

# WUDINNA PROJECT MAIDEN JORC REE RESOURCE ESTIMATE

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# **REES - A COMPLEMENTARY OPPORTUNITY**



### **COMPLEMENT EXISTING GOLD ASSETS AND ASSIST IN FUTURE RESOURCE GROWTH**

- ▷ Growing MRE of 211,000 Oz of gold
- Clay hosted REEs overlie existing gold resources
- Structural, chemical and spatial association to defined gold mineralisation
- Dual exploration strategy to advance additional targets
- Potential to improve pathway for project financing



### **POTENTIAL FOR DUAL OUTPUTS FROM A SINGLE SOURCE**

- Defining value from overburden
- Reducing environmental disturbance footprints
- Value add economic potential



### **DEFINE SCALE POTENTIAL AND EXODERMIC CONDITIONS FOR IAC REEs**

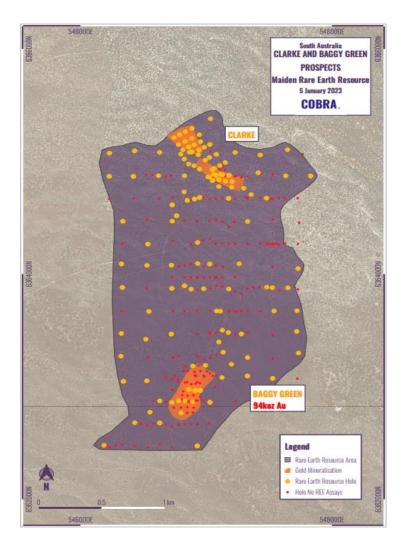
- Define regional scalable occurrence
- Identify potential for ion adsorption style mineralisation
- Baseline requirements for potential insitu leach recoveries



Prospect & Category	Tonnes	TREO	MREO	LREO	HREO	Pr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Tb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
Prospect & Category	Mt	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
Clarke	14.1	685	166	544	141	32.5	116.2	14.7	2.6
Baggy Green	6.8	597	132	453	144	25.7	89.8	14.0	2.3
Total Inferred	20.9	658	155	516	143	30.4	108.0	14.5	2.5

#### **EXCLUSIVE RARE EARTH OCCURENCE**

- Overlies 94,000 Oz gold resource at Baggy Green and 500m of gold strike at Clarke
- Exceptional expansion potential constrained by drilling footprint
- Synergies between gold and REE mineralisation enables future exploration to expand resources of dual commodities
- Grade upside owing to the sample composite length at Baggy Green and additional holes for re-assay
- Catalyst to evaluate commercial outcomes from dual commodities

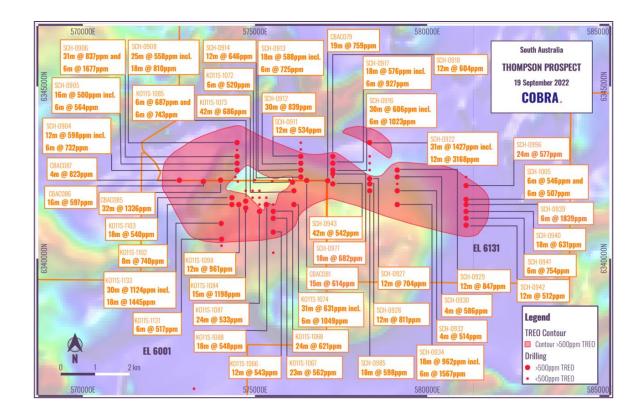


### **DEMONSTRATED SCALE POTENTIAL – THOMPSON EXPLORATION TARGET**

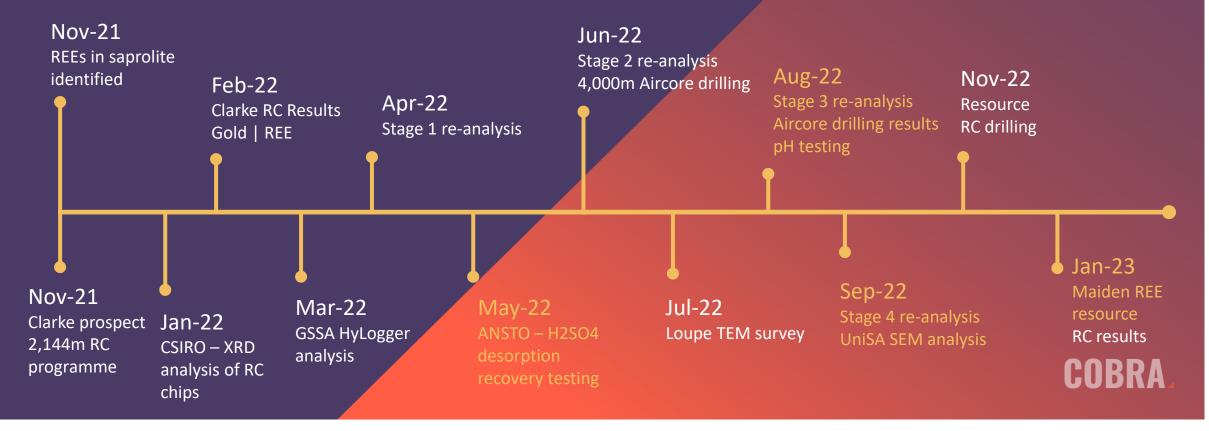
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riospect	Mt	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
Thompson Exploration Target	81 - 233	640 - 856	168 - 234	550 - 717	97 - 140	32 - 42	124 - 174	10 - 15	2 - 3

