

# Australia's 'New' Nickel

David Singleton Managing Director & CEO

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## POSEIDONNICKEL

## **Executive Summary**



Poseidon's Windarra Project (100%) is ready to implement

All permits in place and current Documentation for financing prepared Brown field, low risk, market compatible

#### Low operating cost (C1) at the 36th percentile globally

Most new nickel around the world will be above the 50th percentile Operating costs US\$3.35/lb, payable cash costs <US\$5.00/lb

#### Low capital intensity

Windarra capital intensity is circa US\$8 per annual pound nickel Range for known new projects is \$10 - \$50 per pound\*

#### Recent drilling programme has far exceeded expectations

Added 0.8Mt resources, \$60m of EBIT value for \$4m cost and IRR of over 100% Results can be repeated. Propose \$5m (net) to deliver \$130m of additional ore revenue

#### Significant project blue sky identified

Cerberus mine has potential cost reduction opportunities Exploration potential is high

Consensus Economics sees strong upside to nickel price
 Consensus predicts 49% increase in nickel price by 2018 (circa \$9.70/lb)

#### \*Minex consulting

## **Company Profile**

#### **Board of Directors**

#### Andrew Forrest – Chairman

Appointed July 2007. Founder and Chairman of Fortescue Metals. Currently Non-Exec Chairman of Fortescue and Chairman of the Australian Childrence Trust. Former CEO Anaconda Nickel.

#### **David Singleton – MD and CEO**

Appointed July 2007. Mechanical Engineer with over 20 years experience in senior executive roles. Former CEO of Clough. Currently Non Exec Director Triton Gold and Quickstep Holdings.

#### Geoff Brayshaw – Non Exec Director

Appointed Feb 2008. Over 25 years of corporate finance and banking experience. Non Exec Director of Webster Ltd.

#### **Chris Indermaur– Non Exec Director**

Appointed April 2009. Mechanical Engineer with over 30 yeas engineering experience. Ex contracts manager QNI Nickel Refinery Yabulu, former GM Strategy at Alinta.

#### **Richard Monti – Non Exec Director**

Appointed April 2007. Geologist with over 25 years experience. Former head of Marketing Murrin Murrin Nickel. Non Exec Director of Whinnen Resources and Jaguar Minerals.

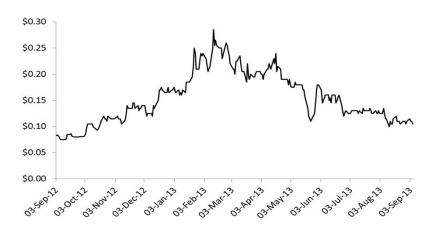


#### **Company Data**

ASX Code	POS
Market Capitalisation (Sep 2013)	\$45M
Shares on issue	409.6M
Options (ex @ 22c 2016)	7.5M
Conv. Notes (ex @ 40c March 2017)	36.5M
Conv. Notes (ex @ 30c March 2017)	64.9M
Cash (June 2013)	\$4.7M
Debt	\$8.3M

