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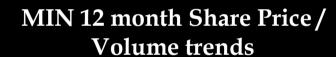
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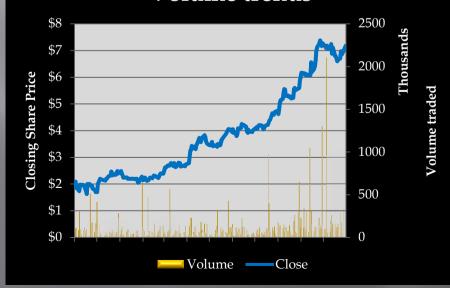


# Mineral Resources Overview

#### **Capitalisation**

Share price (at 17/11/09)\$7.00Issued Shares126 millionMarket Capitalisation\$883 million12 month high / low\$7.40 / \$1.535





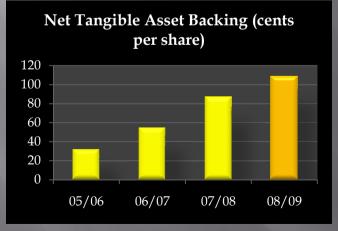
#### **Overview**

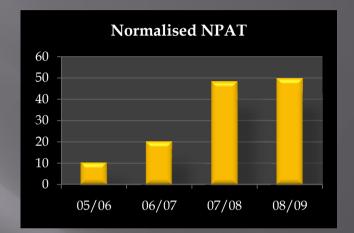
- Operating since 1992
- Listed on ASX in 2006
- ASX 300 listed company
- A record for superior value for shareholders
- Specialist mining services contractor
- Owns and operates crushing, processing and mineral export operation circuits with replacement values greater than \$500 million

# Financial Performance 2009

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Normalised NPAT of \$49.6 million increase of 3% over FY2008
- 54% dividend payout of 19.35 cps for the year
- Low gearing debt to equity 8%
- Balance sheet strength complements continued strong earnings growth
- Lines of credit available for future anticipated capital requirements









#### **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS 2008/09**

- World best practice safety record maintained
- All sections of business performed ahead of budget
- 212,000 tonnes of manganese shipped
  300,000 tonnes of iron ore shipped
- 2 additional contract crushing operations brought into operation
- Substantial tight fit lining contracts awarded and completed



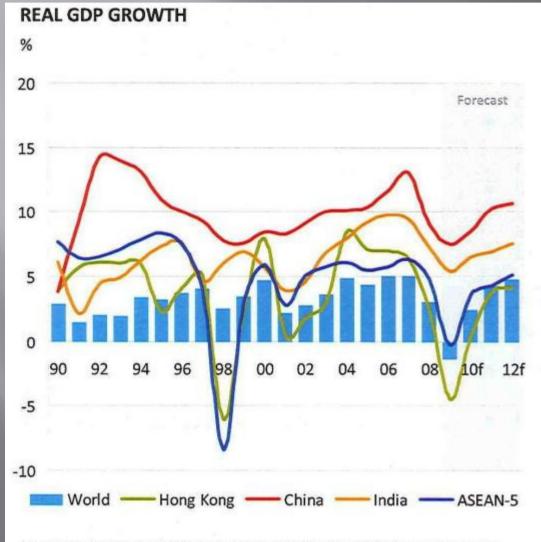
# MARKET & COMPANY PROJECTIONS 2009/10

- Economic Outlook
- Overview of commodity prices
- MIN market outlook
- MIN operations outlook





#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK



Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook Update, April 09 and July 2009. Year end December

•Subdued export growth in Asia but region generally performing well above global trend.

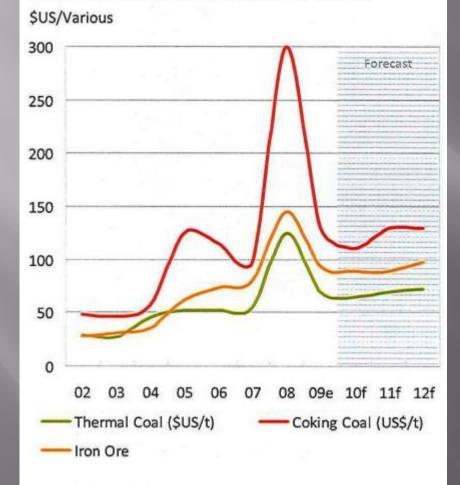
•Stimulus packages contributing to earlier than expected growth.

