

## March 2023 Quarter Activities Report Presentation

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## **Highlights for Q3 FY23**



### **Operations**



- ✓ Group copper equivalent production of 11.1kt
- Copper production at Tritton impacted by delays to the Budgerygar ventilation shaft, which is on track for completion mid-May
- ✓ Mt Colin production impacted by processing delays (rain event)
- ✓ Focus on cost control kept group operating costs within plan
- ✓ \$36 million spent on capital projects including exploration
- Exploration success at Bacalar (Jaguar) and maiden resources reported for Kurrajong (Tritton)

- ✓ Closing cash and receivables of \$56.0 million
- ✓ 135kt Mt Colin ore stockpile (~\$25m NRV)
- ✓ No debt
- ✓ Stockman feasibility study progressing well





## FY23 revised guidance

### Group

- **Copper production** reduced to 28kt 32kt due to:
  - Delays in processing of Mt Colin tonnes resulting in 90kt stockpiles remaining at the end of FY23
  - Tritton impacted by delays in Budgerygar and lower grades in Q3
- Total capital costs<sup>1</sup> reduced to \$139 180 million due to
  - Timing of growth capital at Jaguar
  - The elimination of non-essential spending
  - Helps offset lower production
- **EBITDA** revised to \$50 70 million off lower copper production

### **Qtr Results and Guidance**

	Unit	Sep 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	FY23 YTD	Original FY23 Guidance	Revised FY23 Guidance
Copper produced	kt	6.8	6.7	6	19.5	32 - 40	28 - 32
Zinc produced	kt	8.1	7.3	4.2	19.6	24 - 29	
Gold produced	koz	13.8	13.9	15.4	43.1	60 - 78	
Silver produced	Moz	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	1.1 - 1.3	
Cu-eq production	kt	14.2	13.1	11.1	38.4	57 - 71	53 - 63
Operating Costs		124	131	125	379	474 - 574	
Total Capital Costs	A\$M	34	37	36	107	173 - 213	139 - 180
AISC	A\$M	147.6	156.4	143.7	447.7	N/A	



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### Sustainability

• Focus on setting targets and gathering baseline data on four strategic areas:



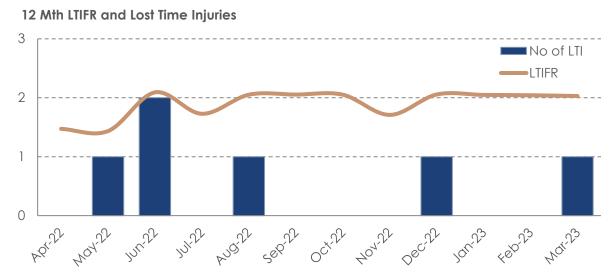
- Board sustainability committee and charter implemented
- Audit committee charter expanded to include all risks

### Environment

- Water levels at the Barbara mine in NW Qld due to extreme weather event
- Fire at Tritton resulting in power loss and damage to properties

### Safety

- One LTI in the quarter
- LTIFR steady at 2.0



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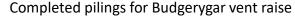
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## **Tritton Operations**

## Q3 activities – Tritton

### Operations

- ✓ Copper production of 3.9kt at AISC of A\$5.96/lb
- Production impacted by continued delays to the Budgerygar ventilation raise. Piling has now been completed and the raiseborer is in place.
   Vent raise is scheduled for completion mid-May allowing high productivity mining out of Budgerygar in May/June
- Q4 production forecast to improve materially as higher-grade ore sources including Avoca Tank and Budgerygar come online along, with higher grade stopes at Tritton Deeps
  - Q4 copper production forecast at 5kt 6kt Cu
  - As a result, FY23 production guidance for Tritton has been reduced to 17kt – 18kt Cu
- ✓ FY23 operating and capital cost guidance maintained





High-grade copper ore at Avoca Tank



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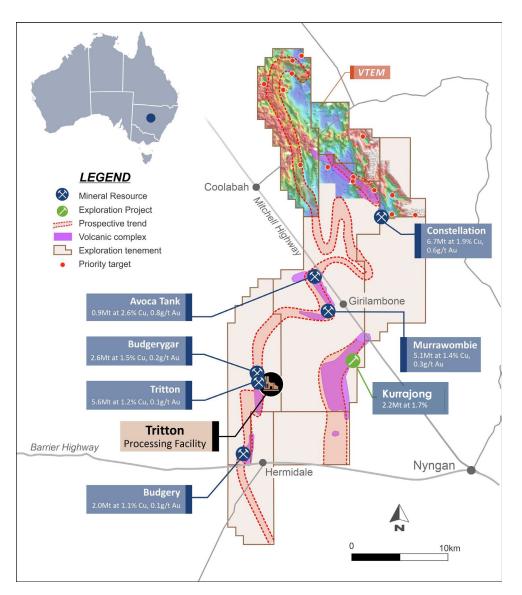
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## Q3 activities – Tritton