#### **Top Shareholders**

Andrew Forrest	31.7%
Board / Management	5.6%
Jefferies	4.9%



## Located in a world class mining friendly region

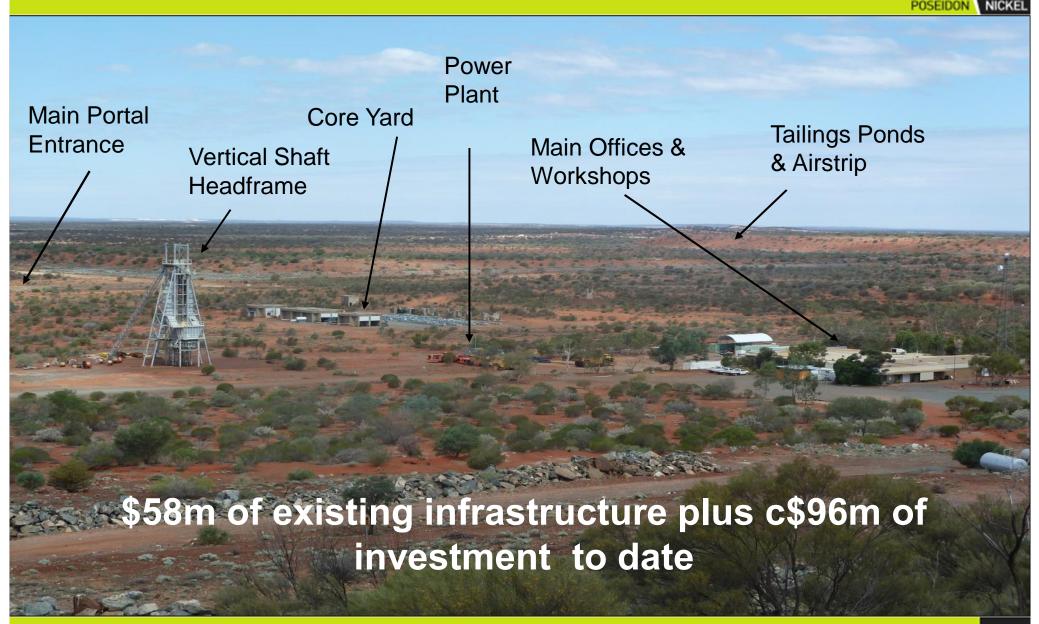


Nickel sulphide	<ul> <li>Low opex and capex cost vs. laterite - few new sulphide projects discovered in recent years</li> </ul>	Indian Ocean South Pacific Pacific LEGEND Major Town or City Road	
The Project	<ul> <li><u>Brownfields nickel sulphide</u> development Comprises:         <ul> <li>Mt Windarra underground mine,</li> <li>Cerberus greenfields mine; and</li> <li>Gold tailings retreatment facilities</li> <li>Low risk, fast start up nickel project</li> <li>Optionality with long life nickel tailings retreatment facility</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Detail Below Cores AU ST RA L IA USTRALIA Detail Below Cores NORTHERIN AU ST RA L IA USTRALIA SOUTH USTRALIA NEW SOUTH VILES TAS. Port Hedland Market Port Hedland	ne (
Low Risk	<ul> <li>Extensive historical data from previous owner Western Mining Corporation</li> <li>Reduces start up and operational risk substantially</li> <li>Provides substantial resource extension and conversion confidence</li> <li>Exploration data base led to discovery of Cerberus ore body in 2008</li> </ul>	Newman WESTERN AUSTRALIA Meekatharra Wiluna Windarra Project Laverton Leonora	
Construction Ready	<ul> <li>A\$52m<sup>(1)</sup> of infrastructure in place at time of acquisition by Poseidon - a further A\$96m invested</li> <li><u>Mt Windarra at construction-ready stage</u></li> </ul>	Southern Kalgoorlie Cross Bunbury Albany Kilometres	500

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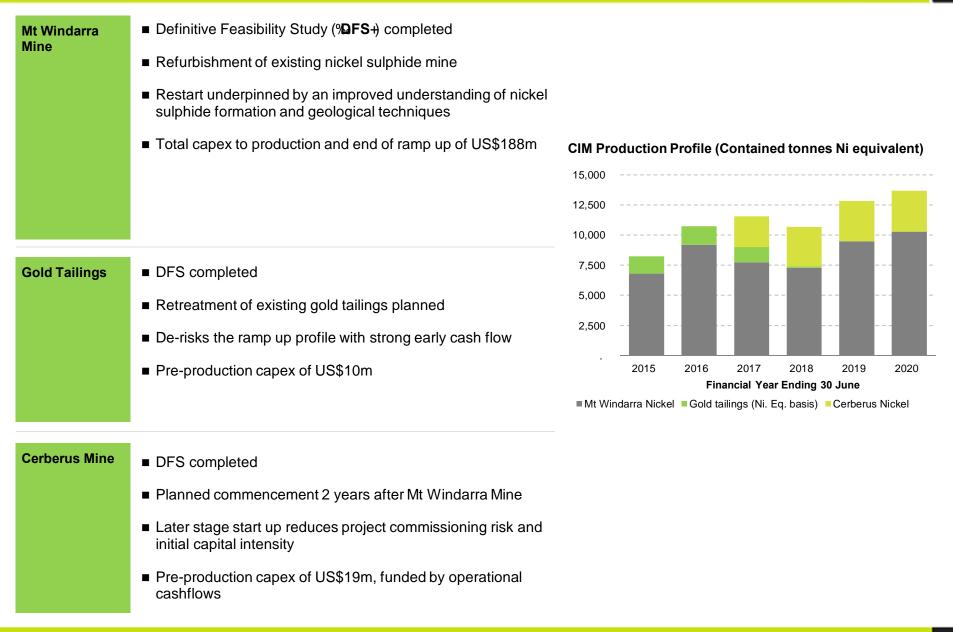
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## **Significant existing infrastructure**



