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Dear Sir/Madam

#### March Quarter 2017 Conference Call and Investor Update Presentation

Attached please find the presentation in relation to the 31 March 2017 quarterly report conference call and investor update to be held tomorrow morning at 7:30am Perth time. Full details in relation to the call were announced on 8 May 2017.

Yours faithfully Paladin Energy Ltd

ALEXANDER MOLYNEUX CEO





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The technical information in this presentation that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by David Princep B.Sc. who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Princep has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that he is undertaking to qualify as Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves", and as Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101. Mr. Princep consents to the inclusion of the relevant information in this announcement in the form and context in which it appears.

Some of the information in this presentation, in relation to the mineral resources and ore reserves for all deposits except Langer Heinrich, Manyingee and Michelin, was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information that the estimates are derived from has not materially changed since it was last reported.

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## Langer Heinrich A Strategic Tier One Mine

# **First Quartile**

C1 Cash Cost<sup>1</sup>

# Top 10 Uranium Mine by Production<sup>2</sup>

4th largest open-pit

+20 Year Mine Life<sup>3</sup>

39.8mlb

Cumulative production



Mineral Resources depleted to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016			
Class	Tonnes Mt	Grade ppm	Metal MIb
Measured	64.3	516	73.23
Indicated	21.5	458	21.71
Total M+I	85.8	502	94.93
Inferred	8.7	468	8.97
Stockpiles	33.9	391	29.18
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<u>Class</u> Proved	Tonnes Mt 44.9	Grade ppm 528	Metal Mlb 52.30
Class Proved Probable	Tonnes Mt 44.9 13.1	<b>Grade ppm</b> 528 484	Metal Mlb 52.30 14.02

#### Source:

<sup>1.</sup> UxC Uranium Production Cost Study – August 2015

<sup>2.</sup> TradeTech Uranium Market Study – 2015: Issue 3 (based on 2015 production)

<sup>3.</sup> At current processing rates



## Non-Langer Heinrich Portfolio – An Industry Leading Suite of Development Assets

#### Michelin (100%)

- 91,500ha mineral licence in Labrador
- 336,130m of cumulative linear drilling
- US\$75m of total historical in ground exploration to-date
- Among largest deposits in North America
- Potential development 2022-2025 timeframe

**Status:** Pre-development exploration/scoping

to 30th June 2016

Class

Measured

Indicated

Total M+I

Inferred

**Stockpiles** 

**Total Non LHM Mineral Resources depleted** 

Μt

33.4

106.3

139.7

84

1.6

**Grade** 

ppm

905

775

810

595

755

Metal

MIb

66.7

182.3

249.0

110.1

2.6

**Tonnes** 



#### Kayelekra (85%)

- Fully built mine commissioned in 2008 with 3.3mlbpa capacity
- Produced cumulative 10.9mlb before being placed in care and maintenance in 2014
- Restart implementation plan under preparation incorporating optimised economics

Kayelekera

Jakango

Tanzania

Zambia

Mozambique

Liongwe

Limbabwe

Mozambique

Status: Developed mine on care & maintenance

#### Carley Bore (100%)

- Three exploration licences covering 1,013km², 100km south of Manyingee
- Acquired in 2015 for US\$13m
- Potential for "stand alone" or satellite ISR to Manyingee ISR project

**Status:** Pre-development exploration/scoping

#### Mt Isa (82/91/100%)

- Direct 50% interest in 2,724ha of licences and 82% ownership of ASX-listed Summit Resources
- Largest uranium deposit in Queensland
- Potential for future development of 5-7mlbpa uranium mine

**Status:** Pre-development exploration/scoping

#### Manyingee (100%)

- Three mining licences covering 1,307ha
- Over US\$17.9m of cumulative exploration and testing to date including 55,764m of cumulative drilling and field leach trial
- Potential for 1-2mlbpa ISR mine

Status: Moving to pre-feasibility

#### Paladin Energy



Results Overview and Optimisation Success

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## Quarter to 31 March 2017 Highlights

