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## A company with purpose

To create long-term shareholder value

**Acquire** 

**Discover** 

Develop

**Operate** 

**Diversified mining company** 

Quality

Scale

Longevity

**Geographical focus** 

"High quality, long life assets make great mining companies" Bradford

"Long term commitment to exploration of belt scale land positions with the potential to deliver tier one discoveries" Dusci

## **IGO** snapshot

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Diversified explorer, developer and miner

Perth based, WA focused

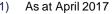
**Strong Board and Management** 

Scale: ~A\$1.9 billion market capitalisation

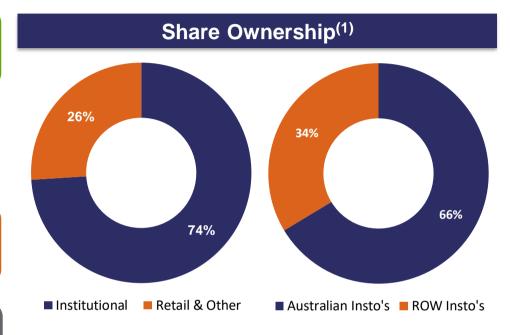
Liquid: ~5 million shares per day

**Robust balance sheet** 

+30% NPAT as dividend payment



<sup>2)</sup> As at market close 24 Apr 2017







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## **IGO** leadership

#### **Strong Board & Management**

#### **Strong & Diverse Board**



**Peter**Bilbe (Chair)
Mining



**Debra**Bakker (NED)
Banking



Peter Buck (NED) Geology



**Geoff**Clifford (NED)
Finance



**Keith**Spence (NED)
Oil & Gas



**Neil**Warburton (NED)
Mining

#### **Strong Management Team**



Peter
Bradford
MD & CEO



Rob
Dennis
Operations



Scott
Steinkrug
Finance, IT &
Procurement



Matt
Dusci
Growth &
Innovation



**Sam**Retallack
People &
Culture



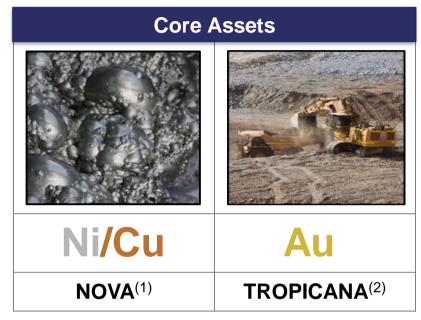
**Keith**Ashby
Governance &
Risk

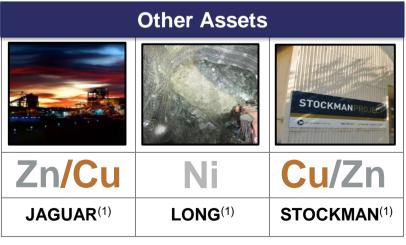


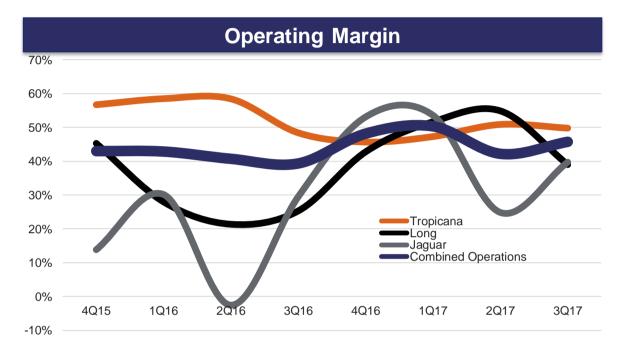
**Jo**McDonald
Company
Secretary

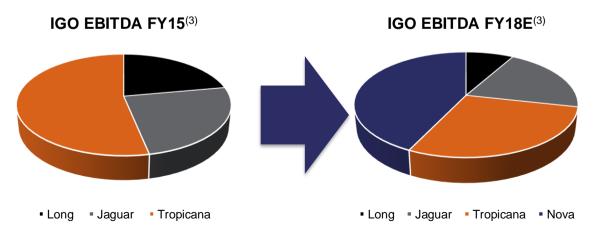
## **Diversified portfolio**

### **Delivering consistent operating margin**









- 100% IGO owned
- 30% IGO owned (unincorporated joint venture)
- Source Data: Macquarie Research April 2017



