The next major mineral sands project in the global development pipeline

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"THUNDERBIRD HIGH GRADE RESOURCE UPDATE" 31 July 2015

"QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2015" 27 July 2015

"PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY CONFIRMS THUNDERBIRD AS NEXT MAJOR MINERAL SANDS PROJECT IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE" 14 May 2015

"EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH GRADES FROM INFILL DRILLING AT THUNDERBIRD MINERAL SANDS PROJECT" 9 February, 2015

"THUNDERBIRD HIGH GRADE RESOURCE SURPASSES ONE BILLION TONNES" 12 December 2014

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"1MT CONTAINED HM INFERRED RESOURCE AT ELLENGAIL", 25 October 2011

"WEST MINE NORTH MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS", 7 November 2011

"4.4 BILLION TONNE MAIDEN RESOURCE AT MCCALLS HMS PROJECT", 20 February 2012.

"ENEABBA PROJECT RESOURCE INVENTORY EXCEEDS 5MT HEAVY MINERAL", 28 August 2012

"LARGE HIGH GRADE MAIDEN RESOURCE FOR THUNDERBIRD HMS DEPOSIT", 18 December 2012

"YANDANOOKA RESOURCE UPGRADE AND METALLURGICAL RESULTS", 30 January 2013.

"1Mt HEAVY MINERAL RESOURCE ADDED TO ENEABBA PROJECT", 30 October 2013

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### **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

# Thunderbird

#### Tier 1 Mineral Sands Project

- Long life, high margin project in a stable jurisdiction
- Based on a very large, high grade, zircon-rich deposit
- Targeting 8% of global zircon and 4% of global TiO<sub>2</sub> feedstock markets
- Leveraged to multiple pricing cycles
- Planned ilmenite output could underpin a large pigment plant or titanium smelter
- Substantially de-risked through Pre-feasibility



Figure courtesy Robbins Project Engineering

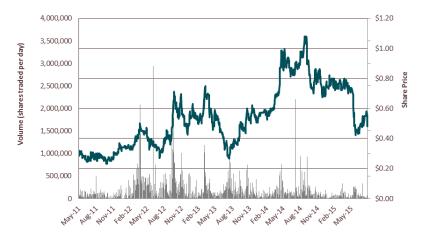
#### **COMPANY SNAPSHOT**

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Shareholder Split	
Top 20 Shareholders	43%
Directors	17.5%
Capital Structure	
Share price	48c
Shares on issue	134.4m
Employee Options (Ave. Ex Price 68c)	7.4
Market Cap (Undiluted)	\$64.5m
Cash (30 June 2014)	\$5.1m
Enterprise Value	\$59.4m



#### ASX Code: SFX



### **BOARD AND MANAGEMENT**





Will Burbury Executive Chairman



Bruce McQuitty Managing Director



David Archer Technical Director



**David Boyd** Exploration Manager



Mark Teakle Project Development Manager



Wayne Groeneveld Sustainability Manager

# **Proven Track Record**

- History of successful Exploration and Corporate Transactions
- Taken Thunderbird from discovery to pre-feasibility in 3 years
- 40 years of collective mineral sands experience





### PROJECT LOCATIONS (ALL 100% SFX)



#### **Thunderbird HMS**

**Total Resource** 

3.24Bt @ 6.9% HM (93Mt VHM)<sup>1</sup> including **1.09Bt @ 11.9% HM** 

#### Eneabba HMS

**Total Resource** 

 $172Mt @ 3.0\% HM (4.5Mt VHM)^{1}$ 

#### **McCalls HMS**

**Total Resource** 

4.4Bt @ 1.2% HM (50Mt VHM)<sup>1</sup>

Fraser Range (Nickel)

"Walk-up" drill targets

**Emerging Ni Province** 

1. See Resources Tabulation Appendix 1

### **STRATEGIC LOCATION**



## **Thunderbird**

#### Position

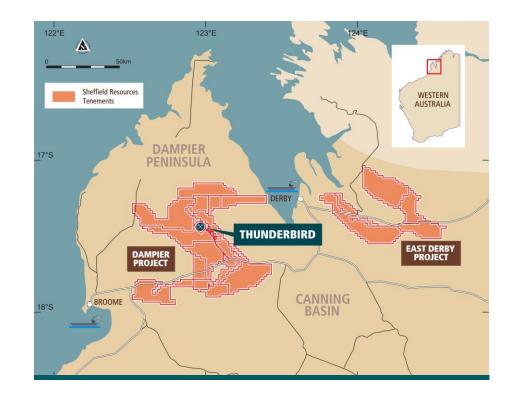
- 30km north of sealed Broome Derby highway
- 140km by road to either Broome or Derby ports

