

## Sheffield Resources Ltd

NEW MINERAL SANDS DISCOVERIES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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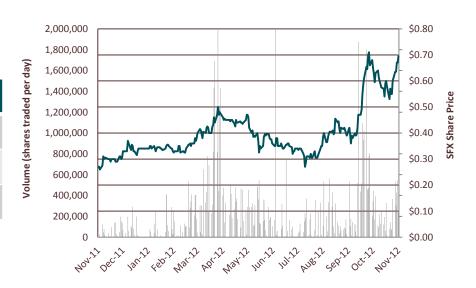
# Company Snapshot



Capital Structure	
Share price	\$0.605
Shares on issue	98.1m
Options (Ave. Ex Price ~25.2c)	28.7m
Market Cap (Undiluted)	\$59.3m
Cash at 30 September 2012	\$7.3m
Debt	Nil
Enterprise Value	\$52m

Shareholder Split	
Top 20 Shareholders	39%
Directors	16%
Institutions	12%

Board & Management						
Will Burbury	Executive Chairman					
Bruce McQuitty	Managing Director					
David Archer	Technical Director					
David Boyd	Exploration Manager					
Mark Teakle	Project Development Manager					



# **Investment Summary**



#### **Rapidly Emerging Player in Mineral Sands Sector**

ASX listed December 2010

## **Successful Explorer**

58Mt HM in resource inventory<sup>1</sup> + recent discoveries

#### **Dampier - Zircon**

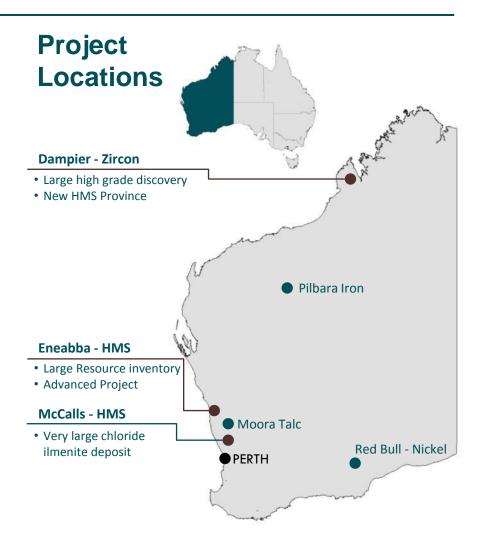
- Flagship Project large high grade discovery
- First major HMS discovery in the Canning Basin
- Further exploration potential
- Large tenure position in new minerals sands province

#### **Eneabba - Mineral Sands**

Building a large resource inventory in a proven mining district

#### McCalls - Mineral Sands

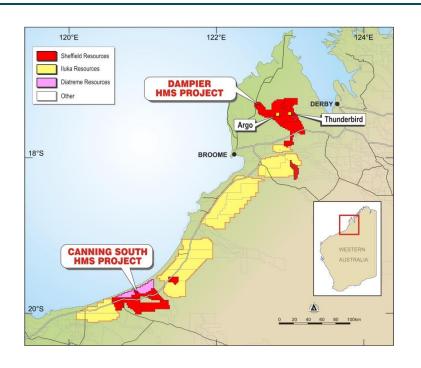
Very large chloride ilmenite deposit

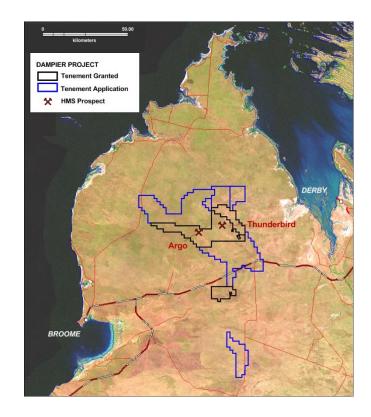


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Refer to Appendices 1 & 2 for Mineral Resources Tabulation

# **Dampier**







- Previously under-explored region
- Sheffield first mover with over 3,000 km² of tenure
- The Dampier Project contains two significant heavy mineral sands prospects: Thunderbird and Argo
- Thunderbird is a large shallow deposit on the eastern zone and is the first major discovery in the Canning Basin
- Argo is located on the western zone
- The Canning Basin is an emerging HMS province