### **Development & Exploration**

- ✓ \$15.1m capital spent on growth projects and exploration
- ✓ Avoca Tank decline largely completed; first high-grade stoping ore scheduled Q4
- ✓ Maiden Mineral Resource estimate for Kurrajong of 2.2Mt at 1.7% Cu and 0.2g/t Au<sup>1</sup> with drilling below the resource envelope showing continuation of the mineralisation
- Three-hole diamond drill program completed on the 5M7 regional target in the northern portion of the tenement package. Sulphides intersected but awaiting assays



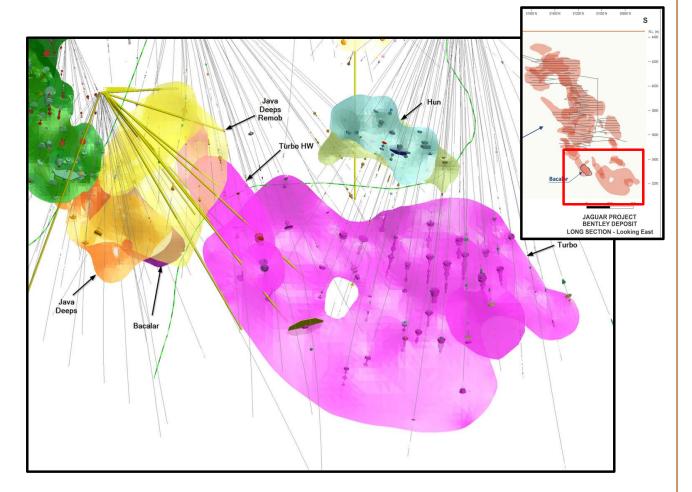
# Jaguar Operations



## Q3 activities – Jaguar

### Operations

- ✓ Zinc production for the quarter of 4.2kt at AISC of A\$3.14/lb
- ✓ Zinc production down on previous quarter due to mining of lower grade stopes, as per plan – grade forecast to improve in Q4
- ✓ Processing performance in line with tonnes mined
- ✓ All-in sustaining costs of \$29.3 million unit costs impacted by reduced metal production
- ✓ Jaguar forecast to meet full year production guidance
- ✓ Jaguar total capital cost guidance reduced from \$43m 53m to \$23m - 32m as Turbo development works pushed into FY24





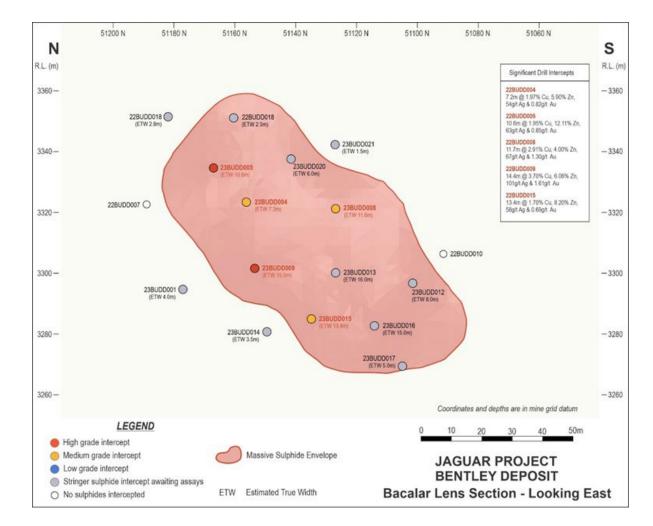
## Q3 activities – Jaguar

### **Exploration & Development**

- ✓ \$1.1 million spent on growth capital and exploration, predominantly at Turbo
- Discovered new high-grade Bacalar lens at the Bentley deposit
  - High grade drill results<sup>1</sup> including:

