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# THE MULGA TANK NICKEL SULPHIDE DISCOVERY

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## WESTERN MINES GROUP COMPANY OVERVIEW

- Exceptional flagship project discovery of a major komatiite hosted nickel sulphide mineral system under cover in WA
- "Globally significant" JORC Exploration Target 350Mt to 2,200Mt at 0.24-0.35% Ni
- Exploration team lead by WA nickel expert Dr Ben Grguric
- Nickel market at cyclical lows significant discovery for the upswing
- Tight capital structure with ~\$20m market cap
- Recent investment from Dundee Corporation international mining fund
- Highly leveraged to ongoing exploration success

## "An exploration driven company looking to create value through discovery"

Western Mines Group Ltd	ASX:WMG
Shares Outstanding	80,901,077
Share Price (31/08/24)	\$0.28
Market Capitalisation	\$22.65 Million
Cash (30/06/24)	\$2.13 Million
Unlisted Options (\$0.30 strike)	19,196,670
Fouentia Natural Resources	7.5%

Directors and Management	9.9%
Top 20 Shareholders	45.5%

## SIGNIFICANT NEAR TERM NEWS FLOW | SMALL MARKET CAP | EXCITING RISK-REWARD

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## A SIGNIFICANT 18 MONTHS FOR THE COMPANY



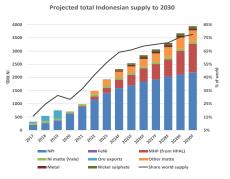
## A MAJOR NICKEL DISCOVERY AGAINST TOUGH MARKET HEADWINDS



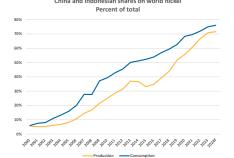
## KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE INDONESIAN NICKEL CONFERENCE



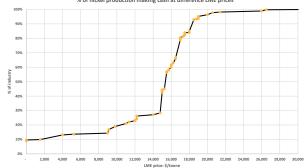
• Indonesia growing to ~75% global production



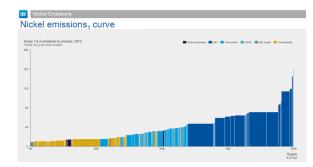
 Its ~90% owned and consumed by China – where will the western world get its nickel supply from?



But a lot of that RKEF-NPI is cash cost US\$15,000/t, setting a hard floor in pricing, and grades
 are falling further
 % of nickel production making cash at difference LME prices



 Australian sulphide producers are the lowest quartile in CO<sub>2</sub> intensity – nickel is ~36% of the CO<sub>2</sub> budget of an EV



### WESTERN SULPHIDE DEPOSITS ABLE TO PRODUCE AT <\$15,000/T WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY VALUABLE AND STRATEGIC ASSETS

Sources: LME, CRU, Company reports, Wood Mackenzie, Macquarie Commodities Strategy June 2024

## NICKEL: ITS TIME TO PICK A SIDE



Stainless Steel 65%

## BATTLE OF CLEAN GREEN NICKEL SULPHIDE VERSUS DIRTY NICKEL LATERITE



### NICKEL LATERITE

Around four times more energy and CO2 intensive than sulphide, large surficial deposits in tropical regions such as Indonesia are extremely environmentally destructive



### HIGH-GRADE MASSIVE NICKEL SULPHIDE

High value per tonne deposits, hard to find on a size and scale that will meet supply shortfall e.g. major Nova Bollinger discovery "only" ~325,000t of contained Ni

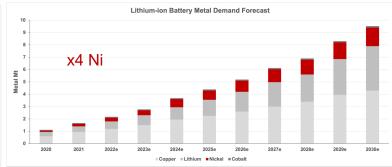


### LARGE LOW-GRADE DISSEMINATED NICKEL SULPHIDE

Largest nickel mines in the world, nickel "equivalent" of copper porphyry, economies of scale, deposits >1Mt of contained Ni able to supply +30kt/yr Ni for multiple decades, readily produce high-grade Ni concentrate

