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## WEST ARUNTA PROJECT COMMENCEMENT OF EXPLORATION

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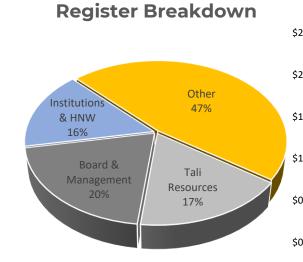


### **Corporate Overview**

Board & Management		Milestones	
Gary Lethridge	Non-Executive Chair	1. Feb 2022	Official Listing on ASX
Paul Savich	Managing Director	2. Oct 2022	Discovery of P2 Carbonatite
Tom Lyons	Executive Director - Technical	3. Nov 2022	Discovery of Luni Carbonatite
<b>Rhys Bradley</b>	Non-Executive Director & Co Sec	4. Nov 2022	Completion of \$10m Placement
Stephanie Wray	Exploration Manager	5. Nov-Feb 2023	New data capture and drill planning
Tom Hunter	Corporate & Financial Controller	6. Mar 2023	Commencement of 2023 fieldwork

#### Capital Structure (8 March 2023)

Shares on Issue (ASX: WAI)	49.8M
Unlisted Options (ex. \$0.30/sh)	4.4M
Share Price	\$1.42
Market Capitalisation	\$71M
Cash at Bank <sup>1</sup>	\$12M
Debt	Nil
Enterprise Value	\$59M



#### **Share Price History** \$2.50 \$2.00 3 5 \$1.50 25M \$1.00 20M 15M \$0.50 10M 2 5M \$0.00 0M

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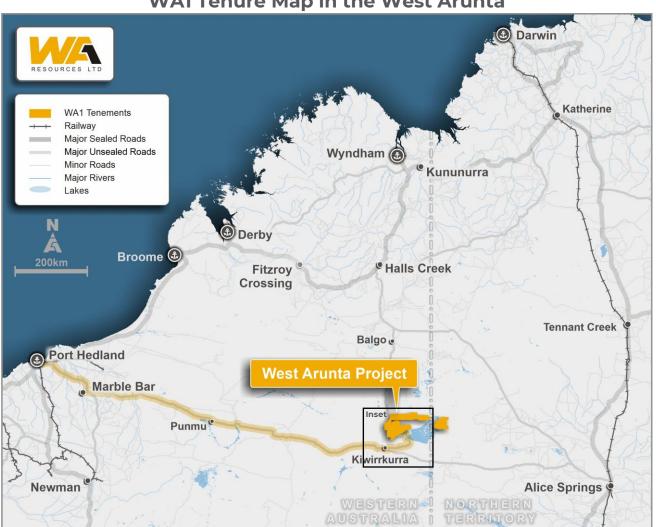
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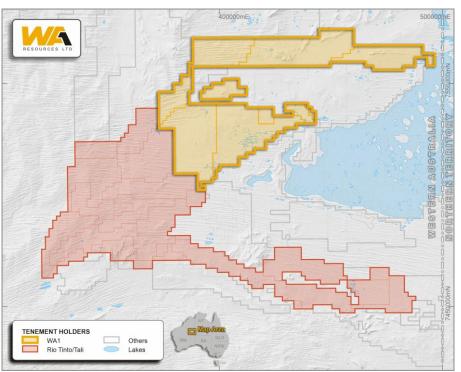
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#### **The West Arunta Project - Location** RESOURCES LTD



WAI Tenure Map in the West Arunta

- The West Arunta Project is located 1,300km by road from Port Hedland
- Rio Tinto Exploration are currently active to the south as part of a JV with Tali

