#### Developing a Brazilian Iron Ore Business







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### **Brazilian Iron Ore Business**



## Centaurus Metals' Brazilian Iron Ore focus is to:

- Produce from a number of Low Capex Brazilian iron ore mines selling to the Brazilian domestic steel mills
- Secure projects that will enable Centaurus Metals to become a significant iron ore exporter

#### By 2013 Centaurus Metals expects to:

- Achieve annualised production of at least 3mpta of iron ore grading +63% Fe (for sale into the domestic steel industry in Brazil)
- Be generating minimum free cash flows of between \$120 and \$150 million per annum from domestic production
- Have acquired or identified a project capable of producing 12-15mtpa of 64-69% Fe product for a minimum project life of 10 years



#### \* Ex prices from 3.125 cents to 28.5 cents (weighted average ex price 8.23 cents)

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Shareholding	
Directors & Management	10%
Тор 40	41%

ASX CODE : CTM





### **Centaurus Metals Board & Key Personnel**



#### **DARREN GORDON**

#### **Managing Director**

Over 15 years resource industry experience with particular emphasis on resource funding and structuring. 9 years experience as CFO of Gindalbie Metals.



#### DIDIER MURCIA

#### Chairman

25 years corporate and resource industry experience. Specialises in strategic, corporate and commercial advice. Extensive iron ore experience as Director of Gindalbie Metals.



#### PETER FREUND

#### **Operations Director**

40 years engineering experience with BHP, MIM, Thiess and Gindalbie. Has extensive experience in South American operations (built Alumbrera), beneficiated iron ore and bulk commodities.



#### GEOFF CLIFFORD

#### Non-executive Director

Over 30 years experience in senior finance and administration roles. Extensive iron ore experience as Chairman of Atlas Iron and former roles with Aztec Resources & Portman Limited.



#### **KEITH MCKAY**

#### Non-executive Director

Geologist with 40 years technical and corporate experience. Previously Chairman of Gindalbie Metals and MD of Gallery Gold Ltd and Battle Mountain (Aust) Inc.



#### RICHARD HILL

#### Non-executive Director

Strategic Consultant

□ 16 years resource industry experience as both a solicitor and a geologist. Founding director of Centaurus Resources. Extensive network into Asian markets.



#### **GEORGE JONES**

□ More than 35 years experience in the mining, banking and finance industries. Previously executive Chairman of Portman Mining Ltd and currently Chairman of two iron ore businesses, Gindalbie Metals and Sundance Resources.

High calibre team with experience in the financing, development and operation of iron ore projects

### Brazil



- Latin America's largest economy
- Rapidly growing population (currently ~200 million)
- Predicted growth of +7% in 2011
- US\$830b committed to infrastructure spend
- Hosting FIFA World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016
- Brazil is a Top 10 global steel producer
- Brazil is the world's largest Merchant Pig Iron producer
- Brazil exports > 300Mt per annum of iron ore

Centaurus Metals is one of the few ASX listed companies providing direct exposure to the rapid development of Brazil



### **Brazilian Iron Ore Market**

- Unlike Australia, a large market for the consumption of iron ore is located alongside iron ore projects
- Major steel companies, with steel mills within a 150km radius of Centaurus Metals' projects have significant domestic production with major capacity upgrades planned to cope with increasing demand

Company	Brazilian Steel Production*	Expansion Commitments (USD)
Gerdau	12.69mt	\$5b to 2014
Arcelor Mittal	11.00mt	\$5b to 2014
Usiminas	8.02mt	\$14.1b to 2014
Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional ("CSN")	5.00mt	Not available

### **Centaurus Metals' Projects**



# Project Map







# Domestic Iron Ore Business "Supplying Iron Ore to Brazil's Steel Mills"





### **Domestic Iron Ore Business**

- Targeting production from a number of low OpEx, low CapEx mines, in close proximity to established infrastructure
- Centaurus Metals is working towards:
  - production at a rate of 3mtpa by the end of 2013, to be sold into Brazil's domestic steel mills for anticipated operating cashflows of between \$120 and \$150 million per annum
  - become the supplier of choice to domestic steel mills (other than Vale)
  - differentiate itself from the local competition through quality and consistency of product supply
- Current domestic project portfolio includes:
  - Jambreiro Project
  - Passabem Project
  - Itambé Project
  - Guanhães Regional Project



### Itabirite Ore....



#### A major source of iron ore production in Brazil...

- Metamorphosed iron formation composed of iron oxides with abundant quartz
- Iron Quadrangle itabirites typically comprise hematite
- Lower ROM grade than other sources of hematite (averaging 30-50% Fe)
- Extremely well suited to low cost beneficiation
- Can be upgraded to 63-68% Fe via simple and inexpensive gravity or magnetic separation process
- Final product a high quality hematite sinter (predominantly) product with low contaminants



### Itabirite Ore





In Situ Or	e			
Fe%	SiO2%	P%	Al203%	Mn%
37	43.52	0.03	2.21	0.02

Upgradea	able to:			
Fe%	SiO2%	P%	Al203%	Mn%
67	2.38	0.01	0.50	0.02

### **Domestic Production - Jambreiro**



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### Jambreiro Iron Ore Project (100%)

- **3,500** metre resource definition drill program completed
- Results show excellent depth to Jambreiro:
  - **98.2m @ 29.8% Fe**, 3.9% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0.05% P from 28m (JBR-DD-002)
  - 93.8m @ 31.5% Fe, 5.5% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0.04% P from 9m (JBR-DD-003)
  - 70.0m @ 31.8% Fe, 3.3% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0.03% P from 41m (JBR-DD-001)
  - 62.5m @ 32.2% Fe, 2.0% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0.03% P from 0.5m (JBR-DD-011)
- Project dynamics will facilitate rapid resource definition and potential project development:
  - Only one land owner
  - □ Land already disturbed Eucalyptus plantation.
  - □ Land owner operating triple road trains from site to Steel Valley.







