

## INDEPENDENCE GROUP

## GROWING A GREAT COMPANY BY MINERAL DISCOVERIES & MINE DEVELOPMENT

INVESTOR UPDATE
June 2010

Chris Bonwick - Managing Director



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## **INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW - CORPORATE**

Capital Structure: ASX 200 Code: IGO

113.7M shares & 1.2M staff options

Market Cap. (10/6/10): A\$516M

Daily turnover (6 month average) – 406,323

**Substantial shareholders:** JP Morgan 11.3M shares

Orion 7.1M shares NAB 6.8M shares

Aus Inst: 43%, OS Inst: 15%, Aus dom: 42%

57 Institutions in top 100

Financials: March 10 NPAT: A\$9.1M (unaudited)

Cash & Net Receivables: A\$152.3M

Debt: Nil

2008/9 Dividend: 2c interim + 3c final



## INDEPENDENCE GROUP BOARD & SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**BOARD** 



**Non Executive Chairman** 

**Managing Director** 

**Executive Director & CFO** 

**Non Executive Director** 

**Non Executive Director** 

**Non Executive Director** 

Oscar Aamodt (63)

**Chris Bonwick (50)** 

Kelly Ross (48)

**Rod Marston (66)** 

John Christie (71)

Peter Bilbe (59)

**Finance** 

**Geologist** 

**Accountant** 

Geologist

**Accountant** 

**Mining Engineer** 

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Brett Hartmann** 

**Dave Johnson** 

**Tim Kennedy** 

**Brett Keillor** 

**Mike Neubauer** 

**Paull Parker** 

**Drew Totterdell** 

**Long Mine Manager** 

**Chief Geophysicist** 

**Exploration Manager** 

Chief Geologist - Gold

**Group Mining Engineer** 

**Chief Geologist - Nickel** 

**Business Development/Finance** 



### **INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW - ASSETS**

LONG NICKEL MINE

✓ Production



Jul 09-Mar 10 Cash Costs (C1+C2 payable): A\$4.44/lb Ni

Jul 09-Mar 10 Revenue: A\$9.74/lb Ni

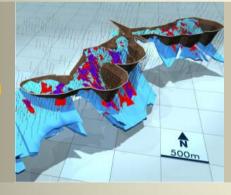
Jun 09 Resources: 93,900t Ni @ 5.6% Ni

Jun 09 Reserves: 51,800t Ni @ 3.9% Ni

Extending mine life – New Moran discovery
Jun 2009 resource: 456,000 t @ 7.1% Ni (32,400 t Ni)

**TROPICANA** 

✓ Near Term Growth



Initial Open Cut Resource: 30% of 5.01M oz

Open Cut Reserve: 45Mt @ 2.3g/t Au

(3.3M oz Au)

Significant underground & regional potential

REGIONAL EXPLORATION

√ Growth



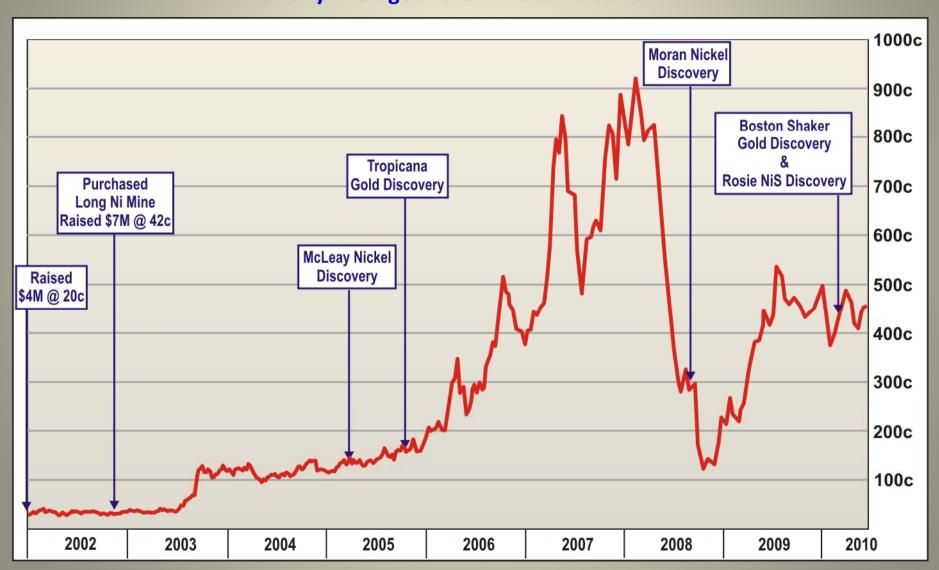
7 high quality Ni, Au and Cu-Pb-Zn exploration projects. 292,000 sample Australian geochemical database.

**Unique exploration targeting & technology** 



## **IGO HISTORY AND SHARE PRICE**

### **Monthly Average Share Price to 10.06.10**







## **IGO'S CURRENT CASH PRODUCING ASSET**

**2002** Purchase price = A\$15M IGO Profit to date = A\$268M Australia's lowest cost nickel sulphide mine



1979-1999 WMC Production: 203,184t Ni

2002-2010 IGO Production: 61,762t Ni



## **LONG NICKEL MINE – IGO 100%**

## **HISTORY**

IGO Starting Reserve = 26,800 Ni t

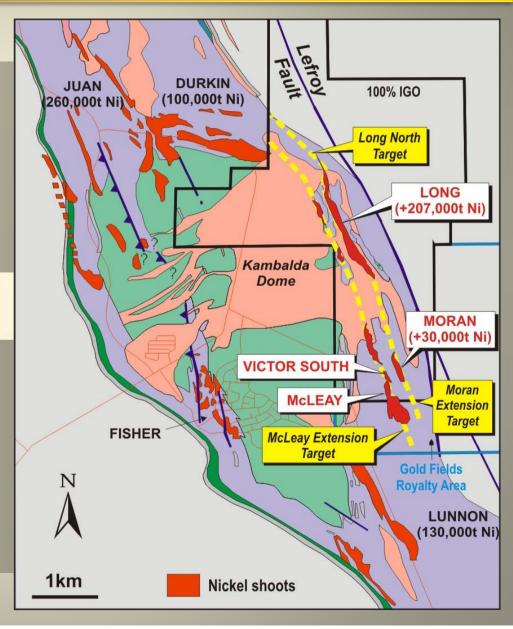
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• June 2009 Reserves = 51,800 Ni t

## **GOALS**

- Sustainable 9,000t Ni pa in bottom 3rd of world-wide nickel production cash costs.
- Australia's lowest nickel cash costs
- New Reserves to increase mine life.