### LARGE LOW-GRADE NICKEL SULPHIDE WILL BECOME AN ESSENTIAL NEW SUPPLY

Deposit	Nickel (M&I Resource)	Ni Grade	Producing	Company
Norilsk-Talnakh (Russia)	11.3Mt	0.75%	Yes	Nornickel
Dumont (Canada)	4.4Mt	0.27%	No	Magneto Investments
Jinchuan (China)	4.4Mt	1.39%	Yes	Jinchuan Group
Sotkamo (Finland)	3.9Mt	0.23%	Yes	Terrafame
Crawford (Canada)	3.5Mt	0.23%	No	Canada Nickel
Turnagain (Canada)	3.2Mt	0.21%	No	GigaMetals
Mt Keith/Yakabindie (Australia)	2.6Mt	0.58%	Yes	BHP
Decar (Canada)	2.4Mt	0.21%	No	FPX Nickel



Source: Bloomberg NEF

### Source: Canada Nickel Investor Presentation April 2023

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### Nickel Consumption

Other 1%

Special Steels 5%

Electroplating 6%

Alloys/Superalloys 8%

Batteries 15%



## **DISPELLING THE MYTHS**

• Economies of scale are king – understood in gold or copper porphyries but seemingly not in nickel

Factor	Mine B	Mine C
Grade	0.75g/t Au	8.31g/t Au
Open Pit/Underground	Open Pit	Underground
Tonnes Mined	61,543,000t	1,076,000t
Tonnes Processed	36,467,000t	1,084,000t
Mining and Processing	US\$16.88/t proc.	US\$303.62/t proc.
AISC	US\$1,067/oz	US\$1,509/oz

Source: Newmont Annual Report 2023

### CHALICE MINING GONNEVILLE SCOPING STUDY

• 30Mtpa operation – unit mining cost A\$3.10/t – 41% Ni recovery Source: Chalice Mining, ASX, Gonneville Scoping Study, 29 August 2023

### CANADA NICKEL CRAWFORD DFS

• 41Mtpa operation – unit mining cost C\$1.96.t/t – 42% Ni recovery

Source: Crawford Nickel Sulphide Project NI 43-101 Technical Report and Feasibility Study 2024

- "...what about Nickel West?" very limited operational data disclosed but:
- In 2007 Mt Keith (223Mt at 0.53% Ni) it was operating with >5:1 strip ratio
- Only 11.5Mtpa concentrator processing capacity

Source: BHP, Media Tour to Nickel West, Mount Keith Operations (MKO), 20 September 2007

## **PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum 30Mtpa operation
- >40year minelife
- >0.25% Ni orebody
- >45% Ni recovery
- <2:1 strip ratio
- <A\$4.00/t unit mining cost

MT KEITH

## FRONTIER EXPLORATION IN A WORLD CLASS NICKEL PROVINCE

## YILGARN CRATON WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PERSEVERANCE

- One of the world's major nickel provinces
- World-class examples of komatiite-hosted nickel deposits Kambalda (35Mt @ 3.1% Ni), Perseverance (50Mt @ 2.3% Ni) and Mt Keith (643.7Mt @ 0.58% Ni)

### MULGA TANK Ni-Cu-PGE PROJECT

Model

Type

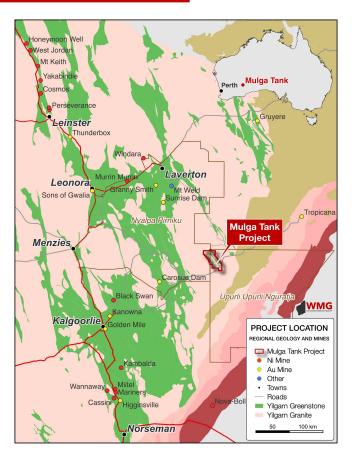
Size

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- Frontier exploration play for major komatilte-hosted Ni-Cu-PGE deposits under cover
- Strategically assembled 425km<sup>2</sup> position on the under-explored Minigwal Greenstone Belt
- Mulga Tank Ultramafic Complex (WMG 100%) is a "camp scale" project

## EXPLORATION MODELS ARE PERSEVERANCE AND MT KEITH

Type 1 Stratiform Basal Massive Sulphide	Type 2 Interstitial Disseminated Sulphide
650m x 160m 🙀	1,900m x 400m





## **BELT SCALE OPPORTUNITY WMG OWN 100%**



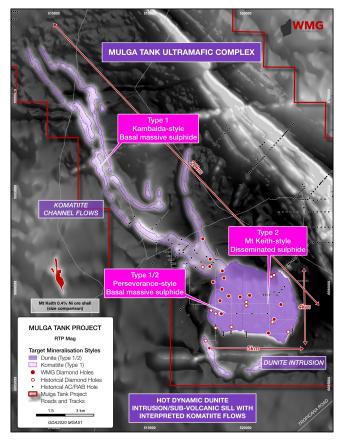
## MAJOR KOMATIITE NICKEL SYSTEM UNDER COVER