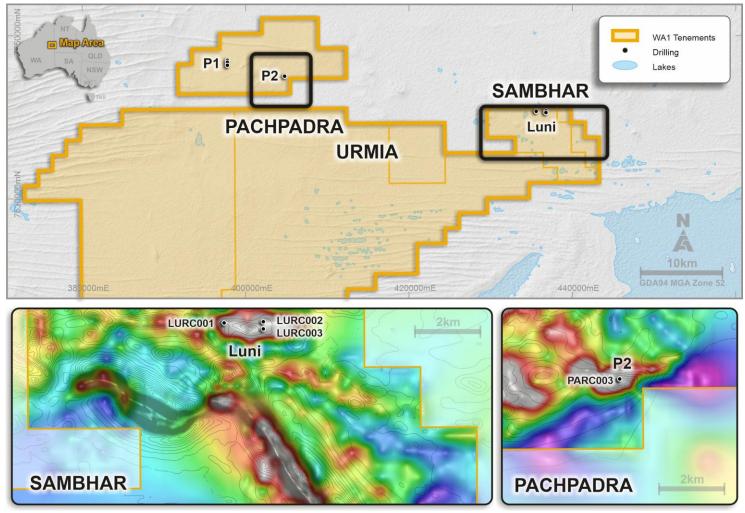


WA1 WAP Tenure Map with primary exploration access route

WAI WAP Tenure Map

### **Overview of the 2022 drill program**

- Drilling targeted large gravitymagnetic anomalies that can potentially indicate the presence of significant mineralised systems
- Maiden program completed in 2022 following years of pre-drill targeting
- Two mineralised carbonatites discovered in the maiden drill program



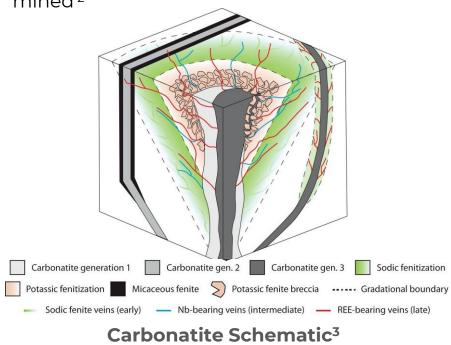
**Project Location & Drill Collar Locations** 

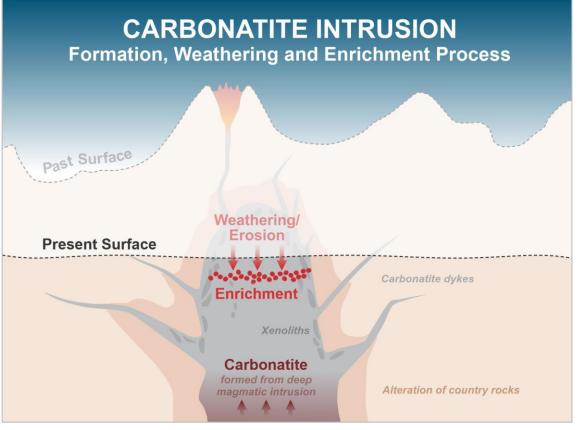
Figure details: Combined gravity (resUC200m, colour) and magnetic (residual contours) anomaly images



### Setting the scene – carbonatites globally

- Approximately 600 carbonatites have been discovered globally<sup>1</sup>
- Around 20% of these containing mineral resource estimates<sup>2</sup>
- Approximately 10% of carbonatites have been mined<sup>2</sup>





#### Carbonatite Schematic<sup>4</sup>

1. Gregory M. Yaxley, Michael Anenburg, Sebastian Tappe, Sophie Decree, and Tibor Guzmics: Carbonatites: Classification, Sources, Evolution, and Emplacement

2. Woolley. A and Kjarsgaard. B: Carbonatites of the World: Map and Database

- 3. Source: Elliot, H.A.L., et. al., Fenites associated with carbonatite complexes: A review. Ore Geology Reviews v93, pp28-59, 2018
- 4. Adapted from Lynas Corporation Ltd- Investor Presentation January 2010

### West Arunta Project – Luni Results

 Significant near surface enrichment at the Luni carbonatite<sup>1</sup>:

