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#### 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 13 May 2025 at 7:30pm Australian Western Standard Time.

As South32 prepares to mark 10 years since its establishment, Mr Kerr will highlight the repositioning of our portfolio towards metals and minerals critical to the global energy transition.

The presentation is attached and an accompanying webcast will be made available on the South32 website on completion (https://www.south32.net/investors/presentations-speeches).

#### **About us**

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 minerals and metals critical to the world's energy transition from operations across the Americas, Australia and Southern Africa and we are discovering and responsibly developing our next generation of mines. We aspire to leave a positive legacy and build meaningful relationships with our partners and communities to create brighter futures together.

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# STRATEGY AND BUSINESS UPDATE

**13 May 2025** 

BRIGHTER FUTURES TOGETHER



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The information in this presentation that relates to the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimate for the Sierra Gorda copper mine is extracted from the announcement entitled "Sierra Gorda copper mine – Ore Reserve declaration and Mineral Resource update" published on 29 August 2024 (<a href="https://www.south32.net">www.south32.net</a>) and prepared by Competent Persons 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 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.

#### PRODUCTION TARGETS

Taylor: The information in this presentation that refers to Production Target and forecast financial information for Taylor is based on Probable (61%) Ore Reserves and Measured (1%), Indicated (5%), Inferred (9%) Mineral Resources and Exploration Target (24%) for the Taylor deposit, and was originally disclosed in "Final Investment Approval to Develop Hermosa's Taylor Deposit" dated 15 February 2024. The Mineral Resources and Deposit on accordance with the JORC Code. South32 confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the Production Target have been prepared by P Garretson in a accordance with the JORC Code. South32 confirms that full the material assumptions underpinning the Production Target that full ferred Mineral Resources and there is no accretion that the theorem associated with Inferred Mineral Resources and there is no accretion to exploration to apply and have not materially changed. There is low level of geological confidence associated with Inferred Mineral Resources and there is no certainty that further exploration target is conceptual in nature. In respect of Exploration Target is sufficient exploration Target is because on South32's current exploration or Mineral Resources and Exploration Target is based on South32's current exploration target is based on South32's current exploration or future results or events and should not be solely relied upon by investors when making investment decisions. Further evaluation work and appropriate studies are required to establish sufficient confidence that this target will be met. South32 is satisfied, therefore, that the use of Inferred Mineral Resources and Exploration Target in the Production Target in the Production reporting is reasonable.

Sierra Gorda: The information in this presentation that refers to Production Target and forecast financial information for the Sierra Gorda mine is based on Proved (31%) and Probable (39%) Ore Reserves and (30%) Inferred Mineral Resources and was originally disclosed in "Sierra Gorda copper mine – Ore Reserve declaration and Mineral Resource update" dated 29 August 2024. The Ore Reserve and Mineral Resource estimate underpinning the Production Target has been prepared by P Villagran, O Cortez and I Glacken and reported in accordance with the JORC Cook South32 Confirms that a seen prepared by P Villagran, O Cortez and I Glacken and reported in accordance with the JORC Cook South32 Confirms that in the determinations underpinning the Production Target and I forecast financial information with the JORC Cook South32 Confirms that in the determination of Inferred Mineral Resources and the JORC Cook South32 Confirms that inclusion of JoRC of Inferred Mineral Resources and the JoRC Cook South32 Confirms that inclusion of JoRC of Inferred Mineral Resources in the Production Target and forecast financial information reporting is reasonable.

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Worsley Alumina: Subject to receipt of any necessary secondary approvals. The information in this presentation that refers to Production Target and forecast financial information for Worsley Alumina is based on Proved (84%) and Probable (16%) Ore Reserves. The Ore Reserves underpinning the Production Target have been prepared by U Sandilands and reported in accordance with the JORC Code and is available to view in South32's 2024 Annual Report (www.south32.net) published on 29 August 2024. South32 confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the Production Target and forecast financial information derived from the Production Target continues to apply and have not materially changed.

Cannington: The information in this presentation that refers to Production Target and forecast financial information for Cannington is based on Proved (86%) and Probable (14%) Ore Reserves. The Ore Reserves underpinning the Production Target have been prepared by R Muller in accordance with the requirement of the JORC Code and is available to view in South32's 2024 Annual Report (<a href="https://www.south32.net">www.south32.net</a> published on 29 August 2024. South32 confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the Production Target and forecast financial information derived from the Production Target continues to apply and have not materially changed.

Australia Manganese: The information in this presentation that refers to Production Target and forecast financial information for Australia Manganese is based on Proved (38%) and Probable (62%) Ore Reserves underpinning the Production Target have been prepared by C Dekker in accordance with the requirement of the JORC Code and is available to view in South32's 2024 Annual Report (<a href="https://www.south32.net">www.south32.net</a>) published on 29 August 2024. South32 confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the Production Target and forecast financial information derived from the Production Target continues to apply and have not materially changed.

South Africa Manganese: The information in this presentation that refers to Production Target and forecast financial information for South Africa Manganese is based on Proved (18%) and Probable (82%) Ore Reserves. The Ore Reserves underpinning the Production Target have been prepared by D Takalani in accordance with the requirement of the JORC Code and is available to view in South32's 2024 Annual Report (<a href="https://www.south32.net">www.south32.net</a>) published on 29 August 2024. South32 confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the Production Target and forecast financial information derived from the Production Target continues to apply and have not materially changed.

#### **EXPLORATION TARGETS AND EXPLORATION RESULTS**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets is based on information compiled by Robert Wilson, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full-time employee of South32. Mr. Wilson has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and the type of deposits under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (The JORC Code). Mr. Wilson consents to the inclusion in the presentation of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Additional information is contained in Annexure 1.

# **OVERVIEW**



## Streamlined our portfolio, improving its quality and returns potential

**Greater exposure to higher margin businesses** 

**Reduced complexity** 

Hermosa to bring significant base metals production growth

**Pipeline of base metals growth options** 

Disciplined capital allocation to deliver shareholder value and returns



# **OUR STRATEGY**



## Our simple strategy is underpinned by a disciplined approach to capital management





## **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

# OUR SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH



## Our approach to sustainability underpins the delivery of our strategy

Our approach comprises five interconnected pillars, which focus on areas that are material to our business and stakeholders



**Protecting and respecting our people** 



**Delivering value to society** 



**Operating ethically and responsibly** 



**Managing our environmental impact** 



Addressing climate change

# We are committed to continuously improving our sustainability performance

- Delivering on our 'Safety Guarantee' and enabling a culture that supports safe and reliable operations
- Creating an inclusive, diverse and engaged workforce that allows for greater collaboration, innovation and performance
- Contributing social and economic value through sustainable development while minimising our impact on nature
- Decarbonising our operations to protect value and investing to grow our future production of base metals

## Our progress is monitored by third-party rating agencies<sup>2,3</sup>



South32's current ESG Risk Rating places it 9 out of 231 in the Diversified Metals industry group assessed by Sustainalytics

