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# Marrying Resource and Processing

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### Marrying resource and process







### The professional circle





### **Topics for today**





### **Reporting Standards - Resources**

A 'Mineral Resource' is a concentration or occurrence of solid material of economic interest in or on the Earth's crust in such form, grade (or quality), and quantity that there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade (or quality), continuity and other geological characteristics of a Mineral Resource are known, estimated or interpreted from specific geological evidence and knowledge, including sampling.

**JORC 2012** 



### Reporting Standards – Why have them?

- 1. There were notable frauds
- 2. Non performance

Standards now linked to the listing rules of several stock markets around the world – so we have to take notice.



### **Topics for today**







## The Planning Cycle – Study Manager

- 1. Ensure material risks to the project are identified early
- 2. Project scope and schedule should be comprehensive and well managed
- 3. Avoid rework
- 4. Progressively improve the confidence in the outcomes
- 5. Ultimately

### Minimize study cost for an optimal result



A study of the start-up performance of nine Australian underground base metal mines found that only 50% achieved design throughput by Year 3 and 25% never achieved it at all.







### SECOND STUDY WITH 56 MINES ANNOUNCED 1988/89 ONLY 20% EXCEED EXPECTATIONS; 25% FAILED

#### **Area of Problem**

Geology, resource and reserve estimation Geotechnical analysis Mine design and scheduling Mining equipment selection Metallurgical test work, sampling and scale-up Process plant equipment design and selection Cost estimation Hydrology

#### Frequency





Geology, resources & reserves estimation

- □ Inadequate attention to local variability
- □ Inadequate attention to dilution and ore loss
- □ Statistics & modelling override common sense.

#### Metallurgical test-work, sampling and scale up

- Metallurgical domains not understood.
- □ Testing done on unrepresentative composites
- □ Failure to identify process contaminants
- □ Inability to handle ore types as per mining schedule
- □ Process water chemistry differs with laboratory



A review of nearly 50 North American projects showed that only 10% achieved their commercial aims with 38% failing within about one year

(Harquail, 1991).



In the 1980s, a study of 35 Australian gold mines found that 68% failed to deliver the planned head grade

(Burmeister, 1988)

In the 1970s, a study for the World Bank showed that in the first year of operation after commissioning, 60% of the mines and 70% of the treatment plants surveyed achieved a production rate of less than 70% of design capacity.



### **Topics for today**





The Concept Study:

- a. Generally supports the request for additional funding
- b. Prepares for PFS stage where leverage is greatest for process flowsheet and value optimisation
- c. Often involves non-development professionals (as the funding is not yet assured)
- d. Can be a lonely place for a geologist. But all you need to do is seek some help from those who have been there before



- Economic element analysis (grade)
- Deleterious element analysis (S, F, As, Hg, etc)
- Lithology
- Alteration
- Weathering/Oxidation (Ox, Pox, Primary)
- Mineralogy including gangue minerals
- Grain size and texture
- Rock strength, hardness and breakage
- Water levels and quality



ROCK PROPERTIES	Resource Model	Fragmentation Model	Throughput Model	Recovery Model	Costs and Revenue Model
Grade	х			х	X
Lithology	х			x	х
Alteration	х			x	X
Weathering	х			x	х
Mineralogy	х	Х	Х	x	Х
Texture		Х	х	x	x
Met recovery				x	
Rock Strength		Х	Х		Х
Rock Hardness		Х	х		x
Rock breakage			х		X



### Metallurgical Testing:

- Comminution
  behaviour
- Metallurgical responses
- Smelter characteristics
- Throughput and recovery relationships

Metallurgical data needs:

- Reagent consumption
- Throughput rates by
  Ore Type
- Deleterious minerals by Ore type
- Product recovery by Ore Type



Mining Interest:

- Hardness
- Fragmentation
- Diesel / power
- Sulphur ARD
- Water table

Geotechnical Interest:

- Rock strength
- Rock hardness
- Rock breakage
- Structure
- Fracture count





Potential to exclude coarse fraction















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Gold associations		Quartz	Sulphides					Carbonaceous material (organic C)	High Ag ores	
Species	;		chalcopyrite	sec Cu sulphides	pyrrhotite	pyrite	arsenopyrite		electrum; silver sulphides, Pb/Zn sulphides	
CN solubility/consumptior	n		lo	hi	hi	lo	lo		electrum slow leaching; ZnS hi CN consumption	
Other Issues								competes with activated carbon; preg-robbing	Ag not adsorbed onto act C	
Gold Particle Size (liberation)										
coarse	mm's	alluvial:								
Course		iigs/tables								
medium	100- 1000µ	gravity/CIP-CIL (centrifugal)	Flotation	Flotation +/- CN flot tails	gravity/CIP-CIL		gravity / CIL (not	grav/CIL (electrum); Merril Crowe (Zn precipitation)		
fine	40-100µ	CIP/CIL	tails	(NB: CN sol Cu)	CIP/CIL Flotation (conc sales eg China)		CIP)	silver sulphides dominant; Flotation (Pb/Zn)		
ultrafine (may be at grain boundaries)	10-40µ				CIP/	CIL	5 /		Hybrid: Flotation (Pb sales)+	
		CIP/CIL	Flotation + Regrind + Conc CN leach				regrind Zn conc (py conc) & conc leach			
sub-microscopic	<<10µ					Refract oxid (autocl	ory; pressure ation POX ave); or bio- leach			
						[	Double Refrac	tory (roasting)		
Examples:-		Bendigo/Ballarat, S.Africa	Cu porphyrie	s eg Whistler	sediment- hosted Au	Carlin T (refrac re	Frend Nevada ctory/double fractory)	graphitic shales	epithermal, Mexico / China	
		Processing Options								



- 1. Factors need to be assessed at some time
- 2. Initial transition between exploration and development
- 3. Get some data early and then rely on people who have been there before.
- 4. Without some initial tests the process considerations will go straight to the top of risk list



### **Topics for today**





### **Resource modelling - Considerations**

- 1. Try to get into 3D as soon as possible.
- 2. Processing parameters also vary within a deposit.
- 3. Models for process considerations just as important as resource models.
- 4. Include assessment of all waste materials likely to fall within the pit



### Resource modelling – how much data?

- 1. Possible to create block models with limited data
- 2. Use sensitivity to provide limits on the outcomes
- 3. Use simulation methods to populate from limited data



# Resource modelling - Grade





### Resource modelling – Rock Type





# **Resource modelling - Weathering**





### **Resource modelling - Hardness**





### Resource modelling - Value





### **Resource modelling - Strategy**



### Hill of Value Concept:

- Iterative process
- Assess multiple options
- Focus on costs
- Across all disciplines



# Resource modelling - PAF




## **Topics for today**





## Examples of what can go wrong?

Some notable disasters from Australia

- a. Mt Todd Gold Mine (still closed)
- b. Beenup Mineral Sands Mine (still closed)
- c. Bulong Nickel Cobalt Mine (running with mods)
- d. Ravensthorpe Nickel Cobalt Mine (running with mods)
- e. Port Hedland hot briquetted iron plant (still closed)



# Examples of successful marriages

Colluli Potash Project

- Had a false start and returned to Scoping level
- Involved mining and processing at scoping study
- Mine and strategic planning done several times already
- Direction for current drilling set by results
- Aim to mitigate all material risks at PFS
- Goal to report a resource and reserve



## Conclusions

- 1. Geologist / metallurgist relationship is one of many
- 2. Involve all professions early to find threats / opportunities
- 3. Gather a variety of early data wherever possible
- 4. Use Scoping Study to define data needed for PFS
- 5. PFS cost < FS cost get the data to get PFS right
- 6. Study Manager needs to know studies not just management
- 7. We can model anything
- 8. Get into 3D as soon as possible
- 9. Think about waste as well as ore



# So why am I here??



# The State of the Mining Industry



With apologies and thanks to SP Angel, Reuters, Bloomberg and many others

# The Image of Mining



#### **World Population (millions)**



#### **World GDP (Gross Domestic Product)**

A measure of global wealth



#### World GDP per person

GDP per capita (constant 2005 US\$)										
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
World	8,257	8,557	8,832	9,174	9,541	9,669	9,487	9,848	10,102	10,282

Source: Bloomberg

#### Standard & Poor S&P 500 Index



Source: Bloomberg

#### **Mining Industry Characteristics: Structural**

- Hazardous safety
- Primary industry
- Energy intensive
- Immobile
- Wasting assets ore depletion
- Environmental impact
- Remote locations
- Infrastructure dependent
- Water
- Skilled labour



#### The goose that lays the golden eggs?

# The State of the Mining Industry

### • Good!

- World population is steadily growing
- China is industrialising
- Global per capita GDP is increasing
- The mining industry is generously providing for the needs of the world
- Mining generates great benefits for the producing countries and their people
- Long term projections of most commodities predict better prices
- Producing mining companies are (mostly) doing well
- The current slight problems are only cyclical features

# The State of the Mining Industry

- Bad!
  - Stock markets have lost confidence in the industry
  - Investors are fed up with the inefficiencies of the "junior" exploration companies:

high overheads with low quality projects

 Investors are angry at the waste of money by the "major" mining companies :

terrible acquisitions, and overproduction

- Credit squeeze is hitting new mining very hard
- Exploration model has collapsed:

"find and sell" – but there are no buyers!

- The "gold mining premium" has disappeared
- But cheer up it could be worse: "It's looking better"

#### Mining bad, mineral exploration worse



#### **Mineral projects are looking bad**

## **NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (Past 11 Quarters)**



#### **Mineral Exploration is very, very depressed**



### **Mining Industry Characteristics: Financial**

- Capital intensive: access to sufficient capital
- Very long lead times
  - Discount rates don't seem to work properly
- Price-takers not price-makers (mostly): some can be hedged out
- Highly cyclical supply/demand balances
  - Normal business cycle
  - Mining manias/despairs
- Price risks from
  - substitution
  - recycling
  - thrifting
- Cost risks from
  - Depletion
  - Input costs labour, energy, steel, equipment
- Price and market risks due to technological advances
- Resource nationalism

### **Structure of the industry**

- "Majors"
  - Big diversified mining companies
  - Commodity specific mining companies
- Mid Tier producers
- Developers
  - Typically single project
- Exploration
  - Listed "Juniors"
    - » TSX-V Toronto Venture Exchange
    - » ASX Australian Stock Exchange
    - » AIM London Stock Exchange
    - » JSE Johannesburg Stock Exchange
  - Private companies Private capital



### Copper



#### World copper production since 1900



#### Copper Stocks, Prices and Usage

Thousand metric tonnes and US cents/pound

Source: ICSG



#### **Copper price** long term.



Nominal — Real Price









#### **Gold Price 1920 2013**



Source: Bloomberg

#### Gold price up: gold grade down



#### Not much new gold being discovered



Gold Price (USS/oz)

## So what does it all mean...#1

- Parkinson's Law:
  - Work expands to fill the time available.
- Tim's Law:
  - Mining costs expand to fill the revenue available.

## So what does it all mean...#2

- Warren Buffet:
  - When the tide goes out we find out who has been swimming naked.
- Tim:
  - When the metal price falls we find out who has been mining the market.

#### Free Advice: How to get zero mine tax

- 1. Set mining tax at 0%
- 2. Set mining tax at 100%

Better to find the right level?

## How to encourage a mining industry

(full disclosure: by an interested party )

DAMMIT!

• Have a clear and fair mining code and obey it

• Look after that goose

• Don't tax exploration!



#### Thank you

#### 2014 BISHA MINING EXPLORATION An OVERVIEW





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#### LOCATION MAP





150km W of Asmara - 232km by road Gash – Barka District - Western Nakfa Terrain "Everyone going home safe and healthy everyday"

#### **PROPERTY MAP**





"Everyone going home safe and healthy everyday"


### **EXPLORATION HISTORY**

		Geol.	Streams							DDH	DDH
		Mapping	Soils	AEM	HLEM	TEM	MAG	Gravity	IP	Exploration	Total
Ophir Ventures Regional Grassroots Exploration	1996										
Nevsun Granted Exploration License	1998										
	1999	х	x		х						
	2002	х								6	6
Bisha Main Recognized	2003	х	x	х	х	х	х	х		140	140
Mogoraib River Exploration License Granted (Sanu)	2004	х	х			х		х		163	312
Hambok	2005	х			х	х	х	х		105	453
	2006	х	х						Х	68	519
Bisha Main Feasibility Study Completed	2007	х						х		16	16
	2008									7	7
	2009	х						х		17	17
Harena	2010							х		15	54
Harena	2011									12	172
Bisha Main First Production	2012	x								33	138
Northwest	2013									35	133
	2014	х		х		х				100	100
										717	2067

# 2014 EXPLORATION – QUICK FACTS



- 2014 Exploration now Stand-alone Department
- Strong Support from BMSC Board
- USD \$9.0Mn Budget
- Properties have "critical mass of data"
- Drilling  $\sim$  100 diamond drill hole
- Geophysics airborne, ground, borehole EM
- Targets greenfields, brownfields, near Mine, Deposit extension
- 2014 successes at Aderat and Harena

### 2014 EXPLORATION – AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICS





Bisha Property 2014 AEM VTEM Survey EM Ch 36 coloured Showing previous drilling



# 2014 EXPLORATION – GROUND and BOREHOLE GEOPHYSICS



Setting up Transmitter







### 2014 EXPLORATION – LITHOGEOCHEMISTRY





### 2014 EXPLORATION – LITHOGEOCHEMISTRY





Harena Felsics exhibit strong Chlorite-pyrite-(sericite) alteration

### 2014 EXPLORATION – DIAMOND DRILLING





Drilling massive sulphides at Harena (July 2014)

#### 2014 Drilling

- 25,000m, > 100 holes
- Variety of targets at Bisha, Harena, Mogoraib River EL
- Variety of target types
- Work will continue into 2015



Drilling at Aderat (June 2014)

### ADERAT – MOGORAIB RIVER EL





#### Aderat – Sanu Resources

- Located 4km N of the Hambok Deposit
- 2008-09 Discovered and Drilled by Sanu Resources
- DDH ANK-006 (Sanu, 2009) hit 27m intersection
- Grades up to 12.8% Zn, 2.6% Cu, 2.4% Au
- ~15% sulphide High Metal Tenor system

#### Aderat – BMSC 2014

- Follow-up drilling to ANK-006
- Extended Zone up-dip, down-dip, along strike
- With similar results
- Will continue drilling after surface Geophysics

### ADERAT SECTION L5000mN





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### ADERAT- DDH MX 012





### HARENA – 2014 DRILLING





DDH Drilling at Harena (June 2014)

Harena – Previous Work

- located 10km from processing plant
- Previous drilling focused on defining the Oxide Gold Reserve
- 2011-12 Mining Oxide Gold
- No Footwall drilling
- No Step-out drilling
- little Exploration drilling

### HARENA DRILL PLAN



Previous drilling focused on defining Oxide Au Reserve -- little Exploration drilling

Harena 2014 - Initial Targets: drilled under the Pit



### HARENA DRILLING – starts Monday April 28th









### HARENA SECTION L5950 – September 2014



### HARENA SECTION L6000 – Footwall Au Zone







### HAREAN 2014 – SELECTED RESULTS TO DATE

HOLE ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)		
Massive Sulphide									
HX 004	170.00	180.45	10.45	2.30	0.91	1.30	42.9		
HX 005	171.50	190.00	18.50	1.77	3.99	1.22	77.9		
HX 006	189.10	206.80	17.70	1.28	3.71	0.56	41.7		
HX 011	207.80	229.30	21.50	0.75	5.18	0.40	43.4		
HX 012	275.50	289.00	13.50	0.96	6.57	0.30	30.1		
HX 013	90.90	103.80	12.90	0.09	2.23	0.13	6.9		
HX 017	235.40	277.00	41.60	0.85	3.96	0.40	43.6		

Footwall Gold

HOLE ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)
HX 006	239.00	247.00	8.00	0.38	0.21	7.64	140.0
HX 008	187.00	204.15	17.15	0.71	0.22	6.15	241.6
HX 012	291.00	301.00	10.00	0.15	0.25	6.22	83.1
HX 012	316.00	320.00	4.00	0.01	0.01	8.78	93.8
HX 019	264.50	270.00	5.50	0.56	0.23	8.04	119.7
HX 020	258.00	272.00	14.00	0.25	0.11	8.50	146.2

### 2014 EXPLORATION – MODEL





Harena Model – View from Footwall

### 2014 EXPLORATION – AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICS





Harena Property 2014 AEM VTEM Survey EM Ch 36 coloured Showing previous drilling



# Thank You!!





# Mining State & Investor Striking a Balance

# an idea to... Advance investment in African Mining

Asmara Mining Conference 2014 1 – 5 October, 2014 Bruce Shapiro President MineAfrica Inc. Canada-Southern Africa Chamber of Business









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# About this presentation

This presentation is based on my Opening Intervention on December 18, 2013 in Paris, France at the:

**OECD Multi Stakeholder Consultation** 

First Policy Dialogue on Natural Resource Based Development

The original paper can be found at

http://www.oecd.org/dev/2.%20Kick%20off\_taxation\_Bruce%20Shapiro.pdf





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# The time horizon disconnect



#### Time horizon disconnect

- Mining investments, 30-100 year horizon
- Government, 3-5 year horizon
- Indigenous peoples, multi-generation
- Communities, often immediate
- Price, constant change

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# The main players









# Broad range of stakeholders

# State

- Citizens
- Host jurisdiction
- Local Communities
- Investors Attraction of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

# Investor

- Shareholders
- Banks
- Project Financiers
- Loan providers
- Host state
- Host jurisdiction
- Local communities
- Customers
- Any jurisdiction with "control"





# The preferred result



# A true partnership



# The unfortunate truths in the **MINEAFrica** investment decision process

- Money has no conscience
- Uncertainty is the enemy of investment





# What is relevant?

• To the investor:

Return on Investment (ROI)

To the host jurisdiction:

The total "Resource Rent", which includes all of the benefits of mining





# What to do?







# The answer

Host nations should allow investors an ROI which is adequate for them to be able to fund and operate the project.

# This agreed ROI should be a minimum over the life of the investment.

The guarantee will likely result in an investor taking a lower ROI than in other circumstances.





# However

Both the State and investors must benefit from any upside.

