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Targeting sediment-hosted copper deposits in the Northern Territory

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(Lake Way, 2006)

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The Encounter business model



PROJECT GENERATOR MODEL

Progress project pipeline with a mix of alliances, joint ventures and sole funding



TIER 1 TARGETS

Project generation and exploration targeting major gold and base metal discoveries in world-class mineral belts



HIGH QUALITY PARTNERS

Partner with leading mid-tier and major producers which have well supported, talented and highly resourced exploration teams



FAST ADOPTION OF NEW DATA AND TECHNOLOGIES Fast mover, early adopter of new technologies and datasets



DATA DRIVEN INSIGHTS

Reduce exploration risk through cost effective and innovative data-driven techniques to rapidly prioritise and assess targets



Proterozoic Gold and Copper



Major Proterozoic Basins of Australia

- Two of the largest Proterozoic sedimentary basins on the planet
- Formed during periods of break up of super continents
- Highly prospective for sediment hosted base metal mineralisation
- Significant deposits including Mt Isa, Century, McArthur in the McArthur Basin and Nifty in the Centralian
- Vastly under-explored, undercover, highly prospective part of the earth in a first world jurisdiction
- Is this where we might find the world's next great copper belt?

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Global Copper Demand

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World's demand for metals doubles every 20-30 years Primary copper production for World: 1900-2050



(R.Schodde Minex Consulting 2017)

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With each energy transition comes a new need for materials.



Wind, solar, and the associated battery technologies are mineral intensive, using many niche and base metals.



Copper Development Assoc. Inc. 2019)

Global Copper Demand

Not Enough Copper is Being Discovered





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Global Copper Production (2019)





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Global Sediment-hosted copper deposit distribution



Sediment-hosted copper – The Mineral System







	Commentary	NT Scoreca	ord Pre-competitive Data
Source Rocks	Size of sedimentary basin and sub-basin		
 Brines 	Bitten Brines vs Evaporites or both?		
 Seals 	Grabens form a natural containment for dense fl	uids 🗸	Gravity, magnetics
Inversion	Basin inversion / orogenic event to provide the energy to bring reservoir fluid towards surface		
Fluid Pathways	Basin margin faults and major faults	 Image: A set of the set of the	Seismic, MT, AEM,
Traps	Reductants or failed hydrocarbon traps provide physical and chemical trap sites		Magnetics, hydrogeochem



Exploration Focus

Australia's copper hot spot

- Highly prospective, vastly underexplored region under cover located between the major copper-gold producing districts of Mt Isa and Tennant Creek
- Encounter moved early and aggressively to secure a series of camp scale, first mover opportunities
- Utilising new government datasets (GA, NTGS) to target sediment-hosted copper deposits in the Beetaloo Sub-basin and the South Nicholson Basin
- Eight projects selected covering 21,000km²
- Early exploration has yielded exciting results





The Challenge of Explorability is the Opportunity

Barkly Tablelands (Photo: Geoscience Australia)

NTGS Core Library - Darwin

Jessica Copper Project



Copper Carbonate (Malachite) in Cambrian Limestone 0-3m from RN28419 – chemical assay 1.5% Cu





Copper anomalism in the Cambrian





Elliott Copper Project - BHP teams up with Encounter

- 4,500km² located on the southern margin of the Beetaloo Basin on the eastern side of the Daly Water Fault Zone
- Standout copper in groundwater anomaly from Geoscience Australia sampling
- New regional GA and NTGS geophysical and geochemical datasets
- Target sequence undercover and untested
- Project being advanced together with BHP via an option agreement to enter an earnin and joint venture
- Validation program of compilation, interpretation and modelling completed





Elliott Copper Project





Mapped Proterozoic outcrop over Seebase (depth to Proterozoic)

Beetaloo Basin – Insights from the Petroleum explorers



(a) Kyalla Formation



(c) Barney Creek Formation



(b) Velkerri Formation





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(Jarrett et al, AGES 2019)

Carrara Project





South Nicholson Seismic Survey, a foundational dataset acquired as part of the GA Exploring for the Future Program (AGES 2019)

NT Sediment-hosted Copper Summary

- The Proterozoic sedimentary basins of the Northern Territory exhibit all the key ingredients required for the formation of giant sediment-hosted copper deposits
- A transformational investment through Geoscience Australia and the NTGS has provided a thorough and extensive array of pre-competitive data to the exploration industry
- Global demand for copper and a growing supply deficit highlights the need for investment in copper exploration
- Australia is a secure, first world jurisdiction with a modern and highly efficient mining industry

Now is the time to be exploring for Copper in the NT