#### World class, low cost magmatic nickel-copper mine

Quality

High grade, thick, flat lying magmatic sulphide orebody

Scale

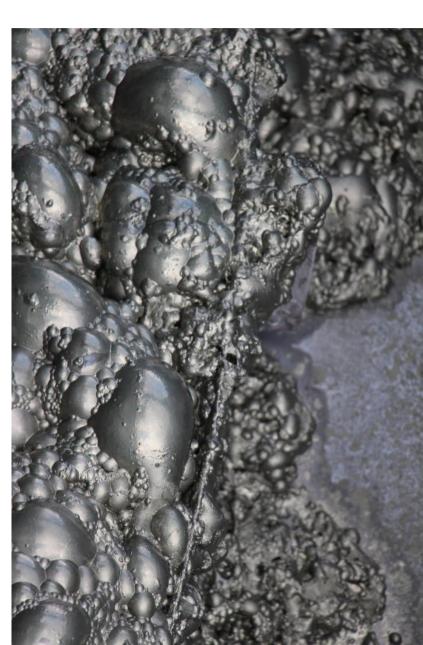
✓ Average +26kt Ni, 11kt Cu & 1kt Co per annum

Longevity

Initial 10 year mine life with huge exploration potential

Geographical focus

✓ Located in WA on Fraser Range (proximal to Tropicana)