Given a guaranteed ROI, the investor would be satisfied with a smaller share of this upside, thus allowing the host jurisdiction a higher share of the upside.





# How can this be done?

- Initial ROI to the investor is agreed and guaranteed.
- Split above agreed ROI between state and investor to be negotiated.
- Split below agreed ROI between state and investor to be negotiated. The state must still receive a minimum revenue stream.
- All calculations must be done at arms length by appropriate professionals, based on input costs including depreciation of assets and all output revenues.




## When times are bad

- The State needs ongoing revenue and this can be provided on an agreed but realistic basis.
- The investor would not receive the agreed ROI, so when returns are again above the agreed threshold, the investor would receive a greater proportion of the upside than originally agreed until the guaranteed ROI has been achieved.



# Main stakeholders in revenu

The State, the investor and their respective stakeholders have an interest in, but not limited to, the following:

- Profit taxes (including profit, income and production taxes);
- Royalty payments (including royalty payments made in-kind);
- Fees (including license fees, rental fees and concession fees);
- Production entitlements (by both value and volume);
- Bonuses (including signature, discovery and production bonuses);
- Dividends (e.g. withholding tax);
- Payments made for infrastructure improvements including; and
- Transportation and terminal operations fees.

Many of these complex negotiations would be eliminated by agreeing a ROI and subsequent split of upside and downside. However, all of the above should be transparent as suggested by various bodies interested in transparency. See: <hold for link to BennettJones transparency thinyg>





## Conclusion

The ROI Approach:

- Reduces complexity of negotiations
- Removes uncertainty
- Creates flexibility
- IS A TRUE PARTNERSHIP



## Appendix



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   Policy Dialogue on Natural Resource-based Development
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   Eden M. Oliver, partner, Bennett Jones LLP, Toronto, Canada





## Resources

- MineAfrica
- Canada-Southern Africa Chamber of Business
- Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada
- International Council on Mining & Metals (ICMM)
- Eunomix
- OECD Policy Dialogue on Natural Resourcebased Development



## Thank you

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## October 2014



Underground workings at Debarwa copper-gold deposit

## EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND BEYOND

## **Eritrea and the Asmara Project**





## **Debarwa EL - Exploration History Prior to 2003**

#### **DEBARWA EXPL. LICENSE**

#### •Western Mining Corp. (WMC) – April 1996 to July 1997 (Debarwa & surroundings)

- Mapping, geochem & geophy. surveys
   Too small; Transferred to Phelps Dodge
   Colden Ster : 1000 1000 (Adi Doogi 8)
- •Golden Star : 1996 1998 (Adi Rassi & surroundings)
- •Mapping, Geochem, trenching, drilling
- •Phelps Dodge– July 1997 to Nov. 2001.
- •Re-mapped & drilled 12 holes
- PD concluded that Debarwa deposit is too small as a stand-alone mine & transferred Debarwa licenses to Sub-Sahara Resources in Nov. 2001
- SBS Nov 2001 to Aug 2003 Regional mapping, drilled 9 holes at Debarwa

#### •Aug 2003 - Sunridge and SBS signed JV Agreement

•SGC drilled >46,000m & concluded/proved that Debarwa can be a stand along mine



## Medrizien license – Expl. History prior to 2003

#### **MEDRIZEN EXPL. LICENSE**

(includes the large Emba Derho deposit)

- Ashanti Gold Fields: March 1996 March 1998
- *Mapping, geochem, geophysics, trenching & drilling (3 drill holes at ED)*

Phelps Dodge: May 1998 to Nov. 2001 *Remapped ED, trenching, geophysics,*drilled a single hole at ED to test TEM anomaly, intersected massive sulphide *Nov. 2001 - PD pulled out & transferred Medrizien EL to SBS.*

SBS (Nov 2001 – Aug 2003) – Regional mapping, geochem, limited drilling
Sunridge and SBS signed JV Agreement – Aug 2003
SGC drill tested a gravity anomaly & discovered the large ED VMS deposit .



## Emba Derho VMS Deposit

## Sunridge/Sub-Sahara JV : Aug 2003 to Jan 2006

Airborne Mag/EM survey, Surface geochem sampling, Gravity survey Drilling of 11 diamond holes

### Sunridge Gold : Jan 2006 to present

Regional Gravity Survey (300x300m) Detailed geological mapping Ground geophysics (gravity, mag, pulse EM, down-hole EM, and AMT)

## Feb 2006 - Discovery of the large ED blind deposit

Drilled 322 holes, totaling over 80,000m Resource estimation – 70 million tones; huge world class deposit

Completed FS in May 2013

#### **Gravity high anomaly**



## Adi Nefas EL – Expl. History Prior to 2003

#### ADI NEFAS EXPL. LICENSE (Includes Adi Nefas VMS & Gupo Gold)

#### •La Source April 1996 – Mar. 1999

Mapping, geochem, geophy., trenching, drilling at Gupo Gold
Focus on gold, concluded too small deposits and relinquished the license

•Sub-Sahara acquired the Adi Nefas license in Nov. 2001.

#### •Sunridge and SBS signed a JV Agreement in Aug 2003

Sunridge drilled > 22,000m at Adi Nefas VMS and over 17,000m at Gupo
SGC tested that the Adi Nefas VMS deposit is a high grade zinc deposit



## Asmara Project Agreement Terms

- Nov. 2001 Aug. 2003 Sub-Sahara Resources NL owns 100% of the 3 Asmara Exploration licenses;
- August 2003 Sunridge & Sub-Sahara signed an agreement;
- *Jan. 2004 -* Sunridge earned 20% interest by funding \$350,000
- *Feb. 2005* Sunridge earned 40% interest by funding \$2.4 million & became operator
- *Jan. 2006 -* Sunridge exercised option to purchase SBS's 60%
- April 2007 Sunridge owns 100% of Asmara Project by paying US\$15.6 million in shares to Sub-Sahara

## Summary of SGC Work on Asmara Project 2003 - 2014

- Airborne Fugro survey over whole property 5,441 line kms (by SBS & SGC JV)
- Regional & local gravity survey > 60,000 stations
- Ground magnetic survey: over 1,000 line kms
- Ground EM surveys over 170 line kms
- **IP/Resistivity surveys:** > 42 line kms
- AMT surveys: > 100 line kms
- Detailed geological mapping: >70 km
- Soil and rock geochemical surveys: +10,000 samples
- Trenching and channel sampling +3800m
- Over 1200 drill holes, +210,000 m on 4 deposits & 12 prospects
- Metallurgical test-work on 6 deposits total of +4000Kg
- Social & Envir baseline data collection on 5 deposits for SEIA
- Total exploration costs + US\$88 million

## **Asmara Project – Historical Highlights**

- February 2006 Emba Derho discovered
- January 2008 New resources for Debarwa & Adi Nefas by MSA
- September 2008 indicated resource for ED by Wardrop 59M ton
- October 2010 SENET chosen to complete Debarwa feasibility study
- February 2011– Snowden chosen to complete PFS for Asmara North
- February 2012 New Snowden resource for ED 70M tonnes
- April 2012 New resources for all 4 deposits for FS by Snowden
- May 2012 Asmara North PFS & Debarwa FS completed
- June 2012 SENET chosen to complete Asmara Project FS
- July 2012 ENAMCO exercises option to acquire 30% interest
- May 2013 Asmara Project FS completed
- 2013/2014 SEIA & SEMP submitted to the DoM
- June 2014 Sunridge & ENAMCO signed shareholders' Agreement
- September 2014 AMSC officially formed

## Asmara Project – Current Land Position (102km<sup>2</sup>) & Resources



## *Completed May 2013!* BFS - Central processing facility at Emba Derho with 3 satellite deposits:

- Emba Derho 70.0 million tonnes (Measured and Indicated) resource containing 1.0 Blbs Cu, 2.07 Blbs Zn, 506,000 oz Au, 19 M oz Ag
- Adi Nefas 1.8 Mt (Indicated) resource at, 10.1% Zn, 3.3 g/t Au, 1.8%Cu & 115 g/t Ag
- **Gupo Gold** 0.95 Mt (Indicated) resource at 1.52 g/t Au
- Debarwa 3.3 Mt (Measured and Indicated) resource containing 200 Mlbs Cu, 74 Mlbs Zn, 180,000 oz Au, 2.94 M oz Ag

#### Development and Exploration:

- Adi Rassi –15.77 Mt (Inferred) resource at 0.54% copper and 0.33 g/t gold
- **Kodadu Gold Target** (Inferred) resource of 990,000 tonnes with an average grade of 1.24 g/t gold & 1.6 g/t silver

## Asmara Project – Contained Metals

#### Exploration Success on the Asmara Project – Contained Metal in Measured and Indicated Resources

Deposit	Copper millions of lbs	Zinc millions of lbs	Gold thousands oz	Silver million oz
Emba Derho	993.70	2,071.00	506.00	18.60
Debarwa	199.85	74.05	181.00	2.93
Adi Nefas	72.30	408.00	196.00	6.83
Gupo Gold	0	0	47.00	0
Totals	1,265.85 (574,000 tonnes)	2,553.05 (1,158,000 tonnes)	930.00	28.36

## : Resources - Emba Derho Copper-Zinc-Gold Deposit

#### Emba Derho -Summary of Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource

Zone	Cut-off grade	<b>tonnes</b> (million)	<b>Copper</b> %	Zinc %	Gold g/t	Silver g/t
Gold Oxide	0.5 g/t Au	1.74	0.07	0.04	1.06	4.30
Cu Supergene	0.5% Cu	1.64	0.94	0.38	0.17	12.20
Copper-rich Primary	0.3% Cu	49.80	0.83	0.93	0.17	7.70
Zinc-rich Primary	<0.3% Cu, >1.0% Zn	16.80	0.14	2.80	0.31	9.90
TOTAL		70.0				

Sunridge Gold Corp: Mineral Resource Estimate Update, Emba Derho Deposit, Eritrea. NI 43-101 Technical Report prepared by Snowden Mining Industry Consultants Inc. for Sunridge Gold Inc. with contributions by Blue Coast Metallurgy Ltd. 110 pages. Effective date 6 February 2012.

## **Resources – Debarwa Copper-Zinc-Gold Deposit**



### Debarwa Measured and Indicated Resources\*

Material Type	Cut-off	<b>Tonnes</b> (million)	Copper (%)	Zinc (%)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)
Oxide	Au 0.5g/t	1.091	0.08	0.05	2.38	20
Supergene	Cu 0.5%	1.389	5.15	0.07	1.40	33
Primary	Cu 0.5%	0.832	2.20	3.86	1.50	29
Totals		3.312				
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DSO zone	Cu 12.0%	0.116	16.00	0.05	3.00	77

\* resource estimate completed by AMC Consultants (UK) Ltd, August 11, 2011

## Resources – Adi Nefas Copper-Zinc-Gold Deposit

#### Adi Nefas:

- High grade zinc-copper-gold VMS deposit
- 6 km from Emba Derho
- High grade material to be blended with Emba Derho
- Underground mine plan



### Measured and Indicated Resources\*

Zone	Cut-off	<b>tonnes</b> (million)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Copper (%)	Zinc (%)
Primary	Zn 2 %	1.84	3.31	115	1.78	10.05

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## **Resources – Gupo Gold Deposit**



#### Indicated resource\*:

Cut of Grade g/t Au	Tonnes	Average Grade g/t Au	Ounces of Gold
0.5	951,800	1.53	46,780

#### **Inferred resource\*:**

Cut of Grade g/t Au	Tonnes	Average Grade g/t Au	Ounces of Gold
0.5	1,808,550	1.83	106,340

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## Pipeline Deposits and current land position (102km<sup>2</sup>)



### Kodadu Gold Target:

- Inferred Mineral Resource of 990,000 tonnes with an average grade of 1.24 g/t gold & 1.6 g/t silver
- Contained metal = 39,000 ounces of gold & 51,000 ounces of silver in the near surface oxide
- Initial metallurgical results show gold can be recovered by heap-leaching
- The resource area is open for expansion

#### Adi Rassi:

- Inferred resource of 15.8 million tonnes with an average grade of 0.54% copper and 0.33 g/t gold.
- The resource area is open for expansion in most directions

## **Sunridge Successes**

Sunridge has been successful in its exploration programs in Eritrea in the past 10 years: The mysteries for the successes are:

- Followed the right Exploration Approaches
- Experienced and devoted staff
- Well organized and strong Management
- Team work
- Government support



Sunridge and the Eritrean National Mining Corporation ("ENAMCO") have now executed a **shareholders' agreement** to organize and operate the Asmara Mining Share Company ("AMSC") - **June 27, 2014** 

#### Agreement Highlights:

- AMSC will be owned 60% by Sunridge and 40% by ENAMCO (30% purchased and participating and 10% free carried interest) and will have a board of directors of five, comprising three from Sunridge and two from ENAMCO.
- ENAMCO is paying Sunridge **\$18.33 million** for their purchase of 30% of the project

(US\$2 million received by Sunridge immediately on signing the Shareholders' Agreement, US\$3 million to be paid by November 2014, US\$6 million to be paid upon on signing project Financing Agreement, US\$4 million 6 months after signing the Financing Agreement, US\$3.3 million 12 months after signing the Financing Agreement, Agreement)

- In addition, ENAMCO to fund the next ~US\$6 million to AMSC for their portion of retroactive contributions to the project.
- All future project development or exploration costs will be shared two-thirds Sunridge and one-third ENAMCO.

## Sunridge Gold Highlights

- Track record of success explored and defined 6 deposits on the Asmara Project in Eritrea
- Feasibility Study completed on the 4 advanced projects demonstrate very strong economics; NPV (10%) = \$428 million, IRR = 27%
- Mining License expected Q1 2015
- Near term production minimizing dilution: Robust mining plan with a 3 phase staged start-up with Phase 1A DSO production beginning in 2015 providing injection of cash into the project
- Full production to average 65 million lbs. (29,000 t) copper and 184 million lbs. (83,000 t) zinc, with 42,000 oz gold and 1 million oz silver per year
- Strong Management Team with extensive experience in Eritrea
- Project has government participation (ENAMCO)

## Asmara Project Feasibility Study – Mining Phases

Initial Capital Required			
	<u>Phase I - DSO and Gold Production (Year 1 – Year 5)</u>		
± \$30m	Phase IA – DSO (Year 1 – Year 2)		
	<ul> <li>Mining of 116,000 tonnes of high-grade DSO with an average grade of 15.6% copper, 2.96 g/t gold, and 76.8 g/t silver from Debarwa</li> </ul>		
± \$50m	Phase IB – Gold production – (Year 1 – Year 5)		
	• Mining and heap-leaching of the 3.0 million tonnes near-surface gold "caps" at Debarwa and Emba Derho followed by Gupo Gold		
	Phase II– Supergene Copper Production (Year 2 – Year 3.25)		
	• Mine and process by flotation 2.4 million tonnes of high-grade copper supergene ore from Debarwa and Emba Derho at rate of 2 million tonnes per year for 1.25 years		
± \$357m	• Phase II average grades 2.25% copper, 0.76 g/t gold, 21.6 g/t silver		
	Phase III Full Production (Year 3.25 – Year 16.3)		
	• Mine and process by flotation 51.0 million tonnes of primary copper and zinc ore from Emba Derho, Debarwa, and Adi Nefas at a rate of 4 million tonnes per year for 13years		

## Phase 1A- DSO at Debarwa



### Phase IA – DSO (Year 1 – Year 2)

- Mining of 116,000 tonnes of highgrade DSO with an average grade of 15.6% copper, 2.96 g/t gold, and 76.8 g/t silver from Debarwa
- Crush and direct ship to smelter
- Mine and ship in 6 months
- Sandfire's Dagrussa Coper-Gold Mine had similar DSO start up



## Phase 1B- Heap Leach Gold Production



### Phase IB – Gold production – (Year 1 – Year 5)

- Mining of the 3.0 million tonnes nearsurface gold "caps" at Debarwa and Emba Derho followed by Gupo Gold
- Process at gold heap-leaching operation near the Emba Derho deposit at a rate of 1.4 million tonnes per year
- Phase IB average grades 1.48 g/t gold and 8.2 g/t silver
- Phase IB average recoveries 66.7% gold, 37.7% silver
- Final Waste/Ore ratios at Gupo -1.7:1

## **Phase 2- Supergene Copper Production**





### <u>Phase II– Supergene Copper Production</u> (Year 2 – Year 3.25)

- Mine and process by flotation 2.4 million tonnes of high-grade copper supergene ore from Debarwa and Emba Derho at rate of 2 million tonnes per year for 1.25 years
- Phase II average grades 2.25% copper, 0.76 g/t gold, 21.6 g/t silver
- Phase II average recoveries 79% copper, 51% gold, 58% silver
- Copper concentrate 25% copper, 4.2 g/t gold, 109 g/t silver

## **Phase 3- Full Production**



Emba Derho Primary

#### Phase III Full Production (Year 3.25 – Year 16.3)

- Mine and process by flotation 51.0 million tonnes of primary copper and zinc ore from Emba Derho, Debarwa, and Adi Nefas at a rate of 4 million tonnes per year for 13years
- Phase III average grades 0.73% copper, 1.91% zinc, 0.36 g/t gold, 12.6 g/t silver
- Phase III recoveries average 86% copper, 86% zinc, 48% gold, 44% silver
- Copper concentrate 25% copper, 7.9 g/t gold, 255 g/t silver

Zinc concentrate – 57% zinc





Debarwa Primary Adi Nefas Primary

## Asmara Project – Potential Funding Sources

#### **Export Credit Agencies**

AMSC will carefully consider its procurement strategy and seek to maximise the use of funds and political risk covers available from this sector including approaching institutions such as EKN, other European ECAs, ECIC, EDC and KEXIM.

#### **Equipment Financiers, Leasing Providers**

Equipment providers such as Atlas Copco, Caterpillar may contribute to project finance funding particular if ECA cover is available

#### **Development Banks and Multi-lateral Agencies**

Development banks can provide potentially large amounts of financing and longer tenors and could also be considered for the Asmara Project. DEG and KfW were involved in the Bisha transaction and could again be approached.

#### **Alternative Sources**

Several funds and companies are now active in the mining sector who are looking to enter into royalty, streaming, offtake linked transactions and convertible notes

#### Offtakers

Offtake finance could come directly from smelting companies or traders.