15.8m @ 3.70% Cu, 6.06% Zn, 101g/t Ag, 1.61g/t Au (14.4m<sup>2</sup>) 11.3m @ 1.95% Cu, 12.1% Zn, 63g/t Ag, 0.85g/t Au (10.6m<sup>2</sup>) 12.6m @ 2.91% Cu, 4.00% Zn, 67g/t Ag, 1.30g/t Au (11.7m<sup>2</sup>)

- Mining studies underway
- Regional gravity survey completed and analysis underway



# North Queensland Operations

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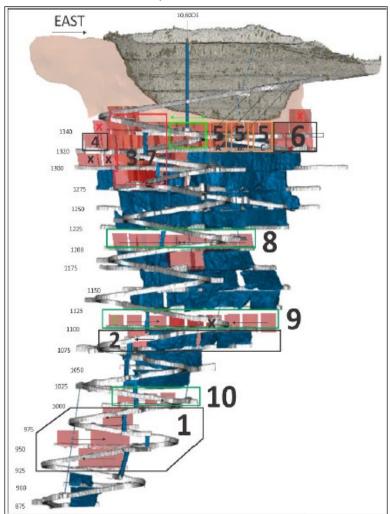


## Q3 activities – North Queensland

### Operations

- ✓ Copper production for the quarter of 1.6kt at AISC of A\$4.23/lb
- Metal production impacted by toll treatment delays from extreme weather event in NW Qld
- ✓ Significant stockpiles (135kt at 2.4% Cu) of mined ore at quarter end available for processing
- ✓ All-in sustaining costs of \$14.6 million, lower quarter on quarter
- ✓ Q4 processing schedule to improve materially with slots for 150kt confirmed with Ernest Henry and Mt Isa will reduce stockpiles at end Q4 forecast to 90kt
- As a result of not being able to process all ore mined, FY23 production guidance for Mt Colin has been reduced to 8kt – 9kt Cu
- Cost guidance has been maintained

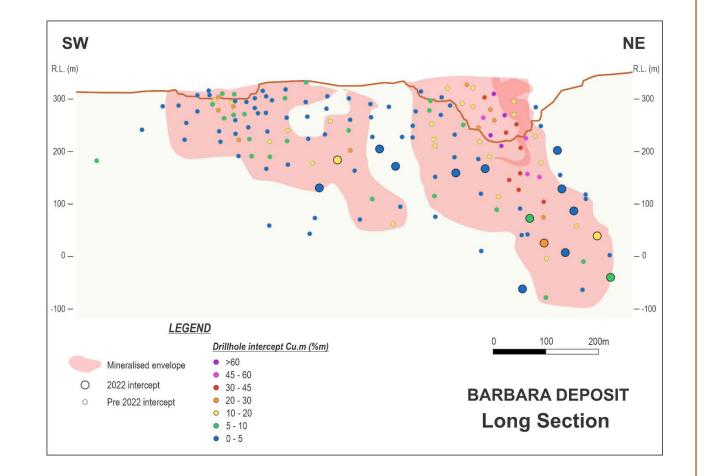
### Mt Colin extraction plan





## **Barbara exploration**

- Assay results have been received
- Geological interpretation and modelling is underway
- Updated Mineral Resource estimate planned for Q4 followed by underground and open pit mining studies to assess the potential for a new mining operation



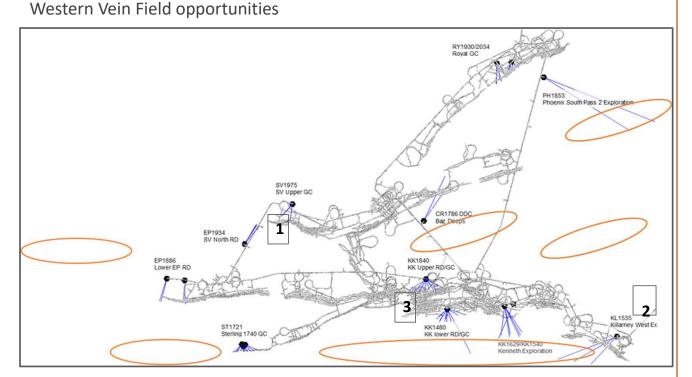
# Cracow Operations



## Q3 activities – Cracow

### Operations

- ✓ Stronger gold production for the quarter of 13.3koz sold at AISC of A\$2,229/oz<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Another quarterly record for tonnes mined
- ✓ Improved gold production due to mining of higher-grade stopes and lower proportion of development ore
- ✓ Grade forecast to continue to improve in Q4
- ✓ All-in sustaining costs of \$29.7 million in line with plan
- ✓ Cracow forecast to meet full year production guidance
- Cracow total capital cost guidance reduced from \$30 38 million to \$16 – 26 million due to deferral of non-essential spending