- Large adcumulate dunite body (~15km<sup>2</sup>) with interpreted komatiite channel flows extending NW over >12km
- Drilling beneath sand cover 60 out of 69 holes show nickel sulphide mineralisation
- ALL THREE MINERALISATION STYLES PRESENT Mt Keith, Perseverance and Kambalda

### ALL CRITCAL ELEMENTS OF A LARGE-SCALE WORKING SYSTEM

Critical Process	Description	Evidence
Source	Komatiite magma	<b>S</b>
Pathway	Transport of komatiite magma through the crust	<b>S</b>
Sulphur saturation	Addition of sulphur and sulphur saturation of undersaturated magma	<b>S</b>
Chemical and physical trap	Sequestering metals into sulphides	<b>S</b>
Physical concentration	Concentration of metal-rich sulphides into deposits	?

Adapted from: GSWA, Komatilte-Hosted Ni-Cu-PGE Deposits: A Mineral Systems Analysis, LL Grech, 2022





## DISCOVERY OF EXTENSIVE MT KEITH-STYLE MAGMATIC SULPHIDE

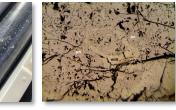
### DISSEMINATED SULPHIDES OVER >500M INTERVALS

- Deep EIS holes MTD023 and MTD026 intersected extensive disseminated magmatic sulphides
- MTD023: Cumulative 693.5m at 0.28% Ni, 128ppm Co, 61ppm Cu, 27ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.1
- MTD026: Cumulative 840m at 0.28% Ni, 140ppm Co, 103ppm Cu, 24ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.6
- MTD027: Cumulative 694m at 0.31% Ni, 141ppm Co, 68ppm Cu, 30ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.0
- MTD028: Cumulative 466m at 0.35% Ni, 139ppm Co, 62ppm Cu, 43ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.0

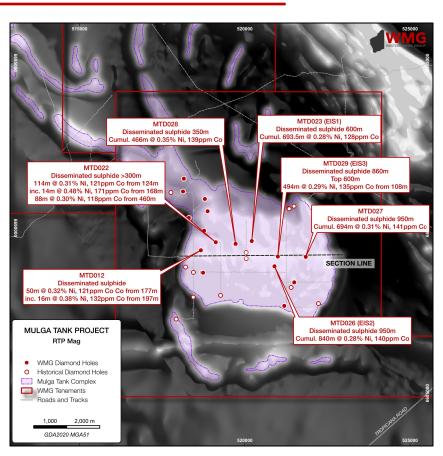
### WITH EXAMPLES OF SHALLOW MINERALISED INTERVALS:

- MTD022: 114m at 0.31% Ni, 121ppm Co, 33ppm Cu from 124m inc. 14m at 0.48% Ni, 171ppm Co, 152ppm Cu from 168m
- MTD026: 130m at 0.31% Ni, 136ppm Co, 122ppm Cu from 116m inc. 13m at 0.35% Ni, 142ppm Co, 301ppm Cu from 157m
- Mineralogical work confirms abundant coarse grained pentlandite