References below to 2016 are to the equivalent quarter ended 31 March 2016



## **Production 896,070lb**

Decrease from 1.302mlb in 2016 Mining curtailment fully implemented



## **US\$19.54/lb ASP**

Decrease from US\$34.67/lb in 2016

**Down 44%** 



**Down 13%** 

# C1 Cash Cost US\$21.02/lb

Decrease from US\$24.13/lb in 2016



**Sales 730,642lb** 

Increase from 595,287lb in 2016

All-in Cash Expenditure US\$31.71/lb

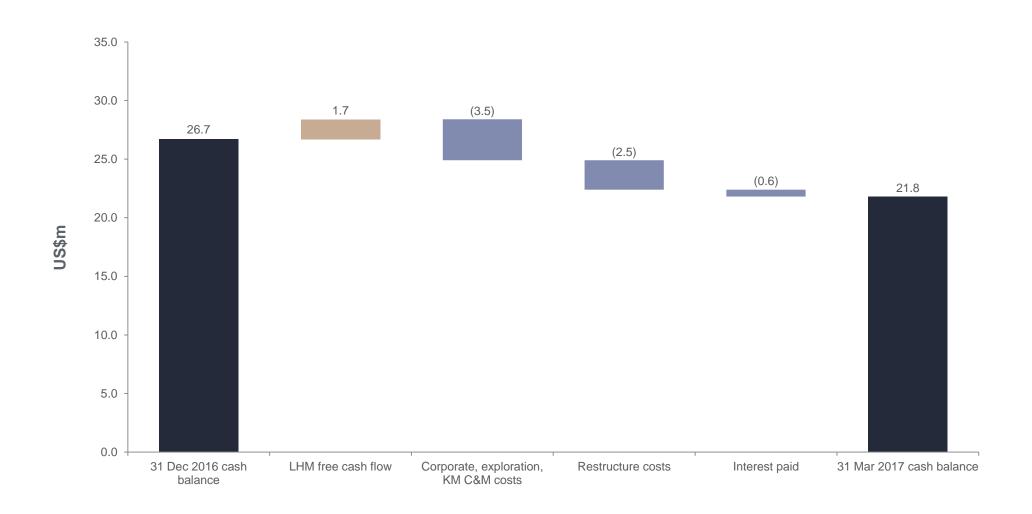
Largely unchanged from US\$31.60/lb in 2016