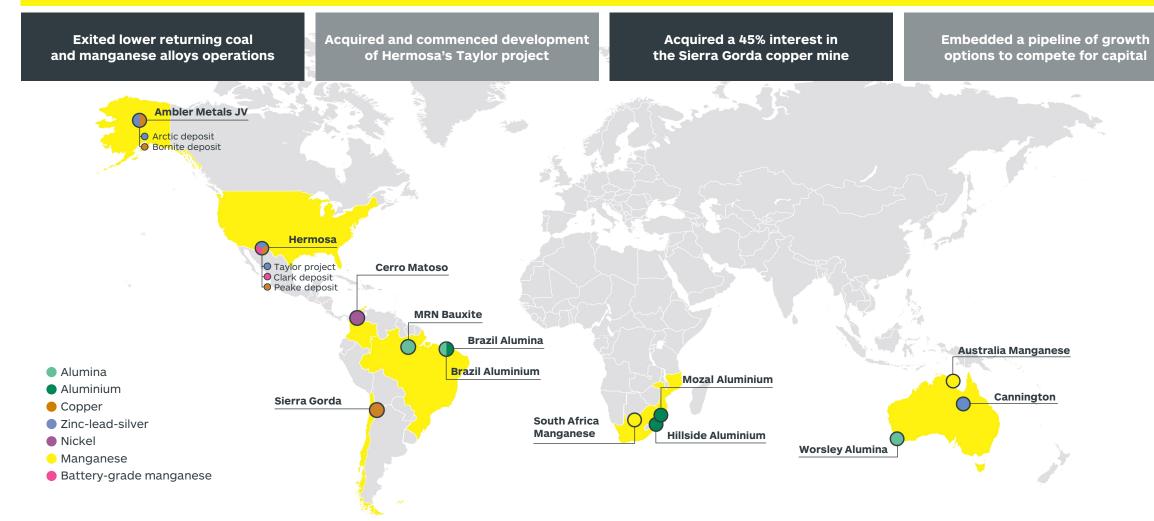


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# **OUR PORTFOLIO**



## Portfolio repositioned towards minerals and metals critical to the world's energy transition

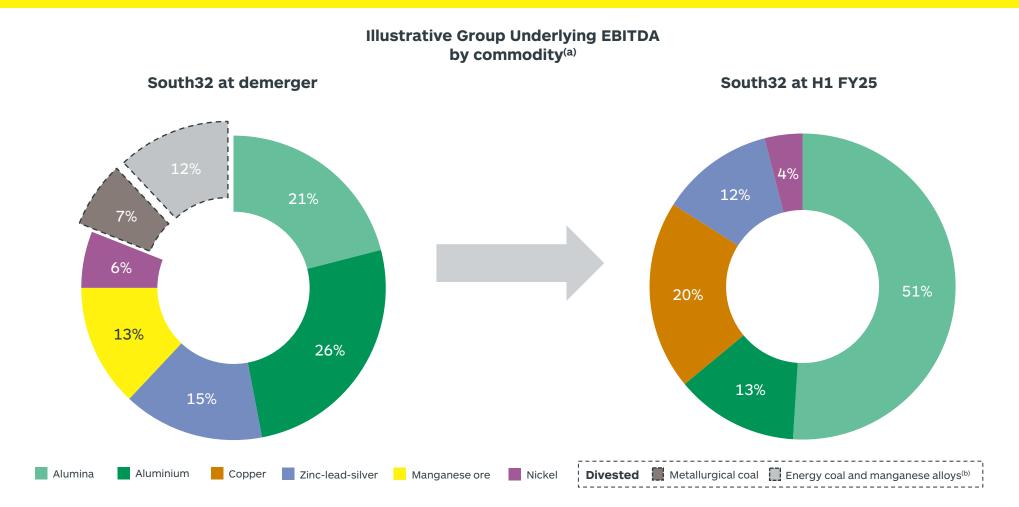


#### Notes:

• Greenfield exploration partnerships and prospects are not shown on the map.



## Simpler portfolio with greater exposure to attractive commodities



- a. Presented on a proportional consolidation basis. Excludes Hermosa, third party product and Group and Unallocated EBITDA. H1 FY25 excludes IMC following its divestment in August 2024, and our Manganese EAI as Australia Manganese remained temporarily suspended due to Tropical Cyclone Megan.
- b. The divestment of Metalloys is expected to complete in Q4 FY25, subject to the satisfaction of conditions precedent.

# **OUR PORTFOLIO**



## **Reduced complexity and improved returns**

#### **Fewer operating sites**

#### **Number of operating sites**(a)



## Less complexity, greater focus

#### **Employee headcount**(b)

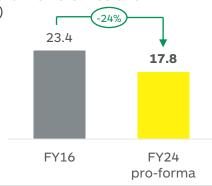
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#### **Lower direct GHG emissions**

#### Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions<sup>(c)</sup>

(Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e)

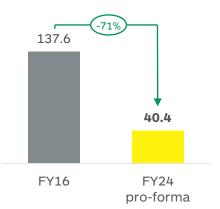


## **Lower Scope 3 footprint**

#### Scope 3 GHG emissions(c)

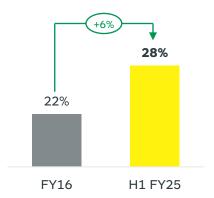
(Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e)

Notes:



## **Higher margins**

#### **Group operating margin**



## **Improved returns**

#### **Group ROIC**



#### a. Excludes non-operated sites.

Includes all South32 employees globally, including at our manganese EAIs, direct employees at our non-operated joint ventures, development projects and options, and our Group functions.

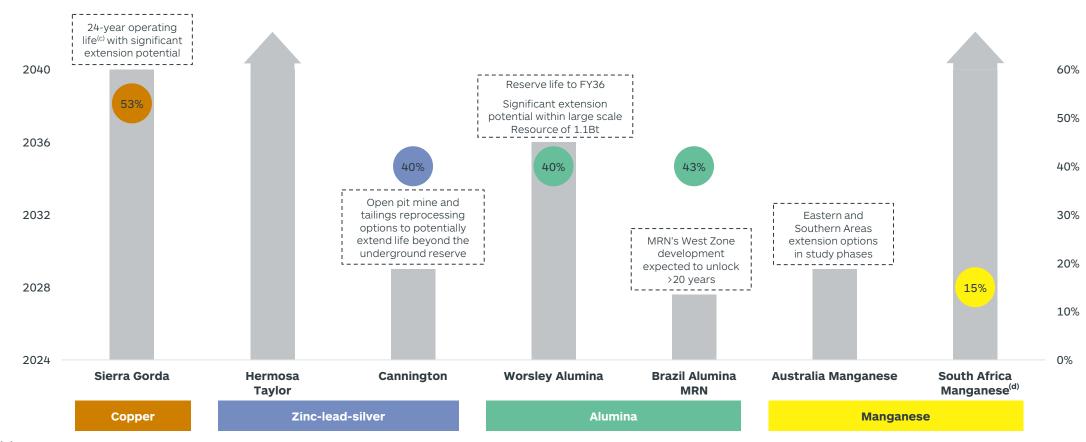
c. FY24 pro-forma refers to Group GHG emissions excluding Illawarra Metallurgical Coal.