#### **Canning Basin**

- New mineral sands province
- 5,800km<sup>2</sup> of exploration licences

#### Western Australia

- Stable jurisdiction
- Pool of skilled workers and expertise
- Established mineral sands industry





# Large Scale, High Grade

#### Thunderbird Mineral Resource at 7.5% HM c/o 31 July 2015

	Mineral F	Resources <sup>1</sup>	Valuable HM Grade (in situ) <sup>2</sup>								
Resource	Material Mt	HM %	Zircon %	HiTi Leuc %	Leuc %	Ilmenite %					
Measured	110	14.9	1.09	0.31	0.28	4.0					
Indicated	850	11.8	0.90	0.28	0.25	3.3					
Inferred	130	10.7	0.82	0.25	0.23	3.0					
Total	1,090	11.9	0.91	0.28	0.25	3.3					

Refer to Appendices 1 & 2 for full Resources Tabulation

1. Tonnes have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimate.

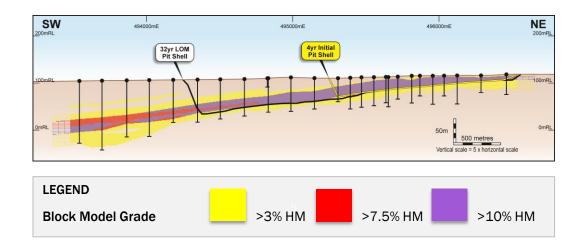
The in situ grade is determined by multiplying the percentage of HM by the percentage of each valuable heavy mineral within the heavy mineral assemblage.

- Measured Resource (at 7.5%HM cut-off) trebled to **110Mt @ 14.9% HM**
- Very high in situ zircon grade of **1.09**%
- A large, high grade resource that can underpin a major mineral sands operation for many decades

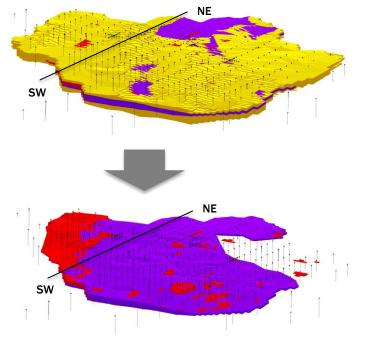


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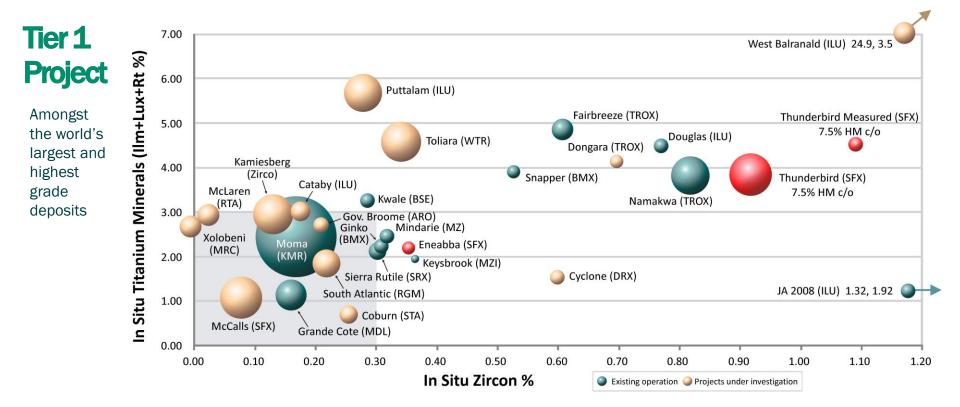
- Key to Thunderbird is continuous High Grade Zone
- This zone occurs at or near surface in the northern part of the deposit



Total Resource: 3.24Bt @ 6.9% HM (at 3% HM cut-off)



High Grade Zone: 1.09Bt @ 11.9% HM (at 7.5% HM cut-off)



#### **THUNDERBIRD ANALOGY**

#### Tronox's Namakwa Project<sup>1</sup>

- Commenced mining in 1994 (+30 year life)
- Reserves (2012) 432Mt @ 8.8% HM
- In situ grades: 0.80% zircon, 0.22% rutile, 0.48% leucoxene, 3.09% ilmenite
- 21Mtpa mining rate (truck & shovel)
- Annual production approximately 125kt zircon, 300kt ilmenite, 27kt rutile
- Ilmenite production feeds a large titanium smelter (250ktpa Ti slag, 120ktpa pig iron)

