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## **SOUTH32 STRATEGY AND BUSINESS UPDATE**

South32 Limited (ASX, LSE, JSE: S32; ADR: SOUHY) (South32) is pleased to provide the attached Strategy and Business Update.

South32 Chief Executive Officer, Graham Kerr will present at the BofA Securities Global Metals, Mining & Steel Conference on 18 May 2021 at 6.20 pm Australian Western Standard Time. An accompanying webcast of this presentation will also be made available on the South32 website via the link above following its completion. (<https://www.south32.net/investors-media/investor-centre/presentations-reports-speeches>).

### **About South32**

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. Our purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come. We are trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources. We produce bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at our operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. With a focus on growing our base metals exposure, we also have two development options in North America and several partnerships with junior explorers around the world.

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Figures in italics indicate that an adjustment has been made since the figures were previously reported.

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Information that relates to exploration results for Flux Prospect (Hermosa project) is based on information and supporting documentation compiled by David Bertuch. Mr Bertuch is a full-time employee of South32 and is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Bertuch has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activities being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in 2012 edition of “The Australasian code for reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves” (The JORC Code). The Competent Person consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

Other information that relates to exploration targets/results was declared as part of South32’s FY20 annual results dated 20 August 2020 and prepared by Competent Person in accordance with the requirement of the JORC Code. South32 confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data (other than information that relates to the exploration results for the Flux Prospect (Hermosa project)) that materially affects the information included in the original announcement. South32 confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person’s findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

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# DELIVERING ON OUR STRATEGY



# OUR STRATEGY



## OPTIMISE

our business by working safely, minimising our impact, consistently delivering stable and predictable performance and continually improving our competitiveness.



## UNLOCK

the full value of our business through our people, innovation, projects and technology.



## IDENTIFY

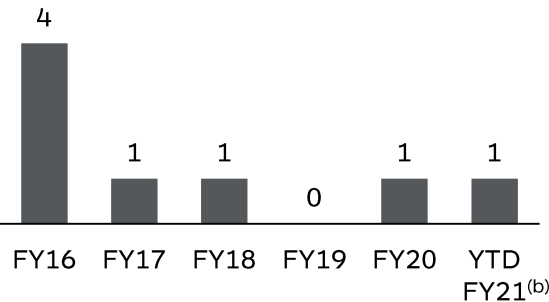
and pursue opportunities to sustainably reshape our business for the future, and create enduring social, environmental and economic value.

**A simple strategy underpinned by a disciplined approach to capital management**

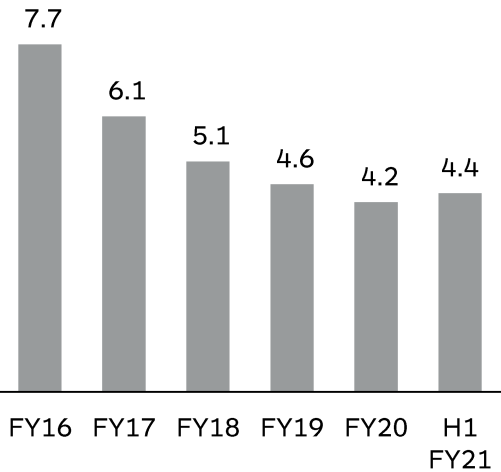
# HEALTH & SAFETY PERFORMANCE

We are committed to continually improving our systems, processes and safety performance at all our operations

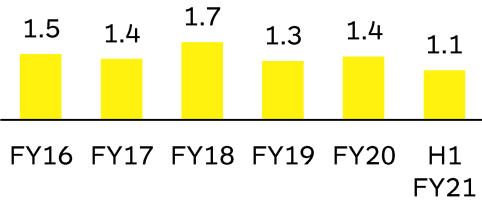
## Fatalities<sup>(a)1</sup>



## TRIF<sup>1,2</sup>



## TRILF<sup>1,2</sup>



Notes:

a. Incidents are included where South32 controls the work location or controls the work activity. From FY20 we separately commenced reporting on incidents where South32 doesn't control the work activity and in FY20 and FY21 YTD, three people from our contracting companies tragically lost their lives in separate offsite road incidents. These incidents were associated with our Cerro Matoso and South Africa Manganese operations.

b. As at 14 May 2021.

# OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

We remain focused on three areas:



## **KEEPING OUR PEOPLE SAFE AND WELL**

We continue to uphold COVID-19 controls that help protect people in our workplace and strongly encourage vaccination as an important part of our ongoing response



## **MAINTAINING SAFE AND RELIABLE OPERATIONS**

More than 1 million pre-shift screening assessments completed across 18 locations



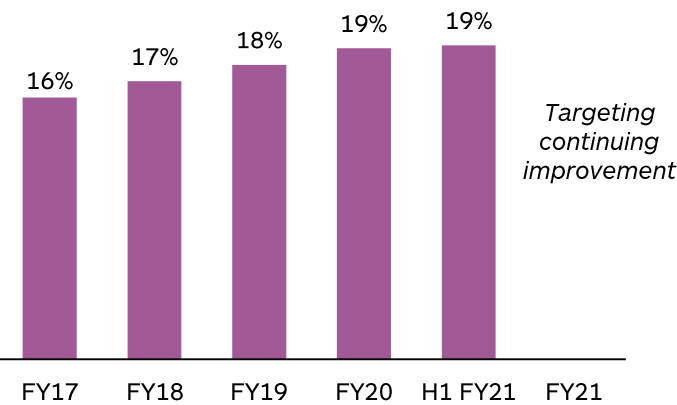
## **SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES**

Contributed US\$7M to support our communities



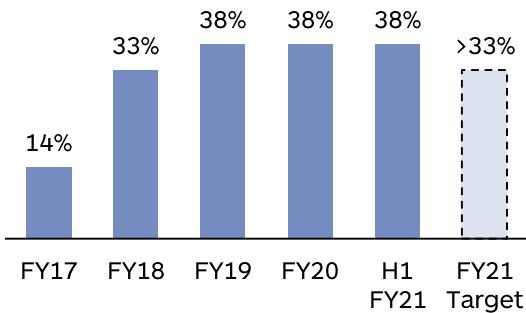
# INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY PROGRESS

Percentage of total employees who are women

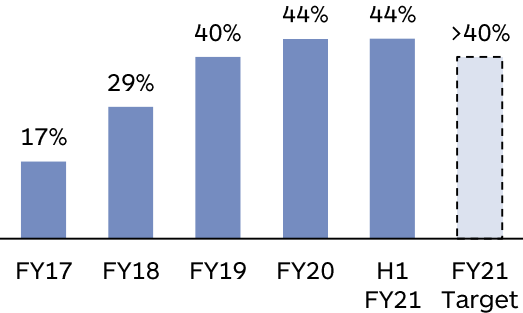


- We are targeting continuous improvement for the representation of:
  - ✓ Employees and leaders who are women
  - ✓ Diversity<sup>3</sup> in our workforce and management in South Africa
- We are a signatory to 40:40 Vision

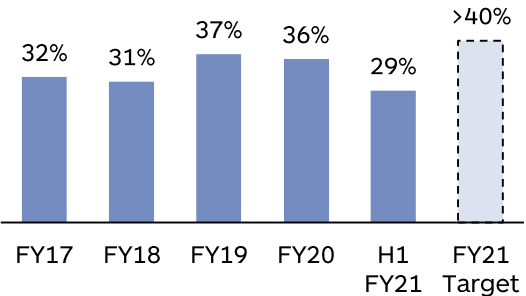
Women on our Board



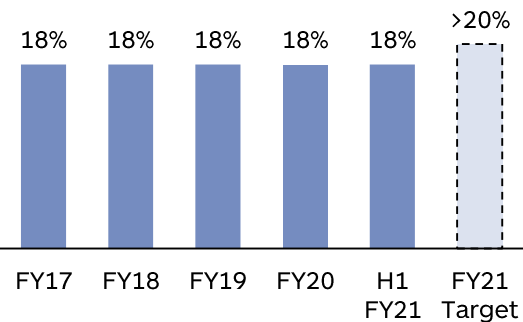
Women on our Lead Team



Women in senior leadership<sup>4</sup>



Women in operational leadership<sup>5</sup>



# DELIVERING ON OUR STRATEGY



## Optimise our business

### Continued strong operating performance:

- Record year to date production at two operations (Brazil Alumina and Australia Manganese)
- FY21 production guidance increased at four operations (Cannington, Cerro Matoso, South Africa Manganese and Illawarra Metallurgical Coal)
- Alumina refineries operating at nameplate capacity, feeding smelters that continue to perform strongly
- Operating unit costs and production are tracking to plan at all operations
- On-track to achieve our five year Scope 1 emissions reduction target in FY21



## Unlock the full value of our business

### Unlocking opportunities:

- Projects in execution are expected to increase nickel production by up to 10% at Cerro Matoso from FY23<sup>6</sup>
- Study underway to bring forward further higher-grade zinc-lead-silver production at Cannington
- Deploying AP3XLE energy efficiency technology at Mozal Aluminium and studying its use at Hillside Aluminium
- Australia Manganese life extension potential progressing with Eastern Leases feasibility study and Southern Areas exploration
- Progressing Group decarbonisation studies to deliver our new emissions reduction targets
- Coordinated approval of innovation projects across our portfolio through Innovate32



## Identify and pursue opportunities to create value

### Reshaping our portfolio for a low carbon future:

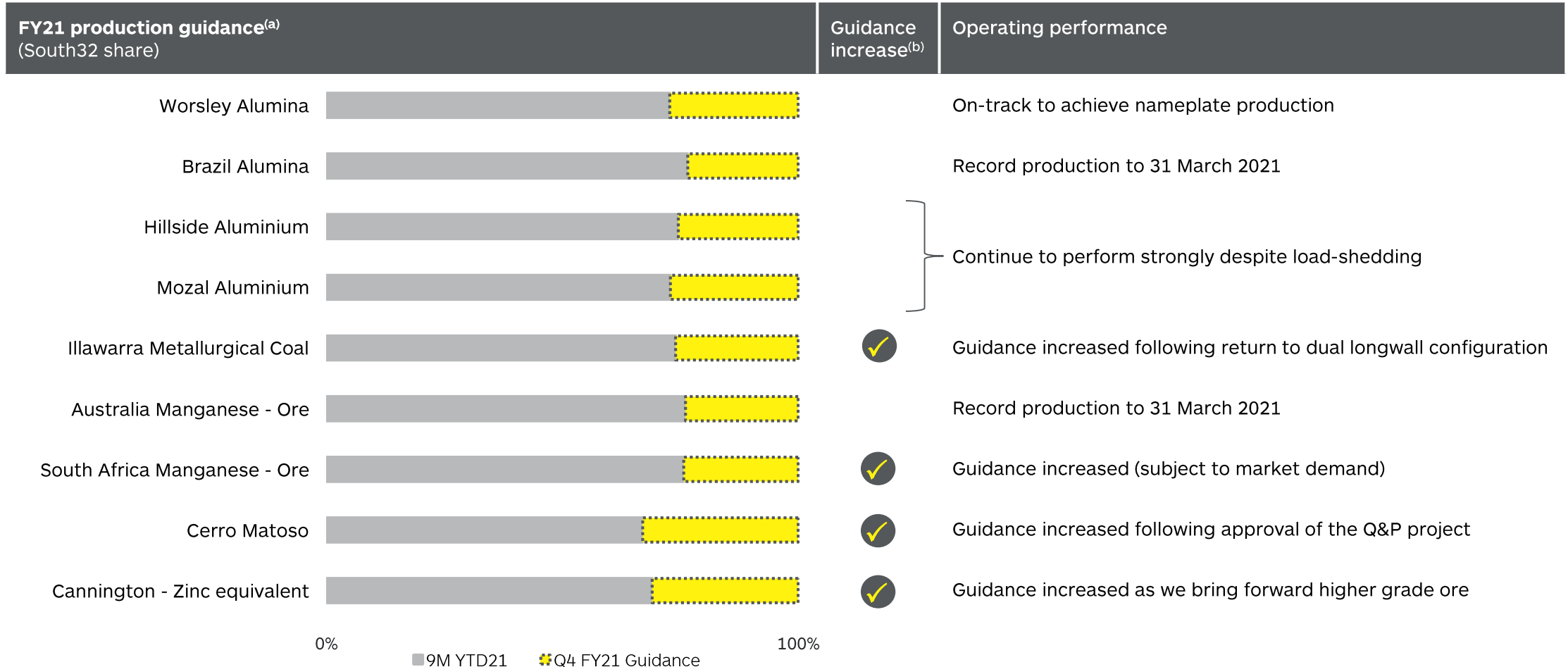
- Divestment of South Africa Energy Coal expected to complete 1 June
- Exited lower margin manganese alloy smelting with divestment of TEMCO, and Metalloys being placed on care and maintenance
- Development studies and regional exploration at high quality base metals projects (Hermosa and Ambler Metals)
- Investing in more than 20 exploration partnerships and projects targeting base metals

# BUSINESS UPDATE

**Our operations continue to perform strongly as we navigate different stages of the pandemic across our portfolio**

**Record production at two operations to 31 March 2021**

**Our production and operating unit costs are tracking to plan at all operations<sup>7</sup>**



Notes:

a. FY21 production guidance as provided in the March 2021 Quarterly Report.

b. Operations where FY21 production guidance was increased during FY21.