**Cash US\$21.8m** 

Above guidance range US\$10-20m

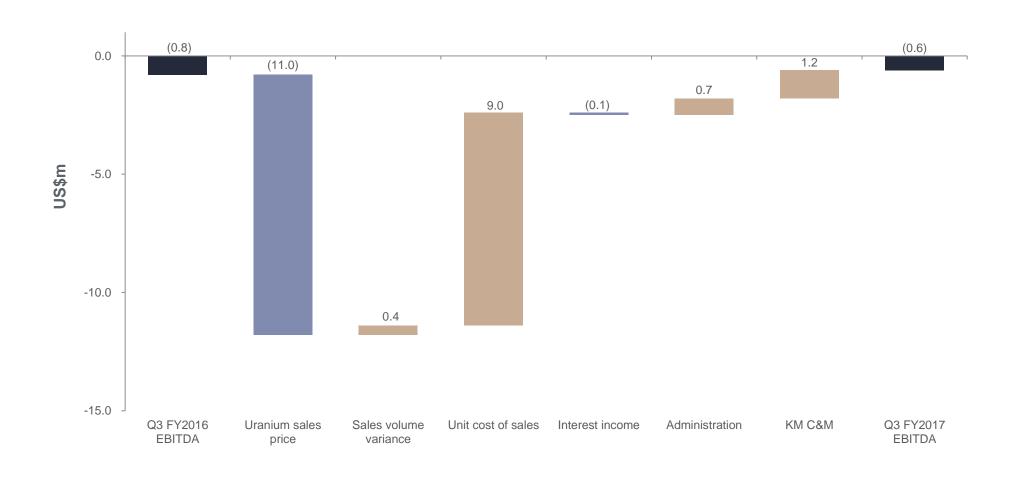


## Quarter to 31 March 2017 Cash Flow





## Quarter to 31 March 2017 EBITDA Variance Analysis

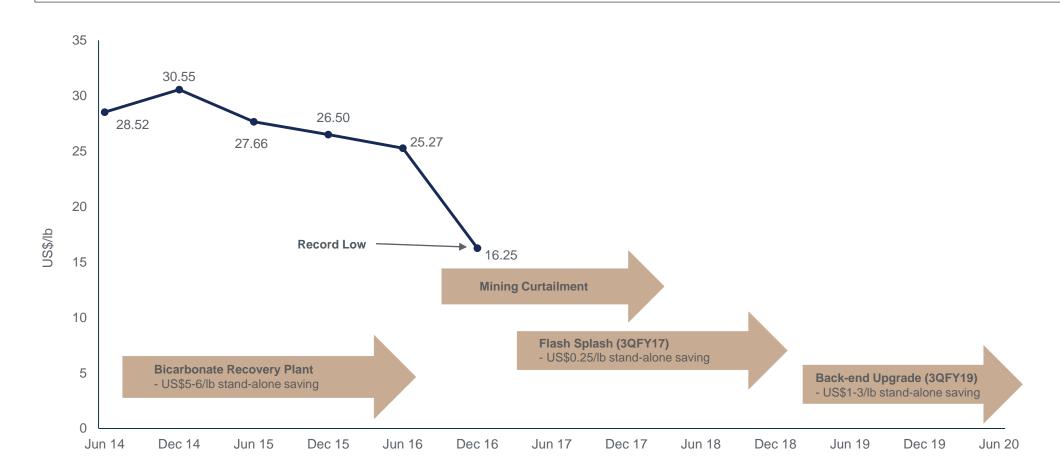




## Optimisation Success: Significant C1 Cost Reductions

Optimisation has resulted in a reduction in C1 Cash Costs by around US\$10/lb

#### C1 Cash Cost (US\$/Ib)



Notes:



## Optimisation Success: Exploration and Other Controllable Costs

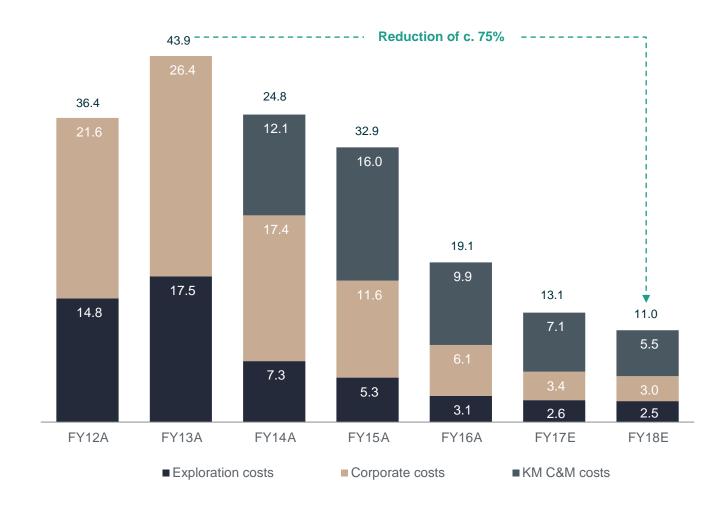
Exploration and other controllable costs have been significantly reduced and are expected to hit a "run rate" of c. US\$11m per year from FY18E

