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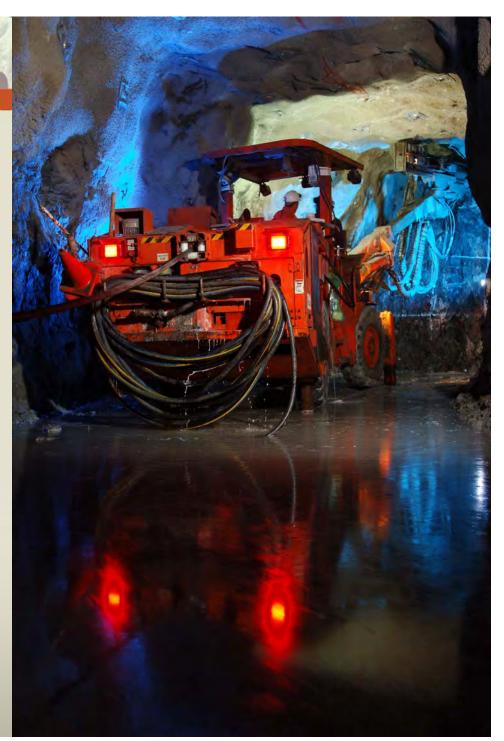
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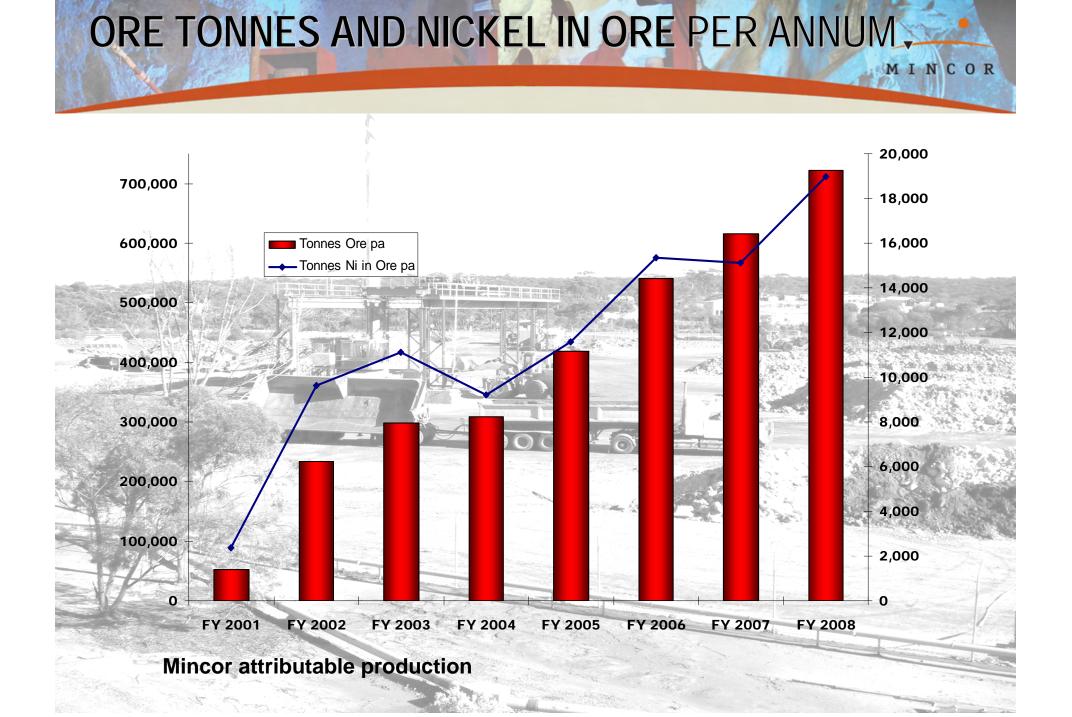
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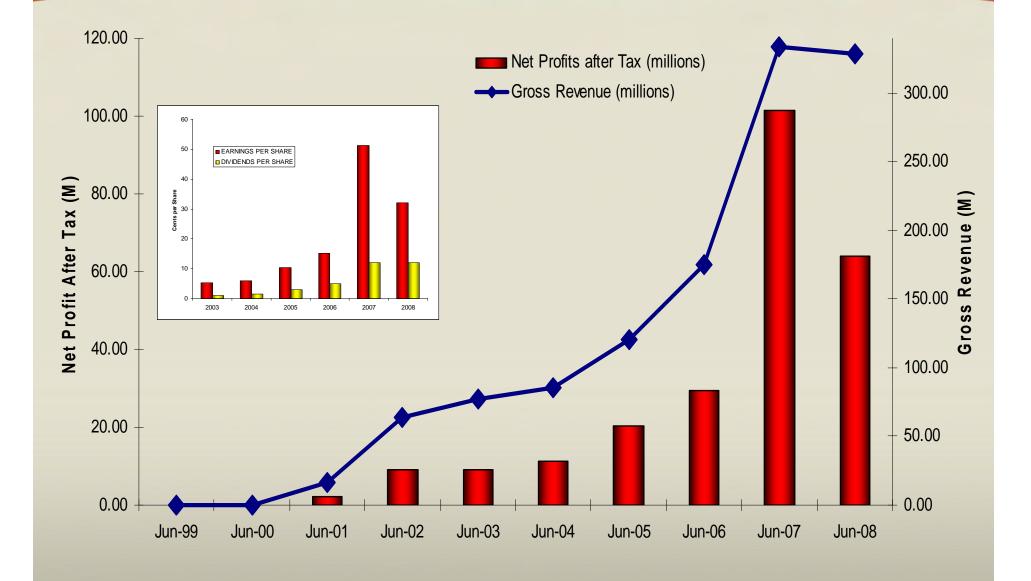
### MINCOR RESOURCES NL