#### **EXTENSIVE OCCURRENCE**

- Considerable potential to contribute to REE MRE
- Significantly scalable target, open beyond current drilling
- High concentrations of high-value, magnet rare earths 26-28%
- Variable saprolite conditions supportive of ionic adsorption
- Infill and extension drilling planned for March 2023



# TIMELINE APPROACH TO DEFINE REE MINERAL RESOURCE



# PRELIMINARY METALLURGICAL TESTWORK

### **RARE EARTH MINERALISATION**

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Rare earths occur as soluble cations, extractable by ionexchange leaching with monovalent salts

#### **Colloid Phase**

Rare earths occur as oxides or hydroxides, or within the colloidal polymeric compounds within the clay structure. Extractable through acid leaching

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#### Mineral Phase

Occurs within solid crystal structure of minerals representative of the host rock. Non-recoverable in ionic clays. Intensive processes required

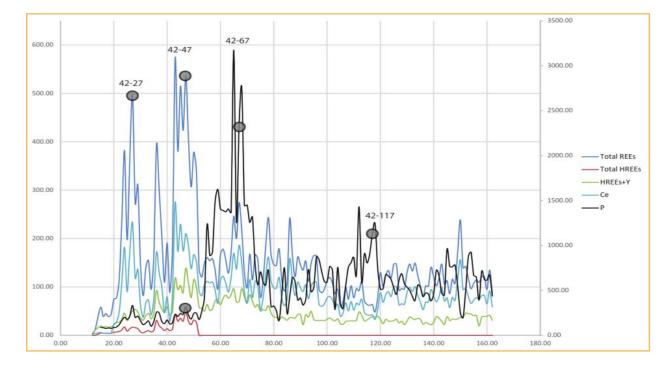
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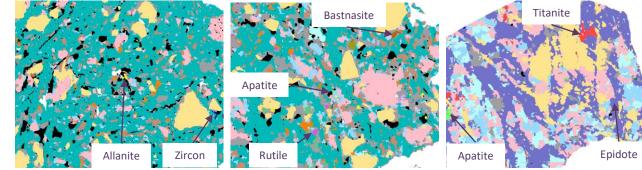
- Samples from two gold bearing holes submitted for standard desorption testing
- Recoveries increase with a reduction in pH and with increasing leach period
- MREO recoveries up to **34.7%**, pH1 (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) (to lithium borate fusion assays)
- Increased focus on environmental and lithological conditions supportive of ionic adsorption
- Company committed to defining low-cost and environmentally considerate extraction methods

### **WUDINNA PROJECT REE MINERALOGY**

### **SEM ANALYSES – UniSA**

- Samples from CBRC0042
- Primary REE mineral phases: zircon, titanite, apatite, andradite, epidote
- Secondary REE mineral phases: monazite, basanite, allanite, rutile
- REE enrichment in source rock associated with Hiltaba intrusive alteration
- Phosphate peak at base of saprolite not associated with REE grade peaks
- Definitive change in REE bearing mineral phases between basement and saprolite
- Very low secondary mineral phases identified at REE peak at 27m downhole

