

The Time The Place The Metal

Mining in the Pilbara June 2008 Mike Young, Managing Director



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ASX Listed		Listing on ASX December 2006	to Maiden Resource	March 2008 – <i>15 months</i>	
		Major shareholders include Cor	solidated Minerals a	nd Alkane Resources	
	$\succ$	Cash on hand \$9.5M			
Nullagine		Inferred Resource <b>28 Mt @ 57</b>	.4% Fe at Bonnie Cre	eek	
Project	$\triangleright$	Exploration targeting a further	30 Mt DSO at 55%	– <b>58% Fe</b>	
		MoU with Fortescue for rail trai	nsport to ship at Port	Hedland	
Bonnie Creek CID		Scoping Study ~ 3-5 Mtpa start	-up DSO Operation	June 08	
Development		Flora, fauna & hydro surveys		Underway	
Plan		Resource infill drilling		Underway	
		Feasibility Study commences		December Qtr 2008	





### Executive Summary - Corporate

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#### **Capital Structure**

Shares on issue

Fully Diluted 63.7					
Options	4.3				
TOTAL	59.4				
Restricted	24.0				
Trading	35.4				

Market Cap (Undiluted - @ \$1.50) \$ 90M

BoardTony Kiernan, Non-executive ChairmanMike Young, Managing DirectorNon-executive DirectorsGarth Higgo - COO of ConsMinTerry Ransted – Consultant Alkane ResourcesSteven Chadwick

#### **Top Shareholders**

TOTAL	24.6	<b>49.7</b> %	
UBS Wealth Management	4.9	8.2%	
Alkane Resources Ltd	9.0	15%	Dec 2008
Consolidated Minerals	15.6	26%	Dec 2008
	Number	% Total	Escrow





## **Executive Summary - Location**

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### **Project Locations**

Pilbara Region

#### **Nullagine Project**

- Close to infrastructure
- > 35 km north of Fortescue's
   Christmas Creek Operation
- Low strip ratio

#### **Bungaroo Creek Project**

- > Adjacent Rio's Bungaroo CID
- EL Applications
- Grass roots exploration





# **Executive Summary - Location**

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### **Nullagine Project**

#### **Bonnie Creek CID**

- > 28 Mt DSO 57% Fe (65% CaFe)
- > 47 Mt CID @ 54% Fe (60% CaFe)
- > Plant site lies 35 km from Christmas Ck (FMG)
- > 5 DSO Prospects only two at JORC Status

#### **Nullagine River CID**

- > Potential for satellite deposits
- > DSO & upgrade CID (~5 Mt)

#### **Shaw River CID**

> Potential for DSO, upgrade CID & detritals





# THE BONNIE CREEK CID PROJECT

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#### **Inferred Resource & Targets**

- > DSO 28Mt @ 57.4% Fe (65.1% CaFe)
- CID 47Mt @ 53.6% Fe (61.5% CaFe)
- Targets 15 30 Mt DSO

### **Scoping Study**

- > Due for release June Quarter
- > Optimisation and scheduling
- Capital costs
- > Operating costs
- > Mining options surface miner vs drill & blast
- > Haulage options via Fortescue rail
- > Environmental & Heritage





## Bonnie Creek CID Mineral Resource

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#### **Bonnie Creek CID Project**

#### **Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate – March 2008**

DSO Resource Estimate										
Prospect	COG1	Zone	Mt	Fe	CaFe	$SiO_2$	$Al_2O_3$	Р	S	LOI <sub>1000</sub>
Outcamp	55.0	DSO	20.6	57.3	64.9	3.18	1.70	0.016	0.017	11.8
Coongan	55.0	DSO	7.4	57.8	65.5	2.39	1.86	0.013	0.017	11.8
TOTAL DSO	55.0	DSO	28.0	57.4	65.1	2.98	1.76	0.015	0.017	11.8

#### **TOTAL CID Resource Estimate**

Prospect	COG <sup>2</sup>	Zone	Mt	Fe	CaFe	$SiO_2$	$Al_2O_3$	Р	S	LOI <sub>1000</sub>
Outcamp	45.0	CID	35.9	53.5	61.3	5.03	3.34	0.017	0.018	12.7
Coongan	45.0	CID	11.3	54.0	61.8	4.16	3.31	0.015	0.018	12.7
TOTAL CID	45.0	CID	47.2	53.6	61.5	4.82	3.33	0.017	0.018	12.7

• Based on 1m RC and DD sampling with zones defined by geological and assay boundaries

- Grade estimation by Golder Associates
- SG= 2.91 based on core measurements
- For complete explanation see BC Iron release to the ASX, 31 March 2008



### Bonnie Creek vs Peers

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Other DSO Deposits	Element Compound	BCI CID Bonnie Ck	BHP CID Yandi	RIO CID Robe R	AQA CID W Pilbara	AGO Pardoo
	Fe	57.4	58.0	57.0	56.7	57.0
	CaFe	65.1	64.2	62.8	62.1	62.5
	$SiO_2$	3.0	5.0	5.7	5.8	6.8
	$Al_2O_3$	1.7	1.3	2.7	3.5	1.9
	Р	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.12
	S	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
	LOI	11.8	9.7	9.2	8.7	8.8