## **PRODUCTION FORECAST & HEDGING**

	2009/10 Budget	2009/10 Jul 09 – Mar 10
Production	8,000-8,400 Ni t	6,268 Ni t
Grade	4.0% Ni	4.21% Ni
* Includes nickel royalty	A\$4.20-4.40/lb Ni*	A\$4.44/lb Ni*

### Hedging

3,000 Ni t @ A\$19,013/t

Delivered @ 200Ni t/month from Apr 2010 – June 2011

2,160 Ni t @ A\$21,898/t

Delivered @ 180Ni t/month from July 2011 – June 2012

1,200 Ni t @ A\$28,660/t

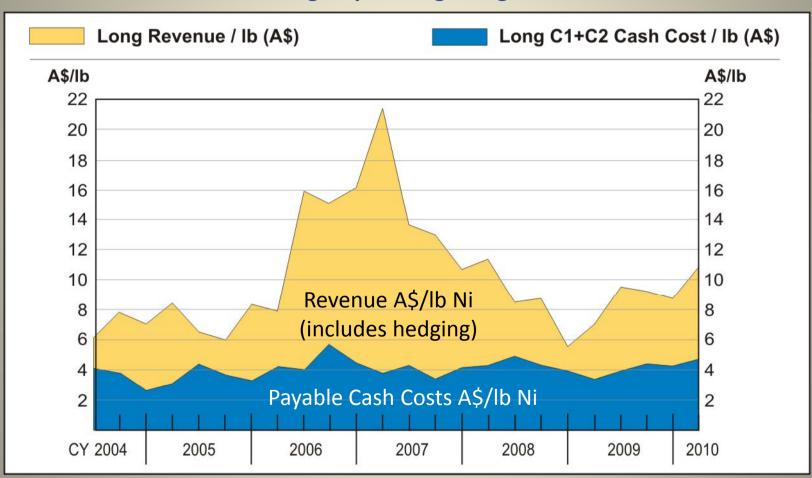
Delivered @ 100Ni t/month from July 2012 – June 2013

6,360 Ni t @ A\$21,813/t Total Hedging



## **QUARTERLY CASH COSTS & REVENUE**

### **High operating margins**



**Relatively consistent cash costs** 



## **MINE GEOPHYSICS - TEM EQUIPMENT**



High powered TEM transmitter

- 10 x more powerful than current systems.
- Doubles search radius detection up to 200m.
- Cleaner data.
- More accurate targeting.
- Exclusive to IGO.



Down hole TEM probe

- 200m search radius.
- 3D visualisation of massive NiS targets.



Underground
Down hole TEM
surveying

 More accurate drill targeting, reduced discovery and ore definition costs.



## LONG MINE NICKEL DEPOSITS & TARGETS LONGITUDINAL PROJECTION

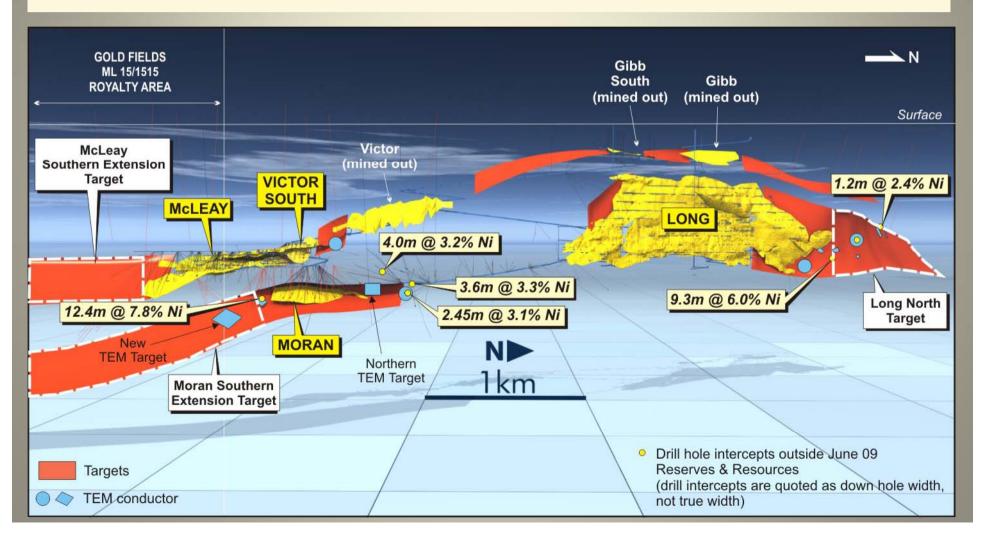
June 2009 Mineral Resource\*:

1,685,000t @ 5.6% Ni (93,900t Ni)

June 2009 Ore Reserve:

1,327,000t @ 3.9% Ni (51,800t Ni)

\* Resources are inclusive of Reserves





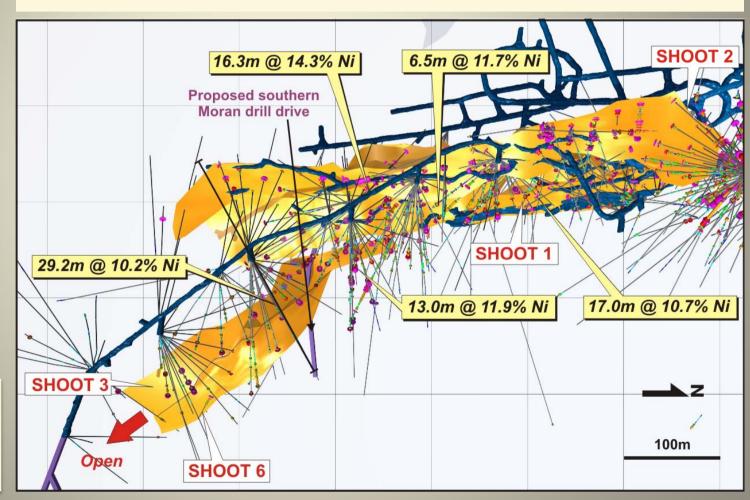
## McLEAY NICKEL DEPOSIT

June 2009 Mineral Resource\*: June 2009 Ore Reserve:

496,000t @ 5.8% Ni (28,900t Ni)

346,000t @ 3.8% Ni (13,100t Ni)

\* Resources are inclusive of Reserves



McLeay deposit is open to the south-east.

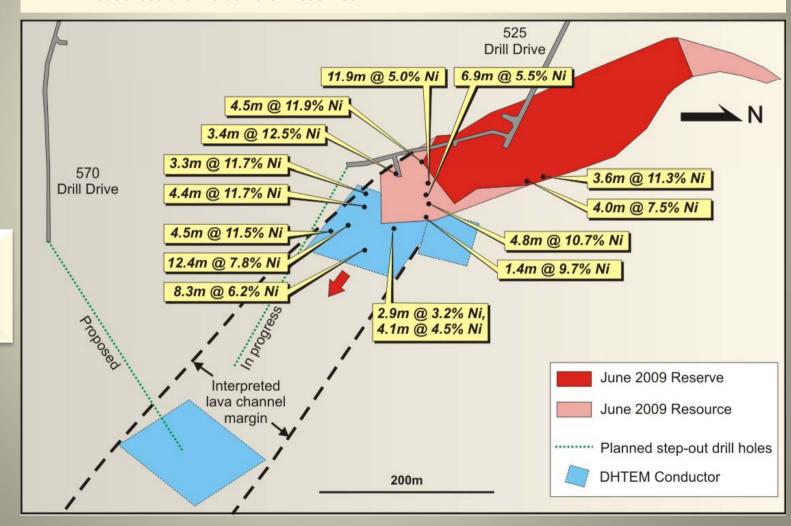


## **MORAN NICKEL DEPOSIT**

June 2009 Mineral Resource\*:
June 2009 Ore Reserve:

456,000t @ 7.1% Ni (32,400t Ni) 640,000t @ 4.1% Ni (26,300t Ni)

<sup>\*</sup> Resources are inclusive of Reserves

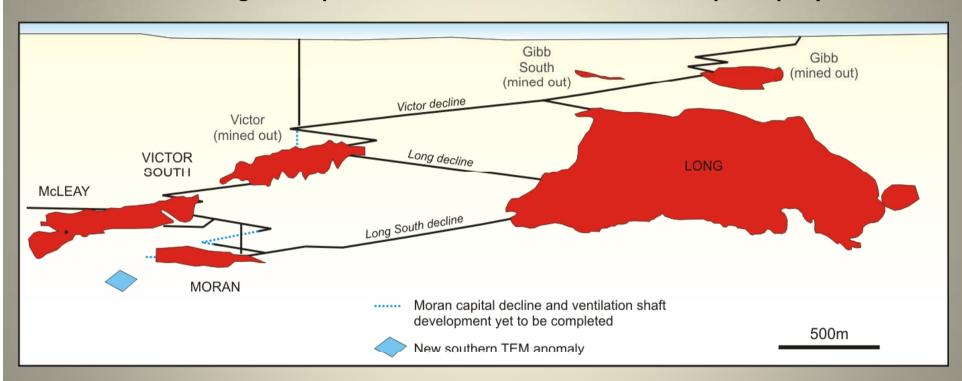


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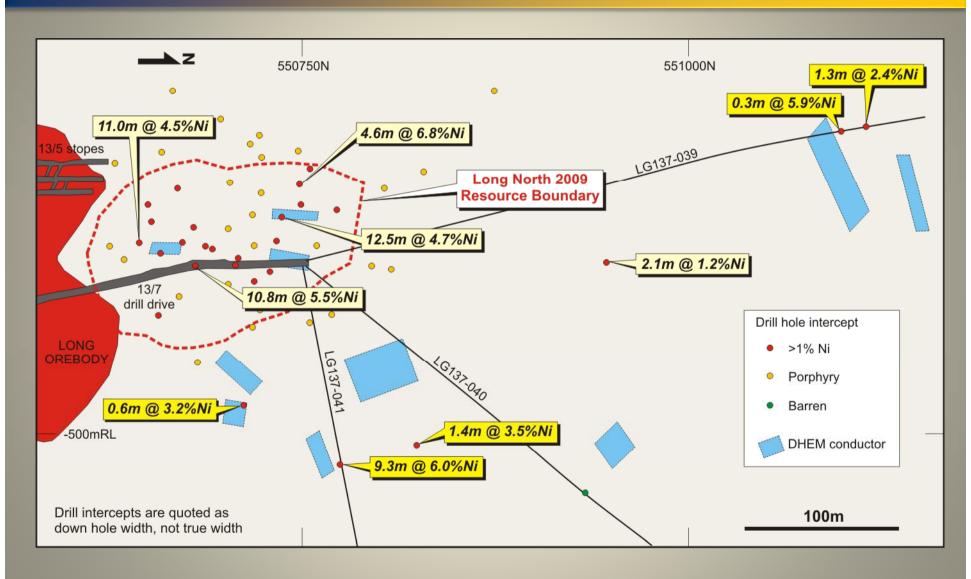
## **MORAN DEVELOPMENT**

### Pre-existing development has enabled Moran to be developed rapidly





## **LONG NORTH LONG-SECTION**

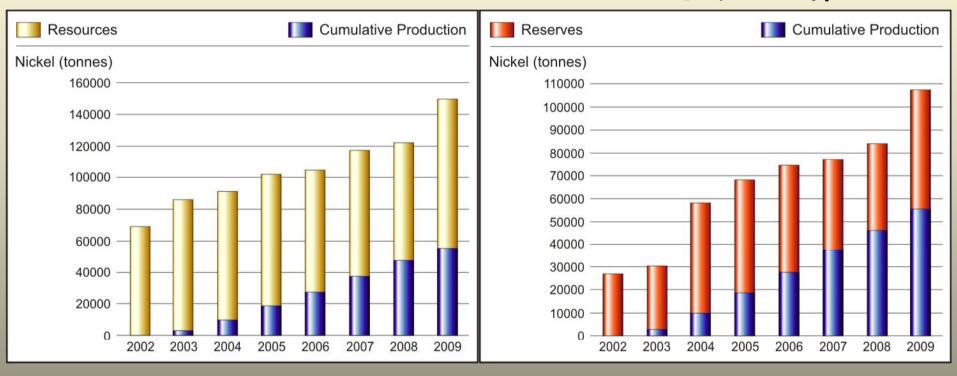




## **LONG MINE RESOURCES & RESERVES**

## JUNE 2009 LARGEST EVER RESOURCE

## MINE LIFE EXTENDED TO 2015 @ 9,000 Ni t/pa



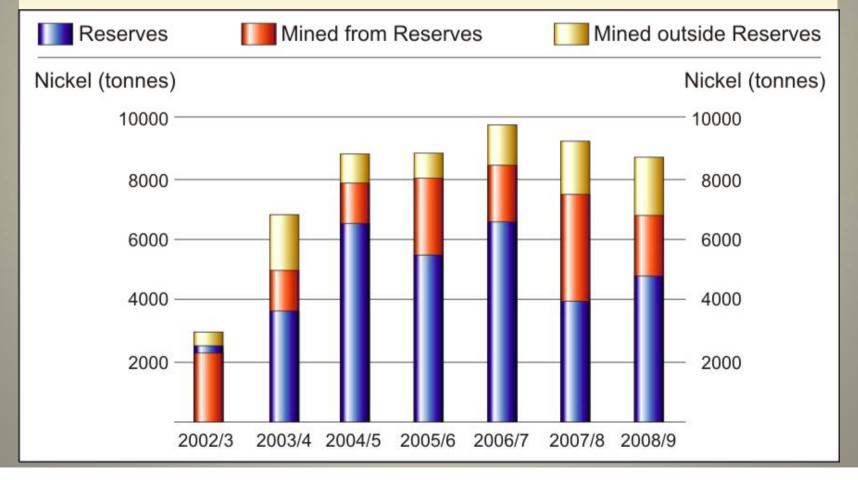
**Continuing to Grow Resources & Reserves** 