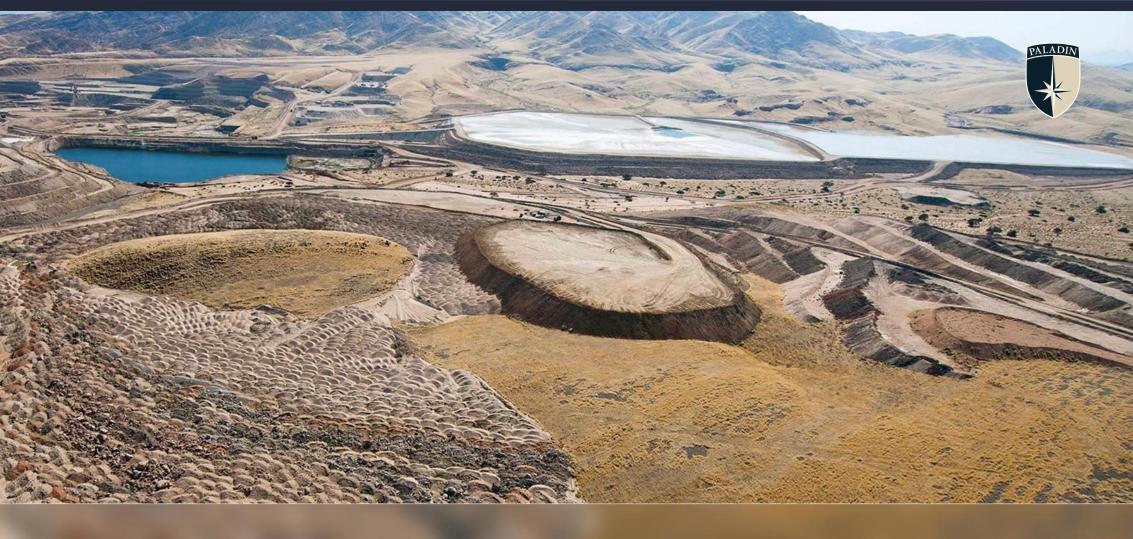
#### **Exploration**

- December quarter, sold stake in Deep Yellow and three minor projects in Australia for US\$4.5m
- Exploration carrying cost of c. US\$2-3m until improved uranium market

#### **Corporate Costs and KM**

- Corporate head count has been reduced by approximately two thirds since 2015
- All non-essential expenditure continues to be reduced
- Corporate costs will likely plateau around US\$3-4m per year and KM care and maintenance at US\$5-6m per year





Restructure Update

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## Restructure Update

#### 10 January 2017

- Announced proposed balance sheet restructuring (Plan A Restructure Proposal)
- The structure contemplated exchanging Paladin's US\$362 million in Convertible Bonds into one new coupon paying Bond and one Convertible Bond maturing in 2022 and 2024, as well as a portion into equity
- The proposal had received widespread support from Bondholders, creditors and shareholders
- The Plan A Restructure Proposal was subject to a number of conditions, including that Paladin continues to own 75% of LHM

#### 9 March 2017

- Existing minority owner of 25% of LHM, CNNC purports to exercise an "event of default" call option to acquire the additional 75% of LHM
- Paladin shares placed in trading halt and subsequently voluntary suspension
- Paladin consults legal counsel, bondholders and other stakeholders to consider appropriate way forward
- Discussions commence on an alternative restructure proposal (without ownership of 75% of LHM)

#### 5 May 2017

- Post consultation process, Paladin agrees to attempt to move forward with independent valuation process
- Decision made having consideration for:
  - the expected valuation range for its interest in LHM;
  - stakeholders' attitude to a protracted and costly arbitration; and
  - potential to agree an alternative solvent restructuring in the event CNNC acquires Paladin's 75% interest in LHM

#### 16 May 2017

- Announcement of alternative restructure proposal (Plan B) that will be pursued in the event CNNC acquires Paladin's 75% interest in LHM
- If CNNC does not acquire Paladin's 75% interest in LHM, Paladin will pursue the Plan A Restructure Proposal



### Where to next?

CNNC's action means it is prudent to have broad agreement of a Plan B restructure in case Plan A can't be implemented

- An independent valuation of Paladin's 75% in LHM should be complete in 5-6 weeks.
- Once valuation is known, CNNC will have 30-days to notify Paladin whether it intends to proceed with the acquisition of the Company's 75% interest in LHM.
- If CNNC does not exercise the purported option, then Paladin will seek to pursue the Plan A Restructure Proposal.
- If CNNC does exercise the purported option and such exercise is not contested, then a Plan B Restructure Proposal will be pursued.
- If neither Plan A or Plan B Restructuring Proposals can be implemented and there is no other alternative proposal, then Paladin may not be able to meet its liabilities in the future.



## Overview of Plan B Restructure Proposal

Plan B will only be pursued in the event CNNC acquires Paladin's 75% interest in LHM

#### **Key objectives**

- Material deleveraging of the group: Distribute the proceeds from any sale of Paladin's interest in LHM and LHU to key material creditors (EDF and the Bondholders).
- Preserve valuable contracts: Includes preserving EDF offtake agreement.
- **Provide value upside to shareholders:** Through valuation outcome of LHM, continuation of the EDF offtake agreement and upside in uranium prices from balance of Paladin portfolio.

## Distribution of proceeds

#### Debt substantially or potentially completely reduced from proceeds from sale of Paladin's 75% interest in LHM to CNNC

- EDF repaid the full amount of the accrued prepayment amount at closing and in priority to the 2017 and 2020 Bonds (US\$273 million as at 31 March 2017).
- US\$15 million retained by Paladin for general working capital requirements.
- Balance of any proceeds paid to the 2017 and 2020 Bondholders.

