

# On The Road To Production

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# Who is Iron Road?



- A mid-tier iron ore project developer (~\$75M market cap)
- Focused on Central Eyre Iron Project (CEIP)
  - Prefeasibility Study indicates a robust
     12.4Mtpa project is viable, with base case
     NPV \$1.1 billion
  - Competitive capital and operating costs
  - Favourable export infrastructure options
- Moving ahead with expanded resource drilling, partner search and preliminary DFS works
- Backed by experienced board, management and supportive key investors



### **Corporate Overview**



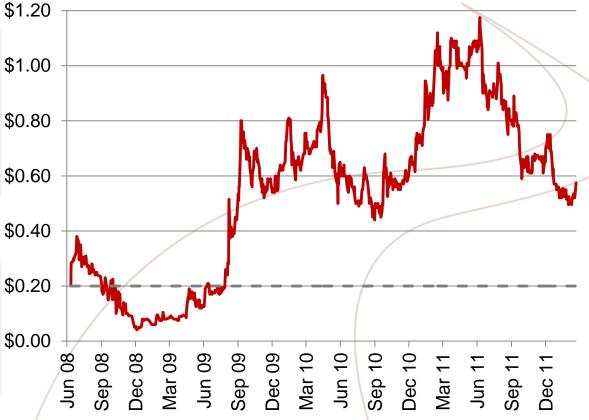
#### **Board**

Julian Gosse	Non-exec Chair
Ian Hume	Non-exec
Jerry Ellis	Non-exec
Matthew Keegan	Non-exec
Andrew Stocks	MD



#### **Major Shareholders**

The Sentient Group	32.2%			
Management	10.4%			
Columbia University	6.6%			
Duke University	6.2%			



# **Central Eyre Iron Project Overview**



- Centrally located on Eyre Peninsula, South Australia
- Favourable geographic, climatic location
- Supportive state and local governments
- Good relationships with local communities
- Large scalable magnetite project, with low variability
- Growing resource 2.1 billion tonnes at 16.2% iron <sup>1</sup>
- Very large iron ore resource and set to grow significantly this year

Ceduna Port Augusta Iron Knob Central Eyre Streaky Bay Minnipa Iron Project Whyalla Wudinna Port Pirie Kimba Warramboo Lock Elliston Cowell Moonta Port Wakefield Cummins Tumby Bay Tenement Outline Port Lincon Adelaide Iron) Road

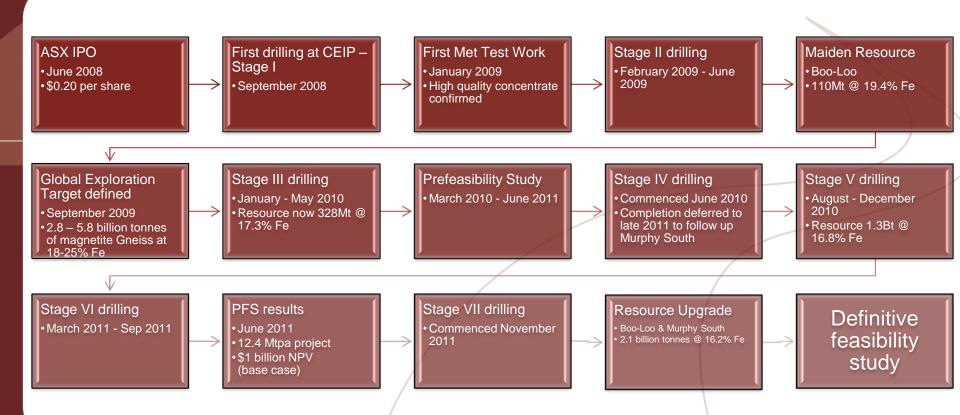
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### Iron Road's Journey





# Iron Road's Approach



Successful iron ore developers succeed in one of two ways:

- BUILD AND PRODUCE, potentially with partner
  - Fortescue, Mt Gibson, Atlas, Gindalbie
- DEVELOP AND SELL
  - Portman, Cape Lambert, Sphere



- BOTH methods require a consistent, quality driven approach
- Substandard preparatory work will not attract finance or quality partners to build – significant rework required, causing development time delay
- A poorly prepared project will not pass due diligence on sale, or receive offers
- Quality of work to date greatly facilitating discussions
- Iron Road is committed to seeing value for shareholders by doing the necessary quality work <u>now</u> for ultimate success.

