



## December 2015 Quarterly Report Presentation and Webcast – 28 January 2016

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Any discussion in relation to the potential quantity and grade of Exploration Targets is only conceptual in nature. While Sandfire is confident that it will report additional JORC compliant resources for the DeGrussa Project, there has been insufficient exploration to define mineral resources in addition to the current JORC compliant Mineral Resource inventory and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of additional JORC compliant Mineral Resources.

# Agenda



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## **December 2015 Quarterly Highlights**



Production ahead of guidance; Monty VMS discovery on track for maiden resource; debt reduced further

#### **Production and Operations**

- 17,642t copper and 9,420oz gold produced; C1 US\$1.02/lb
- Mining and milling rates continue above nameplate at 1.6Mtpa
- FY2016 production guidance maintained: 65-68kt of copper and 35-40koz of gold; C1 ~US\$0.95-1.05/lb



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#### **Exploration**

- Resource drilling in progress at Monty VMS discovery: maiden Mineral Resource on track for March Quarter
- High-grade bornite zone intersected at Monty with significant intercepts to date including:
  - 21.6m @ 34.4% Cu and 0.4g/t Au from 339.4m down-hole (TLDD0026); and
  - 25.8m @ 24.1% Cu and 0.5g/t Au from 299.0m down-hole (TLDD0061)
- Further high-grade results from ongoing drilling of the Lower Zone at Monty with assays including:
  - 20.8m @ 14.9% Cu and 1.3g/t Au from 372.7m down-hole (TLDD0042);
  - 11.3m @ 6.7% Cu and 2.9g/t Au from 392.2m down-hole (TLDD0043); and
  - 13.9m @ 7.2% Cu and 2.3g/t Au from 332.7m down-hole (TLDD0046)
- Exploration underway to test host horizons within 5km long prospective Monty VMS horizon
- Diamond drill hole completed at Homer prospect, ~4km east of DeGrussa
- Springfield Joint Venture commenced with Talisman Mining (ASX: TLM) after \$15M farm-in threshold reached to earn 70% interest
- Australian East Coast exploration portfolio further expanded with acquisition of Temora and Currumburrama projects in Lachlan Fold Belt, NSW

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#### **Corporate and Financial**

- DeGrussa Finance Facility balance further reduced to \$75M (\$50M Revolver Facility and \$25M Amortising Facility)
- Cash and deposits of \$46M (excluding Springfield JV and Tintina Resources)
- Sandfire's stake in North American copper developer Tintina Resources increased from 36% to 57%



# Safety



#### Continued sound safety perfomance

- Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) of 2.7 at Quarter-end (vs. 8.9 at September 2015 Quarter-end)
- Pleasing safety performance reflecting the work on initiatives to improve safety performance including development of safety systems, improved safety leadership, enhancement of safety culture and risk and assurance management





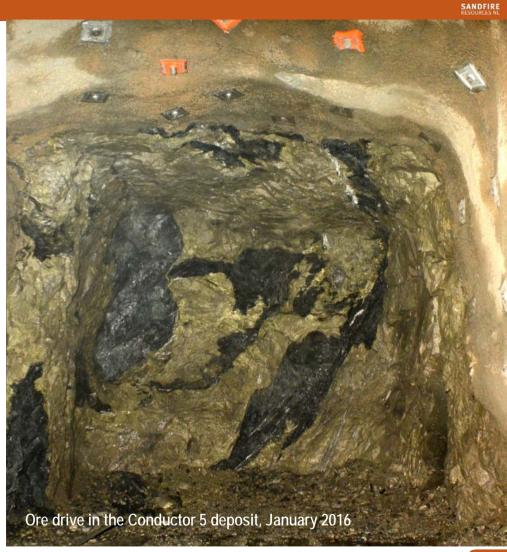
## **Mining Overview**



Production rates on target

## Underground production and mine development

- Total ore production for the Quarter of 399,940 tonnes grading 4.8% Cu
- Production rates ~1.6Mtpa
- Mine remains in balance between production and back-fill
- Conductor 4 and 5 Decline development proceeding on schedule, with all development advance occurring in good ground conditions
- First C4 stope successfully completed
- C5 ore development completed with first C5 stope brought forward to the June 2016 Quarter



