

# FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT

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## FINNISS 2016 LITHIUM DRILLING RESULTS

- Core's first drill program at the Finniss Lithium Project in NT has hit <u>multiple broad zones of high</u> <u>grade lithium at a number of prospects</u> confirming Finniss Project as a <u>major new lithium</u> <u>discovery</u>.
- Recent RC drill results from Finniss are comparable to some of the best in the world and include:
- **38m @ 1.49% Li<sub>2</sub>O** from 71m (FRC003) at BP33, including:

7m @ 2.02 % Li<sub>2</sub>O from 79m

- **49m @ 1.78% Li<sub>2</sub>O** from 71m (FRC006) at Grants, including: 9m@ 2.05% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 110m
- 40m @ 1.66% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 58m (FRC0018) at Grants, including: 10m @ 2.02% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 65m
- 45m @ 1.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 62m (FRC030) at Far West, including: 8m @ 2.48% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 88m
- 59m @ 1.45% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 79m (FRC031) at Grants, including : 3m @ 2.12% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 86m
- 55m @ 1.42% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 66m (FRC033) at Grants, including : 4m @ 2.18% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 93m
- 42m @ 1.60 % Li<sub>2</sub>O from 130m (FRC037)at Grants, including : including 6m @ 2.14% Li2O
- 53m @ 1.59% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 136m (FRC038) at Grants, including : including 6m @ 2.00% Li2O

Also 2016 diamond drill results at Finniss include:

- 42m @ 1.53% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 58m (FRCD001) at Grants, including: 7m @ 2.02 Li<sub>2</sub>O from 64m
- **39m @ 1.55% Li<sub>2</sub>O** from 69m (FRCD002) at Grants, including: 5m @ 2.29 Li<sub>2</sub>O from 70m
- 48m @ 1.53% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 70m (FRCD003) at Grants, including: 10m @ 2.03 Li<sub>2</sub>O from 106m
- **34m @ 1.47% Li<sub>2</sub>O** from 85m (FRCD004) at BP33, including: 4m @ 2.10 Li<sub>2</sub>O from 94m



## COMPANY INFORMATION Share price

#### Shares

Price A\$ (21/02/2016)	\$0.086
Shares on issue	~374M
Options	~114M
Market cap (undil.)	~\$32M
Cash (31/12/2016)	~\$8.3M
EV	~\$24M
Liquidity (1Yr avg)	~9M shares/day



#### Management

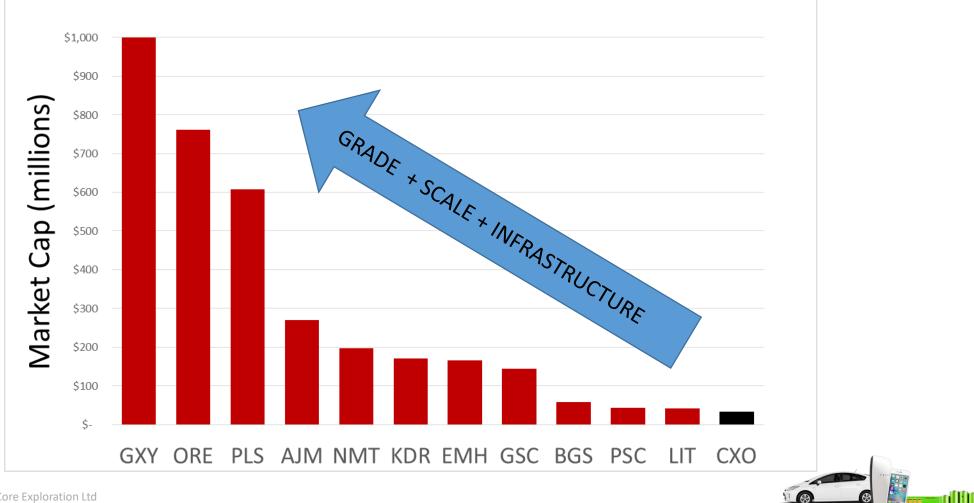
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## ASX LITHIUM SECTOR COMPARATIVE MARKET CAP