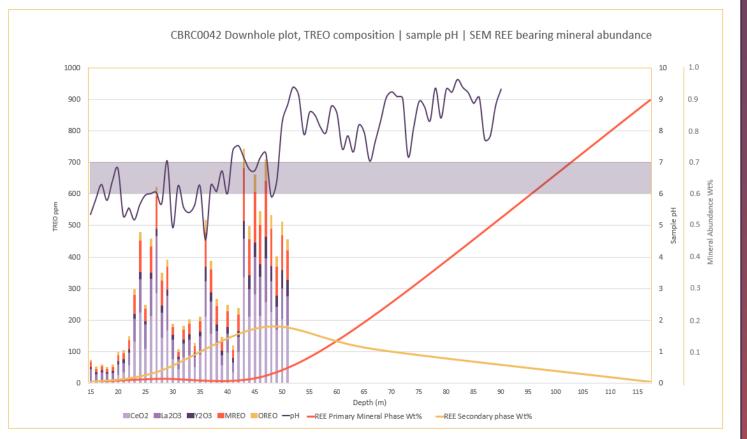




### **IDENTIFYING IONIC ADSORPTION POTENTIAL**

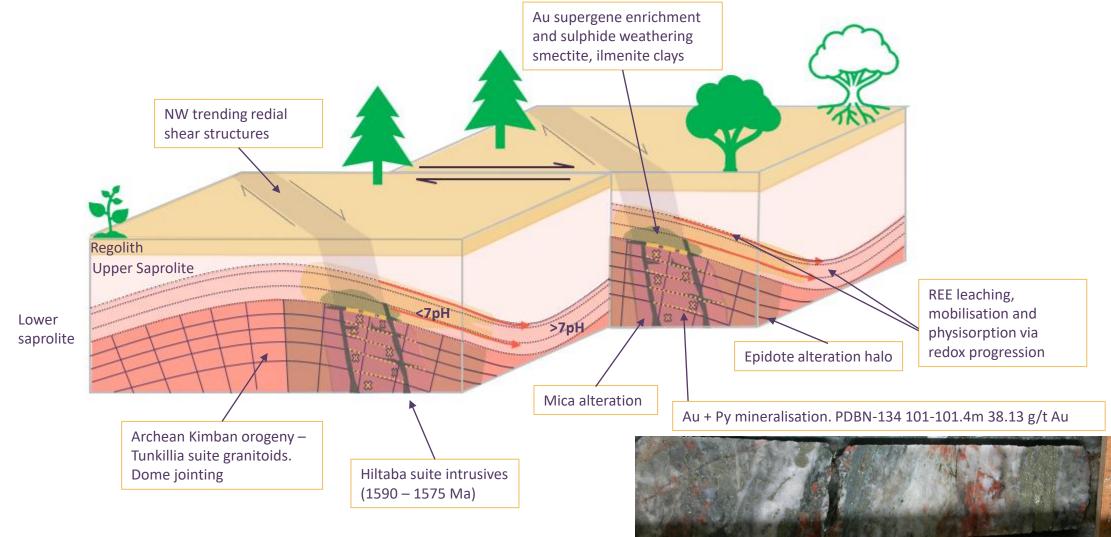
#### **IDENTIFYING EXOGENISIS CONDITIONS**

- Alteration associated with Hiltaba Age intrusive enriched in REEs
- Changes in REE mineral phases hard rock saprock
   saprolite
- Clays with high adsorption capacities
- Variable to low levels of phosphates
- pH > 7 promotes hydrolyised clay species (chemisorption)
- Luo et al, 2022<sup>1</sup>, note the importance of slightly
  6.2 -6.8 pH acidic conditions to maximise surface adsorption (physisorption)
- Feng et al, 2020<sup>2</sup>, demonstrate physisorption is possible under basic conditions (pH 10)
- Can the weathering of sulfides associated with gold mineralisation promote the correct conditions in saprolite?



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### **PROPOSED EXPLORATION MODEL FOR WUDINNA IONIC REES**



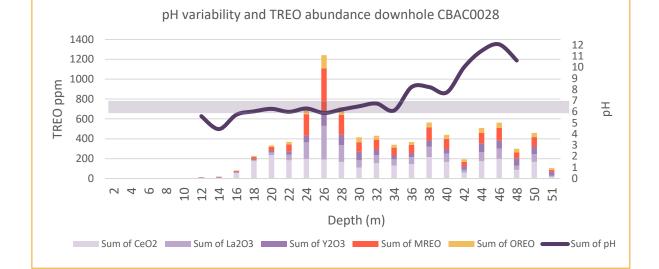
### **TESTING THE WUDINNA PROJECT EXPLORATION MODEL**

#### **REE ASSOCIATION TO PH CONDITIONS**

- Field test pH readings incorporated with REE dataset to assess the associations between REE occurrence and acidity
- Variable conditions both vertically and spatially to gold mineralisation
- Encouraging grade associations to pH conditions. REE enrichment of LREE and HREE greatest at pH 6-7 range
- Supports physisorption at redox boundaries, or at discrete changes in acidity alkalinity

#### **IDENTIFYING IONIC COMPONENT**

- ▷ At the Clarke prospect:
  - At >350 ppm cut-off the average intersection is 651 ppm TREO
  - pH 6-7 yields the highest grade: 1,746 ppm TREO, MREO is 27% of the TREO (464 ppm)
  - pH 9-10 yields 1,697 ppm TREO, MREO lowest at 21% of the TREO