BCI @ 55% COG

AQA, RIO and BHP data from corporate websites

AGO Pardoo Project – hematite BIF & CID deposits, Jan 29th, 2008



## Bonnie Creek CID - Outcamp Prospect

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### **Outcamp Well**

- > 36 Mt @ 53.5% Fe CID
- incl. 21 Mt @ 57.3% Fe DSO
- Low strip ratio
- > Outcropping mineralisation







# Bonnie Creek CID - Outcamp Prospect

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### Bonnie Creek CID - Outcamp Prospect

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View looking north

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20 x vertical exaggeration



# Bonnie Creek CID – Warrigal Well Prospect

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### Warrigal Well CID

- Directly east of Outcamp Well
- ➢ Target 10 − 15 Mt
- > Up to 27 m intersection CID
- > 7.2 km combined length
- Outcropping mineralisation
- Follow-up drilling mid-2008





## Shaw River CID

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#### **Shaw River CID**

- > Med grade CID
  - High CaFe
- > Detrital Deposits
  - Low cost mining
- Potential source of upgrade ore
- Simple upgrade





# **Channel Iron Deposits**

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**Formation of CID** Iron enrichment Iron bearing rock Base of weathering Steep terrain – rapid erosion **Laterite Development** Detritals k-----Modern Creek **Advanced erosion – channel fill Modern Day Erosion** 



# Channel Iron Deposits

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Modern day channel - New Zealand



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Shaw River Mesa



# Channel Iron Deposits – Minerals and "CaFe"

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*"Sintering CID fines delivers an 8 – 10 % increase in Fe grades to the blast furnace"* 



# Typical Iron Ore Deposits

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Iron Ore Comparison		CID	Bedded	Mt BIF
	Deposits	Yandi, Robe R Nullagine	Newman, FMG Tom Price	Karara, Sth Down
14	Dom mineral	Goethite	Hematite	Magnetite
	Ore Grade Fe%	~57%	58-63%	~30%
	Upgrade	DSO	DSO	> 65%
	CaFe	~64%	~65%	-
	Contaminants	Al, Si	Al, Si, S, P	Si, S
	CAPEX	Low	Mod	High
	OPEX	Low	Low-Mod	High
	Product	Fines	Lump/Fines	µFines/Pellet

Approximately half of the iron ore exported from the Pilbara is CID



# **INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS**

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- **Fortescue** > MOU negotiation over bulk commodity transport Chichester operations to Port Hedland
  - Provides rail loading, haulage, port handling and ship loading services
  - Agreed rate of up to 5 Mtpa DSO no blending at port
  - Parties to consider other arrangements JV, mine gate sale

#### North West Iron Ore Alliance

- > Atlas Iron, BC Iron, Brockman Resources & FerrAus
- > Promoting diversified iron ore industry in the Pilbara
- Infrastructure access rail & port
- Statutory approvals
- > Stakeholder & community relations



Fortescue ore train – photo by BC Iron



# CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Timing	$\triangleright$	Baseline Environmental Surveys	Commenced
	≻	Recommence drilling	Commenced
	≻	Scoping Study Bonnie Creek CID	June Qtr 2008
	$\triangleright$	Indicated <u>+</u> Measured Resource	Second half 2008
	$\triangleright$	Heritage Surveys – <i>Palyku</i>	Second Half 2008
	$\triangleright$	Feasibility Study Commence	Late 2008 to 2009
	$\triangleright$	Heritage & EPA Approvals	Mid 2009
	$\triangleright$	Construction	Late 2009
	$\triangleright$	Production	First half 2010

#### Development Options

- (i) Mine and sell FOB/CFR through Port Hedland - Using Fortescue infrastructure
- (ii) Mine gate sale to Fortescue
- > Both options assume
  - Commence at 3 Mtpa production ramp up to 5 Mtpa
  - Commission first half 2010





# **INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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- **Near Term** 

  Pilbara iron ore junior developer
  - ✓ 100 % ownership flexible off-take/marketing options
  - ✓ Maiden JORC Resource 28 Mt @ 57.4% Fe
    - upside with lower specifications
  - ✓ Targeting additional 30 Mt DSO
  - ✓ Scoping Study 3 5Mtpa *underway*
  - ✓ Upside with progress Market cap at \$90M

Long Term Potential

- ✓ An operation with low CAPEX & low OPEX
- ✓ Possibility for a high margin operation
- $\checkmark$  Access to infrastructure
- ✓ Quick path to cash flow *Path to growth*



Coongan Well



## Iron Ore Investors Check List

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### *"Fill in the blanks . . . . "*

Iron Ore Investor's Checklist							
COMPANY	BC Iron						
Hematite	Yes						
Simple orebody	Yes						
Direct Shipping Ore	Yes						
Low Capex/Opex	Yes						
Simple infrastructure	Yes						
Access to a port <sup>1</sup>	Yes						
Transport to port <sup>1</sup>	Yes						
Ship loading at port <sup>1</sup>	Yes						

1 – see 'Infrastructure Solutions'



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