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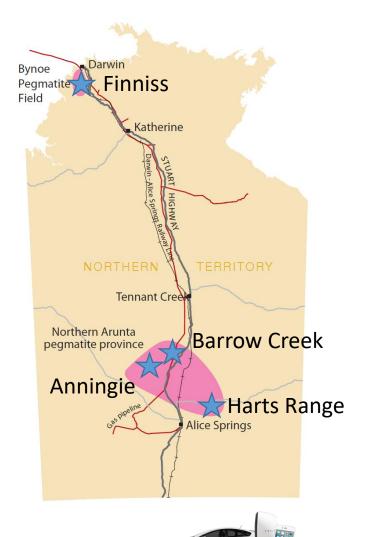
## CXO DOMINANT POSITION IN NT PEGMATITES

# Core has strong position in major Pegmatite Provinces in the NT:

Building on Core's expertise and experience in the NT, Core has identified and moved early to position the Company in pegmatite fields highly prospective for lithium

Core's tenure covers over 3,000km<sup>2</sup> focussed in and around pegmatite fields with a long history of tin tantalum production in the NT

Core's NT Lithium Projects are only a short trucking distance by sealed road or directly by rail to the multi-user port facility at Darwin Port - Australia's nearest port to Asia



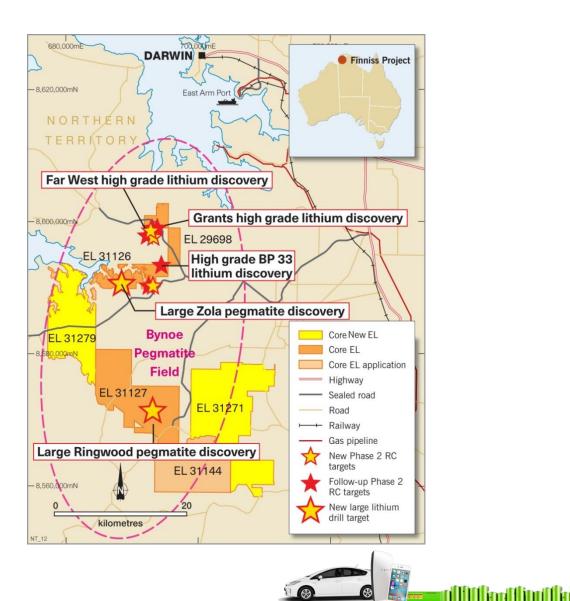


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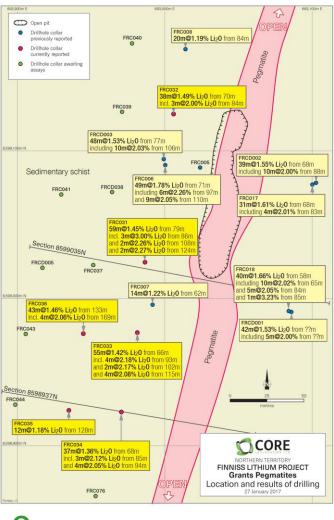
Dominant Tenure with large-scale upside

Core's dominant position in the Bynoe pegmatite field at the Finniss Lithium Project includes:

- ~400km<sup>2</sup> of granted tenure
- High Grade Spodumene drill intersections at multiple prospects in first drill program
- Mt Finniss mine the largest pegmatite in the NT
- 25 other historic pegmatite mines within the Finniss Lithium Project
- 1,000m x 450m wide Zola Pegmatite Prospect
- Other additional new large pegmatite targets of equivalent scale to those in WA are being identified, such as Ringwood
- Easy trucking distance by sealed road to Port