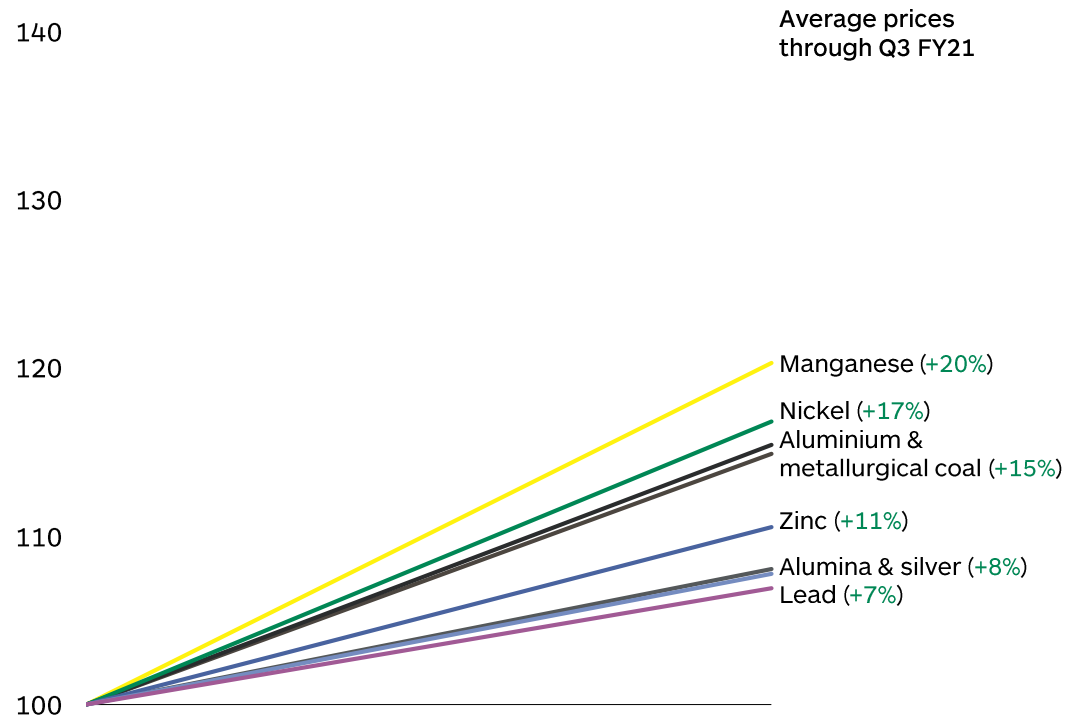
# COMMODITY PRICE UPDATE

**We are well placed to convert the stronger commodity price outlook into higher earnings**

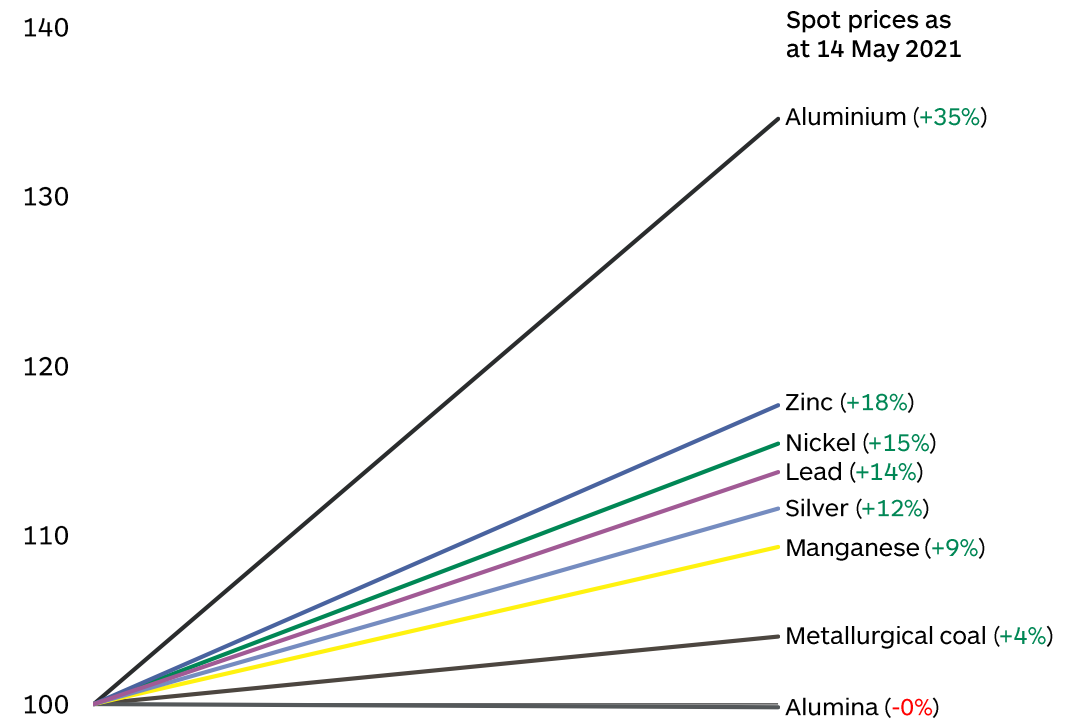
**We are a large producer of manganese which continues to benefit from a strong steel outlook**

**We have substantial exposure across the aluminium value chain**

**South32 commodity basket reference prices<sup>8</sup>**  
(Q3 FY21<sup>(a)</sup> to H1 FY21 average prices for reference index)



**South32 commodity basket reference prices<sup>8</sup>**  
(Spot to H1 FY21 average prices for reference index)



Notes:  
a. Incorporates pricing from 1 January to 31 March 2021.

# RESHAPING OUR PORTFOLIO AND UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES



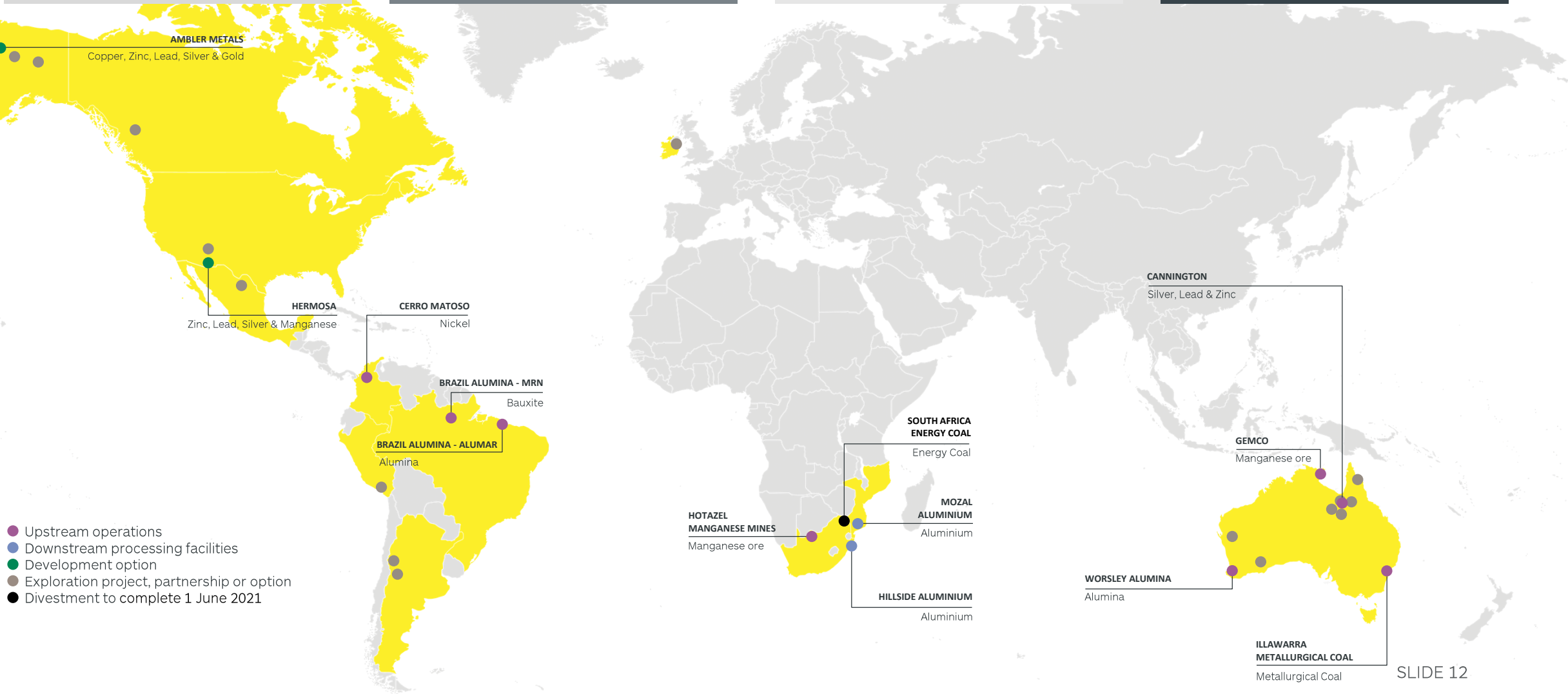
# OUR PORTFOLIO

We are increasing our exposure to base metals

Multiple high-quality growth projects are progressing through study phase

A pipeline of greenfield exploration projects established

Divestments of South Africa Energy Coal and TEMCO significantly simplify our portfolio

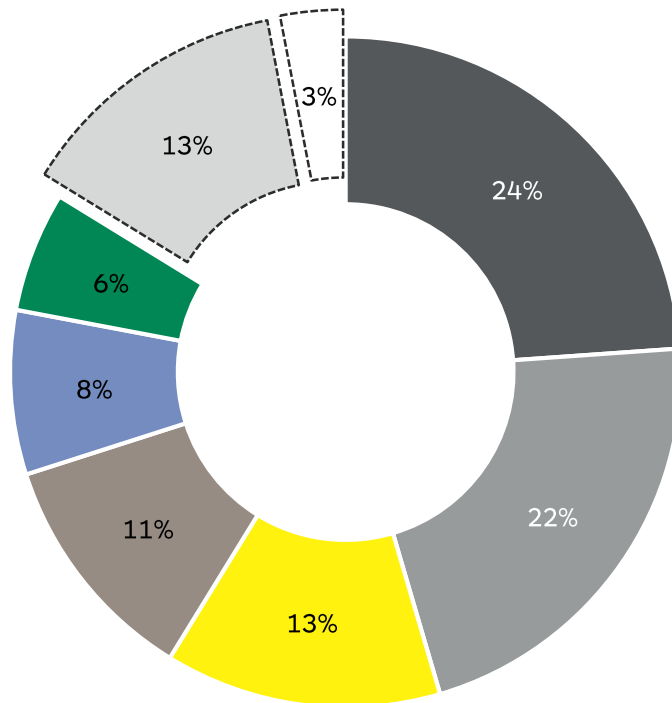




# RESHAPING OUR PORTFOLIO

We benefit from strong diversification and growth that is leveraged to the green economy transition

Revenue contribution by commodity<sup>(a)(b)</sup>  
(FY16 to H1 FY21)



Aluminium

Alumina

Manganese ore

Metallurgical coal

Zinc-lead-silver

Nickel

Manganese alloy

Energy coal

Copper

Bringing forward production volumes at Cannington  
Progressing greenfield development studies at Hermosa

Nickel production expected to increase by up to 10% at Cerro Matoso from FY23<sup>6</sup>

High grade Arctic copper deposit at our Ambler Metals JV progressing through PFS

Notes:

a. Presented on a proportionally consolidated basis.

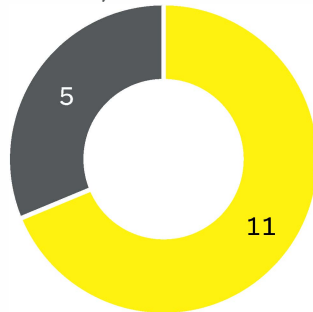
b. Metallurgical coal comprises Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, including energy coal by-product volumes.

# RESHAPING OUR PORTFOLIO

The divestments of South Africa Energy Coal and TEMCO will significantly simplify and improve our portfolio

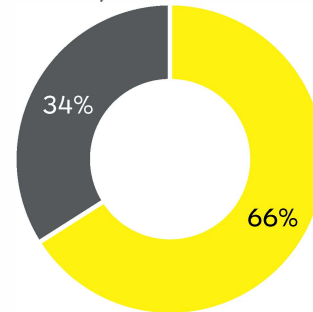
## Fewer operating sites

Operating sites<sup>(a)</sup>  
(at 31 December 2020)



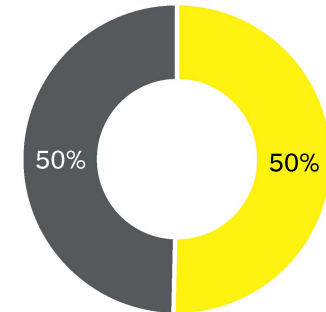
## Less complexity, greater focus

Employee headcount<sup>(a)</sup>  
(at 31 December 2020)



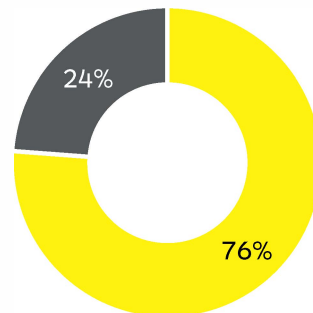
## Substantially lower Scope 3 footprint

Scope 3 emissions<sup>(a)</sup>  
(FY20)



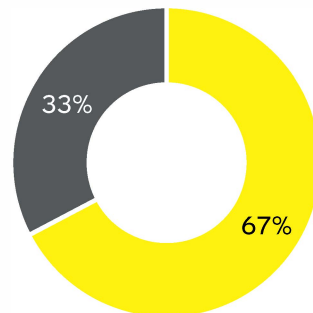
## Reduced capital intensity

Capital expenditure<sup>(a)</sup>  
(FY16 – H1 FY21)



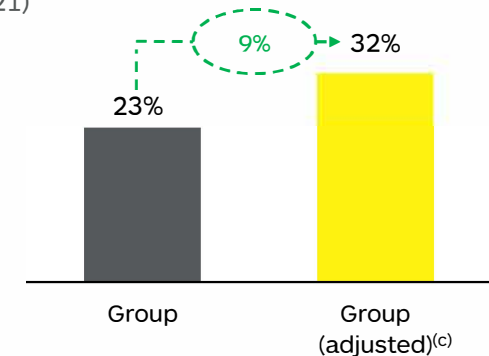
## Greater balance sheet flexibility

Closure provisions<sup>(a)</sup>  
(at 31 December 2020)



## Higher Group margins and returns

Operating margin<sup>(b)</sup>  
(H1 FY21)



■ SAEC and manganese alloy smelters ■ Group (adjusted)<sup>(c)</sup>

### Notes:

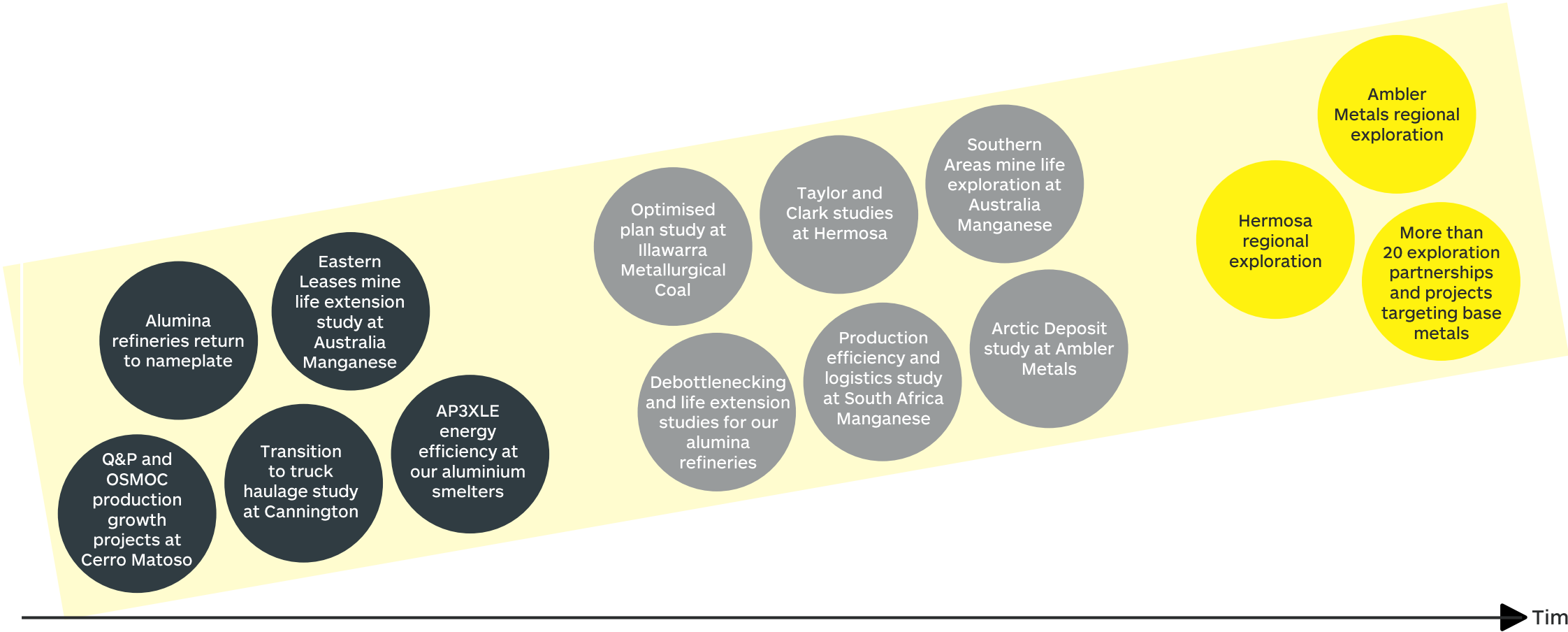
- a. Illustrative analysis inclusive of equity accounted investments.
- b. Operating margin showing Manganese EAI on a proportionally consolidated basis.
- c. Illustrative analysis excluding South Africa Energy Coal and manganese alloy smelters (TEMCO has been divested and Metalloys has been placed on care and maintenance), except for Closure Provisions which includes Metalloys.

# UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS OUR PORTFOLIO

*We continue to unlock opportunities across our operations today*

*We are studying and exploring at our existing operations and properties to unlock value into the future*

*We remain focused on identifying our next options to unlock further value*



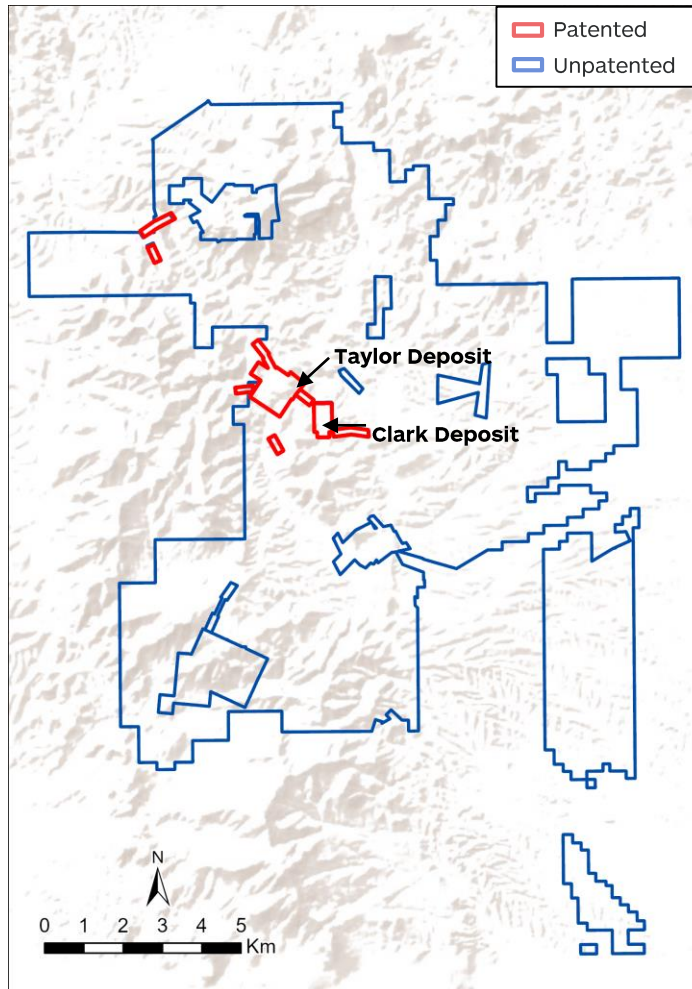
We aim to create competition for excess capital and improve our portfolio over time



# HERMOSA PROJECT

Large mineralised land package hosting metals essential for a low carbon future

## Hermosa land package



**Over 153km<sup>2</sup> of tenure in Arizona, USA**

**Establishment of initial on-site infrastructure and permitting underway**

**Potential for multiple long life developments**

- Taylor Deposit – 167Mt zinc-lead-silver sulphide Mineral Resource<sup>(a)</sup>
- Clark Deposit – 55Mt zinc-lead-manganese oxide Mineral Resource<sup>(a)</sup>
- Regional mining claims are 66% larger than at the time of acquisition

- Initial water treatment plant and dry stack tailings storage facility built
- State permits to enable orebody dewatering issued in draft for public comment
- Initial production expected from patented lands using state permits

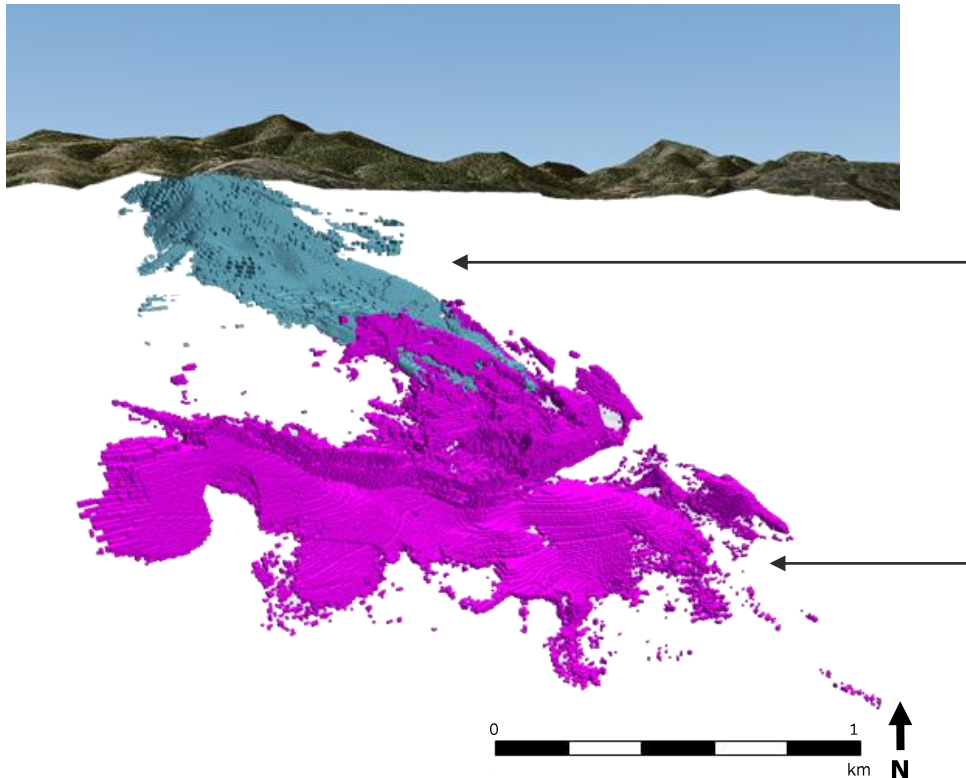
- Taylor and Clark are open at depth and laterally<sup>(b)</sup>
- Studying the potential to integrate Taylor and Clark developments
- 15 regional prospects identified with testing of highest priority targets underway<sup>(b)</sup>

Notes:

- a. Refer to important notices (Slide 2 and Appendix 2) for additional disclosure.
- b. Refer to important notices (Slide 2) for additional disclosure.

# HERMOSA PROJECT

## Taylor and Clark Mineral Resources



### Clark Deposit

- 55Mt Mineral Resource averaging 2.31% zinc, 9.08% manganese and 78g/t silver<sup>(a)</sup>
- Studies to examine capital efficiency benefits offered by a Taylor Deposit dual shaft development and a potentially integrated permitting approach
- Mineralised from surface with a separate processing circuit to the Taylor Deposit expected
- Scoping study to evaluate processing options and end-market opportunities for battery technology in the USA
- Manganese designated as a critical mineral by the US federal government

### Taylor Deposit

- 167Mt Mineral Resource averaging 3.34% zinc, 3.84% lead and 71 g/t silver<sup>(a)</sup>
- PFS looking at a dual shaft configuration to enable early access to higher grade material, accelerate production ramp-up and maximise Clark Deposit optionality
- PFS expected to be completed in the June 2021 quarter

■ Clark Deposit (NSR cut-off US\$175/t)

■ Taylor Deposit (NSR cut-off US\$90/t)

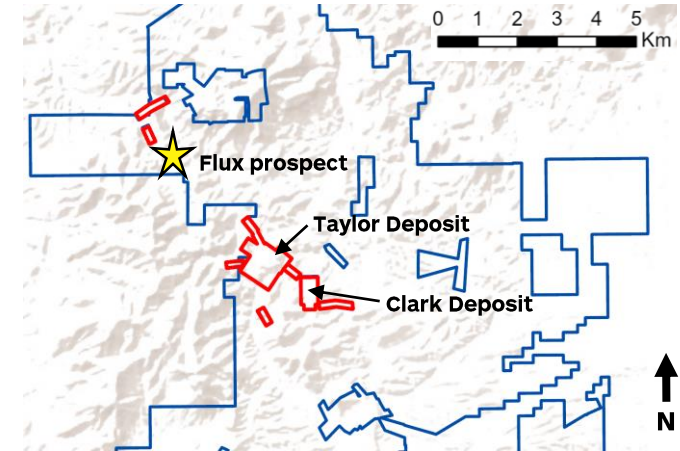
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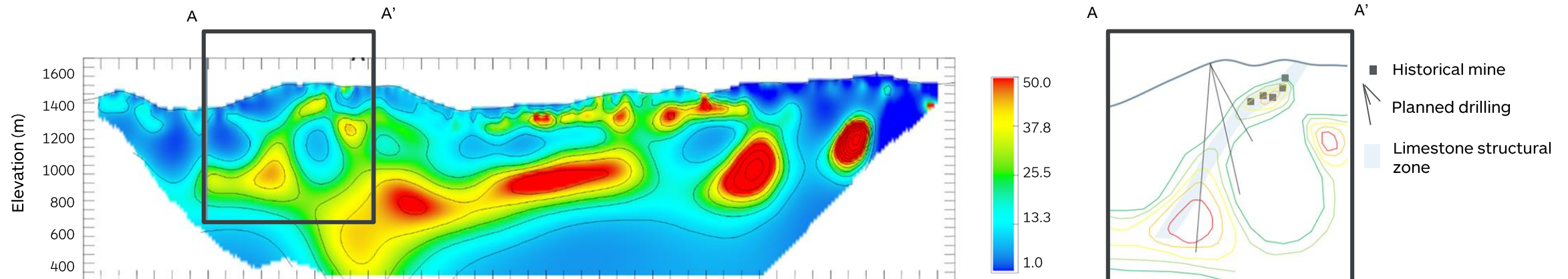
# HERMOSA PROJECT

## Testing our most prospective targets to prioritise a regional drilling program

- 15 regional prospects identified using surface geophysics, soil sampling, mapping and historic data integration
- Flux identified as a priority regional prospect:
  - Immediately downdip of historic mining area in Taylor-like mineralisation
  - Application process for federal permits to drill expected to commence in mid-CY21
- Another high priority prospect also identified adjacent to Taylor patented claims
- Continuing soil sampling and geophysics over our broader land package



**Chargeability model of Flux prospect<sup>(a)</sup>**  
(mV/V)



Notes:  
a. Refer to Slide 2 and Appendix 1 for additional disclosures.



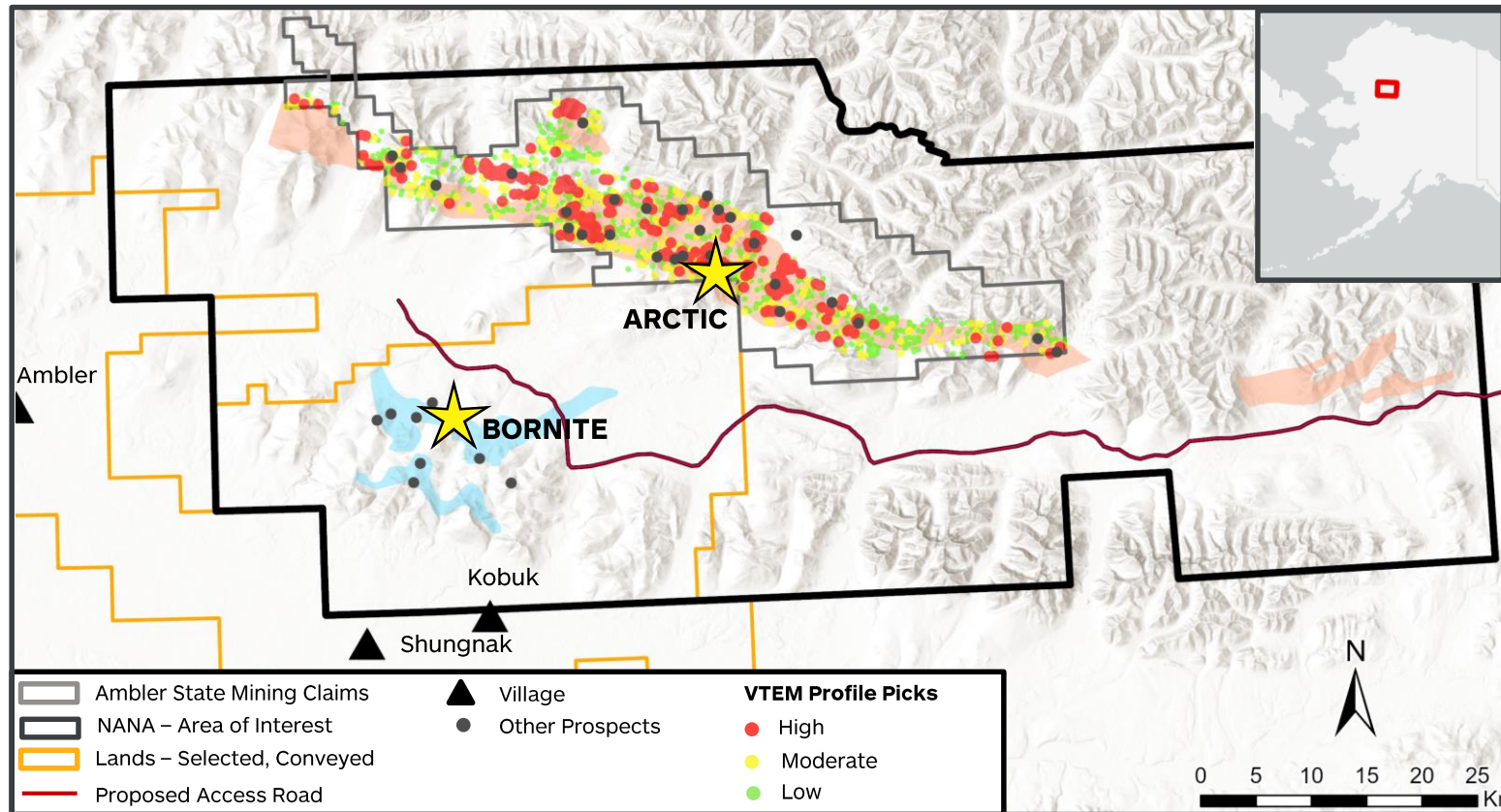
# AMBLER METALS JOINT VENTURE (50% SOUTH32)

Regional scale, base and precious metals project with supportive local partner, NANA Regional Corporation<sup>(a)</sup>

PFS for high-grade Arctic Deposit underway

CY21 exploration program focused on targets along the Arctic belt

Ambler Metals JV location map



Arctic Deposit Mineral Resource<sup>(b)</sup>

NSR cut-off US\$63.40/t

Ore Type	Total Mineral Resources					
	Mt	% Cu	% Zn	% Pb	g/t Ag	g/t Au
Open Pit	37	3.06	4.30	0.77	47	0.60

Bornite Deposit Mineral Resource<sup>(b)</sup>

Cut-off 0.5% Cu for Open Pit, 1.5% Cu for Underground

Ore Type	Total Mineral Resources	
	Mt	% Cu
Open Pit	78	1.04
Underground	70	2.29

Notes:

- If the JV proceeds with construction of a mine on lands subject to the NANA Agreement, NANA will have the option to acquire between 16% and 25% (as specified by NANA) of the project or receive a net proceeds royalty of 15%.
- Refer to important notices (Slide 2 and Appendix 2) for additional disclosure.