#### **Thunderbird PFS Metrics**

- +32 year mine life
- Mining Inventory<sup>2</sup> 580Mt @ 11.7% HM
- In situ grades: 0.92% zircon, 0.58% HiTi+leucoxene, 3.32% ilmenite
- 18Mtpa mining rate (dozer trap)
- Forecast annual production approximately 114kt zircon, 439kt ilmenite, 30kt HiTi84
- Ilmenite production could underpin a large titanium smelter or pigment plant



- 1. Source Exxaro Resources Ltd 2012 Annual Report
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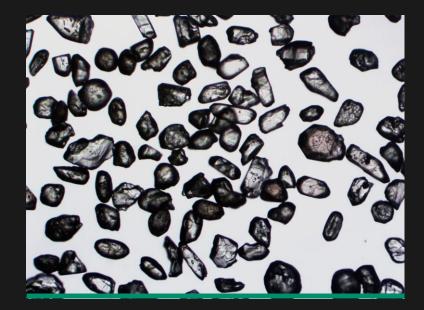
1	Initial PFS	Completed May
2	Native Title negotiations	Commenced & ongoing
3	Derby Port negotiations	Commenced & ongoing
4	Mining lease	Application lodged
5	Water extraction licence	Application lodged
6	PFS Update H2 2015	
	<ul> <li>Resource upgrade</li> </ul>	Completed July
	<ul> <li>Lower start-up throughput</li> </ul>	Commenced & ongoing
	<ul> <li>CAPEX/OPEX reduction</li> </ul>	Commenced & ongoing
	<ul> <li>Ilmenite upgrade</li> </ul>	Commenced & ongoing

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### **THUNDERBIRD PFS**

## Summary

- Long initial mine life of 32 years
- Strong cash margins (LOM Annual EBITDA \$120m)
- LOM operating cash flow \$4.3 billion
- Significant de-risking of project
- Opportunities for project enhancement under investigation during current PFS update



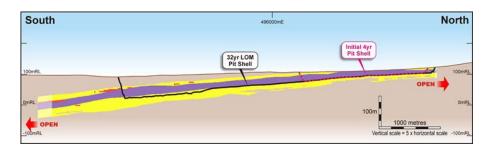


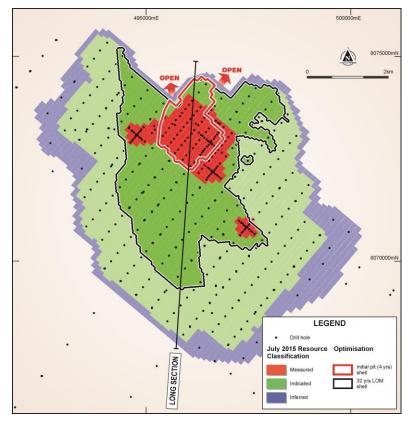
### **THUNDERBIRD PFS**



### **Physicals**

- 32+ year mine life (potentially 44 years)
- Average annual production at 18mtpa mining rate:
  - > 114,000tpa zircon
  - > 439,000tpa ilmenite
  - > 30,000tpa HiTi84
- Very low strip ratio (0.22:1 in first 10 years)





#### 1. Excluding taxes, royalties, closure costs, sale of capital equipment

2. Excluding estimated cost of DFS (\$10m)

# **Key Financials**

**THUNDERBIRD PFS** 

LOM revenue	A\$m	9,479
Average Operating Cash Flow <sup>1</sup> (first 10 yrs)	A\$mpa	163
Average Operating Cash Flow <sup>1</sup> (LOM)	A\$mpa	134
EBITDA (first 10 years)	A\$mpa	148
EBITDA	A\$mpa	120
EBIT (first 10 years)	A\$mpa	134
EBIT	A\$mpa	100
Revenue:Cost Ratio LOM		1.82:1
Revenue:Cost Ratio (first 10 years)		2.03:1
Pre-Production Capex <sup>2</sup>	A\$m	367
Pre-Production Capex contingency	A\$m	26
Pre-production Capex Payback	Years	3.6

#### Long Term Key Assumptions

A\$:US\$ Exchange rate		0.78
Zircon Price	US\$/tonne	1,375
Ilmenite Price	US\$/tonne	155
HiTi 84 leucoxene Price	US\$/tonne	580