•IMF growth forecast targets upgraded



# OVERVIEW OF COMMODITY PRICES

#### SELECTED COMMODITY CONTRACT PRICES



Source: ABARE, BIS Shrapnel, Macquarie Research April 2009, Japanese fiscal year

•Commodity prices substantially lower but remaining above long term trend

•Higher than expected growth in China has supported iron ore price – spot price currently above contract price

•Recovering global economy expected to strengthen iron ore and manganese prices over next two years

•China growth both risk and opportunity to commodity demand and pricing



#### MIN MARKET OUTLOOK

- Major iron ore producers targeting volume growth in substantial iron ore tonnage
- Improving market conditions for manganese and iron ore with volumes and prices to recover progressively through FY2010
- Australian dollar strength to continue through 2010
- Bulk commodity shipping costs to remain volatile around tonnage growth
- Resource sector growth to create labour shortages and increased project costs
- Contract out-sourcing to remain strong for mining service operations



#### MIN OPERATIONS OUTLOOK

- MIN takeover of Polaris Metals
- Contract crushing operations to achieve record tonnages in 2010
- Resolution of Windimurra Vanadium business arrangements to be concluded shortly
- Opportunities in pipelining and polyethylene fitting manufacture to remain at high contract enquiry level
- Major capital spend on new BOO processing operations to be effected over the next 12 months to achieve volume targets
- FY2010 operational performance establishes long term volume basis for contracting and processing operations leading to substantial outperformance in FY2011
- MIN secures increased access to Utah Point Export Terminal



# **OPERATIONAL GROWTH TIMETABLE**

#### **Corporate**

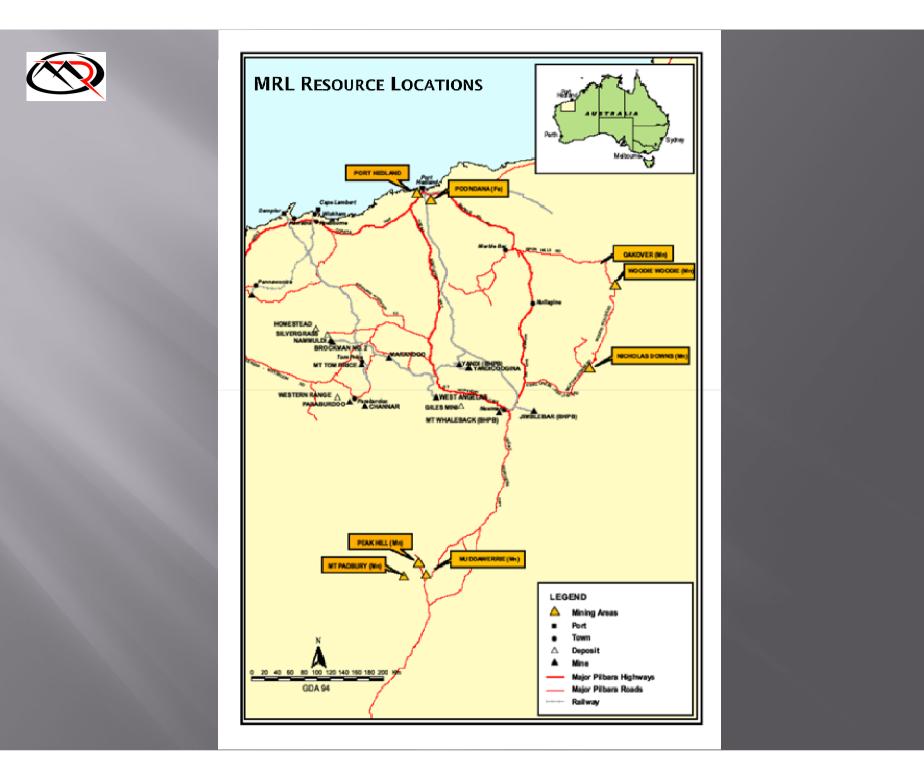
MIN entry into ASX200 – by April 2010

#### Future Increased Production

- Access to Utah Point Export Terminal by October 2010
- Poondana iron ore production by June 2010 (1.5mtpa)
- Nicholas Downs manganese production by April 2010 (0.5 mtpa)
- Borroloola manganese production by September 2010 (0.5 mtpa)
- Mt Marion lithium production by August 2010 (0.2 mtpa)
- Export stockpiled iron ore commencement January 2010 (4.0 mt)