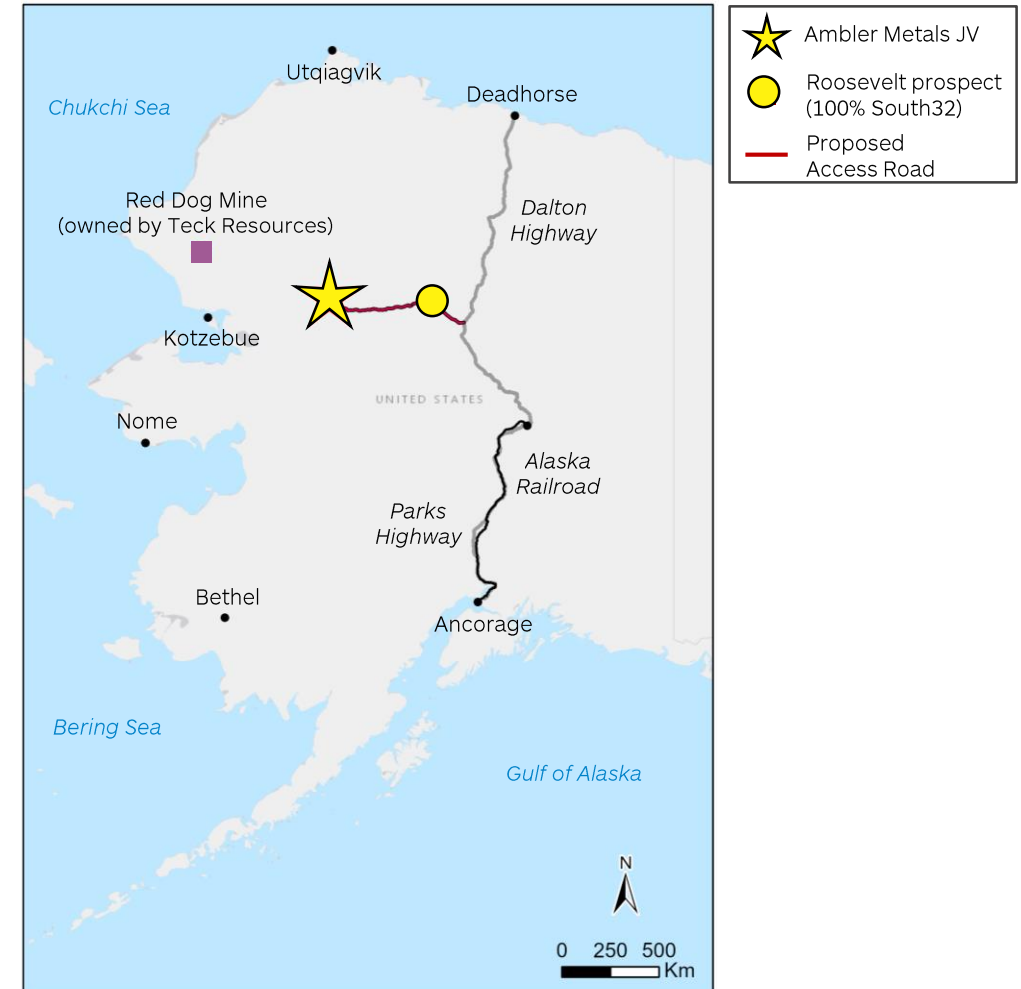
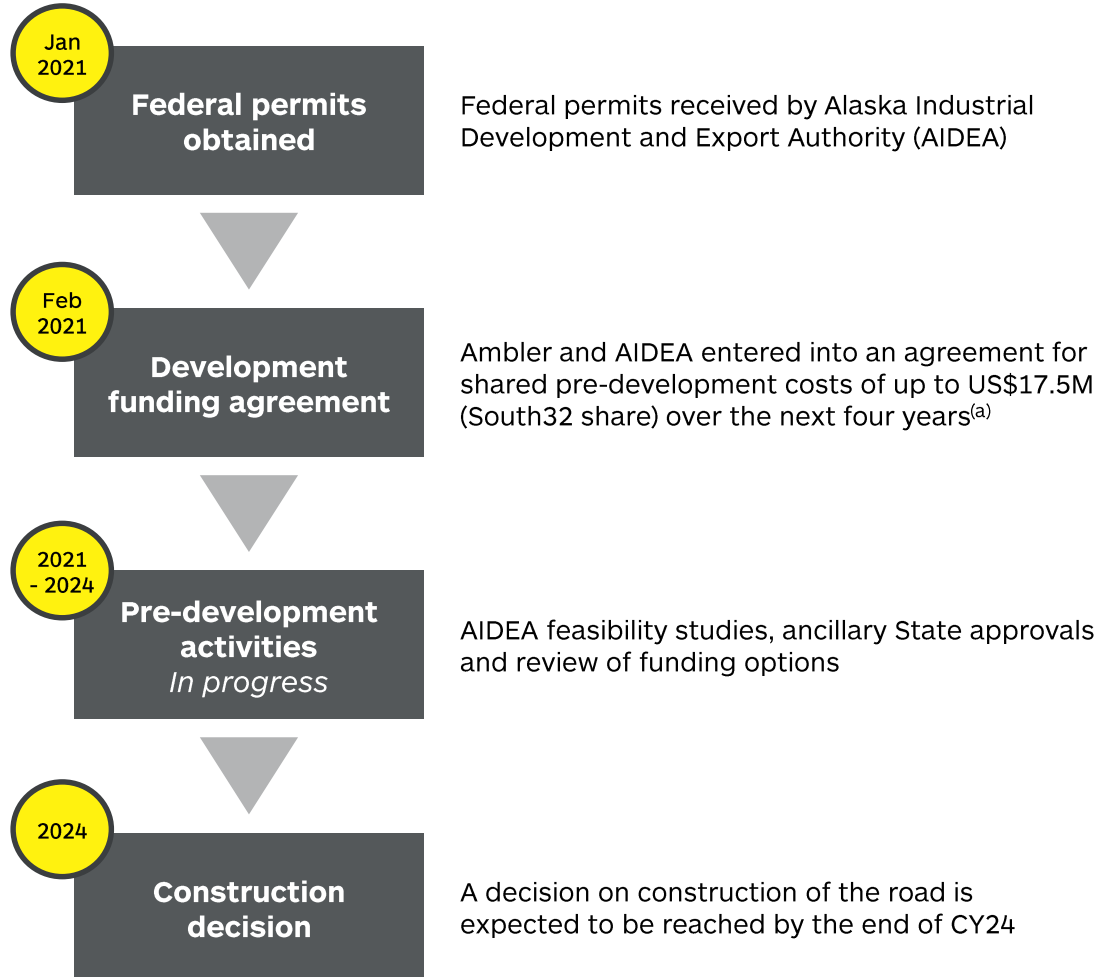


# AMBLER METALS ACCESS ROAD

**340km access road has the potential to unlock the region**

**Agreement in place with AIDEA to fund pre-development activities**

**Region includes Ambler Metals JV and 100% owned Roosevelt prospect**



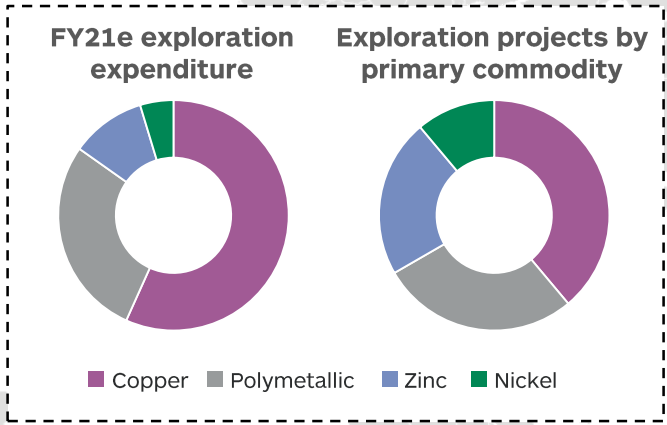
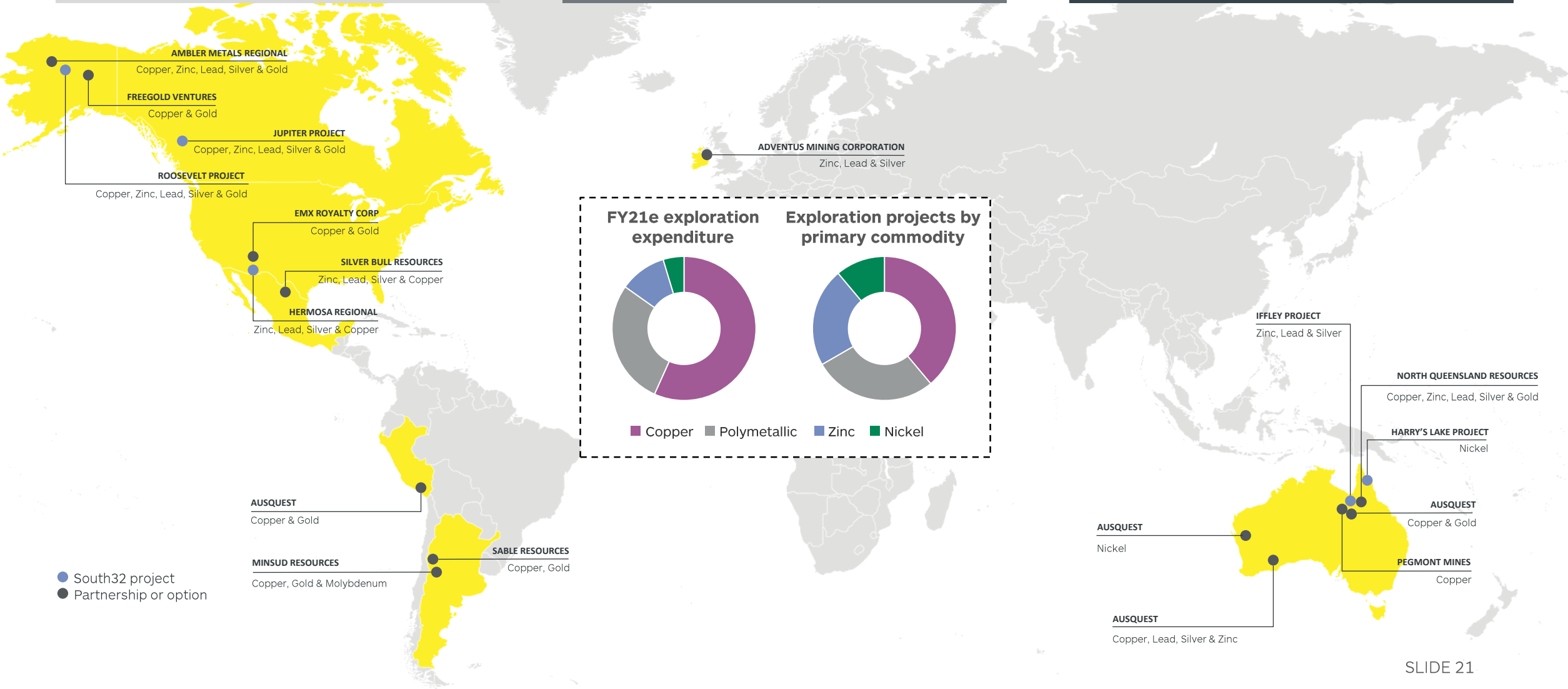
Notes:  
a. Terms of the Agreement to 31 December 2024.

# GREENFIELD EXPLORATION FOOTPRINT

Strategy includes exploration partnerships with companies to find opportunities

We have also established a portfolio of 100% owned projects

We identify, advance and cycle options with an intention to grow our base metals exposure







# OUR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND BALANCE SHEET

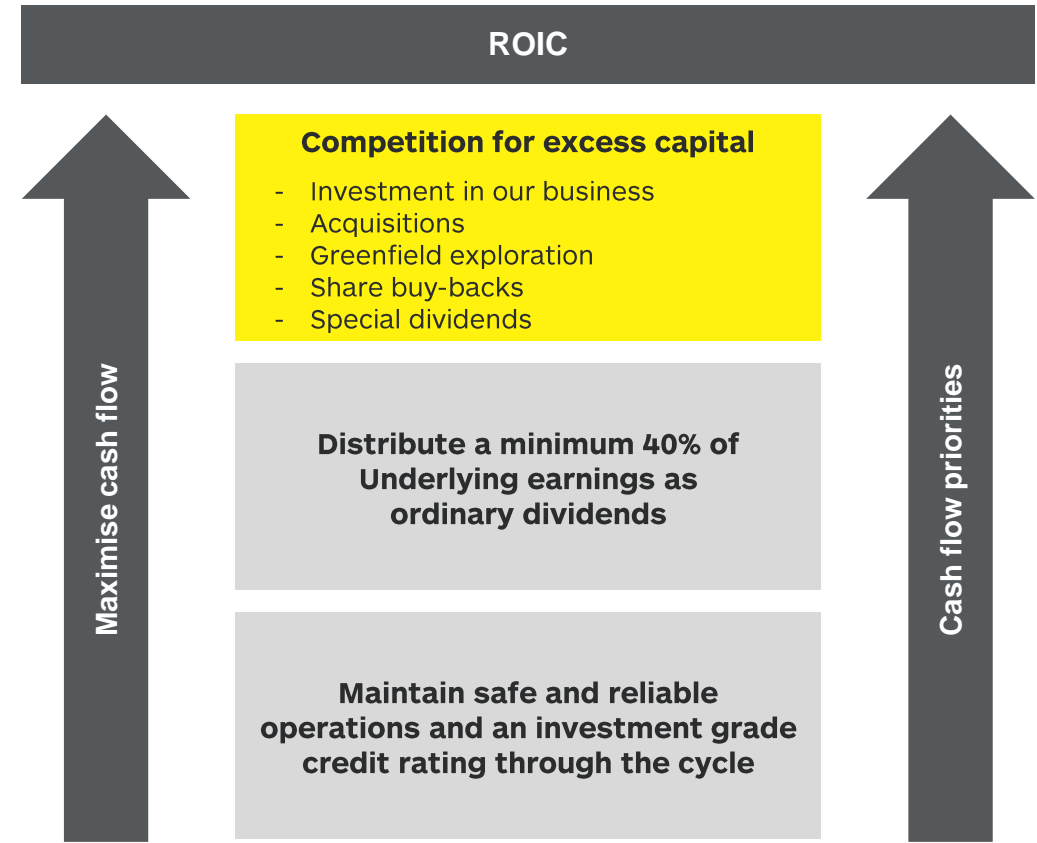
# CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

