

Jaguar: a globally significant nickel sulphide project for a clean energy future

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Developing a long-life nickel project in the heart of Brazil's premier Carajás Mineral Province

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#### Centaurus Metals Our vision



Underpinned by a high-quality asset at Jaguar, we are well placed to deliver on our aspiration to be a clean and efficient **20,000-plus tonne per annum nickel** producer by the end of 2024 to assist in the global transition to electrification and to meet anticipated surging demand for key battery metals.

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#### A compelling nickel investment for an inevitable clean energy future

| Infrastructure rich,<br>World-class<br>Carajás Mineral<br>Province, Brazil | Post Tax NPV <sub>8</sub><br>A\$604 Million<br>with IRR of 54%  | Low C1 Cash Costs<br>US\$2.41/Ib                                | Payback – after tax<br><b>1.9 years</b>                              |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| JORC Mineral Resource<br>58.9Mt @ 0.96% Ni for<br>562,600t Ni Metal        | Mill Feed<br>24.0Mt @ 1.08% Ni for<br>260,300t Ni Metal   | Total Revenue<br>US\$2.42 Billion<br>@ US\$7.50/Ib nickel price | Development Capital<br>US\$178 Million<br>(incl US\$24M contingency) |  |  |
| Jaguar is set to clean and low-co  | MRE growth opportunities:<br>65,000m of Drilling in<br>2021 with 2/3 being Step-<br>Out & Greenfields<br>Drilling |   |  |  |  |

### Brazil's Carajás Mineral Province A Tier-1 global mining province





The Carajás contains one of the globes largest known concentrations of large-tonnage World-Class mineral deposits

## Brazil's Carajás Mineral Province Outstanding infrastructure and logistics

- High-Voltage (138kV) grid power 40km line from Tucumã to site
- Brazil's national power grid runs on +80% renewables
- Low cost, clean power less than US\$0.10/kWh
- Project located 40km north of Tucumã and Ourilândia do Norte (pop +70,000) mining communities with skilled workforce
- 900km by road to Vila do Conde Free Access Port or rail to Sao Luis Port
- Ideally positioned to feed the global battery supply chain









## Jaguar Project – Resource A large-tonnage, high-quality resource at surface

JORC Mineral Resource Estimate : 58.9Mt @ 0.96% Ni for 562,600 tonnes of contained nickel metal



- JORC MRE based on +74,000m of diamond drilling
- 80% of MRE is within 200m of surface
- 40% of MRE (contained metal) is now in Indicated Category
- Mineralisation remains open at depth and along strike
- Significant potential to increase size of MRE with further drilling
- 4 x Diamond rigs operating double shift.
- New RC drill contractor mobilising to site

#### Jaguar Project – Mining Low-cost open pit & underground operations

Production Target: 32.8Mt @ 0.84% Ni for 275,600 tonnes of contained nickel over initial 10 year mine life



\*Ore-sorter product has been processed pre-concentrator; Totals are rounded to reflect acceptable precision, subtotals may not reflect global totals. Independent Mining & Geotech studies were completed by Entech (Australia) & ReMetallica (Brazil);

- +80% of mill feed from open pit,
- LOM strip-ratio of 6.0:1;
- +60% of Mill Feed in Indicated Resource Category;
- UG presently only at Jaguar South & Onca Preta (starting year 4)
- Outstanding opportunity to grow mine life from multiple sources

Mill Feed: 24.0Mt @ 1.08% Ni for 260,300 tonnes of contained nickel

#### Jaguar Project – Processing Plant Base Case – Conventional flotation plant to treat 2.7Mtpa

#### **Study Partners**

- DRA Global Independent plant engineering
- ALS Metallurgical testwork
- Steinert ore sorting pilot tests
- Pre-concentration ore-sorter stage to process low-grade material (~12Mt)
- Pilot testwork shows 0.47%Ni feed upgraded to 1.09% Ni with a 25% mass-recovery
- Metallurgy Results
- LOM mill recovery of **78%**
- High-quality ~16% nickel concentrate grade
- High Fe:MgO ratio (+9) and low impurities

| Deposit        | % Ni<br>Feed | % Non-sulphide<br>Ni in Feed | Sulphide Ni<br>Recovery | Total Ni<br>Recovery |
|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Jaguar South   | 1.08         | 0.14                         | 90%                     | 78%                  |
| Jaguar Central | 1.03         | 0.15                         | 90%                     | 77%                  |
| Jaguar North   | 0.96         | 0.14                         | 90%                     | 77%                  |
| Onça Preta     | 1.17         | 0.13                         | 90%                     | 80%                  |



