

# Pilbara Iron Ore Project Forging ahead

**USA** investor presentation

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#### Corporate

ASX code Shares on issue Top 20 shareholders Share price at 3/3/2011 Market capitalisation Cash in hand at 3/3/2011 Debt

**FMS** 1,820 million 30.9% 20.0 cents \$364 million

\$42.2 million

Nil





#### **Executive team**



Gary Sutherland
Chief Executive Officer



Nick Corlis General Manager - Business Development



Miro Rapaic

Project Development

Manager



Mick Anstey
Manager HSE, Risk &
Approvals



David Godfrey
Chief Financial Officer

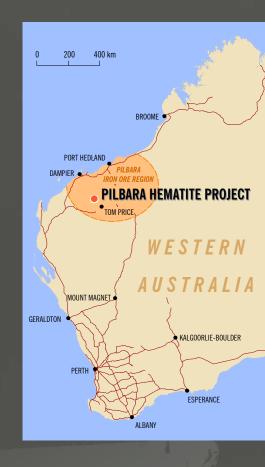


Mark Watson

Manager Project Services

## Highlights - Pilbara Iron Ore Project PFS

- Mine life of 20 years
- ~A\$25 billion life-of-mine revenue
- A\$35.32/tonne average life-of-mine cash operating costs
- A\$2.2 billion estimated Net Present Value (NPV)
- Large scale, high quality Pilbara iron ore mine
  - » economically and technically viable
- Design and construction commence Q1 2012 with first production Q1 2014 (subject to approvals)
- Base Case 5 years @ 5 Mtpa, 15 years @ 15 Mtpa





#### **PFS - Financials**

	AU\$/t Ore
Mining	9.42
Processing	4.89
General and administrative	4.48
Product transport (FOB)	16.53
Total Costs	35.32

- Estimated Net Present Value (NPV) after tax of A\$2.2 billion
- Calculated on a post-tax real basis at a Discount Cash Flow rate of 10%
- Ungeared Internal Rate of Return (IRR) estimated at 40.8%
- Forecast capital payback from completion DFS ~5.5 years
- Impact of proposed MRRT unknown / Not factored into analysis



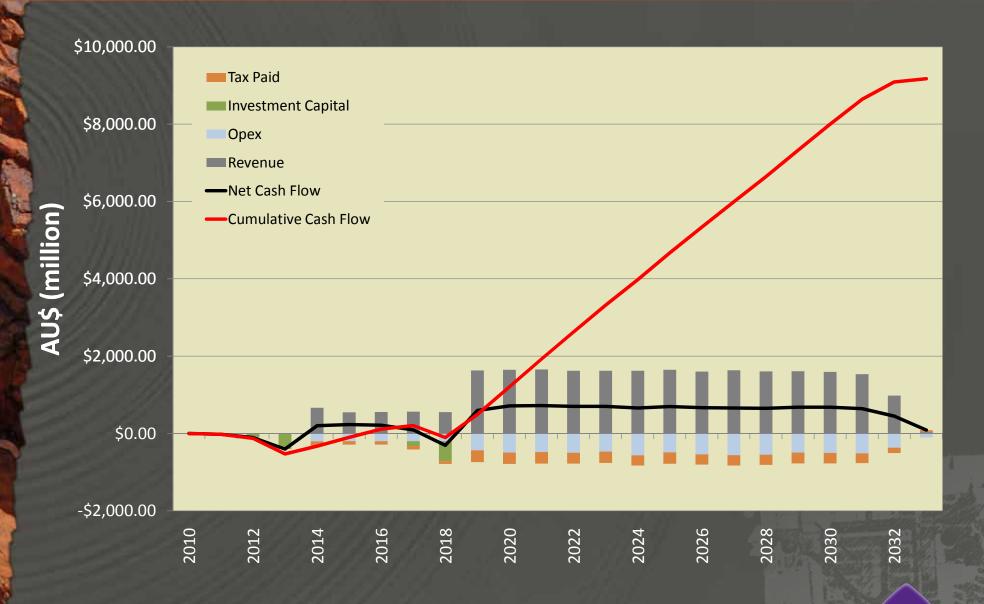
#### PFS - Breakdown of capital costs

Description	AU\$M
Direct costs	
Mine buildings and ROM wall	17
Process plant	152
Rail and signalling	61
Infrastructure	114
Construction indirects	24
Project management and other costs	
EPCM	40
Owner's costs	18
Contingency	62
TOTAL	488