**Our capital management framework remains unchanged**

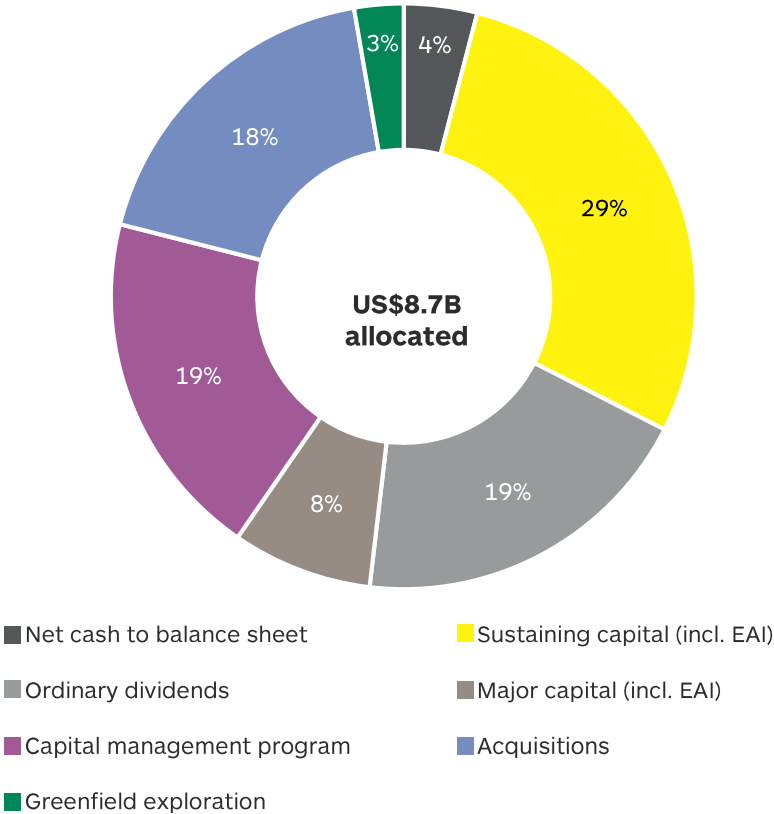
**Our strong balance sheet is at the core of our strategy**

**Designed to support investment in our business and reward shareholders as financial performance improves**

## Capital management framework



## Capital allocation (Capital allocation FY16 to H1 FY21)





# CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES

We allocate capital expenditure in accordance with our strategy and capital management framework

## Our strategy

## Capital expenditure categories



**Optimise our business**

**Safe and reliable**

- Regulatory compliance
- Risk reduction
- Sustain performance

*Sustaining capital expenditure<sup>(a)</sup> of between US\$420M and US\$520M expected across our operations in the near term*



**Unlock the full value of our business**

**Improvement and life extension**

- Life extension projects
- Innovation and improvement projects
- Decarbonisation projects

*Competes for excess capital with other opportunities*



**Identify and pursue opportunities to create value**

**Growth**

- Fund development of our current and future greenfields growth

Notes:

a. Including equity accounted investments and excluding South Africa Energy Coal is based on AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.78 and subject to outcomes of Illawarra Metallurgical Coal's optimised plan.



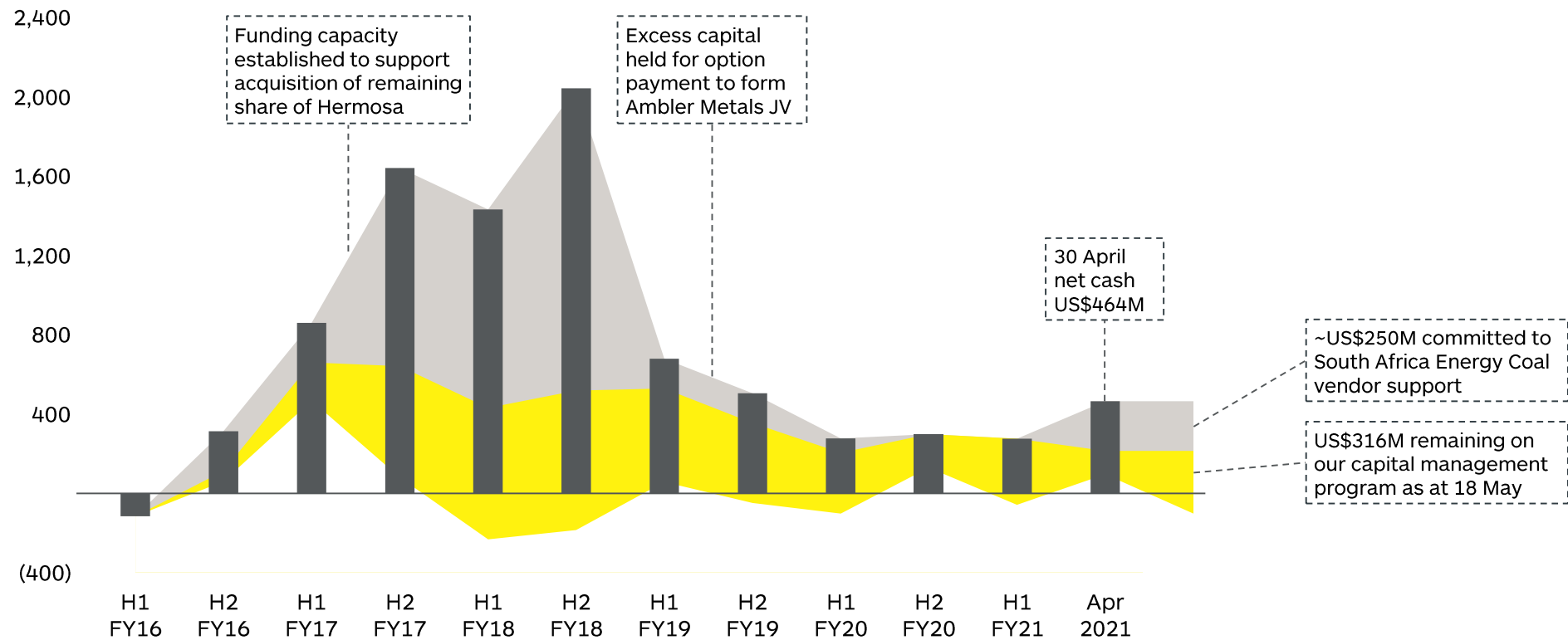
# OUR BALANCE SHEET

**We will continue to target an investment grade credit rating through the cycle**

**Divestment of lower returning, capital intensive businesses will increase our flexibility**

**Capital management program increased today by a further US\$200M to US\$1.88B**

**Net cash and capital committed through time (since FY16)**  
(US\$M)



■ Excess capital committed to portfolio transition<sup>9</sup> ■ Excess capital committed to shareholder returns<sup>10</sup> ■ Net cash/(debt)

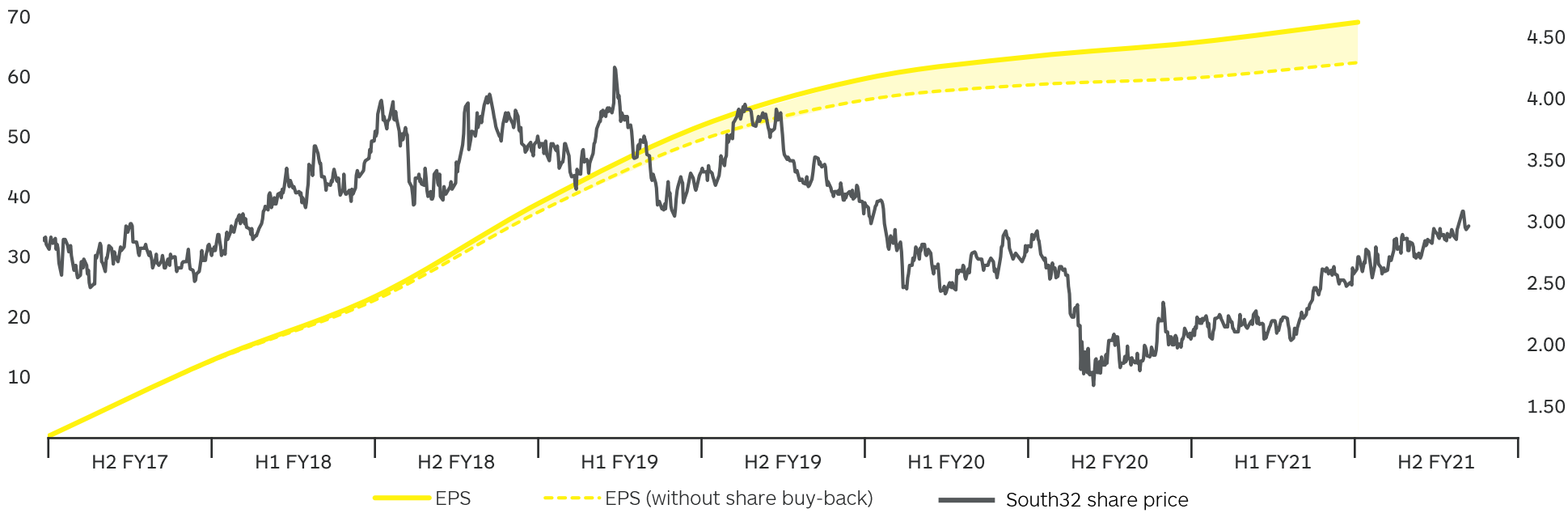
# RETURNS TO SHAREHOLDERS

**Our capital management program is flexible and seeks to return excess capital efficiently**

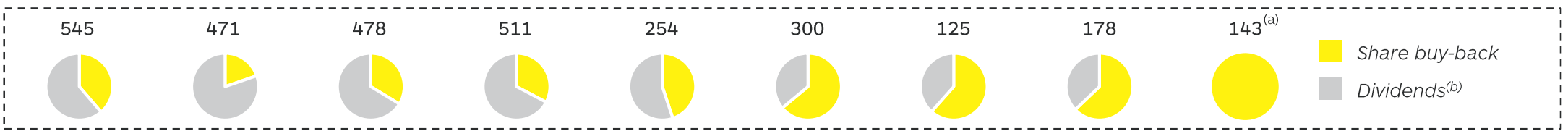
**We have returned US\$1.7B through ordinary and special dividends**

**The benefit of US\$1.3B returned through our on-market share buy-back has accumulated through time**

**Cumulative EPS<sup>11</sup> and South32 share price**  
(US cents per share from 31 December 2016, LHS; A\$/share, RHS)



**Returns to shareholders (US\$M)**



Notes:

- a. As at 18 May 2021.
- b. Dividends resolved to be paid in respect of the period.



An aerial photograph of a river winding through a forested landscape. The river is dark and calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery. The forest is dense with various types of trees, some with light-colored bark and others with dark green foliage. The ground is a mix of sandy soil and patches of vegetation.

# BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

# NEW EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET

**A plan to respond to the carbon intensity of our business and reshape our portfolio for a low carbon future**

**50% reduction in operational  
emissions (Scope 1 and 2)  
by FY35<sup>(a)</sup>**

**Aligned to the Paris Agreement  
and net zero by 2050**

**Aligned with our strategy  
and approach to capital allocation**

**Changes already made to  
reshape our portfolio through the  
lens of our climate commitment**

Notes:

a. Compared with FY21 Baseline. The baseline will be adjusted for any material acquisitions or divestments based on emissions at the time of the transaction.



# OUR PROGRESS ON CLIMATE CHANGE



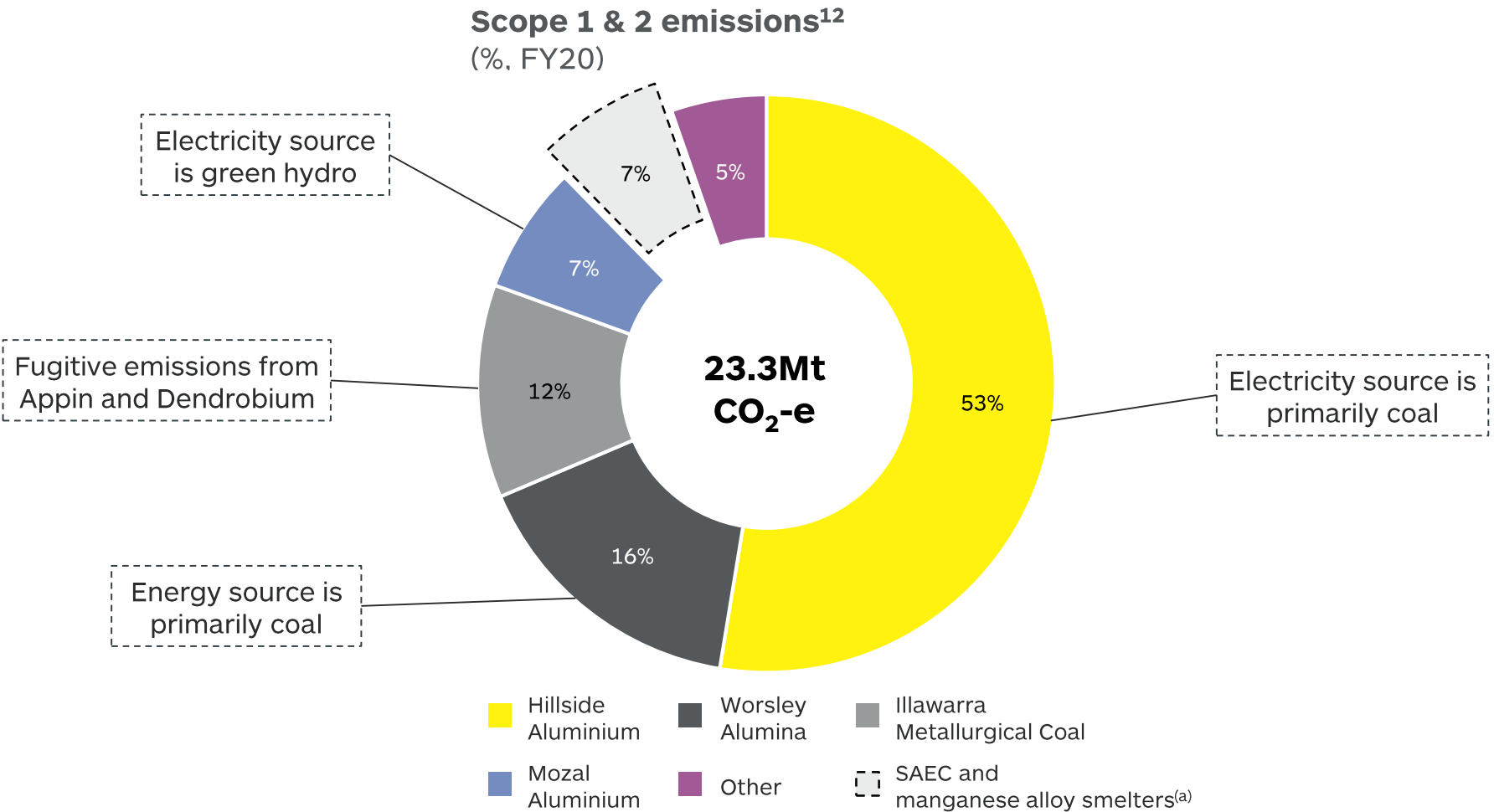


# CURRENT CARBON EMISSIONS PROFILE

~90% of our operational emissions are from four sites<sup>(a)</sup>

Electricity and energy sources are our major levers

Process efficiency, low carbon energy alternatives and technology opportunities have been identified across our portfolio



Notes:  
a. As at FY20, including South Africa Energy Coal, TEMCO and Metalloys.