#### **Commercial Banks**

Current market is characterised by no (or very weak) underwritings and certain banks withdrawing from the mining sector altogether which has reduced the overall lending capacity of the commercial bank sector.

#### **Equity/Convertible Debt**

In common with standard project finance practice a proportion of the funding requirement will come from the Sponsor's equity contribution which could be raised at the corporate level in the form of equity or quasi-equity such as convertible debt

## **Challenges to Financing the Current Plan**

#### Quantum of Senior Debt

Requirement for US\$300-350m of Senior Debt, US\$50-80m of Cost Overrun Facility is a significant amount of debt to be raised in the current market irrespective of jurisdiction of the Project. Location of project reduces the number of financing sources currently available which provides a challenge to financing the current plan

#### Tenor of Senior Debt

- Current modelling envisages a 3.5 year grace period for principal repayments followed by a 7 year repayment period so an overall tenor of 10.5 years. This will be challenging for commercial banks but may be possible for Development Financial Institutions and commercial banks under ECA cover
- A cash sweep of 50% is assumed which reduces the tenor from 10.5 years to 6.75 years which will provide some comfort to lenders
- Irrespective of ECA cover and the cashsweep the 3.5 year grace period required will be a concern to lenders

## Alternative "phased" approach

- Given the challenges highlighted it maybe prudent to consider a more stagger phased approach to development.
- This will be worked on in parallel to the current financing plan and the current permitting process

This plan envisages a phased approach as set out below:

#### Phase IA – DSO only from Debarwa

Finance DSO only and use any excess cashflow after completion of DSO phase to provide funding to Phase IB

#### Phase IB – Gold Oxide HL

Finance gold HL and process oxide caps at Emba Derho, Debarwa and Gupo using excess cashflow from completion of Phase IA plus additional funding

Use any excess cashflow after completion of oxide phase to provide funding to Phase II and Phase III

#### Phase II and III – Copper and Zinc (supergene and primary)

Excess cashflow from Phase IA and IB provides equity portion of Phase II and Phase III project costs

Remainder of project costs easier to fund from conventional debt markets now as grace period for repayments and overall tenor likely to be reduced. Plus company has demonstrated ability to build and operate to potential lenders

## Alternative "phased" approach

- Financing for Phase IA and Phase IB unlikely to be financed from conventional lending sources but could potentially be financed from offtakers, equipment finance, streaming companies or alternative funds capable of providing mezzanine/bridge finance.
- Key to this approach is understanding capex, operating costs and cashflows from each phase on a stand-alone basis and to understand whether sufficient cash is generated by each stage to provide a meaningful contribution to the project costs for the next phase
- Additionally, the cashflows from Phase IA and Phase IB *ideally* need to also provide both payback and a return to any provider of funding for Phase IA and Phase IB
- If the cashflows generated in each phase are insufficient to payback the funding provider then will likely need an alternative structure that provides a return over a longer timeframe (i.e. over Life of Mine and including Phase II and III) such as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party royalty or streaming transaction
- Some initial optimization work to understand better the capex, operating costs and cashflows of this staged approach will be required
### Asmara Project Timeline



SGC:TSX.V

### Asmara Project

### **Thank You**!



## Gold in South Sudan Asmara Mining Conference October 2015



# South Sudan



- Favourable new mining law
- Minimal exploration for 60 yrs
- Ony two explorers with licences:
  - Equator Gold (Luri)
  - New Kush Exploration and Mining (Kapoeta)
- Gold areas largely unaffected by recent conflict







- Two major unexplored frontier gold provinces
  - 300,000km<sup>2</sup> Congo Craton rocks bigger than Ghana
  - Significant areas of Neo-Proterozoic Arabian-Nubian Shield
  - Greenstone belts and crustal-scale shear zones
  - Close to recently-developed world-class gold deposits in Congo
  - Many areas of artisanal operations
  - Large licences available (up to 2500km<sup>2</sup>)
  - No exploration for ~60 years
  - Good potential for high grade multi-million ounce deposits

### "South Sudan is frontier of choice for Randgold" (Mark Bristow, Randgold CEO, February 2014)



## South Sudan



Gold deposits of Africa (Source: Randgold)











# South Sudan



# EquatorGold New Kush - Kapoeta

- Gold scarn deposit
  - Coarse gold in carbonates
- Prolific gold panning
  - Famous for large nuggets
- Work completed:
  - Satellite image interpretation
  - Airborne geophysical survey
  - Soil geochemistry
  - Geological mapping

### Drills now on site





### Four "greenstone" belts

- carbonates, quartz gneiss
- amphibolites, ultramafics
- chlorite schist
- Shear zones
- Artisanal operations
  - (Red circles on map)
- Alteration anomalies
  - Landsat and Aster images





## New Kush - Kapoeta

### **Bulls-eye target**

Soil anomalies up to 15g/t Shear zones and alteration Extensive artisanal operations

Drill targets selected Drills now on site





# Luri Gold Project

- Three priority gold targets found to date
- Gold zone extends over 33km strike
- Metavolcanic (greenstone) rocks
- Previous work by Kivu Gold (2008), Hunting (1980), Belgian Aid
- Also indications of base metal and intrusion-related minerals
- JV with local partner (CMERIC)
- Equator can earn 65% by \$1M exploration and up to 85% by further \$10M exploration



## Luri Gold Project









## Localities







#### **Clockwise from top right:**

Gold-bearing quartz vein from GT target;

Artisan diggings at GT target;

Artisan workings of terrace deposits, R. Togolo;

Director Bob Foster and geologists inspecting pits at the Confluence Target





# Equator – Wudabi



### **New Project**

Farm-in with S Sudan company

Metavolcanic greenstones (light blue)

Extensive artisanal panning (yellow triangles)

Licence applied for



Goals and plans

### GOAL 1: Evaluate first discoveries

## GOAL 2: Extend coverage within and beyond Luri GOAL 3: Monetise discoveries





## Directors and Management

### **Directors of Equator Gold Holdings Ltd**

#### Mark Parker, BA, MIMMM (Managing Director)

An exploration geophysicist and mineral exploration entrepreneur with 38 years Environmental scientist with experience on exploration and mining projects, experience in exploration and corporate management in Africa, Europe, Southeast Asia. Latin America and the Middle East. Also Chairman of Andiamo Exploration and former MD of African Eagle

#### John Carlile, BSc, MSc, DIC, FAusIMM, FGS (Non-executive Director)

A Jersey-based geologist with more than 35 years in mineral exploration. mostly gold and base metals in the East Asian region, especially Indonesia. With multi-national companies (BHP, Utah, MEM and Newcrest) from 1979 to 1996, then joined Indonesian company PT Austindo Nusantara Java, serving on boards of group companies including Pearl Energy (Chairman, 2003 to 2006) and ARC Exploration (MD/CEO 2008 to 2013).

#### William J G Bennett (Independent Non-Executive Director)

An English solicitor based in Jersey, William set up Garfield-Bennett Trust Company Limited, undertaking trust and company work and services business. Sits on the boards of a number of companies including property and investment holding and is a trustee on a number of private client trusts. William is also a director of a property fund and a distressed asset fund that invests in European and Asian business

#### Michael Paul Egerton-Vernon (Independent Non-Executive Director)

A Solicitor, he spent five years in the City and become legal director for International Process Industries. He established his own practice in 1978 and was a partner in Nigel Harris & Partners in Jersey, becoming head of Rathbones worldwide trust division. He is a director of Channel Islands subsidiaries of several FTSE 100 and other companies and funds.

#### **Technical Advisory Group** and Directors of Equator Gold Ltd

#### Emma Parker, BSc, MSc, TEFL; COO

with 10 years in eastern and central Africa and Korea. USA fund-raiser and former Administrative Manager of NGO running an orphanage in Tanzania.

#### Jeff Malaihollo, BA, PhD, FGS, MAusIMM

Founder of GGG plc and Managing Director until its merger in 2012 with Bullabulling Gold Limited. Former Executive Director at London corporate financiers specialising in natural resources. Previously geologist working on generative programmes with Newcrest, Rio Tinto and Billiton.

#### Bob Foster, BSc, PhD, FIMMM, CEng, FGS, CGeol

Professional economic geologist, CEO of Stratex International plc. 37 years global experience in exploration, mining, and academic posts incl. Southampton University. Expertise in gold genesis and exploration.

#### Geert Trappeniers MSc, (Exploration Manager)

Geert has 16 years exploration experience as an exploration geologist and project manager in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, including gold, diamonds, base metals and industrial minerals.



# **Company Profile**

- Equator Gold Holdings Ltd
  - Jersey public company (unlisted)
  - Project-specific subsidiaries
  - UK service subsidiary
  - Branch office registered in S Sudan
- 200,001 shares in issue
- £1.7M invested to date



# Equator Gold Summary

South Sudan is the world's most promising frontier exploration destination

We believe that Luri is a world-class project with a high probability of containing several multimillion ounce gold deposits.

Equator's top priority is to advance the project to resource evaluation as quickly as possible.

# Equator Gold



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# SUPPLY CHAIN LINKAGES

Nahom Tesfay

### IN HOST COUNTRIES





## Why Linkage with local Suppliers?

### Lean Production Capability

Q-C-D. Supply Chain: Low inventories; Rapid response

Long-Run

- Closer to suppliers
- Reduce risk

"This adds **resilience** to the supply chain ... You have **a source that you know and that is local**. You also have **a choice**, which **reduces the risk** for your operations." (Spano, Christian; Anglo American)

**Reputation building** Social concession Future concessions Also in other countries

## "Window dressing" local supply

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# LOCAL PROCUREMENT IN GHANA



### **Initiative Mining Industry Ghana**









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Broadening access to local suppliers



• Preference in assessing tenders





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# INVESTMENT ANGLO ZIMELE

South Africa



### Anglo Zimele Investment

- Equity stake (20 percent)
- Finance up to \$470.000
- Capital dependence

reduced over time

**Partner-shareholder** 

- Board member
- Corporate governance
- Protect investment

- (2004-2007) net profit
   2.5 million
- 72% of SMEs survived 8 years or longer



# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D)

Chile



## **CSIRO** Chile



Research for mining equipment, technology and service sector

Mining companies

**Research Centres** 

Universities

- Anglo American, Antofagasta Minerals, BHP Billiton, and Xstrata Copper
- Codelco
- CSIRO (Australia)
- CICITEM (Chile)
- University of Antofagasta
- University of Chile



Solutions in mining desired by BHP Billiton

Collaborate with local suppliers to find solutions

Provide consultancy support to suppliers *Management; Corporate Governance; Strategic Planning; Marketing* 

Invested > \$50 million

Savings (est.) \$121 million

### **BHP Billiton and Prodinsa**



### Lessons

### 1) Local sourcing

Identify product categories Identify local SMEs Bite size tenders

### 2) Equity and loans

Different SMEs to spread risk Provide a board member Have a clear exit strategy

### 3) Training of suppliers

Business skills Financing skills Technical skills

### 4) R&D collaboration

Mining companies Suppliers Knowledge institutes
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# Appendix

#### Examples

- Uniform, Clothing, shoes
- Catering, Food
- Safety equipment
- Equipment maintenance
- Engineering services

#### Lessons Procurement

Identify goods and services that can be produced locally

#### **Enterprise map**

Together with Ministry Trade & Industry

#### Tenders

- Open access
- Bite size tenders

Preference for local value added (no "window dressing")

#### **Tesra and Sixth Sense Processware**

- Local firm Tesra and Canadian technology partner Sixth Sense Processware
- Reduced electricity consumption per tonne of copper by two percent
- Automatic scanning system
  - Detecting short circuit
  - Helps operators to fix them in the electro-winning plant

### **Biohydro.cl**

#### BHP Billiton commissioned Biohydro.cl with

- Automating the wetting phase in copper leaching process
  - Minimize exposure operators to acid mist
  - Reduce variability of the wetting phase process
- Solution by Biohydro.cl
  - Reduced variability of the wetting phase from seven percent to less than one percent
  - Reduced water consumption
  - Increased mineral recovery

#### Micomo

Developer of communication and information solutions

- A previously unavailable forecast system assessing a combination of elements (weather Geography Operational activities)
  - Predicts with 75 percent accuracy the likely level of dust output up to 48 hours in advance op planned activities
  - Enables to schedule activities with greater certainty
  - Minimize dust experiences
  - Reduce costly last-minute changes in work schedules

### **R&D** Collaboration



 University of Antofagasta, and University of Chile

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### R&D for Mining

Collaboration

- Mining Suppliers
- Local Universities and Research Centers
- Industry
  - AMIRA, Australia
  - CAMIRO, Canada

- Enhance productivity
- Increase recovery
- Reduce cost
- Product innovations
- Better business performance

#### **Innovations Mine of the Future**



# ENHANCE QUALITY OF SUPPLY



### Why Linkage with local Suppliers?

Reputation building

Social concession

Future concessions Also in other countries

# Lithogeochemistry of Host Rocks to the Bisha Cu-Zn-Au Volcanic Hosted Massive Sulphide Camp, Eritrea

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Asmara Geo-Congress - Sept./Oct. 2014

# Background

Bisha Mining Camp has 4 VHMS deposits (Bisha & Harena)

It is located in a granite-greenstone belt, the Nakfa Terrane in the Arabian-Nubian Shield in Western Eritrea

Hydrothermal alteration & metamorphism overprint the host rocks, modifying compositions, textures & mineralogy

Only chlorite alteration was recognized in the camp Deposits were thought to be at the same stratigraphic horizon (~ 9 km apart) Detailed stratigraphic columns & hydrothermal zoning models needed to be developed for the camp



# Background

Logged 7 drill cores through the Bisha and Harena deposits Collected 282 samples for petrography & lithogeochemistry Pulverized samples were analyzed by fusion-ICP methods for 10 major oxides, 47 trace elements, plus total C & S Data quality assessment using 100 QAQC samples indicates that results are 'fit for purpose'



### **Conserved Element Analysis**



### **Lithogeochemical Classification**

Mafic : Mafic 1: Mafic 2:

Felsic 1:

Felsic 2:

 $Zr/TiO_2 < 200$  $Zr/P_2O_5 < 110$  $110 < Zr/P_2O_5$ 

#### *Intermediate :* 200 < *Zr*/*TiO*<sub>2</sub> < 380

Felsic :

 $Zr/TiO_2 > 380$  $Zr/TiO_2 > 570$  $380 < Zr/TiO_2 < 570$  Comparison (<u>w/Hallberg, 1984</u>) Basalt  $Zr/TiO_2 = 100$ Andesite  $Zr/TiO_2 = 500$ Dacite  $Zr/TiO_2 = 1500$ Rhyolite

		DDH Log			Sampling			
		MAF#	INTM	FEL#	MA	A <i>F</i> #	INTM	FEL#
LGC	MAF#	6	35	44		4	3	81
	INTM	2	3	17		1	0	20
	FEL#	1	53	<b>86</b>		3	2	<b>166</b>
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# **Stratigraphy**

Chemostratigraphic analysis identified 5 different volcanic units: 2 felsic (rhyolite & rhyodacite), 1 intermediate (dacite), & 2 mafic (basalt) volcanic compositions

#### Both Bisha and Harena deposits have felsic volcanic rock footwalls

**Bisha VHMS** 

325m

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Eastings (UTM m)

GT-10

244m

B-084

B-336

339250 339300 339350 339400

550

500

450

400

350

300

250

Elevation (UTM m)



Harena VHMS

# Stratigraphy



# Petrography



# Petrography

Igneous Minerals: FELD, QTZ Hydrothermal Minerals: CHL, MUS, QTZ, SX, CAL, AP, TIT Metamorphic Minerals: HB, BT, EP, CTD, AND, VES

Mafic rocks contain CHL, some QTZ, and minor MUS

All felsic rocks contain MUS & CHL, contain significant QTZ



#### **Aluminous Alteration**











# **Hydrothermal Alteration**

QTZ-MUSC: weak muscovite alteration of feldspar (hangingwall)
QTZ-CHL: intense chlorite alteration of muscovite (footwall)
ALUMINOUS: chlorite or chlorite-andalusite-muscovite-calcite assemblage (immediate footwall/gangue)

**Bisha VHMS** 

Harena VHMS



# K vs. Na Mineral Stability Diagram



#### **Water-Rock Reactions**

<u>K-spar & Albite => Muscovite</u> 3 K-Spar + 2 H<sup>+</sup> => Muscovite + 6 Quartz + 2 K<sup>+</sup> 3 Albite + 2 H<sup>+</sup> + K<sup>+</sup> => Muscovite + 6 Quartz + 3 Na<sup>+</sup>

<u>Muscovite => Chlorite</u>

2 Muscovite + 14  $H_2O$  + 3 Fe<sup>+2</sup> + 6 Mg<sup>+2</sup>

#### =>

Daphnite/Sheridanite + Quartz + 2 K<sup>+</sup> + 16 H<sup>+</sup>

#### Albite => Chlorite

6 Albite + 14  $H_2O$  + 3 Fe<sup>+2</sup> + 6 Mg<sup>+2</sup>

#### =>

Daphnite/Sheridanite + 13 Quartz + 6 Na<sup>+</sup> + 12 H<sup>+</sup>

# K vs. Na Mineral Stability Diagram



# **Hydrothermal Alteration Path**

Introduction of hydrothermal fluid moves the mixed fluid composition into the muscovite stability field, causing the K-spar => muscovite reaction to occur:

 $3 \text{ KAISi}_{3}O_{8} + 2 \text{ H}^{+}$ => KAI\_{3}Si\_{3}O\_{10}(OH)\_{2} + 6 SiO\_{2} + 2 \text{ K}^{+}

This moves the mixed fluid composition back onto the K-sparmuscovite stability field boundary

Repetition of this process moves the mixed fluid composition down the stability boundary until K-spar is consumed



# **Hydrothermal Alteration Path**



#### **Mineral Stability Diagram**



#### **MER Analysis and HA Models**



# **MER Analysis and HA Models**






# Conclusions

Two felsic, one intermediate, & two mafic volcanic rock compositions host the Bisha & Harena VHMS deposits Bisha & Harena deposits do not occur at the same stratigraphic level

Three hydrothermal alteration styles exist:

- QTZ-MUS hangingwall felsic & mafic rocks
- QTZ-CHL footwall felsic, mafic, & intermediate rocks
- ALUMINOUS immediate footwall (Harena felsic rocks)

Aluminous alteration is previously un-recognized

These alteration styles exhibit similar (mmc) mineral assemblages with different proportions in different hostsA simple thermodynamic model describes all 3 alteration stylesFirst illustration of invariant point control in VHMS alteration

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# Questions

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# **Colluli: The Gateway to the Danakil**

# **Asmara Mining Conference 2014**

Paul Donaldson – CEO and Managing Director

Helping grow a better future

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# **Colluli highlights**

- 1. Large, high grade potassium bearing resource close to surface in an emerging potash province.
- 2. Close proximity to coast and geographically favourable relative to key markets.
- 3. Unique combination of salts suitable for low cost production of potassium sulphate (SOP or sulphate of potash).
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#### **Potash and demand drivers**

Potash is a generic term used to describe a variety of potassium bearing minerals and manufactured chemicals used primarily as fertiliser.