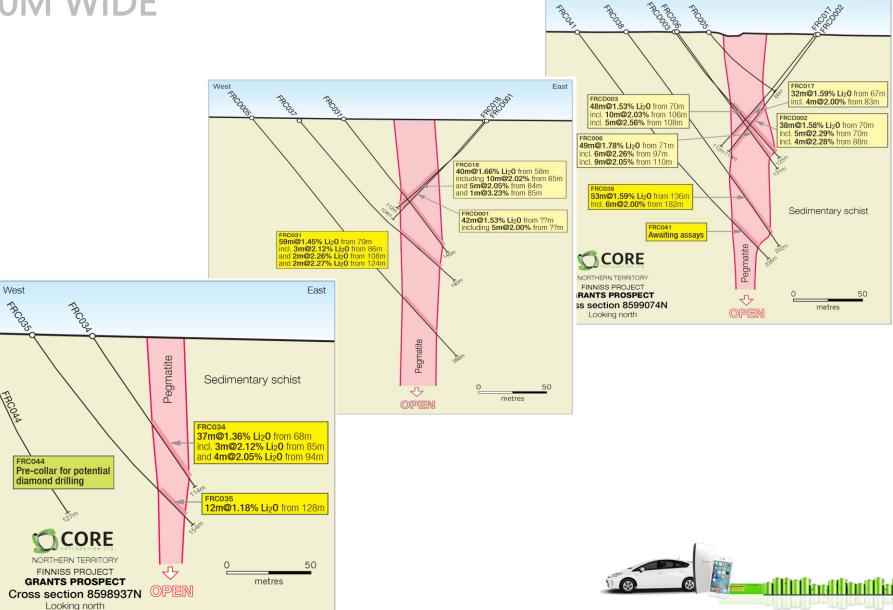


### HIGH GRADE SPODUMENE AT GRANTS OVER 300M LONG, 200M **DEEP AND UP TO 30M WIDE**



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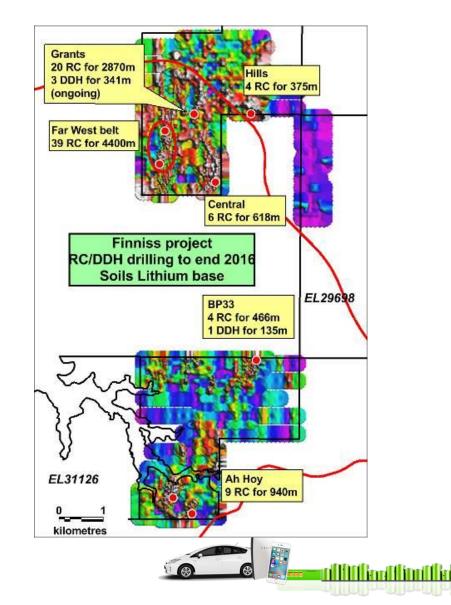
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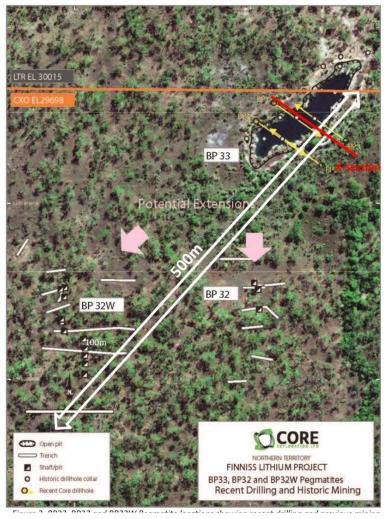
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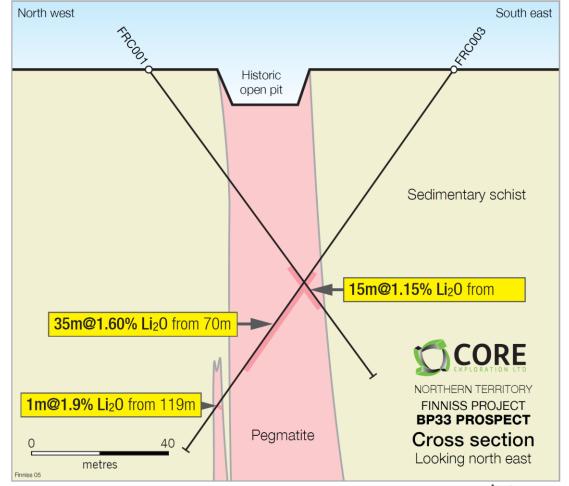
## 2016 RC REGIONAL DRILLING COMPLETED

- Phase 2 RC drill program completed to test a range of pegmatite exploration targets at Finniss Lithium Project in late 2016
- Drilling to date has been restricted to the first granted licence EL 29698 (Core's first granted EL at Finniss)
- Drill approvals are in now in place to drill the large Zola and Ringwood pegmatites on Core's subsequently granted ELs in Q2 2017
- 2017 drill programs to start and lithium exploration to ramp up in Q2 2017