# LONG MINE COMPLEX PRODUCTION / ORE RESERVE COMPARISON

### **2002-9 PRODUCTION SUMMARY**

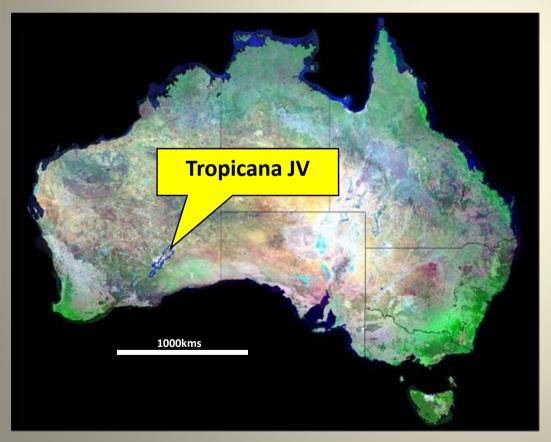
Initial Ore Reserve Estimate: 33,894 Ni t
Mined from Ore Reserve: 46,176 Ni t
Mined outside Ore Reserve: 9,319 Ni t
TOTAL: 55,495 Ni t





## TROPICANA JV - NEW GOLD PROVINCE IGO'S SECOND POTENTIAL CASH GENERATOR

## AngloGold Ashanti – 70% (Manager) Independence Group – 30%



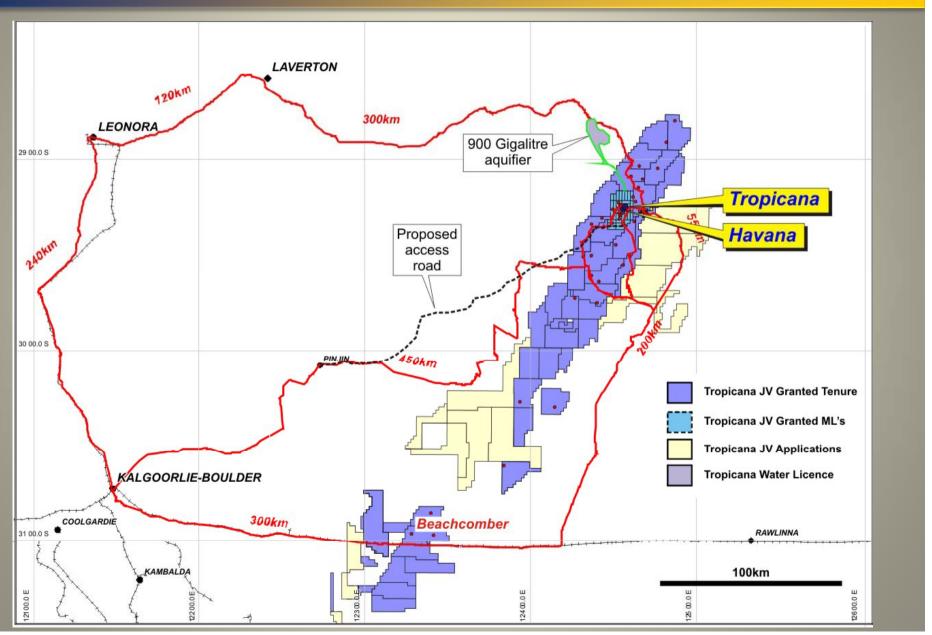


"New Gold Province under sand"





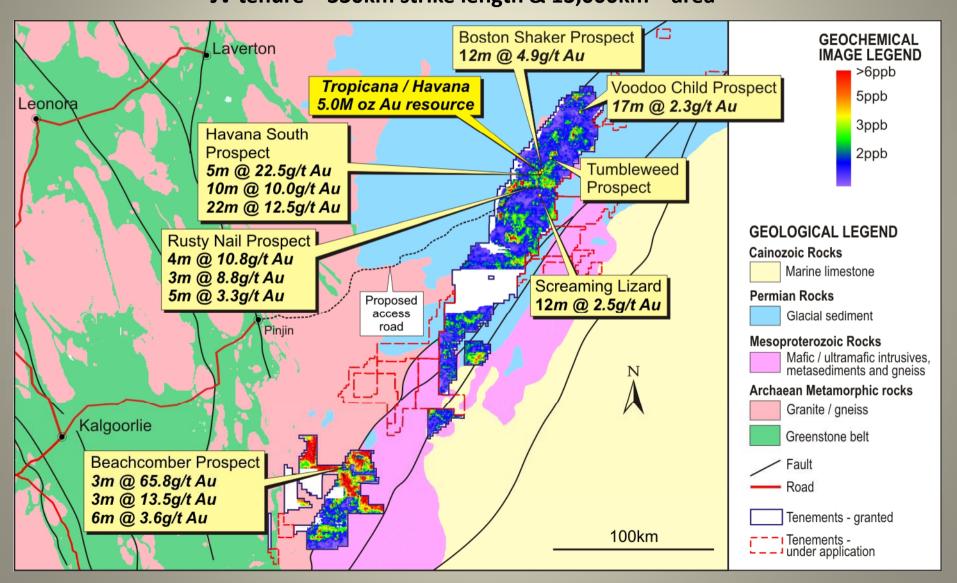
## TROPICANA JV TENEMENTS





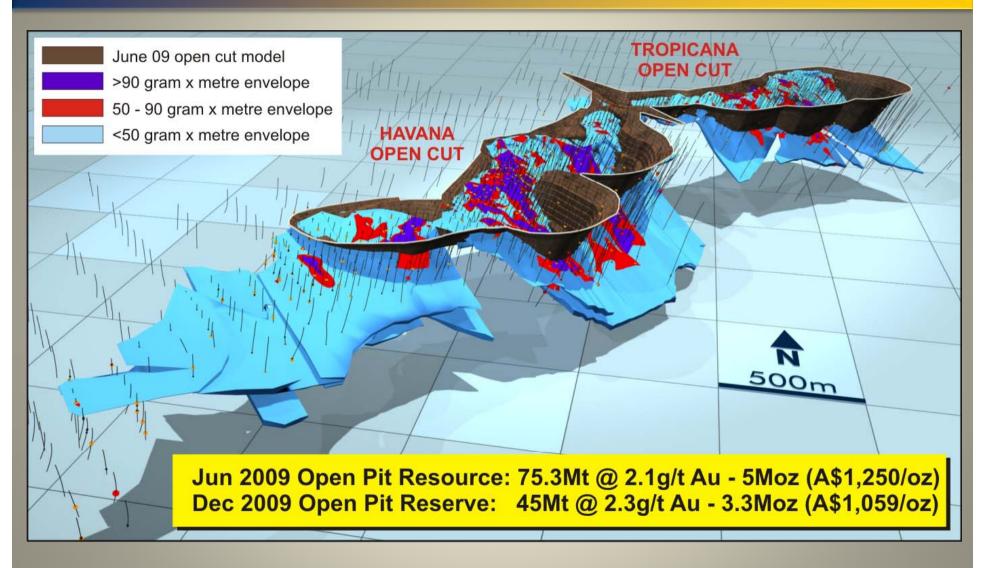
## TROPICANA JV SIGNIFICANT DISCOVERIES TO DATE