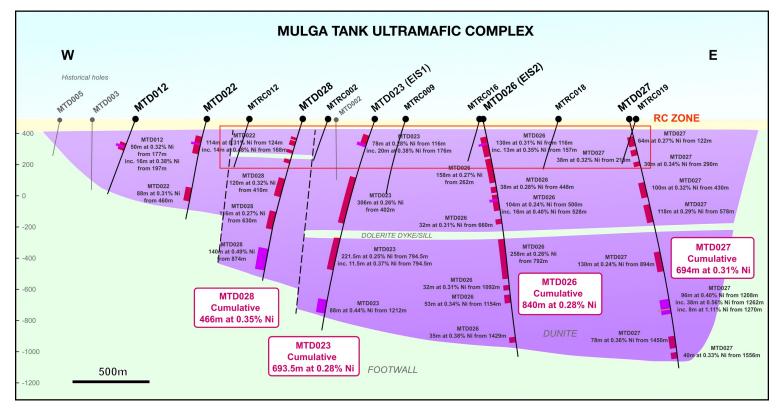




## MULTIPLE BROAD ZONES OF DISSEMINATED MINERALISATION



### BRAVE LITTLE COMPANY DRILLING 1,500M DIAMOND HOLES

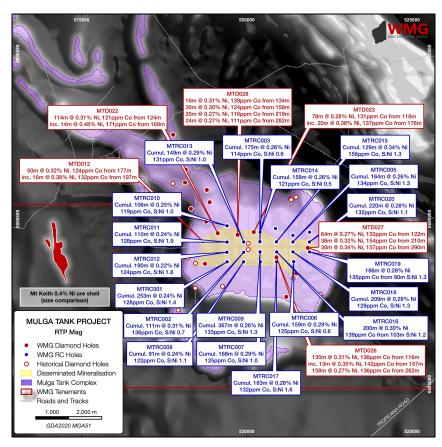




## INITIAL RC PROGRAM CONFIRMED SHALLOW MINERALISATION

### LARGE-SCALE OPEN-PIT POTENTIAL

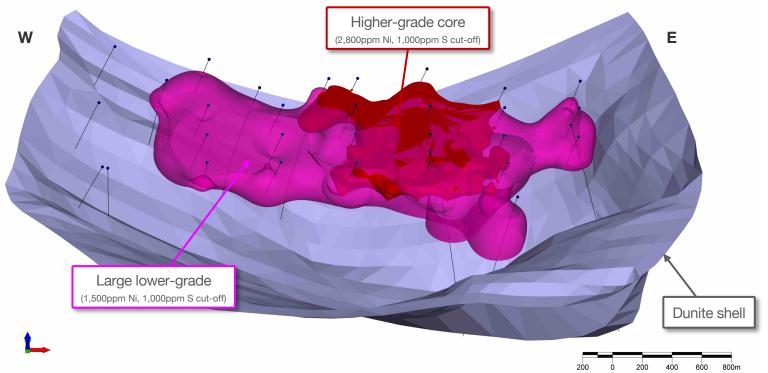
- Initial 22 hole, 7,035m RC program 19 out of 22 holes mineralised
  PHASE 1 RC RESULTS:
- MTRC001: Cumulative 253m at 0.24% Ni, 128ppm Co, 76ppm Cu, 27ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.4
- MTRC002: Cumulative 111m at 0.31% Ni, 136ppm Co, 69ppm Cu, 37ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.7
- MTRC003: Cumulative 175m at 0.26% Ni, 114ppm Co, 18ppm Cu, 19ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.6
- MTRC005: Cumulative 164m at 0.26% Ni, 134ppm Co, 114ppm Cu, 20ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.3
- MTRC006: Cumulative 159m at 0.29% Ni, 125ppm Co, 29ppm Cu, 12ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.6
- MTRC007: Cumulative 168m at 0.29% Ni, 133ppm Co, 50ppm Cu, 16ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.0
- MTRC008: Cumulative 91m at 0.24% Ni, 122ppm Co, 53ppm Cu, 15ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.1
- MTRC009: Cumulative 367m at 0.26% Ni, 133ppm Co, 74ppm Cu, 25ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.3
- MTRC010: Cumulative 106m at 0.25% Ni, 119ppm Co, 25ppm Cu, 15ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.0
- MTRC011: Cumulative 110m at 0.24% Ni, 128ppm Co, 75ppm Cu, 26ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.9
- MTRC012: Cumulative 190m at 0.22% Ni, 124ppm Co, 68ppm Cu, 21ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.8
- MTRC013; Cumulative 149m at 0.29% Ni, 131ppm Co, 42ppm Cu, 30ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.0
- MTRC014: Cumulative 158m at 0.26% Ni, 121ppm Co, 37ppm Cu, 20ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.5
- MTRC015: Cumulative 129m at 0.34% Ni, 156ppm Co, 164ppm Cu, 25ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.3
- MTRC016: 200m at 0.30% Ni, 139ppm Co, 92ppm Cu, 25ppb Pt+Pd from 103m with S:Ni 1.2
- MTRC017: Cumulative 183m at 0.26% Ni, 132ppm Co, 165ppm Cu, 16ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.6
- MTRC018: Cumulative 209m at 0.28% Ni, 129ppm Co, 381ppm Cu, 18ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.3
- MTRC019: 186m at 0.28% Ni, 135ppm Co, 78ppm Cu, 22ppb Pt+Pd from 90m with S:Ni 0.9
- MTRC020: Cumulative 220m at 0.28% Ni, 132ppm Co, 112ppm Cu, 18ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.1