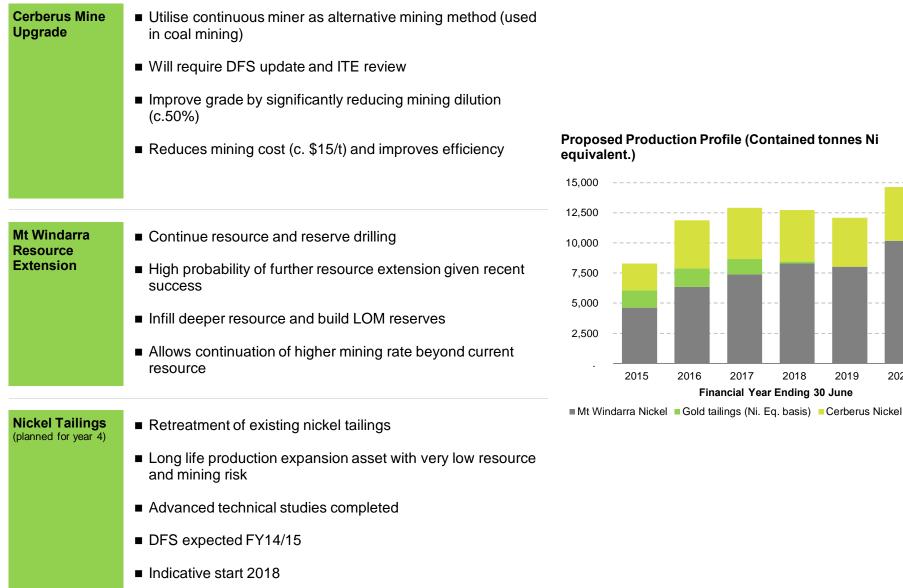
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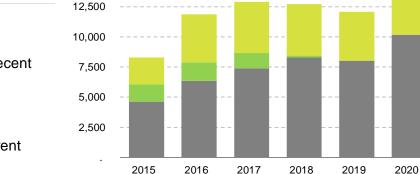
## **Base Case Production Plan**



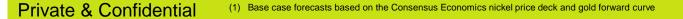


## **Production Upside**





**Proposed Production Profile (Contained tonnes Ni** 

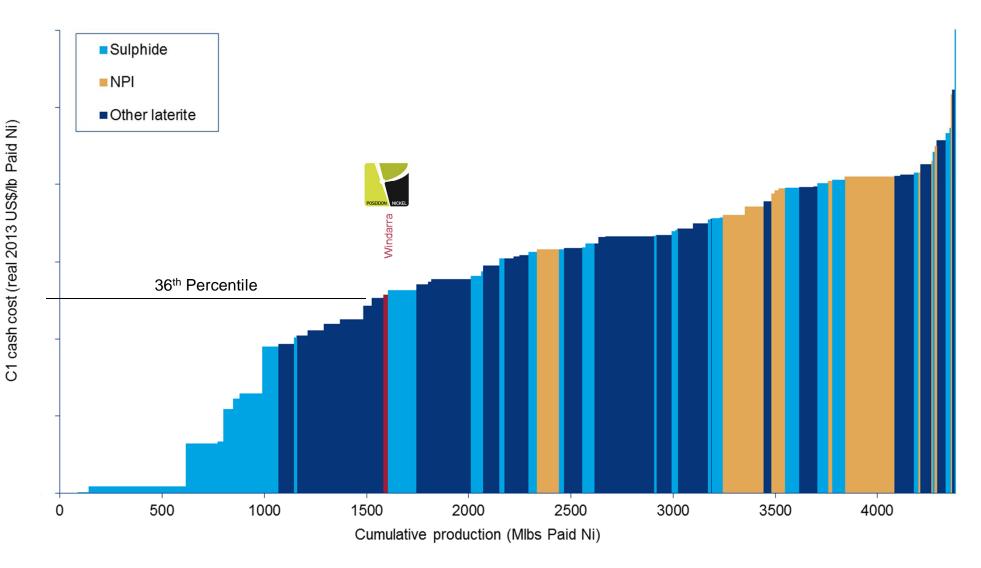




## **Low Cost**

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■ Low mining cost drives low C1 cash cost of US\$3.35/lb.



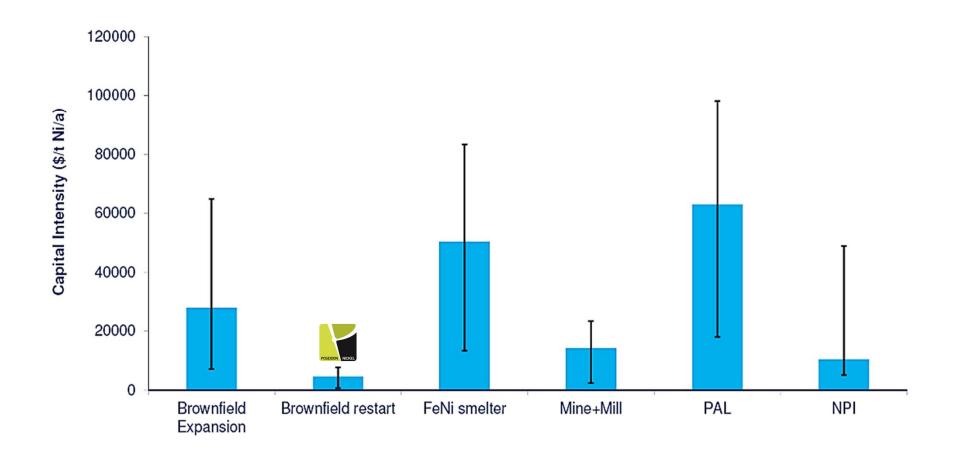
Source: Wood Mackenzie May 2013

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## **Low Capital Intensity**