### JV tenure - 330km strike length & 13,000km<sup>2</sup> area



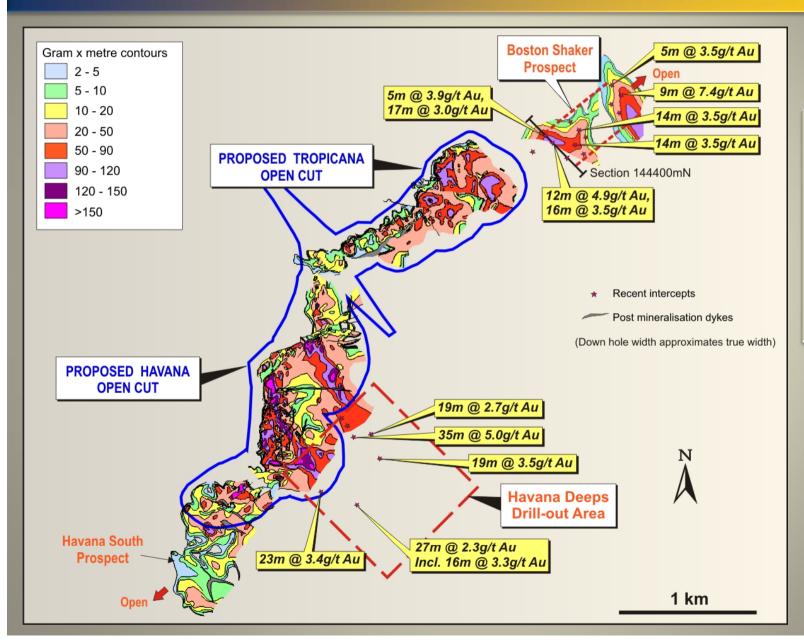


## TROPICANA JV PRE-FEASIBILITY RESOURCE & RESERVE





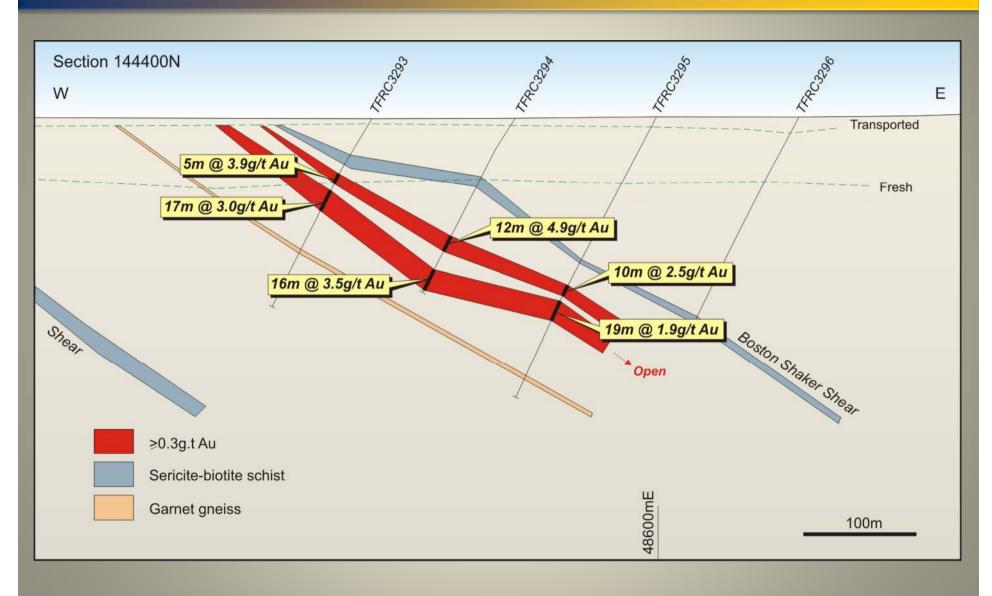
## TROPICANA JV - NEW INTERCEPTS OUTSIDE JUN 09 OPEN CUT DESIGN



Tropicana gold system still growing along-strike and downdip.



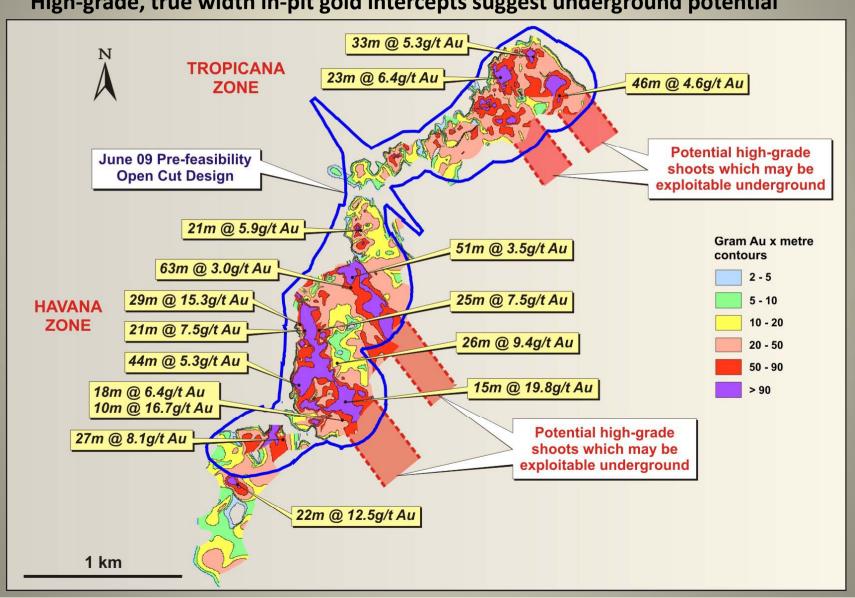
## TROPICANA JV BOSTON SHAKER CROSS-SECTION





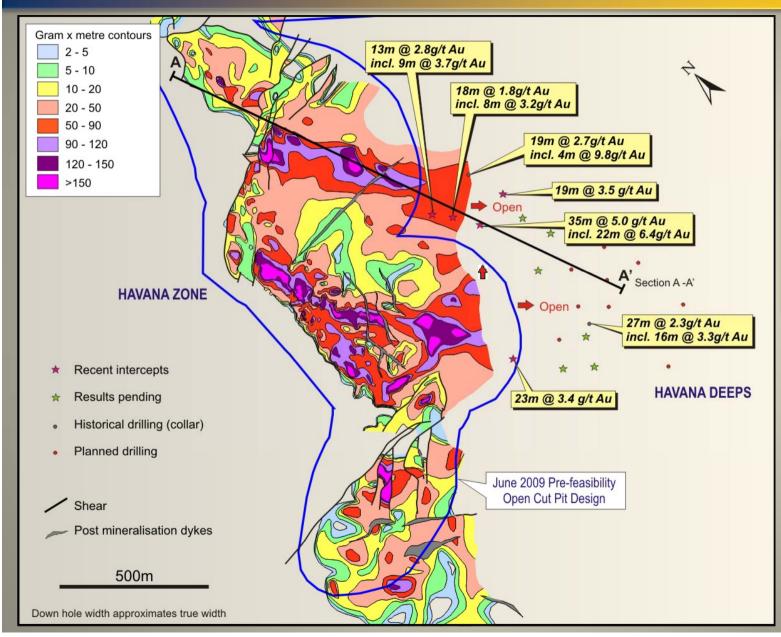
## **TROPICANA JV UNDERGROUND POTENTIAL**