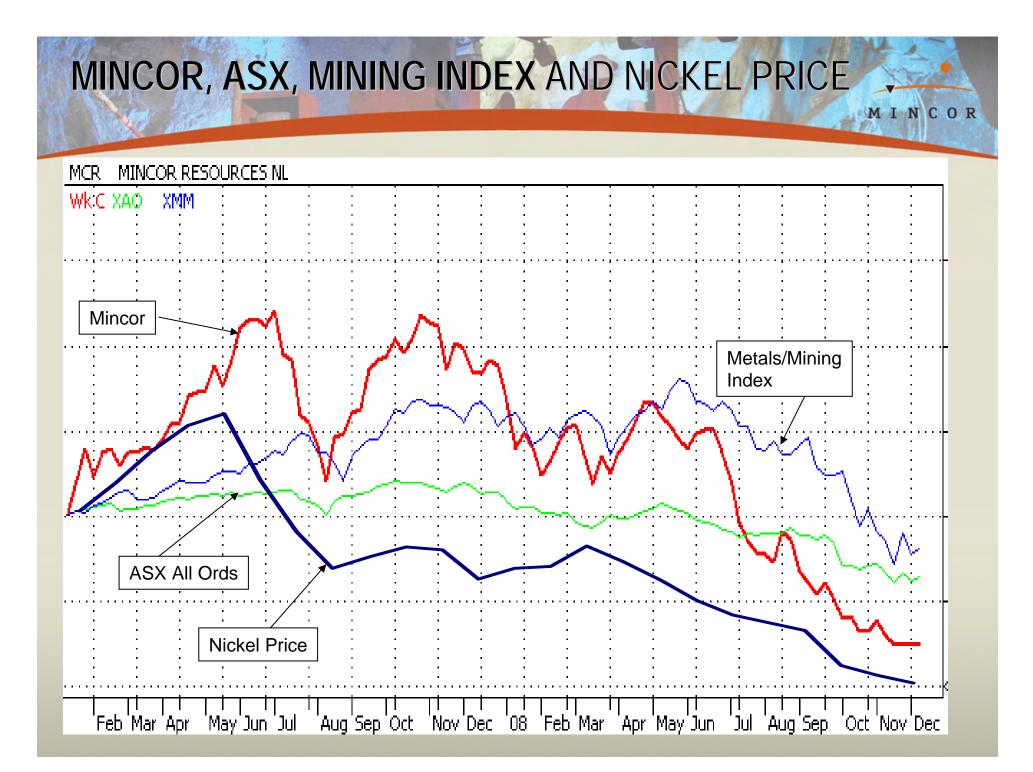
- Australia's third largest listed nickel producer (after BHPB and Minara)
- Strong profits since 2001
- Regular dividends since 2003
- Strong balance sheet, no debt
- Once-only equity raising: \$5m in 2001
- Two operational centres in worldclass Kambalda Nickel District
- Excellent safety record
- Targeting 20 years of production at 20,000 tonnes nickel in ore per year
- Well-placed to withstand a global down-turn





### MINCOR – A PROVEN PERFORMER





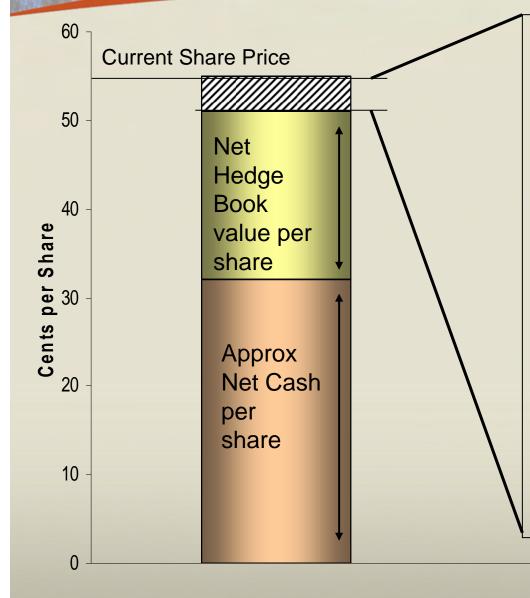
### UNDERSTANDING THE NICKEL BUSINESS

#### How to understand the nickel business:

- Nickel is exceptionally volatile
- Generates high but volatile returns over the long term
- Does not generate steady-state returns from a mythical "long-term" nickel price

- Good times are very good, bad times must be managed
- Over the past 4 years of strong nickel prices Mincor generated \$215 million in profits, \$62 million in dividends, capital returns in excess of 1,000%, expanded its asset base, and enters the down-turn with a very strong balance sheet
- Mincor will manage its way through the current downturn, and be ready to lift production rapidly into the next upturn – providing outstanding leverage to the future recovery in the nickel price

**ANOMALOUS VALUE AVAILABLE NOW** 



Value attributed by the market to Mincor's business, being 4 cents per share, or A\$8 million.