# ALIGNMENT OF OUR APPROACH TO OUR STRATEGY

We have a plan targeting the delivery of significant reductions



**Optimise our business**

**Emissions abatement**

**Energy efficiency**

**Physical resilience**



**Unlock the full value of  
our business**

**Green energy studies**

**Low carbon design  
in projects**

**Deployment of  
technology**






**Identify and pursue  
opportunities to create value**

**Shift our commodity  
exposure**

**Partner with customers  
and suppliers**

**Commit to a  
Just Transition**

# APPROACH ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Strategy	Approach	Example
 <p><b>Optimise our business</b></p>	<b>Emissions abatement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Studying efficiency projects at Worsley Alumina, including Mud-washing</li> </ul>
	<b>Energy efficiency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deploying AP3XLE at Mozal Aluminium and studying its use at Hillside Aluminium</li> </ul>
	<b>Physical resilience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure assessments to mitigate the physical risks of climate change</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Unlock the full value of our business</b></p>	<b>Green energy studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Studying low carbon energy sources for Worsley Alumina and Hillside Aluminium</li> </ul>
	<b>Low carbon design in projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeting a carbon neutral development of Taylor at Hermosa</li> </ul>
	<b>Deployment of technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Founding member of the Electric Mine Consortium</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Identify and pursue opportunities to create value</b></p>	<b>Shift our commodity portfolio</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investing in base metals to increase our leverage to a green economy and reduce intensity</li> </ul>
	<b>Partner with customers and suppliers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building industry partnerships to address emissions in the value chain and reduce our Scope 3 emissions</li> </ul>
	<b>Commit to a Just transition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing Just Transition plans together with our people, communities and other stakeholders where changes will be needed</li> </ul>

Targeting US\$40M to US\$50M capital expenditure for decarbonisation projects over the next two financial years

# SUMMARY

**We are transitioning our business to a low carbon future from a strong foundation**

**Our operations are performing strongly and are positioned to take advantage of improved commodity markets**

**We are reshaping our portfolio with the exit of lower returning operations**

**Our growth projects are in jurisdictions and commodities with attractive demand outlooks for a low carbon world**

**We have announced our intent to achieve a 50% reduction in operational emissions (Scope 1 and 2) by FY35<sup>(a)</sup>**

**We start with a strong balance sheet and a track record of disciplined capital allocation**

**Our capital management framework is designed to reward shareholders as financial performance improves**

Notes:

a. Compared with FY21 Baseline. The baseline will be adjusted for any material acquisitions or divestments based on emissions at the time of the transaction.

# FOOTNOTES

1. Metrics describing sustainability and health, safety, environment and community performance apply to operations that have been wholly owned and operated by South32, or that have been operated by South32 in a joint arrangement.
2. Total Recordable Injury Frequency (TRIF) per million hours worked and Total Recordable Illness Frequency (TRILF) per million hours worked, are all calculated in accordance with the United States Government Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines for the recording and reporting of occupational injuries and illnesses.
3. Refers to Africans, Coloureds and Indians who are citizens of the Republic of South Africa by birth or descent (as more fully defined in the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Amendment Act 2013, South Africa).
4. H1 FY21 outcome reflects a definitional change (Presidents and Vice Presidents reporting to members of the South32 Lead Team to align with the Optimised Global Model). FY19 and FY20 outcomes are based on the previous definition (South32 leaders who report directly to the Lead Team). The Senior leadership target date is June 2021.
5. Operational leadership refers to all General Managers and Managers reporting to Vice President Operations and all Managers reporting to General Managers at an Operation, excluding Functional Managers. The Operational leadership target date is June 2021.
6. The information in this report that relates to the production target is based on Proved and Probable Ore Reserves (87%), and Measured (12%) and Indicated (1%) Mineral Resources for Cerro Matoso. Mineral Resources and Ore Reserve estimates for Cerro Matoso was declared as part of South32's Annual Resource and Reserve declaration in the Annual Report 2020 ([www.south32.net](http://www.south32.net)) issued on 4 September 2020 and prepared by I Espitia (MAusIMM) and N Monterroza (MAusIMM) in accordance with the requirements of the JORC Code. South32 confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcement. All material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. South32 confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement. Payable nickel is calculated using long term consensus metal prices and relative metallurgical recoveries.
7. FY21 Operating unit cost guidance includes royalties (where appropriate) and the influence of exchange rates, and includes various assumptions for FY21, including: an alumina price of US\$270/t; an average blended coal price (including coal wash sales) of US\$96/t for Illawarra Metallurgical Coal; a manganese ore price of US\$4.55/dmtu for 44% manganese product; a nickel price of US\$7.51/lb; a thermal coal price of US\$77/t (API4) for South Africa Energy Coal; a silver price of US\$25.15/troy oz; a lead price of US\$1,952/t (gross of treatment and refining charges); a zinc price of US\$2,597/t (gross of treatment and refining charges); an AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.75; a USD:ZAR exchange rate of 15.69; a USD:COP exchange rate of 3,594; and a reference price for caustic soda; all of which reflected forward markets as at January 2021 or our internal expectations.
8. Metallurgical coal (Platts Low-Vol Hard Coking Coal index (FOB Australia)); Silver (Silver LME cash index); Manganese (Metal Bulletin 44% manganese lump ore index (CIF Tianjin, China)); Nickel (Nickel (LME) cash index); Alumina (Platts Alumina Index (PAX) (FOB Australia)); Aluminium (Aluminium LME cash index); Lead (Lead LME cash index); and Zinc (Zinc LME cash index).
9. Excess capital committed to portfolio transition refers to targeted and committed acquisitions and divestments.
10. Excess capital committed to shareholder returns refers to dividends declared and remaining capital management program.
11. EPS refers to Underlying earnings per share since inception of the capital management program. Cumulative EPS is calculated as the sum of Underlying earnings over time, divided by shares outstanding with or without the share buy-back.
12. Greenhouse gas (GHG) total includes Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, measured according to the World Resources Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas Protocol (WRI/WBCSD). Refer to the FY20 Sustainability Report for additional information which is available at [www.south32.net](http://www.south32.net).

The denotation (e) refers to an estimate or forecast year.

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this presentation: cost, insurance and freight (CIF); equity accounted investments (EAI); free on board (FOB); feasibility study (FS); hard coking coal (HCC); Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC); Mineração Rio do Norte (MRN); Millivolts per Volt Output (MV/V); Ore Sorting and Mechanical Ore Concentration (OSMOC); Premium Concentrate Ore (PCO2); pre-feasibility study (PFS); Queresas and Porvenir (Q&P); South Africa Energy Coal (SAEC); Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD); Versatile Time Domain Electromagnetic (VTEM); and year to date as 31 March 2021 (YTD).





## APPENDIX 1

### JORC Code Table 1

The following table provides a summary of the important assessment and reporting criteria used at the Flux Prospect (Hermosa project) for reporting of the exploration results, in accordance with the Table 1 Checklist in *The Australasian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The JORC Code, 2012 Edition)* on an 'if not, why not' basis.

### SECTION 1 SAMPLING TECHNIQUES AND DATA

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

CRITERIA	COMMENTARY
<i>Sampling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to a lack of thick and well-developed soil horizons at the Flux Prospect, soil samples were collected at the soil-rock interface. The samples were collected with a trowel and sifted into an impermeable sample bag.</li> <li>The location, a photograph of the soil, a description of the sample depth, and the local rock type was recorded. The sample number was recorded by scanning a bar code located on the sample bag.</li> <li>One kilogram of soil sample was collected to ensure that the sample was representative of the location.</li> <li>The sample bag was closed, tied and not reopened before delivery to the sample preparation facility.</li> <li>Samples were sieved to 180 micron and riffle split to generate a 200 g sample from the fine fraction and sent for assay. A 0.25 g sub sample was used for analysis, using 4 acid-digest with ICP finish for 33 elements. Fire assay method was used for analysing gold separately.</li> </ul>
<i>Drilling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No drilling has been conducted by the company to date on the prospect.</li> </ul>
<i>Drill sample recovery</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No drilling has been conducted by the company to date on the prospect.</li> </ul>
<i>Logging</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logging of soil samples included a description of the local geology (rock type), with a photograph of the soil sample.</li> </ul>
<i>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samples were sieved to 180 micron and a 200 g sample was taken by riffle splitting the fine fraction and sent for assay. A 0.25 g sub sample was used for analysis, using 4 acid-digest with ICP finish for 33 elements. Fire assay method was used for analysing gold separately.</li> <li>The entire 1 kg sample was used for logging and sampling.</li> </ul>
<i>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soil samples are prepared by the Australian Laboratory Services P/L (ALS) <i>PREP-41</i> method, which involves a dry sieve to 180 microns and retention of the fine fraction for analysis.</li> <li>0.25 g of the fine fraction of the soil samples was analysed by ALS method <i>ME-ICP61</i>, which involves a four-acid digest with ICP finish for 33 elements. Gold is analysed by ALS method <i>AU-ICP21</i>, which involves fire assay fusion and ICP finish.</li> <li>Certified silica was used for as blank material and a certified Zn-Pb-Ag standard is inserted for every 40 soil samples to ensure quality control of every batch analysed.</li> <li>The CRM failure rate for soil sample assays is currently 1%.</li> </ul>
<i>Verification of sampling and assaying</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling is recorded digitally and submitted as comma separated data files (CSV), uploaded to a Structured Query Language (SQL) database (Datamine Fusion) and the external Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). Digital transmitted assay results are reconciled upon upload to the database.</li> <li>No adjustment to assay data has been undertaken.</li> </ul>
<i>Location of data points</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locations of soil samples are recorded on a Global Positioning System (GPS) enabled smart phone device which typically has an accuracy of approximately +/-5m. These locations are saved with the sample metadata (e.g., sample ID, soil type, etc.).</li> <li>As exploration of the prospect is still at an early stage, the approach to recording the location of the data points is considered acceptable having regard to the level of work being conducted on the prospect.</li> </ul>

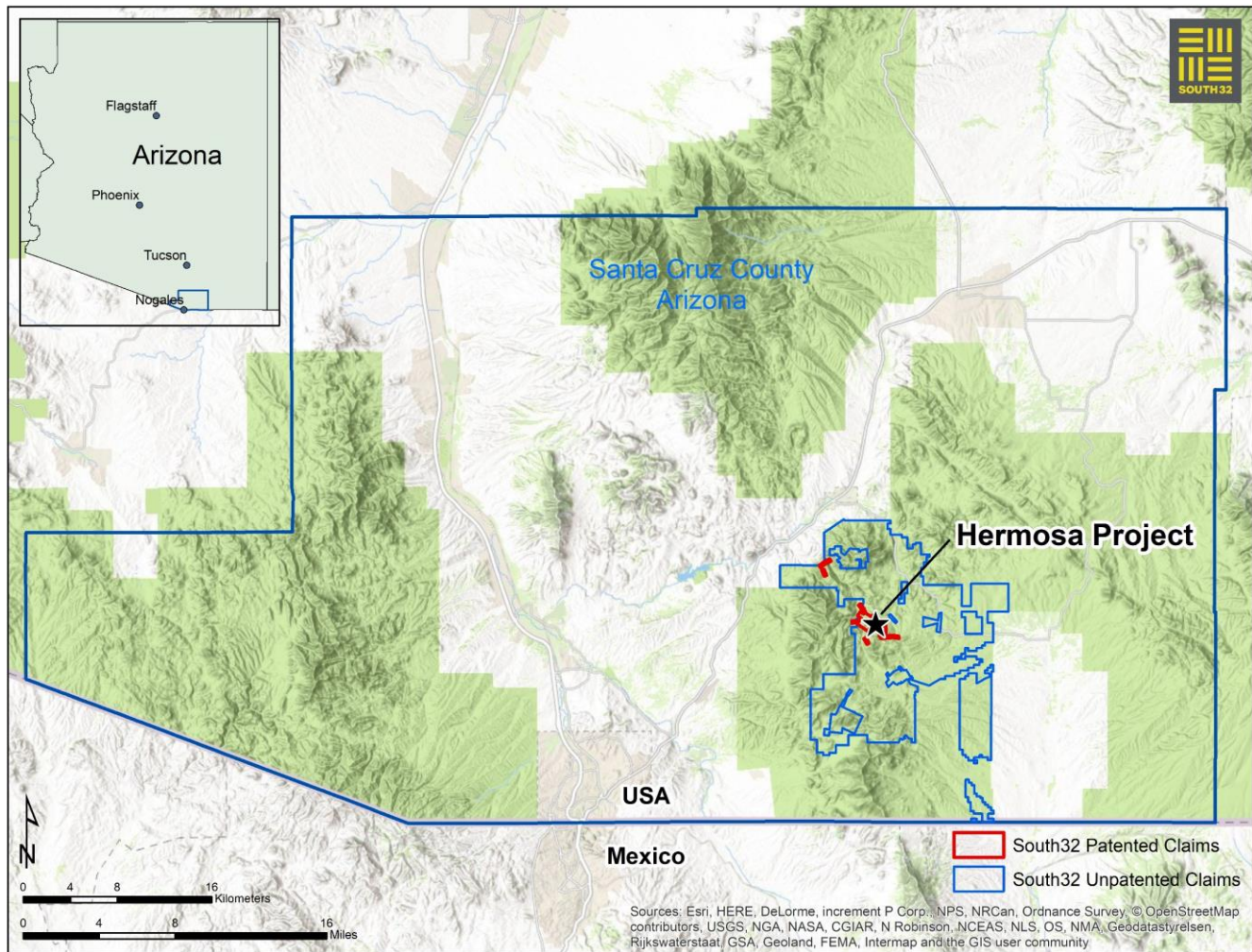
CRITERIA	COMMENTARY
<i>Data spacing and distribution</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil sampling lines are oriented north-south. Sample locations are 50 m apart along the line. The soil sampling lines are 200 m apart in the east and west directions.</li> <li>• The data spacing is deemed sufficient noting that the company is still at an early stage in exploring the prospect.</li> <li>• No compositing was applied.</li> </ul>
<i>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The orientation study from the soil sampling is not yet completed and will be done when drilling commences.</li> <li>• Drilling will eliminate any likely bias once the orientation work is completed.</li> </ul>
<i>Sample security</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samples are tracked and reconciled through a sample numbering and dispatch system from site to the ALS sample preparation facility in Tucson. The ALS LIMS assay management system provides an additional layer of sample tracking from the point of sample receipt. All movement of sample material from site through to Tucson and Vancouver is managed by ALS dedicated transport.</li> <li>• Assays are reconciled and results processed in Datamine Fusion, which has password and user level security.</li> <li>• Soil samples are stored in secured shipping containers prior to processing. After sampling, the remaining sample is securely stored in watertight containers.</li> <li>• All sampling, assaying and reporting of results are managed with procedures that provide adequate sample security.</li> </ul>
<i>Audits or reviews</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon receipt of assay results, the data is imported, and verification of sample numbers and the associated sample location is completed before disseminating data for interpretation.</li> <li>• Processes are followed to ensure that standard protocol, as set out by the company, is complied with.</li> <li>• The Laboratory is audited as part of the normal procedure laid out by the company and no material issues were identified.</li> </ul>