#### High-grade, true width in-pit gold intercepts suggest underground potential





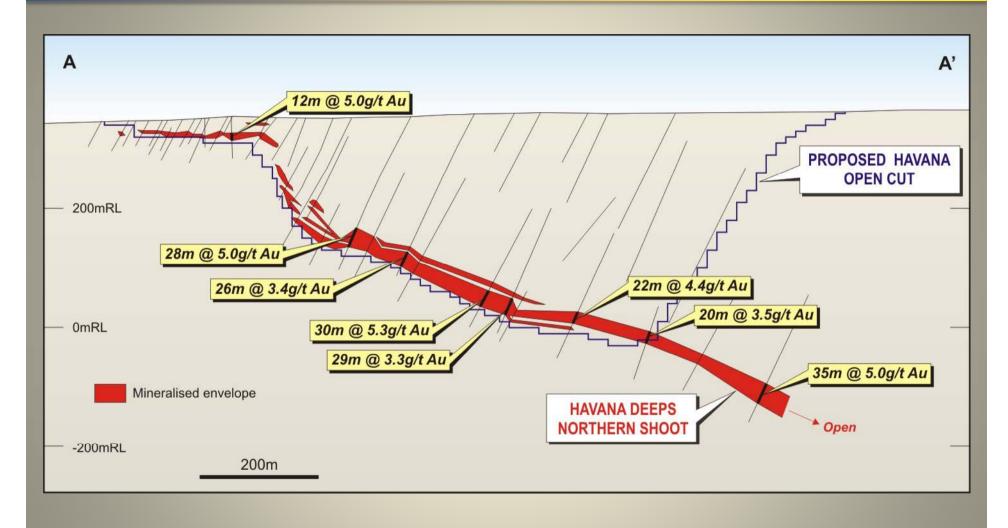
### TROPICANA JV - HAVANA DEEPS



Havana Deeps high-grade shoots open down plunge.



## TROPICANA JV HAVANA DEEPS CROSS-SECTION





## TROPICANA JV PRE-FEASIBILITY OUTCOME

**Open-cut Resource:** 75.3 Mt @ 2.07g/t Au (5.01 M oz Au) at June 2009

Mining Reserve: 45 Mt @ 2.3g/t Au (3.3 M oz Au)

(US\$900/oz Au, AUD: USD 0.85 US\$103/barrel oil & 15% discount rate

assumptions)

Mill: 6 Mt p/a (plant & infrastructure capital A\$500-540M

includes 15% contingency)

Metallurgy: Free milling - 92% recovery

Gold Production: 330,000 - 410,000 oz Au pa (recovered) over 8-10 years

Water: 900 Gigalitre aquifer located

**Indicative Timetable:** 

- BFS Completion: September/October 2010

- Decision to proceed November 2010

- Road commencement First quarter 2011

- First gold pour First half 2013



## **REGIONAL EXPLORATION STRATEGY**

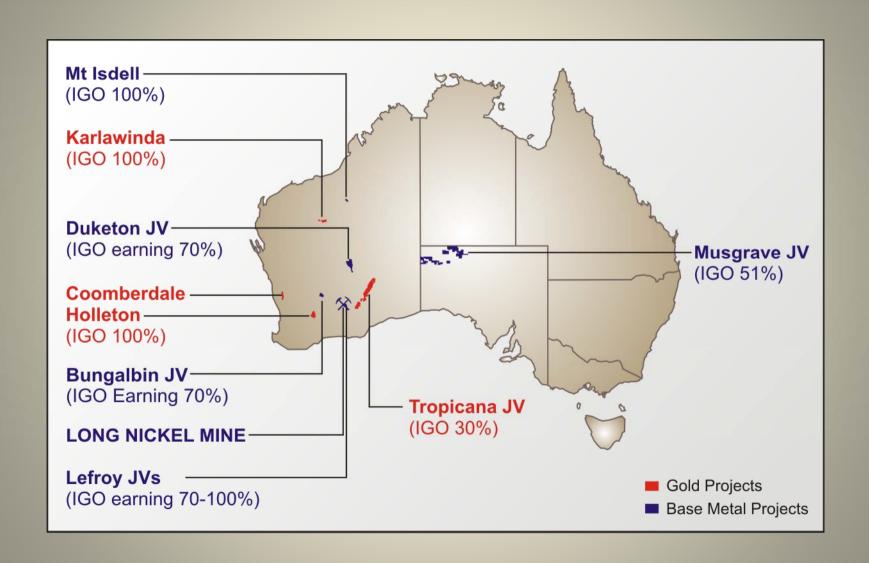
## Discovering new, high profit mines by -

- Technical Innovation
  - Geophysical tools to see "under cover"
  - New targeting techniques
  - Exclusive access to new data bases
- Unlocking value in established and emerging belts
- First mover advantage in "frontier" belts
  - Eg. Tropicana
- Strong in-house geophysical capability
- Small, well resourced, highly motivated exploration team
- Use of undervalued large company databases now owned by IGO





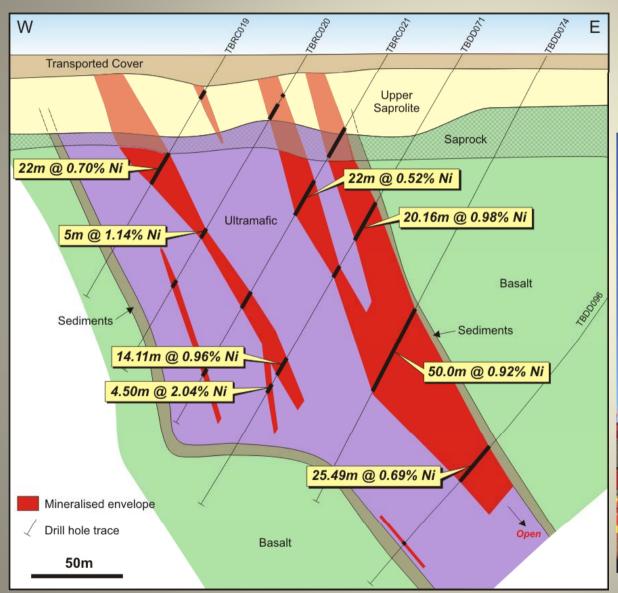
## IGO GOLD & BASE METAL EXPLORATION PROJECTS





## **DUKETON JV – C2 PROSPECT**

(IGO earning 70%)



