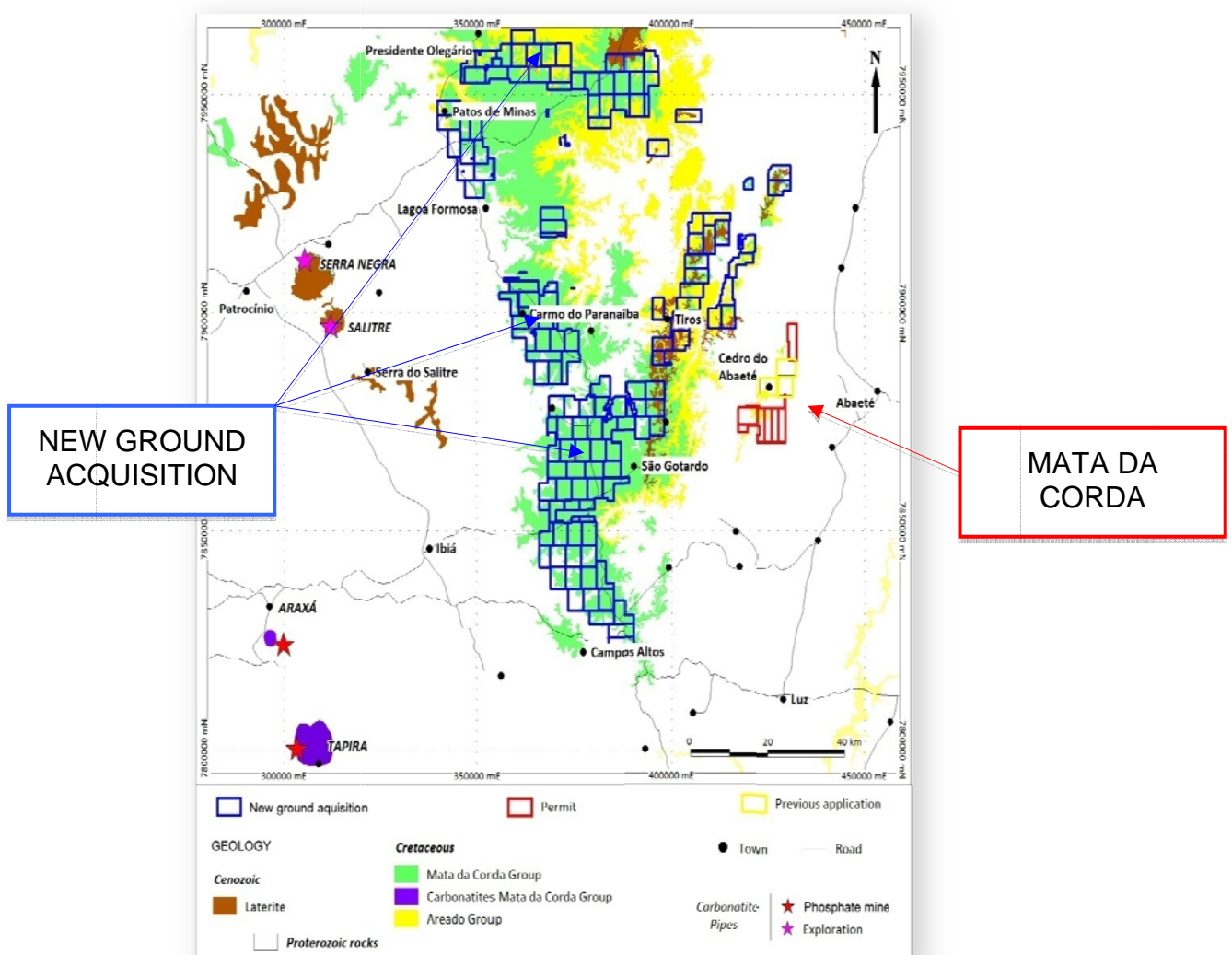


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## SIGNIFICANT GROUND ACQUISITIONS TO CONSOLIDATE MATA DA CORDA PHOSPHATE PROJECT, BRAZIL

### Highlights:

- **Ground position increased significantly to 300,000 hectares (approx) from 10,000 hectares to create a large “province” style holding in the highly prospective Mata da Corda region.**
- **Areas pegged based on similar geology, magnetics and host rocks that have returned high-grade surface phosphate results from Mata da Corda Project.**
- **Reconnaissance ground checking has now commenced with the Company expecting results progressively over the coming months.**