### 7m at 3.5% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

from 40m within an overall interval of 19m at 2.0%  $Nb_2O_5$ 

#### 6m at 2.3% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

from 31m within an overall interval of 28m at 1.0%  $Nb_2O_5$ 

### 3m at 3.1% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

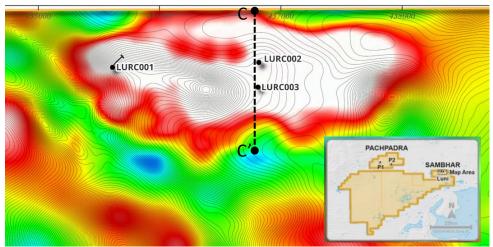
from 167m within an overall interval from 153m of 26m at 0.9%  $\rm Nb_2O_5$ 

- First indication of zonation: REE up to 2.4% TREO (LURCOO1: 2m from 35m), tantalum up to 814ppm Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (LURCOO1: 1m from 36m)
- Results confirm high grade niobium mineralisation at depth in moderately weathered carbonatite

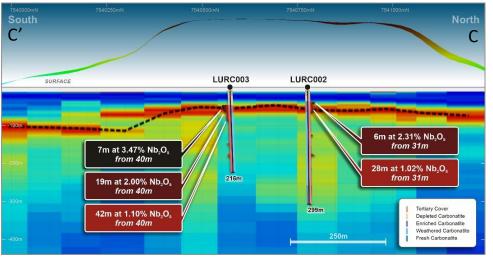


<sup>1</sup> Refer to WAI's ASX Announcement dated 6 February 2023 for full details

<sup>2</sup> Refer to WAI's ASX Announcement dated 1 March 2023 for full details



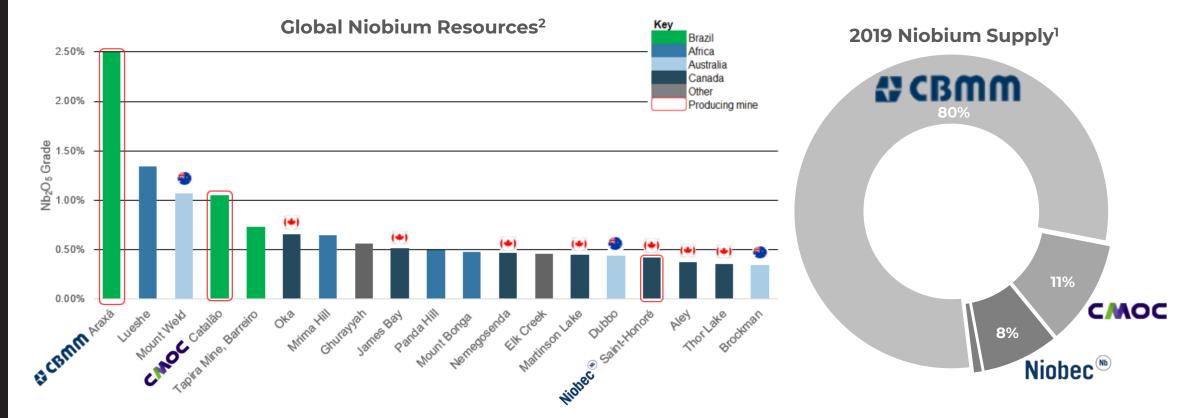
#### Luni Geophysical Anomaly & Drill Collar Locations



Luni Cross-section & Passive Seismic Interpretation<sup>2</sup>

### **Niobium: Global resources & supply**

- **Global supply is constrained** with 90% of production of this critical mineral coming from two Brazilian producers
- Existing producers operate with high margins: <US\$10-12/kg niobium open pit and <US\$19kg niobium underground block cave operation<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> NioBay Metals, Investors – Presentations, retrieved from <http://niobaymetals.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-05\_Niobay\_Corporate\_Presentation\_.pdf> on 25 October 2022 <sup>2</sup> Source: Euroz Hartleys Research, >7Mt & >0.3% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