## Thunderbird Discovery



#### Thunderbird has scale:

- Strike potential of 15 km, width 4km
- Thickness up to 42m

## **High grades:**

Exceptional broad, high grade intersections:

**32.1m** @ **10.1% HM** from 9m (THAC048)

**40.5m** @ **7.8% HM** from 3m (THAC047)

**41.5m** @ **7.3% HM** from 6m (THAC006)

**42m** @ **6.3% HM** from 21m (THAC025)

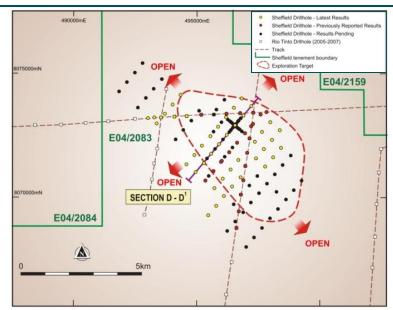
**27m** @ **8.6% HM** from surface (THAC040)

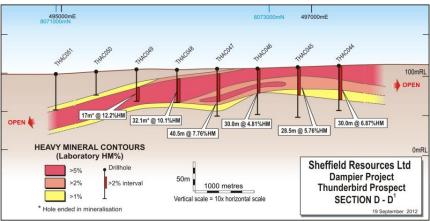
**26m** @ **9.6% HM** from 15m (THAC064)

17m @ 12.2% HM from 22.5 (THAC04

#### And favourable geometry:

- Mineralisation outcrops, dipping shallowly at < 1 degree</li>
- Mineralisation shows excellent continuity
- Half of the deposit has less than 3 metres of overburden
- Mostly above water table





## Thunderbird Discovery



## **Drilling programme completed**

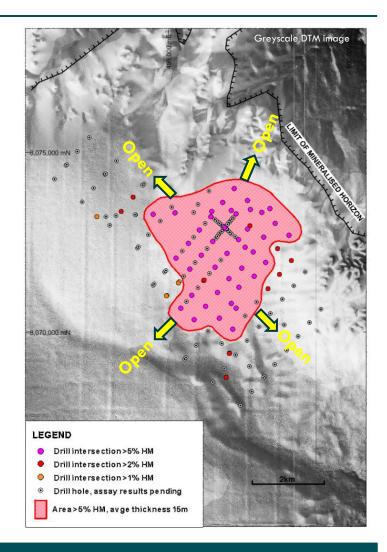
- Maiden drilling programme: 164 holes for 7,500m
- Tested 8 km of strike length
- Assay results returned to date for 71 holes (43%)
- Drilling pattern 500m x 500m at the centre of the target area, 500m x 1,000m at the strike extremities

#### High grade zone outlined – potential "starter pit"

- Internal high grade zone outlined (at 5% HM cut-off) averaging 15m thickness (locally up to 32.5m thick), with an area of 12km², averaging 9.0% HM
- Mineralisation is close to surface & remains open in all directions
- Potential for large tonnage high grade initial development

#### **Next steps:**

- Remaining drilling & mineral assemblage results imminent
- Resource estimation Q4 2012
- Initial metallurgical testwork Q1 2013
- Scoping work & further drilling Q2-Q3 2013



## Thunderbird - Mineralogy



#### **Mineral Assemblage:**

**7.1% zircon, 2.6% rutile , 2.9% leucoxene, and 31.7% ilmenite** from initial batch of QEMSCAN results<sup>1</sup>

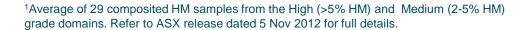
- Central High Grade Domain (>5% cut-off) has a high in situ zircon content of 0.6% (9.0% HM x 6.6% zircon)
- Approximately 30% of HM assemblage comprises aggregates & cemented particles – potential to liberate HM from these with scrubbing & attritioning will be investigated
- Further QEMSCAN results to come from remaining 93 drill holes for which assays are pending

## Other properties:

Grainsize: fine-medium grained

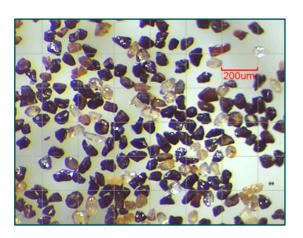
Slimes: (-45µm) 17% - moderate

Oversize: (+1mm) 21% - moderate





Panning of heavy mineral from drill sample



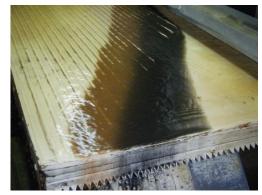
Valuable Heavy Mineral grains (THAC018 7.5-9m)