#### 1<sup>st</sup> PROSPECT DRILLED BY CORE IN THE NT : LITHIUM DISCOVERY AT BP33



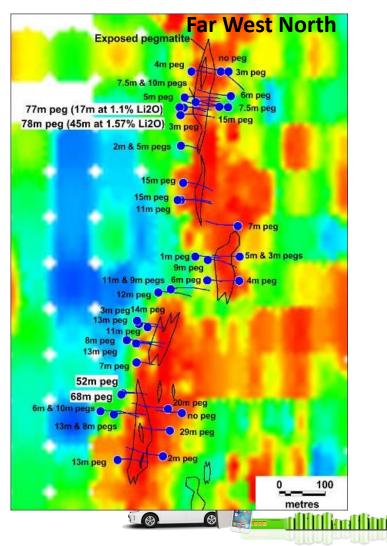




HIGH GRADE

## FINNISS PHASE 2 RC EXPLORATION DRILLING : NEW BROAD PEGMATITE INTERSECTIONS

- Phase 2 RC identified a number of spodumene pegmatites on EL 29698 in 2016
- 6 of 7 pegmatites (almost all) were mineralised with lithium
- 12m @ 1.22% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 67m including 2m @ 1.94% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 73m at the recently discovered Ahoy East Prospect
- Broad pegmatite intersections of 45m @ 1.57% Li<sub>2</sub>O at Far West Prospect (but true width typically 5-15m)
- 1,500m long strike length at Far West represents significant volume of pegmatite



# Core's work is discovering pegmatites comparable in scale to those at Pilgangoora. Example 1 : Zola Prospect

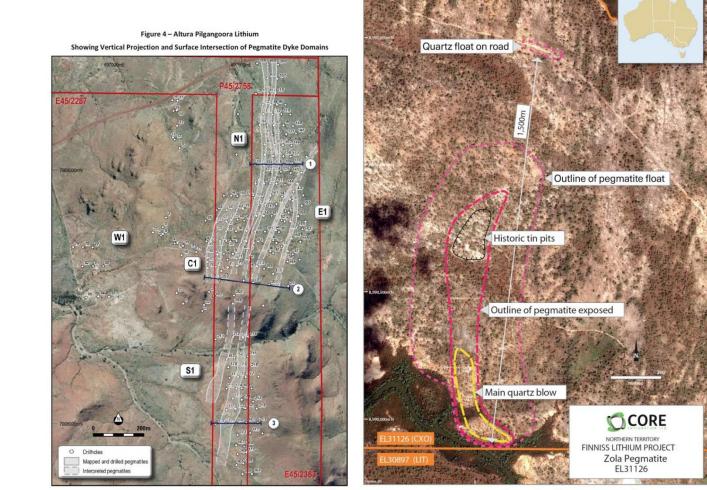
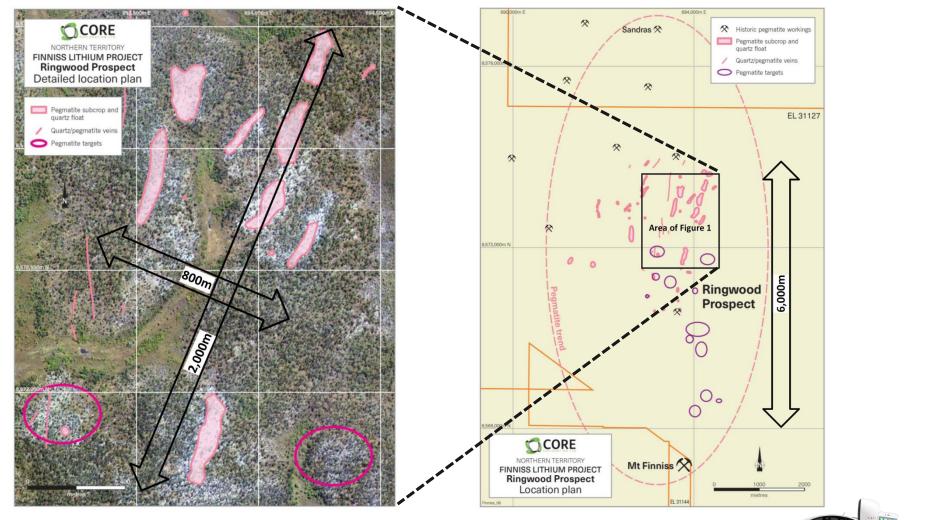




Figure 1. Core's Zola Pegmatite (CXO Finniss Lithium Project) and Altura Mining's Pilgangoora Lithium pegmatites (35.7 million tonnes @ 1.05% lithium – AJM 11/02/2016) compared at same scale (figure from AJM Pilgangoora Resource Update 14/09/15).