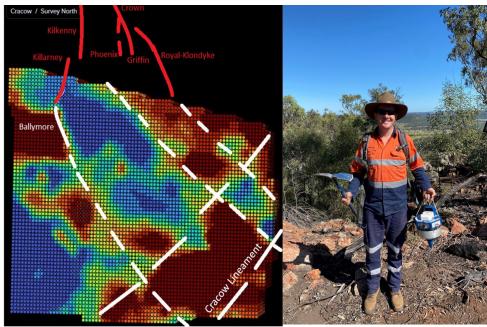


## Q3 activities – Cracow

### Exploration

- ✓ \$1.9 million spent on growth capital and exploration, including geotechnical drilling at the Bradshaw Pit
- Ambient noise tomography (ANT) survey over the Southern Vein Field to help define first pass drilling targets
- ✓ The Southern Vein is considered a high priority exploration target at Cracow

### First pass ANT results



# **Corporate & Projects**

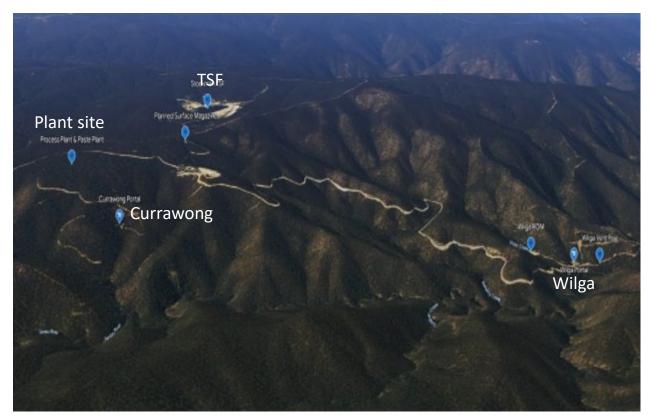
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## Q3 activities – Stockman

- Feasibility study continues to progress
- Secondary permitting approvals continuing, including vegetation clearing offsets and water licenses
- Final geochemistry and acid mine drainage (AMD) testwork completed
- Options shortlisted for port and logistics solutions for export of concentrates
- Metallurgical drill program to inform comminution and flotation test work approved for completion next quarter
- Federal vegetation clearing offsets registered by the Alpine Council and allocated to the project
- Ongoing community consultation sessions



Site layout and topography

## Q3 Corporate

- Cash and commodity receivables of \$56.0 million
- Closing cash position lower at \$45.3 million as a result of lower Q3 production
- Added gold and copper hedges
- Aeris remains debt free

	SEP	DEC	MAR
(A\$ Million)	2022	2022	2023
	QTR	QTR	QTR
Closing cash	51.8	67.2	45.3
Commodity receivables <sup>1</sup>	3.1	14.4	10.7
Useable Cash and Receivables	54.9	81.6	56.0

1. Commodity receivables for all sites. Previously only Tritton reported.

### **Current hedge profile**

	Unit	JUN 2023 QTR
Hedging:		
Gold Hedge	OZ	9,000
Hedge Price	A\$/oz	2,731
Copper Hedge	t	3,000
Hedge Price	A\$/t	13,254

## **Key Takeaways**

### Operations

- ✓ Cracow and Jaguar on target for production guidance
- ✓ YTD Tritton Cu production impacted by delay to Budgerygar
- Tritton Cu production steps up in Q4 as higher grade Budgerygar and Avoca Tank deposits come on-line
- Improved ore production at Mt Colin toll processing impacted by rain event in March
- ✓ All operations on target to meet operating cost guidance
- Capex guidance revised down at Jaguar (growth capex pushed in FY24) and Cracow (non-essential capex removed)
- Lower copper production at Tritton and Mt Colin in FY23 due to delays – tonnes will flow through in FY24

### **Exploration / Projects**

- ✓ Maiden Mineral Resource for Kurrajong deposit at Tritton.
  - 2.2Mt @1.7% copper including massive sulphide lenses of 1.1Mt @2.5% Cu
  - Open down plunge
- ✓ New lens (Bacalar) discovered at Jaguar
  - At Jaguar the more we drill the more we find
  - Significant potential for further discoveries within Bentley and regionally
- ✓ Stockman FS progressing well





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