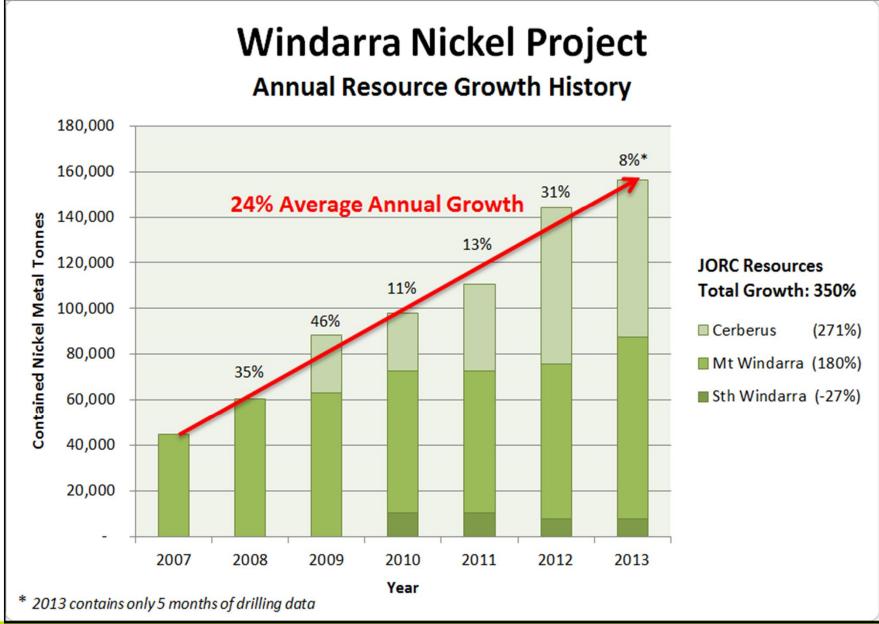
### **Capital Intensity**



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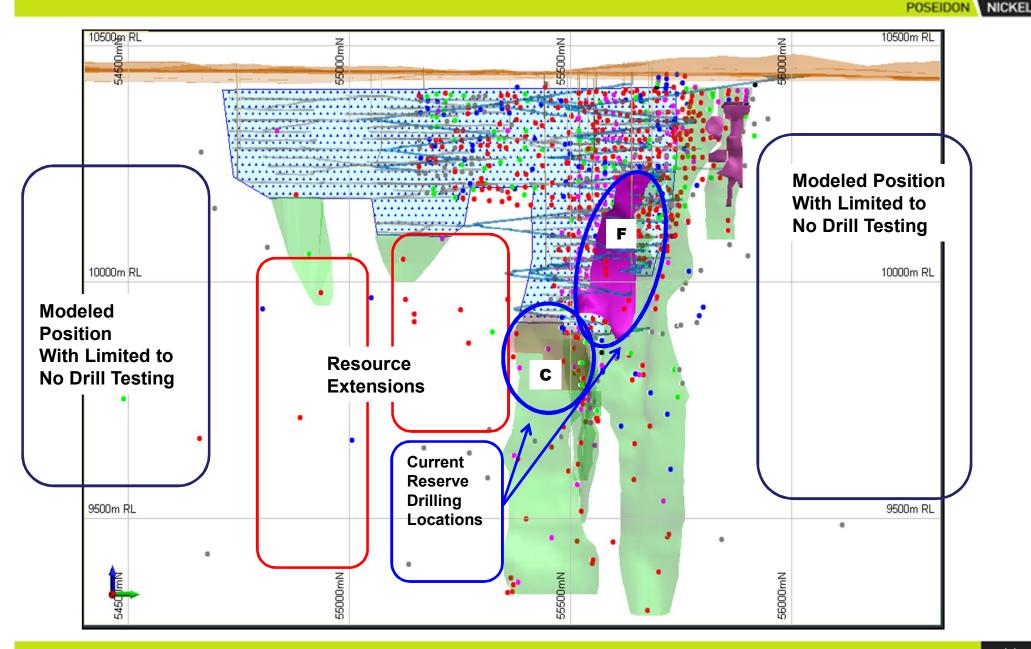
## **Strong Resource Growth**



