

BC IRON LIMITED Company Update

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### A UNIQUE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

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### **Points of difference:**

- > Near-term, Pilbara iron ore producer & exporter
- Infrastructure secured rail and port
- Quality pisolite Direct Shipping Ore
- Simple operations minimised performance risk
- > Dynamic team with a record of delivery
- Experienced JV partner access to expertise and markets
- Project is in construction; on the way to production





### History of BC Iron – staying focussed

- BC Iron lists on Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) in December 2006
- Resource drilling identifies iron ore at Nullagine May 2007
- Memorandum of understanding with Fortescue Metals Group July 2007
- Drilling to Feasibility Study & Ore Reserves 2007 through 2009
- Capital raising \$22M July 2009
- Joint Venture with FMG & rail haulage and port agreement August 2009
- US\$50m Project finance and offtake deal with Henghou Industries (Hong Kong) Limited – November 2009
- Native Title agreement and Mining Lease grant April 2010
- Construction underway Listing to mining in under 4 years





# BC IRON LIMITED - CAPITAL & MANAGEMENT

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Capital structure		Number	
Shares		83.9M	
Options		12.2M	
Fully diluted total		96.1M	
Market cap @ \$1.65 (	\$158.5 M		
Gross Cash (including sh	are of JV fund	s) \$32.5M	
Major Shareholders	Number	% Total	
Consolidated Minerals	18.2M	22%	
Regent Pacific Group	13.6м	16%	
BCI Directors	3.5M	4.2%	

Board
<b>Tony Kiernan</b> – Chairman
Mike Young – Managing Director
Glenn Baldwin – Non-exec Director
Terry Ransted – Non-exec Director
Steven Chadwick – Non-exec Director
Management
Blair Duncan – Chief Operations Officer
Morgan Ball – CFO and Company Sec
<b>Greg Hudson</b> – Chief Geologist
<b>Gerry Bradley</b> – Sustainable Development



# NULLAGINE IRON ORE PROJECT

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### **Nullagine Iron Ore Project**

- Pilbara region of WA
- High quality, direct shipping iron ore deposit
- Low impurities, high CaFe
- First grade sinter blend
- > 3 to 5 Mt annual production
- Rail haulage, port services and marketing via TPI & FMG
- US\$50m prepayments for 20 Mt offtake over 8.5 years





# NULLAGINE IRON ORE JOINT VENTURE

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### **Project parameters – BCI 50%**

- Ore Reserves 36Mt 57% Fe (65% CaFe)
- Simple mining with low waste to ore
- Start-up 3 Mtpa with simple in-pit crushing and screening
- Ramp-up 5 Mtpa with fixed plant crushing and screening
- CapEx A\$51.5M & Working Cap \$17M
- OpEx \$A43/tonne over LOM (excludes state government royalties)





# NULLAGINE JOINT VENTURE

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### Nullagine joint venture milestones

# NULLAGINE JV – OUTCAMP MINE



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### NULLAGINE JV – OUTCAMP MINE

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Shallow "pits" mainly above surrounding plains - mining ore from day 1

>Above water table - lower environmental impact

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**Low OpEx** - low strip ratio, use of surface miners, efficient crushing and screening



# NULLAGINE JV - MILESTONES

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### **Recent Accomplishments:**

- Native title mining agreement
- Mining lease granted
- All key contracts awarded
- Camp construction commenced

# **Upcoming Milestones**

- Mining Proposal approval
- Environmental approval
- Haul road construction begins



Phase 1 camp under construction



# TRIAL MINING

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Nullagine ore stockpile at Outcamp Trial mine – 66,000 tonnes of quality iron ore



### MAJOR CONTRACTS

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#### **Major Contracts**

➤Watpac Ltd – mining and crushing & screening

- ≻Watpac Ltd haul road construction
- Mitchell West ore haulage

≻Complete Portables – camp and mine ops centre

#### Mining, crushing & screening

Wirtgen 2500 selected for mining
Kleeman Mobirex for crushing & screening



Kleeman - Mobirex MR170Z Crusher



Wirtgen 2500 at Outcamp well



# CONSTRUCTION

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Complete Portables - Phase 1 camp units under construction and installation