### **Niobium: Critical for advanced technologies**

- Niobium is identified by the Australian Government and many other countries as a critical mineral
- Supply constrained with 10% penetration into global steel production as a micro alloy (<1%), ferroniobium (~\$45,000/t<sup>1</sup>) in various steel products can:
  - Increase strength
  - Reduce weight
  - Increase corrosion resistance
  - Increase heat resistance
- Important for infrastructure, gas pipeline and wind turbine construction
- Superconductor at low temperatures
- The addition of niobium to lithium-ion batteries overcomes some of the key hurdles to EV adoption<sup>2</sup>
  - More stable and up to 20x faster charging
  - Retains 80% capacity after 3,000+ cycles

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2. https://niobium.tech/Pages/Gateway-Pages/PDF/Briefings/Niobium\_in\_Li-Ion\_Batteries accessed on 25 October 2022

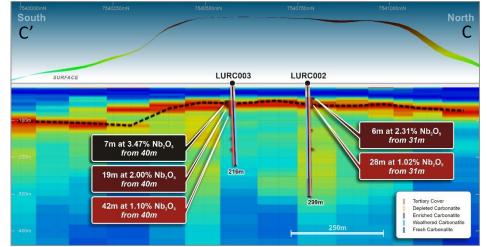
NIOBIUM OVERVIEW

**Oresund Bridge** 

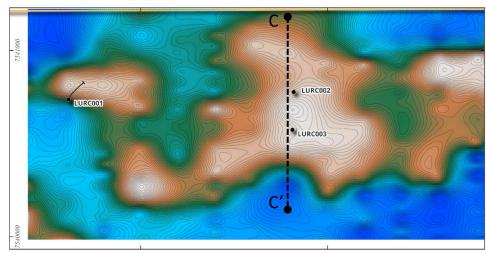
<sup>1.</sup> https://www.metalary.com/niobium-price/accessed on 25 October 2022

### **Passive seismic to enhance drill targeting**

- Shallow enriched high-grade mineralisation intersected in 2022 drilling has been associated with a distinct horizon between the strongly weathered and transitional carbonatite intrusion
- Passive seismic results have mapped a laterally consistent interface which appears coincident with this horizon
- This provides a shallow target horizon surrounding known high-grade niobium mineralisation for drill targeting
- Early drilling in the upcoming program will target this interpreted horizon to delineate a potential shallow enriched zone



Luni Passive Seismic and Gravity Cross-section with Drill Traces and Interpreted Bedrock Layer (dashed line)



Luni Passive Seismic Bedrock Topography

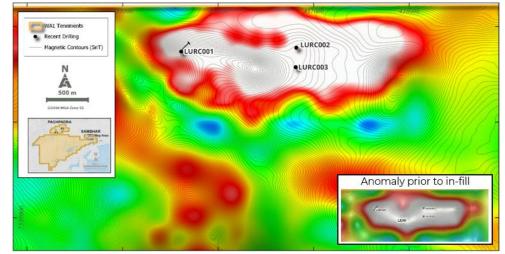
Top: Select passive seismic cross-section with 2022 RC drill traces, logged lithology, and gravity (hvd) profile denoting possible extent of carbonatite intrusion

Bottom: Passive seismic bedrock topography images with contours and 2022 RC drill holes Refer to WAI's ASX Announcement dated 1 March 2023 for full details

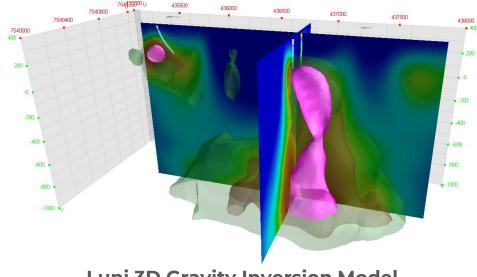
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### **Gravity survey increases definition**

- Infill gravity surveying at the Luni carbonatite discovery is interpreted to have defined the lateral extent of the intrusion
- Gravity data also enhances confidence that the passive seismic survey interpretation has successfully mapped the bedrock topography
- Recent passive seismic results were also used to constrain the gravity data, providing see-thru to a very dense possible feeder zone at depth