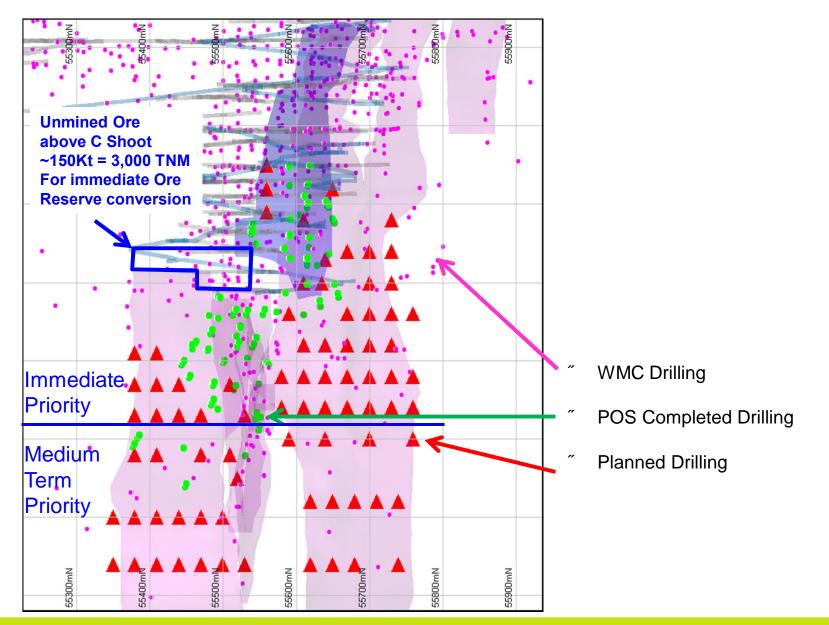


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## **Exploration Upside and Near Mine Targets**



## **Resource / Reserve conversion to continue**



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## **New High Grade Intersections**

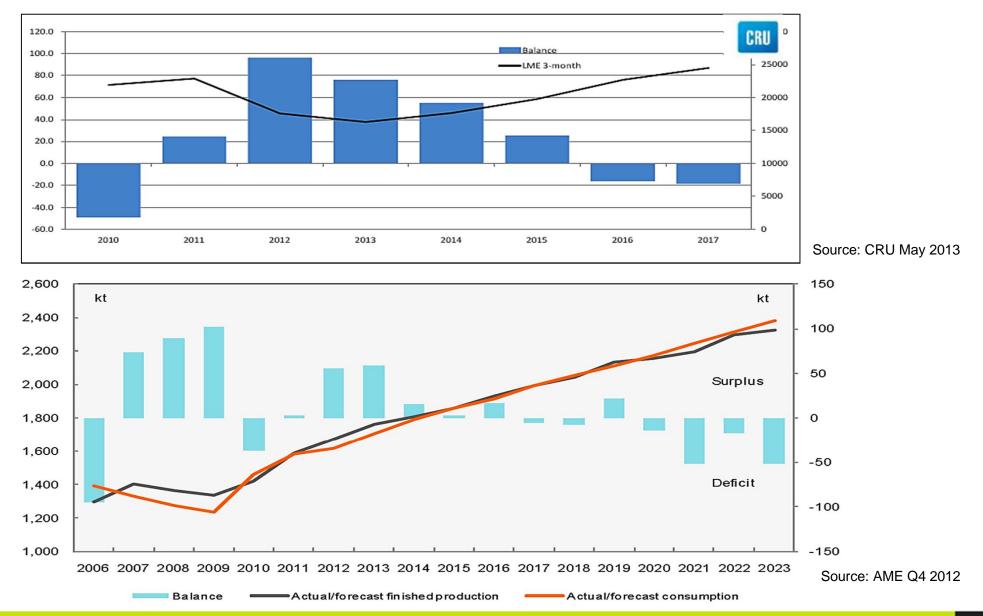


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- 5.92m @ 2.14%
- 2.46m @ 1.26% & 2.44m @ 2.21%

2.01m @ 2.25% 3.64m @ 1.16% 2.25m @ 1.11% 5.04m @ 1.59% 6.34m @ 1.57% 12.5m @ 2.36% 6.14m @ 2.77% 28.5m @ 3.52% 7.94m @ 2.91% 17.0m @ 4.36% Which Includes 8.28m @ 7.10% C Shoot 1.90m @ 5.54%



