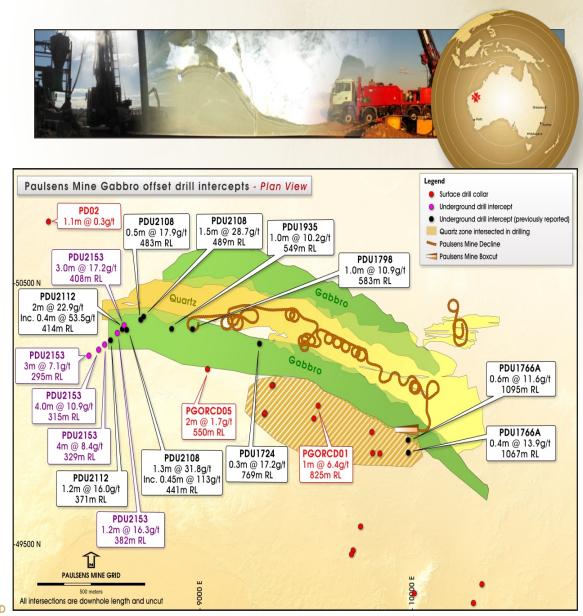
- Great potential on the highly prospective "Paulsens Mine Corridor" part of the Nanjilgardy Fault, 25-40km long corridor along the axis of Wyloo Dome
- All known orebodies and mineralisation, including the Paulsens Gold Mine lie inside this corridor
- Great early results at Belvedere 8km from Paulsens, recent hits include 8m @ 14.7g/t and 9m @ 12.7g/t



## Gabbro offsets: the gold may be as green on the other side of the fence



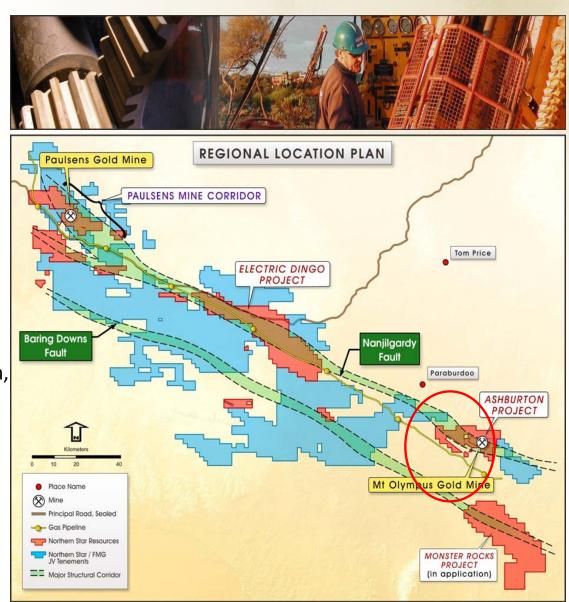
- Paulsens is bounded by a Gabbro unit, traditionally seen as a 'fence' around the orebody
- Drilling aimed at testing the theory that the mineralisation is deposited on the other side of Gabbro and itself mineralised
- Results support this theory with hits up to 113gpt in the Gabbro and quartz outlined over 700m down plunge and Offset
- Results highlight potential to replicate the 900,000oz Paulsens quartz lode
- Drilling ongoing with results pending



#### Ashburton – a 100,000ozpa stand-alone operation



- Ashburton Project located within trucking distance of Paulsens
- Acquired in June 2011 for zero cash payment; royalty payable on production over 250koz
- Oxide open pit operation from 1998 to 2004, produced 340,000oz @ 3.3gpt
- JORC resource recently upgraded by 66% to 1.7Moz<sup>1</sup>, includes 647,000oz of oxide gold
- Studies well underway on a stand-alone
   100,000ozpa operation based on sulphide ore
- This will take group production to 200,000ozpa
- Metallurgical testing underway on sulphide ore, initial results show 80-90% total gold recovery
- Recent drilling extended mineralisation by 400m, significant results include;
  - 48.0m @ 6.0g/t Au, including 24.0m @ 8.6g/t Au
  - 18.5m @ 8.5g/t Au, including 10.7m @ 11.9g/t Au
- Further exploration & resource drilling in Q2, 2013