## Nova timeline



World class timetable from discovery to production







2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



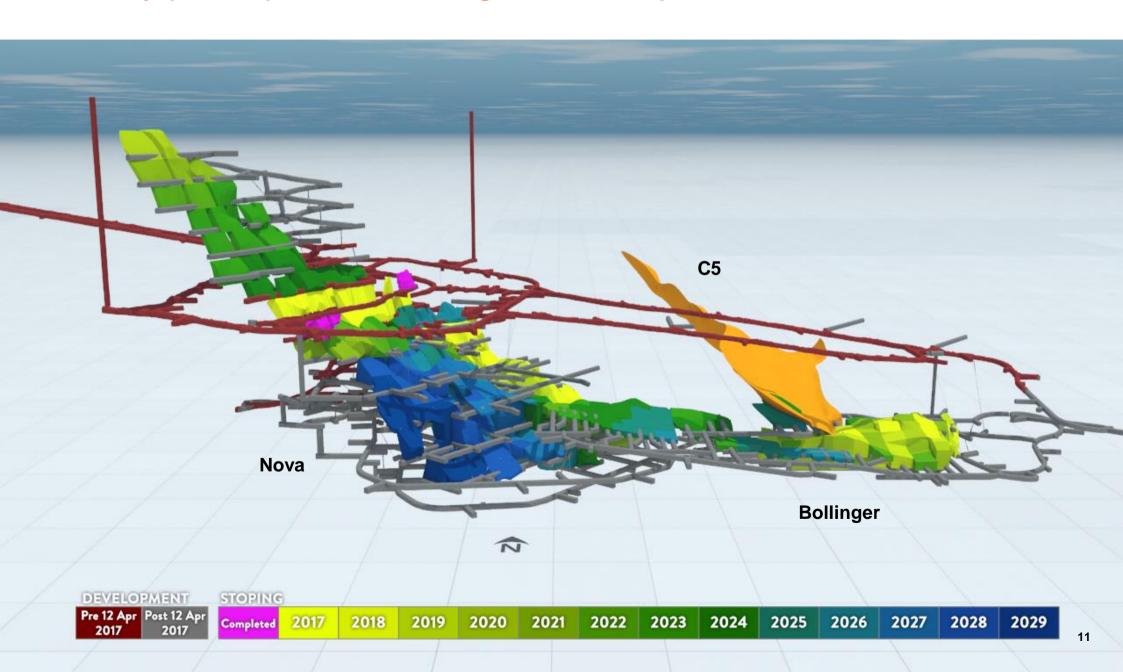


Nameplate capacity expected to be achieved 12 months earlier than DFS estimate

# Nova mine design & schedule

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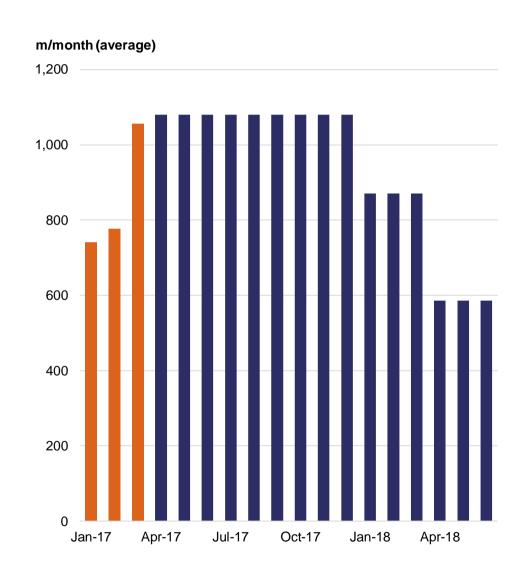
Priority (till now) has been underground development



## Nova underground mining



### Capital development to be substantially completed in 2018



**Barminco resolved development rate** 

Focus moving to stope drilling

Ramp up to nameplate in Sep 2017 qtr

**LOM** mine infrastructure complete

Capital development complete in 2018

**LOM grade control complete Dec 2017** 

## **Nova concentrates**

### **Highly marketable concentrates**

#### Nickel concentrates

- Nickel concentrate grading 13.5% Ni
- No Arsenic
- High Fe to MgO ratio preferred by smelters

#### **Copper concentrates**

- Copper concentrate grading 29%
- No deleterious elements

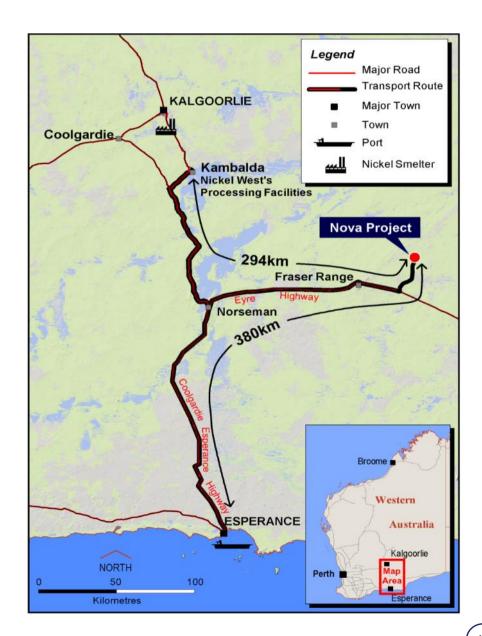
#### Offtake agreements in place for first 3 years

- Nickel contracted 50/50 to BHP Nickel West & Glencore
- Copper contracted Trafigura
- Offshore shipments via Port of Esperance

#### **Current status**

- Shipping to BHP Nickel West since Dec 2016
- First offshore shipments expected in 4Q17
- · No material issues with concentrate quality