## **Forecast long term nickel supply shortages**

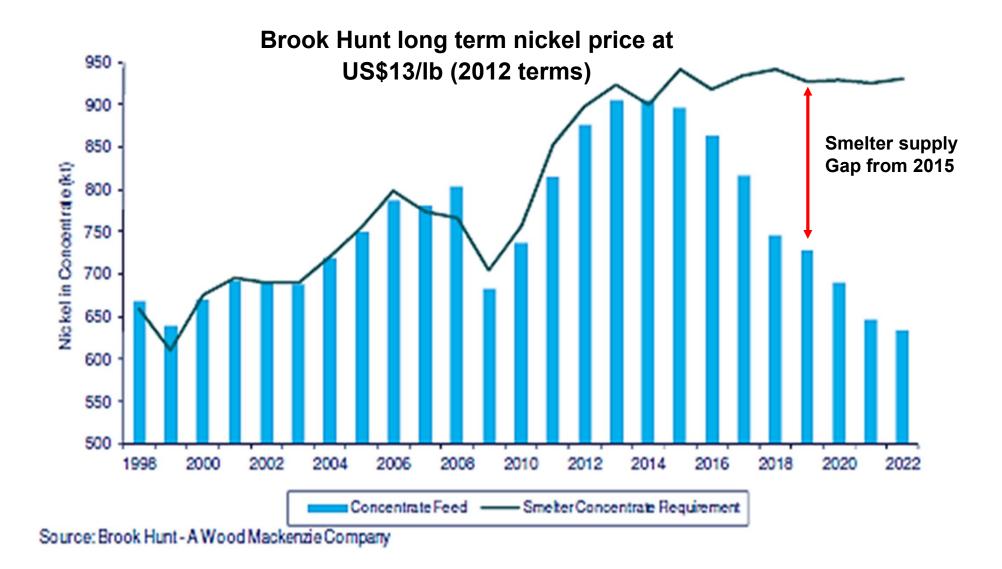


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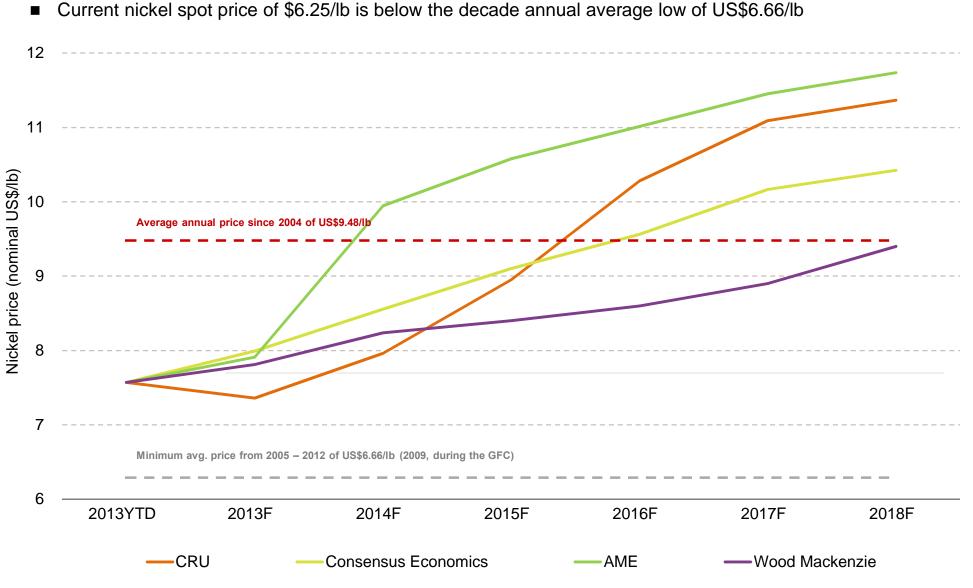
## Looming shortage of concentrate from 2015



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## **Higher nickel prices forecast**



Current nickel spot price of \$6.25/lb is below the decade annual average low of US\$6.66/lb

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## **Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves**



#### **Nickel Sulphide Ore**

 The current JORC nickel sulphide resource for Mt Windarra and Cerberus is as follows:

Nickel Sulphide – JORC Indicated and Inferred Resources			
	Ore (kt)	Grade (%)	Ni (kt)
Mt Windarra	4,770	1.68	80.2
Cerberus	4,551	1.51	68.6
South Windarra	0.772	0.98	7.5
Total Resources	10,093	1.55	156.3
<ul> <li>Previou</li> </ul>	usly 9.274	1.56	144.4

• A JORC probable reserve has also been defined for Cerberus & Mt Windarra:

Nickel Sulphide – JORC Probable Reserve			
	Ore (kt)	Grade (g/t)	Ni (kt)
Cerberus	1,221	1.3	15.9
Mt Windarra	498	1.78	8.8
Total Reserves	1,719	1.44	24.7
<ul> <li>Previously 1,574 1.29 19.9</li> </ul>			

#### **Gold Tailings**

 JORC gold resources and reserves estimates for North Dam, Central Dam and South Dam are as follows:

Gold Tailings	- JORC Resource	ces and Reserves	
	Ore (kt)	Grade (g/t)	Au (koz)
Probable reserves	10,430	0.52	173.1
Indicated resources	10,990	0.52	182.5

#### **Nickel Tailings and Oxide Stockpiles**

- The following JORC resource has been estimated for the Windarra nickel tailings, the South Windarra oxide dumps and Woodline Well oxide deposit resource.
- Probable Reserves have been estimated for Central Dam & Sth Windarra

Nickel Tailings and Oxide – JORC Indicated and Inferred Resources			
	Ore (kt)	Grade (%)	Ni (kt)
Central Dam Tailings	9,600	0.34	32.6
South Windarra Dumps	2,976	0.41	12.2
Woodline Well	344	1.25	4.3
Total Resources	12,920	0.38	49.1
Probable Reserves	12,310	0.34	42.2