#### Key reasons to invest in Northern Star



- Extremely strong cash generation from high-grade and high-margin ounces
- Growing production to underpin further growth in surplus cash (up to A\$85 million CY2013)
- Sufficient resources to underpin +5 year mine life, with further extensions expected
- Exploration continues to return outstanding high-grade results at Paulsens and Ashburton
- Studies progressing rapidly on second 100,000ozpa stand-alone operation, taking group production to over 200,000ozpa
- Cash and Investments of A\$62 million and will grow substantially in 2013
- Dividend Paying 2.5 cents full franked in 2012 and 1.0 cent fully franked interim to be paid on 4<sup>th</sup>
  April, equating to a 4% fully franked yield



## Appendix



GOLD MINERAL RESERVES <sup>1</sup> GOLD MINERAL RESERVES <sup>1</sup>																							
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Surface														Based on attributable ounce				(000's)	(g/t)		(000's)		(000's)
Paulsens	_	_	_	573	2.5	47	169	2.5	14	742	2.5	61	1.0 g/t Au	PAULSENS GOLD PRO	)JECT							400	
Belvedere	_	_	_	168	3.6	19	99	5.2	16	267	4.2	35	1.0 g/t Au	Surface									
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	523	1.4	24	523	1.4	24	1.0 g/t Au	Dantaga		-		424	2.3	31	424	2.3	31
Mt Clement (20%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	226	1.8	13	226	1.8	13	0.5 g/t Au		4000			129	3.2	13	129	3.2	13
Underground														Underground				120	0.2	10		0.2	
Upper Paulsens	63	9.7	20	98	13.1	41	119	8.0	31	280	10.2	92	2.5 g/t Au										
Voyager UG	450	11.8	171	129	14.5	60	224	11.7	84	803	12.2	315	2.5 g/t Au		-	-		36	6.9	8	36	6.9	8
Stockpiles	102	3.3	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	3.3	11	1.0 g/t Au	Voyager UG	328	8.0	84	149	11.1	53	477	8.9	137
Gold in Circuit/Transit	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4		Stockpiles	102	3.3	11	17.00	199	-	102	3.3	11
Subtotal Paulsens	615	10.4	206	968	5.4	167	1,360	4.2	182	2,943	5.7	555		Gold in Circuit/Transit		-	4		-				4
ASHBURTON GOLD PRO	JECT													Subtotal Paulsens	430	6.9	99	738	4.4	105	1,168	5.3	204
Surface														ASHBURTON GOLD PI	ROJECT								
Mt Olympus	-	-	-	6,038	2.3	448	9,138	2.2	632	15,176	2.2	1,080	0.7 g/t Au	Surface									
Peake	-	-	-	113	5.2	19	3,544	3.3	380	3,657	3.3	399	0.9 g/t Au	Mt Olympus	248	3.6	29	113	3.6	13	361	3.6	42
Waugh	-	-	-	347	3.6	40	240	3.6	28	587	3.6	68	0.9 g/t Au		2 <del>4</del> 0	3.0	23						
Zeus	-	-	-	508	2.1	34	532	2.2	38	1,040	2.2	72	0.9 g/t Au	Peake	-	-	-	47	5.0	8	47	5.0	8
Electric Dingo	-	-	-	98	1.6	5	444	1.2	17	542	1.3	22	0.9 g/t Au		-	-	-	38	2.4	3	38	2.4	3
Romulus	-	-	-	-	-	-	329	2.6	27	329	2.6	27	0.9 g/t Au	Subtotal Ashburton	248	3.6	29	198	3.8	24	446	3.7	53
Subtotal Ashburton	_			7.104	2.4	546	14.227	2.5	1.122	21,331	2.4	1,668							0.0				
TOTAL RESOURCES	615	10.4	206	8.072		713	15,587		1,122	24,274		2,223		TOTAL RESERVES	678	5.9	128	936	4.3	129	1,614	5.0	257
Resources are inclusive of Reserves	010	10.4	200	0,072	2.7	/13	13,367	2.6	1,304	24,214	2.8	2,223			010	3.3	120	330	4.0	123	1,014	3.0	231
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<sup>1</sup>Table 1 – Northern Star Resources As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 Inclusive of Reserves

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<sup>2</sup>Table 2 – Northern Star Reserves As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012