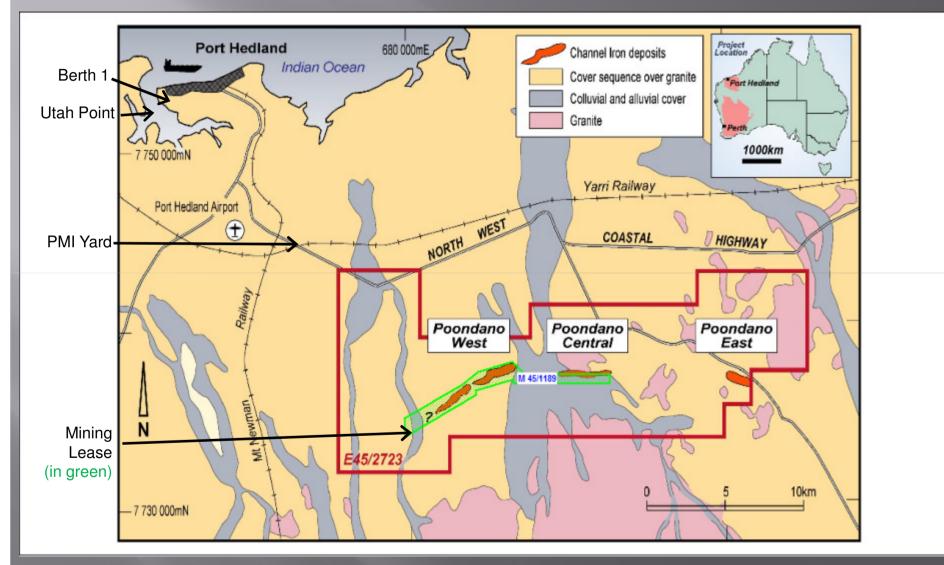
#### Mergers & Acquisitions

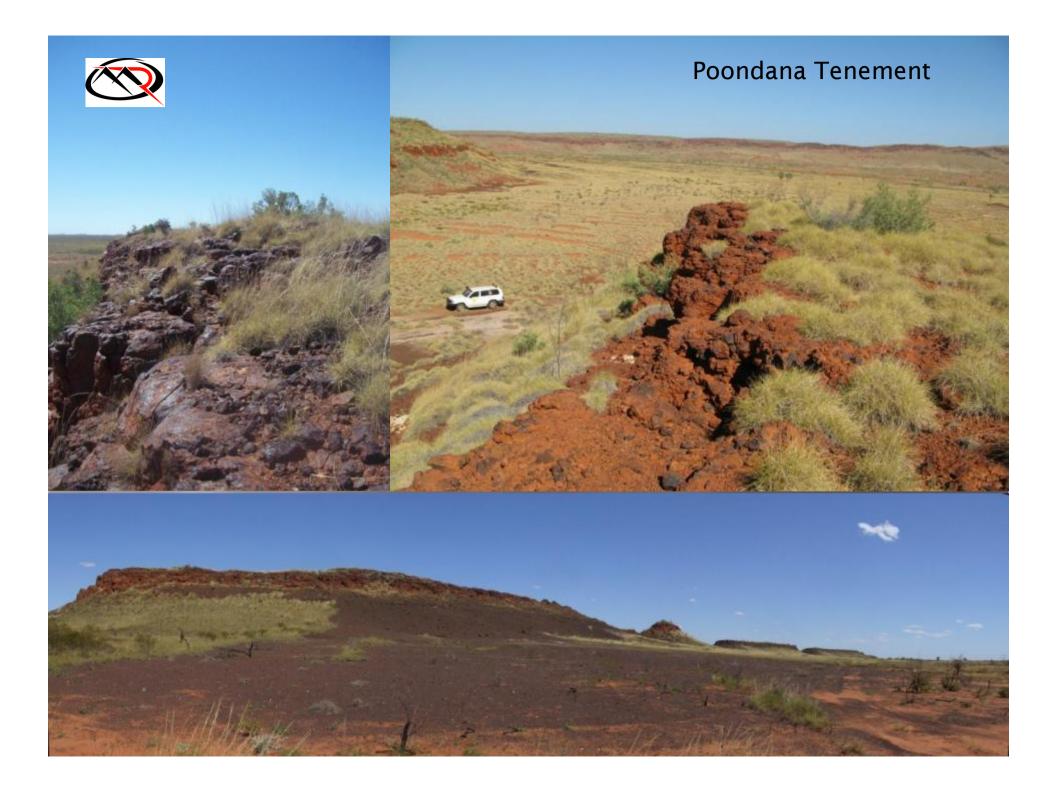
Completion of Polaris Metals takeover – by January 2010