## Nova engagement



### **Aboriginal engagement and employment opportunities**

Ngadju are the traditional owners

**Support for 3 Ngadju owned businesses** 

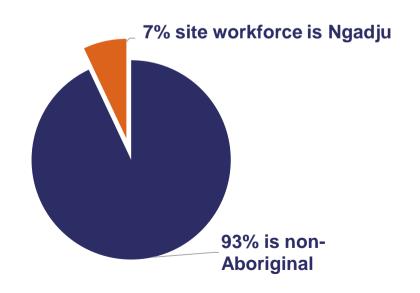
IGO actively engages with Ngadju

**Traineeship program** 

**Direct and indirect employment** 

**Support for community programs** 







## **Tropicana overview**





#### Making a great asset better through value enhancement

Quality

Engineering to bring value forward through grade streaming

Scale

**✓** +120,000 oz/year (IGO share)

Longevity

Initial 11 year mine life being extended by strip mining

Geographical focus

Located in WA proximal to Nova

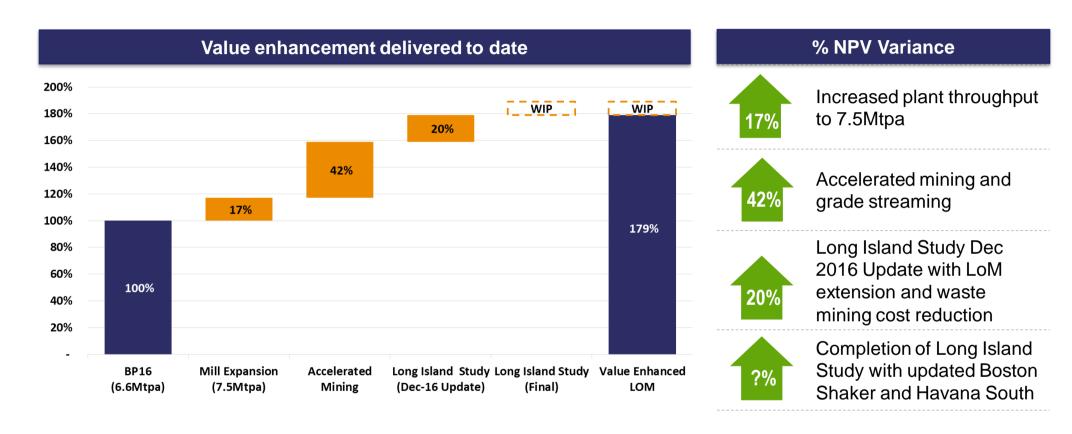


## Tropicana value enhancement





Value enhancement delivers 79% increase in value



#### Further value enhancement to be unlocked in 2017

Additional mine life increase

Incremental plant expansion

Acceleration of regional exploration

## **Tropicana plant expansion**





Processing plant expansion successfully completed



29% increase in throughput from as built nameplate capacity

7.5Mtpa expansion successfully completed

200 - 400ktpa additional throughput targeted in CY17

A\$6.9M improvement capital estimated in CY17 (100% basis)

## Tropicana production profile





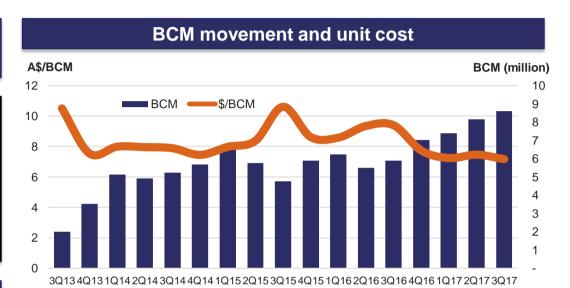
**Accelerated mining and grade streaming** 

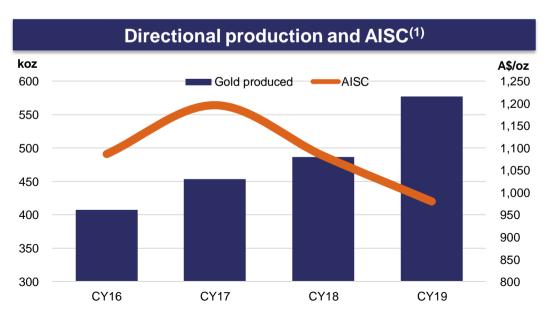
#### **Accelerated mining**

First 600 tonne class hydraulic shovel operational at Tropicana from Nov 2016 Delivers lower waste mining costs and increased mining rates to approximately 80Mtpa



~30% increase in planned processed head-grade from 1.8g/t to 2.3g/t for 2017-2019<sup>(1)</sup>