**C2** Prospect cross-section showing disseminated nickel sulphide system





# DUKETON JV – ROSIE PROSPECT DRILL CORE (IGO earning 70%)

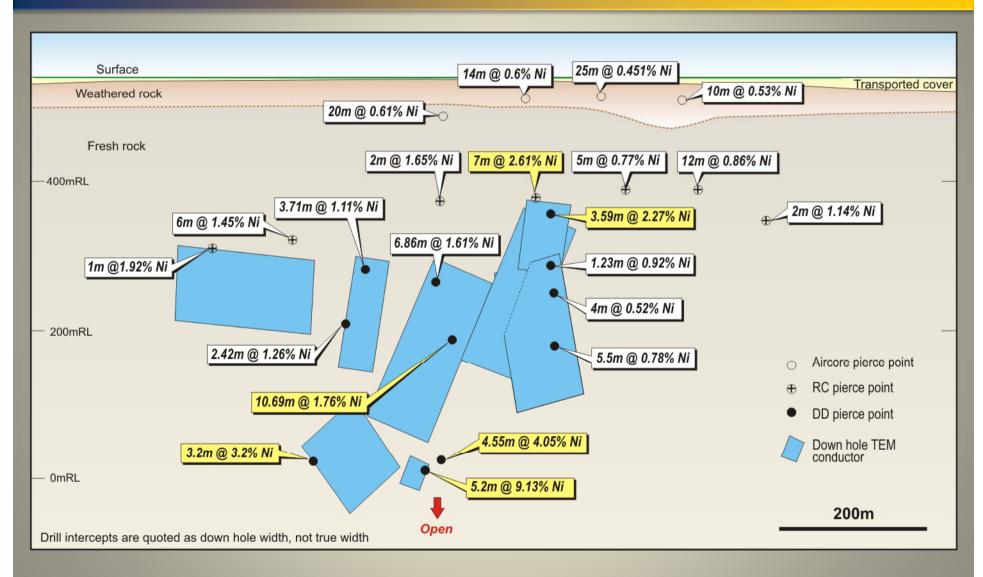


Rosie Prospect
massive nickel sulphides
assaying:
5.2m @ 9.13% Ni,
1.09% Cu,
0.21% Co,
7.09g/t PGE's
(2.20g/t Pt, 1.74g/t Pd,

1.79g/t Ru & 0.82g/t Rh)