- A\$488m for 5 Mtpa first stage development
- Includes provision for easy integration of larger operation
- Additional A\$640m to triple production by 2020 or sooner to 15 Mtpa

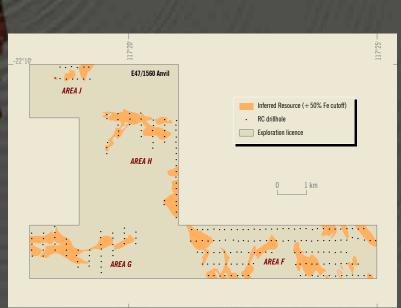


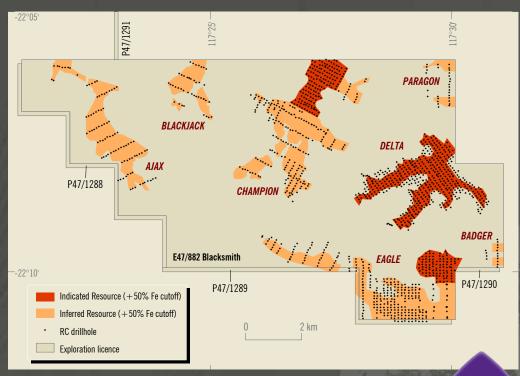
## Base case - unleveraged cash flow for 20 years



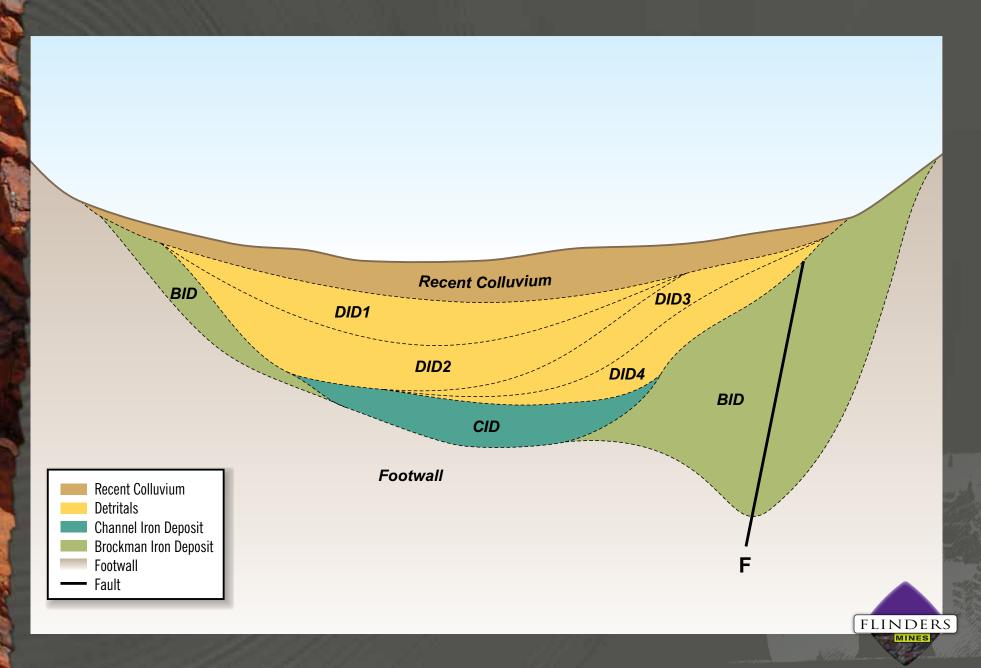
## PIOP - Resource inventory

JORC Classification	Fe cut- off %	Tonnage Mt	Fe %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	P %	LOI %
Total Inferred	50	475.1	54.9	10.5	5.1	0.06	5.1
Total Indicated	50	272.5	56.2	9.2	4.6	0.07	4.7
Total Indicated and Inferred	50	747.6	55.4	10.0	4.9	0.07	5.0