#### 2017 and 2020 Bonds

## Bondholders receive cash distribution from the sale of Paladin's 75% interest in LHM and any outstanding balance is exchanged into a new secured convertible bond with a 2022 maturity

- Cash payment: Accrued value of the 2017 Bonds (US\$217.3 million as at 31 March 2017) and the 2020 Bonds (US\$155.3 million as at 31 March 2017) at closing are reduced by the distribution of the proceeds from the sale of Paladin's 75% interest in LHM to CNNC.
- New 2022 secured convertible bond: Any remaining accrued balance owing to the 2017 and 2020 Bondholders on closing will be exchanged into a new 2022 secured convertible bond. PIK interest at 7.5% per annum.
- The new 2022 secured convertible bonds will include standard high-yield and other restrictive covenants, including mandatory purchase of the new secured convertible bonds at the accrued position for cash balances above a certain threshold.
- No conversion right for 12 months to allow the Company the option to repay in full through new equity/debt issuance (warrants will remain).
- **Equity warrants:** 2017 and 2020 Bondholders will also be issued 300 million equity warrants with a strike price of US\$0.0125 (preconsolidation).

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<sup>\*</sup> Returns to EDF should align to final agreed text, subject to ongoing discussions



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EDF	<ul> <li>EDF fully repaid in priority to the 2017 and 2020 Bondholders. In exchange, certain amendments to the EDF LTSC to be agreed for continuation of the offtake agreement</li> <li>EDF closing debt balance repaid in full (US\$273 million as at 31 March 2017).</li> <li>EDF's security over Michelin extinguished at the time of debt repayment.</li> <li>LTSC to remain on foot on terms acceptable to EDF.</li> </ul>
Shareholders	<ul> <li>Not immediately diluted and ability to capture upside</li> <li>No immediate dilution of existing holdings.</li> <li>Final value to shareholders will depend on the independent valuation of LHM, the continuation of the LTSC and whether they support any future equity raisings to refinance the remaining debt.</li> </ul>
Key conditions precedent	<ul> <li>CNNC completing the acquisition of Paladin's 75% interest in LHM for cash consideration which results in net proceeds of at least US\$500 million (being a discount to the sale price previously agreed with CNNC for a 24% interest in LHM);</li> <li>EDF approval;</li> <li>Formal approval of holders of the Existing Convertible Bonds;</li> <li>Approval of shareholders;</li> <li>Agreement as to the long form version of the document necessary to implement the Plan B Restructure Proposal;</li> <li>There being no superior proposal; and</li> <li>All necessary regulatory approvals, including Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board.</li> </ul>

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Significant Leverage To Uranium Upside

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## Pipeline Projects

Kayelekera Mine, Malawi

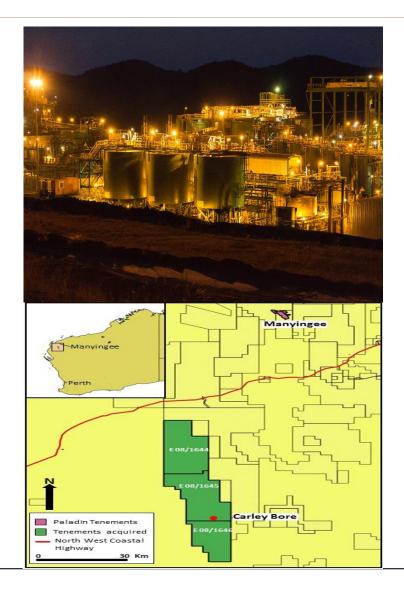
#### Fully built mine on active care and maintenance

- ownership Paladin 85% and Government of Malawi 15%
- commenced operations in 2009 Production capacity 3.3mlbp.a.
- placed on care and maintenance in 2014, having Produced 10.7mlb
- progressing Definitive Feasibility Study for restart

#### Manyingee and Carley Bore, Western Australia

#### Amenable to low cost ISR production

- ownership Paladin 100%,
- resource 20.7mlb Measured & Indicated, 20.8mlb Inferred
- pre-feasibility study work to be commenced