#### **CEIP Prefeasibility Study Outcomes**



Substantial 12.4Mtpa iron product operation outlined Significant competitive advantages

- Coarse grind size (-106 micron)
  - reduced power use, lower operating costs
- Blast furnace feed (sinter)
  - much wider market, no need for pellet plant
- Large open cut mine
  - low strip ratio and good geotechnical characteristics
  - minimised mining costs
- Close to coast, realistic infrastructure solutions

Project economics dictated by physical characteristics of ore and low strip ratio, not in ground grades

#### PFS Result by Numbers Capex – direct A\$1,744M Capex – indirect A\$517M Capex – contingency A\$338 Opex – FOB A\$59/t Base case NPV A\$1,091M 0.8:1 Strip ratio (waste:ore) 67.6Mtpa Process rate Concentrate production 12.4Mtpa

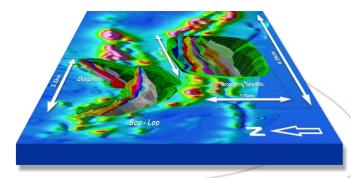
Concentrate grade

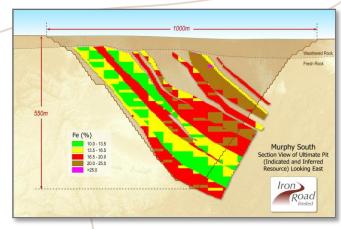
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# Project Resources & Geology



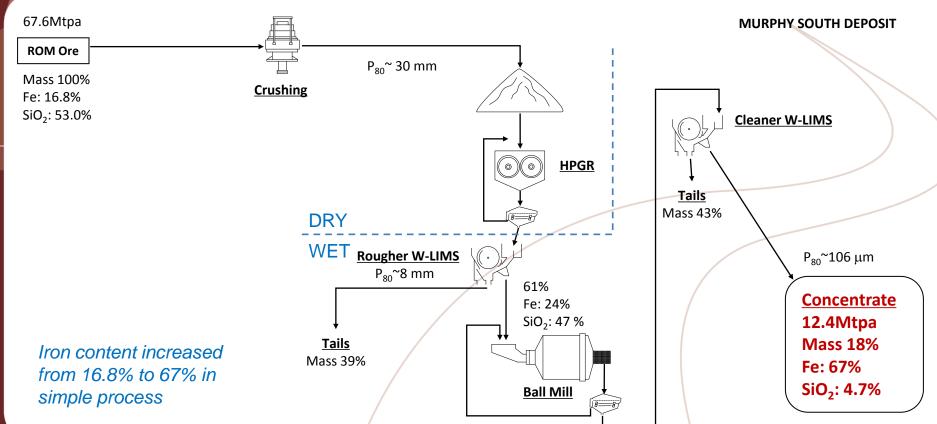
- Project resource made up of coarse grained magnetite
  - Low variability, mineralisation is consistent through ore body
  - Excellent product characteristics offset lower head grade
- Allows conventional open cut mining with a low strip ratio
  - Optimised pit depth of 550m, may increase with latest drilling
  - Stable ground conditions, allowing large benches (15m bench, 70° batters)
  - Operating cash flow versus pit shell size curve is very flat – shell selected for detailed design work not critical
- Significant upside with further resource definition material to date covers only part of the strike length





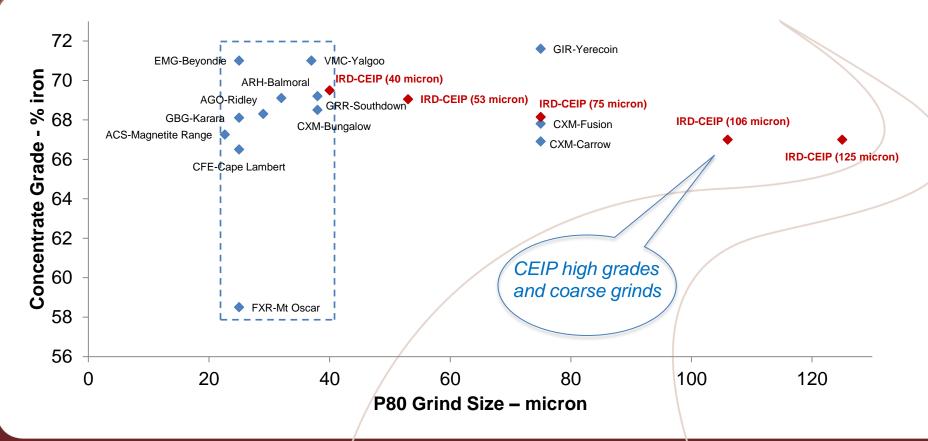
# Simple Processing





# Benchmarking Concentrate Grade





### **Premium Concentrate Product**





- Grind size of -106µm (p80) resulting in 67% Fe concentrate
- Potential -125µm option under investigation
- To be marketed as a high quality sinter feedstock
- Blast Furnace product characteristics no need for pellet plant
- Expected to be suitable for blending with 'earthy' Pilbara style fines
- Large potential customer base

# **Export Solution**



Base case PFS includes slurry pipeline to port

PFS includes costs and charges to use a third-party port

Potential upside, including rail options, have been considered at scoping level with encouraging results