# Thunderbird - Metallurgy



## **Bulk Sample Metallurgical Testwork underway**

- 6 tonne bulk sample collected form Sheffield's composited drill samples
- Shipped to RJ Robbins laboratory, Brisbane
- Testwork to determine recovery & product quality, also for preliminary process design
- Results due Q1 2013



Wet table separation of HM from Thunderbird bulk sample



Thunderbird bulk sample at Robbins' laboratory



Loading bulk sample at site

## Thunderbird – Tenure & Infrastructure



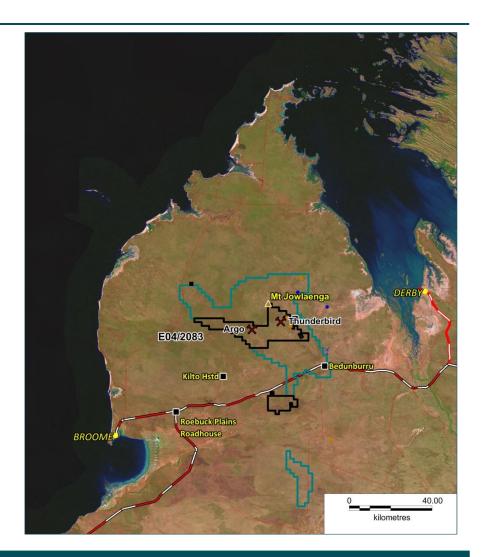
#### **Tenure**

- Exploration licence E04/2083 (granted 5 Sept 2011)
- Located on Crown Land (pastoral lease)
- Outside West Kimberley National Heritage Listed areas

#### Infrastructure

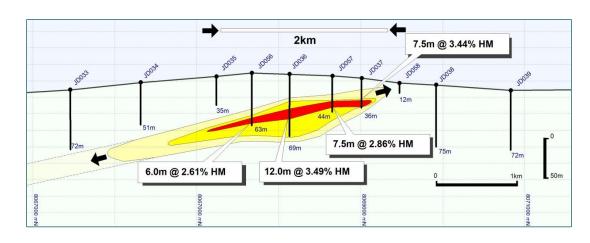
- 140km by road (100km sealed) to Derby or Broome ports
- Abundant good quality groundwater nearby
- Near recent gas discoveries

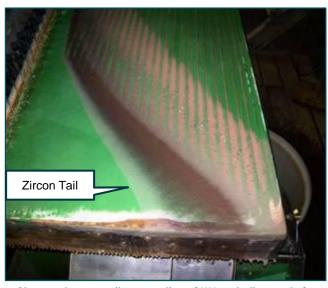




# Dampier – Exploration upside







Cleaner stage gravity separation of HM on bulk sample from the Argo prospect. Source: Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd open file report.

## **Argo Prospect**

- 12km west of Thunderbird
- High priority drilling target with established mineralisation (based on a single historical scout drill traverse)
- 17% zircon from historical metallurgical testwork
- Provides significant exploration upside
- Aboriginal Heritage Survey in progress
- Scheduled for drilling in the 2013 field season

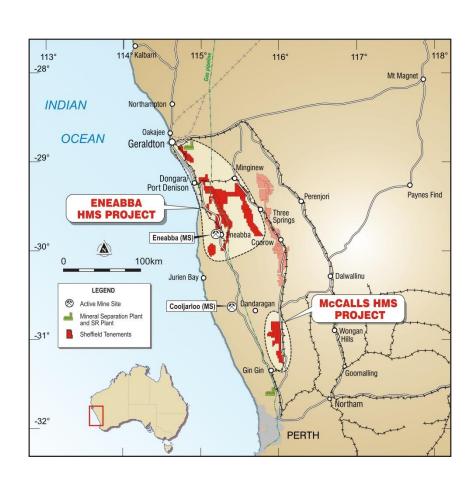
# Perth Basin Projects – Eneabba & McCalls



#### Northern Perth Basin

- Established mineral sands mining district
- Good quality, high value HM products
- Proximity to roads, rail & ports
- Available energy sources
- Abundant groundwater
- Proximity to SR plants

