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## **Centaurus – A Ground-Floor Nickel Investment Opportunity**



- Focused developing the advanced Jaguar Nickel Sulphide Project – acquired from Vale in September 2019
- Global foreign resource of 40.4Mt at 0.78% Ni\* (0.5% Ni cut-off):
  - 315,000 tonnes of contained nickel, based on more than 55,000m of diamond drilling
- +30,000m of new drilling to be undertaken over next 9 months focused on zones of high-grade mineralisation
- Outstanding results from initial in-fill/extensional drilling
- New high-grade discovery at Onça Rosa
- Development-ready 1Mtpa iron ore project at Jambreiro – value realisation strategies underway
- Well-funded ~\$9.7 million in cash reserves (31 December 2019)



\* CTM cautions that the mineral resources for the project are not reported in accordance with the JORC Code. A competent person has not yet done sufficient work to classify the resources as mineral resources in accordance with JORC code. It is uncertain that following evaluation or further work that the foreign estimate will be able to be reported as mineral resources in accordance with JORC Code. The resource is to be read in conjunction with Appendix A of the ASX Release made on 6 August 2019 which deals with the requirements of ASX Listing Rule 5.12.

#### **Corporate Summary**



Capital Structure	Current	Proforma Post Consolidation
Shares on Issue	3,790m	252.7m
Listed Options (EP \$0.012 – Pre Consol, Exp 31/5/21)	434m	28.9m
Unlisted Options	109m	7.3m
Top 20 Holders	42%	42%
Directors & Management Holding	5%	5%
Market Capitalisation	A\$41.7m	A\$41.7m
Cash as at 31 December 2019	A\$9.7m	A\$9.7m

The Company has strengthened its register as it moves from Explorer to Project Developer in the much sought after Sulphide Nickel space



- New Australian and International institutional support, including Sprott AM
- Institutional Investment has lifted to ~20% in past 6 months

#### **Board and Management Team**



#### **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT**

DARREN GORDON MANAGING DIRECTOR	<b>BRUNO SCARPELLI</b> BRAZIL COUNTRY MANAGER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	<b>ROGER FITZHARDINGE</b> OPERATIONS MANAGER	JOHN WESTDORP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	JOHN KNOBLAUCH PRINCIPAL METALLURGIST	ROCKY OSBORNE PRINCIPAL GEOSCIENTIST
Chartered Accountant & Mining Professional with +25 years' experience Extensive resource financing and operations exposure in multi-commodities in Australia and Brazil	Engineer with +20 years resource experience focused in Brazil Environmental Coordinator at Vale's Carajás Iron Ore Operations in State of Para, Brazil	Geologist with +20 years' experience, incl. senior roles with Mirabela Nickel 15 years experience in Brazil	25 years' finance experience multiple commodities and jurisdictions	+20 years' experience with strong nickel exposure through previous roles with Mirabela Nickel and Sally Malay Mining 2 years' experience in Brazil	+40 years' experience, led the discovery of numerous nickel sulphide orebodies 17 years experience in Brazil

#### **NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD**

#### DIDIER MURCIA NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Lawyer with +30 years' experience across multiple commodities & jurisdictions. Chairman of multiple junior resource companies.

#### MARK HANCOCK

Chartered Accountant with +30 years' experience in senior commercial and financial roles across a number of leading companies in Australia and South East Asia CHRIS BANASIK NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Geologist with +30 years' experience. Extensive nickel sulphide experience with WMC. Founding Director of WA gold producer Silver Lake Resources



#### Source: Vale. Terra Studio



Nickel in non-EV batteries

Nickel in EV's conservative scenario

Nickel in EV's upside considering "market news"

#### Current nickel market size ~2.5Mt

- Nickel demand for batteries growing strongly (more than 4X in six years to 2018) but from a low base still only 145,000t or 6% of market
- Depending on the scenario for the EV rate of adoption, nickel volumes to meet this additional demand vary between 750,000 tonnes and 2 million tonnes
- Nickel demand from FV will far exceed nickel production from existing operations in any scenario of EV adoption

Where is the new supply going to come from?

EV nickel demand requires Class-1 nickel provided sulphide and HPAL projects, rather than NPI bv which targets stainless steel production.

## **Nickel – The Looming EV Revolution**



## **Brazil – A Mining-Friendly Jurisdiction**

- Latin America's largest economy
- Rapidly growing population (currently ~209 million)
- Strong tenement control system, established Mining Code
  - Government revenue generated from royalties
- Wide-ranging economic reforms underway labour laws, pension scheme, tax and government royalties
- \* Strong mining culture in Para and Minas Gerais States.
- \* Carajás Mining District one of the worlds most prolific mining regions
- \* Pro-mining and foreign investment government.