## **GLOBALLY SIGNIFICANT NICKEL SULPHIDE SYSTEM**



## JORC EXPLORATION TARGET 350Mt to 2,200Mt at 0.24% to 0.35% Ni, 120ppm to 150ppm Co, S:Ni 1.1 to 1.3



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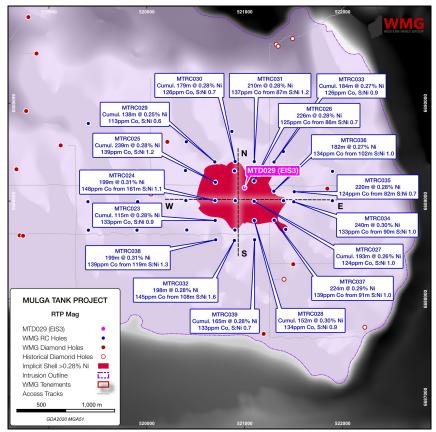
## PHASE 2 RC FOCUSED ON THE HIGHER-GRADE CORE

## INFILL DRILLING TARGETING FIRST RESOURCE

- Further 17 hole 5,534m RC completed February-March 2024
- PROGRESSIVELY DE-RISK, IMPROVE CONFIDENCE AND AID RESOURCE EVALUATION

### PHASE 2 RC RESULTS:

- MTRC023: Cumulative 115m at 0.28% Ni, 133ppm Co, 51ppm Cu, 27ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.9
- MTRC024: 199m at 0.31% Ni, 148ppm Co, 76ppm Cu, 23ppb Pt+Pd from 161m with S:Ni 1.1
- MTRC025: Cumulative 239m at 0.28% Ni, 139ppm Co, 72ppm Cu, 19ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.2
- MTRC026: 226m at 0.28% Ni, 125ppm Co, 62ppm Cu, 15ppb Pt+Pd from 86m with S:Ni 0.7
- MTRC027: Cumulative 193m at 0.26% Ni, 124ppm Co, 78ppm Cu, 22ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 1.0
- MTRC028: Cumulative 152m at 0.30% Ni, 134ppm Co, 109ppm Cu, 20ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.9
- MTRC029: Cumulative 138m at 0.25% Ni, 113ppm Co, 32ppm Cu, 6ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.6
- MTRC030: Cumulative 179m at 0.28% Ni, 126ppm Co, 41ppm Cu, 10ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.7
- MTRC031: 210m at 0.28% Ni, 137ppm Co, 104ppm Cu, 24ppb Pt+Pd from 87m with S:Ni 1.2
- MTRC032: 198m at 0.28% Ni, 145ppm Co, 249ppm Cu, 28ppb Pt+Pd from 108m with S:Ni 1.6
- MTRC033: Cumulative 184m at 0.27% Ni, 126ppm Co, 82ppm Cu, 18ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.9
- MTRC034: 240m at 0.30% Ni, 133ppm Co, 133ppm Cu, 36ppb Pt+Pd from 90m with S:Ni 1.0
- MTRC035: 220m at 0.28% Ni, 124ppm Co, 63ppm Cu, 25ppb Pt+Pd from 82m with S:Ni 0.7
- MTRC036: 182m at 0.27% Ni, 134ppm Co, 66ppm Cu, 27ppb Pt+Pd from 102m with S:Ni 1.0
- MTRC037: 224m at 0.29% Ni, 139ppm Co, 208ppm Cu, 25ppb Pt+Pd from 91m with S:Ni 1.0
- MTRC038: 199m at 0.31% Ni, 139ppm Co, 260ppm Cu, 27ppb Pt+Pd from 119m with S:Ni 1.3
- MTRC039: Cumulative 165m at 0.28% Ni, 125ppm Co, 73ppm Cu, 15ppb Pt+Pd with S:Ni 0.7