**Figure 1: Mata da Corda Tenement Location Plan with new Ground Position**

The Board of Newport Mining Limited (**Newport**” or **“Company**”) is pleased to announce that Aguia Metais Ltda (**“Aguia”**) has acquired a large regional sized land holding to bolster its highly prospective Mata da Corda Phosphate Project (**“MCPP”**) located in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

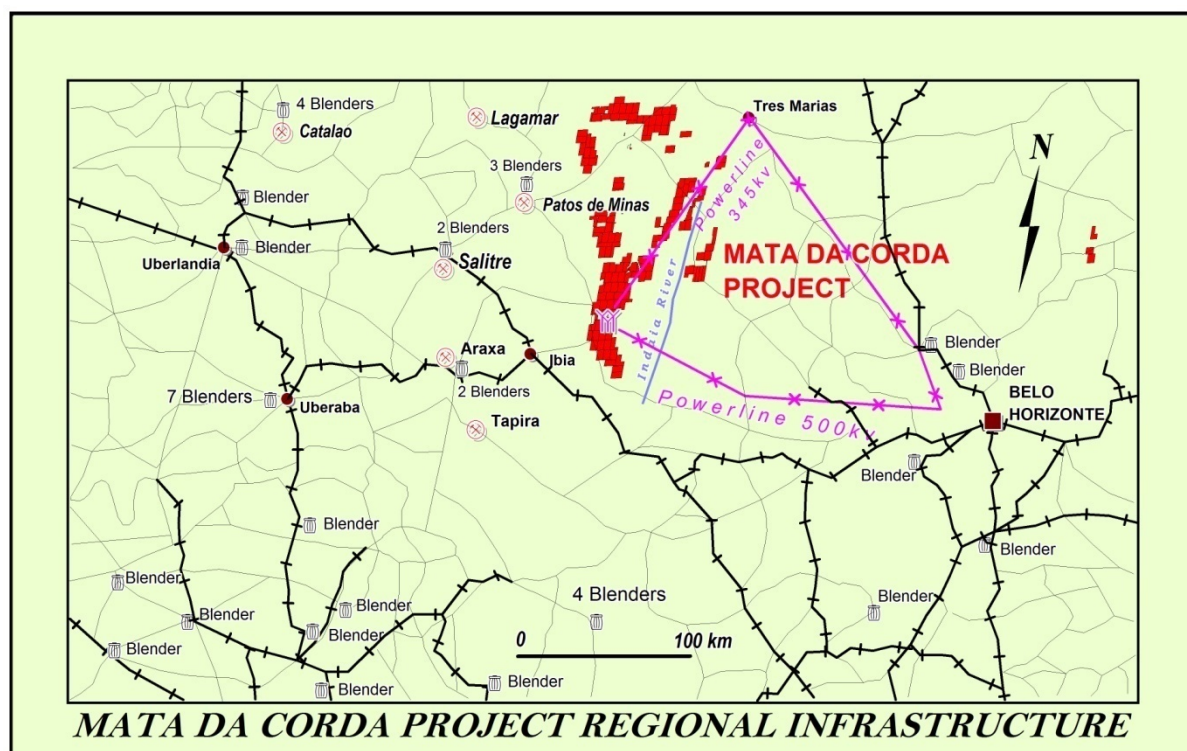
Previous historical exploration activities in the Mata da Corda region including drilling and rock chip sampling was completed by the National Bureau of Mines (**“DNPM”**) in association with the Brazilian Geological Survey (**“CPRM”**) between 1968 and 1971 for phosphates.

This program identified up to seven small high-grade phosphate deposits, most of which were mined in artisanal quarries. Since this period no systematic exploration has been performed in the region as most of the initiatives were concentrated in the surrounding carbonatite pipes where phosphate is currently mined.

MCPP contains sediment hosted phosphate mineralisation. On receiving the initial high-grade surface rock chip and soil sampling results the Company completed a full desktop study of all results with respect to geology, host rock, topography and magnetics.

Results of this study indicated large areas with similar coherent characteristics that host high grade surface phosphate mineralisation at Mata da Corda. The Company has just completed a large aggressive ground acquisition program pegging these target areas totalling a large land area of approximately 300,000 hectares.

“The outstanding initial surface results from Mata da Corda highlighted the potential of the region to host large sedimentary style phosphate resources that have not been previously looked at since the late 1960’s”, said Mr Simon Taylor, Managing Director of Newport Mining. “It is a credit to our technical team in Brazil to have been first movers on this concept and we now control a large regional ground position where we apply similar exploration strategies that have already returned good surface results from Mata da Corda.”