## **Processing**

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Processing rates on target

### Mill throughput

- 403,806 tonnes milled at average head feed grade of 4.8% Cu
- Milling rates continue to match enhanced capabilities of the milling circuit

### Recovery

- Quarterly copper recovery of 91.2%; Gold recovery 43.0%
- Opportunities being considered to further lift recoveries

## Concentrate & metal production

- 72,039 tonnes of concentrate produced
- 17,642 tonnes of contained copper produced; ahead of guidance



## Sales



#### Copper & Gold Sales

- Quarterly sales of 15,143 tonnes of contained copper and 7,147 ounces of contained gold
- · High quarter end concentrate holding (23,800t) due to early January 2016 shipment and sale



# **Unit Operating Costs**



C1 and total production costs

Unit costs – DeGrussa Mine	Q2 FY2016 (US\$/lb)	Commentary
Mining (net of development)	0.35	Solid quarterly copper production
Processing	0.30	Increased mining and milling capacity
Business services	0.14	
Transport, treatment and refining	0.48	Operating cost containment measures
C1 cost (pre-by product credit)	1.27	continue to be implemented
By-product credit (gold and silver)	(0.25)	By-product credits reduced by lower gold production and market pricing
C1 cost	1.02	
Royalties	0.11	USD C1 assisted by AUD currency weakness
Production cost	1.12	(0.72 versus guidance set at 0.74)
Depreciation and amortisation	0.47	Mine development \$15.5M for the quarter (FY2016 mine development guidance \$70M)
Total production cost	1.59	

## **Exploration Overview**



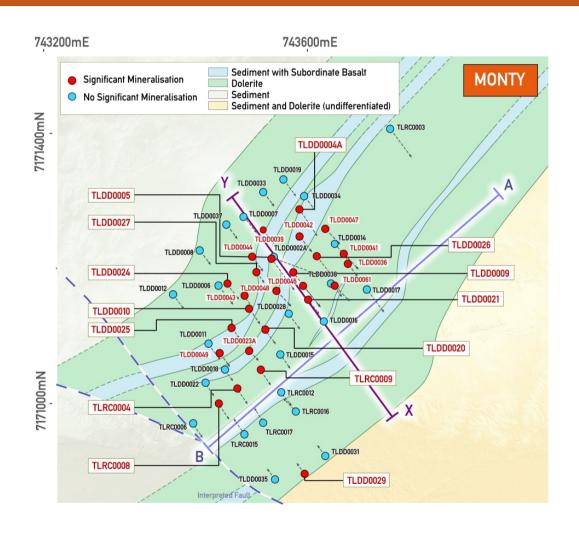
Drilling focused on emerging VMS discovery at Monty; testing of other priority targets underway

- Main focus of Doolgunna exploration is ongoing diamond/RC drilling at highgrade Monty discovery, ~10km east of DeGrussa on the Talisman farm-in
- Drilling continues to support interpretations of the Monty mineralisation (Upper and Lower Zone)
- Significant thick intersections of bornite-bearing massive sulphides intersected in Lower Zone – up to 36% Cu intersected in expanded bornite zone
- Resource drilling continuing with four diamond rigs maiden Mineral Resource planned to be completed by end of March 2016 Quarter
- Exploration underway across 5km long Monty VMS corridor
- Drilling commenced at priority Homer exploration prospect, ~5km east of DeGrussa – DHEM planned to guide further drilling
- Underground resource definition drilling completed at C5 deposit to convert Inferred Resources to Indicated and Measured status