# **OUR PORTFOLIO**



## Focused on higher margin, longer life mining assets with multiple extension options

## Reserve life<sup>(a)</sup> (LHS), Operating Margin<sup>(b)</sup> (RHS)



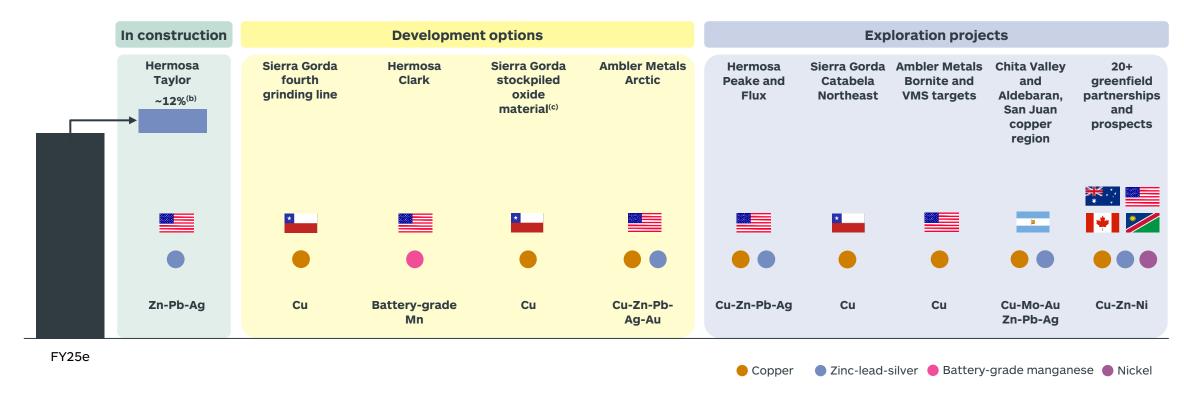
- a. Reserve life (years) as per Annual Report 2024. Refer to important notices (slide 2) for additional disclosure.
- b. Comprises H1 FY25 Underlying EBITDA excluding third party products and services EBITDA, divided by Underlying revenue excluding third party products and services revenue. Hermosa's Taylor project is in construction and Australia Manganese was temporarily suspended due to Tropical Cyclone Megan.
- c. Refer to important notices (slide 2) and Annexure 2 for additional disclosure.
- Reserve life for South Africa Manganese is reported as the life of scheduled Ore Reserves for Wessels. Mamatwan has a Reserve life of 13 years as at 30 June 2024.

# OUR GROWTH PIPELINE



## Pipeline of base metals development options and exploration projects

## **Copper equivalent production**(a)

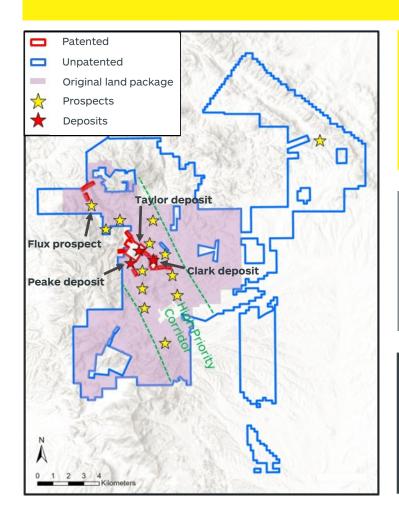


- a. Group payable copper equivalent production, calculated by applying FY24 realised prices for all operations.
- b. This illustrative analysis is calculated based on production volumes from the Taylor deposit, based on annual average steady state production in the feasibility study (refer to the market announcement "Final Investment Approval to Develop Hermosa's Taylor Deposit" dated 15 February 2024)
- c. The stockpiled oxide material referred to in this presentation is not included as Mineral Resources in accordance with the JORC (2012) Code. South32 cannot confirm whether the estimate has been compiled using an appropriate foreign reporting code.

# OUR HERMOSA PROJECT



## Hermosa to bring significant base metals production growth



**Taylor deposit** 

**Zinc-lead-silver** 

- Future top 10 global zinc mine<sup>4</sup> in the industry's first cost quartile<sup>5</sup>
- Initial 28-year<sup>(a)</sup> operating life, with significant extension potential
- Construction underway with first production expected in H2 FY27

**Clark deposit** 

Battery-grade manganese

- Potential to produce HPMSM<sup>(b)</sup> for the North American EV market
- Phased approach to development, in line with market growth
- Potential development supported by grant funding from US Department of Defense and US Department of Energy

Exploration land package

Copper, zinc

- Highly prospective land package with 15+ polymetallic targets
- High-grade copper and zinc intersected at Peake and Flux
- Potential to produce copper from Peake via the Taylor processing plant(a)

- a. Refer to important notices (slide 2) and Annexure 1 for additional disclosure.
- b. High-purity manganese sulphate monohydrate.

# HERMOSA – TAYLOR PROJECT



## **Developing a large-scale, long-life zinc mine in Arizona, USA**

#### Construction of main shaft (left), ventilation shaft (right) and tailings storage (rear)



#### Taylor feasibility study highlights(a)

Annual average production	~290kt ZnEq				
Initial operating life	~28 years(b)				
Operating unit costs	~US\$86/t				
Pre-production capital	~US\$2,160M				
Sustaining capital (average)	~US\$36M p.a.				
Free cash flow (average) <sup>6</sup>	~US\$320M p.a.				
Net present value <sup>7</sup>	~US\$686M				
Internal rate of return <sup>8</sup>	~12%				
First production	H2 FY27				
Nameplate production	FY30				

#### **Development progress**

- · State environmental approvals received
- Draft EIS under FAST-41 published in May 2025
- Ventilation shaft sinking is underway
- Process plant construction commenced in April 2025
- Main shaft sinking to commence in June 2025

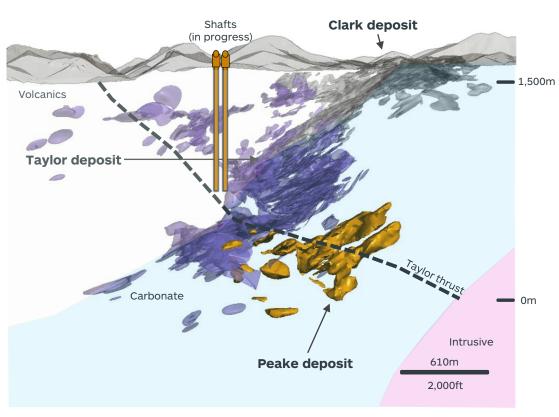
- a. Refer to market release "Final Investment Approval to Develop Hermosa's Taylor Deposit" dated 15 February 2024. The Feasibility Study has been completed to an AACE International Class 3 estimate standard, with an accuracy level of-10% / +20% for operating and capital costs. The cost estimate has a base date of H2 FY23. Unless stated otherwise, currency is in US dollars (real) and units are metric. The feasibility study outcomes assume the following commodity prices (from FY31): zinc (US\$3,207/t), lead (US\$2,069/t) and silver (US\$20.2/oz).
- b. Refer to important notices (slide 2) for additional disclosure.