#### Jaguar Project – Non-Processing Infrastructure World's best-practice tailings management

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- Tailings storage conceptual study completed by industry expert Chris Lane (L&MGSPL)
- Integrated Waste Landform (IWL) chosen as Tailings storage solution as this:
  - Optimises use of mine waste; and
  - Highest safety factor against embankment failure
- Power to be supplied to site by a 138kV transmission line from the national energy grid at Tucumã, <u>39km</u> from the Project
- More than 80% of grid power in Brazil generated from renewable sources, mainly hydro power – low carbon emission footprint
- 40km access road between Tucumã and the project site to be upgraded





#### Jaguar Project Scoping Base Case Study Results Real value from a high-grade sustainable operation



Base Case Scoping Study: Open pit and underground mining delivering ore to a **2.7Mtpa conventional nickel flotation plant** 

## Jaguar Project – Value-Add Case Scoping Study In Progress

#### Value-adding opportunities

- Scoping Study to consider value-adding opportunities including Pressure Oxidation (POx) to produce nickel metal or nickel sulphate
- POx testing at ALS delivered excellent results extractions of nickel, copper and cobalt all exceeding 99%
- Key economic drivers to the viability of the POx value-adding route are the Project's location in north-eastern Brazil, which means:
  - Access to low-cost energy (< US\$0.10/kWh)</li>
  - and clean energy (+80% renewables)
  - Relatively low-cost skilled labour market
  - Access to low-cost residue neutralisation material
  - Availability of high-quality fresh water

Centaurus aspires to deliver a constant supply of **clean and sustainable Class-1 nickel** from the Jaguar Project over a **long mine life**.



## Jaguar Project – Approvals and Land Access Environmental licensing advancing well

**Environmental Approvals On-Track** 

- Significant amount of environmental data historically collected by Vale for use by CTM in approval process
- 100% of wet and dry season data collected for use in EIA/RIMA work
- Majority of the project footprint already disturbed (pasture land)
- Partnership in place with municipalities to upgrade roads
- Very strong community support for the project
- Target date to lodge EIA/RIMA Q2 2021

#### Land Access

- Secured possession of two key properties that cover an area of 1,500 hectares for the long term benefit of the Project.
- Significant de-risking step for the potential development of a future mining operation
- Negotiations well advanced for a further property







## Jaguar Project Targeted Development Timeline





#### Q3/2023 – Formal Decision to Mine

Q4/2022 – Definitive Feasibility Study

Q1/2022 – Pre-Feasibility Study

Q2/2021 – Lodge Key Environmental Licence

Q1/2021 – MRE Upgrade & Scoping Study Results



## Jaguar Project – Growth and Upside 65km of development & growth drilling underway





## Jaguar Project – Growth and Upside Deep plumbing system remains open and untested



# Jaguar Project – Growth and Upside Near-mine greenfields exploration upside





#### <u>25,000m</u> Greenfields RC drill program underway

- +10 untested prospects
- Coincident targets from
  - GeoTEM
  - Fixed Loop EM
  - Ground Mag
  - Geochem
- FLEM & DHEM ongoing
- Soil sampling & mapping ongoing

Targeting new discoveries that can come into the open pit mine plan

# **Corporate Summary**

| Capital Structure                       | May 2021                   |
|---|----------------------------|
| Shares on Issue                         | 337.7m                     |
| Listed Options (EP \$0.18, Exp 31/5/21) | 19.5m                      |
| Unlisted Options                        | 13.1m                      |
| Top 20 Holders                          | 62.9%                      |
| Market Capitalisation (\$0.70)          | A\$236.4m                  |
| Cash as at 31 March 2021                | A\$19.7m                   |
| Other Significant Assets                | Jambreiro Iron Ore Project |
|   |                            |