## SECTION 2: REPORTING OF EXPLORATION RESULTS

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

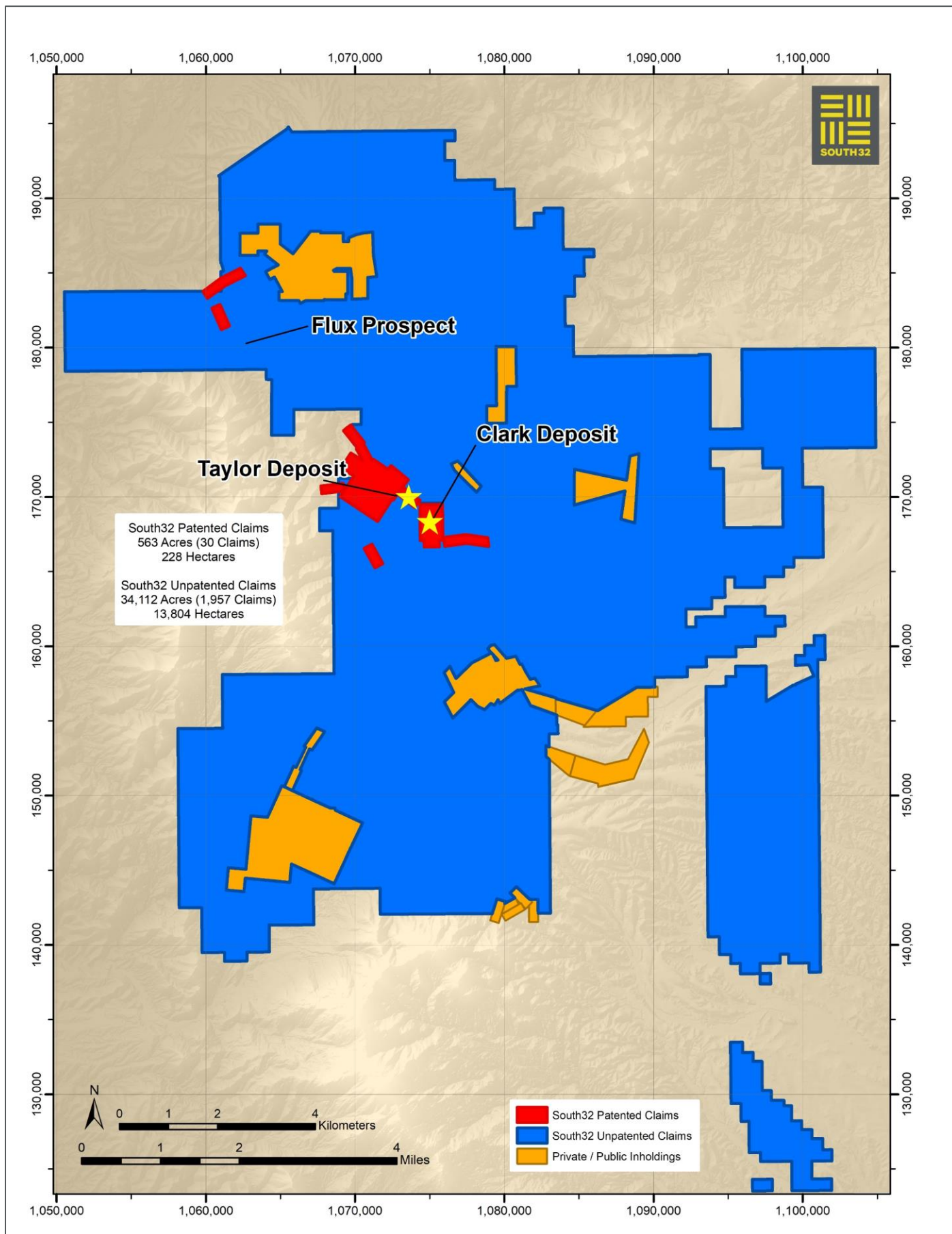
CRITERIA	COMMENTARY
<i>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Flux Prospect is situated within the Company's Hermosa project. The Hermosa project mineral tenure (Figure 2) is secured by 30 patented mining claims, totalling 228 hectares that have full surface and mineral rights owned fee simple. These claims are retained in perpetuity by annual real property tax payments to Santa Cruz County in Arizona and have been verified to be in good standing until 31 December 2021.</li> <li>• The patented land is surrounded by 1,957 unpatented lode mining claims, totalling 13,804 hectares. These claims are retained through payment of federal annual maintenance fees to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and filing record of payment with the Santa Cruz County Recorder. Payments for these claims have been made for the period up to their annual renewal on or before 1 September 2021.</li> <li>• Title to the mineral rights is vested in South32's wholly owned subsidiary, Arizona Minerals Incorporated (AMI). No approval is required in addition to the payment of fees for the claims.</li> </ul>
<i>Exploration done by other parties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Flux mine was in production sporadically between 1884 and 1963 and produced approximately 770,000 Tonnes of ore. Exploration drilling was conducted from surface during an unknown time period. Drillhole collars have been located; however, the lack of assays and drillhole survey data render the information unreliable such that it has not been used in seeking to defining exploration targets for the prospect.</li> </ul>
<i>Geology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The regional geology is set within Lower-Permian carbonates, underlain by Cambrian sediments and Proterozoic granodiorites. The carbonates are unconformably overlain by Triassic to late-Cretaceous volcanic rocks (Figure 3). The regional structure and stratigraphy are a result of late-Precambrian to early-Palaeozoic rifting, subsequent widespread sedimentary aerial and shallow marine deposition through the Palaeozoic Era, followed by Mesozoic volcanism and late batholithic intrusions of the Laramide Orogeny. Mineral deposits associated with the Laramide Orogeny tend to align along regional NW structural trends.</li> <li>• Cretaceous-age intermediate and felsic volcanic and intrusive rocks cover much of the Hermosa project area and host low-grade disseminated silver mineralisation, epithermal veins and silicified breccia zones that have been the source of historic silver and lead production.</li> <li>• Mineralisation styles in the immediate vicinity of the Flux Prospect include the carbonate replacement deposit (CRD) style zinc-lead-silver base metal sulphides of the Taylor Deposit and an overlying manganese-silver oxide manto deposit of the Clark Deposit.</li> </ul>

CRITERIA	COMMENTARY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The mineralization at Flux Prospect is hosted by a tabular limestone unit that dips northwest at approximately 45 degrees and immediately south of the historic workings. Zn-Pb-Ag mineralization is hosted by the limestone, which is structurally bound to the west, east and south by igneous rocks.</li> <li>Underground geological maps and location of workings are available publicly through the Arizona Geologic Survey. This data was used to build a geological model of the ore body.</li> </ul>
<i>Drill hole Information</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No historical drilling information was used, as the available information is considered to be unreliable.</li> </ul>
<i>Data aggregation methods</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All samples were considered of equal weight and no capping was applied.</li> </ul>
<i>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soil sampling is done to define drill targets in order to identify mineralisation.</li> <li>No drilling has been undertaken by the Company to date.</li> </ul>
<i>Diagrams</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant maps and sections are included in the body of this market announcement.</li> </ul>
<i>Balanced reporting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All soil samples were assessed to define exploration target. A map of soil sample location is provided in Figure 5.</li> </ul>
<i>Other substantive exploration data</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magneto-telluric (MT) and induced polarization surveys (IP) were conducted with adherence industry standard practices by Quantec Geosciences Inc. In most areas, the MT stations were collected along N-S or E-W lines with a spacing of 200 m. Spacing between lines is 400 m. Some areas were collected at 400 m spacing within individual lines. 5 IP lines were collected with a spacing of 100 m between data receivers.</li> <li>Quality control of geophysical data includes using a third-party geophysical consultant to verify data quality and provide secondary inversions for comparison to Quantec interpretations. A section of a chargeability map is provided in Figure 6.</li> </ul>
<i>Further work</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned elements of the exploration at the Flux Prospect includes exploratory drilling underneath and downdip of the historic mine workings. A section of planned drilling is provided in Figure 7.</li> <li>An orientation study will be completed to ensure that the soil samples are representative.</li> </ul>