# HERMOSA - NEAR-MINE EXPLORATION



## **Exploration results support the potential for a large copper system**

#### **Peake deposit (looking east)**



- Exploration drill results continue to support the potential for a continuous mineralised system connecting Peake and Taylor Deeps
- Exploration Target ranges from 23Mt to 55Mt, with a mid case of 35Mt, based on 38 drill holes completed to date<sup>(a)</sup>
- · Exploration drilling to continue to test size and extent of the copper system
- Potential to develop Peake from underground infrastructure established at Taylor

## **Exploration Target**(a)

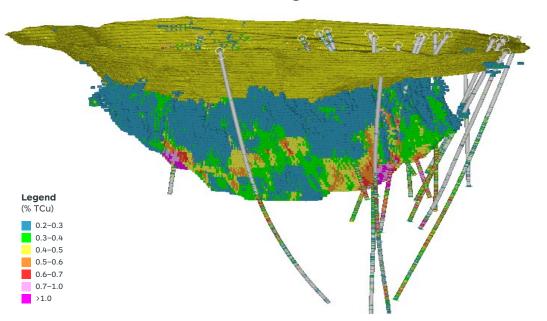
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Sulphide	23	1.0	0.9	0.8	45	35	0.8	0.7	0.7	37	55	0.6	0.6	0.5	30	

# SIERRA GORDA COPPER MINE (45%)



## Large-scale, long-life copper mine in the Antofagasta region of Chile

#### **Sierra Gorda Mineral Resource (looking northeast)**



#### Sierra Gorda Total Mineral Resources as at 30 June 2024 in 100% terms<sup>(a)</sup>

Classification	Mt	TCu (%)	Mo (%)	Au (g/t)	CuEq (%)
Sulphide	1,820	0.36	0.016	0.06	0.41
Stockpile	51	0.28	0.013	0.05	0.32

#### Catabela open pit

- Mineral Resource of 1.8Bt @ 0.41% CuEq<sup>(a)</sup>, open at depth
- 24-year operating life<sup>(a)</sup> with significant extension potential

#### **Fourth grinding line project**

- Potential to add a fourth grinding line and associated infrastructure to the processing plant to increase capacity by ~20% to ~58Mtpa (100% basis)
- Feasibility study and final investment decision by the joint venture partners expected in H1 FY26

#### **Brownfield oxide stockpile potential**

Studying options to unlock value from ~110Mt<sup>(b)</sup> of oxide material at surface

#### Catabela Northeast exploration prospect9

- All 18 exploration holes have intersected significant copper mineralisation
- Drilling underway to test potential continuity to the Catabela open pit

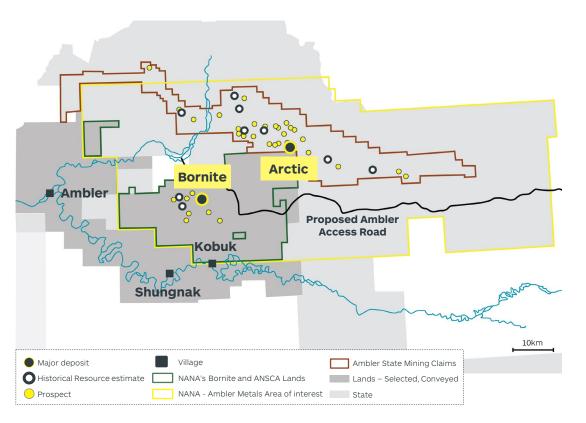
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# AMBLER METALS JV (50%)



## High-grade base metals option in Alaska, USA

#### **Ambler Metals JV, Alaska**



#### **Ambler Metals JV (50% owned)**

- Regional scale land holding in Alaska
- Preliminary study work indicates the potential for attractive returns from high-grade base metals resources<sup>(a)</sup>, including:
  - Arctic open pit: 43Mt @ 2.93% copper, 4.30% zinc(b)
  - Bornite open pit: 78Mt @ 1.04% copper(c)
  - Bornite underground: 70Mt @ 2.29% copper<sup>(d)</sup>
- Exploration work planned to test further resource growth potential across the land package

#### Roosevelt (100% owned)

Early-stage exploration, adjacent to Ambler, seeking copper and zinc mineralisation

#### Stakeholder support to access the region

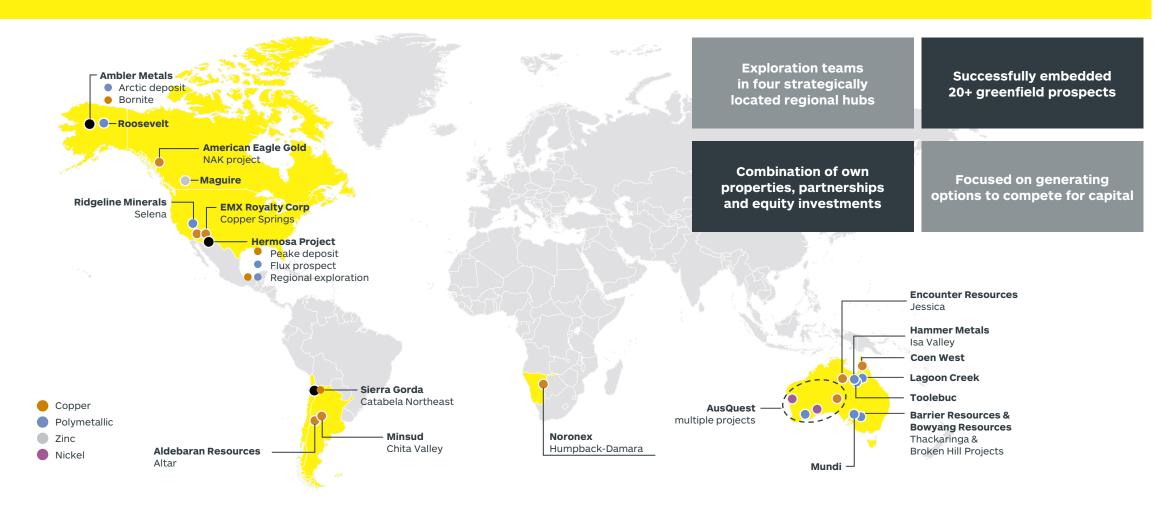
- Recent US policy decisions are supportive of domestic mining and permitting, plus economic development of Alaska
- Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) currently advancing road access to the Ambler mining district

- a. Refer to important notices (slide 2) for additional disclosure.
- b. Open pit Mineral Resource consists of Measured (24Mt @ 3.14% Cu, 4.35% Zn), Indicated (15Mt @ 2.84% Cu, 4.46% Zn) and Inferred Resources (3.7Mt @ 1.84% Cu, 3.24% Zn).
- .. Open pit Mineral Resource consists of Indicated (40Mt @ 1.06% Cu) and Inferred Resources (38Mt @ 1.03% Cu).
- d. Underground Mineral Resource consists of Inferred Resources (70Mt @ 2.29% Cu).

