# Closing in on first production and cash-flow in Brazil



- 300,000tpa Candonga DSO Project poised for production
- Feasibility Study shows CAPEX of A\$3.6M
- Cash operating costs of just A\$12.5/tonne

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  Given the conservatism built into the pit optimisation parameters used for the current Ore Reserve estimate, the Company is confident that the revised 1Mtpa production strategy will not result in a material change to the Reserve estimate. As a result of the change in production strategy, the Company intends to complete an updated Ore Reserve estimate during Q1 2015.

### Centaurus – The Snapshot



Capital Structure				
Shares on Issue	240.0m			
<b>Options &amp; Performance Rights</b>	5.2m			
Share Price	A\$0.09			
Market Capitalisation	A\$21.6m			
Cash at bank (30 June 2014)	A\$5.0m			
Enterprise Value	A\$16.6m			
Top 10 Shareholders	57%			



- Developing low capital and operating cost mines
  near existing infrastructure + customers in SE Brazil
- **Candonga DSO Project** *low-risk entry to production:* 
  - Positive Feasibility Study completed on 300,000tpa DSO operation
  - Permitting well advanced: targeting first production in April 2015
  - Forecast EBITDA of A\$23.1M over three years
  - Low CAPEX of A\$3.6M, strong operating margins with C1 cash costs of just A\$12.5 a tonne
- Jambreiro Project fully-permitted, developmentready, awaiting off-take:
  - Initial 1Mtpa Project targeting domestic market
  - Fully-permitted for development and operations of up to 3Mtpa
  - High-grade, low impurity consistent quality product
  - Discussions with off-take groups continuing

#### **Breaking News....**



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# CANDONGA PROJECT UPDATE

#### CANDONGA FEASIBILITY STUDY OUTLINES LOW-COST DSO OPERATION IN SOUTH-EAST BRAZIL

#### A\$3.6M capital cost and operating costs of A\$14.9/tonne put Centaurus on track for near-term production

**Centaurus Metals** (ASX Code: **CTM**) is pleased to announce that it is on track to become a low-cost, iron ore producer in south-east Brazil supplying high-grade products to the domestic market within six months after delivering a positive Feasibility Study on its 100%-owned **Candonga Iron** 

**Ore Project.** The study confirms the technical and financial viability of a 300,000tpa project producing a suite of high-grade Direct Ship Ore (DSO) products to the local steel and pig iron industries. Key highlights of the Feasibility Study include low forecast mine gate operating costs (C1 + Royalties) of A\$14.9/tonne and a very low pre-production capital cost of A\$3.6 million.

The key financial parameters of the project include forecast revenues of **A\$36.5million** and EBITDA of **A\$23.1million** over a 3-year period (using a conservative estimated mine gate life-of-mine domestic sale price of A\$41/tonne). The strong economics will enable Centaurus to establish a solid cash-flow



- Pre-production capital cost (including contingency) of just A\$3.6M for 300,000tpa operation.
- Mine gate operating costs (life-of-mine C1 cost plus royalties) of A\$14.9/tonne of ore sold.
- Life-of-mine revenue of A\$36.5M and EBITDA of A\$23.1M over 3-year mine life.
- Annual average operating cash flows of A\$7.7M: capital payback achieved in just six months.
- High-grade lump and hematitinha (+62% Fe) and sinter feed (+64% Fe) products to be sold into the domestic Brazilian market, including sought-after hematitinha to the local pig iron industry.
- Project approvals well advanced with Final Investment Decision on track for Q4 2014, paving the way for start of construction in February 2015 and first production in early Q2 2015.

## **Brazilian Domestic Project Hub**



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# **Brazilian Domestic Project Hub**





## **Domestic Project Hub – Candonga Project**







 Initial JORC Ore Reserve at Jambreiro of 48.5Mt

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#### Candonga – Overview





- Feasibility Study completed September 2014:
  - Production: 300,000tpa
  - Mine Life: 3 years
  - C1 cash costs: A\$12.5/tonne product sold
  - EBITDA: A\$23.1M, annual free cash flows: A\$7.7M
  - Pre-production CAPEX: A\$3.6M
- Flat-lying lens of high-grade itabirite mineralisation
- Simple, contract mining operation to produce high-grade lump (+6.3mm) and sinter feed for domestic market
- Approvals on schedule:
  - Final Investment Decision in Q4 2014
  - First production April 2015

# Candonga – Local Magnetic Signature





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# Candonga – Simple Flat-Lying Deposit, Easy Mining, Low Costs



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- Environmental and Mines Department (DNPM) approval applications lodged for 300,000tpa operation
- o Flat-lying, high grade mineralisation close to surface

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- Average strip ratio of 0.25:1 for first two years of operations. Life-of-mine strip ratio of 0.6:1 to keep operating costs low
- o High-grade material only requires simple dry crush and screen process

# Candonga Project – Emerging Near-Term Cash Flow



- Maiden JORC 2012 Proved and Probable Ore Reserve of 1.2Mt grading 60.5% Fe
- Ore Reserve to produce 0.9Mt of lump and sinter feed products at average grade of 63.5%
- o Work completed to date:
  - Trenching and 800m of diamond drilling on high-grade zone
  - Classification testwork
  - Resource/Reserve Estimation
  - Feasibility Study

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- Brazilian pig iron industry relies on lump (hematitinha) product which is in short supply in the domestic market
- Land clear of native vegetation simple approvals process