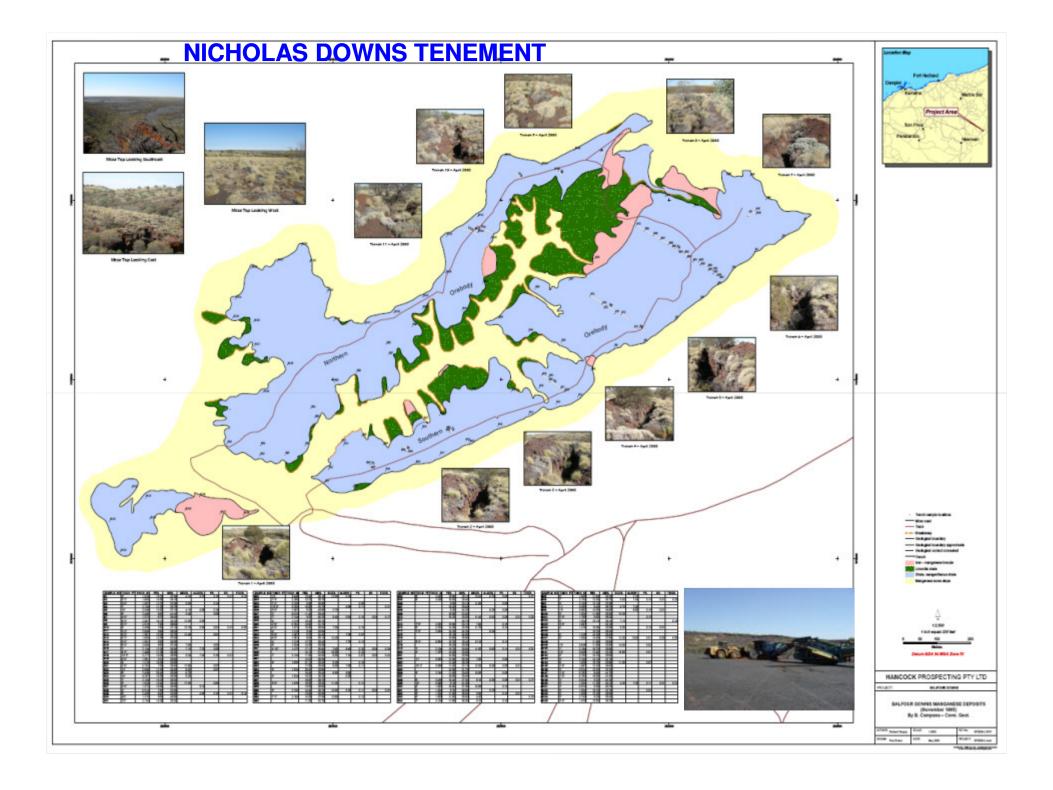


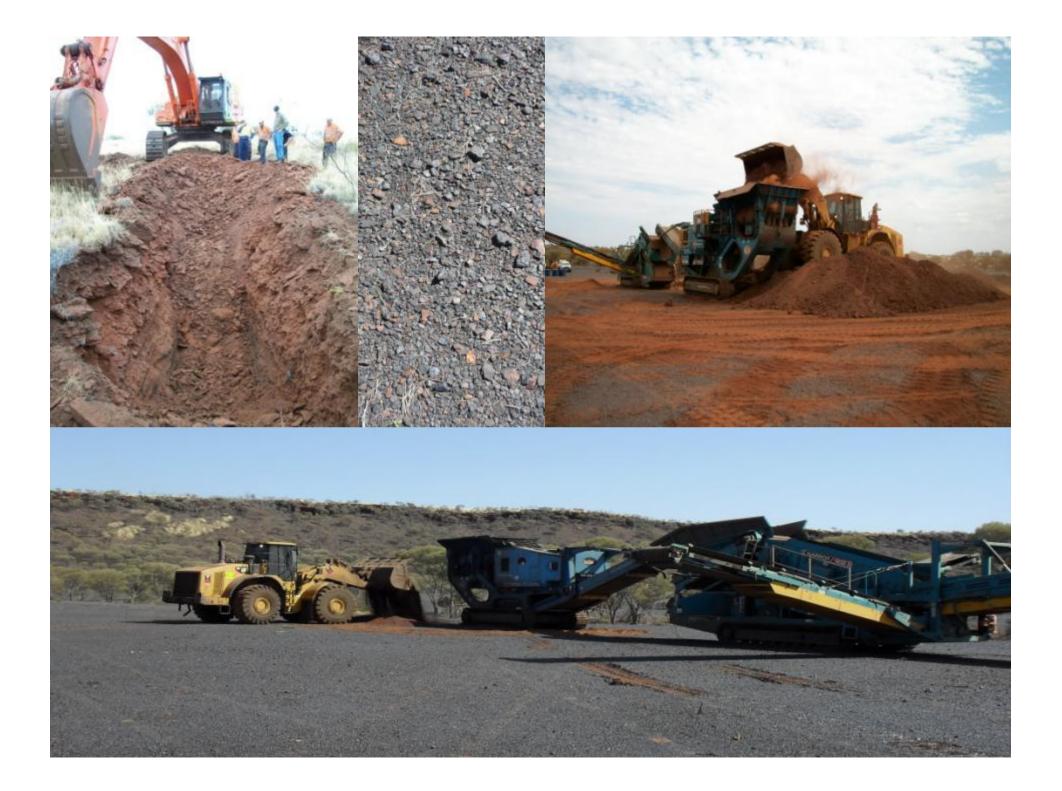


#### Poondana Tenement Location













### MIN TAKEOVER OF POLARIS

#### **Key Elements of the Revised Transaction**

- Share Offer Unconditional
- Share acceptance settlement as soon as practicable
- MIN holds 31.96% of POL share capital
- Share Consideration
  - 1 MIN share for each 10.0 POL shares
  - Plus 5 cents per POL share
- Separate offer for share options
- Offer closes on 25 November 2009 (unless extended)
- POL board recommendation (POL board have accepted Offers for personal holdings and recommended MIN improved Offer)



#### MIN TAKEOVER OF POLARIS

#### Why accept the MIN Offer?

- Attractive premium for Polaris Shares and Options
- Polaris Directors unanimously support the Offers
- MRL has an attractive dividend policy
- A major Polaris Shareholder supports the Offers
- Continue to share in the benefits from development of Polaris' iron ore assets
- Participate in a larger company
- Access to MRL's operational expertise and track record
- MRL's strong management
- MRL's financial strength
- Market appeal of MRL shares



# FINANCIAL GUIDANCE

- Board forecasts an increased profitability for 2009/10
  - Net profit expected to be between \$49 million and \$65 million
  - Board will continue to keep markets informed
- Net Profit is influenced by:
  - Quantum of mineral sales for balance of financial year
  - AUD / USD position
  - Current commodity prices being maintained
  - Clients maintaining growth production targets
  - Continuing strength in outsourced contracting demand



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