Note: The information in this report relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources based on information compiled by Mr N Hutchison, General Manager of Geology at Poseidon Nickel, who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Mr I Glacken who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy as well as a full time employee of Optiro Pty Ltd. Mr Hutchison and Mr Glacken both have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.' Mr Hutchison and Mr Glacken have consented to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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## **The Poseidon Nickel Team - highly credentialed**

#### Management team and board has strong nickel project delivery and operation experience

#### The Management Team



David Singleton Chief Executive Officer

- Former Chief Executive Officer of Clough Engineering (2003 – 2007), a \$1.0bn turnover Western Australian construction company in the resources industry
- Former Chief Executive Officer of Alenia Marconi Systems, an A\$1.3bn European defence electronics company
- Former Global Head of Strategy & M&A for BAE Systems a \$21bn market capitalisation US & UK based defence company



#### Rob Dennis

Chief Operating Officer

- Underground Manager of Mt Windarra Mine from 1983 1986
- Mining engineer with over 35 yearsqexperience in nickel, copper, gold and alumina industries
- Formerly Chief Operating Officer of Australian copper producer Aditya Birla Minerals and installed a 2.5Mtpa copper sulphide concentrator



#### Gareth Jones

Financial Controller

- Deep technical expertise developed through 6 years at Poseidon Nickel
- Over 25 years experience in accounting and commercial roles
- Previously Head of Commercial British Gas Business in the UK and Commercial Manager at Vodafone UK





- One of Australia's leading nickel processing experts
- Metallurgical Engineer with over 30 yearsqexperience in mining and minerals processing

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 Direct responsibility for commissioning of Murrin Murrin HPAL nickel autodave plant (2.5mtpa) and operating of Olympic Dam (1.5mtpa) and gold processing/refining facilities at Goldcorp



#### Neil Hutchinson General Manager – Geology

- Formerly the Exploration Superintendent at the Cosmos Nickel Project with Jubilee Mines during major discovery period (taken over by Xstrata for \$3.1bn)
- Leading Australian geologist with 18 yearsqexperience in the nickel (sulphides and laterites), gold and uranium sectors

## **Investment Case and Highlights**

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#### Restart of the existing Windarra Nickel Project

Proven, tried and tested nickel project

Low risk construction and ramp up with conventional mining and processing methods

Low cost and low capital intensity

\$146m invested to date on resource expansion, mine refurbishment and included infrastructure<sup>(1)</sup>

Well understood geology enabling resource extension confidence

#### Experienced management team with strong board support

Management team has extensive project delivery and operational experience Rob Dennis (Chief Operating Officer) is a former underground mine manager at Mt Windarra

#### Robust credit profile

Australia is a leading mining investment location<sup>(2)</sup>

Nickel price expected to substantially outperform most commodities over the next few years due to supply constraints<sup>(3)</sup>

Access to brownfields history provides 16 years of mining, processing and marketing knowledge

Operational strategy implements low cost, flexible expansion options as the nickel market improves

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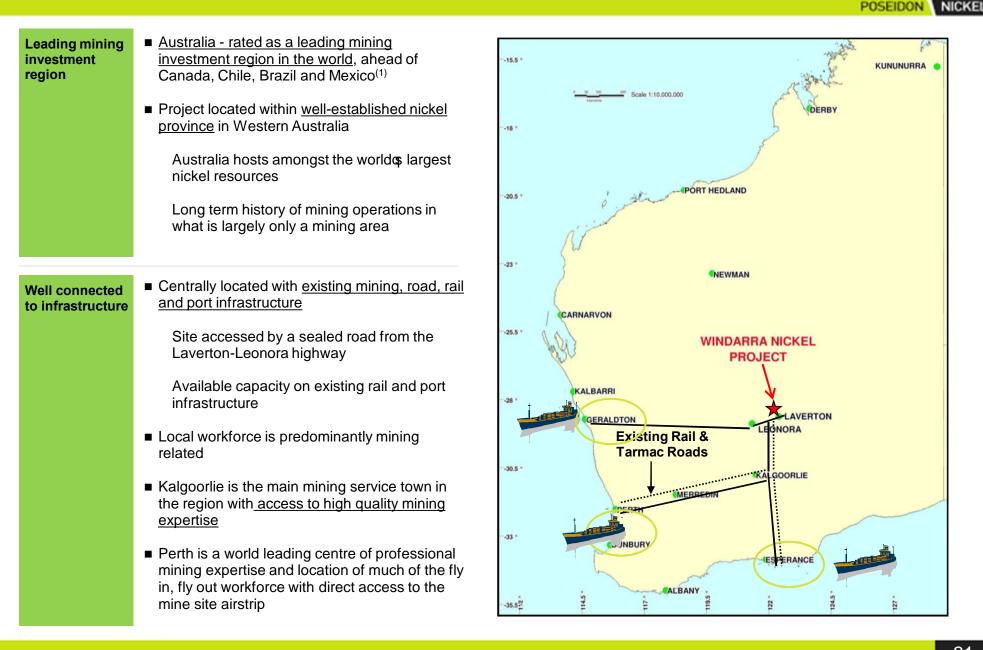