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This business has:

- an <u>8-year</u> track record of production and profits;
- 2007/8 EBITDA of <u>\$140 million;</u>
- Current cashflows of \$2-5 million <u>per month</u> (before capital and exploration);
- 160,000 tonnes of nickel in Resource;
- property, plant and equipment;
- active mining and exploration operations

### A ROBUST LONG-TERM BUSINESS

#### Mincor is exceptionally well-placed to withstand a down-turn:

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- Strong cash balance
- No debt
- Strong hedge book, current value approx A\$40 million
- Wide range of operations and cash costs
- A unique capacity to tailor production to the nickel price
- Guaranteed market for all production (with very low credit risk)
- Low general head office and corporate costs
- Stable management team and workforce
- Kambalda asset base with 40-year production record

### MANAGING THE DOWNTURN

#### Objectives of the Management Plan announced October 2008:

Protect operating margins – cut production, but not production capacity

- Protect balance sheet ensure cash outflows (capital, exploration) do not exceed cash inflows
- Focus capital & exploration on highest-value opportunities
- Maintain skills; re-set the cost-base
- Remain alert for value-adding acquisition opportunities
- Goals manage through the down-turn and lift production into the next upturn from an <u>expanded</u> resource base and at a <u>re-set</u> cost level
- Bottom line Mincor offers exceptional leverage to the future recovery in the price of nickel

## **IMPLEMENTING** THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

• Production guidance re-confirmed at 16,000-19,000 tonnes Ni in Ore

- Capital expenditures at Miitel and McMahon halted
- Capital development at Mariners, Otter Juan, Carnilya continues
- Mining operations at Miitel temporarily suspended from Christmas new mining plan under preparation
- Contractor cost reductions agreed at Mariners
- Carnilya Hill moved to owner-mining from mid-January
- Exploration focused on highest value targets:
  - Down plunge at Mariners, Carnilya Hill and Otter Juan
  - Along strike at Burnett (Miitel)
  - USNOB targets at North Kambalda (Seismic Programme)

# **CURRENT AND NEAR-TERM OUTLOOK**

 Cash costs continue to trend downwards – operations are expected to remain cash positive at nickel prices down to around US\$2.80 per pound (after benefit of hedging)

- At current nickel prices, Mincor's mines are generating positive cashflows of between \$2 and \$5 million per month (before capital and exploration costs)
- First Half capital and exploration costs averaged approx **\$6 million per month**
- These expenditures have established important platforms for future production
- Following implementation of the Management Plan, Second Half capital and exploration expenditures will be reduced to approx \$2.2 million per month
- This reduction will **further strengthen** the already strong and debt-free balance sheet
- After capital and exploration expenditures, tax payments, and provisional pricing adjustments, end-December net working capital (cash and receivables less creditors and accruals) is forecast to be approximately **\$60-65 million** (assuming current Ni prices)
- Hence Mincor's current financial position and ongoing financial outlook remains exceptionally robust
- Based on the near-term outlook for the nickel price, a First Half accounting profit (after depreciation and amortisation) is **unlikely** to be achieved. However following the implementation of the Management Plan, and subject to the nickel price, this is forecast to turn around in the Second Half.

### MINCOR IN KAMBALDA

#### Northern Division:

Four operations, production capacity approximately 10,000 tonnes nickel in ore pa

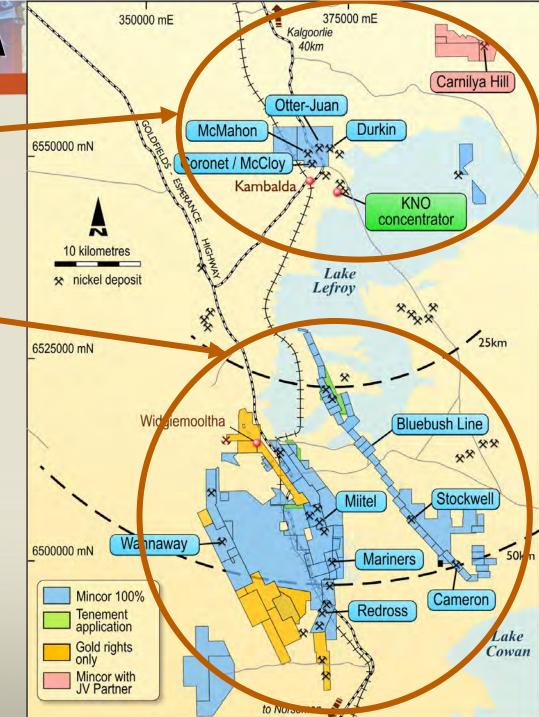
#### Southern Division:

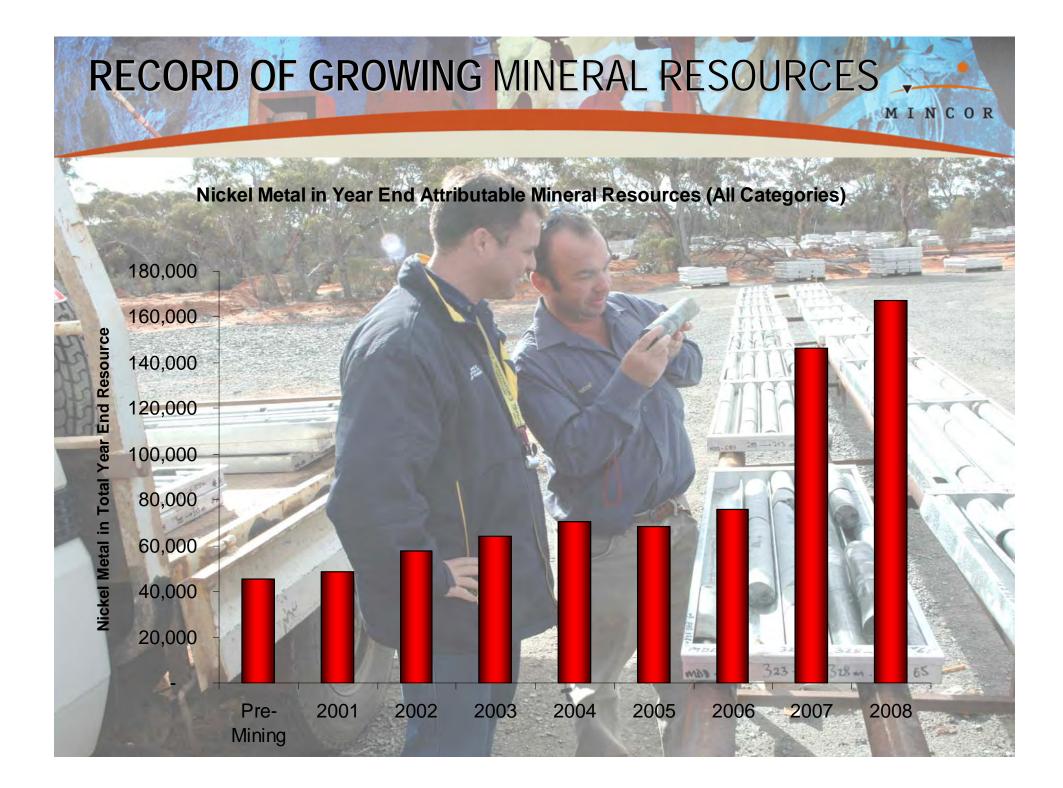
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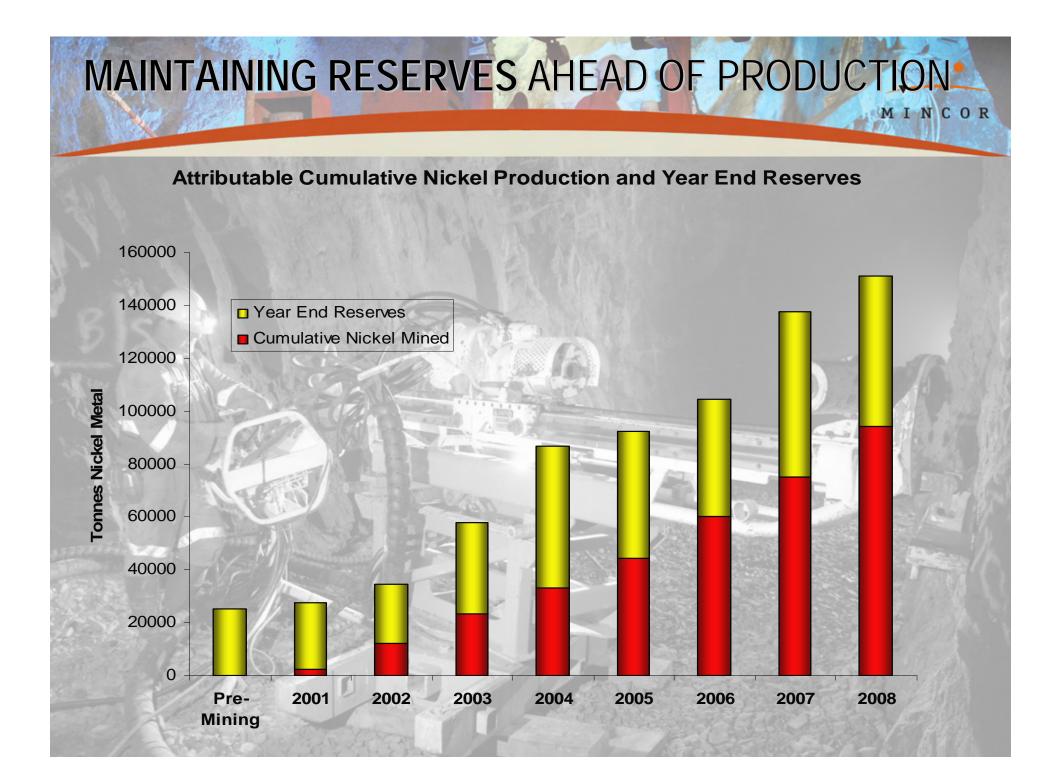
#### June '08 Nickel Inventory:

- Resource: 4.32 mt @ 3.9% Ni = 167,300 tonnes Ni

- Reserve: 1.96 mt @ 2.9% Ni = 57,000 tonnes Ni







### **MINCOR'S NICKEL VISION**

#### **TARGETING 20 YEARS @ 20KT NICKEL**

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#### Extensions to existing Ore Systems

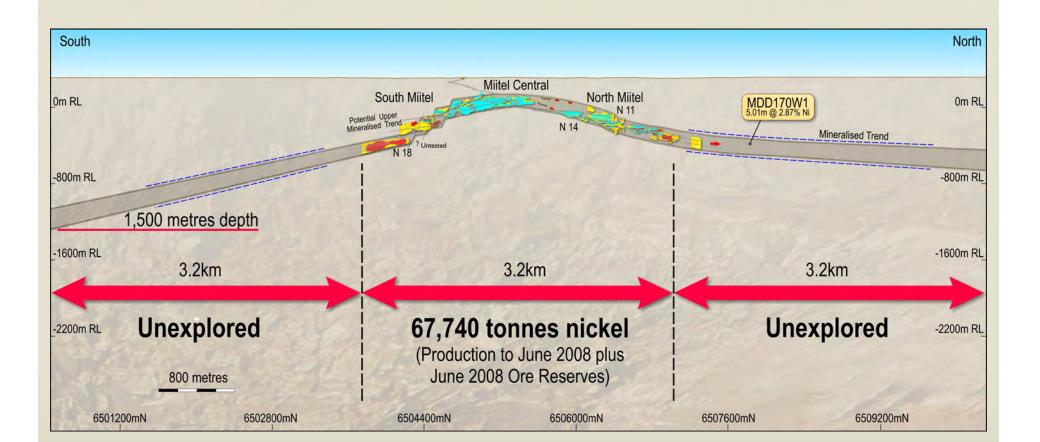
- Consistent with Mincor's historical rate of discovery
- Consistent with Kambalda's track record (35-40Ktpa for 40 years)

#### BLUE SKY UPSIDE: 20 YEARS @ >20KT NICKEL

#### Discovery of new Ore Systems

- Kambalda the richest high-grade nickel district in Australia
- This year targeting:
  - Ultra-Sized Nickel Ore Bodies (USNOBs)
  - Discovery of whole new nickel districts

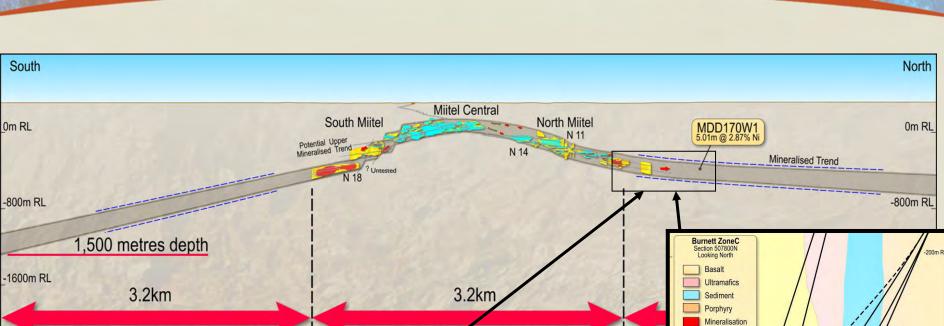
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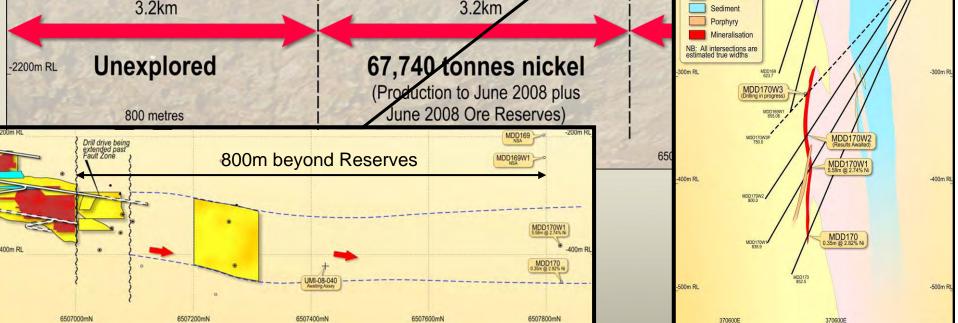