## Tropicana resource extension

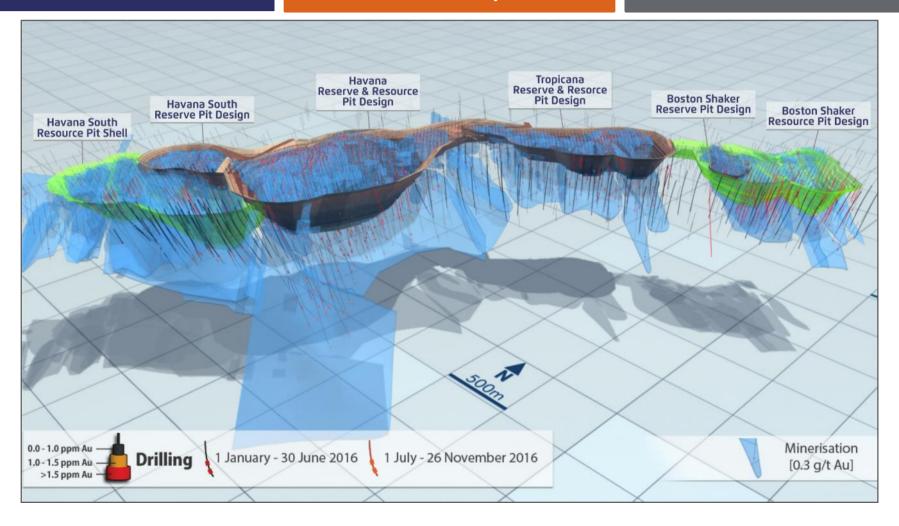




### Framework and resource extension drilling

160,000m of drilling completed as part of Long Island Study

~40,000m at Boston Shaker and Havana South still to be captured in resource model updates **Significant** results continued to be returned from Havana South and Boston Shaker



## **Tropicana LOM extension**





### Long Island Study – What is it?

# Based on strip mining and in-pit dumping of waste

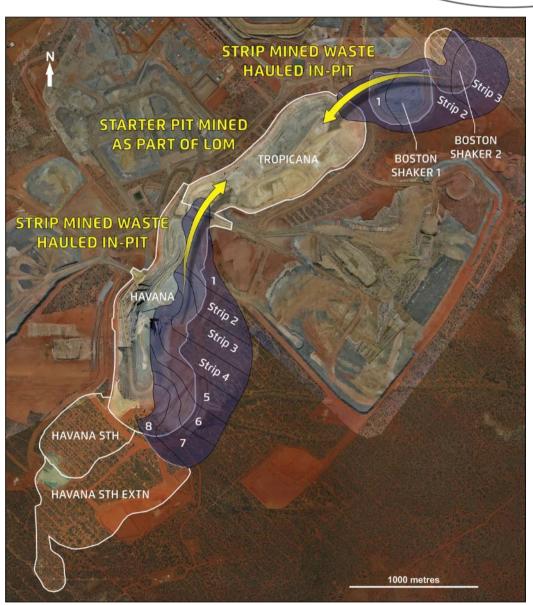
- Commonly used in coal industry
- Suits tabular geometry & strike extent

#### Purpose is to lower mining costs

- Shorter hauls due to In-pit dumping of waste
- Transition to face shovels
- Mining of bigger benches to reduce drill and blast costs

# Unlocks additional down plunge resource

25-30% potential reduction in unit mining costs per tonne through Long Island strategy





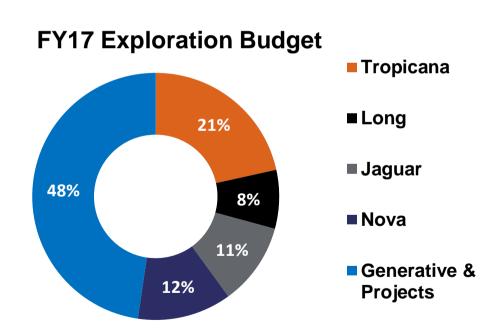
## **Exploration**

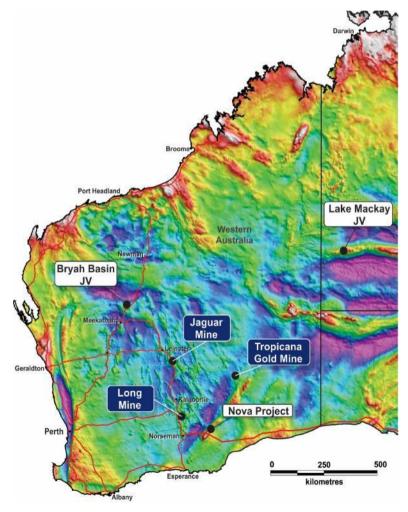
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#### IGO committed to delivering growth through exploration