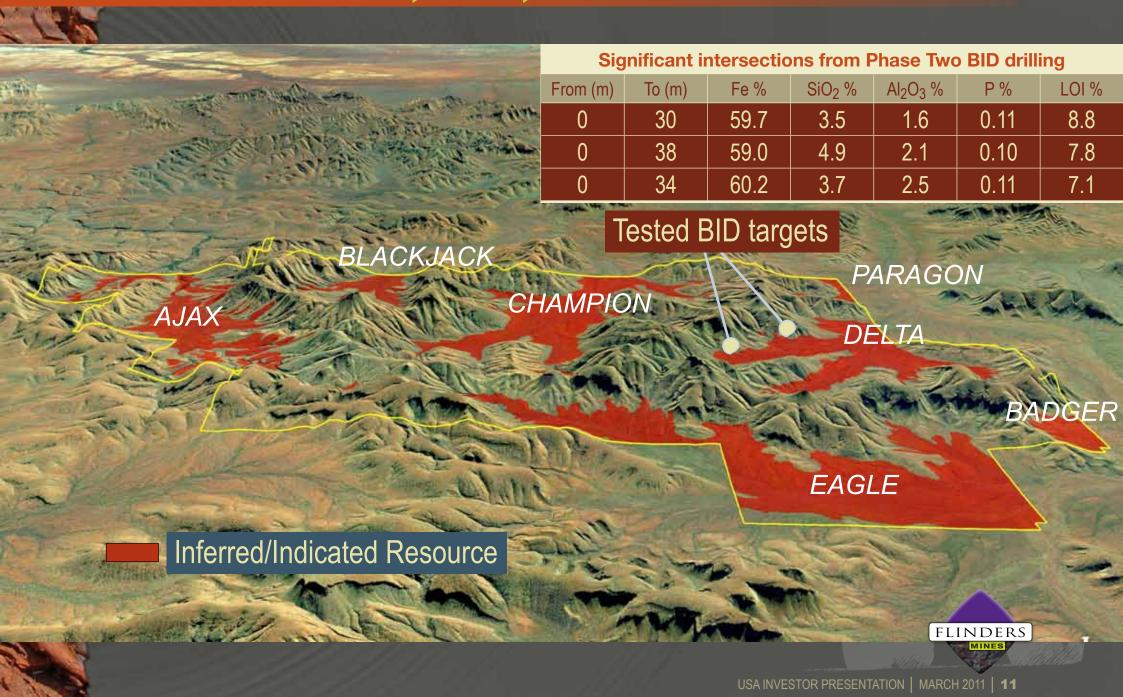




# Schematic geological interpretation



## Resources and upside potential



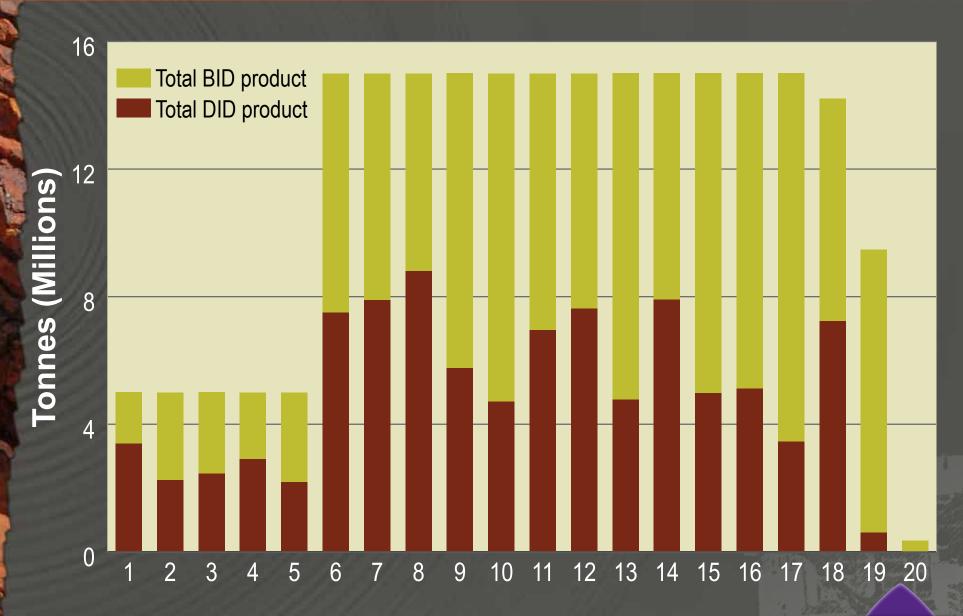
#### PFS - Production overview

	Material Mt	Fe %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	P %	LOI %
DID product	97	60.7	5.9	3.5	0.066	2.98
BID product	132	57.1	5.2	3.0	0.117	9.52