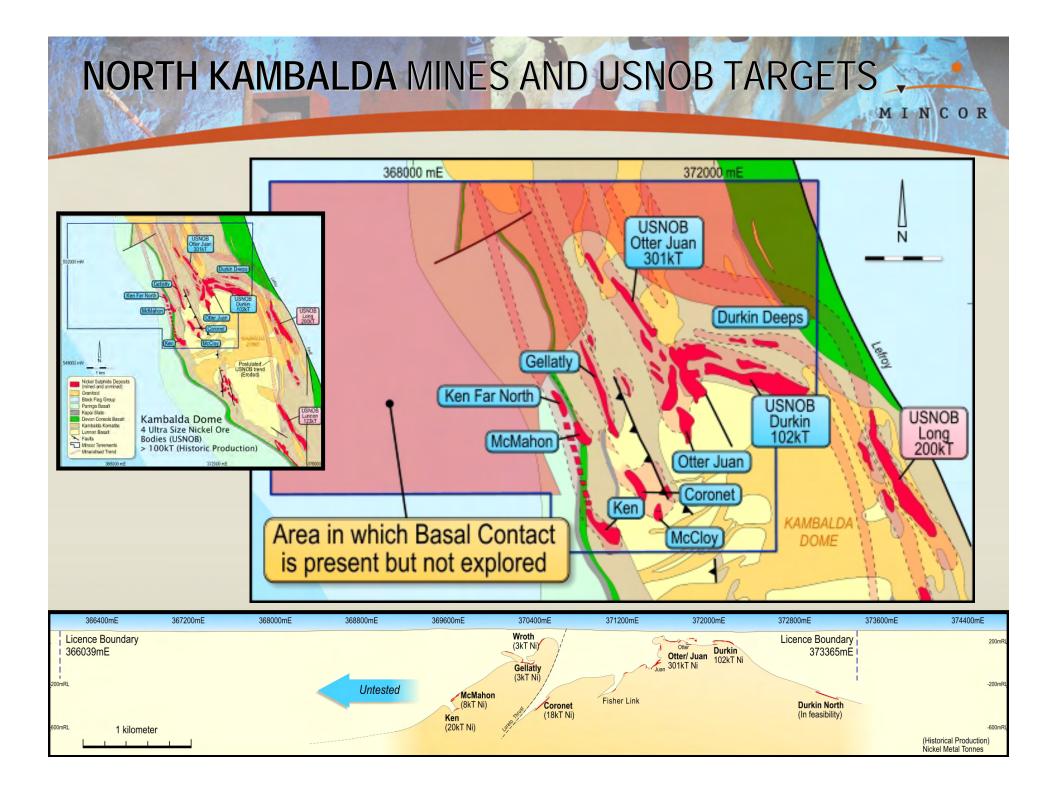
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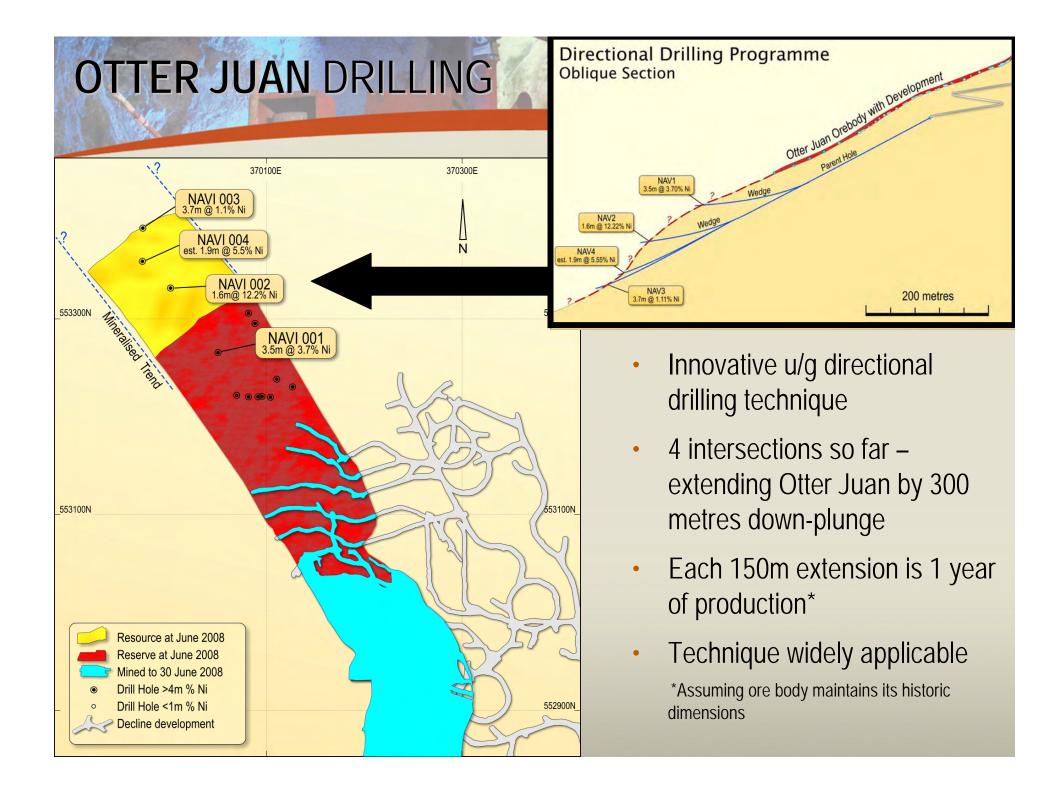
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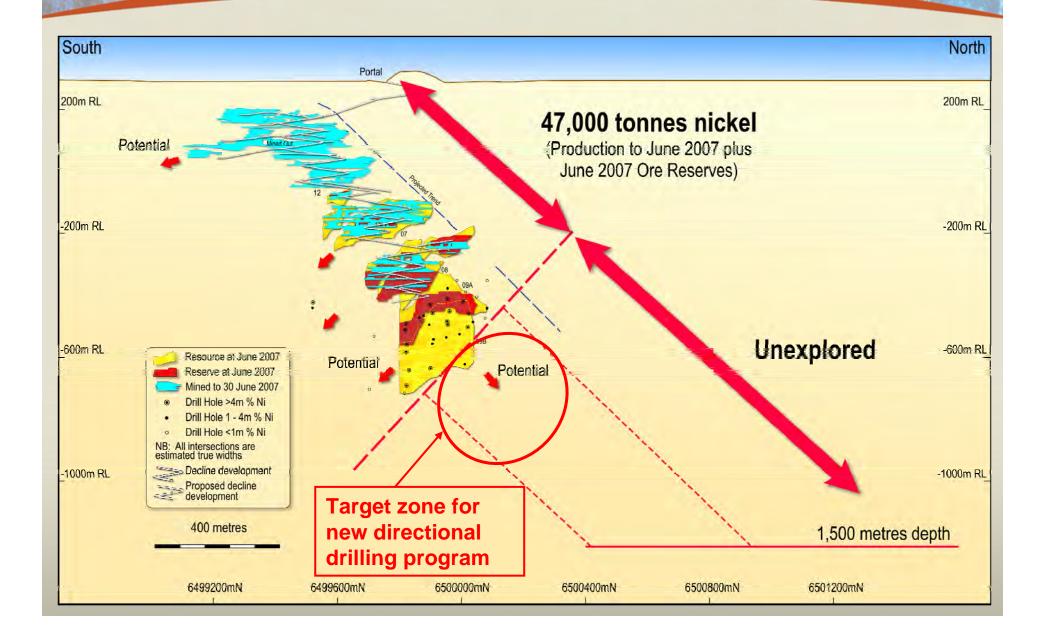