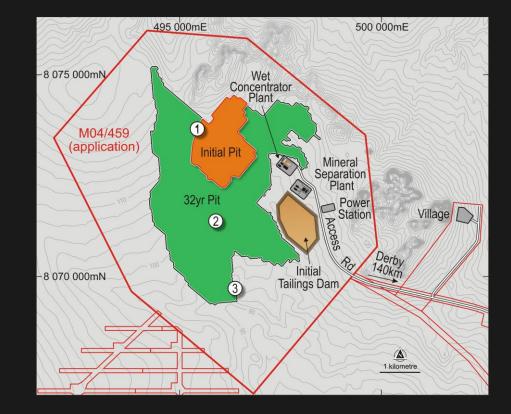
 Revenue split: zircon 64%, ilmenite 30%, HiTi84 6%



### THUNDERBIRD PFS

# Mining & Site Infrastructure

- Dry mining at rate of 18mtpa with dozers & traps
- WCP, MSP, & initial tailings dam adjacent to deposit
- Mining commences in shallow northern sector of deposit









### **Robust Mine-to-Market logistics chain**



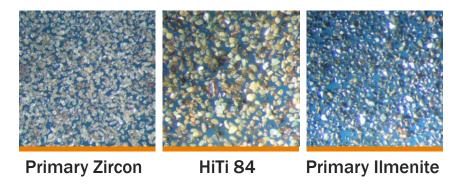
Products to be trucked from mine to port in covered road trains Product storage & loading at Derby Port Barging & transhipment of products Close proximity to potential markets

### PRODUCTS



# **Product Quality**

- Products derived from 12.5t bulk sample using conventional processing
- Product assessment by TZMI
- Primary zircon is suitable for ceramics (largest sector of zircon market)
- Primary ilmenite suitable for sulphate pigment process
- Primary ilmenite has low Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and low alkalis – suitable blending feed
- Upgraded ilmenite product suitable for sulphate process and slag feedstock
- HiTi84 product suitable for welding rod market



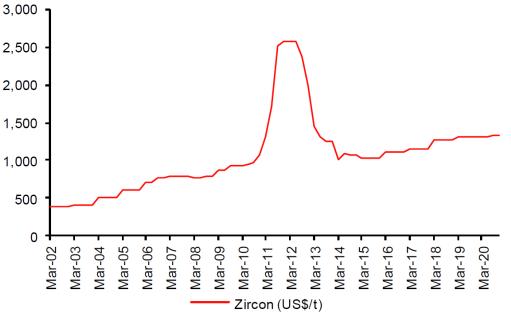
### MARKET OUTLOOK

#### Zircon

- Prices now stable around US\$1,100/t following 2011-12 spike
- Global demand is estimated grow at ~4% CAGR to ~1.3Mtpa by 2020
- Forecast growing supply deficit beyond 2018

#### Sulphate Ilmenite

- Current price weakness due to oversupply
- Global demand is forecast to grow at ~3.7% CAGR
- Forecast growing supply deficit beyond 2018



Source: Macquarie Research



### **TIMELINE TO PRODUCTION**



# **Upcoming Milestones**

**Targeting Production in 2019** 

2015			2016			2017			2018				20	)19				
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	
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							-											Offering leverage to multiple
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#### SUMMARY



# Advancing Thunderbird Towards Development

- World class, large scale, long life project
- One of very few large zircon-rich projects in the global development pipeline
- Strong cash margins with leverage to multiple pricing cycles
- Robust mine-to-market logistics
- PFS update due Q4 2015

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### **APPENDIX 1: RESOURCE INVENTORY**

#### Sheffield's contained valuable HM (VHM)\* resource inventory at 31 July 2015

Deposit	Resource Category	Zircon ('000t)	Rutile ('000t)	HITI Leuc. ('000t)	Leuc. ('000t)	limenite ('000t)	Total VHM ('000t)
Thunderbird	Measured	1,700		500	500	5,800	8,400
Thunderbird	Indicated	14,000		4,500	5,300	46,700	70,500
Thunderbird	Inferred	2,800		900	1,200	9,300	14,200
Yandanooka	Measured	13	2		3	87	105
Yandanooka	Indicated	240	81		83	1,440	1,840
Yandanooka	Inferred	4	1		2	23	29
Durack	Indicated	144	29		52	703	928
Durack	Inferred	26	5		13	121	164
Drummond Crossing	Indicated	143	101		37	542	823
Drummond Crossing	Inferred	7	5		1	28	41
Ellengail	Inferred	92	90		19	658	859
West Mine North	Measured	18	33		42	200	293
West Mine North	Indicated	71	87		46	506	709
McCalls	Inferred	3,490	1,060		2,580	42,910	50,040
Total	Measured	1,700	35	500	500	6,100	8,800
Total	Indicated	14,600	300	4,500	5,500	49,900	74,800
Total	Inferred	6,400	1,200	900	3,800	53,000	65,335
Total	All	22,800	1,500	5,900	9,800	109,000	148,930