**Figure 1: Regional Location Plan**





**Figure 2: Hermosa Project Tenement Map**

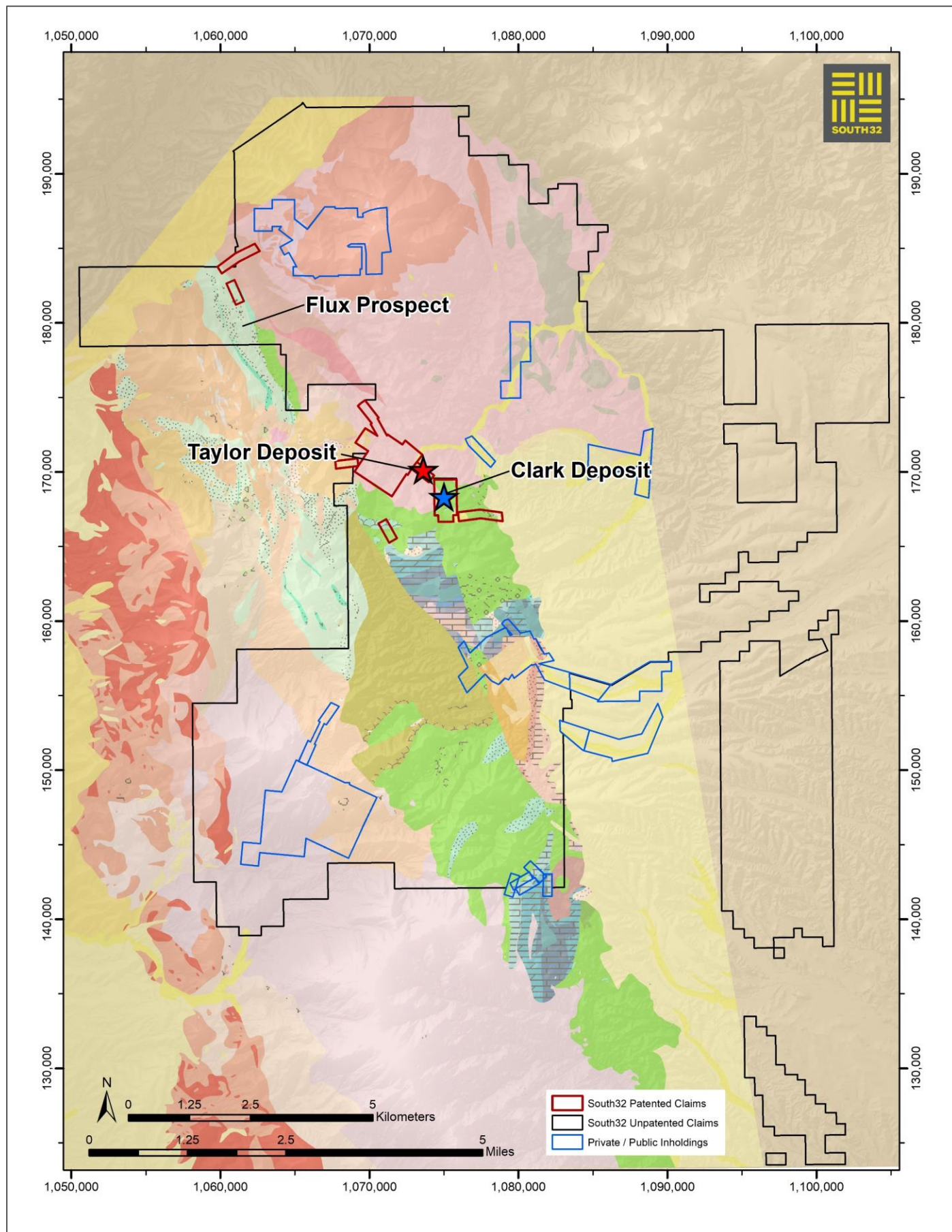


Figure 3: Hermosa Project Regional Geology

Map units		
Symbol	Unit name	
	Qal—Younger alluvium and talus	
	QTal—Older alluvium	
	QTg—Gravel and conglomerate	
	Tl—Limestone	
	Tt—Biotite rhyolite tuff	
	si—Silicification	
	Tv—Volcaniclastic rocks of middle Alum Gulch	
	Tib—Intrusive breccia of middle Alum Gulch	
	Tqp—Quartz feldspar porphyry of middle Alum Gulch	
	Tqpx—Xenolithic quartz feldspar porphyry of middle Alum Gulch	
	Tqmp—Quartz monzonite porphyry, in granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tqmpb—Breccia, in quartz monzonite porphyry (unit Tqmp) of granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tg—Granodiorite, in granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tgb—Breccia, in granodiorite (unit Tg) of granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tlp—Latite porphyry, in granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tbq—Biotite quartz monzonite, in granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tbqb—Breccia, in biotite quartz monzonite (unit Tbq) of granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tbg—Biotite granodiorite, in granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tibx—Intrusion breccia, in granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tsy—Syenodiorite or mangerite, in granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tag—Biotite augite quartz diorite, in granodiorite of the Patagonia Mountains	
	Tmp—Quartz monzonite porphyry of Red Mountain	
	TKr—Rhyolite of Red Mountain	
	TKggt—Gringo Gulch Volcanics	
	Ka—Trachyandesite	
	r—Rhyolite or latite, in trachyandesite (unit Ka)	
	Km—Pyroxene monzonite	
	Kl—Biotite quartz latite(?)	
	Kv—Silicic volcanics	
	la—Biotite latite(?), in silicic volcanics (unit Kv)	
	Kpg—Porphyritic biotite granodiorite	
	Kb—Bisbee Formation	
	Kbc—Conglomerate, in Bisbee Formation (unit Kb)	
	Jtg—Granite of Three R Canyon, in granite of Cумero Canyon	
	Jtgb—Breccia, in granite of Three R Canyon (unit Jtg) of granite of Cумero Canyon	
	Jcm—Porphyritic granite, in granite of Cумero Canyon	
	Jcs—Equigranular alkali syenite, in granite of Cумero Canyon	
	Jcsb—Breccia, in equigranular alkali syenite (unit Jcs) of granite of Cумero Canyon	
	Jcg—Equigranular granite, in granite of Cумero Canyon	
	Jcgb—Breccia, in equigranular granite (unit Jcg) of granite of Cумero Canyon	
	Jhm—Hornblende monzonite of European Canyon	
	JTRv—Volcanic rocks, in silicic volcanic rocks	
	ha—Hornblende andesite dike and (or) plug, in volcanic rocks (unit JTRv)	
	b—Volcanic breccia, in volcanic rocks (unit JTRv)	
	s—Sedimentary rocks, in volcanic rocks (unit JTRv)	
	cg—Limestone conglomerate, in volcanic rocks (unit JTRv)	
	qz—Quartzite, in volcanic rocks (unit JTRv)	
	ls—Exotic blocks of upper Paleozoic limestone, in volcanic rocks (unit JTRv)	
	w—Rhyolitic welded(?) tuff, in volcanic rocks (unit JTRv)	
	lp—Latite(?) porphyry, in volcanic rocks (unit JTRv)	
	JTRvs—Volcanic and sedimentary rocks, in silicic volcanic rocks	
	TRm—Mount Wrightson Formation	
	q—Quartzite, in Mount Wrightson Formation (unit TRm)	
	a—Biotite(?)—albite andesite lava(?), in Mount Wrightson Formation (unit TRm)	
	t—Coarse volcaniclastic beds, in Mount Wrightson Formation (unit TRm)	
	TRms—Sedimentary rocks, in the Mount Wrightson Formation (unit TRm)	
	Pcn—Concha Limestone	
	Ps—Scherrer Formation	
	Pe—Epitaph Dolomite	
	Pc—Colina Limestone	
	PPe—Earp Formation	
	Ph—Horquilla Limestone	
	Me—Escabrosa Limestone	
	Dm—Martin Limestone	
	Ca—Abrigo Limestone	
	Cb—Bolsa Quartzite	
	pCq—Biotite or biotite-hornblende quartz monzonite	
	pCh—Hornblende-rich metamorphic and igneous rocks	
	pCm—Biotite quartz monzonite	
	pCd—Hornblende diorite	

Figure 4: Hermosa Project Regional Geology Map Legend



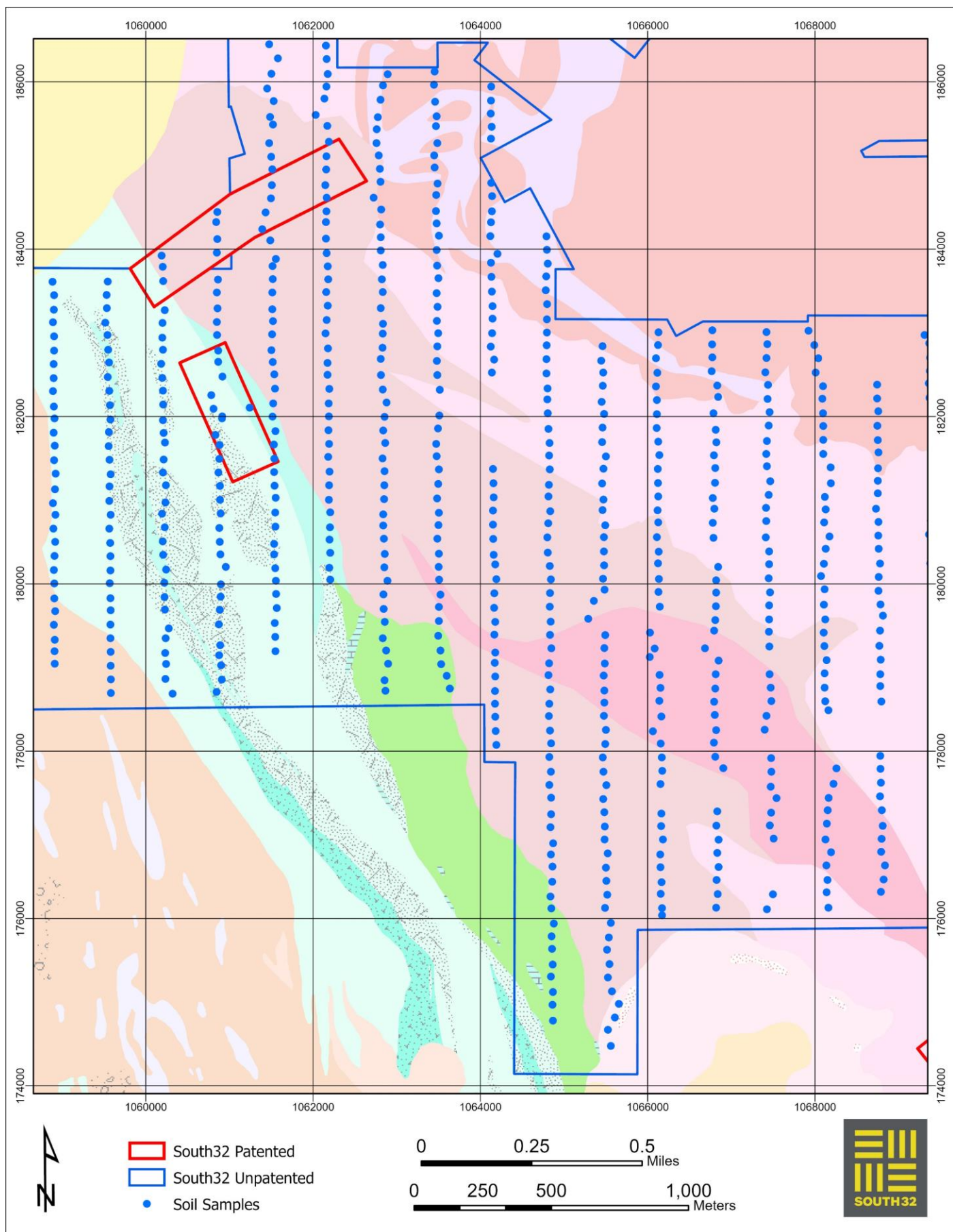


Figure 5: Map of Soil Sample Location



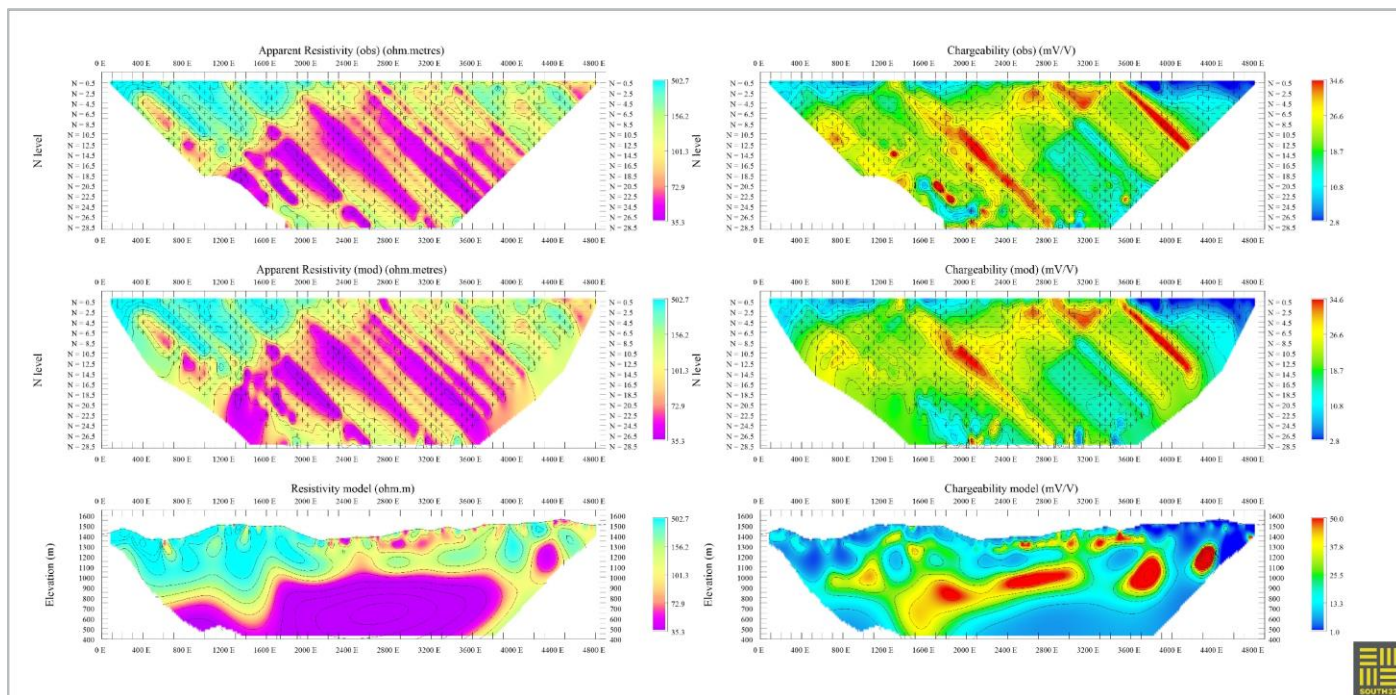


Figure 6: A Section of the Chargeability Map

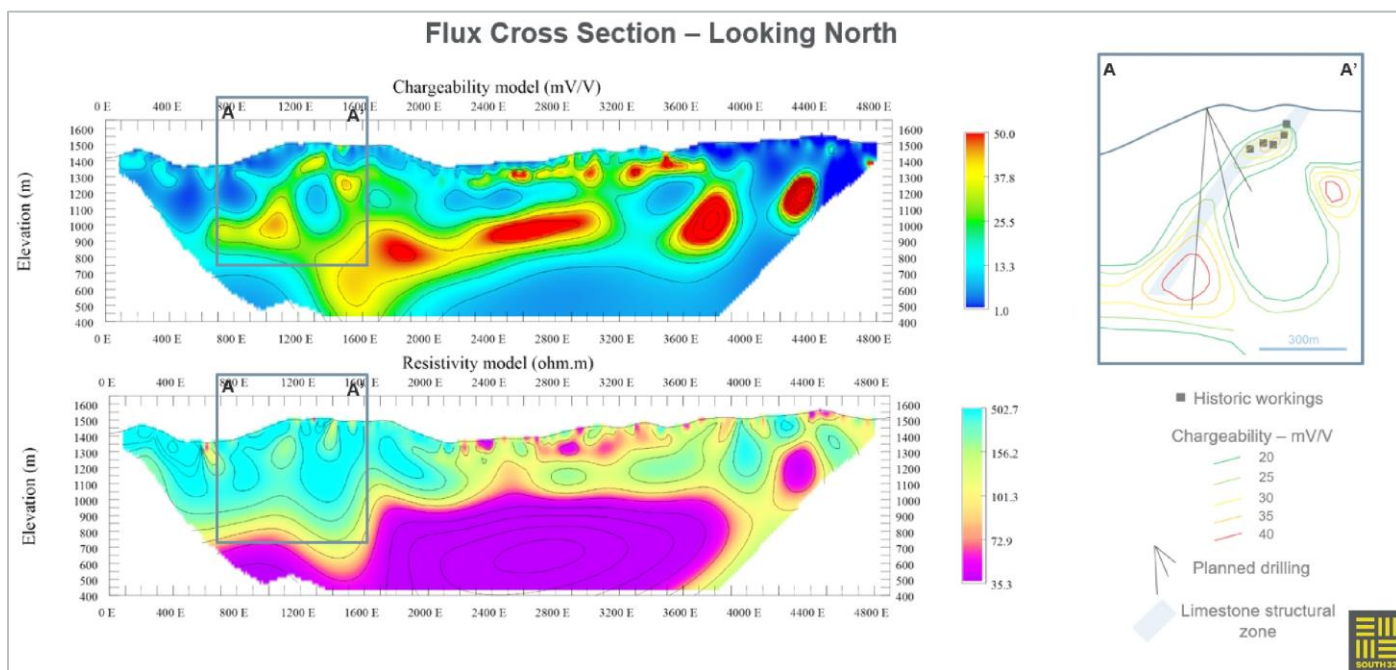


Figure 7: Section of Planned Drilling

### Competent Person Statement:

The information in this presentation that relates to exploration results for Flux Prospect (Hermosa project) is based on information and supporting documentation compiled by David Bertuch. Mr Bertuch is a full-time employee of South32 and is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Bertuch has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activities being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in 2012 edition of "The Australasian code for reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (The JORC Code). The Competent Person consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

## APPENDIX 2

Mineral Resource estimates for Hermosa and Ambler projects as at 30 June 2020  
(Refer to [South32's Annual report released on 4 September 2020](#))

As at 30 June 2020																							As at 30 June 2019					
Deposit	Ore Type	Measured Resources					Indicated Resources					Inferred Resources					Total Resources					South32 Interest	Total Resources					
		Mt	% Zn	% Pb	% Mn	g/t Ag	Mt	% Zn	% Pb	% Mn	g/t Ag	Mt	% Zn	% Pb	% Mn	g/t Ag	Mt	% Zn	% Pb	% Mn	g/t Ag	%	Mt	% Zn	% Pb	% Mn	g/t Ag	
Hermosa																							100					
Taylor	UG Sulphide	21	4.33	3.82		58	98	3.17	4.02		77	42	3.14	3.51		69	162	3.31	3.86		72		149	3.32	3.66		70	
	UG Transition						3.3	4.58	3.49		45	1.7	4.36	3.19		42	5.0	4.50	3.39		44		6.2	5.22	3.82		57	
Clark	UG Oxide						33	2.49		9.39	56	22	2.04		8.64	110	55	2.31		9.08	78							

Net Smelter return Cut-off: Taylor (US\$90/t); Clark (US\$175/t); UG- Underground

As at 30 June 2020																											As at 30 June 2019																	
Deposit	Ore Type	Measured Resources						Indicated Resources						Inferred Resources						Total Resources						South32 Interest	Total Resources																	
		%	%	%	g/t	g/t		%	g/t	g/t	g/t	%	%	g/t	g/t		%	g/t	g/t	g/t	%	%	%	g/t	g/t		%	%	%	g/t	g/t													
		Mt	Cu	Zn	Pb	Ag	Au	Mt	% Cu	Zn	% Pb	Ag	Au	Mt	Cu	% Zn	Pb	Ag	Au	Mt	% Cu	% Zn	% Pb	Ag	Au	%	Mt	Cu	Zn	Pb	Ag	Au												
Ambler																											50																	
Arctic	OC Sulphide						33	3.14	4.43	0.80	49	0.63	4.7	2.55	3.34	0.57	37	0.38	37	3.06	4.30	0.77	47	0.60																				
Bornite	OC Sulphide						40	1.06					38	1.03					78	1.04																								
	UG Sulphide												70	2.29					70	2.29																								

Cut-off: Arctic (Net Smelter return of US\$63.4/t); Bornite (OC Sulphide - 0.5% Cu, UG Sulphide- 1.5% Cu); OC- Opencast, UG- Underground