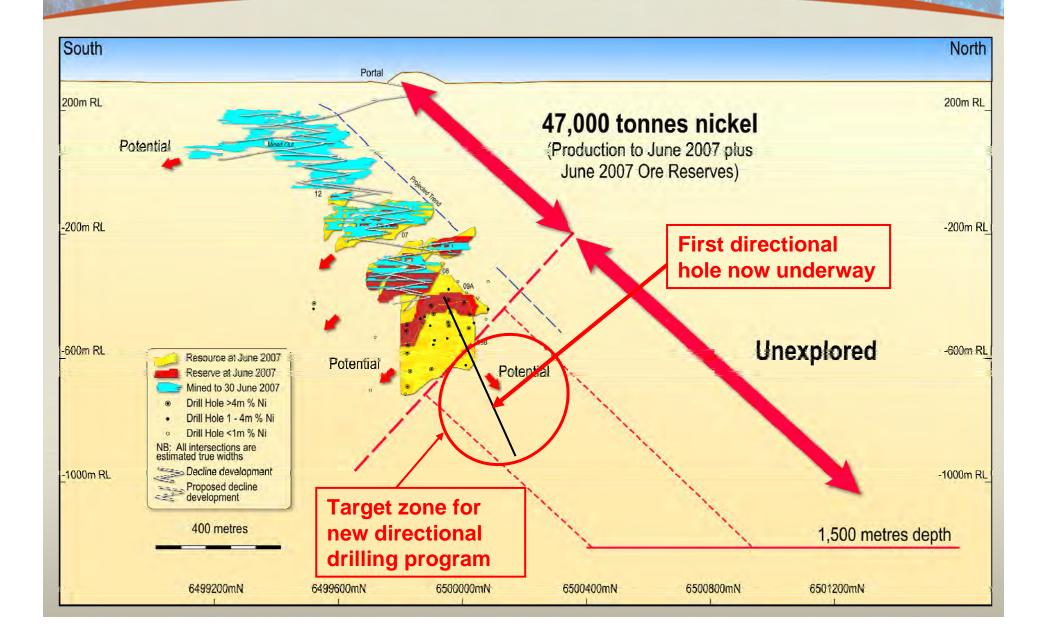


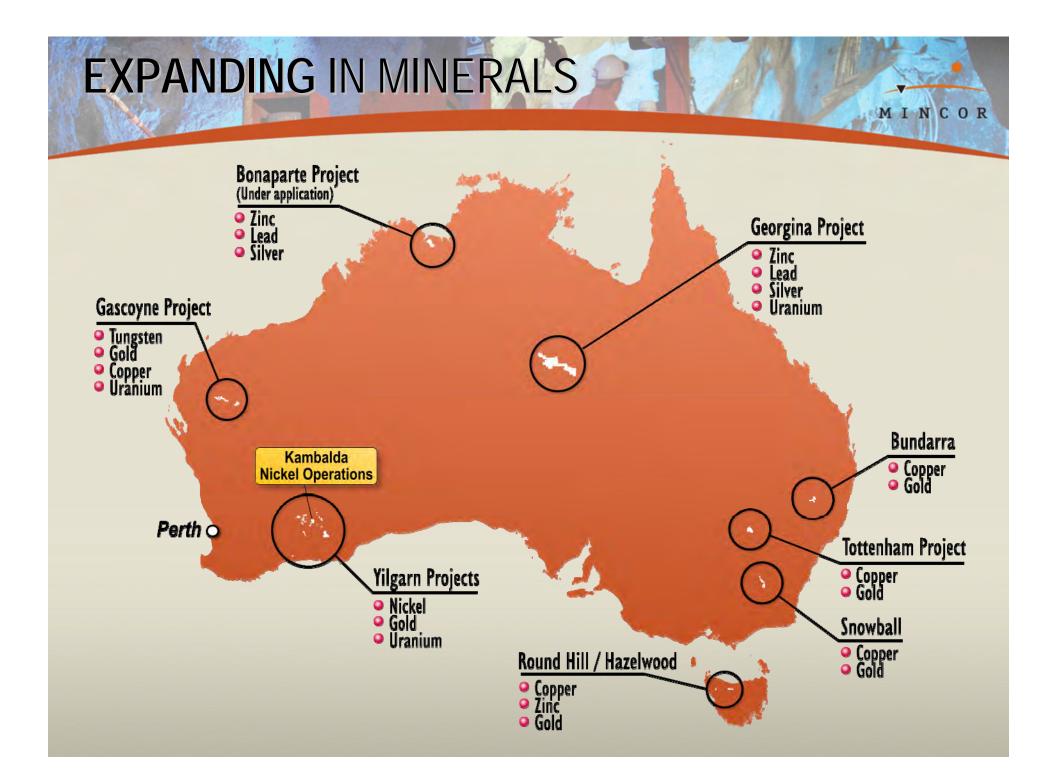


THE MARINERS EXPLORATION WINDOW



THE MARINERS EXPLORATION WINDOW







- Proven Performer
- Well-placed to withstand the down-turn
- Strong Nickel Cashflows
  Unique Kambalda Nickel Endowment
  Exciting Exploration Upside
  Long Term Growth

#### **COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENT (1)**

Tabulation and Categorisation of Mineral Resources Referred to in this report. Mineral Resources as of June 30 2008:

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	MEASURED		INDICATED		INFERRED		TOTAL		
Resource	Tonnes	Ni (%)	Tonnes	Ni (%)	Tonnes	Ni (%)	Tonnes	Ni (%)	Ni Tonnes
Mariners	334,000	4.2	378,000	3.5			712,000	3.9	27,400
Redross	61,000	7.7	154,000	3.0	67,000	2.9	283,000	4.0	11,200
Miitel	278,000	3.4	457,000	3.6	115,000	3.7	850,000	3.6	30,200
Wannaway	2,000	1.4	123,000	2.6	16,000	6.6	142,000	3.0	4,300
Carnilya Hill			174,000	5.5			174,000	5.5	9,500
Otter-Juan	258,000	5.2	289,000	3.0	207,000	3.1	754,000	3.8	28,400
McMahon/Ken			282,000	3.3	91,000	6.4	374,000	4.1	15,200
Durkin			251,000	5.2	127,000	5.0	378,000	5.1	19,400