#### A\$33M exploration budgeted across portfolio

- Targeting provinces that can deliver multiple gold and base metals projects
- Increasing focus on generative and greenfields projects
- Expect to grow exploration spend to A\$50M in FY18





## **Nova exploration**

## Multiple exploration activities underway in CY17

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#### Nova resource extension

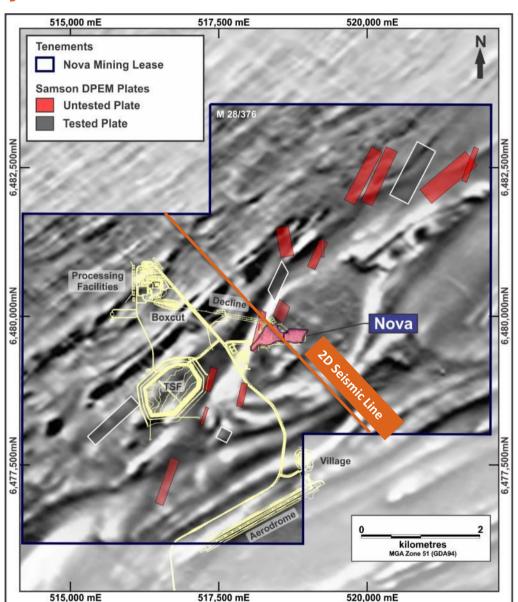
 Resource extension drilling underway at C5 and Bollinger East

#### **Nova mining lease**

- Reprocessing EM complete and drill testing of EM targets on Nova mining lease commences in 4Q17
- Successful 2D seismic data acquisition completed
- Progressing towards 3D seismic surveying of Nova mining lease

## R&D at Nova to deliver competitive advantage

 R&D completed to date is leading to enhanced geological understanding and target generation opportunities in the Fraser Range



## Fraser Range consolidation

**Positioning for discovery** 

12,000km<sup>2</sup> over Fraser Range

Fraser Range is under-explored

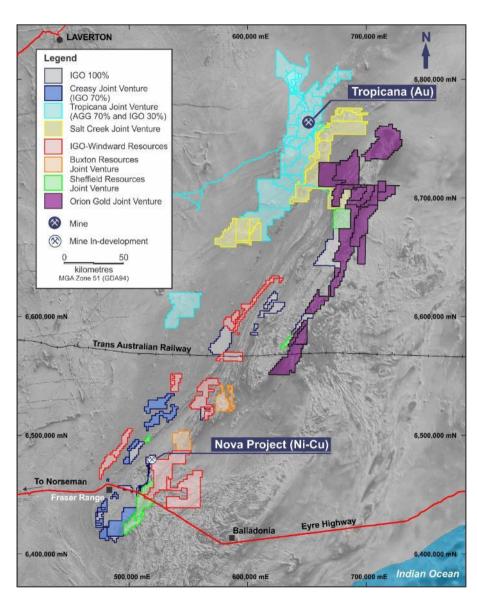
**Multiple programs kicking off in CY17** 

Regional geochem & geophysics

Deeper drilling on advanced targets

**Apply learnings from R&D at Nova** 





## Leveraging R&D and innovation

#### **Data driven exploration**





- Unique Core Scanner
   Technology first mover
- XRF, RQD, Hi Res Photography, SG, Structural
- Target Generation, Geometallurgy, Resource / Geotechnical Domaining





- Completed NW-SE oriented line across lease
- Sonic and VSP logging of holes planned
- Assess 2D results for decision on 3D survey







- Internal Stratigraphy of Intrusions
- Metamorphic Petrology
- Origins of ore emplacement
- Controls on mineralisation
- Tectonic mobilisation of sulphides



## **Safety first**

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We are focused on improving outcomes for our people