#### Key drivers of growth

- 1. Increasing global population: +80 million people annually
- 2. Decreasing arable land
- 3. Changing dietary preferences



#### Potash comes in a variety of forms



Source: UN FAO, BMO Capital Markets



#### **SOP – Price premium and limited advanced projects**

# Significant price premium over potassium chloride (MOP)

- Historical price premium has been in the order of 35%
- Current premium over 80%
- Suitable for high value crops
- Advantageous in saline and arid soils



\$0 4Q06 4Q07 4Q08 4Q09 4Q10 4Q11 4Q12 4Q13



Source: Compass Minerals Limited Presentation, Nov'13

#### Limited advanced new projects

- 4% CAGR projected
- Approximately 2 million tonnes of growth over the next 10 years
- Limited new projects
  - Greenfield SOP Projects at DFS = 1
  - Greenfield SOP Projects at PFS = 2

#### Significant price premium over potassium chloride



■ China ■ EU ■ US ■ Middle East ■ Africa ■ South America/Oceana ■ ROW

#### 4% CAGR projected

Source: Parthenon Analysis, EPM Mining

## The Danakil Depression an emerging potash province

The Danakil Potash belt compares favourably in terms of size, resource depth and environmental issues against other potash belts globally.

#### > 4.2 billion tonnes of measured and indicated potassium salts across the Danakil to date<sup>1</sup>

Key Global Potash Belts<sup>2</sup>

Attributes	Danakil, East Africa – Eritrea, Ethiopia	Saskatchewan, Canada	Manaus – Santarem Basin, Amazonas, Brazil	Urals, Russia
Size	Engel 350km across	<ul> <li>600km across</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>400km across</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>150km across</li> </ul>
Operator(s) Profile	<ul> <li>Emerging junior mining companies</li> <li>South Boulder, Allana, Circum</li> <li>Mineralised zones occur much closer to the surface</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Established, large cap companies</li> <li>i.e. Canpotex</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Emerging mining companies</li> <li>i.e. Brazil Potash,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Established, large cap companies</li> <li>K&amp;S Group, Uralkali (Bela Russian)</li> </ul>
Resource Depth	<ul> <li>Typically only 20 100m in Eritrea</li> <li>150 – 950m in Ethiopia<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Canadian deposits typically range from 1,500–2,000m</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Similar depth as Saskatchewan</li> <li>Typically ~500 2,000m<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Russian depths are typically 1,800 to 2,000m</li> </ul>
Climate	<ul> <li>Conducive to the use of Evaporation and geothermal power</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cold climate</li> <li>Evaporative solar ponds less effective</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Wet climate, heavy rainfall</li><li>Evaporative solar ponds less effective</li></ul>	<ul><li>Cold climate</li><li>Evaporative solar ponds less effective</li></ul>
Environment / Social	<ul> <li>Flat, arid desert with sparse population</li> <li>Minimal community/social concerns</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Heavily populated area</li> <li>Significant community/social concerns</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Tropical climate, dense vegetation</li><li>Considerable environmental issues</li></ul>	<ul><li>Mountainous terrain</li><li>Low environmental concerns</li></ul>
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#### Large, high grade potassium bearing resource

Over 1 billion tonnes of potassium bearing salts – all potassium salts in the Colluli resource are suitable for the production of potash fertilisers.

Shallow mineralisation supports Colluli as open pit – a proven, safer mining method, easier to expand and better overall resource recovery than underground.

**One of only three** major resources containing kainite salt (key salt for SOP production) in solid form globally.

#### Colluli at a Glance

Location	South Eritrea				
Size	Approximately 400km <sup>2</sup>				
Product	Sulphate of Potash				
Resource <sup>1</sup>	Measured: Indicated: Inferred: <u>Total:</u>	262Mt 581Mt 173Mt <i>1016Mt</i>			
Potassium Bearing Salts	Sylvinite:110MtCarnallitite:309MtKainitite:597Mt				
Process	Flotation/Solar Evaporation				
Stage	PFS level testwork program underway				

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Resource Statement on Page 30

#### **Close and unmatched proximity to the coast**

Colluli is the closest potassium sulphate resource to the coast globally and has the most favourable coastal access from the Danakil depression.



• 75km to designated loading point at Anfile Bay

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• 180km from the Port of Massawa (4 berth bulk and container terminal)

#### Well located to key growth markets



#### **Colluli's switch from MOP to SOP** strong economic uplift

• Switching from MOP to SOP better matches resource, process and product

14:1 to 2.3:1

\$224 to \$75/tonne of product

Potentially longer mine life 17yrs to 200yrs ۲ Substantial price premium +\$US300 price premium over MOP ۲ Substantial Premium based on Substantial potential increase in Reduction in strip ratio and current and historical product mining costs mine life prices 250 200 700 14 180 230 650 230 210 190 170 170 12 160 FOB sale price \$/tonne 600 years (@ 1Mtpa rate) 140 Life 550 10 120 თ დ Waste:Ore 500 100 150 Cost 450 80 130 ο 130 Γιμ 110 400 60 350 40 90 300 2 20 70 0 250 50 ESS1 SOP SDM ESS1 SDM SOP ESS1 SDM SOP Mine Cost Est. • Waste:Ore

Source: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014, South Boulder Mines ASX release, 'Positive Results from Colluli Processing Review' 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013, Colluli Potash Project, Updated Economics

ESS1 = Engineering Scoping Study, 1 million tpa potassium chloride

Lower strip ratio

Lower mine cost

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SDM = Staged Development Model

#### **Production process is simple and proven**

- 1. Colluli's key salts can be purified using simple liberation and conventional flotation processes.
- 2. The combination of the purified salts results in an ambient temperature, high yield conversion directly to potassium sulphate.
- 3. This simple, proven process is currently used by low cost brine producers.
- 4. The key difference is that Colluli starts with salts rather than brine. This is a major advantage of the Colluli resource. It reduces footprint size, improves reliability of productivity, and reduces complexities of brine chemistry management.
- 5. The presence of kainite and sylvite (from sylvinite and carnallite) give the Colluli a major advantage for SOP production. It is the combination of these salts that minimise energy inputs and result in maximum potassium yield.



#### **Preliminary process concept**

#### Potassium chloride produced is combined with kainite to produce SOP



This is the lowest energy input, highest potassium yield route to potassium sulphate

#### **Other key factors for Colluli**

- 1. No communities within the exploration tenements.
- Process can accommodate seawater – consistent and unlimited water supply to be piped from the Red Sea coast to the Colluli site. No major abstraction from local aquifer.
- Unsealed coastal road runs within 60km of the Colluli site.
- 4. No clearing required.
- 5. Ease of access for construction equipment and mining fleet.



# **Colluli Mining Share Company (CMSC) incorporated**



Colluli Mining Share Company was incorporated in March 2014.

- 1. 3 board meetings held to date
- 2. Financials approval process for CMSC established
- 3. Board overseeing and governing the Colluli development

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## Adopting the principles of modularity

Colluli has changed the development philosophy from large scale development to one where modularity and expandability are key themes.

## Why Modularity?

- 1. Risk Mitigation: Safety, Capital/Commercial
- 2. Process Optimisation
- 3. Capital Management
- 4. Ease of Expandability



# **Risk mitigation**

#### Safety:

- Managing workforce size, skills and training
- Avoiding competition for limited skills within developing mining industry
- Developing capability at a manageable rate



Production Rate tonne/yr

#### Capital/Commercial:

- Analysis of Australian mining projects shows larger % cost increases with increasing project size
- Highest level of confidence in the bracket with the largest number of projects (\$100m \$500m)

Value of Mining Projects Completed (\$m)	20 – 100	101 500	501 1000	+1000
Number completed	43	54	17	27
Average cost change	2.4%	3.8%	4.0%	14.6%

Source: Deloitte Access Economics, March 2014

## **Process and resource optimisation**

#### **Process Optimisation**



- Greenfield developments rely on data acquisition and metallurgical test programs for process design. While this proves and derisks the process, operational data and process understanding are core elements of process optimisation.
- Module designs can be optimised with the combination of data, plant performance, improved understanding of raw material and processing behaviour.

#### The advantages of modularity

- 1. De risking the project
- 2. Resource utilisation introducing other value accretive products
- 3. Market penetration
- 4. Expandability



## **Colluli's infrastructure solution based on modularity**



Modular Servicing Bays (example)



Modular Fuel Pods (example)



Modular Offices and Camp (example)



- Simpler logistics
- Reduced Earthworks
- Ease of expandability
- Improved capital management
- Improved process ramp up

#### **Case study: Modular expansion at the Dead Sea**

A modular expansion path was used at Arab Potash Company's (APC) Dead Sea operations. This laid the foundation for ongoing growth.

# Modular Expansion Case Study: APC Produce in the Dead Sea Modular expansion a success Began in 1983 with 280kt potash production Introduced downstream industries such as salt, NPK, Magnesia, Bromine & Potassium Nitrate By 2011 producing 2.25Mt of potash This supports STB's planned 'first generation',

'second generation' and 'long term' expansion stages



#### **Modular Production Profile**

# **2014 Accomplishments**

Options review to process all salts completed	Feb
CMSC incorporated	Mar
Initiated transfer of resource model to AMC consultants	Mar
Commencement of metallurgical testwork for SOP production	Apr
Appointed study manager	May
Established all project workstreams for feasibility studies	May
Anfile Bay allocated to the project as export location	Jun
Oceanography studies initiated	Jul
Preliminary process design flowsheets developed	Aug
First tranche of environmental baselines submitted	Aug
Resource hole 'twinning' and geotech drilling initiated	Sep

# **PFS well progressed**

Milestones	2014E		2015E			2016E					
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Metallurgical Testwork											
Preliminary Feasibility Study											
Finalise the resource											
Feasibility Study											
Social Environmental Impact Assessment											
Mining License Application											
Funding											
Detailed Engineering											
Phase 1 Construction											



# **Colluli summary**

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# Thank you



# Appendix



## **Highly capable team working through SOP PFS**



Colluli Study Manager : James Durrant Commencement Date : May 2014



Resource Mine planning Mine geotech

## Lycopodium

Infrastructure and process design (with Global Potash Solutions)



Hydrogeology, ponds and infrastructure geotech





SASKATCHEWAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

**Metallurgical Testing** 

Social and Environmental Impact

Assessment



**Export logistics** 

#### **Potential market opportunities**

#### Markets for these products are well established.

<b>Potential Markets for Various Resour</b>	ce Mineralisation
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Mineral Present at Colluli	Colluli Resource <sup>1</sup>	Global Market Context		
rock salt (NaCl)		200Mtna global salt market		
halite (NaCl)	+ 0501011	SUUVILPA BIUDAI SAIL MAIKEL		
bischofite (MgCl <sub>2</sub> )	+200Mt	6 – 7Mtpa global market		
anhydrite	Avg 4% ( ~40Mt)	187Mtpa Gypsum market		
kieserite (MgSO <sub>4</sub> )	40Mt	Established fertiliser segment		



#### **Resource statement**

The Current Colluli JORC-Compliant Mineral Resource Estimate by potash mineral is as follows:

Occurrence	Tonnes (Mt)	Equivalent KCl	Contained KCl (Mt)	% of Total Resource
Sylvinite (KCl.NaCl)	110	28.4%	31	16%
Polysulphate (K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .NaCl.MgSO <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O)	65	10.8%	7	4%
Carnallite (KCl.MgCl <sub>2</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O)	309	12.3%	38	19%
Kainite (KCl.MgSO <sub>4</sub> .3H <sub>2</sub> O)	596	19.8%	118	61%
Total	1,080	18.0%	194	100%

The Colluli Potash Project has a current JORC/NI43-101 Compliant Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate of 1,079.00Mt @ 17.97% KCl or 11.35% K2O (total contained potash of 194.09Mt KCl or 122.61Mt K2O). The resource contains 261.81Mt @ 17.94% KCl or 11.33% K2O of Measured Resources, 674.48Mt @ 17.98% KCl or 11.36% K2O of Indicated Resources and 143.50Mt @ 18.00% KCl or 11.37% K2O of Inferred Resources.

This information was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported by independent consultants ERCOSPLAN and announced by South Boulder on 16 April 2012.

#### **Competent Persons and Responsibility Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Greg Knox using estimates supplied by South Boulder Mines Ltd under supervision by Ercosplan. Dr Henry Rauche and Dr Sebastiaan Van Der Klauw are co-authors of the JORC and NI43-101 compliant resource report. Greg Knox is a member in good standing of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Dr.s' Rauche and Van Der Klauw are members in good standing of the European Federation of Geologists (EurGeol) which is a "Recognised Overseas Professional Organisation" (ROPO). A ROPO is an accredited organisation to which Competent Persons must belong for the purpose of preparing reports on Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves for submission to the ASX.

Mr Knox, Dr Rauche and Dr Van Der Klauw are geologists and they have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they have undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Knox, Dr Rauche and Dr Van Der Klauw consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### **Experienced board and management**



#### Paul Donaldson, CEO and Managing Director

Mr Donaldson was appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer in February 2013. He joins South Boulder Mines from a series of senior management roles with BHP Billiton. Mr Donaldson has experience in large scale open cut mine management, supply chain logistics, mineral processing, business improvement and marketing.

#### Seamus Cornelius, Non Executive Chairman



Mr Cornelius has 21 years of corporate experience in both legal and commercial negotiations. He has been based in Shanghai and Beijing since 1993, where he has been living and working as a corporate lawyer. From 2000 to 2011 Mr Cornelius was an international partner with one of Australia's leading law firms, specialising in cross border investments in the energy and resource sectors.



#### Tony, Kiernan, Non Executive Director

Mr Kiernan was previously a commercial lawyer and is currently Chairman of the Australian iron ore producer BC Iron Ltd (ASX:BCI) and a non executive director of several listed mining companies including Chalice Gold Mines Ltd (ASX: CHN), which has been operating in Eritrea since 2009.



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# Weathering of Mine Wastes and Tailings in Water-limited (Arid) Settings: Implications for Geochemical and Environmental Control

Protection of groundwater and surface-water, and other environmental values

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#### Generics

- A. Terminology
  - Acid-Rock Drainage (ARD) or Acid Mine Drainage (AMD)
  - Neutral Mine Drainage (NMD) or Metalliferous Drainage
- B. Commodity Context
  - hard-rock mines, coal mines, minerals sands mines, etc.
- C. Rock-water-air (geochemical) interactions
  - control local **pH regime** and **solute chemistry**
  - pH is Master-Variable = f (acid-base balance)

#### **ARD Formation: Thermodynamics / Reaction Mechanism**

- A. Thermodynamics at earth-surface-P/T
  - stable *versus* unstable minerals
- B. Gibbs free-energy change ( $\Delta$ G) as governed by enthalpic ( $\Delta$ H) and entropic ( $\Delta$ S) terms, e.g.

 $FeS_2 (pyrite) + O_2 + H_2O = H_2SO_4 + Fe(OH)_3$  (unbalanced equation)

- C. Mechanistically, fundamental to understand that:
  - pyrite oxidation is an electrochemical reaction (Rimstidt and Vaughan 2003)
  - **'freely-available' H<sub>2</sub>O** is required for oxidation of reduced-S forms

Control oxidation at arid sites by **preserving residual moistures** of ex-pit reactive rock – the latter invariably 'dry-n-dusty'!

#### ARD Formation: Kinetics

- A. Rates of **surface-chemical reactions**:
  - specific-surface area
  - **unsaturated**, **moist conditions** for peak oxidation rates
- B. Relative saturations less than 80-85 % for  $O_2$  supply to be non-limiting
- C. Water content above residual, so  $H_2O$  is 'freely-available' for reaction
  - **porefluid flow** also needed for removal of solutes for peak oxidation rates

Oxidation at arid sites is restricted by **infrequent and limited** wetting-front penetration

#### Laboratory Testwork Approaches (1)

- Presciptive (?) Compendia for Geochemical Testing
  - MEND (2009)
  - GARD Guide, AMIRA (2002), and others
  - originators may not intend these to be prescriptive, but can easily be perceived as prescriptive by regulators, consultants, etc.

But, in undertaking a characterisation programme:

- 'horses for courses'
- personal preferences of individual practitioners
- professional judgement as governed by 'drivers' from experience
- R&D / creativity leads to advancement (cf. 'dumbing down')

#### Laboratory Testwork Approaches (2)

- A. **Static Testing** ('whole-rock' analyses and tests)
  - S Forms (Sulphide-S, Cr(II)-Reducible-S, SO<sub>4</sub>-S)
  - Acid-Neutralisation Capacity (chiefly carbonates)
  - Net-Acid Generation
  - mineralogy
- B. **Kinetic Testing** (real-time behaviour with varying moisture / aeration regimes)
  - humidity cells and weathering columns
  - oxygen-consumption cells

Static and kinetic testing approaches equally applicable for both water-limited and well-watered sites.