#### Luni 3D Gravity anomaly with Magnetic contours



Luni 3D Gravity Inversion Model

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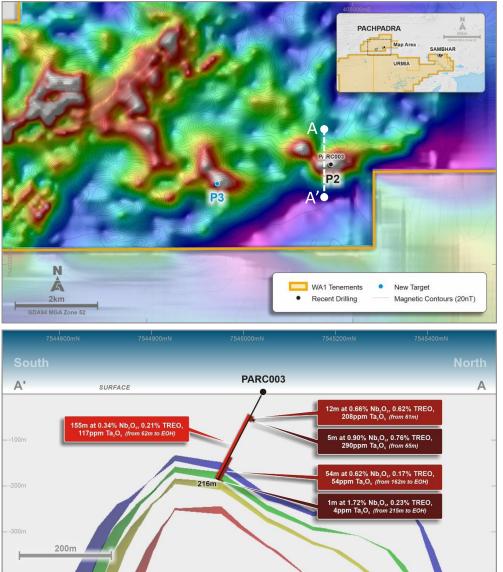
Top: Combined gravity colour image (resUC200m) and magnetic anomaly contours with existing RC drill holes Bottom: Gravity anomaly 3D inversion density model cross-sections and high density body shells with existing drill holes

Refer to WAI's ASX Announcement dated 7 March 2023 for full details

### P2 & regional targets

- First drill hole at the P2 Target discovered a mineralised carbonatite system
- End of hole returned the highest-grade (1m @ 1.72% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) suggesting mineralisation may be open and have depth potential
- New geophysical data has been captured over P2 in recent months and is currently being interpreted
- Over 3km of P2 strike yet to be drill tested
- In addition, new geophysical data has enhanced regional targeting
- Plans are in place to drill test regional targets during 2023

#### Pachpadra Project Area & Cross-section



Top Left: Combined gravity (resUC200m, colour) and magnetic (residual contours) Bottom Left & Right: Residual gravity anomaly with density shells and drill trace Refer to WA1's ASX Announcement dated 13 December 2022 for full details

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### Key project workstreams initiated



Test work to de-risk project development beyond exploration are in focus, mineralogical studies in progress



Regional baseline data available to potentially assist with environmental approval processes



Multiple road and rail transport corridors available for future operations including container handling facilities at port



Known regional water sources with potential for volumes to support mining operations<sup>1</sup>



Early engagement with a **supportive local community** with Native Title exploration access agreements in place

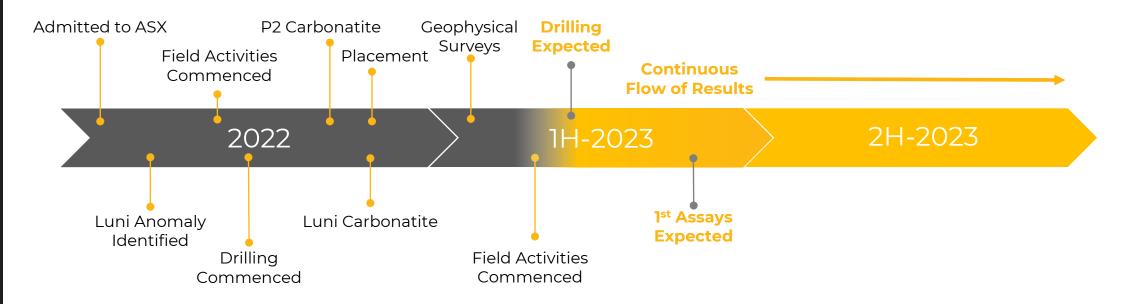


Long term monitoring within the region has shown potential for a hybrid diesel, solar, wind and battery **power solution**<sup>1</sup>



Supportive Federal strategy to advance projects that strengthen Australia's critical minerals industries