**Figure 2: Location of the Mata da Corda Project relative to operating phosphate mines, major fertilizer bulk blenders and infrastructure including roads, railways, power and water.**

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## About the Mata da Corda Phosphate Project

The MCPP is located within 150km of the three largest phosphate mines in Brazil; Araxá – Vale (290Mt @ 14.88%  $P_2O_5$ ), Tapira – Vale (744Mt @ 8.35%  $P_2O_5$ ) and Catalão – Anglo/Vale (203Mt @ 8.80%  $P_2O_5$ ). These three mines account for 95% of the phosphate rock production in Brazil. Within this existing transportation corridor there are 32 major bulk fertilizer blenders.

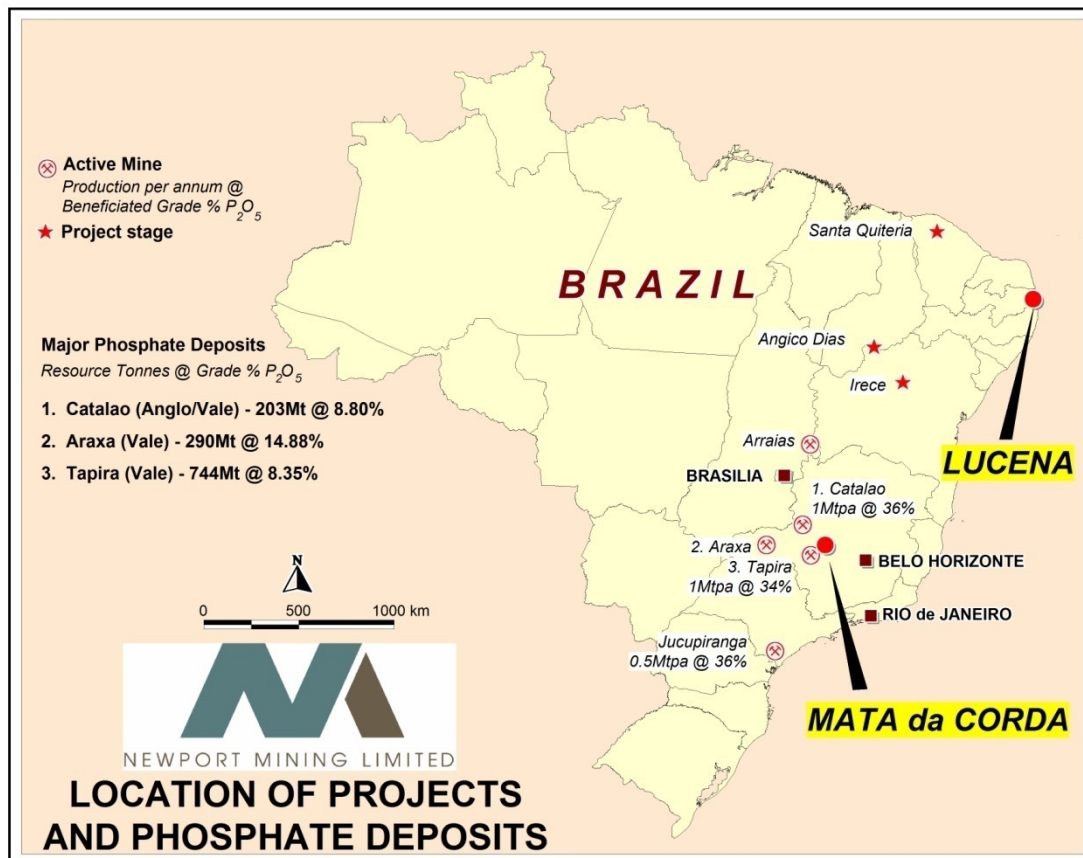


Figure 2: Location of the MCPP and LPP in Brazil

The MCPP now covers approximately 310,000 hectares and sits in the middle of the agricultural and industrialized heartland of the southeast region of Brazil in the state of Minas Gerais (English Translation = General Mining State) some 250km to the west of Belo Horizonte.

The property was identified as potentially attractive to Agüia because of the historical phosphate occurrences reported by CPRM in the late 1960's and early 1970's. After an initial analysis of these occurrences, the geology and its distribution, Agüia staked the MCPP in August 2008. This triggered a staking rush in the area with Amazon Mining Ltd (late August 2008) and Vale (September 2008) staking to the north, south and west.

The MCPP is located next to excellent logistics and infrastructure (roads, water, railway, energy) and is near potential primary (agriculture) customers, fertilizer blenders and is on the main transportation route for the expanding agricultural districts of Mato Grosso Brazil.

*The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Simon Taylor, who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Taylor is a full-time employee of Newport Mining Limited. Mr Taylor has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' ("JORC Code"). Mr Taylor consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*