#### Kinetic-testing (1): Humidity Cells [e.g. ASTM 2013]





#### Kinetic-testing (2): Weathering Columns (e.g. AMIRA 2002)



#### **Kinetic-testing (3): Oxygen-consumption Cells**

use weathering-columns to measure Oxygen-Consumption Rate (OCR) directly



#### Kinetic-testing (4): Hybrid Approach

use flood-lamps to dewater 'sludge' immediately after flushing to a 'middling-moisture', then keep in an incubator





#### Sulphide Oxidation and Moisture Status:

#### Least-Limiting-Water Range (LLWR)

- Long-held concept in soil science and agronomy
- Moisture limits on **plant growth**:
  - 'wet-end': v > 80-90 % of
  - 'middling':
  - 'dry-end': t > c. 10-20 bars
- Moisture limits on **sulphide oxidation**:
  - 'wet-end': <sub>v</sub> > 80-90 % of
  - 'middling':
  - 'dry-end': <sub>t</sub> > c. 10-20+ bars

 $\Rightarrow \text{ optimal} \\ \Rightarrow \text{ impeded, } H_2O\text{-limited}$ 

impeded,  $O_2$ -limited

- $\Rightarrow$  impeded, O<sub>2</sub>-limited
- $\Rightarrow$  optimal

 $\Rightarrow$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  impeded, H<sub>2</sub>O-limited

Value of looking beyond geology and engineering, and **cross-correlating** with concepts from other earth-science disciplines.

#### Pulsed & Zonal Weathering in Arid Lands

A. **Pulsed Dynamics** in Arid Lands shared by:

• <u>biotic responses</u> – from microbial soil surface crusts to growth stimuli and fruiting by under and upper storey plant species; commencement of next predator-prey cycle, etc.

- rock-water-air interactions
- B. 'Weathering-windows' for oxidation are:
  - restricted to sizeable wet-spells (e.g. 10+ mm)
  - transient / short-lived as rapid drying immediately kicks-in
- C. Locus of weathering confined to reach of irregular, 'fingered' wetting-front

Seasonality of oxidation 'spikes' at arid sites allows preparation ahead of major storm arrivals (e.g. rate-of-rise of reactive profile during waste-dump construction linked to timing of episodic wet-spells).

#### Sulphide Oxidation and Moisture Status: Demo 1



**Grey-Tails**  $\Rightarrow$ 

Rapid Drying (hours-to-days)

#### **Brown-Tails** $\Rightarrow$

Delayed Drying (weeks+)



Slurry of near-monomineralic pyrite left to free-drain with  $E_p$  (at tailings-bed surface) approx. 10 mm/day; pH = 2-4

#### Sulphide Oxidation and Moisture Status: Demo 2

Localised moisture gradients, due to segregation of fines



Reactive tailings wetted from below via wicking; reaction over weeks

- Dark Grey saturation-zones ⇒ unoxidised
- Light-brown and "just damp" distal from saturation-zones ⇒ least oxidised
- Orange and moist proximal to saturation-zones ⇒ most oxidised



After rapid drying (days)

### Wetting/Weathering-Front Coincidence

#### **After 1st Wetting-Cycle**



#### After 1st Drying-Cycle

- lag-phase (i.e. circum-neutral) weathering of PAF-tailings with/without 'store-releasecover'
- Fe-pigmentation = locus of sulphideoxidation
- 23 mm pulse of water+ 1 day of redistribution
  - + 6 days of  $E_p$  of *c.* 10-15 mm/day via heating-lamps with side-wall insulation  $\Rightarrow$ strong diurnal-T gradients



'Grey-Tailings' ( $\Rightarrow$  largely unoxidised) in top cm, due to instant evaporative-drying, and thus stifled sulphide-oxidation

#### Field Example: Hardpan Formation in an 'Old' (30-40 yrs) Massive-Sulphide-TSF in NSW Arid-Zone

Alternative Interpretation: Wetting-front versus O<sub>2</sub>-diffusion-front control

Field observation	Modelled from air-filled	Modelled from total	A
3-7cm			- surrace
	19-24cm		
		57-70cm	

Agnew and Taylor (2000), 5th ICARD (Denver)

Key Management Outcome: Climate Dependence of Oxidation

A. Pyrite Oxidation in Well-Watered Settings

 $FeS_2 + 15/4 O_2 + 7/2 H_2O = H_2SO_4 + Fe(OH)_3$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  Control of O<sub>2</sub>-supply is 1<sup>st</sup>-order control strategy
- B. Pyrite Oxidation in Water-Limited Settings

 $FeS_2 + 15/4 O_2 + 7/2 H_2O = H_2SO_4 + Fe(OH)_3$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Control of H<sub>2</sub>O-supply is 1<sup>st</sup>-order control strategy

Locate pyrite beneath reach of shallow seasonal wetting-front

⇒ optimise 'unsaturated freeboard' in terms of Water Holding Capacity (WHC)

#### **Engineering & Cost Implications**

- A. **Basal-blanket** of benign soil / regolith materials (cf. HDPE liners, etc.)
  - not compacted, but paddock dumped and dozed
  - WHC likely 300+ mm (site-specific specification)
- B. End-tipping versus bottom-up construction during waste-dump operation
  - WHC of reactive profile being built; **rate-of-rise** of reactive profile
  - role of traffic layer at top of lifts: enhanced WHC
- C. Free-draining cover profile for infiltration control at closure (cf. multi-layered, heavily engineered covers at well-watered sites)
  - **not** purpose compacted
  - WHC likely 300+ mm (site-specific specification)
  - erosion stability
  - 'patched' distribution of vegetation natural analogue in arid lands

Arid sites generally offer more 'degrees of freedom' for geochemical control

#### **Quantifying Water-Holding Capacity (1)**



- Suction-plates and pressure-chambers
- Only suited to small moulds, due to equilibration-time constraints

#### **Quantifying Water-Holding Capacity (2)**



- Column-Infiltration Technique
  - can be applied to estimate WHC of reactive lithotypes being isolated
    - e.g. pyritic carbonaceous shales with WHC c. 100 mm/m

#### **Cover Ripline Infiltration Capacity (1)**



#### **Cover Ripline Infiltration Capacity (2)**



• 60 mm Total Storm-Depth

#### CONCLUSIONS

A. **Geochemical Instability** (e.g. pyritic units) does **NOT** depend on site climate – it is, what it is, where ever it is!

However, expression of this instability in terms of **Reactivity DOES** depend on climate – reactivity suppressed in strongly arid settings.

- B. Testing approaches relevant to both arid and well-watered sites.
- C. Pulsed oxidation dynamics at arid sites from episodic rainfall

Locate pyritic units beneath reach of shallow seasonal wetting-front

- D. Arid sites generally offer more 'degrees of freedom', and longer 'response times', for geochemical control
  - 'unsaturated freeboard' and water holding capacity

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### Prospects of Haykota with Special Reference to Yacob Dewar VMS Deposit, Western Eritrea

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# The Company

- A private company, based in London, UK, exploring in Eritrea, East Africa
- Andiamo is focused on: Volcanic Massive Sulphides (Copper / Zinc) and gold deposits
- Has a 235 km Haykota Exploration Licence, which contains the Yacob Dewar and Ber Gebey mineral deposits, which Andiamo is currently exploring.

#### > Track record of discoveries include:

- ✓ Yacob Dewar VMS system Advanced project
- ✓ Ber Gebey VMS system
- ✓ Adi Merirey VMS system
- ✓ Frataka VMS system
- ✓ Hoba VMS system.
- ✓ Shambotai, Jawkeray and Gurgur gold fields



## Haykota license area located along the Bisha VMS Belt

# **Geology and Mineralization**

- ➤Geologically the Haykota project area forms part of the Arabian-Nubian Shield, which is formed by Upper Proterozoic folded rock sequence and sheared zones;
- Very prospective for VMS deposits: presence of gossans and silica barite;
- Presence of artisanal mining and anomalous soil geochem results on the southern part of the license area: Shambotai and Gurgur.



Outline of Regional and Detailed Soil Sampling

Cu Results (ppm)

# A total of 7223 soil samples collected





Soil sampling of the Yacob Dewar and Ber Gebey corridor showed anomalous Au and Cu results.

> Follow up drilling was conducted.

### **Regional Airborne Survey**



Figure B1. Shaded B-field Z-component Channel 30. Sun angle 298°, inclination 30°.



Figure B4. Shaded total magnetic field. Sun angle 208°, inclination 30°.

### **Integrated Gravity & EM Geophysical Survey Data**







Regional gravity covered an area of 360 km<sup>2</sup> which is 46% of the exploration license area.



# **Case Study of Prospect Areas**

Detailed follow up of prospective mineralised areas was conducted using various exploration techniques. The projects are divided into advanced and less advanced projects and only five case studies are presented :

- Yacob Dewar Ber Gebey VMS system: Advanced project
- ≻ Hoba VMS prospect
- > Adi Merirey VMS prospect
- Frataka VMS prospect
- Shambotai, Jawkeray and Gurgur shear hosted gold fields

### **Hoba VMS Prospect Geological Map**










## Adi Merirey VMS system

- NE of Yakob Dewar about 5 km
- Strong geophysical anomaly
- Extensive disseminated sulphides
- Gold and copper values in gossan
  - ✓ 2011: Geology mapping discovered gossan
  - ✓ 2012: 8 diamond drill holes completed
- Incl. 15 metres grading approx 0.5% copper



# Frataka Gold and Copper VMS Prospect



Based on anomalous EM and gravity data, geological and soil sampling and IP surveys were conducted. Followed by exploratory drilling.



Anomalous Cu in soils at Frataka.

#### Malachite in rock outcrops





## Frataka

# Cu results in drill holes FRAD 02 & 05

### Shambotai –Gurgur Gold Prospect Area

- The Shambotai-Jawkerai and Gurgur gold occurrences have been known for over 20 years because of artisanal workings.
- Systematic exploration by Andiamo Exploration, which included rock chip, stream sediment, magnetic and geostructural studies has shown that this area contains major shear hosted gold deposits that are controlled by major shear zones, which forms a flower structure.
- There is also extensive development of several quartz veins in the area. Very encouraging results have been discovered.



## Shambotai

# Artisanal pits observed from a helicopter





## Shambotai Area

Initial drilling results showed disseminated gold of 36m@0.52g/t



#### **Gurgur Shear Hosted Gold Prospect**

# Yacob Dewar – Ber Gebey VMS Corridor

The Yacob Dewar Project is a VMS gold-copper exploration project, located in central Haykota area.

# Induced Polarization (IP) Geophysical Survey at Yacob Dewar

Line 1

Line 3

Line 8

Line 13

Line 17





The IP anomalous values correspond to the oxide Cu and Au zone

# **Diamond & RC Drilling at Yacob Dewar**



- 2 Air core Drills (36m)
- 58 RC Drills (4475m)
- 62 diamond Drills (4782m)

## **Trench In Yacob Dewar Gossan**



2388 m trenches excavated at Yacob Dewar at a maximum depth of 6.3 meters



## Yacob Dewar – Au and Cu Drill Results



### Representative Geologic Section Across the Yacob Dewar Au & Cu Deposit



## Yacob Dewar & Ber Gebey Drill Collars



### **Resource Modelling of Yacob Dewar Au Deposit**



## Resource Modelling of Yacob Dewar Oxide Copper Deposit



## Trenching at Ber Gebey



# Ber Gebey – Gold Bearing Silica Barite Rock (SBR)

11/04/2014

## **Baseline Social & Environmental Studies**

#### The following baseline survey have so far being collected:

- 1. Land Use and Land Cover
- 2. Socio economic studies
- 3. Land ownership study of the Yacob Dewar area
- 4. Baseline data of artisanal miners in Haykota area
- 5. Vegetation baseline study
- 6. Wildlife baseline study
- 7. Water demand in the Haykota area
- 8. Hydrological study of the Haykota area
- 9. Soil survey of Yacob Dewar area
- 10. Livestock and
- 11. Baseline Health Survey

# **Corporate Strategy**

## 1. Development of Yacob Dewar

- Surface gold deposit; open pit; high grade; simple processing
- Intention: to generate cash for copper/gold exploration
- Low capital costs; near term production; 55kms from Bisha
- ➢ Resource estimate
- A Technical and Economic Study ("TES") will be completed by 30 June 2015;

# **Corporate Strategy**

- **2. Exploration for VMS in the Haykota Licence**
- Target is multi million tonne massive sulphide Cu/Zn surface deposits
- Strong geophysics and geochemical evidence
- Drilling has already demonstrated mineralisation

# **Corporate Strategy**

- 3. Exploration for shear hosted gold in Haykota Licence Area
- Target is multi million ounce gold deposits at surface
- Extensive artisan mining activity in Shambotai Gurgur: both valleys and veins
- Drilling has already demonstrated mineralisation







# Teamwork



### **Exploration activities in Sudan**



Over 80 years of success in mining development

### **Company profile**

- → MANAGEM is an international diversified mining company.
- → A major player in the Moroccan mining sector since 1928.
- → Listed on the Casablanca stock exchange.
- $\rightarrow$  More than 10 years operations in Africa.





MANAGEM



### **Precious Metals**

#### **Imiter silver mine**

Imiter mine is located 150 km East of Ouarzazate. Operated by SMI, Imiter mine is one of the leading silver mines worldwide producing up to 7 million ounces per year of high purity silver ingots. It started operations in 1969. The mine owns important reserves estimated at more than 100 million ounces of silver metal.

10 year investments: MAD940 million Number of employees: 580

#### Bakoudou gold mine

The Bakoudou gold mine is located 90 km far from Mouanda in Gabon. Operated by REG, the mine started production early in 2012.

Production capacity : 45 000 oz of gold per annum Investment : US\$50 million Number of employees : 150



### **Base Metals**

#### **CMG polymetallic mines**

CMG currently owns and operates zinc lead copper polymetallic ore bodies located in the region of Jbilet in Marrakech, namely Hajjar, Draa Sfar and Tighardine.

#### Annual capacity :

85 000 tons of zinc concentrates / 20 000 tons of lead concentrates / 15 000 tons of copper concentrates. Cumulated investments : MAD2,400 million Number of employees: 1 140



#### Akka gold and copper mines

Located 280 km south east of Agadir, AGM mines the lourirn gold bearing deposit since 2001. AGM operation produces also copper concentrates since 2007.

Annual capacity : Gold 23,000 oz – Copper 25,000 tons of concentrates Investments : MAD2,200 million Number of employees : 600



### **Cobalt & Specialties**

#### **Bou-azzer cobalt mine**

Located 120 km south of Ouarzazate, Bou Azzer is the Group's oldest property (1928). Operated by CTT, the Bou azzer mine produces cobalt concentrates and hydroxides.

Annual capacity : 2 000 tons of cobalt

#### **Guemassa hydrometallurgical operations**

The Guemassa site is based 30 km far from Marrakech. Since 1996, CTT runs hydrometallurgical operations, derived from R&D efforts, to produce high added value products such as : cobalt cathodes, cobalt hydroxide, nickel sulfate, arsenic trioxide, zinc oxide, copper sulfate, ...

10 year investments : MAD2 billion Number of employees : 1 600





### Fluorspar

#### El Hammam fluorspar mine

Located 63 km from Meknès, El Hammam mine is operated by SAMINE since 1974 and produces high quality fluorspar.

Annual capacity : 100 000 tons of fluorspar acid grade

10 year investments : MAD 400 million

Number of employees : 310



### Mangem: Our operation in Africa: Example of Sudan





- covering an area of 12,000 Km<sup>2</sup> in the South of Block 15
- Block 24 covering an area of 5,880 Km<sup>2</sup> in the South of Block9
- Year 2010: Establishment of MCI/I company, Managem's subsidiary in Sudan
- Year 2011: JV combany with HCMC for Block 9 Exploration license

Year 2012-2013 : Resources certification and BFS of Block 15 Gabgaba Project
### Why to explore in the Nubian Shield?

The Arabian-Nubian Shield (ANS): A favorable geological context for gold exploration

- → Gold deposits dating back to ancient times
- → Fundamentally fertile belt with variety of deposit styles (orogenic, VMS, epithermal porphyry)
- → Unexplored in modern time



#### 42° 42\* 46° 34 38° 46° 38\* Arabian-Nubian Shield juvenile crust Arabian-Nubian Shield CAIRO Pre-Neoproterozoic crust Reworked pre-Neoproterozoic crust: CAIRO Kida terrane, Yemen terranes, Azania Banded-iron formation Sawawin Saharan Metacraton Significant base-metal sulfide 0 Mahd adh Dhahab Nabitah mobile belt Ash Shizm Sinai 0 Epithermal gold Hulayfah ..... Suture, terrane boundary Hulayfa Fawakhir NED Nugrah Sukhaybarat J.Savid Ha'il Ha'il lidva. Umm ad Damar Bulghah Hamama As Safra CED Kareim Ad Dawadimi Sukari Ad Dawadimi Dabbah RIYADH RIYADH Hijaz Hijaz Khnaiguiyah\_ 24" Al Amar Afi SED Gebel al Asr 0 Gebel al Asr Al Amar Shayban Ar Rayn Ar Rayn Bi'r Safsaf Bi'r Safsaf Hamissana J.Baydan liddah district O Uweinat O Uweinat Shaib Lamisah JIDDAH JIDDAH Ad Duwayhi Atmur-Delgo Atmur-Delgo Gebeit Gebeit Gebeit Gabaaba Hassai Al Hajar Tathlith 0 PORT SUDAN PORT SUDAN Al Hajar Jadmar BAYUDA DESERT Shaib at Tair BAYUDA DESERT 5 Bidah Al Masane Havo belt Asir Asir Nabitah mobile belt Rabathan Kutam Have Tokar/ Barka Eyob Hassai Sabaloka Sabaloka Nakfa Butana Butana 5 KHARTOUM Koka KHARTOUM SA'ANA ASMARA SA'ANA Al Bayde ASMARA Aba Aho Bisha Kordofa Al Mukalla Al Mukalla 0 0 Augaro Bisha Nuba Mountains Nuba Mountains Emba Derho Asmara district Qeissan Block Qeissan Block Inda-Ad Inda-Ad Abdulkadir 2 Abdulkadir soo ap omalia basement Somalia basement ADIS ABABA ADIS ABABA Tulu Kapi Tulu Kapi Jhonson 250 500 km Johnson, 2013 500 km 26° 38" 42° 46° 26\* 30" 34\* 38° 42° 46° 34° 30°

#### Base metal – Epithermal gold – Orogenic gold deposit

#### **ANS** – Fundamental favorable geologic features

- → Juvenil crust material newly extarcted from the mantle
- → Oceanic setting tectonic evolution from oceanic crust to continental crust
- → Multiple active margins subduction zones, island arcs in a large ocean basin
- → Enormous magmatic activity emplacement of vast amounts of mafic and felsic magma elevated heat flow , driver of hydrothermal activity
- → Transpressive deformation compression,
   extension, shearing, thrusting, creation of space ∞