#### Board and Management Team – Extensive Brazil & Nickel Sulphide Experience

| Didier Murcia              | Chair   |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Darren Gordon              | Managing Director                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bruno Scarpelli (Brazil)   | Executive Director and Brazil Country Manager |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mark Hancock               | Non-Executive Director                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chris Banasik              | Non-Executive Director                        |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Roger Fitzhardinge         | <b>Operations Manager - Nickel</b>            |  |  |  |  |  |
| John Westdorp              | Chief Financial Officer                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gaudius Montresor (Brazil) | Exploration Manager                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Antonio Kalil (Brazil)     | Environmental Manager                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Antonio Campos (Brazil)    | OHS Manager                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| John Knoblauch             | Principal Metallurgist                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rocky Osborne              | Principal Geoscientist                        |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |   |  |  |  |  |  |

| Substantial Shareholders  |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Sprott Inc.               |   | 10.6%  |
| McCusker Holdings Pty Ltd |   | 9.3%   |
| Dundee Corporation        |   | 5.1%   |
| Terrativa Minerais        |   | 4.8%   |
| Board and Management      |   | 4.0%   |
| Broker Research           |   | Date   |
| Sprott                    | Brock Salier  | 21 April 2021  |
| Argonaut                  | George Ross   | 20 April 2021  |
| Euroz Hartleys            | Jon Bishop  | 30 March 2021  |
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#### Key investment takeaways

- Nickel focus sustainable high-grade nickel sulphide asset leveraged to strong long-term Class-1 nickel market outlook
- Favourable infrastructure-rich project location the world-class Carajás Mineral Province
- Globally Significant Maiden JORC Resource 58.9Mt at 0.96% Ni for 562,600 tonnes of contained nickel including Indicated component of 20.1Mt at 1.12% Ni for 225,800t of contained nickel
- Base Case Scoping Study considers a conventional flotation plant to treat 2.7Mtpa with Mill Feed of 24.0Mt @
   1.08% Ni for 260,300t of nickel to produce +20ktpa of nickel in concentrate over an initial mine life of 10 years
- Low capital intensity (US\$178 million) and low operating costs (US\$2.41/lb);
- Strong returns: Post-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> of ~AS\$604 million (US\$453 million) with a post-tax IRR of ~54%
- Value-Add Scoping Study nearing completion
- Outstanding growth potential deposits open at depth and along strike with further drilling underway; multiple
  greenfields prospects with walk-up drill targets (65km of drilling in 2021)
- Well funded \$19.7 million in cash at end of March 2021 with well ITM options of \$4.8 million due end of May

Centaurus represents a rare opportunity to invest 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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#### March 2021 JORC MRE & Scoping Study Production Target