Sheffield secured a large tenure position in 2010, followed by drilling campaigns in 2011/12



## Eneabba



- Established mining district dominated initially by Iluka Resources Ltd and Tronox Ltd
- ~140km south of Geraldton port
- Sheffield's Mineral Resources total 226Mt @ 2.3% HM, containing 5.29Mt HM¹ (4 deposits)
- Good all-round mineral assemblage: 11% zircon, 6.7% rutile, 6.4% leucoxene and 63.5% ilmenite (>60% TiO<sub>2</sub>)
- Strategy: to build a substantial resource base to underpin a 20-30 year mine life

#### **Next steps:**

- Drill results from Irwin due Q4 2012
- Yandanooka resource upgrade & met work Q4 2012
- Drummond Crossing Resource estimate due Q1 2013
- Further targets to be drilled H1 2013
- Updated scoping assessment mid 2013

Yandanooka 71.75Mt @ 2.6% HM (Indicated + Inferred) Durack 65.3Mt @ 1.8% HM (Indicated + Inferred) Drummond Crossing Ellengail 46.46Mt @ 2.2% HM (Inferred) **West Mine North** 42.58Mt @ 2.8% HM (Measured + Indicated) Legend **Eneabba Project** Sheffield Tenements **Sheffield**Resources Iluka Tenements 20km Tronox Tenements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See Appendices 1 & 2 for resource tabulation

# Eneabba – Exploration Strategy



## Sheffield's niche: near surface dunal-style deposits

- Easy to find
- Sizeable generally 1Mt-3Mt contained HM
- Overlooked by previous explorers due to lower grade
- High value mineral assemblage:

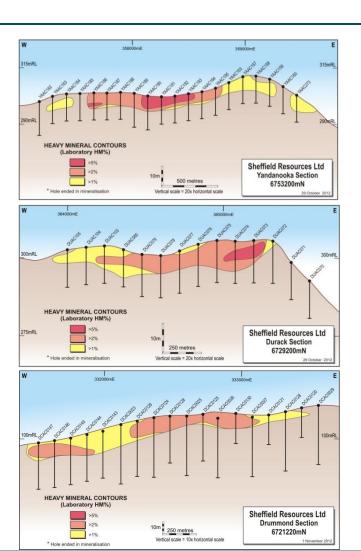
Yandanooka: 11.5% zircon, 6.9% rutile

Durack: 14% zircon, 2.8% rutile

Drummond Crossing: 14.9% zircon, 10% rutile

#### Advantages over narrow strand-style deposits:

- At or near surface minimal overburden
- Broad deposits allows a higher mining rate
- Above water table dry mining



## **McCalls**



- Large high TiO<sub>2</sub> ilmenite deposit, located 110km north of Perth
- Globally significant asset receiving considerable industry attention
- Mineral Resource of 4.4Bt @ 1.2% HM, containing 53Mt HM¹
- Lower grade but has scale:
  - contains over 40Mt of chloride grade ilmenite (65.4% TiO<sub>2</sub> determined by met testwork)
  - one of the largest chloride grade ilmenite deposits in the world
  - also contains 3.5Mt of zircon & 1Mt of rutile

#### **Next steps:**

- 71 broadly-spaced drill holes completed to obtain more representative mineral assemblage data
- Assay results due Q1 2013
- QEMSCAN results due Q1 2013
- Updated resource estimate Q2 2013

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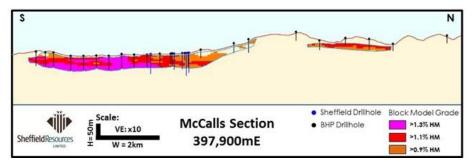
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# Summary



- Dampier the flagship project; Thunderbird a large high grade discovery
- Canning Basin is a new province with more discoveries to be made – immediate focus
- Established Mineral Resources at Eneabba and McCalls carry significant value – work continues
- Sheffield is leveraged to zircon & chloride ilmenite markets
- Successful track record of exploration underpinned by:
  - a strong cash position, and
  - an experienced management team







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# Appendix 1 Resource Inventory



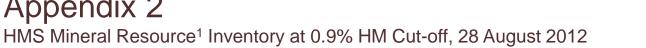
#### Sheffield's contained Valuable HM (VHM)\* Resource inventory (0.9% HM cut-off)