### Soudan : MANAGEM hold 26 610 km2 of gold exploration project



Artisanal work

### **Sudan : Geological features of the concession areas**

- → Rock units having Panafrican age: metavolcanic sedimentary rocks of Green schist facies intruded by plutonic rocks
- → All the rocks are affected by the NS shear zone: Keraf shear zone
- → Tertiary intrusive and extrusive igneous rocks
- Mineralization restricted to NS tending quartz veins and alteration zones hosted by felsic dykes





#### **Exploration works conducted in Sudan**

#### Block 15

- → Remote sensing: satellite interpretation and hyperspectral
- → Stream Sediments (BRGM)
- → Soil geochemistry (BRGM)
- → Generation of numerous targets for field checking
- → Geological mapping and sampling in some focusing areas
- → Trenching : **27 000 m**
- → Drilling program: **195 000m**
- → Topographic survey of the target Areas
- → Best deposits to date:
  - UTM Zone
  - Central Zone (C04 & C02)
  - > WG03



### **BRGM – Results of strategic works**



### **Remote sensing: Block 15**



### **Exploration works conducted in Sudan**



#### **Exploration works performed by MCM – Geology**



- → Deformed network of quartz veins
- $\rightarrow$  Shear corridor dipping gently to the east
- → Country rock (diorite and andesite)
- → Strong hydrothermal alteration: iron carbonates; disseminated pyrite; silicification





# UTM - Exploration works performed by MCM – Trenches/RC/DD

شركة مناجم العالمية للتعدين المحدودة



Zone	Trenches	Lenght (m)	No of samples	Prepared samples	Analysed samples
UTM	27	4281	3106	3106	3106

Zone	RC		DD	%DD/RC	
	Lenght (m)	No. drill	Lenght (m)	No. drill	
UTM	29512	539	892	12	2





#### Drill spacing 25mx25m

<b>UTM –</b> As of May 2013									
Zone	Cut-off grade (g/t Au)	Classification	Tonnage (t)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal (Oz)				
UTM	0.35	Measured	3 759 000	1.95	236 000				
UTM	0.35	Indicated	1 413 000	1.59	72 000				
UTM	0.35	Measured+In dicated	5 172 000	1.85	308 000				
UTM	<b>UTM</b> 0.35		324 000	1.75	18 000				
	Total		5 496 000	1.85	326 000				



#### **Central Zone – C04 – Localization & Geology**

- → Deformed network of quartz veins
- → Host rocks: microgranodiorite dyke
- → Country rock : black shales
- → Hydrothermal alteration: carb.Hem.Ser.
   Tourmaline, leucoxene, disseminated





#### Central Zone – Performed work – RC & DD –



Zone	Trenches	Lenght (m)	No of samples	Prepared samples	Analysed samples
Central	39	8296	5853	5853	5302

Zone	RC		DD	%DD/RC	
	Lenght (m)	No. drill	Lenght (m)	No. drill	
C04	22970	250	703	9	4

#### **Central Zone – C04 - Mineral resources**



zone	Cut-off grade (g/t Au)	Classification	Tonnage (t)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal (Oz)
C04	0.33	Measured	3 978 000	1.98	254 000
C04	0.33	Indicated	432 000	2.43	34 000
C04	0.33	Measured+ Indicated	4 410 000	2.03	288 000
C04	0.33	Inferred	2 000	2.97	200
	Total		4 412 000	2.03	288 200

#### **Central Zone – C02 – Geology and location**



#### **Central Zone – C04 - Mineral resources**

Zone	Trenches	Lenght (m)	No of samples	Prepared samples	Analysed samples
Central	39	8296	5853	5853	5302

Zone	RC		DD	%DD/RC	
	Lenght (m)	No. drill	Lenght (m)	No. drill	
C02	24 398	246	632	7	3



#### Central Zone – C02 - Mineral resources

<b>C02</b> – As of January 2013									
Zone	Cut-off grade (g/t Au)	Classification	Tonnage (t)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal (Oz)				
C02	0.33	Measured	2 481 000	1.65	132 000				
C02	0.33	Indicated	319 000	1.71	18 000				
C02	0.33	Measured+In dicated	2 800 000	1.66	150 000				
C02	0.33	Inferred 16 00		1.46	1 000				
	Total		2 816 000	1.66	151 000				

C02



#### WG03 – Location & Geology

- → Located in the western part of the KSZ
- → The geology is dominated by the sheared coarse- grained to porphyric diorite with basic to acid meta-volcanic rocks crosscut by gold bearing quartz veins
- → Metamorphism: amphibolite
- $\rightarrow$  Two types of the mineralization:
  - → Biotite, horenblend, disseminated pyrrhotite
  - → Chlorite, albite with pyrite
- → The structures present a geological dome and draw an anticlinal form with a sub-vertical axial plane striking N30°.









### WG03 – Orogenic mineralization Vs disseminated

→ Biotite – hornblende - pyrrhotite



→ Chlorite - albite - pyrite





# WG03 – Exploration work (ongoing Rc drilling program; spacing 25x25m – Mineral resources

Zone	RC	1	DD		%DD/R				
					C		Zone	Trenches	Lenght (m)
	Lenght (m)	No. drill	Lenght (m)	No. drill			WG03	7	4252
WG03	65 229	421	3261	20	5				



		<b>WG03 –</b> As of O	ctober 2013		
Zone	Cut-off grade (g/t Au)	Classification	Tonnage (t)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal (Oz)
WG03	0.43	Measured	11 881 000	1.61	614 000
WG03	0.43	Indicated	21 218 000	1.53	1 045 000
WG03	0.43	Measured+In dicated	33 099 000	1.56	1 659 00 <b>0</b>
WG03	0.43	Inferred	426 000	1.09	15 000
	Total		33 525 000	1.55	1 674 000









### **Exploration Tools and Staff in Sudan**

- → Total Staff : 260 including exploration, labs and industrial pilot plant unit
- → Laboratory of sample preparation and Analysis (Fire assay)
  - → Capacity of : 700 samples per day
- → Drilling machines with a capacity of 200 000 m drills per year
  - → 5 RC (Reverse Circulation)
  - → 1 DD (Diamond Drill)
  - → 1 percution machine
- → Complete staff-house with fully equipped nursery
- → Water treatment unit







### Phase 1 Pilot Plant Project – Block 15

#### Pilot processing plant overview:

- Start-up of the production: August 2012
- Objective: Starting mining activity with existing fresh ore and tailings along with the ongoing exploration
- Confirming all technical parameters and processing performances of the BFS, which are decisive in the full scale project profitability
- Processing capacity : 750 tpd of Ore by adding a flotation circuit









#### **Objective : Contribute to local development**

		Total en SDG
Education	<ol> <li>Furnishing of the existing dormitories</li> <li>Distribution of encouraging presents to deserving students</li> <li>Study grant</li> <li>School Transport expenses contributions</li> </ol>	103 000
Health	1. Ophthalmologist caravan at Mahalyat Barbar From 7/03/2014 to 13/03/2014 Number of medical examinations: 2481 citizen Number of chirurgical operations: 93 citizen Number of delivered glasses : 1151	123 000
Access to water	1. Borehole drilling and pumping equipment (B9)	80 000
Other Helps	<ol> <li>Contribution to help victims of July and August floods</li> <li>Contribution to help necessitous families during Ramadan</li> <li>Contribution for regional wedding ceremony organized by the Nile State government</li> </ol>	320 000
	Total	626 000





## GEOLOGY and STRATIGRAPHY HARENA MINE Area



#### Asmara Mining Conference October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

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## Objectives



- Previous exploration what were the objectives?
- 2014 Exploration a new focus
- To outline the Geology and Stratigraphy of the immediate Harena Mine area – using good observations and lithogeochemistry to identify rock type and important alteration.
- To generate targets using the defined stratigraphy in association with geophysics

## Outline



- 1. Location (relative to the Bisha Mine)
- 2. Previous Exploration
- 3. 2014 Exploration Activities
- 4. Geology and Stratigraphy
- 5. Hydrothermal Ateration
- 6. Mineralization
- 7. Conclusion

### Location Map





233km by road west of Asmara, in the Gash Barka Region "Everyone going home safe and healthy everyday"

## Property Map





#### Harena Mining License:

9km South of Bisha Mine VMS

## **Previous Exploration**



- First identified as a small alteration feature on the land sat imagery by Nevsun Resources
- Subsequent exploration in the area continued during 2004 and defined:
  - Coincident soil geochemistry and gravity anomalies
  - Favourable geology and alteration associated with massive sulphide deposits.
- Further exploration methods included EM, Mag, IP and Resistivity surveys were conducted
- Metallurgical test work
- Bulk density measurements and geotechnical works
- Resource and Reserve estimation

### Previous Drilling



Year	Diamond Drill Holes	metres	
2005	27	4,072	First Exploration Drilling
2009	17	2,164	In-fill drilling
2010	37	2,896	Resource & Reserve drilling
2011	5	852	Resource & Reserve drilling
2012	6	1,123	Production
Total	92	11,106	
2014	29	9,450	Exploration

Most of previous drilling focused on defining the Oxide Gold for Production in 2012 and 2013

### Harena - Reserves & Resources



Harena Mineral Resource Estimate (December31 2013) – Nevsun 43-101 Bisha Mine						
	NSR Cutoff	Tonnes	Cu	Zn	Au	Ag
Zone	(\$/t)	('000s)	%	%	g/t	g/t
Indicated						
Oxide Phase	42.41	70	-	-	5.5	14
Primary Phase	41.41	1,800	0.65	3.91	0.6	23
Total		1,870				
Inferred						
Oxide Phase	40.55	20	-	-	5.9	8
Primary Phase	39.55	350	0.75	4.1	0.8	32
Total		370				
Harena Probable Mneral	Reserve Estimate	2				
Oxide Phase		80	-	-	4.93	16
Primary Phase		1,160	0.64	3.57	0.52	22
Total		1,240				

NSR Cut-Off for Resources: Cu (\$3.35/lb), Zn (\$1.05/lb), Au (\$1,350/oz), and Ag (\$23/oz). NSR Cut-Off for Reserves: Cu (\$2.90/lb), Zn (\$0.92/lb), Au (\$1,175/oz), and Ag (\$20/oz). See NI 43-101 Report dated December 31, 2013 for additional details.

## **2014 Exploration Activities**



#### **2014 Exploration Activities**

Diamond Drilling	9,450 meters	29 holes	Drilling Ongoing
Airborne Geophysics	VTEM EM-Mag Survey	180km	Completed
Ground Geophysics	FLEM "Fixed-Loop EM" surveys	50km	Completed
Borehole Geophysics	3-component BHEM + Physical Properties probe	12 holes	Ongoing
Geochemistry	Systematic Whole rock and trace element sampling	29 holes > 300 samples	Ongoing
Re-Logging	re-logging & WRA sampling of selected historic holes	12 holes, ~80 samples	Completed

Main tools are diamond drilling and geophysics in association with re-logging of historic holes and geochemistry to identify rock types and alteration styles

## Geology and Stratigraphy





#### **STRATIGRAPHY**

Meta-Sediments:	Graphitic Mudstone & Greywacke	
Gabbroic Complex:		
Felsic Volcanics:	Occurs in both Hangingwall and Footwall	
Mafic Volcanic:	variable, fine to medium grained, plage-phyric	
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#### **STRUCTURE**

Faults are manifested by strongly brecciated zones observed on drill cores

The rocks are weak to moderately schistose with slight variations in orientation

Small scale folds are also commonly observed in the hanging wall
### Stratigraphic Cross-Sections





# Stratigraphic Section A – A'





Section L5650 section A-A' – (viewing NE 035deg Az.)

# Stratigraphic Section B – B'





Section L5950 section B-B' – (viewing NE 035deg Az.))

# Stratigraphic Section C – C'





Section L610 section C-C' – (viewing NE 035deg Az.)

# Hole HX-005 Stratigraphy





# TiO2 vs Zr – Rock Types





# Hydrothermal Alteration



#### **HANGINGWALL ALTERATION**

- Silica-Sericite +/- chlorite, biotite alteration is occurred in Felsic volcanic rocks
- Silica-Chlorite +/- biotite alteration in Mafic rocks

#### **FOOTWALL ALTERATION**

- Proximal- Intense Aluminous (Chlorite-Sericite-Sillimanite) -- alteration exists within the immediate footwall Has the most intense degree of hydrothermal alteration
- Distal- Moderate to strong Silica-Sericite +/- Biotite alteration exists beneath the immediate footwall



# Hydrothermal Alteration Indexes



### Mineralization





3D Isometric view from April 2012 BMSC report

# Metal Zoning





### Hole HX-005





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# Conclusions



- There are three main Lithological units showing relatively consistent stratigraphy
- Sequences dipping to the NW
- The rocks are clearly affected by faults and small scale folds; their size and orientation is not yet clearly defined and will be studied under the ongoing exploration activities.
- Hangingwall and footwall alterations are distinctively identified and are characteristically indicative for targeting the mineralized zones
- The primary sulphide zone shows further Zn, Cu, And Au zoning
- Immediate footwall zone has significant gold results

# 2014 BMSC Exploration Team



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# Mineralogy & Lithogeochemistry of the Weathering Zone and Gossan over the Bisha Zn-Cu-Au Volcanic-Hosted Massive Sulphide Deposit, Eritrea

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(Probable Reserves as of Oct. 4, 2011)

Oxide Gossan:	4.65 M tonnes; 7.06 g/t Au, 29.56 g/t Ag
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	6.35% Cu
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# **Problems**

What is the mineralogy & geochemistry of this gossan, in profile ?
Why is gossan Au grade 10 times higher than hypogene grade ?
Why is there anomalous Pb in the supergene zone ?



auriferous gossan ore loaded for processing



oblique air photo of recessively gold of weathering gossan before mining *Asmara Geo-Congress - Sept./Oct. 2014* 



gold dore from first pour, 2011

# **Regional Geology**







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# **Data Collected**

Open Pit Observations & Limited Mapping

#### Drill Core Logs

- Proximal weathering profile: gossan, siliceous gossan, acid leach, supergene Cu, supergene Pb, hypogene Cu/Zn zones
- Distal weathering profile: saprolite, unweathered host rocks

### Lithogeochemistry

- Fusion ICP/AES & ICP/OES analysis for major & trace elements
- Leco analysis for total C and S

### X-Ray Diffraction

- Smear mount of pulverized material from geochemical analysis
- Regression of essential minerals against lithogeochemistry to determine mineral modes

#### Magnetic Susceptibility & pH Measurements

on pulverized lithogeochemical samples

#### Fe-oxy-hydroxide minerals

 $2 \text{ Fe}(OH)_3 => 2 \text{ Fe}OOH + 2 H_2O => Fe_2O_3 + 3 H_2O$ 

2 Ferrihydrite => 2 Goethite + 2  $H_2O$  => Hematite + 3  $H_2O$ 

# dehydration

time



**Ferrihydrite - Fe(OH)**<sub>3</sub>



**Goethite - FeO.OH** 



Hematite - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>





#### Ferrihydrite - Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub>



#### **Goethite - FeO.OH**



Hematite - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



#### **Specularite - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**



**Siderite - FeCO<sub>3</sub>** 



Jarosite -KFe<sub>3</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>6</sub>

# Mapping of Weathering Zones



acid leach zone adjacent to hematitic gossan



unconformity between gossan & alluvium



acid leach zone adjacent to goethitic gossan



typical Fe-oxy-hydroxide gold ore

# Mapping of Weathering Zones



porous goethite & ferrihydrite gossan



kaolinitic saprolite



siliceous acid leach



supergene CHAL replacing massive PY

# Mapping of Weathering Zones



jarosite-coated gossanous boulder



hard, massive specularite gossan



hard, massive (non-porous) specularite



goethite & ferrihydrite boxwork (after PY) with hard, massive specularite

#### **Geochemical Results**



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# **Mineralogical Analysis**

An essential mineral suite (> 5 vol. %) was identified using XRD spectra from several samples of each lithology



acid leach sample # 1922 w/quartz & jarosite



gossan sample # 1601 w/quartz & hematite



saprolite sample # 1590 w/quartz, muscovite & chlorite

# **Essential Minerals**

Gossan	- QTZ, GOE, ANA, BAR, KAO, HEM, CHL
Acid Leach	- QTZ, GOE, <b>JAR</b> , BAR, HEM
Saprolite	- QTZ, ANA, BAR, KAO, HEM, CHL, MUS
Supergene	- QTZ, PYR, BAR, DIG, COV, GAL, SID
	{MEL, ROZ, SZO}
Massive Sulphide	- PYR, SPH, QTZ, CPY, GYP, BAR,
	COV, DIG, { <b>CUP, CHAL</b> },
	{MEL, ROZ, SZO}
Unweathered	- QTZ, MUS, CHL, PY, ALU, GYP

Regressed mineral mode estimates were compared with lithogeochemical compositions and validate these quantitative nature of these data

### Saprolite



### Gossan & Siliceous Gossan



#### Acid Leach



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Initial Pyrite Oxidation						
↓ рЕ …	4 FeO.OH +	=> 8 SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	+ 16 H <sup>+</sup> ********* <b>PH</b>			
<b>Pyrite:</b> Goethite:	4 * 119.98 g 4 * 88.85 g	= =	479.92 g 355.40 g			
Pyrite oxidation results in a net material loss & thus produces residual enrichment, but by how much?						
0.72 gpt * (479.92/355.40) = <b>0.97 gpt Au</b> <i>Residual Enrichment Alone</i> <i>Doesn't Explain the 7 gpt Oxide Au Grade !</i>						
Requires either/both: Au mobility / Fe or Si removal						


# Example Host Rock Buffering Reaction (Fe,Mg)<sub>10</sub>Al<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>6</sub>O<sub>20</sub>(OH)<sub>16</sub> + 20 H<sup>+</sup> pH

2 Al<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> + 2 SiO<sub>2</sub> + 14 H<sub>2</sub>O + 10 (Fe,Mg)<sup>+2</sup>

# **Buffered Hematite Precipitation**

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 Initial Pyrite Oxidation
 Combined Buffering by Chlorite
 Hydrolysis & Specularite
 Precipitation

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**Siderite - FeCO<sub>3</sub>** 

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# Single Thermodynamic Model

# **Vertical Zonation:**

Goethite (siliceous boxworks, above) Oxide Gossan Hematite (*massive*, *below*) Galena + Siderite (+ Hematite) Chalcocite + Covellite (+ Hematite)

Chalcopyrite + Sphalerite (+ Pyrite)



# **Schematic Section - Geology**



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# **Schematic Section - Alteration**



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# **Schematic Section - Weathering**



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# **Schematic Section - Mineralization**



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# **Schematic Section - Interpretation**



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# Take Away Points

The presence of jarosite, kaolinite, and acid leached host rocks suggests that during weathering, very low pH's (1 - 2) were obtained

This triggered:

- concentration of Au by material transport down to the water table
- residual enrichment of Au due to S & Fe loss during oxidation
- transport & re-distribution of Fe in the gossan (leaching at surface, precipitation below as massive specularite)
- formation of residual siliceous gossan at the top of profile and Fe-oxyhydroxide gossan below
- Anomalous Pb enrichment (*f.g. galena + siderite*) occurs at the top of

the supergene Cu zone (predicted thermodynamically) Such Pb enrichment is only observed in one other VHMS gossan worldwide (Las Cruces, Spain)

Jarositic acid leach zone is down 'hydraulic head' of the gossan due to lateral groundwater flow; restricted to muscovite altered felsic volcanic rocks (due to the presence of K & low buffering capacity)

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# **Geotechnical Hazard Management**





## **The Big Picture - GCMP**



Minimising the effect that a geotechnical hazard has on personnel safety, mine production and equipment damage

Big picture: Ground Control Management Plan

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# **On the Ground**



### Remove the hazard

• Limit the effect of the hazard

- Re-design
- Controlled failure
- Remediation
- Engineering controls
  - Physical barriers
    - Catch bench/bund
    - Wire mesh, catch fence

Limit the exposure of personnel/equipment to the hazard

- Exclusion zones/signage
- Procedural controls
- Education and awareness

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# **Redesign - Northeast Failure**



Large toppling failure of the Northeast wall in January 2011



# **Redesign - Northeast Failure**



Drilling programme conducted
Failure mode identified

•Slope orientation altered to negate similar failure occurring in the future





Batter scale sliding failure Triggered by blast in immediate area



Area observed and failure mass excavated

**S**5

**S**3

- Full Team Based Risk Assessment completed
- Excavated in a controlled manner

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**S**4

Area isolated for the wet season .