#### **Candonga – Ore Reserves**



	Candon	ga Project JORC 201	2 Ore Reserve E	stimate - Septer	nber 2014		
Ore Category	JORC Category	Tonnes ('000)	Fe (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	LOI (%)
	Proved	446	64.8	4.5	1.3	0.03	0.2
DSO*	Probable	280	64.8	5.2	0.9	0.03	0.1
	TOTAL	726	64.8	4.6	1.3	0.03	0.1
	Proved	362	53.9	17.9	2.5	0.04	1.4
LBO**	Probable	121	53.9	18.0	2.5	0.04	1.2
	TOTAL	483	53.9	17.9	2.5	0.04	1.3
	Proved	808	59.9	10.5	1.9	0.03	0.7
GRAND TOTAL	Probable	401	61.5	9.1	1.4	0.03	0.4
	TOTAL	1,209	60.5	10.0	1.7	0.03	0.6

DSO ("Direct Shipping Ore") e that requires no eneficiation to produce leable lump or sinter feed oducts; 61.3% Fe cut-off ade \*LBO ("Lump Blending Ore") e that produces lump oducts within market ecifications after blending ith DSO lump products; 45%

Ore Reserves (kt)	Low Grade Fines (kt)	Saleable Product (kt)		Fe (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	P (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	LOI (%)
		Lump (+6.3mm)	433	62.8	6.8	0.03	2.0	0.6
		Sinter Feed (-6.3mm)	465	64.0	5.7	0.03	1.2	0.2
1,209	311		898	63.5	6.2	0.03	1.6	0.4

Approximately 50% of the high grade saleable product from Candonga is a lump product (+6.3mm), which is highly sought after in the Brazilian domestic market.

# Candonga – Capital and Operating Costs







Candonga Project – Capital Cost Schedule				
Capital Equipment	Total (A\$ m)			
DIRECT COSTS				
Pre Strip & Mine Preparation	0.4			
Infrastructure	1.2			
Crushing & Screening	1.6			
TOTAL DIRECT CAPEX	3.2			
INDIRECT COSTS				
Owner's Costs	0.2			
TOTAL INDIRECT CAPEX	0.2			
CONTINGENCY	0.2			
TOTAL CAPEX	3.6			

Candonga capital cost estimates based on acquisition of all-new equipment.

Candonga Project – Life-of-Mine Operating Costs				
Operating Costs	A\$ per wet tonne product			
Mining	8.7			
Processing	2.1			
General & Administration	1.7			
SITE OPERATING CASH COST (C1)	12.5			
Royalties – Government and Other	2.4			
TOTAL OPERATING CASH COSTS (C1 + Royalties)	14.9			

# Candonga – Financial Evaluation from Feasibility Study



Key Financial Outcomes	
Life-of-Mine Revenue	A\$36.5M
EBITDA	A\$23.1M
Capital Costs	A\$3.6M
Annual Average Operating Cash Flow (Pre-Tax)	A\$7.7M
Operating Cash Cost (including royalties)	A\$14.9/t*

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The Candonga Project can be brought on stream quickly and cheaply, with high-grade lump and sinter feed ore sold into the domestic market. This will enable Centaurus to become an iron ore producer within six months.

\* Estimates based on an average estimated domestic iron ore price of A\$41/tonne.

# **Brazilian Domestic Project Hub**





## **Domestic Project Hub**





#### Jambreiro – Fully Permitted and Ready-to-Go





- Positive Bankable Feasibility Study completed in November 2012
- Initial production rate revised to 1Mtpa to reduce start-up CAPEX to A\$53M
- Forecast C1 cash operating costs of A\$20/tonne
- Ideally positioned to be a consistent and reliable supplier of high-quality, low impurity iron ore to domestic steel mills
- In-pit friable Ore Reserve: 48.5Mt @ 28.1% Fe
  - ~18Mt of high grade product = 18-year mine life
- Environmental and Mines Department approvals received
- Mining Leases granted
- 10-year land access agreement signed

## Jambreiro – Engineering Well Advanced





#### **Engineering Activities**

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- Modularised plant designed and costed for 1Mtpa
- Cofferdam constructed but stored water has now been released
- Significant basic engineering completed
- Detailed mine plan and schedule to be reworked in Q4 2014 for 1Mtpa project



#### Jambreiro – Product and Off-take



#### **Off-take**

- General acceptance of the high-quality Jambreiro product specification by potential domestic customers
- Negotiations for long-term off-take continue to advance to underpin project finance
- Off-take pricing = international market-based price with adjustment for higher Jambreiro quality and net-back to mine for domestic logistic costs





## Jambreiro – Export Potential



Jambreiro located within
 150km of bulk cargo EFVM rail
 line

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- EFVM rail line provides
  opportunity to access port
  capacity in and around Vitória
- Various ports also exist within close proximity to Vitória
- 50Mt of new port capacity is being brought on line at Acu and Sudeste
- MRS rail line provides third party access to the Sudeste Port

#### Centaurus – Reasons to Invest





- Candonga: production and cash flow commencing within six months
- Very low capital intensity A\$3.6M to first ore
- Very low cash operating costs just A\$12.5 a tonne
- Low risk, strong margin business
- Simple open pit, contract mining operation
- Delivering a high-grade product which is in strong demand in Brazil
- o Jambreiro: longer term growth potential to build critical mass
- One of the few fully-permitted new mid-sized iron ore projects in SE Brazil
- Strong relationships developed with off-takers and financiers

A FOCUSED AND STAGED APPROACH TO BUILDING A LONG-TERM IRON ORE BUSINESS.

#### **Centaurus Metals – Mineral Resource Inventory Schedule**



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\* 20% Fe cut-off grade applied; \*\* 25% Fe cut-off grade applied; \*\*\* 27% Fe cut-off grade applied (1) JORC 2012 (2) JORC 2004