Deposit	Resource Category	Zircon ('000t)	Rutile ('000t)	Leuc. ('000t)	Ilmenite ('000t)	Total VHM ('000t)	
Yandanooka	Indicated	201	117	168	1,072	1,558	
Yandanooka	Inferred	12	8.5	15	73	108	
Durack	Indicated	144	29	52	703	928	
Durack	Inferred	26	4.6	13	121	164	
Ellengail	Inferred	92	90	20	658	860	
West Mine North	Measured	18	33	42	200	293	
West Mine North	Indicated	71	87	46	506	709	
McCalls	Inferred	3,491	1,063	2,576	42,911	50,041	
Total	Measured	18	33	42	200	293	
Total	Indicated	416	233	266	2,281	3,195	
Total	Inferred	3,621	1,166	2,624	43,762	51,173	
Total	All	4,055	1,432	2,932	46,242	54,662	

The contained HM tonnages in the above table are derived from Mineral Resource Estimates for the Yandanooka, Ellengail, West Mine North, McCalls and Durack deposits, previously fully reported in ASX releases by Sheffield on 16 August 2011, 25 October 2011, 7 November 2011, 20 February 2012 and 28 August 2012. Appendix 2 summarises the estimated tonnes and grades for these deposits.

<sup>\*</sup> Valuable Heavy Minerals are classified as zircon, rutile, leucoxene and ilmenite.

# Appendix 2





#### **ENEABBA PROJECT**

Deposit	Resource Category	Material (Mt)*	Bulk Density	HM %	Slimes %	Osize %	In-situ HM (Mt)*	Zircon %	Rutile %	Leuc. %	Ilmenite %
Yandanooka	Indicated	61.00	2.0	2.8	14.7	9.4	1.72	11.7	6.8	9.8	62.3
Yandanooka	Inferred	10.75	1.9	1.1	12.9	9.0	0.12	10.1	7.0	12.5	59.8
Yandanooka	Total	71.75	2.0	2.6	14.4	9.3	1.84	11.5	6.9	10.2	61.9
Durack	Indicated	50.3	2.0	2.0	15	21	1.02	14	2.8	5.1	69
Durack	Inferred	15	1.9	1.2	14	17	0.18	14	2.5	7.2	66
Durack	Total	65.3	2.0	1.8	15	20	1.20	14	2.8	5.6	68
Ellengail	Inferred	46.45	2.0	2.2	15.6	2.1	1.04	8.9	8.7	1.9	63.5
Ellengail	Total	46.45	2.0	2.2	15.6	2.1	1.04	8.9	8.7	1.9	63.5
West Mine North	Measured	6.47	2.0	5.6	14.8	1.2	0.36	4.9	9.1	11.6	54.9
West Mine North	Indicated	36.11	1.9	2.3	13.1	2.8	0.84	8.4	10.3	5.4	60.0
West Mine North	Total	42.58	1.9	2.8	13.4	2.5	1.21	7.9	10.1	6.4	59.2
Total	Measured	6.47	2.0	5.6	14.8	1.2	0.36	4.9	9.1	11.6	54.9
Total	Indicated	147	2.0	2.4	14.3	11.6	3.58	11.7	6.3	7.1	64.0
Total	Inferred	72.2	2.0	1.8	14.9	6.2	1.34	10.1	7.2	4.6	63.4
Total Eneabba	All	226	2.0	2.3	14.5	9.5	5.29	11.0	6.7	6.4	63.5

#### McCALLS PROJECT

Deposit	Resource Category	Material (Mt)*	Bulk Density	HM %	Slimes %	Osize %	In-situ HM (Mt)*	Zircon %	Rutile %	Leuc. %	Ilmenite %
McCalls	Inferred	4,431	2.3	1.2	26.5	1.4	53	6.6	2.0	4.9	80.8

<sup>\*</sup>Tonnes have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimate. 1 This estimate is classified and reported in a manner compliant with the JORC code and guidelines (JORC, 2004). <sup>2</sup> The Mineral Assemblage is represented as the percentage of the Heavy Mineral (HM) component of the deposit, as determined by QEMSCAN. TiO<sub>2</sub> minerals defined according to the following ranges: Rutile >95% TiO<sub>2</sub>; Leucoxene 85-95% TiO<sub>2</sub>; Ilmenite <55-85% TiO<sub>2</sub>.