Controlled clean-up undertaken





- Controlled clean-up undertaken
- Area inspected and declared safe
- Geotechnical restrictions lifted and mining continued as normal

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# **North Wall Failure - Remediate**



# Again!

Everyone going home





# **Engineering controls**



### A hazard exists, but it is not possible, feasible, or too costly to remove the hazard

# Limit the effect of the hazard

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# **Engineering controls**




### **Engineering controls**





### **Procedural controls**



Policies or procedures put in place to mitigate risk

# Remove or limit access to the hazard area



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### **Procedural controls**



#### Policies or procedures put in place to mitigate risk

- Signage
- Exclusion zones
- Risk assessments
- Education and awareness
  - Geotechnical Hazard Maps

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### **Geotechnical Exclusion zones**



## Put in place for <u>YOUR SAFETY</u>

**NO ENTRY** 

without:

completed TBRA <u>and</u>

Geotechnical Department.

Work must be conducted following the methods outlined in the TBRA

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### **Geotechnical Hazard Map**





Intended as a visual indication to pit personnel identifying areas of geotechnical hazard

#### **Identifies:**

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 The location of Geotechnical Exclusion Zones

### **Education and Awareness**





### **Geotechnical Hazard Management**



# Any Questions?

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### Introduction

- Located 150 km West of Asmara
- Large, high grade Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS)
- Rock types hosting the ore deposit include:
  Rhyolite, rhyolite breccia, mudstone and mafic volcanic rocks.
- The mineralized ore body extends to a depth of 475m and is open at depth.

#### High-grade Cu followed by high-grade Zn-Cu





#### **Bisha Ore Reserves**

(Effective December 31, 2013)

Zone	Tonnage	Copper	Zinc	Gold	Silver
Oxide	430 kt	-	-	6.5 g/t	20 g/t
Supergene	7,400 kt	3.57 %	-	0.61 g/t	27 g/t
Primary	18,390 kt	1.02 %	5.66%	0.68 g/t	46 g/t

Based on US\$2.90/lb Copper, US\$0.92/lb Zinc, US\$1175/oz Gold and US\$20/oz Silver

http://nevsun.com/pdf/Nevsun\_TechReport-Bisha\_Mine\_2014.pdf

"Everyone going home safe and healthy everyday"



### Introduction



#### **Mine Geology**

The grade control geology section is a part of the Technical Services department. We have a dedicated team of grade control personnel who are responsible for logging, sampling, mapping, creating dig-blocks and tracking ore to ensure that we understand the grade distribution of Au, Ag, *Cu, As* & *Zn* in order to deliver a quality product to the process plant.



"Everyone going home safe and healthy everyday"

### Sampling

#### 1. <u>Reverse Circulation (RC) Samples</u>

- Two RC rigs (Schramm)
- Drilled over 2,600 holes and 40,000m to date
- 38,000 samples undertaken to date
- Samples/rock chips are collected every meter
- Analyzed on site lab (SGS)
- Assayed for Cu, Au, Ag, Zn, As and S
- 2. Grab Samples
- I Blending Grab Samples (GBR)
- Active feeding faces at ROM Pad every 2 hours
- Monitor the grades of the active stockpiles
- II Stockpile Samples (GBS)
- Sample taken from stockpiles
- Confirms the grade of the stockpile

#### Grade Control Rigs



Sampling



### Logging



#### Purpose

- To identify mineralized zones from waste.
- > To determine the association between lithology, alteration and oxidation with mineralization.
- To correlate variations of stratigraphy with assay results
- To determine the thickness of each lithology.

#### **Types of Logging**

#### 1. RC Chips

Rock Chips (lithology, alteration and description)

#### 2. Blast Hole Chips

Cutting material



**RC** Chips

### Mapping

#### Purpose

- To determine lithology
- To identify geological structures
- To identify the ore-waste boundary
- To increase the accuracy of GCX Blocks

#### **Types of Mapping**

#### 1. Face Mapping

Active digging face Perpendicular to the Strike of the ore body Using GPS and compass SURPAC and Arc GIS

#### 2. Blast Hole Mapping

Every blast pattern that includes ore Using Blast hole map





### **Creating Ore Blocks**



#### Acquire

- Database
- Manage information





### **Creating Ore Blocks**



#### GCX

- Integrated with Surpac<sup>TM</sup> mining software.
- Designed by CUBE Consulting<sup>™</sup>
- Grade estimation and reporting system.
- Produces ore blocks for grade control



#### **Bisha Material Types**

>15% Cu		DSO (Direct Shipping Ore)
8-15% Cu		HG (High Grade Copper)
4 - 8% Cu		MG (Medium Grade Copper)
0.6 - 4% Cu		LG (Low Grade Copper)
0.3 - 0.6% Cu		SLG(Sub Low Grade Copper)
$C_{U}$ : Zn ratio < 8.1	Å	ZNO (Zinc Ore)



### **Ore Mining and Tracking**

- Ore mining is selective.
- Material from the pit is transported to various stockpile destinations:
- ROM Pad and long term stockpiles

#### **Ore Spotter**

- Key person to manage the ore and waste
- Is responsible to minimize:
  - Waste to ROM => Dilution
  - Ore to Waste 🛛 📥 Loss

(e.g. one dump truck HG Copper is worth US\$45,000)

- Controls the ore block mining
- Keeps count of ore loads and monitors the mill feed blend ratio



### **Blending**



#### Maintaining a balanced mill feed blend ratio

- In order to meet the grade requirements of the process plant.
- Requirements are: 4-6 % Cu, <0.15% As & <1:8 Zn/Cu</p>
- The blend depends on the mined ore block and stockpile grades.
- The mill throughput averages 6,575 tonnes per day.
- Ore is tipped at stockpiles (*HG*,*MG*,*LG* and *SLG*) from which it is reclaimed and blended.





### **Data Management**

**BISHA** MINING

- Acquire
- MPX (records all mine production for trucking and blending)
- Database designed by Cube Consulting<sup>™</sup>
- Importance:
  - for determining the grade and tonnes of ore material moved
  - Create daily, weekly and monthly reports.

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mpx					Bisha	Bisha Mining Share Company Mine Geology Daily Report Report Product 07-4m-2014 MS					
							Daily Copper Ore Mined				
							Ore Type Destination Truck	Loads	Tonnes	Cu %	As ppm
							High Arsenic Ore ASOPH5 ADT	2	64	9.18	3,320
		1	Tephenber, 20	194			Low Grade Cu LGPH4 DT	6	360	1.81	845
Sen	Mon	Tutt	Wed	The	Fri	Set	Low Grade Cu LGPH4White DT	9	540	1.81	845
31	<b>3</b> 25	8. L	3	- C	- 28		Low Grade Cu LGPH5 DT	6	360	3.50	1,317
							Sub Low Grade Cu SLGPH5 DT	25	1,500	2.00	1,002
7	8	9	10	41	12	13	Total:	48	2,824	2.29	1,045
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		10					Type				
14.							A\$0				
- 21	- 22	- 23-	24	,ci	20	24	Stockpile	Close (t)	Cu %	As ppm	Au g/t
							ASO Phase 4	6,468	10.50	2,290	1.08
28	25	30	3	2	3	.4	ASO Phase 5	23,686	8.91	3,018	1.01
							Total: ASO	30,154	9.25	2,862	1.02
5	6	7		. 9	10	-11	HG Cu				1
							Stockpile	Close (t)	Cu %	As ppm	Au g/t
							HG Cu Phase 4	3,084	12.38	1,806	1.18
							HG Cu Phase 5	5,148	10.21	1,600	0.66
							Total: HG Cu	8,232	11.02	1,677	0.86
							LG Cu				
							Stockpile	Close (t)	Cu %	As ppm	Au g/t
							LG Cu Phase 4	6,976	3.92	891	0.45
							LG Cu Phase 5	31,283	2.56	817	0.56
							Total: LG Cu	38,258	2.81	831	0.54
							MG Cu				
							Stockpile	Close (t)	Cu %	As ppm	Au g/t
							MG Cu Phase 4	0			
							MG Cu Phase 5	4,094	5.80	1,262	0.90
							Total: MG Cu	4,094	5.80	1,262	0.90
							SLG Cu				1
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### **Other Activities**

### **BISHA** MINING

#### **Density test**

- active ore block
- To get the density of different rock types
  - Bulk density (intact sample)
  - Loose density (swelled after the blast)
- To calculate tonnage.



#### **Reactive Ground test**

- To understand the reactivity of different material types in order to avoid pre-detonatio
- Bucket test



### Challenges



#### **Pyrite Sand** (FeS<sub>2</sub>)

Pyrite sand is a horizon of unconsolidated loose material that consists of fine, crystalline sand sized particles of pyrite.



**Pyrite Sand** 



Phase 5 south 520mRL

- It creates a problem for the process plant.
- Requires a lot of attention to mine it selectively.
- Not consistent, making it difficult to estimate the tonnes.
- However it contains Au and Ag

### Challenges



- Not wanted by the customers

Enargite (Cu<sub>3</sub>AsS<sub>4</sub>)

- couldn't yet identified from mapping and/or assaying
- Is recovered with the copper in concentrate

#### **Pit Water**

- Very acidic (pH ~ 1)
- corrosive issues
- Speed up oxidation

#### **Reactive Ground**

- Digenite, a catalyst for oxidation and the reaction is exothermic and that generates heat.
- Potential for premature detonation of explosives.







### **Opportunities**

#### **Copper grade**

Copper grade this year is higher than the estimated reserve grade.

#### **Zinc Ore**

- Zinc ore starting to be mined in the southern part of the pit (Phase 5)
- Long term stockpile of zinc ore is ready in preparation for the Zinc processing plant.

#### **Petrographic Laboratory**

- Commission a petrographic laboratory on site
- Helps to analyze minerals using microscope
- Will play a vital role in identifying zones of enargite.

#### **Bore Holes**



Petrographic Microscope

• The bore holes drilled recently will help to minimize the dewatering challenges

#### Skill

The department has gained good exposure to both gold and copper mining



### Achievements

#### **Bisha Second Quarter Results**

- Produced 21,528t of copper in the quarter including 8,065t in June 2014
- Sold 23,350t of copper, a 51% increase over Q1 2014
- Achieved C1 cash costs of US\$ 1.05 per pound with strong earnings and cash flows















### Questions







### SUNRIDGE (AMSC) STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP)

Asmara Mining Conference 2014 Asmara Palace October 01 – 05, 2014 Yemane Kifle

### 1. Introduction

### **Stakeholder Engagement!**

- "Who are stakeholders? Stakeholders are persons or groups who are directly or indirectly affected by a project, as well as those who may have interests in a project and/or the ability to influence its outcome, either positively or negatively". IFC, Stakeholder Engagement: A Good Practice Handbook for Companies Doing Business in Emerging Markets, 2007.
- Engagement: is the formal & informal interaction/ communications between the project/company and the stakeholders.

### Introduction----

- The <u>SEP</u> is prepared as a companion Doc. to SEIA for:
- Asmara Project, consisting of 4 deposits:
  - 1. The Emba Derho copper/zinc/gold deposit;
  - The Adi Nefas zinc/copper /gold deposit;
  - 3. The Gupo gold deposit; and
  - 4. The Debarwa copper/zinc/gold deposit.



### 2. Policy, Legal & Administrative Framework

- Sunridge policies & standards
- Eritrean Government requirements
  - Proclamation to promote the development of Mineral Resources No. 69/1995, Article 43 (f) and the
  - > Regulations on Mining Operations, 70/1995, Article 5 (j)
  - > National Environmental Assessment Procedures & Guidelines (NEAPG), March 1999
- IFC Performance Standards and Guidelines
- Equator Principles.

### 3. Project Description

### **Project Location**

- <u>Northern properties</u>
  Zoba Maekel, S/Zobas
  Serejeka, Berik & Akria
- <u>Debarwa property</u>
  Zoba Debub, S/Zoba
  Debarwa

#### **Project Components**

 Project integrates the mining, stockpiling & processing of 4 deposits





### 4. Project Area of Influence

### Social & Economic Context

- Populated area ~6,359 HH in Northern properties & ~5,422 HH in Debarwa Property.
- Rural and peri-urban, villages and towns.
- Majority involved in Agricultural activities.



### Project Area of Influence -----

#### **Direct Area of Influence**

- Deposit, processing & waste facilities
- Communities affected by land acquisition
- Resettlement site
- Local transport corridors

#### **Indirect Area of Influence**

4 S/zobas, & 2 Zobas( Zoba Maekel & Debub)






## 5. Stakeholder Engagement Conducted to Date

- Introduction & early consultation to Asmara Project
- Workshops & meetings at different level
- Mining Awareness and the SEIA Process
- Community Consultation
- Formal & Informal meetings with relevant Gov. authorities,



## 6. Stakeholder Identification and Analysis

## Stakeholder Categorization

<b>1. Primary Stakeholder</b>	Description of Stakeholder Group						
Groups							
Project Affected Persons	Residents affected by p	hysical displacement					
(PAPs)	Land owners/users directly affected by land acquisiti						
	Any other person/business/entity economically displaced						
Affected Communities	DEBARWA	EMBA DERHO / ADI NEFAS					
	Debarwa Town, Adi	Emba Derho, Adi Nefas,					
	Logo, Shiketi , Adi	Medrizien, Hazega, Adi					
	Kubulo, Adi Watot,	Habteslus, Shinjibluk, Adi Beney /					
		Daero, Adi Asfeda, Beleza Ametsi					
Local Government	Local/Kebabi Administ	trators					
National & Regional	MoEM, MoLWE, IRC, Other relevant ministries &						
Government	departments, Administrations of Zobas Maekal & Debub,						
	Administrations of Sub- zobas Debarwa, Berik, Serejeka,						
	& Akria						

### Stakeholder Categorization----

2. Secondary Stakeholder	2. Secondary Stakeholder Description of Stakeholder Group					
Groups						
General Public	Population of Eritrea					
Businesses	Businesses within the regional area and Eritrea					
Non-Government and Quasi-	Community Based Organizations, National Unions,					
Government Organizations	Scientific Institutes, & International NGOs					
Investors, Financial	Current and potential investors, financial institutions					
Institutions						
Media	Interested media organisations					

#### 3. Stakeholder Tacking and Monitoring

• Stakeholder data base

## 7. Approach to Stakeholder Engagement

#### Engagement Strategy & Objectives

Working closely with relevant Eritrean Authorities, to ensure it is carefully planned & undertaken in a timely fashion.

 Managing Engagement during the Early Stages of the Project

Need to be careful about engagement particularly with local communities & managing expectations.

- Engagement Tools and Techniques Such as:
  - ➢Informal meetings;
  - Public meetings;
  - >Mining awareness materials;
  - >Info. leaflets, posters & brochures;
  - Small group meetings or FGDs
  - >Project information centres (PICs);
  - >Suggestion/comment books;
  - >Website, correspondence & phone
  - >Mine site visits or tours;
  - ≻Open houses; and
  - Local media, radio spots & newspaper articles.





## 8. Stakeholder Engagement Program

The engagement process adopted three consecutive phases:

- **Phase 1**: Planning and Scoping the SEIA Process;
- **Phase 2**: Project Assessment Stage (including the SEIA report preparation); and
- **Phase 3**: Project Construction and into Operations (including in preparation for Closure).



## 9. Resources and Responsibilities

Effective implementation of the SEP <u>will require</u> <u>cooperation</u> within the Project, and between the Project and its partners. Expected key participants are:

- AMSC & in particular their community & environment staff
- Environmental, social, engineering, and other consultants
- Local, regional and national government and their representatives
- Local organizations and community committees and their representatives;



Additional Team required Post Mining Licence (although Resettlement Coordinators may need to be in place prior to this time)

## **10.** Community Grievance Procedure

## Key Steps in CGP:

- Receiving and documenting grievances
- Preliminary assessment
- Responding to grievances
- Investigating and resolving grievances
- Closing out grievances
- Following up with complainants.