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Mining Regulation and Tenement System allows Foreign Companies to Invest in Mineral Exploration and Development Activities with Confidence

## The Carajás Mineral Province – Land of the Giants





The Carajás contains one of the world's largest known concentrations of large-tonnage mineral deposits



#### Historical resources of 40.4Mt at 0.78% Ni – 315,000 tonnes of contained Nickel Metal

			Grade			Metal	
<b>Classification</b> <sup>1</sup>	Mt	Ni %	Cu %	Co ppm	Ni	Cu	Со
Measured	19.0	0.79	0.06	145	150,008	11,393	2,753
Indicated	21.4	0.77	0.07	123	164,939	14,994	2,635
Total	40.4	0.78	0.07	133	314,947	26,388	5,388

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- Resource<sup>2</sup> estimate completed in 2010 based on more than 55,000m of diamond drilling
- All exploration and resource work of Vale was completed to the highest industry standards
- The historical resource is based on an interpretation which focused on the bulk disseminated mineralisation huge potential for a high-grade model

#### **315Kt of nickel metal in Resources** Open along strike and down-dip

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## Jaguar – Multiple Deposits, Brownfields and Greenfield Targets





## Jaguar South Deposit – Near Surface & High Grade



**DHEM Plates** 

9 282 500mE

100m

9 282 250mE



## Jaguar South Deposit – Open at Depth and Along Strike





#### High-grade mineralisation extending beyond historical resource envelope







## **Onça Preta Deposit – Width & Grade Increasing with Depth**





## Onça Rosa – A New High-grade Nickel Discovery





## Jaguar Project – Greenfields Growth Potential



#### The Jaguar Project sits at the intersection of two regionally important mineralising structures



- Multiple untested prospects
- Coincident GeoTEM, Ground Mag and Geochem targets
- Ground Mag completed
- FLEM underway
- Soil sampling and mapping



## Jaguar Project – Project Development Underway





First float test on the Jaguar South ore at ALS Perth

#### **Preliminary Metallurgical Testwork**

- Preliminary flotation tests deliver +80% nickel recoveries\* from Jaguar South ore;
- Quality +16% nickel concentrate, with high Fe:MgO (~5.5:1) and low arsenic - highly desirable marketable characteristics;
- Using traditional "Western Australian" nickel flowsheet and reagents;
- An increase of 25% on historical results, due to changes in feed head grade, grind sizes and reagent selection;
- Wale test work used flowsheet more suitable to copper-gold (coarse primary grind followed by rougher concentrate fine regrind);
- Metallurgical test work continues at ALS Metallurgy in Perth; +75kg of sample in the Perth lab with more on the way;
- Mineralogy studies ongoing at MODA in Tasmania

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<sup>\*</sup> See ASX Announcement of 18 February 2020 for further details of the preliminary metallurgical testwork and results

## Jaguar Project – Environmental Licensing Underway





#### **Fast-tracking Approvals**

- Initial drilling licence secured through to October 2022
- Significant amount of environmental data historically collected by Vale for use by CTM in approval process
- Terms of reference received from Semas for main environmental study (EIA/RIMA)
- Consulting group engaged to complete EIA/RIMA and any new data collection required for it
- Majority of the project footprint already disturbed (pasture land)
- Partnership in place with municipality to upgrade roads
- Strong community support for the project
- Target date to lodge main environmental study Q4 2020

## Jaguar Project – Outstanding Infrastructure and Logistics





- 35km north of regional mining centres of Tucumã and Ourilândia do Norte (population 50,000) with access via all-weather roads mining towns with strong skilled workforce
- High Voltage (230kVA) sub-station located 15km south-east at Vale's Onça-Puma Ferronickel Plant
- Mining Lease Application lodged and Land Access Agreements in place with four key landowners at Jaguar



## Jaguar Project – Only 15km From Onça Puma Ferronickel Plant





## **Jaguar Project Development Timeline**





#### **Ongoing resource and exploration drilling**

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT					
JORC Resource		*			
Metallurgical Studies					
Scoping Study					
Pre-Feasibility Study		*			
Feasibility Study					
Environmental Permitting			*		
Jaguar Project	2020 Q3	2020 Q4		2020 Q4	
	Maiden high-grade JORC 2012	Pre-Feasibility Study		Environmental license	
2020 Milestones	Resource	Underway		lodged	
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## **Centaurus – Key Investment Takeaways**





- Nickel focus high-grade nickel sulphide asset leveraged to strong long-term nickel market outlook
- Substantial foreign resource 40.4Mt at 0.78% Ni (0.5% Ni cut-off) for a total of 315,000 tonnes of contained nickel
- Outstanding high-grade open pit potential 3 rigs on site with +30,000m drill program ongoing
- Recent high-grade discovery made at Onça Rosa
- High quality concentrate at +80% recovery from initial float test work
- Well-funded ~\$9.7 million in cash reserves

Centaurus represents a ground-floor investment opportunity in a rapidly unfolding high-grade nickel sulphide growth story in Brazil, at the perfect time in the nickel market cycle.



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