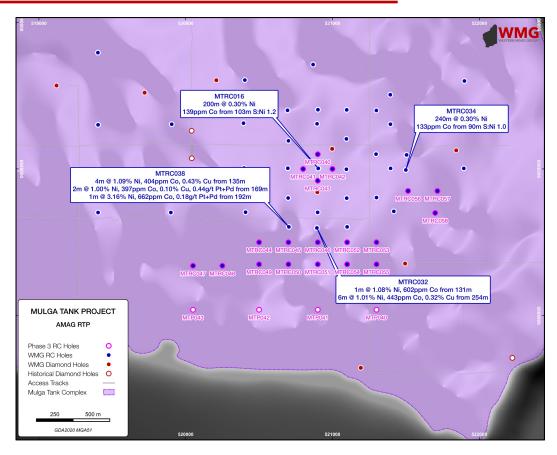
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## PHASE 3 RC TO FURTHER INFILL AND EXTEND



## ADDITIONAL 7,000M RC DRILLING PROGRAM

- Infill around MTRC016 200m at 0.3% Ni and MTRC034 240m at 0.30% Ni
- Follow-up on shallow high-grade results in MTRC032 and MTRC038
- Looking to extend mineralisation to south
- First 19 holes ~6,000m complete



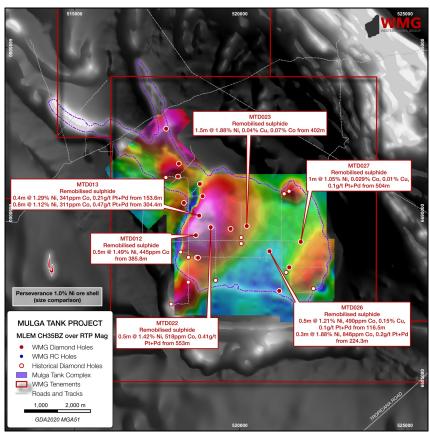


## EVIDENCE FOR PERSEVERANCE-STYLE HYBRID SYSTEM

### HIGH-GRADE COMPONENT TO MINERALISATION

- Multiple zones of remobilised massive nickel sulphide veinlets and in-situ immiscible globules seen across the Complex
- MTD012: 0.5m at 1.49% Ni, 0.04% Cu and 0.04% Co from 385.8m
- MTD013: 1.6m at 0.83% Ni and 0.30g/t Pt+Pd from 304m
  inc. 0.4m at 1.34% Ni, 0.04% Co and 0.55g/t Pt+Pd from 304.4m
  and 0.4m at 1.29% Ni and 0.43g/t Pt+Pd from 153.6m
- MTD022: 0.15m at 2.73% Ni, 0.08% Cu, 0.06% Co and 0.10g/t Pt+Pd from 525.15m and 0.5m at 1.42% Ni, 0.05% Cu, 0.04% Co and 0.41g/t Pt+Pd from 553m
- MTD023: 1.5m at 1.88% Ni, 0.04% Cu, 0.07% Co from 402m
- MTD026: 0.5m at 1.21% Ni, 0.05% Co, 0.15% Cu, 0.1g/t Pt+Pd from 116.5m and 0.3m at 1.88% Ni, 0.08% Co, 0.08% Cu, 0.2g/t Pt+Pd from 224.3m
- MTD027: 1.0m at 1.05% Ni, 0.03% Co, 0.01% Cu, 0.1g/t Pt+Pd from 504m
- Sulphide material migrates along faults and fractures from where?