## 11. Implementation Plan, Schedule and Budget

The key action commitments to be accomplished as identified in the SEP:

• Agricultural, Water & Rangeland Improvement program (AWRI)

### Northern properties:

- lose of Arable land 336ha (14%)
- lose of Rangeland 397ha (14%)

### **Debarwa Property:**

- lose of Arable land  $\mathbf{26}$ ha ( $\mathbf{3}$  %)
- lose of Rangeland **148** ha (**11**%)
- Community Assistance Plan (CAP)
- Resettlement Action plan (RAP). See next slide....



Potential Relocation/Resettlement/Replacement by Village									
	Items Requiring Relocation/Resettlement/Replacement								
Northern Properties	Households /Structures Other Assets								
Adi Nefas	<b>6 Buildings</b> (Hidmo/Merebae) 1 Tiesa Plot & 47 Crop Residue	3 Eucalyptus Plantation sites							
Emba Derho	None	31 Temporary Shallow Dug Wells 2 Permanent Shallow Dug Wells & Irrigation Lines							
Medrizien	14 Crop Residue Fences	1 Community Well, 4 Temporary Shallow Dug Wells 6 Eucalyptus Plantation sites							
Shnjbuluq	None	Abune Buruk Church & its Spring, 1 Water Reservoir,1 Pond, 1 Borehole, 5 Temporary Shallow Dug Wells, Large Portion Eucalyptus Plantation site							
Daero	None	<b>Schoo</b> I , and its <b>Teacher's Residence</b> 2 Eucalyptus Plantation sites							
Debarwa Prop	erty								
Debarwa Mereb	<b>74 Tiesa Plots,</b> 1 Hidmo & 52 Crop Residue Fences	Factory Groundwater Well and Lines Livestock Watering Points							
Adi Logo	None	Livestock Watering Points & 15 Eucalyptus Plantation sites							

## 12. Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

The Project will establish a stakeholder engagement monitoring system as part of the final SEP, and it will involve:

- Stakeholders at the same level with the dev't of SEP,
- Most importantly local stakeholders will be Involved,
- Range of internal & external reporting system to describe the progress of implementation,
- Independent & external evaluation of the SE will be considered.

## Conclusion

The Sunridge/AMSC; SEP document & its ongoing and anticipated activities are aiming:

- To foster <u>two way communications</u> between the company and its stakeholders in order to have better understanding on the social and environmental situations around the project areas,
- To help in the <u>mitigation management planning & its</u> <u>implementations</u>, i.e., as much as possible to avoid or minimize the negative impacts on the one hand and enhance the positive impacts on the other.





### PRE-MINING SURFACE AND GROUND WATER QUALITY BASELINE STUDIES

DEBARWA AND NORTH ASMARA MINING PROPERTIES





#### 1. Background

Sunridge, as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment program, has undertaken different baseline studies through national and international consultancy

- Ground and surface water,
- Hydrometeorology,
- Air quality,
- Noise,
- Geochemistry,
- Soil,
- Vegetation,
- Wildlife and
- Aquatics

In accordance with the State of Eritrea National Environmental Assessment Procedure Guidelines (NEAPG) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) performance standards.



#### 2. Ground and surface water quality assessment

The pre-mining water quality conditions and in-depth characterization will enable to predict potential direct changes in the water quality and/or indirect effects on receptors that may result from the mining activities.

Knight Piésold (KP), an international consulting company, advised Sunridge on procedures, sample locations and provided oversight on sample results and analysis,

In country, Global Resources Development and Management Consultants (GREDMCO) was initially an advisor and later on ground monitoring and sampling were undertaken through Sunridge.

Analysis to the accredited ALS laboratory located in the Czech Republic.

The assessment has been undertaken from December 2006 through January 2013.



Baseline water quality analytical and *in situ* data were compared to relevant guidelines with respect to the most sensitive receptors in the downstream environment .

□ World Health Organization: Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality, Third Edition (WHO-DW) (WHO 2008)

□ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO):

- □ Republic of South Africa Water Quality Guidelines (DWAF 1996):
  - Domestic Water Use, including drinking water, Volume 1 (SA-DW)
  - Agricultural Use: Irrigation, Volume 4 (SA-Irrigation) Long-term use (LTV1) (ANZECC-LTV Irrigation) Short-term use (STV) (ANZECC-STV Irrigation)
  - Agricultural Use: Livestock Watering, Volume 5 (SA-Livestock)
- Australian Government National Health and Medical Research Council:
  - Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (AUS-DW) (NHMRC 2011)



### 2.1 Study areas

In Debarwa area within the catchment of

Mereb,
Gual Mereb
Mai Noh rivers

In the Northern Property within the catchments of

Mai Bela Rivers
Mai Kubo catchment (a tributary of the Mai Bela River)
Mesheala



#### 2.2 Surface water

In Debarwa area there were totally 16 different surface water quality assessment sites.

Water quality sampling was made monthly during the rainy season at the surface stream sites.







# 2.3 Ground water wells

In Debarwa area, there were totally 27 ground water wells.

In the Northern Property, there were totally 45 ground water wells.

Water quality sampling was undertaken quarterly.





#### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Surface water quality

#### Debarwa area

- The three rivers (Mereb, Gual Mereb and Mai Noh) have showed similar in situ characteristics (Water temp 19.8 °C to 29 °C; pH from 7.93 to 8.99; TDS from 97 mg/L to 290 mg/L).
- All alkalinity values within the Mereb, Gual Mereb and Mai Noh catchment water quality samples exceeded 20 mg/L, which is considered to have good buffering capacity and less sensitive to acidic inputs.
- Dissolved and total metal concentrations were generally low in all of the surface water sites;
- However, with some samples aluminium, copper, iron, manganese and silver showed elevated levels, exceeding drinking water quality and irrigation and livestock water quality guidelines.



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Date Sampled	20-Aug-07	03-Sep-07	26-Sep-07	Samples	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Standard	WHO (W)	EPA (0)	HC (a)
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Oxygen Dissolved (In Situ) (%)	102			1	102	102	102	102				
Oxygen Dissolved (In Situ)	0.7	0.04	0.44	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0000			
per un situi	8.3	8.31	8.41	3	8.3	8.41	8.34	8.31	0.0608		6.5 to 8.5	6.5 to 8.5
Specific Conductivity (In Situ) (uS/cm)	302	280	427	3	280	427	336	302	79.3			
Temperature (In Situ) (°C)	25.3	27.2	20	3	20	21.2	24.2	25.3	3.73			15
Total Dissolved Solids (In Situ)	145	134	206	3	133.8	205.9	161	144.6	38.9			500
Physical Tests	20.00	1000	1 10 10									
Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	114	107	172	3	107.15	172	131	114	35.6			
Hardness (Total)	136	133	174	3	133	174	148	136	22.9		the law toron and an	
PH	7.91	7.67	7.8	3	7.67	7.91	7.79	7.8	0.12		6.5 to 8.5	6.5 to 8.5
Specific Conductivity (uS/cm)	305	285	446	з	285.4	446	345	305	87.6			
Total Dissolved Solids	194	182	248	3	182	248	208	194	35.2		500	500
Total Suspended Solids	25	110	3.4	3	3.4	110	46.1	25	56.4			
Turbidity (NTU)	71.5	134	2,32	3	2.32	134	69.3	71.5	65.9			
Dissolved Anions												
Bromide (Dissolved)	0.15	0.15	0.25	3	0.15	0.25	0.183	0.15	0.0577			
Chloride (Dissolved)	12.4	12.2	23.6	з	12.2	23.6	16.1	12.4	6.52		250	250
Fluoride (Dissolved)	0.13	0.24	0.13	3	0.13	0.24	0.167	0.13	0.0635	1.5	4	1.5
Sulphate (Total)	18.8	15.7	28.7	з	15.7	28.7	21.1	18.8	6.79		250	500
Nutrients												
Ammonia (Total)	<0.04	< 0.04	0.082	3	0.04	0.082	0.054	0.04	0.0242			
Nitrate (Dissolved)	0.4	0.74	<0.05	з	0.05	0.74	0.397	0.4	0.345	50	10	10
Nitrite (Dissolved)	<0.002	0.03	<0.002	3	0.002	0.03	0.0113	0.002	0.0162	3	1	3.2
Orthophosphate	0.04	0.13	0.04	3	0.04	0.13	0.07	0.04	0.052			
Cyanide												
Cyanide (Total)	< 0.005	< 0.005	<0.005	3					(+)	0.07		0.2
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Antimony (Dissolved)	0.0002	0.0003	0.0005	3		- 62	<u>2</u> 2	220		0.02	0.006	0.006
Arsenic (Dissolved)	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	3		-	-0	-	-	0.01	0.01	0.01
Barium (Dissolved)	0.012	0.007	0.007	3	0.007	0.012	0.0087	0.007	0.00289	07	2	1
Bervllium (Dissolved)	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	3	200	100000	- 1210 <u>1</u> 201	1992 3 10	19765	2012	0.004	11
Boron (Dissolved)	<0.02	<0.02	< 0.02	3	-	12	2	-	-	0.5	1.775552.4	5
Cadmium (Dissolved)	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	3		2 C		-		0.003	0.005	0.005
Calcium (Dissolved)	27.8	31.1	40.1	3	27.8	40.1	33	31.1	6 37			
Chromium (Dissolved)	0.0006	<0.0005	<0.0005	3			-	-			0.1	0.05
Cobalt (Dissolved)	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002		200	10		12	100			4.44
Conner (Dissolved)	0.0046	0.0044	0.0011	3			53	1.24	523	2	12	
Iron (Dissolved)	0.011	0.023	0.108	3	0.011	0.109	0.0473	0.023	0.0529	5	0.3	0.2
Load (Dissolved)	0.0013	-0.0001	-0.0001	0.0	0.011	0,100		0.023	0.0020	0.004	0.015	0.01
Lithium (Dissolved)	<0.0013	<0.001	<0.0001	3 3						0.001	0,015	0.01
Magnesium (Dissolved)	11.001	10.001	10.001	2	11.0	10.4	14.7	12.7	3.26			
Magnesium (Dissolved)	0.0006	0.001	0.0050	0.0	11.39	10.4	14.7	13.7	3,30	0.4	0.05	0.05
Manganese (Dissolved)	0.0006	0.001	0.0059	2 0	-		-	-		0.4	0.05	0.05
Mercury (Dissolved)	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003	3						0.006	0.002	0.001

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#### **Northern Property**

- The physical characteristics of the water quality in each catchment are quite different. Total hardness in the Mesheala catchment is characterized by soft to hard water. In contrast, the Mai Bela catchment is characterized by moderately hard to very hard water with high salinity range.
- Both watersheds have very alkaline water (Mai Bela catchment: 272 mg/L CaCO3, and Mesheala catchment: 127 mg/L CaCO3).
- pH remains quite similar for Mai Bela and Mesheala catchment despite the physical characteristics of the water quality in each catchment are quite different.
- The majority of measured metals were available at concentrations below relevant guidelines.
  - In Mesheala catchment, antimony and lead concentrations were slightly elevated and
  - In Mai Bela catchment total aluminum, total iron, total lead and total manganese concentrations are consistently elevated.



#### **Example:** In Situ Measurements and Physical Tests within the Mai Bela catchment

Parameter	Samples Collected	Minimum	Median	Mean	Maximum	Standard Deviation
In Situ Parameters			· ·			
pH	162	6.75	8.05	8.1	9.98	0.515
Oxygen Dissolved (%)	142	7.4	97.4	120	990	94.6
Oxygen Dissolved (mg/L)	148	0.017	6.66	8.58	86.9	8.39
Salinity (ppt)	56	4E-07	0.46	0.742	4.67	0.891
Temperature (°C)	161	8.8	19.6	19.5	26	3.15
Physical Tests			10 			
Alkalinity (Total as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	108	14.4	299	272	679	159
Bicarbonate Alkalinity (mg CaCO <sub>3</sub> /L)	55	0.8	321	289	678	169
Carbonate Alkalinity (mg CaCO <sub>3</sub> /L)	55	0.8	0.8	1.35	4.4	0.766
Conductivity (µS/cm)	7	256	265	446	1000	312
Dissolved Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (mg CaCO <sub>3</sub> /L)	143	0.02	351	334	937	195
Specific Conductivity (µS/cm)	156	1.1	831	1030	13600	1240
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	163	10	456	520	2480	400
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	163	2	13.8	67.7	1080	172
Turbidity (NTU)	163	0.22	7.57	93.1	2570	300



#### **3.2 Ground water quality**

#### Debarwa area

- In situ characteristics of ground water (Water temperature from 24 to 27.5 °C; pH values falls within 7.07 to 8.11; TDS concentrations ranges from 165.6 mg/L to 734 mg/L)
- Alkalinity concentrations ranges from 157 to 485 mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> and hardness concentrations range from 172 to 640 mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub>
- TDS values all fall below 1,000 mg/L and as such the groundwater in the Debarwa area is classified as freshwater
- Generally, total and dissolved metal concentrations (lead, aluminum, manganese, copper and iron) showed elevated value in most of the ground water sites.





Parameter	Samples	Min	Max	Mean	Median	SD
	1	In Situ Para	meters			
Conductivity (µS/cm)	15	6.73	1278	611	511	317
Oxygen Dissolved (mg/L)	29	0.59	6.8	2.3	2.3	1.39
pH	45	6.28	9.23	7.25	7.25	0.774
Salinity (ppm)	8	0.19	0.62	0.305	0.24	0.138
Specific Conductivity (µS/cm)	38	400.3	1247	730	786	196
Temperature (°C)	44	22	34.6	25.9	25.4	2.23
Total Dissolved Solids (mo/L)	31	260.3	786	397	409	87.9
200000000	1	Physical T	ests			in Schiller
Alkalinity (Total as CaCO3)	22	136	471	238	204	79.3
Carbonate Alkalinity	8	606	8170	1696	785	2617
Conductivity (µS/cm)	15	0.245	5.84	2.21	2.16	1.51
Hardness as CaCO3	26	0.0734	4.05	1.37	1.47	1.04
Hydroxide Alkalinity	6	8.3	101	54.2	8.4	50.2
pĤ	44	6.5	10.3	7.77	7.78	0.84
Specific Conductivity (µS/cm)	36	351	1220	662	633	214
Total Dissolved Solids	44	180	694	384	358	115
Total Suspended Solids	44	2	1310	87.8	29	231
Turbidity (NTU)	44	0.14	834	72.1	13.1	146
Bromide (Dissolved)	42	0.082	1.08	0.283	0.21	0.248
Chloride (Dissolved)	44	5.84	107	27.6	22	24.2
Fluoride (Dissolved)	44	0.126	1.17	0.477	0.475	0.228
Sulphate (Total)	39	0.59	96.6	31.4	28.2	23.6
Ammonia (Total)	46	0.0083	0.504	0.0724	0.04	0.0942
Nitrate (as N)	44	0.005	7.49	0.981	0.05	2.04
Nitrite (as N)	44	0.001	0.23	0.0296	0.01	0.0475
Nitrogen Kjeldahl (Total)	20	0.5	1.27	0.559	0.5	0.191
Orthophosphate (Dissolved)	44	0.01	0.04	0.0138	0.01	0.00687
Phosphate (Dissolved)	11	0.01	0.05	0.024	0.017	0.0148
Phosphorus (Dissolved)	33	0.01	0.05	0.0154	0.011	0.00974
Cyanide (Total)	41	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	1.95x10 <sup>-10</sup>
Cyanide (WAD)	23	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	1.17x10 <sup>-10</sup>

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#### Northern property:

- Groundwater quality in the project area can be generally characterized slightly alkaline, with very good buffering capacity.
- The concentrations of major anions in the groundwater samples did not exceed guidelines.
- Total dissolved solids (TDS) concentrations are elevated although all samples are less than 1,000 mg/L and as such are classified as freshwater.
- Generally, in the Northern property Iron, manganese, and molybdenum were the only metals to exceed any guidelines in this area.



Parameter	Samples	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation
In Situ Parameters	8	16		8 8		2
Oxygen Dissolved (mg/L)	5	2.69	4.68	3.832	4.01	0.73
pH	6	7.04	7.44	7.21	7.21	0.13
Specific Conductivity (µS/cm)	6	873	914	887	883	14
Temperature (°C)	6	20.9	22.7	22.1	22.2	0.6
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	6	428	449	435	434	7
Physical Tests				1.1		
Alkalinity (Total as CaCO3)	6	188	328	299	319	55
Hardness as CaCO3	4	389	401	395	396	5
pH	6	7.6	8.2	7.9	7.8	0.2
Specific Conductivity (µS/cm)	3	867	930	905	917	33
Total Dissolved Solids	6	458	606	521	524	51
Total Suspended Solids	6	35.5	206	81	52.6	65
Turbidity (NTU)	6	7.61	155	54.535	41.95	52.6
Bromide (Dissolved)	6	0.54	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.1
Chloride (Dissolved)	6	55.9	72.3	63.8	63.6	5.7
Fluoride (Dissolved)	6	0.18	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.014
Sulphate (Total)	6	57.5	75.7	66.3	65.9	6.4
Ammonia (Total)	6	0.04	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.6
Nitrate (as N)	6	1.31	2.1	1.6	1.6	0.3
Nitrite (as N)	6	0	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.001
Orthophosphate (Dissolved)	6	0.01	0.02	0.012	0.010	0.004
Phosphorus (Dissolved)	4	0.01	0.02	0.0125	0.01	0.005
Cyanide (Total)	6	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0

**Example**: General Chemistry laboratory result for one well in Adi Nefas area

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#### 5. Mitigation plans

Sunridge has prepared SEIA and SEMP to mitigate potential impacts. The following are some management plans related to water quality preservation both for the ground and surface water:

- Water Management Plan
- Waste Rock Management Plan
- Hazardous Substances Management Plan
- Conceptual Closure Plan





Strategically, the mine design and water management policy plans and enforces all contact water to be preserved and captured for reused in the mine process.

In addition, the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and collection ponds will have adequate liners and compacted earth works to minimize ground infiltration.

Naturally, the ground water buffering capacity will neutralise the low pH generation created by the Potentially Acid Generating (PAG) stockpiles.

SGC/AMSC have begun reclamation testing to understand how to best reclaim on the existing Nippon waste dumps in Debarwa.

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At closure the surface and ground water quality will be preserved to allow the people, vegetation, domestic and wildlife to maintain or improve their existing conditions.





# **Thank you!**