# OUR EXPLORATION PORTFOLIO



## An extensive portfolio from which to discover our next generation of base metals mines



#### Notes:

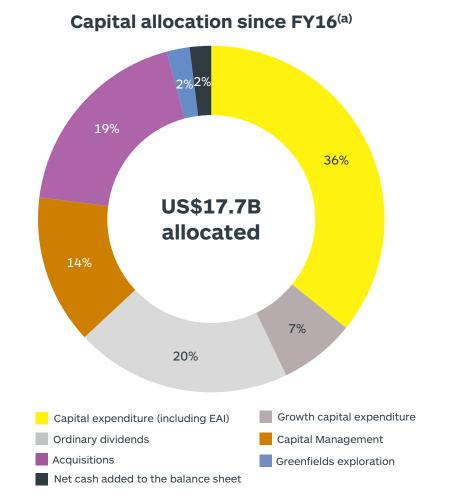
• The exploration projects, partnerships or options on this slide reflect a combination of wholly-owned South32 projects, exploration partnerships, strategic alliances and earn-in agreements.

# OUR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK



Our capital management framework supports investment in our business and is designed to reward shareholders as our financial performance improves

# **Capital management framework ROIC Competition for excess capital** -Investment in our business -Acquisitions -Greenfield exploration -Share buy-backs Maximise cash flow -Special dividends **Cash flow priorities** Distribute a minimum 40% of Underlying earnings as ordinary dividends **Maintain safe and reliable operations** and an investment grade credit rating through the cycle

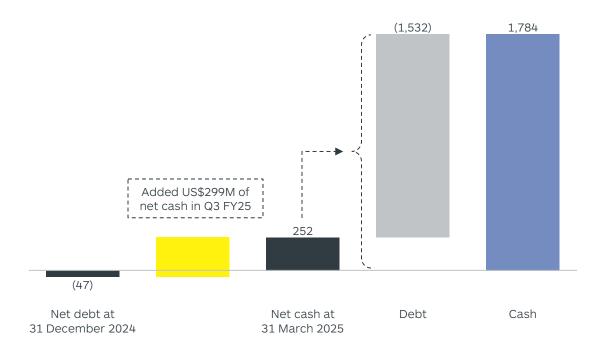


## **OUR BALANCE SHEET**



## We prioritise a strong balance sheet to support growth and returns

# **31 March 2025 net cash/(debt)** (US\$M)



#### **Balance sheet and returns**

- Net cash increased by US\$299M to US\$252M in the March 2025 quarter
- Paid a fully-franked dividend of US\$154M in April 2025
- US\$153M remains to be returned to shareholders under our capital management program ahead of its extension or expiry on 12 September 2025

#### Continue to prioritise an investment grade credit rating through all cycles

- Our liquidity position is strong, with US\$1.8B cash<sup>(a)</sup> and an undrawn US\$1.4B sustainability-linked revolving credit facility maturing in December 2028
- Our debt position is long dated including ~US\$700M of senior unsecured notes due in 2032<sup>(b)</sup> and US\$530M for Worsley Alumina's co-generation lease expiring in 2039<sup>(c)</sup>
- S&P and Moody's reaffirmed their respective BBB+/Baa1 investment grade credit ratings during FY25

- Cash balance is as at 31 March 2025.
- b. Refer to market release "South32 prices US\$700M of Senior Notes" dated 8 April 2022.
- c. Worsley Alumina lease liability for the multi-fuel cogeneration facility, which commenced in 2014 with a tenor of 32 years (incorporating a 7-year extension option).

# SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK



## Positioned to deliver growth and returns in commodities critical to the world's energy transition

**Higher margin businesses** 

**Reduced complexity** 

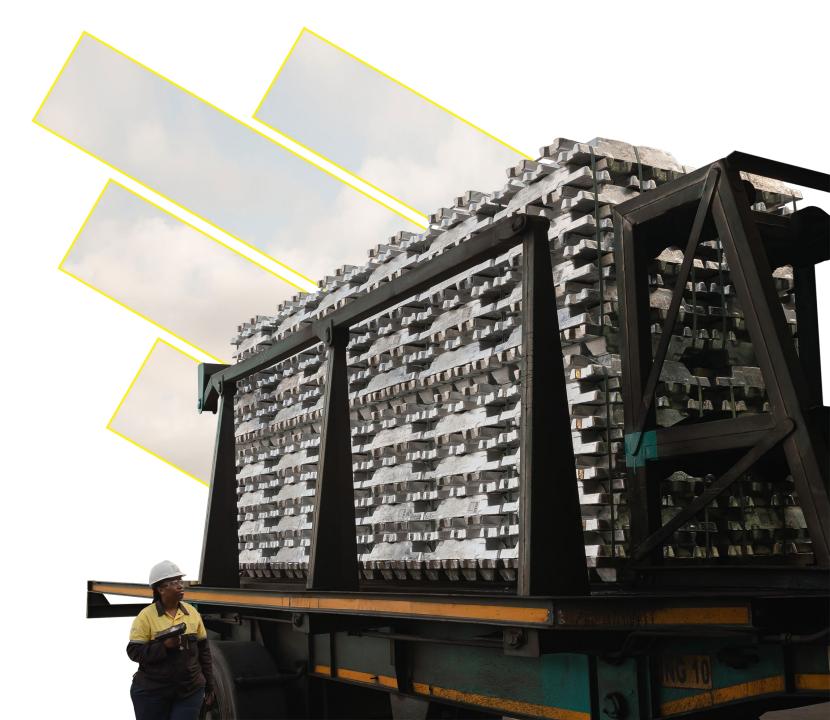
**Pipeline of base metals growth options** 

**Strong balance sheet** 





MARKETS OUTLOOK



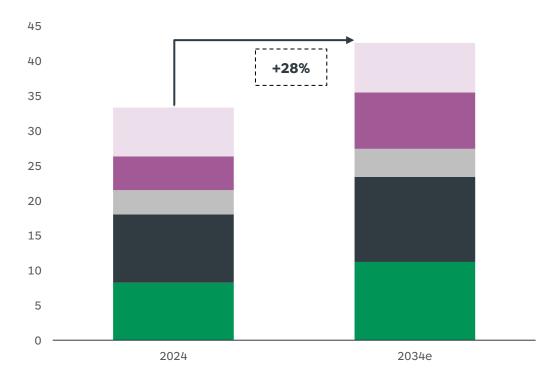
# COPPER MARKET



# Strong demand growth supported by renewable energy additions and rising electric vehicle penetration

#### **Copper Total Demand**

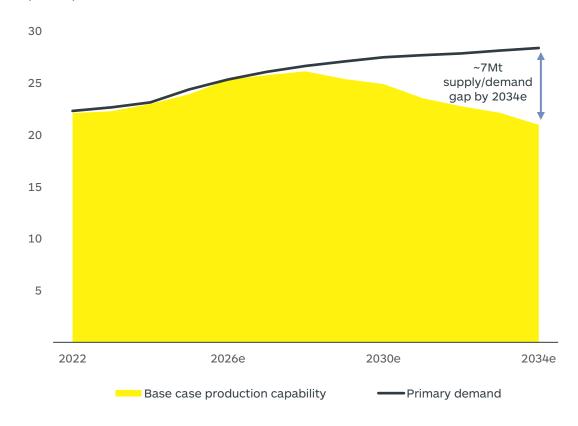
(Mt Cu)