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| Deposit              | Resource<br>Category | Tonnes<br>Mt | Ni % | Grade<br>Cu % | Co ppm | Con<br>Ni | itained Meta<br>Cu | al kt<br>Co | Mining Method                           | Material<br>Type  | Resource<br>Category | Ore<br>Mt   | Ni %         | Ni Metal<br>kt |
|                      | IND                  | 7.4          | 1.19 | 0.06          | 239    | 87.4      | 4.2                | 1.8         | Open Pit                                | High-grade        | IND                  | 11.5        | 1.11%        | 127.1          |
| Jaguar South         | INF                  | 11.3         | 0.83 | 0.04          | 184    | 93.9      | 4.3                | 2.1         |   | >0.6% Ni          | INF                  | 5.6         | 0.93%        | 52.0           |
|                      | Total                | 18.7         | 0.97 | 0.05          | 206    | 181.3     | 8.6                | 3.9         |   |                   | Mill Feed            | <u>17.1</u> | 1.05%        | 179.1          |
| Jaguar Central       | IND                  | 8.4          | 0.99 | 0.06          | 267    | 83.1      | 5.2                | 2.2         |   | Low-grade         | IND                  | 6.1         | 0.42%        | 25.5           |
|                      | INF                  | 1.8          | 1.06 | 0.06          | 269    | 19.3      | 1.1                | 0.5         |   | 0.3-0.6% Ni       | INF                  | 6.5         | 0.42%        | 27.3           |
|                      | Total                | 10.2         | 1.00 | 0.06          | 268    | 102.4     | 6.3                | 2.7         |   |                   | Total                | 12.6        | 0.42%        | 52.8           |
|                      | IND                  | 2.3          | 1.08 | 0.14          | 349    | 24.5      | 3.2                | 0.8         |   |                   | IND                  | 17.5        | 0.87%        | 152.6          |
| Jaguar North         | INF                  | 1.0          | 1.12 | 0.28          | 353    | 11.4      | 2.8                | 0.4         |   |                   | INF                  | 12.1        | 0.66%        | 79.2           |
|                      | Total                | 3.3          | 1.09 | 0.18          | 350    | 35.9      | 6.0                | 1.2         | Open Pit Production Target              |                   | Total                | 29.6        | 0.78%        | 231.8          |
| Jaguar Central North | INF / Total          | 5.8          | 0.80 | 0.05          | 210    | 46.7      | 3.0                | 1.2         | Underground                             |                   | IND                  | 0.9         | 1.51%        | 14.2           |
| Jaguar Northeast     | INF / Total          | 8.3          | 0.78 | 0.09          | 253    | 64.9      | 7.3                | 2.1         | , i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i |                   | INF                  | 2.3         | 1.30%        | 29.5           |
| Jaguar West          | INF / Total          | 5.7          | 0.80 | 0.04          | 150    | 45.2      | 2.1                | 0.9         | Underground Production Target           |                   | Mill Feed            | <u>3.2</u>  | <u>1.36%</u> | 43.7           |
|                      | INF                  | 18.0         | 1.08 | 0.07          | 266    | 195.0     | 12.6               | 4.8         |   |                   | IND                  | 18.5        | 0.90%        | 166.8          |
| Jaguar Deposits      | IND                  | 34.0         | 0.83 | 0.06          | 200    | 281.3     | 20.8               | 7.1         |   |                   | INF                  | 14.3        | 0.76%        | 108.8          |
|                      | Total                | 52.0         | 0.92 | 0.06          | 229    | 476.3     | 33.4               | 11.9        | Total Production Target                 |                   | Total                | 32.8        | 0.84%        | 275.6          |
|                      | INF                  | 2.1          | 1.47 | 0.11          | 762    | 30.9      | 2.3                | 1.6         |   |                   |                      |             |              |                |
| Onça Preta           | IND                  | 1.6          | 1.71 | 0.05          | 236    | 27.0      | 0.8                | 0.4         | Ore-sorter Product*                     |                   | Mill Feed            | <u>3.8</u>  | <u>0.98%</u> | <u>36.9</u>    |
|                      | Total                | 3.7          | 1.58 | 0.08          | 536    | 57.8      | 3.1                | 2.0         | LOM Mill Feed                           |                   | <u>Total</u>         | <u>24.0</u> | <u>1.08%</u> | <u>260.3</u>   |
| Onça Rosa            | INF / Total          | 3.2          | 0.88 | 0.06          | 251    | 28.5      | 1.8                | 0.8         | *Ore-sorter product has been processe   | d pro concontrato |                      |             |              |                |
|                      | IND                  | 20.1         | 1.12 | 0.07          | 318    | 225.8     | 14.9               | 6.4         | Ore-soliter product has been processe   |                   |                      |             |              |                |
| Jaguar MRE Total     | INF                  | 38.8         | 0.87 | 0.06          | 214    | 336.8     | 23.4               | 8.3         |   |                   |                      |             |              |                |
|                      | Grand Total          | 58.9         | 0.96 | 0.07          | 249    | 562.6     | 38.3               | 14.7        |   |                   |                      |             |              |                |

\* Within 200m of surface cut-off grade 0.3% Ni; more than 200m from surface cut-off grade 1.0% Ni; Totals are rounded to reflect acceptable precision, subtotals may not reflect global totals.