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#### FINNISS NT v GREENBUSHES WA

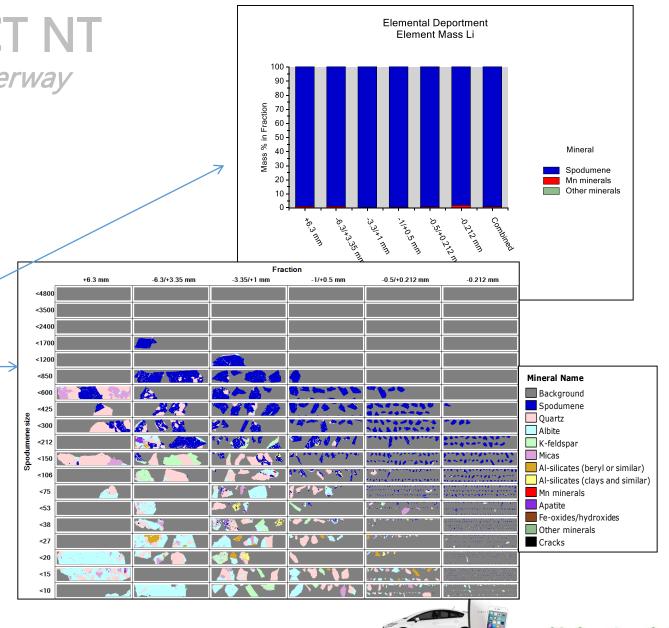
Characteristics	Greenbushes	Finniss
Tin production started in the 1880's	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Early production from alluvials and then from primary pegmatites	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Tantalum production started in the mid 1900's	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Large Scale Pegmatites	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Weathered near surface	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Systematic exploration for lithium	$\checkmark$	CXO 2016
High grade lithium discovered after ~100 years of mining	$\checkmark$	CXO 2016
Large-Scale, High-Grade Spodumene Resources	$\checkmark$	CXO 2017 ?



## FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT NT

Spodumence Concentrate Test Work Underway

- 400kg bulk sample from Grants at Nagrom to produce commercial +6% concentrates
- Lithium-rich Pegmatites at Finniss are made up of Spodumene, Quartz and Feldspar that account for more than 90% of the rock
- +99% of lithium comes from Spodumene (not from other low value lithium minerals)
- Good Spodumene Liberation
- Early indications are that the lithium rich pegmatites at Finniss have potential to produce high quality spodumene concentrates
- Spodumene Concentrate results in next few weeks | LITHIUM | Feb 2017 | Core Exploration Ltd



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## FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT NT

Substantial Infrastructure Advantages

- Core's Finniss Lithium Project has substantial infrastructure advantages
- Potentially best logistics chain to China of any Australian Lithium Project
- Project is close to grid power, gas and rail infrastructure and within easy trucking distance by sealed road to Heavy Industrial Park and multi-user Port facilities at Darwin Port
- Darwin Port is Australia's nearest port to Asia
- Darwin Port has spare capacity with immediate availability to bulk material and container storage and loading faculties
- Robust Project Economics support longterm lithium supply into 2020's

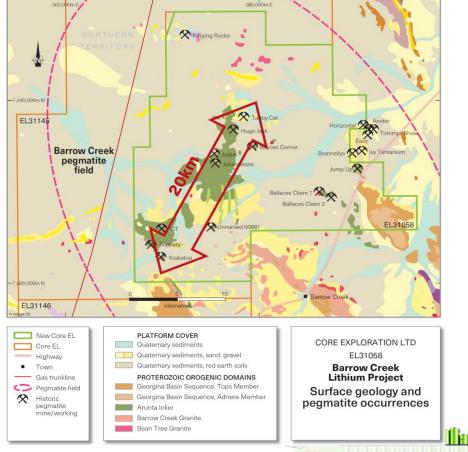




#### BARROW CREEK AND ANNINGIE PEGMATITES EXPANDS NT LITHIUM FOCUS Core has Recently Acquired Large Granted Tenement Prospective for Lithium in Northern Arunta Pegmatite Province in NT