More detailed rail review underway

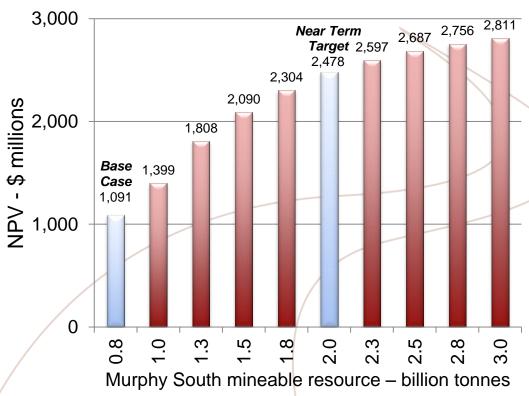
Project scale sufficient to justify development of standalone port facility



### Adding Value Through Resource Growth



- Base case incorporates maiden Murphy South Mineral Resource.
- Murphy South Mineral Resource is now 1.8Bt.
- Further drill programme for Murphy South (east) underway with exploration target of 400-700Mt @ 16-18% Fe<sup>1</sup>.
- Additional mineral resources will substantially increase project value.

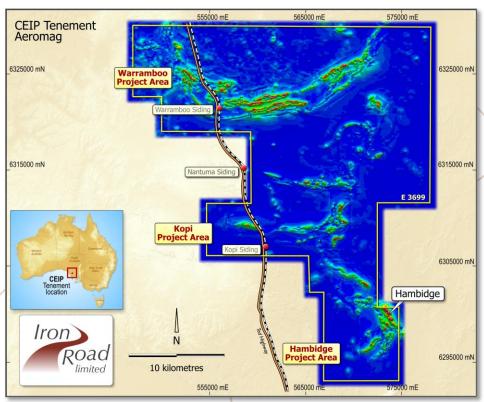


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### Hambidge



- Completed four widely spaced traverses –12 diamond holes and 5,388m of drilling.
- The magnetic anomaly targeted at Hambidge is over 3km in length and over 1km wide.
- Several drill holes intersected continuous magnetite gneiss of up to 200m apparent thickness.
- An exploration target of 800-1,000Mt @ 15-18% iron <sup>1</sup>.



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# **Community Engagement**





Iron Road believes that being part of a community is an important part of doing business

- Major Sponsor of a number of local community events since 2009
- Toll free contact number and extensive community program in place
- Community stakeholder consultations, including several public forums
- Community will remain at the heart of future developments

#### Where to now



#### Set to become South Australia's premier iron ore mine

Focused on Central Eyre Iron Project (CEIP)

- Strengthening the Iron Road team
- Commencing definitive feasibility study
- Wider government and communities consultation and involvement
- Favourable infrastructure options

CEIP expected to underwrite many other proposals and upgrades

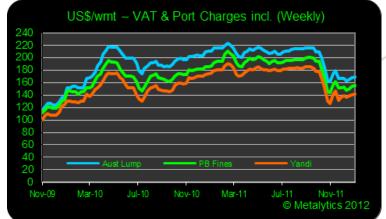


IRD board members briefed by Larry Ingle on site

### A Note on Iron ore



- Global iron ore supply is dominated by Australia and Brazil.
- Significant capital is being directed by China to the development of a new province in West Africa.
- We believe the projects in West Africa appear challenging on a number of metrics.



China fines prices

West African Projects	NPV (US\$m)				
Simandou -Rio	3,090.6				
Kalia	502.5				
Western Range -Mt. Nimba	446.8				
Forécariah	367.8				
Marampa -LM	181.8				
Mbalam	147.4				
Askaf	-15.9				
Marampa -CL	-49.2				
Guelb el Aouj	-1,126.5				
Tonkolili	-1,587.2				
Zanaga	-1,604.7				
Source: J.P. Morgan estimates 15.0% nominal discount rate used					

#### Summary



Near term value enhancing events

- Murphy South eastern extension drilling.
- Project development partner discussions commenced, active engagement with a number of groups.
- Definitive feasibility study activities underway, will assess Stage 2 expansion options of between 50% - 100%.
- Establishing a 30 year mine life has potential to more than double project NPV to \$2.4 billion.

Near term value coupled with strong long term vision for production and future expansion.

"In the case of iron ore, we expect that over the next <u>eight years</u>, global supply additions need to be at the rate of at least 100 million tonnes <u>each</u> <u>year</u> to satisfy growth,"

"This represents a staggering increase in demand."

David Joyce - Rio Tinto Iron Ore MD Expansion Projects September 2011





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# **Appendix**









# Appendix 1 – CEIP Resource Statement



Central Eyre Iron Project Global Mineral Resource Estimate										
Location	Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Fe (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	LOI (%)			
Murphy South	Indicated	1,108	16.0	53.2	12.9	0.08	0.4			
	Inferred	668	16.4	52.7	12.8	0.08	1.3			
Boo-Loo	Inferred	328	17.3	52.4	11.5	0.09	2.1			
Total		2,104	16.2	52.9	12.7	0.08	1.0			

The Murphy South and Boo-Loo mineral resource estimates were carried out following the guidelines of the JORC Code (2004) by Coffey Mining Ltd.