# DUKETON JV - ROSIE PROSPECT LONGITUDINAL PROJECTION (IGO earning 70%)

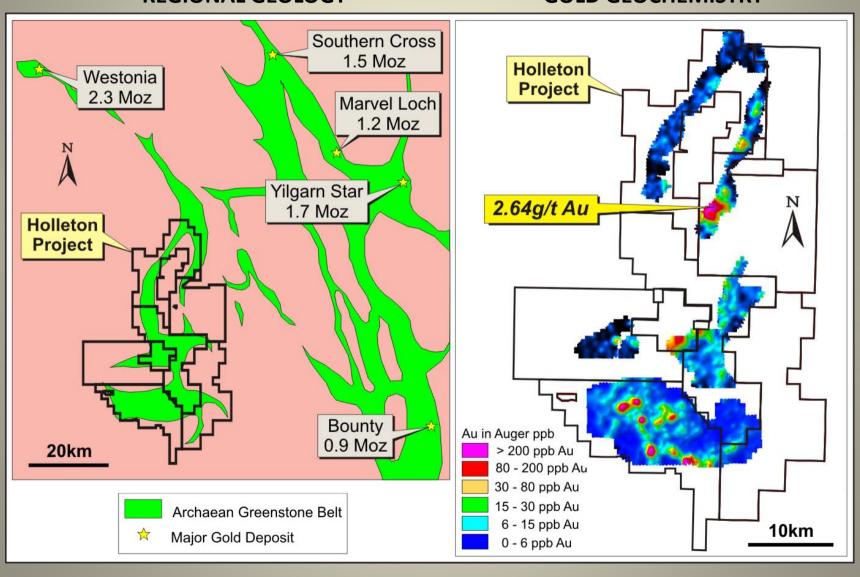




## HOLLETON GOLD PROJECT (IGO 100%) NEW GOLD SYSTEMS DISCOVERED

#### **REGIONAL GEOLOGY**

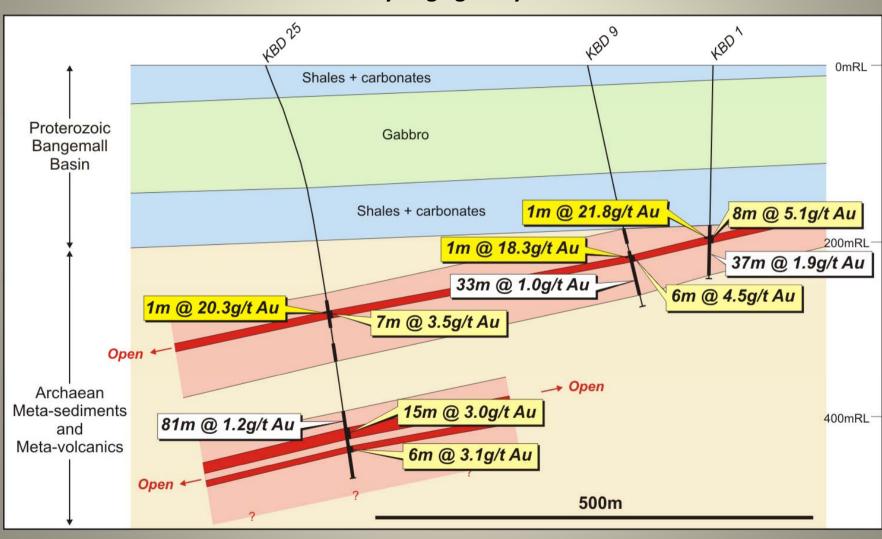
#### **GOLD GEOCHEMISTRY**





## KARLAWINDA - FRANCOPAN PROSPECT CROSS-SECTION

### Very large gold system

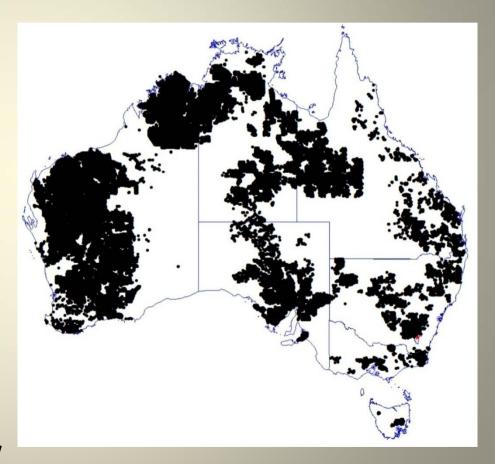




# PROJECT GENERATION DE BEERS DATABASE (IGO 100%)

### **100% IGO – NO BUY-BACK OR ROYALTIES**

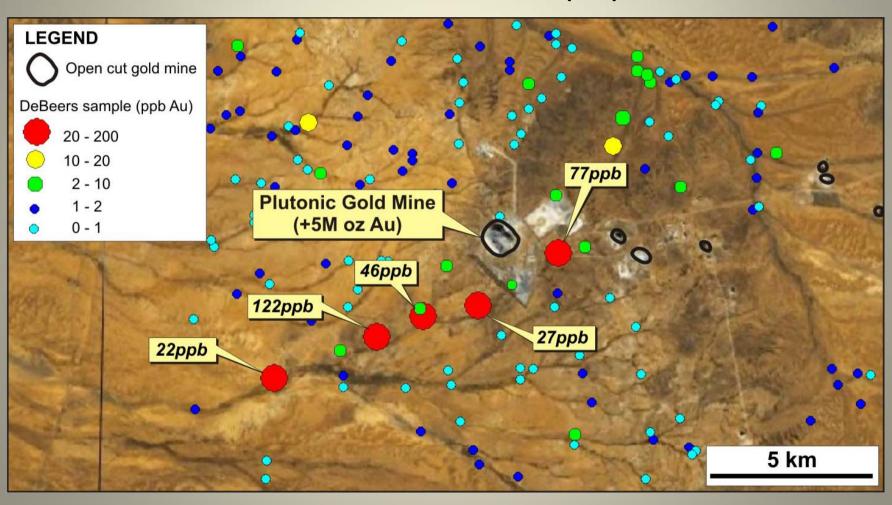
- 103,000 analysed geochemical samples.
- 189,000 unanalysed geochemical samples.
- 2,278 samples reporting visible gold.
- 2,025 geophysical surveys.
- IGO analysing samples for 57 elements including Ni, Cu, Pb, Zn, Au, Ag, Pt, Pd, Ur, rare earths, Sn, Li, K etc.
- Long term exploration asset to find new Australian mineral camps.





# PROJECT GENERATION DE BEERS DATABASE (IGO 100%)

IGO 2009 gold analysis of De Beers samples collected before the discovery of the Plutonic Gold Mine (WA)





## 2010 GROUP DEVELOPMENT & EXPLORATION FOCUS

LONG NICKEL MINE Budget: A\$18M\*

Complete Moran Development

Moran, McLeay and Long North extension drilling

Strategic study aiming to increase nickel production

TROPICANA JV
Budget: A\$11M\*
(IGO share)

Finalise feasibility study and funding
Boston Shaker extension and in-fill drilling
Havana Deeps drill-out
Exploration drilling to test satellite gold anomalies
Continued regional exploration

REGIONAL EXPLORATION Budget: A\$8M\*

Duketon JV – Rosie NiS Prospect drill-out Karlawinda – Oxide drill-out Holletin – First pass drilling

DeBeers Database – On-going analysis and target follow-up

CORPORATE
Budget: A\$2M\*

Musgrave Float
Continuing Acquisition Evaluation

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to Board approval and may vary depending on results



### INDEPENDENCE CORPORATE GOALS

To improve shareholder returns by growing a highly profitable, multi commodity Australian mining company

## Focus on:

Low cash costs

Mine longevity

**Innovative exploration** 

Strong balance sheet



## **IGO CONTACT DETAILS**

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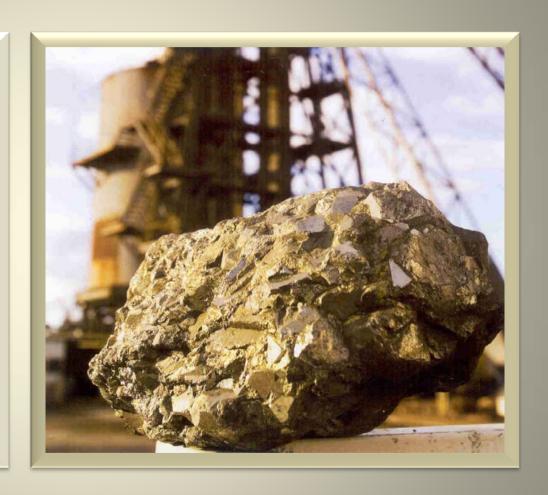
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## **COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENT**

Note: The information in this presentation that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Christopher M Bonwick who is a full-time employee of the Company and is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Christopher Bonwick has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Christopher Bonwick consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.



## LONG NICKEL MINE 2009 RESOURCES AND RESERVES

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		Tonnes	Ni %	Ni Tonnes			Tonnes	Ni %	Ni Tonnes
Indicat Inferre	Measured	64,000	6.4	4,100	LONG	Proven	70,000	3.5	2,500
	Indicated	298,000	5.2	15,500		Probable	155,000	2.9	4,500
	Inferred	61,000	4.4	2,700					
	Sub-Total	423,000	5.3	22,300		Sub-Total	225,000	3.1	7,000
Indi Infe	Measured	-	-	-	MORAN	Proven	-	-	-
	Indicated	401,000	6.9	27,800		Probable	640,000	4.1	26,300
	Inferred	55,000	8.4	4,600					
	Sub-Total	456,000	7.1	32,400		Sub-Total	640,000	4.1	26,300
	Measured	_	_	-	VICTOR SOUTH	Probable	112,000	4.6	5,200
	Indicated	305,000	3.2	10,100					
	Inferred	-	-	-					
Su	Sub-Total	305,000	3.2	10,100		Sub-Total	112,000	4.6	5,200
Indica Inferr	Measured	118,000	6.8	8,000	McLEAY	Proven	170,000	3.7	6,400
	Indicated	217,000	5.6	12,100		Probable	176,000	3.8	6,700
	Inferred	162,000	5.4	8,800					
	Sub-Total	497,000	5.8	28,900		Sub-Total	346,000	3.8	13,100
	Measured	4,000	5	200	BROKEN STOCKS	Proven	4,000	5	200
	Sub-Total	4,000	5	200		Sub-Total	4,000	5	200
TOTAL		1,685,000	5.6	93,900	TOTAL		1,327,000	3.9	51,800

#### Reserves are included in resources

#### Notes:

- 1 The cut-off grade used for the Victor South resource is 0.6% Ni.
- 2 Ore tonnes have been rounded to the nearest thousand tonnes and nickel tonnes have been rounded to the nearest hundred tonnes.



## TROPICANA JV RESOURCES AND RESERVES

## June 2009 Open Pit Resources

	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t) <sup>1</sup>	Contained Gold (Moz) <sup>2</sup>
Measured	24.2	2.3	1.79
Indicated	39.8	2.0	2.58
Inferred	11.3	1.8	0.64
TOTAL	75.3	2.1	5.01

## December 2009 Open Pit Reserves

	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t) <sup>3</sup>	Contained Gold (Moz) <sup>4</sup>
Proved	22	2.4	1.7
Probable	23	2.1	1.6
TOTAL	45	2.3	3.3

- 1 Cut-offs: 0.6g/t Au oxide, 0.7g/t Au fresh ore.
- 2 A\$1,250/oz Au optimisation.
- 3 Cut-off: 0.7g/t Au oxide ore, 0.8g/t Au fresh ore.
- 4 A\$1,058/oz optimisation (US\$900/oz gold price, 0.85 A\$/US\$ exchange rate).
- 5 See previous slide for JORC required competent person sign-off.