# Monty – new high-grade VMS copper-gold discovery

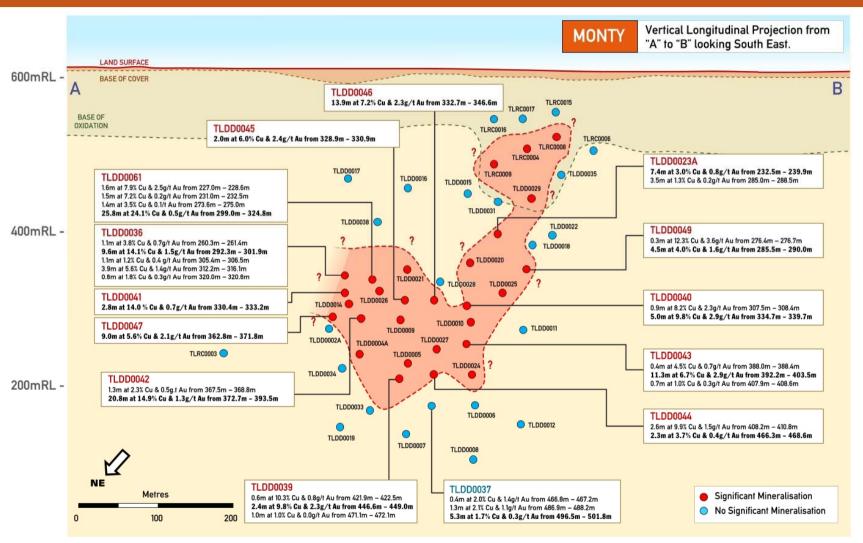




 12,186m of diamond drilling and 7,171m of RC drilling completed during the Quarter

## Monty - Vertical Longitudinal Projection

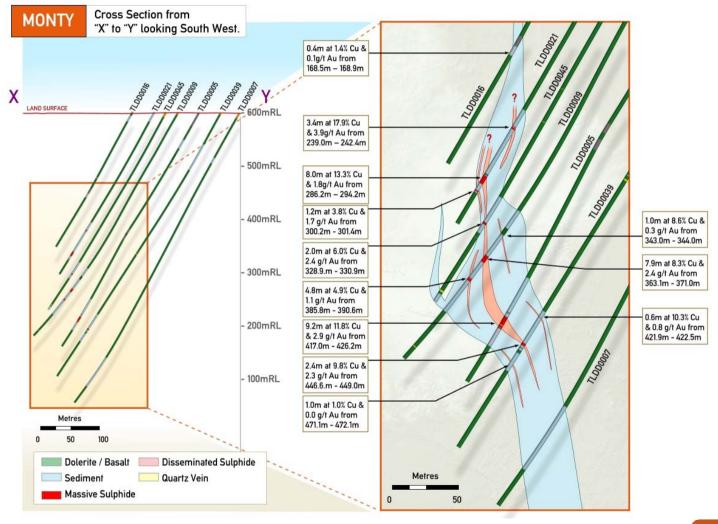




## **Monty – Cross Section Projection**







## **Summary & Outlook**

Strong quarter and outlook; robust balance sheet; growth through exploration and discovery success

- H1FY2016 production and cost performance:
  - 34,280t copper, 17,305oz gold production at C1 cost of US\$1.02/lb
- Outlook for remainder of FY2016:
  - FY2016 guidance: 65-68kt Cu, 35-40koz gold at C1 US\$0.95-1.05/lb
  - Strong first half result suggests copper production at upper end of guidance, gold and C1 unit costs at the lower end of guidance
- Outstanding exploration results continue from Talisman farm-in ground: significant new high-grade copper-gold discovery at Monty, ~10km from DeGrussa, with additional priority prospects being drilled
- Maiden Monty Mineral Resource expected during the March 2016 Quarter
- Active exploration underway along 5km long prospective VMS horizon around Monty
- Emerging Bryah Basin VMS district aggregate contiguous exploration area of 1,600km<sup>2</sup>





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