■ Construction ■ Power Infrastructure ■ Industrial ■ Transportation ■ Consumer Durables

Significant, higher cost, mine supply required despite scrap recycling and potential substitution toward aluminium

# **Total mine production capability versus primary demand** (Mt Cu)

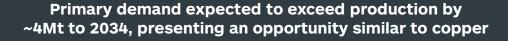


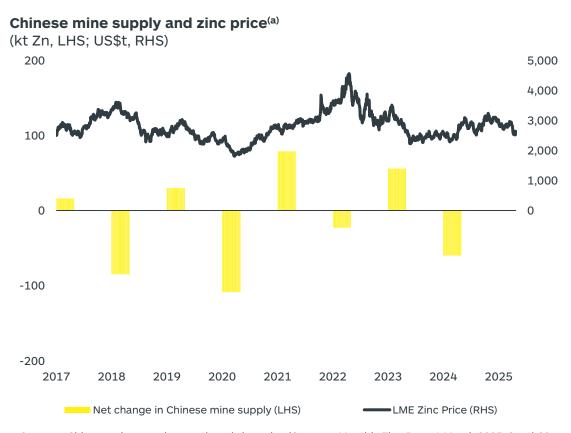
Sources: WoodMac Global Copper Strategic Planning Outlook Q1 2025, South32 Analysis.

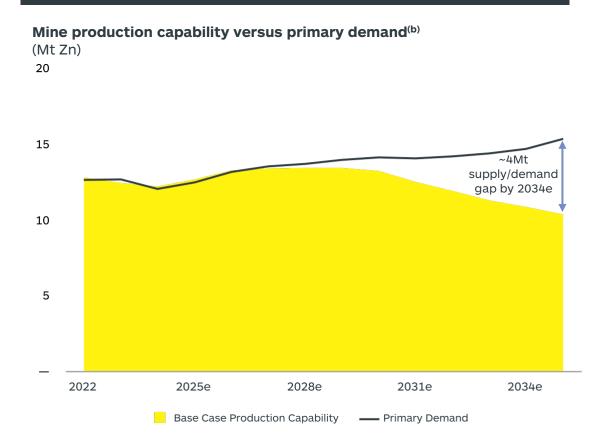
## ZINC MARKET



Declining global supply due to constrained Chinese production, falling grades and a lack of new discoveries







Sources: Chinese mine supply growth and zinc price (Oneness Monthly Zinc Report March 2025, South32 analysis, LME). Global mine production capability versus primary demand (Wood Mackenzie Global Zinc Strategic Planning Outlook Q1 2025 Report)

- a. Chinese 2025 mine supply growth not reported at time of release.
- b. Primary demand represents requirement for zinc in concentrates and represents smelter production adjusted for smelter production losses, zinc from secondary plants and zinc in residues and secondaries.

# **ALUMINIUM MARKET**

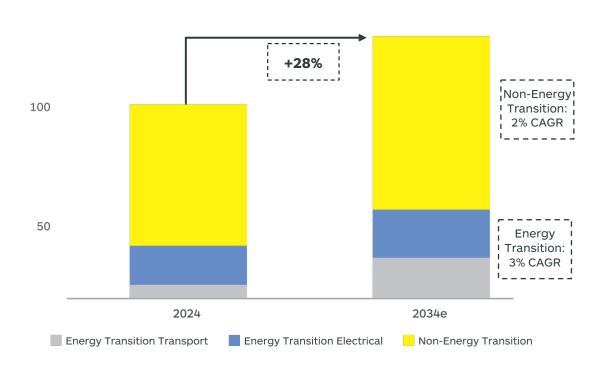


Long term demand growth expected to be driven by transport, packaging and the low-carbon energy transition

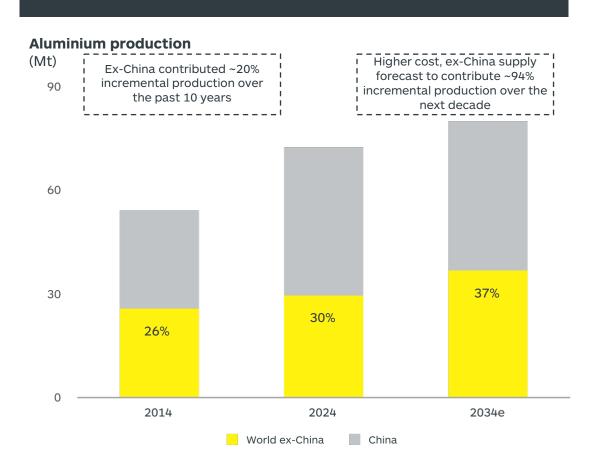
## Aluminium total consumption(a)

(Mt)

150



With China's smelting capacity expected to be capped at 45Mt, higher cost inducement projects are required ex-China



Sources: Aluminium consumption (CRU) Aluminium production (CRU).

#### Notes:

a. Energy Transition sectors refer to Transportation and Electrical end use sectors.

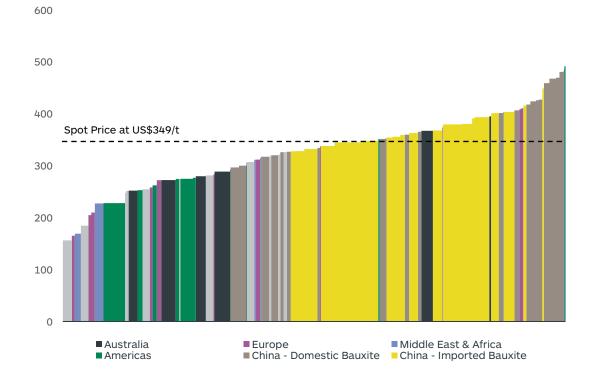
# **ALUMINA MARKET**



Higher bauxite costs are challenging margins at less efficient refineries, with ~40% of global supply currently loss-making

## Alumina business cost curve (CY24)(a)

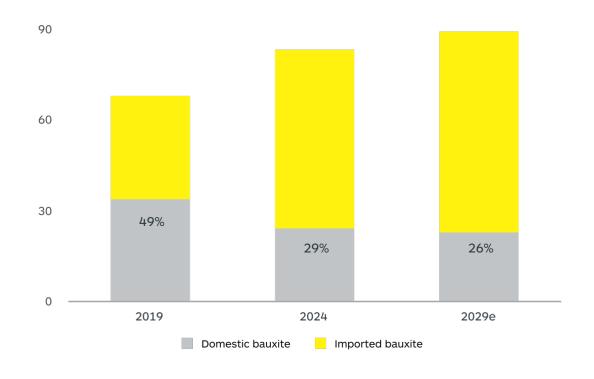
(US\$/tonne nominal)



Growing Chinese dependency on imported bauxite has shifted refining capacity from inland to coastal regions, and ex-China (such as Indonesia) with higher inducement costs

#### China alumina by bauxite source

(Mt)



Sources: Alumina cost curve (CRU). China alumina by source (CRU, South32 Analysis).