Focus on continuous improvement

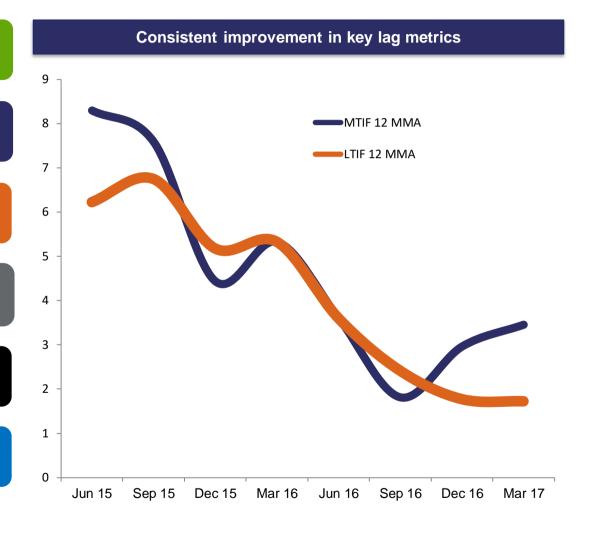
Lag metrics significantly improved

Still harm people in the business

More work to do

Safety systems improved

Focus on visual safety leadership



<sup>1)</sup> MTIFR – Medically Treated Injury Frequency Rate: calculated as the number of medically treated injuries x 1,000,000 divided by the total number of hours worked.

<sup>2)</sup> LTIFR – Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate: calculated as the number of Lost Time injuries x 1,000,000 divided by the total number of hours worked.

## Supporting & challenging our people



**Developing tomorrow's industry leaders** 

Right people in the right place at the right time

Early engagement with high school and tertiary students

Active, structured graduate program

In-house front line supervisors program (Cert IV)

**Challenging our** high performers

Engagement Empowerment Recognition



## Value delivery and growth

### Multiple catalysts across the portfolio



#### Nova

- Commercial production declaration
- Ramp up to full production
- Drill testing of EM and geological targets on Nova ML
- Underground drilling as EM platforms
- 3D seismic data collection and processing

#### **Tropicana**

- Delivery of Long Island Study
- CY18 & CY19 grade streaming
- Incremental process plant rates increase
- Regional exploration program

#### Jaguar

- Triumph Mineral Resource and PFS
- Bentley Depth Extension drilling
- Anomaly definition drilling on Heather Bore gold prospect
- Copper enhancement project

#### Long

- Completion of Seismic interpretation and target generation
- Surface EM program

#### **Fraser Range**

- Systematic AC drilling program
- Drill testing of EM and geological targets
- · Application of Nova geological understanding

## **Concluding comments**



Diversified mining company delivering cash flow and growth



Good progress to improve safety culture across business

Nova on track to ramp up to nameplate in Sept 2017 quarter

Tropicana & Long at or better than guidance on all metrics YTD

Jaguar production soft but outlook is positive

Significant value enhancement & growth catalysts in pipeline

Balance sheet remains robust with no need for new funding

# **Appendix**

## **Nova Project**

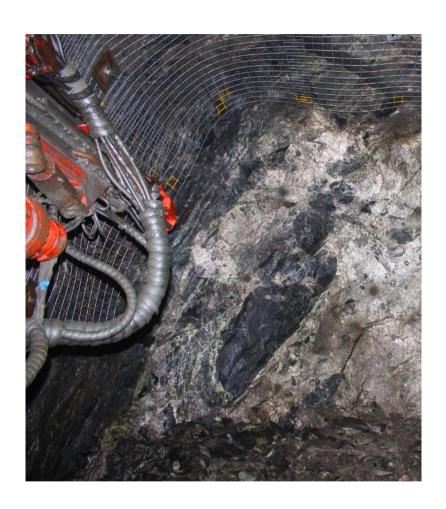
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## World class Ni-Cu-Co project in construction

Overview	IGO 100% magmatic Ni – Cu 1.5Mtpa underground mine Ramp-up expected September 2017 quarter
Resource <sup>(1)</sup> Reserve <sup>(1)</sup>	325,000t Ni, 134,000t Cu 275,000t Ni, 112,000t Cu
Production Guidance FY17	5,000 to 6,000t Ni, 1,900 to 2,300t Cu