Gellatly			29,000	3.4			29,000	3.4	1,000
Stockwell			195,000	2.4	435,000	3.7	630,000	3.3	20,800
GRAND TOTAL	934,000	4.5	2,332,000	3.6	1,059,000	4.0	4,325,000	3.9	167,300
	892,000	4.2	1,874,000	3.9	953,000	3.8	3,720,000	3.9	146,300

Note that Resources are inclusive of Reserves.

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### **COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENT (2)**

#### Tabulation and Categorisation of Ore Reserves Referred to in this report. Ore Reserves as at 30 June 2008:

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		PROVED		PROBA	ABLE	TOTAL		
RESERVE		Tonnes	Ni (%)	Tonnes	Ni (%)	Tonnes	Ni (%)	Ni Tonnes
Mariners	2008	272,000	3.0	172,000	3.3	444,000	3.1	13,700
Redross	2008	63,000	2.9	21,000	2.4	84,000	2.8	2,300
Miitel	2008	119,000	2.5	459,000	2.6	579,000	2.6	15,000
Wannaway	2008	2,000	1.4			2,000	1.4	30
Carnilya Hill	2008			220,000	2.8	220,000	2.8	6,300
Otter-Juan	2008	209,000	3.8	111,000	3.7	320,000	3.8	12,100
McMahon	2008			322,000	2.4	322,000	2.4	7,600
GRAND TOTAL	2008	666,000	3.1	1,299,000	2.8	1,965,000	2.9	57,000
	2007	791,000	2.8	1,453,000	2.8	2,243,000	2.8	62,700

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