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#### **Cashed up for growth** and opportunity:

- Cash: \$55M net cash following 10c capital return
- Today's exploration upside: Large VMS system discovered in Eritrea
- Tomorrow's potential: Seeking advanced projects





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## **Chalice Snapshot**

A new chapter opens following sale of Eritrean gold asset for \$114M

Capital Structure:	
Share Price	~A\$0.32
Shares on Issue	250 million
Market Capitalisation	~A\$80 million (=32cps)
Options on Issue	5 million
Debt	-
Cash	~A\$80 million
Capital Return – Record Date: 10 Dec 2012	A10cps (A\$25 million)



- **\$55M cash** following **10cps** capital return
- New Managing Director appointed
- Targeting advanced new resource assets globally
- Highly leveraged to **emerging VMS discovery in Eritrea** – drilling continuing
- **Strong share register**, experienced Board & Management team

#### Board and Senior Management

Dr Doug Jones to become Technical Director.

Tim Goyder	Executive Chairman
Dr Doug Jones	Managing Director
Anthony Kiernan	Non-Exec Director
Stephen Quin	Non-Exec Director
Richard Hacker	CFO
Dr Harry Wilhemij	Exploration Manager
Experienced mining executive Bill Bent commencing as MD in February 2012 to drive business development and growth strategy.	

### **Current Regional Focus: the Arabian-Nubian Shield**

Strong strategic foothold in one of the world's exploration "hot spots"



- Long mining history (+1,000 recorded ancient copper and gold mines)
- Minimal modern exploration
- World-class projects now being developed

### **Current Ground Position - Eritrea**

Mogoraib North tenement encompasses outstanding exploration potential...



#### **Mogoraib North: On the Doorstep of a Giant**



555 sq km tenement secured in early 2011 – immediately north of Bisha Mine



10km



#### **BISHA VHMS MINE**

NEVSUN RESOURCES LTD. Bisha

2011 production: 379koz gold, copper expansion under construction 12 years of reserves, one of highest grade open pit mines in the world

#### **Mogoraib North: On the Doorstep of a Giant**

On the doorstep of one of the world's premier new VMS mines



### **VMS Geological Model**

VMS deposits are created by volcanic-associated hydrothermal events in submarine environments



- VMS deposits are a major source of global copper, zinc and lead production
- Most significant VMS deposits occur in clusters or camps, e.g.:
  - Flin Flon (Manitoba) 154 Mt contained in over 27 deposits, primarily copper, zinc and gold (camp discovered 1922)
  - Kidd Creek (Abitibi, Ontario) 149.3Mt @ 2.89% Cu,
    6.36% Zn, 0.22% Pb, 92g/t Ag, 0.05g/t Au (deposit discovered 1963)
  - Golden Grove (WA) 65Mt @ 2% Cu, 3.5% Zn, 35g/t Ag, 0.7g/t Au (discovered 1971)
  - Bathurst (New Brunswick) 229.8Mt @ 0.46% Cu, 7.66% Zn, 3.01% Pb, 91g/t Ag, 0.46g/t Au (camp discovered 1952)



## Mogoraib North – A Major New VMS System

A highly prospective project which has recently delivered a new discovery for Chalice

- 555 sq km tenement 10km north of Bisha deposit
- Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) 'horizons' trend north under transported cover into CHN ground
- Numerous bedrock conductor targets identified by ~3,825 line km VTEM survey flown in 2011
- Follow-up ground geophysics and soil geochem used to refine targets
- T209 VMS system discovered beneath cover in October 2012
- Gold potential along major structures



# Mogoraib North – 2012 Exploration Program

Sulphides intersected in 20th EM target to be drilled after lots of black shales!

- 30 priority conductor plates selected from >200 EM targets identified from initial interpretation of VTEM
- VTEM targets further screened and prioritised • by ground checking and gravity – looking for coincident conductor plus gravity high
- Soil sampling and geological mapping:
  - Area C gold target
  - Lokage Gossan
- Systematic diamond drilling of prioritised targets
- Discovery of T209 VHMS system beneath transported cover



A virgin discovery beneath shallow transported cover



- Disseminated, stringer & massive to semi-massive sulphides intersected in wide-spaced holes over 5km
- MOGD-00021 Zn & Cu-rich sulphide intersection:
  - 145-150m: 5m @ 0.86% Cu, 1.33% Zn, 0.1g/t Au, 7.48g/t Ag (including 1m at 1.03% Cu, 2.3% Zn)
  - 154.5-157m: 2.5m @ 0.49% Cu, 1.18%
    Zn, 0.28g/t Au, 8.22g/t Ag (including 1m at 1.25% Cu, 2.55% Zn)
- Ground and down-hole EM to commence shortly
  - better resolution and depth penetration than airborne VTEM survey.



**Residual Gravity Image** 

RTP Magnetic Image

### **T209 Massive Sulphides – MOGD-00021**



### Mogoraib North – Area C

- Quartz vein system associated with porphyry dyke swarm
- Artisanal mining
- Coincident Au-Bi-Te-Mo anomalism in soils
- Similar geochemical signature to Koka gold deposit
- Classic geochemical signature of Intrusive-Related Gold Systems (IRGS)



#### **Mogoraib North – Area C**

#### Soil Geochemistry



### **Business Development Focus**

Capacity to secure quality new opportunities with potential to add significant value

- Aiming to put \$55 million to work
- Preference for advanced or development stage opportunities with growth potential
- Preference for gold or gold-copper (± silver) but will consider other commodities on project-specific merits
- Initial focus on Africa but prepared to consider other jurisdictions
  - Looking for >80% available equity
- Changes made to Board and Senior Management to drive future business development strategy – appointment of Bill Bent as MD (Feb 2013)



### **Summary: A New Chapter Begins**

Cash, Exploration Upside, Opportunity

- Divestment of Zara Project completed
- \$80M net proceeds from sale
- Cash-backing = 32cps
- **10cps** capital return to shareholders (subject to shareholder approval)
- VHMS & gold targets at Mogoraib North
- Hunt for new opportunities underway
- Board changes to drive growth strategy



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