#### Key developments and potential

Ramp-up to nameplate capacity in September 2017 quarter



## **Tropicana Gold Mine**

### One of Australia's leading open-pit gold mines

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	JV IGO 30% with AngloGold Ashanti 70%			
Overview	Open pit with potential for expansion			
	7+ years current LOM			
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Resource <sup>(1)</sup>	8.02Moz (100%)		2.4Moz (30%)	
Reserve <sup>(1)</sup>	3.80Moz (100%)		1.1Moz (30%)	
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Production	(100%)		(30%)	
Guidance FY17	390 to 430koz pa	1	117 to 129koz pa	
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Operating cost	Cash cost All-in Sustaining		-in Sustaining cost	
Guidance FY17	A\$850 to 950/oz A		\$1,150 to 1,250/oz	
Capital Guidance	Sustaining	Improvement	Waste Stripping	
FY17	A\$2 to 3M	A\$2 to 3M	A\$29 to 36M	
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<b>Exploration Budget</b>	A\$6 to 8M (30%)			
Guidance FY17				

#### Key developments and potential

- 3Q17 average annualised processing rate was maintained at 7.6Mtpa
- Advancement of the Long Island Study to deliver further Mineral Resource growth in CY17<sup>(2)</sup>



For further detailed information on Tropicana value enhancement refer to ASX release dated 15th Dec 2016







## **Jaguar Mine**

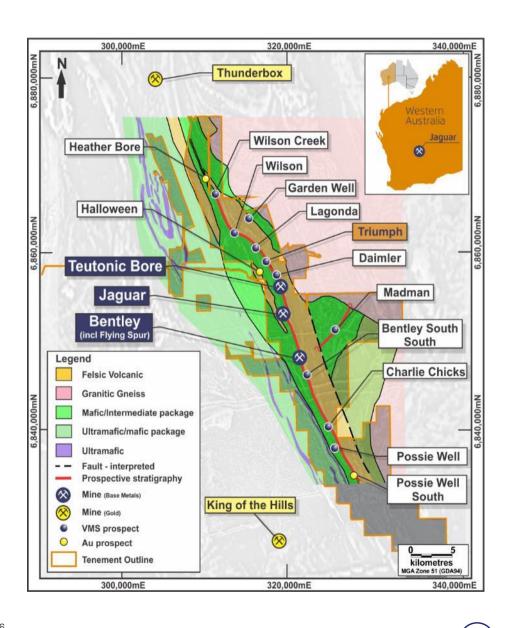
#### VMS Corridor with cluster of orebodies

Overview	IGO 100% High grade Underground Cu – Zn VMS		
Resource <sup>(1)</sup>	51,000t Cu, 256,000t Zn & 13.1Moz Ag		
Reserve <sup>(1)</sup>	16,000t Cu, 137,000t Zn & 6.7Moz Ag		
Production Guidance FY17	39,000 to 43,000t Zn in concentrate 4,600 to 5,100t Cu in concentrate		
Operating cost	Payable Cash cost		
Guidance FY17	A\$0.70 to 0.80/lb Zn		
Capital Guidance	Sustaining	Development	
FY17	A\$8 to 9M	A\$12 to 13M	
Exploration Budget Guidance FY17	A\$3 to 4M		

#### Key developments and potential

- Delivery of maiden resource estimate and pre-feasibility study for the Triumph deposit expected mid CY17
- Process plant study to investigate potential for High Precious Metals concentrate by mid CY17
- Bentley in-mine exploration drilling will continue into 4Q17 to define the potential geometry and extent of mineralisation intersected to-date
- Although 4Q17 production is expected to be stronger, unlikely to achieve full year zinc production guidance





## **Long Mine**

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#### High grade underground nickel on the Kambalda dome

Overview	IGO 100% high-margin underground nickel Average grade project to date of 3.8% Ni Consistent low cost producer
Resource <sup>(1)</sup> Reserve <sup>(1)</sup>	66,000 Ni t 22,000 Ni t
Production Guidance FY17	7,400 to 8,200 Ni t
Operating cost Guidance FY17	A\$3.50 to 3.90/lb
Capital Guidance FY17	A\$1M
Exploration Budget Guidance FY17	A\$2 to 3M

#### Key developments and potential

- Consistent high margin production
- 3Q17 and YTD production and cash costs all better than guidance
- Interpretation of the reprocessed seismic data to identify near infrastructure exploration targets is ongoing