### **Timeline of West Arunta Project activities**



#### Earthworks equipment and exploration camp mobilising



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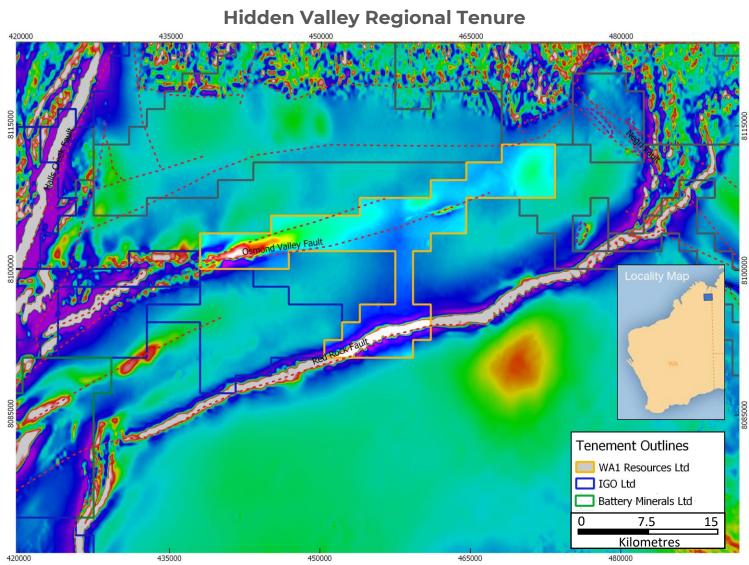
### Madura and Hidden Valley Projects

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- The Madura Project is located east of the Albany-Fraser Orogen and has potential for Copper-Gold mineralisation of an IOCG affinity with almost no historic exploration activity
  - The Hidden Valley Project is considered prospective for PGE-Copper-Nickel mineralisation with interpreted intrusive bodies never adequately tested

### **Hidden Valley Project**

- The Hidden Valley Project covers an eastern splay of the Halls Creek Orogen, along strike from IGO's Osmond Project
- The Project contains 36km of the Osmond Valley Fault and is considered prospective for PGE Cu-Ni occurrences
- The area, although identified in the 1970's as highly prospective, has been tightly held but remains underexplored for Ni sulphides and has not been subject to modern-day electromagnetic surveys
- First-pass geophysical survey completed in December 2022, results are awaited

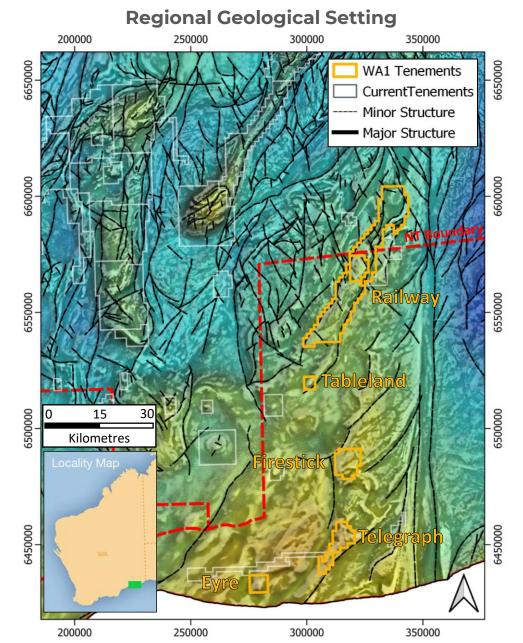


Hidden Valley Project with current tenure over TMIRTP image, structures and mapped mafic intrusions



### **Madura Project**

- The Mundrabilla Crustal Element (MCE) is bound to the east and west by the Mundrabilla Lineament and the Albany-Fraser Orogen, respectively
- Tenements sit proximate to a major NE trending structure and interpreted felsic intrusions which contain coincident high gravity and magnetic anomalies
- A government funded seismic and magnetotelluric traverse from the MCE to the Gawler Craton in South Australia has provided important insight into the crustal architecture of the region
- The province is considered prospective for copper-gold mineralisation of an IOCG affinity
- Regional exploration potential is recognised by active companies which includes, BHP, Rio Tinto and Chalice



Regional magnetics & gravity with structural interpretation (source: GSWA and Spaggiari et al., 2020, compiled by WAI)

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