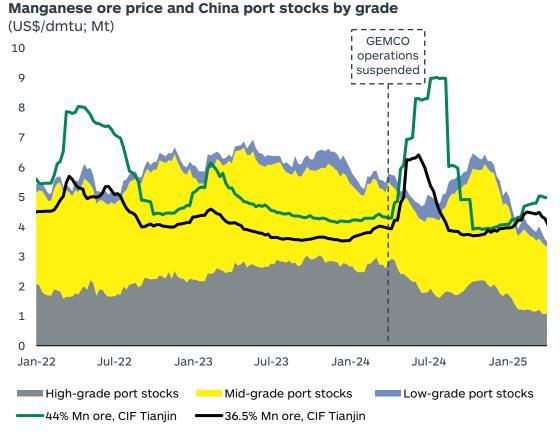
#### Notes:

SLIDE 24 a. Spot price as of 9 May 2025.

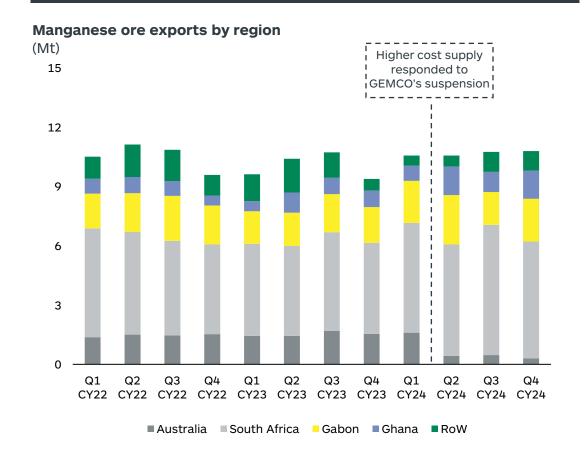
# MANGANESE MARKET



GEMCO volumes expected to displace higher cost supply, while Chinese port stocks are at multi-year lows



Long term price expected to be set by marginal South African supply transitioning underground over time





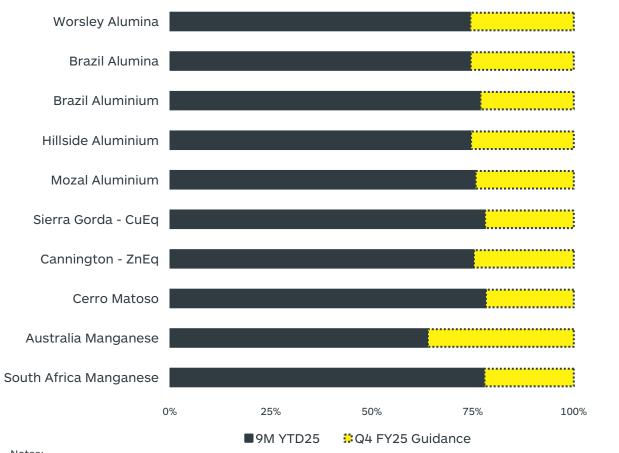
# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# **BUSINESS UPDATE**



## Focused on delivering safe and reliable operating performance

## YTD production performance vs. guidance<sup>(a)</sup>



FY25 guidance unchanged, except for Cannington(a)

**Worsley Mine Development Project to extend life to at least FY36<sup>(b)</sup>** 

**Brazil Aluminium ramping up toward nameplate capacity** 

Mozal Aluminium returning to full production following civil unrest(c)

Sierra Gorda CuEq production growth 20% year to date<sup>10</sup>

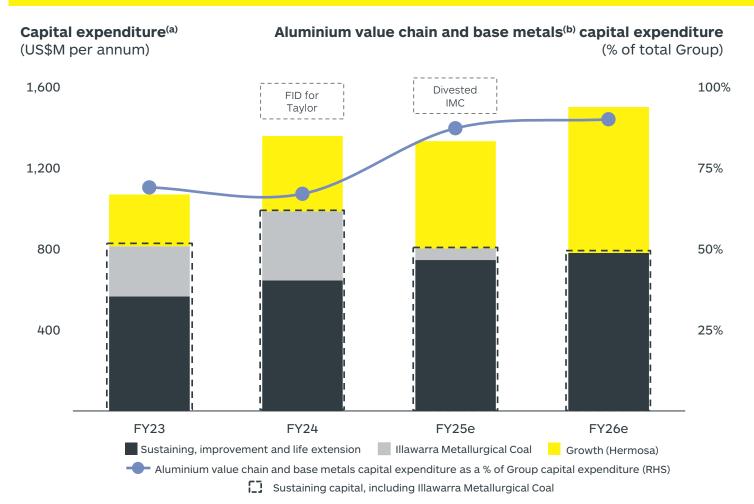
**GEMCO on track to resume export shipments in Q4 FY25** 

- FY25 production guidance as provided in the March 2025 Quarterly Report.
- Refer to important notices (slide 2) for additional disclosure.
- Subject to the extension of the current power supply agreement.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OUTLOOK



# Lower sustaining capital intensity following the sale of Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, directing growth capital to construct the Taylor zinc-lead-silver project at Hermosa



#### FY26e Safe and reliable capital expenditure<sup>11</sup> includes:

- ~US\$150M across our alumina refineries
- ~US\$110M across our aluminium smelters, including planned investment in pot tending assemblies at Hillside Aluminium
- ~US\$200M at Sierra Gorda, including deferred stripping and additional tailings storage
- ~US\$100M at Australia Manganese with planned investment in mobile equipment and water management infrastructure

#### FY26e Improvement and life extension capital includes:

~US\$80M at Worsley Alumina for new mining areas

#### FY26e Growth capital includes:

- ~US\$680M<sup>12</sup> for the Taylor zinc-lead-silver project, reflecting increased construction activity for the shafts and processing plant in accordance with the development schedule
- ~US\$40M for the Clark battery-grade manganese deposit and work across the broader Hermosa project

- a. Inclusive of our manganese and Sierra Gorda EAIs.
- b. Includes alumina, aluminium, copper, zinc, nickel and all Hermosa capital expenditure.