## Pipeline Projects

#### Michelin Deposit, Canada

#### Among the largest undeveloped deposits in North America

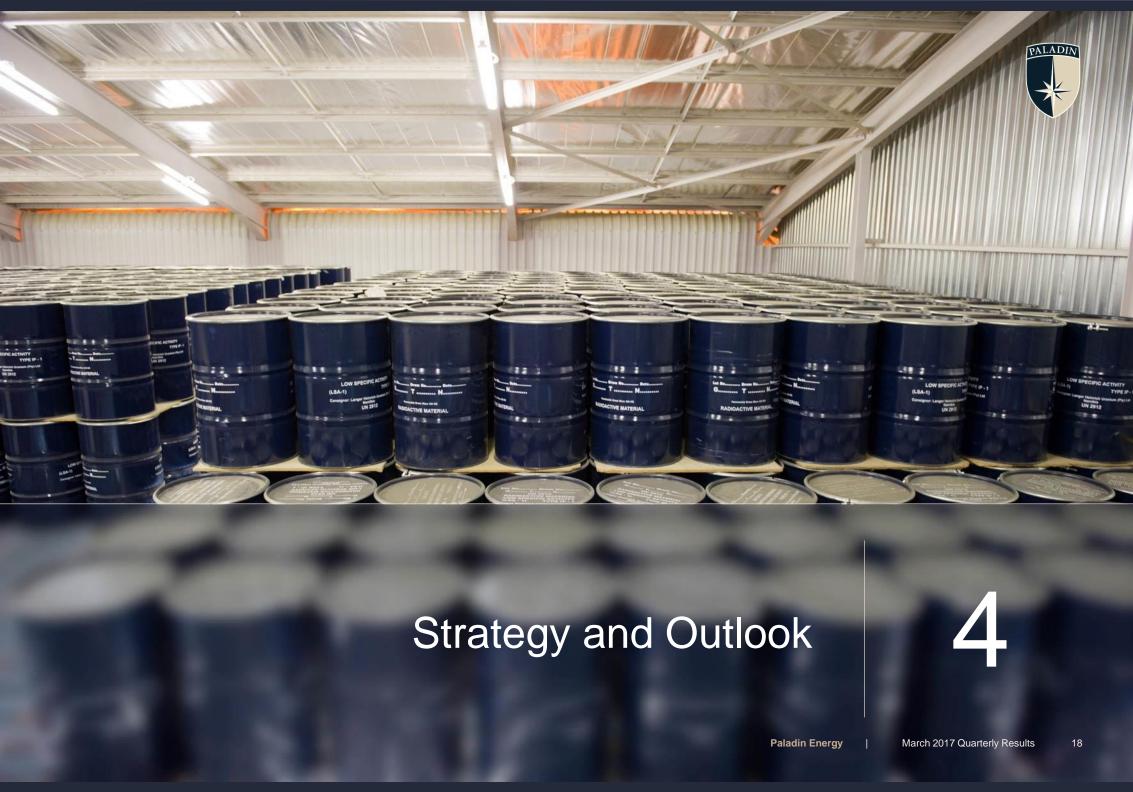
- ownership Paladin 100%, acquired in February 2011
- resource 84.1mlb Measured & Indicated, 22.9mlb Inferred
- in 2015, received Canadian Government non resident production approval
- additional 16.7mlb Measured & Indicated, 16.9mlb Inferred within the tenement holding
- highly strategic asset in one of the few remaining underexplored uranium districts

### Mount Isa, Queensland

- ownership Paladin 82/91/100%
- resource 106.2mlb Measured & Indicated, 42.2mlb Inferred
- represents one of Australia's larger undeveloped uranium resources
- Paladin has undertaken substantial test work over the years and continues to validate production alternatives









# MAXIMISE LHM OPERATING CASH FLOWS THROUGH CONTINUED OPTIMISATION INITIATIVES WHILST PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF THE LONG-TERM LIFE OF MINE PLAN

MAINTAIN KM AND EXPLORATION ON A "MINIMAL EXPENDITURE, CARE AND MAINTENANCE BASIS"

MINIMISE CORPORATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

**COMPLETE BALANCE SHEET STRENGTHENING RESTRUCTURE** 

PREPARE FOR GROWTH



### FY2017 Guidance

Production in excess of 4.0mlb

Amended LHM mine plan to enhance operating level cash flows

LHM C1 US\$16.50-18.50/lb

"All in" US\$29-31/lb

US\$14m corporate costs, KM care and maintenance and exploration

US\$5m lower than FY2016 (no change)

**June Quarter** 

Sales 1.1mlb-1.3mlb
Production 750,000lb-850,000mlb
LHM C1 cash cost US\$21-23/lb



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