All tonnages have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimate, thus sum of columns may not equal. The contained VHM tonnages in the above table are derived from Mineral Resource Estimates for the Yandanooka, Ellengail, West Mine North, McCalls, Durack deposits (estimated using a 0.9% HM cut-off), the Drummond Crossing deposit (estimated using a 1.1% HM cut-off) and the Thunderbird deposit (estimated using a 3% HM cut-off) detailed in Appendix 2. \* Valuable Heavy Minerals are classified as zircon, rutile, HiTi leucoxene, leucoxene and ilmenite. See the compliance statements at the beginning of this presentation for important information relating to the reporting of these Mineral Resources.

#### **APPENDIX 2: HMS MINERAL RESOURCES<sup>1</sup>**

#### Inventory at 31 July 2015

Project	Deposit	Resource Category	Cut-off (% HM) <sup>3</sup>	Material (Mt)*	Bulk Density	HM %	Slimes % <sup>3</sup>	Osize %	In-situ HM (Mt)*	Zircon <sup>2</sup> %	Rutile <sup>2</sup> %	HiTi Leuc. % <sup>2</sup>	Leuc. <sup>2</sup> %	Ilmenite <sup>2</sup> %
	Thunderbird	Measured	3.0	230	2.1	9.4	19	10	21	7.9		2.2	2.1	27
THUNDERBIRD	Thunderbird	Indicated	3.0	2,410	2.0	6.9	16	8	167	8.4	-	2.7	3.1	28
	Thunderbird	Inferred	3.0	600	2.0	5.6	16	9	33	8.4	-	2.8	3.5	28
	Total Thunderbird	Total	3.0	3,240	2.1	6.9	16	9	222	8.3	-	2.7	3.1	28
	Yandanooka	Measured	0.9	3	2.0	4.1	15	14	0.1	11	1.9	-	2.2	72
	Yandanooka	Indicated	0.9	90	2.0	2.3	16	15	2.1	11	3.9	-	3.9	69
	Yandanooka	Inferred	0.9	3	2.0	1.2	18	21	0.03	11	3.9	-	4.6	68
	Yandanooka	Total	0.9	96	2.0	2.3	16	15	2.2	11	3.8	-	3.9	69
	Durack	Indicated	0.9	50	2.0	2.0	15	21	1.0	14	2.8	-	5.1	69
	Durack	Inferred	0.9	15	1.9	1.2	14	17	0.2	14	2.5	-	7.2	66
	Durack	Total	0.9	65	2.0	1.8	15	20	1.2	14	2.8	-	5.6	68
	Drummond Crossing	Indicated	1.1	49	2.0	2.1	16	9	1.0	14	10	-	3.6	53
	Drummond Crossing	Inferred	1.1	3	2.0	1.5	16	8	0.05	13	10	-	2.8	55
ENEABBA	Drummond Crossing	Total	1.1	52	2.0	2.1	16	9	1.1	14	10	-	3.5	53
	Ellengail	Inferred	0.9	46	2.0	2.2	16	2	1.0	8.9	8.7	-	1.9	64
	Ellengail	Total	0.9	46	2.0	2.2	16	2	1.0	8.9	8.7	-	1.9	64
	West Mine North	Measured	0.9	6	2.0	5.6	15	1	0.4	4.9	9.1	-	12	55
	West Mine North	Indicated	0.9	36	1.9	2.3	13	3	0.8	8.4	10	-	5.4	60
	West Mine North	Total	0.9	43	1.9	2.8	13	3	1.2	7.9	10	-	6.4	59
	Total	Measured	Var.	9	2.0	5.2	15	5	0.5	6.7	6.8	-	8.7	60
	Total	Indicated	Var.	225	2.0	2.2	15	13	5.0	12	6.0	-	4.4	64
	Total	Inferred	Var.	68	2.0	1.9	15	6	1.3	10	7.2	-	3.2	64
	Total Eneabba	All	Var.	302	2.0	2.2	15	11	6.8	12	6.3	-	4.2	64
MCCALLS	McCalls	Inferred	0.9	4,431	2.3	1.2	27	1.4	53	6.6	2.0	-	4.9	81
WICCAELS	Total McCalls	All	0.9	4,431	2.3	1.2	27	1.4	53	6.6	2.0	-	4.9	81

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### **APPENDIX 3: MINING METHOD**

#### Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project – Schematic site layout