## **FOOTNOTES**



- 1. Our 'safety guarantee' is our internal approach to creating a sense of chronic unease to enhance our safety culture. Every day, we ask our people to reflect on whether they can guarantee both their safety and that of their colleagues when executing their role. If the answer is no, then the challenge is to stop and ask what would need to be done differently to provide that guarantee.
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- 4. Refer to market release "Final Investment Approval to Develop Hermosa's Taylor Deposit" dated 15 February 2024. Based on Wood Mackenzie Asset Profiles for Individual Mines (Q3 2023 dataset), South32 long-term price assumptions for zinc (US\$3,207/t), lead (US\$2,069/t) and silver (US\$20.2/oz), and Consensus Economics price assumptions for other commodities.
- 5. Refer to market release "Final Investment Approval to Develop Hermosa's Taylor Deposit" dated 15 February 2024. Based on estimated all-in sustaining costs in the Taylor feasibility study benchmarked against the Wood Mackenzie Zinc Mine Normal Costs League (Q4 2023 dataset). Costs are calculated as the sum of direct costs, indirect cash costs, interest charges and sustaining capital expenditure.
- 6. Average net cashflow calculated over steady state production years (FY30-FY51) (real).
- 7. Post tax net present value assumes a discount rate of 7% and valuation date of 1 January 2024 (real).
- 8. Post tax internal rate of return (nominal) calculation is reflective of cash outflows from 1 January 2024.
- 9. The information in this presentation that relates to Exploration Results for the Catabela Northeast prospect is extracted from announcement entitled "Sierra Gorda Site Visit" dated 21 November 2024. South32 confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcements. All material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the exploration results 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.
- 10. Payable copper equivalent production (CuEq) (kt) was calculated by aggregating revenues from copper, molybdenum, gold and silver, and dividing the total Revenue by the price of copper. FY24 realised prices for copper (US\$3.86/lb), molybdenum (US\$20.60/lb), gold (US\$2,129/oz) and silver (US\$24.8/oz) have been used for FY24 and FY25.
- 11. FY26e capital expenditure includes the influence of exchange rates, and includes various assumptions, including an AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.63; a USD:ZAR exchange rate of 19.00; a USD:COP exchange rate of 4,300; and a USD:CLP exchange rate of 925.
- 12. Hermosa growth capital expenditure guidance excludes lease payments of ~US\$50M for self generated power assets directly attributable to construction of infrastructure at the Taylor deposit. These self generated power costs were included in our capital cost estimate provided in market release "Final Investment Approval to Develop Hermosa's Taylor Deposit" dated 15 February 2024.

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

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this presentation: Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering (AACE); silver (Ag); gold (Au); Australian dollar (AUD); billion (B); compound annual growth rate (CAGR); Chilean peso (CLP); Colombian peso (COP); copper (Cu); calendar year (CY); dry metric tonne unit (dmtu); equity accounted investment (EAI); environmental impact statement (EIS); environmental, social and governance (ESG); electric vehicle (EV); Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41); final investment decision (FID); financial year (FY); greenhouse gas (GHG); half (H); high-purity manganese sulphate monohydrate (HPMSM); International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); joint venture (JV); kilo (k); metre (m); million (M); manganese (Mn); molybdenum (Mo); Mineração Rio do Norte (MRN); net smelter return (NSR); troy ounces (oz); pre-feasibility study (PFS-S); selection phase of the pre-feasibility study (PFS-S); total recordable injury frequency (TRIF); tonnes per annum (tpa); United States dollar (USD); South African rand (ZAR) and zinc (Zn).



# ANNEXURE 1 – PEAKE EXPLORATION TARGET



#### **Peake Exploration Target**

As drilling progresses at the Peake deposit, we have updated our work aimed at developing an unconstrained, spatial view of the Exploration Target. The Peake deposit has sufficient distribution of drill data beyond the currently reported Mineral Resource estimate to support evaluation of the potential size and quality of the Exploration Target. Our updated Exploration Target for the Peake copper-lead-zinc-silver skarn deposit continues to show potential for growth as evidenced from recent drill result, HDS-665 (137m @ 1.6% Cu, 0.03% Zn, 0.02% Pb, and 48 g/t Ag for 1.79% CuEq)<sup>(a)</sup>.

38 drill holes have been used to estimate the Exploration Target. Exploration results of all the drill holes, including significant intersections have been previously reported in various South32 disclosures<sup>(b)</sup>. In addition, updated understanding of the local geology is used in this assessment. Copper equivalent (%CuEq)<sup>(c)</sup> grade was calculated using South32's internal price forecasts and laboratory tests completed to derive metallurgical recovery. The price is commercially sensitive and is not disclosed. Average payable metallurgical recovery assumptions are 90% for Zn, 91% for Pb, 81% for Ag and 80% for Cu.

Deterministic estimates of potential volumes and grades were completed considering a Cu% cut-off of 0.2 over a range of assumptions on continuity and extensions that are consistent with available data and generic deposit models of skarn style mineralisation. These deterministic cases were assigned probability of success based on our current understanding and evaluated using Weibull probability distribution to derive low and high cases.

Further exploration drilling at Peake is planned across CY25. The tonnage and grade represented in defining the Exploration Target is conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource, and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource.

- a. Refer to 2025 Half year Results dated 13 February 2025 for additional information.
- b. Refer to the following announcements for details on each drill holes:
  - 1. Hermosa Project update dated 17 January 2022.
  - 2. Hermosa Project Mineral Resource Estimate Update and Exploration Results dated 24 July 2023.
  - 3. Final Investment Approval to develop Hermosa's Taylor deposit dated 14 February 2024.
  - 4. 2024 Full Year financial results presentation dated 29 August 2024
  - 5. 2025 Half year Results dated 13 February 2025
- c. CuEq (%) = Cu (%) + 0.3973\*Zn (%) + 0.2327 \* Pb (%) + 0.0068 \* Aq (q/t).

# ANNEXURE 2 – SIERRA GORDA ORE RESERVE AND MINERAL RESOURCE



#### Table A: Ore Reserve estimate for the Sierra Gorda deposit as at 30 June 2024 in 100% terms<sup>1,2</sup>

Ore Type		Proved Ore	e Reserves			Probable Or	e Reserves		Total Ore Reserves					
	Mt³	% TCu	% Mo	g/t Au	Mt³	% TCu	% Mo	g/t Au	Mt³	% TCu	% Mo	g/t Au		
Sulphide	344	0.41	0.025	0.07	387	0.37	0.014	0.06	731	0.39	0.020	0.06		
Stockpile					51	0.28	0.013	0.05	51	0.28	0.013	0.05		

#### Table B: Mineral Resource estimate for the Sierra Gorda deposit as at 30 June 2024 in 100% terms<sup>1,2</sup>

Ore Type	Меа	sured Mine	eral Resou	ırces	Indic	ated Mine	eral Resou	rces	Infe	rred Mine	ral Resour	ces	Total Mineral Resources			
	Mt <sup>3</sup>	% TCu	% Mo	g/t Au	Mt <sup>3</sup>	% TCu	% Mo	g/t Au	Mt <sup>3</sup>	% TCu	% Mo	g/t Au	Mt <sup>3</sup>	% TCu	% Mo	g/t Au
Sulphide	377	0.40	0.025	0.07	534	0.34	0.013	0.06	906	0.37	0.013	0.06	1,820	0.36	0.016	0.06
Stockpile					51	0.28	0.013	0.05					51	0.28	0.013	0.05

% TCu – per cent total copper; % Mo – per cent total molybdenum; g/t Au – grams/tonne of gold; Mt – Million tonnes

- 1. Cut-off grade: Net smelter return (NSR) of >0 US\$/t. Input parameters for the NSR calculation are based on long term price forecasts for copper, molybdenum and gold; mining, haulage, processing, shipping, handling and general & administration charges. Metallurgical recovery assumptions differ for geological domains with an average of 83% copper, 54% for molybdenum and 47% for gold.
- 2. All tonnes and grade information have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimate, hence small differences may be present in the totals.
- 3. All volumes are reported as dry metric tonnes.