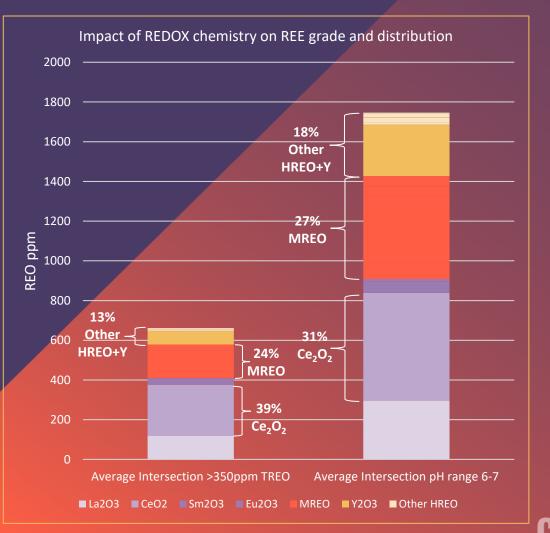
Clarke Average Reported Intersection grades by sample pH, n=86

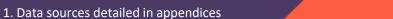


### **ADDING VALUE POTENTIAL THROUGH TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

#### METALLURGICAL UPSIDE THROUGH GEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

- Extensive data collation and analysis critical in identifying variability and target potential
- Robust understanding of mineralogy an important component in advancing metallurgy
- pH analysis a low-cost approach to improve lowcost extraction?
- Targeting of environmental conditions essential in defining IAC potential





### **H1 2023 WUDINNA EXPLORATION PLAN**

Exploration Activity	Jan	-23		Feb	-23		Mar	-23		Apr	-23	1	May-:	23	Jun	-23	
Maiden REE Resource																	
2022 RC Results																	
2022 TEM Geophysical Processing																	
Drilling planning and approvals																	
RC Programme Rehabilitation																	
Phase 1 REE Metallurgical Testing																	
Phase 2 REE Metallurgical Optimisation Studies																	
Resource Expansion drilling 5,000-10,000m (AC and RC)																	
Programme Rehabilitation																	
MRE Update																	

Company updates will be provided on additional highlights when required

# **INVESTMENT RATIONALE**



### A UNIQUE CLAY HOSTED REE OCCURRENCE OVERLAYING GOLD

- Complementary REE and Gold JORC mineral resources with significant growth potential
- ESG aligned through adding value through overburden



#### **ADVANCED UNDERSTANDING OF REE MINERALOGY**

- Understanding of REE mineral phases
- Proven metallurgical potential: up to 34.7% H2SO4 from samples without optimal REDOX conditions



### **DEMONSTRATED SCALE POTENTIAL**

- REEs intersected across 15 prospects
- Significant Exploration Target defined at Thompson prospect 81-233 Mt



### **POISED FOR GROWTH**

- 500m of gold strike defined outside of current MRE, currently drilling 4,000m programme aimed at further strike extension
- Updated gold MRE and maiden REE resource imminent
- ▷ Funded to execute 10-15,000m resource expansion programme in H1 2023
- ▷ Academic and industry collaborations to advance REE extraction potential

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# **WUDINNA PROJECT JORC (2012) MINERAL RESOURCES**

#### **2019 RESOURCE ESTIMATE**

\*Not inclusive of exploration results reported in 2020, 2021 & 2022

DEPOSIT	CLASSIFICATION	TONNES	GRADE (g/t Au)	GOLD OZ
Barns	Indicated	410,000	1.4	18,000
Barns	Inferred	1,710,000	1.5	86,000
White Tank	Inferred	280,000	1.4	13,000
Baggy Green	Inferred	2,030,000	1.4	94,000
Total		4,430,000	1.5	211,000

Table shows complete MRE for the Wudinna Project Under the Wudinna Heads of Agreement, Cobra Resources has the right to earn-in up to 75% of the Wudinna Project Refer to the Company Prospectus 2020 for full detail concerning MRE

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The information in this presentation that relates to the Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources has been compiled by Mrs Christine Standing BSc Hons (Geology), MSc (Min Econs), MAusIMM, MAIG. Mrs Standing is a full-time employee of Optiro Pty Ltd and has acted as an independent consultant on the Mineral Resource Estimates for the Barns, Baggy Green and White Tank Deposits. Mrs Standing is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience with the style of mineralisation, deposit type under consideration and to the activities undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The JORC Code). Mrs Standing consents to the inclusion in this report of the contained technical information relating the Mineral Resource estimations in the form and context in which it appears.

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