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Haul road route aerial survey



# NULLAGINE JOINT VENTURE

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#### June 2009 – Reserves and Resources Statement

#### **Probable Ore Reserves**

Pit	Mt	Fe%	CaFe%	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	P%	S%	LOI <sub>1000</sub>
Outcamp	19.2	56.8	64.8	3.21	1.92	0.01	0.01	12.2
Warrigal	10.3	57.0	64.5	3.67	2.13	0.02	0.01	11.7
Coongan	6.0	57.0	65.1	2.52	1.82	0.01	0.01	12.4
TOTAL	35.6	56.9	64.7	3.23	1.96	0.02	0.01	12.1

#### **DSO Resource Estimate**

Class	Mt	Fe%	CaFe%	$SiO_2$ %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	P%	S%	LOI <sub>1000</sub>
Measured	1.7	57.0	64.8	3.49	2.15	0.018	0.016	12.0
Indicated	38.6	57.0	64.7	3.15	2.09	0.016	0.011	12.0
Inferred	10.4	57.0	64.8	3.27	2.00	0.013	0.010	12.1
TOTAL	<b>50.</b> 7	<b>57.0</b>	64.8	3.19	<b>2.0</b> 7	0.015	0.011	12.0

• The Ore Reserve is a subset of the Resource Estimate

• CaFe = Fe / (100 - LOI) \* 100

• Total for Joint Venture (50% BC Iron)





# PILBARA IRON ORE FINES

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Element	Nullagine DSO Reserve	Yandi/Robe DSO	Pilbara Fines DSO
Fe%	57	57 - 58.5	58 - 64
Calcined Fe%	65	64	63-65
$SiO_2\%$	3.2	3 - 6	3 - 4
$Al_2O_3\%$	1.9	1.4 - 2.7	1.3 - 2.1
Р%	<0.02	~0.04	0.05 - 0.09
LOI	12	9-11	3-8
Size -0.15mm	<10%	5-20%	10-30%

#### **Direct Shipping Ore (DSO)**

- > Typically bedded hematite or pisolitic channel iron deposits
- > No beneficiation required simple mining, crushing and screening, and transport
- > At or close to accepted specifications





### **BLAST FURNACES 101**

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#### Blast furnace reduces iron ore to iron metal

- Coal and *lump* ore added at the top
- Burden travels down, hot gases travel up
- Hot metal and slag removed from the bottom
- Fines ore 'sintered' to make synthetic lump

### **Effects of deleterious elements**

- >  $Al_2O_3$  affects furnace efficiency  $\rightarrow$  slag
- SiO<sub>2</sub> affects furnace and iron  $\rightarrow$  slag/steel
- > P affects iron quality  $\rightarrow$  steel/brittle
- > Counter → flux / de-phos / blend low DE ore



### MARKETING

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### **Excellent sinter blend ore**

- ➢ Sintering → changing fines to lump by heat agglomeration
- Low impurities, low ultrafines improved performance
- Nullagine sinter blend improves sintering efficiency and productivity

### Marketing advantages of Nullagine DSO

- > China prefers West Australian hematite and pisolite ores over all others
- > 40% of WA's exported iron ore is pisolite ore (Robe R, Yandi)

### Marketing

- Offtake agreement with Henghou Industries secures offtake, provides finance
- Strong competition for remaining product
- Exposure to spot/index markets





# PROJECT PIPELINE

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### **Targeted M & A**

- Experienced Pilbara iron ore junior
- > Use in-house experience and IP
- Use developed relationships (FMG, Henghou)

### **Commodity and geography**

- Realistic targeting
- Quality and technical & commercial thresholds
- Bulks (Fe, coal, Mn, etc)
- Favourable geopolitics

### Building a pipeline of projects





# BC IRON LIMITED – CATALYSTS

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### **BCI is poised for value re-rating:**

Infrastructure solution secured

Approvals in process and on track

Key contracts awarded – long lead items locked in

Mining commences Q3 2010

Iron ore exports commence Q4 2010

Bullish outlook on iron prices – *higher margins* 

Revenue stream in 2011 – key to long term growth





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