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## **Additional Slides - Proximity to infrastructure**



## **Project Strengths**

Low Risk Implementation



Early cash flows from retreatment of gold tailings

Low technical complexity, modest scale

Short commissioning and ramp up periods

Known mining characteristics

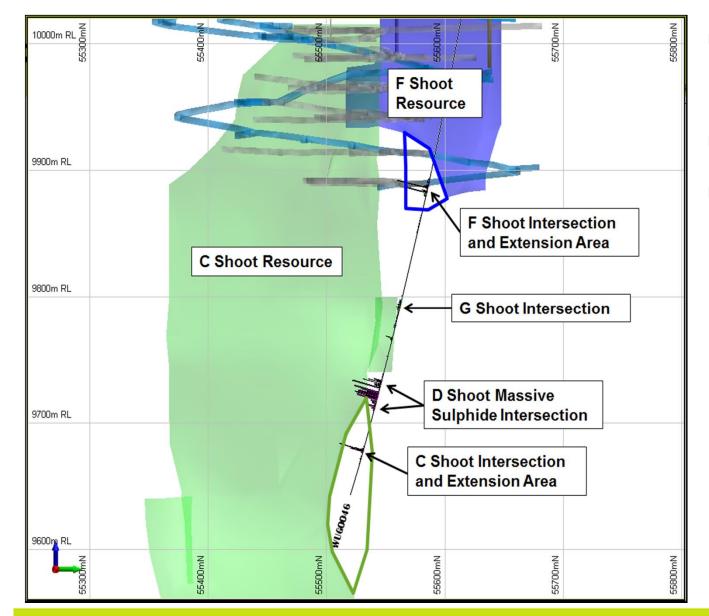
Extensive existing local/regional infrastructure

Staged development of Cerberus and Nickel tailings . dependent on nickel price and likely to be funded via internal cash flow

High Operational Flexibility	<ul> <li>Excess mining and processing capacity allows Poseidon to: Source additional source of mill feed from Cerberus . 0.3Mtpa over 10 years</li> <li>Potentially develop nickel tailings as a potential fourth revenue stream with an extensive life currently circa 13 years</li> </ul>
Strong Market	<ul> <li>Capital intensity of under US\$10/lb, c.f global numbers of up to US\$50/lb for HPAL laterite projects<sup>(1)</sup></li></ul>
Position	Existing onsite, local and regional infrastructure <li>Poseidon a low second quartile producer (36<sup>th</sup> percentile)<sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>Produces a high quality, low impurity concentrate that has a long history (16 years) in the market and is in demand from traders and end users</li>

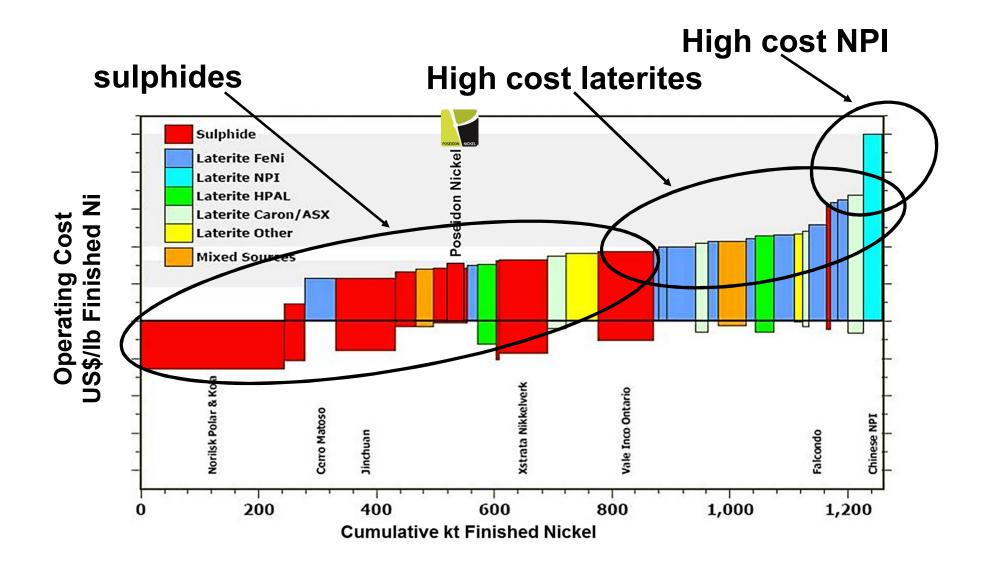
# Thick, high grade intercept - 28.5m @ 3.52% Ni (WUG0046)





- Potential resource increase of 35Kt for 1,500 TNM at C & F Shoots
- D Shoot not remodeled yet
- D & G Shoot Drilling to commence next

## Nickel sulphides capital intensity is <50% vs. laterites



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