### Jambreiro Resource



Initial Inferred resource of 77.1mt @ 29.5% Fe\*

Mt	Fe %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	<b>P%</b>	LOI%	
77.1	29.5	51.3	3.1	0.04	1.02	

- Resource remains open to the South
- Early stage gravity beneficiation tests shows friable mineralisation cost effectively upgrades to a high grade product:

	Fe %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	P%	Mass Recovery
Head Grade	32.6	51.1	1.67	0.02	
<b>Beneficiated Sample</b>	63.0	8.2	0.68	0.01	48%

#### 6 month work Program:

- Complete beneficiation test work
- a 3,500 metre drill program to lift resource to Indicated status
- Pre-feasibility Study

#### •Competent Person Statement - Jambreiro Iron Ore Project

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### **Domestic Production - Passabem**



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### Passabem Iron Ore Project (100%)

- Projected to be a 1mtpa producer of high grade iron ore.
- 39 Mt JORC Resource.

	Tonnes (Mt)	Fe%	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	<b>P%</b>	Mn%	LOI%
Indicated	2.8	33.0	48.8	1.90	0.03	0.10	0.64
Inferred	36.2	30.9	54.0	0.74	0.07	0.06	0.09
TOTAL	39.0	31.0	53.6	0.82	0.07	0.06	0.13

Note: Estimate calculated using Inverse Distance Squared technique with a cut off of 27% Fe applied.

- Initial test work indicates low cost
  beneficiation to high-grade (+66%Fe) product.
- Ore body extends over a strike length of 5 kilometres.
- Future work programs :
  - Further beneficiation test work.
  - Commencement of pre-feasibility activities and associated studies;
  - Infill Drilling.





### **Domestic Production - Itambé**



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## Itambé Iron Ore Project (100%)

- Projected to be a minimum 500kpta producer of high grade iron ore.
- Initial 15.5Mt JORC Inferred Resource beneficiates cost effectively to high-grade product.
- Recent drill samples collected for further beneficiation work.
- Initial studies from 2009 indicate total operating cost of US\$13/t with capex expected to be US\$15m.
- At 500ktpa a minimum operating cashflow of US\$20-25 million per annum is anticipated.
- Recent infill drilling completed to lift Resource category to Indicated.
- Results included:
  - 24.0m @ 48.2% Fe, 3.22% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and 0.06% P (IBP-DD-0027)
  - **12.2m @ 32.7% Fe**, 0.40% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
    and 0.02% P (IBP-DD-0032)
  - **12.0m @ 45.4% Fe,** 3.34% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
    and 0.05% P (IBP-DD-0028)
- New resource estimation underway.



# Resource Summary – Domestic Projects 竁 🗋

 Centaurus has assembled a strong Project and resource base in Brazil of Itabirite mineralisation that upgrades to a high grade hematite product.

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TOTAL	131.6	30.9	50.6	2.49	0.05	0.88
ltambé <sup>***</sup>	15.5	37.2	39.9	3.70	0.06	2.04
Passabém <sup>**</sup>	39.0	31.0	53.6	0.82	0.07	0.13
Jambreiro <sup>*</sup>	77.1	29.5	51.3	3.10	0.04	1.02
Project	Million Tonnes	Fe %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	$AI_2O_3\%$	Р	LOI

\*25% Fe cut-off grade applied \*\* 27% Fe cut-off grade applied \*\*\*No Fe cut-off grade applied

- At a Mass Recovery of 40%, using a low cost gravity or magnetic separation process, In Situ Resources generate over 50Mt of high grade hematite product (+63% Fe).
- Detailed beneficiation work underway on all Domestic projects.
- Resource base underpins the Company's Domestic Iron Business
- Development Capex to be low by Australian standards as little to no infrastructure costs.

# Iron Ore Export Business "Supplying Iron Ore to the World Market"





### **Export Projects**





### **Iron Ore Export Business**

Brazil is the largest exporter of high grade iron ore in the world

- Centaurus Metals aims to acquire or identify a project capable of producing 12-15mtpa of 64-69% Fe product for a minimum project life of 10 years, to export to world markets
- Investigating opportunities to acquire projects utilising extensive networks in Brazil
- Commencing exploration on recently granted 100% Centaurus Metals tenure in the state of Minas Gerais:
  - Rio Pardo Project
  - Itamarandiba Project
  - Guanhães Project
  - Serra do Bicho Project





- Highly experienced, well funded team with extensive global experience in the financing, development and operation of iron ore projects.
- Strong domestic project resource base.
- Building a business to supply domestic steel mills, and in time also world markets.
- At least 3mpta to be sold domestically by the end of 2013.
- Continuously assessing other opportunities to grow the Brazilian iron ore business.
- Centaurus Metals is one of the few ASX listed companies providing direct exposure to the rapid development of Brazil.





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