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Exploring for copper and critical minerals in the NT

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Discussion Outline



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Northern Territory:

Globally significant opportunities for copper and critical minerals

Encounter Northern Territory Portfolio

Globally significant opportunity for copper and critical minerals



- NT has highly prospective, vastly underexplored regions under shallow cover
- Transformational investment in precompetitive data by Geoscience Australia (GA) and NTGS
- New datasets are providing crucial early insights
- Encounter has a large portfolio of copper and critical mineral exploration projects in NT



Jessica and Carrara Projects

Unique exploration opportunities

- South Nicholson Seismic Survey, a foundational dataset acquired as part of the EFTF
- Brunette Downs Rift major regional scale rift corridor, vast area of prospective Proterozoic sedimentary sequences
- Correlation of prospective stratigraphic units from the Isa Superbasin across the Carrara Sub-basin, supported by NDI Carrara-1
- Carrara located at interpreted structural offset on the western margin of the subbasin
- Jessica located on northern flanks of East Tennant ridge & NNW structural corridor
- Detailed gravity survey completed by the NT Geological Survey





Jessica and Carrara

Leading edge exploration in partnership with South32



South32 entered into two farm-in agreements Jessica and Carrara

- Two Farm-ins and JV's signed Jun-22
 - Jessica Project
 - Carrara Project
- South32 funding exploration
- Technical committee Encounter and South32.
- South32 managing farm-in phase
- Significant work program



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B Zeta IOCG **Drill Target**

The application of seismic to hard rock minerals exploration has the potential to make step changes in success rates for copper and zinc discoveries in sedimentary basins

(Photo: HiSeis)

Reprocessing of seismic by HiSeis

- Reprocessing of seismic lines
 - 17GA SNI: ~350 km
 - I7GA SN2: ~100 km
 - I7GA SN5: ~200 km
- Reprocessing
 - gain detail of the near surface geology and structure
 - preserved seismic character
 - improved shallow reflectivity
 - highlight subtle variations
- Interpretation completed using combination of
 - "legacy" GA psdm seismic data for deep basin architecture
 - various HiSeis reprocessed pstm (scaled to depth) datasets for shallower interpretation (<5000m).



Psdm: Pre-stack depth migration; Pstm: Pre-stack time migration

Legacy seismic data snapshot



HiSeis reprocessed seismic data snapshot



Reprocessing of seismic by HiSeis Multiple targets at key structural locations

- Improved interpretation, stratigraphic correlation and structural architecture through the Carrara subbasin and the Brunette Downs Rift corridor
- Definition of multiple exploration targets at key structural locations

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- Several large-scale faults have adjacent "AVO" (amplitude versus offset) anomalies
 - Potential paleo hydrocarbon traps that are base metal mineralisation targets.



Carrara and Jessica on the ground Next steps - drill testing

- A suite of compelling drill targets identified
- Test key structural targets and stratigraphic concepts
- Gain empirical diamond drilling data
- Stakeholder engagement and approvals well advanced for diamond drilling
- 6,500m planned for 2023 field season
 - 3 drillholes at Carrara
 - 4 drillholes at Jessica
- One of the drillholes at Jessica a particularly exciting IOCG target - Zeta



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Jessica Project Infill gravity data collected

- Key structural corridors east of Tennant Creek
- Potential for both
 - basement IOCG style mineralisation
 - sediment-hosted base metals
- Copper anomalism in water bore drill chips
 - RN28419 0-3m at 1.5% copper
- NTGS completed 2km spaced Brunette Downs Gravity Survey 2022
- Collected 1km-spaced gravity infill data
 - covering a series of high priority magnetic targets.



Jessica Project Zeta IOCG Target

- I km-spaced infill gravity data collected
- A significant and discrete gravity feature coincident with a prominent magnetic feature
- On the margin of a large interpreted intrusive body



Jessica Project Zeta - Gravity modelling completed

- Significant 2.4mGal gravity anomaly ~400m below surface
- Proposed drillhole to test the peak of the gravity anomaly
- Strongest magnetic response sits to the south of the gravity peak at the target scale



Jessica Project Zeta - Seismic reprocessing

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- Discrete high amplitude seismic reflector adjacent to SE dipping fault
- Near vertical zone of textureless seismic character
- Interpreted to represent a potential deep rooted alteration zone, crustal scale structure
- Confluence of geophysical anomalism and structural context

Inset Figure 5

Target Location

Seismic reflector

underlying Zeta

Deep rooted alteration zone, ore fluid pathway





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Summary The value of key datasets, collaboration

- \checkmark NT provides significant exploration opportunities
 - Highly prospective, vastly underexplored regions under shallow cover
 - Transformational investment in precompetitive data
 - Crucial early insights for explorers and geoscientists
- Partnered with high quality exploration teams and experts including BHP, South32, HiSeis
- Application of seismic to hard rock minerals exploration has the potential to make step changes in success rates for copper and zinc discoveries in sedimentary basins.
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