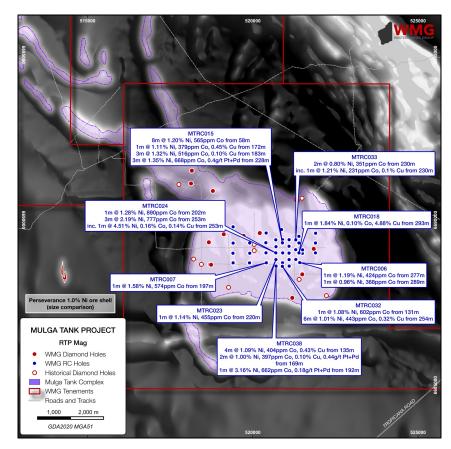


## SHALLOW HIGH-GRADE RESULTS IN RC DRILLING

### SEMI-MASSIVE NICKEL-COPPER SULPHIDE IN RC

- Higher grade results in the central-eastern area of the Complex
- MTD015: 1m at 1.11% Ni, 516ppm Co, 0.45% Cu, 62ppb Pt+Pd from 172m 3m at 1.32% Ni, 56ppm Co, 0.10% Cu, 34ppb Pt+Pd from 184m 2m at 1.71% Ni, 836ppm Co, 0.10% Cu, 0.4g/t Pt+Pd from 229m
- MTD018: 1m at 1.84% Ni, 0.10% Co, 4.88% Cu, 26ppb Pt+Pd from 293m
- MTD024: 1m at 1.28% Ni, 890ppm Co, 427ppm Cu, 37ppb Pt+Pd from 202m 3m at 2.19% Ni, 777ppm Co, 597ppm Cu, 9ppb Pt+Pd from 253m inc. 1m at 4.51% Ni, 0.16% Co, 0.14% Cu, 16ppb Pt+Pd from 253m
- MTD032: 1m at 1.08% Ni, 602pm Co, 379ppm Cu, 83ppb Pt+Pd from 131m 6m at 1.01% Ni, 443ppm Co, 0.32% Cu, 0.12g/t Pt+Pd from 254m
- MTD038: 2m at 1.51% Ni, 539ppm Co, 0.72% Cu, 94ppb Pt+Pd from 135m 1m at 3.16% Ni, 662ppm Co, 385ppm Cu, 0.18g/t Pt+Pd from 192m





## PROSPECTIVE UNEXPLORED KOMATIITE CHANNELS

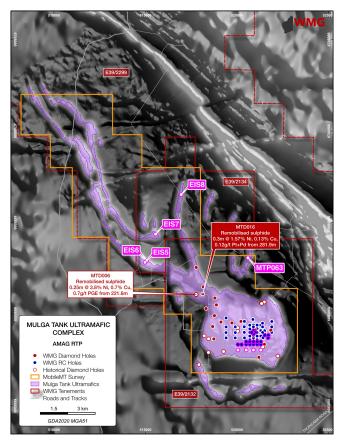


## FERTILE KOMATIITE CHANNELS EXTEND 15KM

- Komatiite sequence with A-B zones logged in the Panhandle
- Evidence of prospective high-grade mineralisation:
- MTD006: 0.25m at 3.8% Ni, 0.7% Cu and 0.7g/t PGE from 221.6m
- MTD016: 0.3m at 1.57% Ni, 0.13% Cu and 0.12g/t Pt+Pd from 281.9m
- 15km strike of interpreted channels completely unexplored waiting grant E39/2299
- Completed belt-wide MobileMT survey further geophysics planned

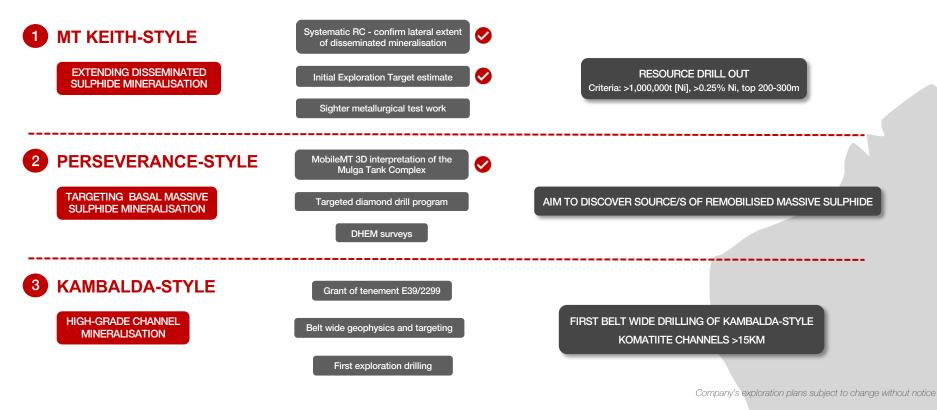
### RECENT \$98,000 EIS AWARD TO DRILL FIRST RC HOLES

- Four EIS holes looking to test interpretated komatiite channel geology
- First drilling to test satellite bodies emanating from the main Mulga Tank Complex





### PATHWAYS TO SHAREHOLDER VALUE



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## **EXPLORATION PHILOSOPHY**

- We believe multiple significant nickel deposits will be found at Mulga Tank
- We strive to do high-quality technical exploration work
- We are frugal with overheads to maximise exploration spend and minimise equity dilution
- We want to change shareholders lives through share price increase not be a lifestyle
- We offer a compelling risk vs reward and leverage to exploration success

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