- Barrow Creek is an early-stage look-alike to Core's Finniss Lithium Project with a long history of tin and tantalum production, similar to Core's Finniss Lithium Project (and Greenbushes)
- Lithium contents of the source granites for the Barrow Creek Pegmatite Field are comparable to those at Finniss
- Acquisition complements Core's surrounding 2,500km<sup>2</sup> of recently granted tenements in the Barrow Creek and Anningie Pegmatite Fields
- 13 potential Tin Tantalum Pegmatite targets identified to date at Barrow Creek
- Barrow Creek has rail connection that links direct to Darwin Port with potential for Darwin to become central processing and transport hub for NT spodumene production
- Year round access for field work (starting in March)

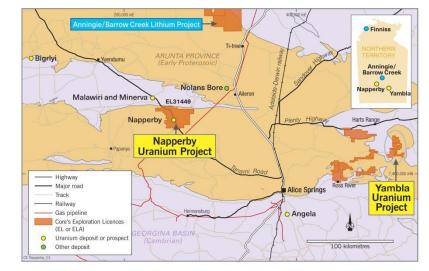


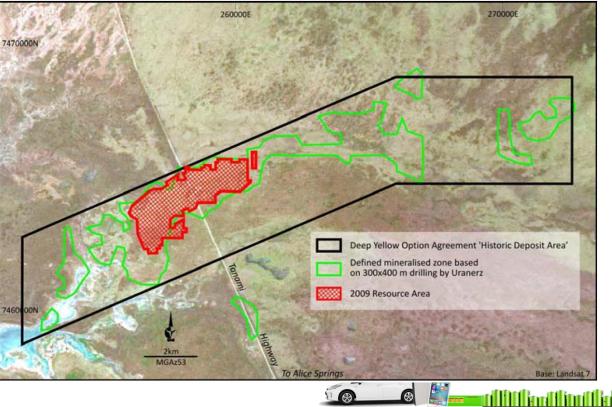


## NAPPERBY URANIUM PROJECT

#### Core Secures Advanced NT Uranium Project

- Napperby is an advanced uranium project with metallurgical and scoping studies completed (refer ASX 15/02/2017)
- Only half of the historic mineralised area has been drilled out – obvious upside
- Core also inherits excellent project data that includes 1,117 drillholes and gamma, PFN, assay disequilibrium data
- Core's uranium portfolio also includes:
  - Fitton 60m @ 487ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
  - Yambla spectacular uranium grades
- No slow down on Finniss, but aim to convert existing JORC 2004 Resource at Napperby to JORC 2012 in the near term





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21/02/2017	Wide High Grade Intersections at Finniss
15/02/2017	Core Secures Napperby Uranium Resource
07/02/2017	Lithium Mineralisation intersected at Ahoy, Ahoy East and Far West Prospects
02/02/2017	Finniss Lithium Project Expanded 250%
30/01/2017	Continuous High Grade Spodumene in Phase 2 RC Drilling
16/01/2017	Drilling Recommences and RC Assays due Shortly at Finniss
10/01/2017	CXO, KSN, LTR Commence Joint Bynoe Geophysical Survey
14/12/2016	Core Acquires Large Tenement Prospective for Lithium
13/12/2016	High Grade Lithium Intersections at Far West Prospect
7/12/2016	High Grade Lithium Assays from Maiden Diamond Drilling
24/11/2016	Thick High Grade Spodumene in All Diamond Core at Finniss
25/10/2016	High Quality Spodumene in First Drill Core at Finniss
20/10/2016	Further High Grade Lithium Intersections at Finniss
18/10/2016	New Large-Scale Pegmatite Targets Discovered at Finniss
3/10/2016	Highest Grade Spodumene Intersections Ever Drilled in the NT
23/09/2016	High Grade Spodumene Confirms Significant Lithium Discovery

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