- Shallow deposit / requires minimal processing for saleable products
- Resource supports production of >229 Mt of final fines product
- BID product will be Direct Ship Ore ('DSO')
- DID product needs minor beneficiation prior to shipping
- Competitive product mix
- Further potential to add value through evaluation of CID material



## Life of mine schedule - DID vs BID product



## PFS - Pricing assumptions

Market analysts\* predict continuing strong iron ore demand

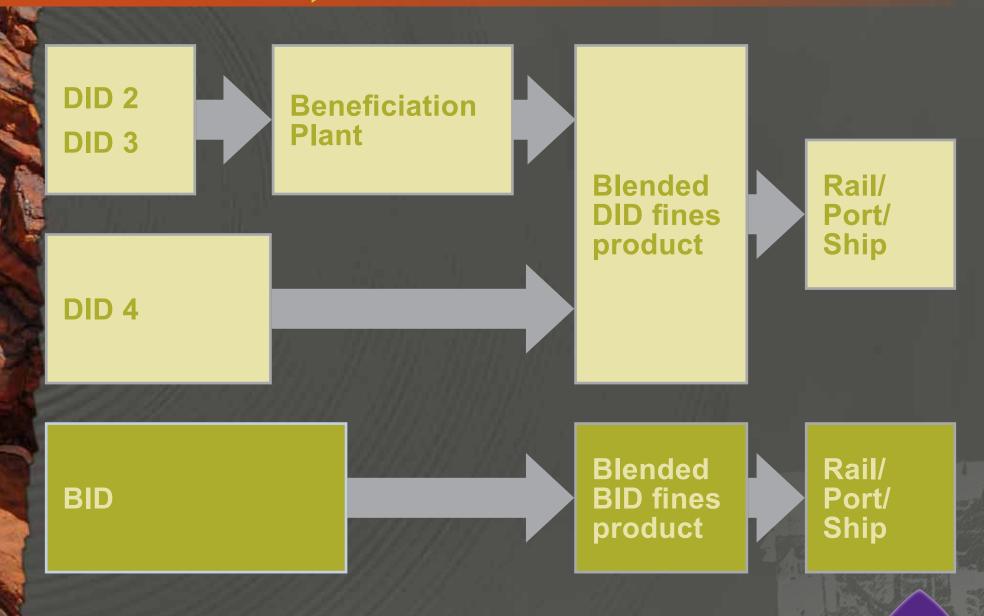
Year	DID	BID		
	Price (USD/dmtu) FOB	Price (USD/dmtu) FOB		
2011	1.714	1.622		
2012	2.057	1.946		
2013	2.160	2.044		
2014	2.160	2.044		
2015	1.836	1.737		
2016	Ongoing same as 2015	Ongoing same as 2015		

<sup>\*</sup> Ferrum Consultants

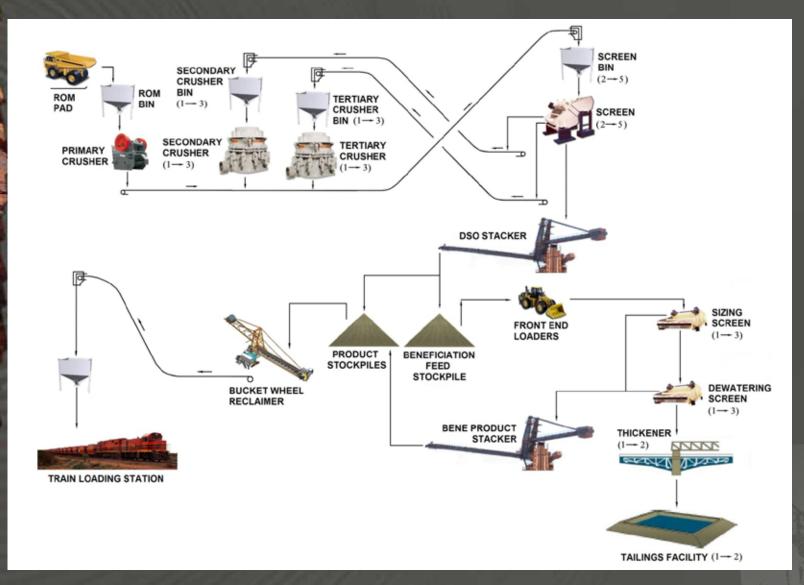


<sup>\*</sup> Based on exchange rate of US\$0.96

## **Production sequence**



## Simplified flowsheet



Conventional beneficiation approach, low technical risk

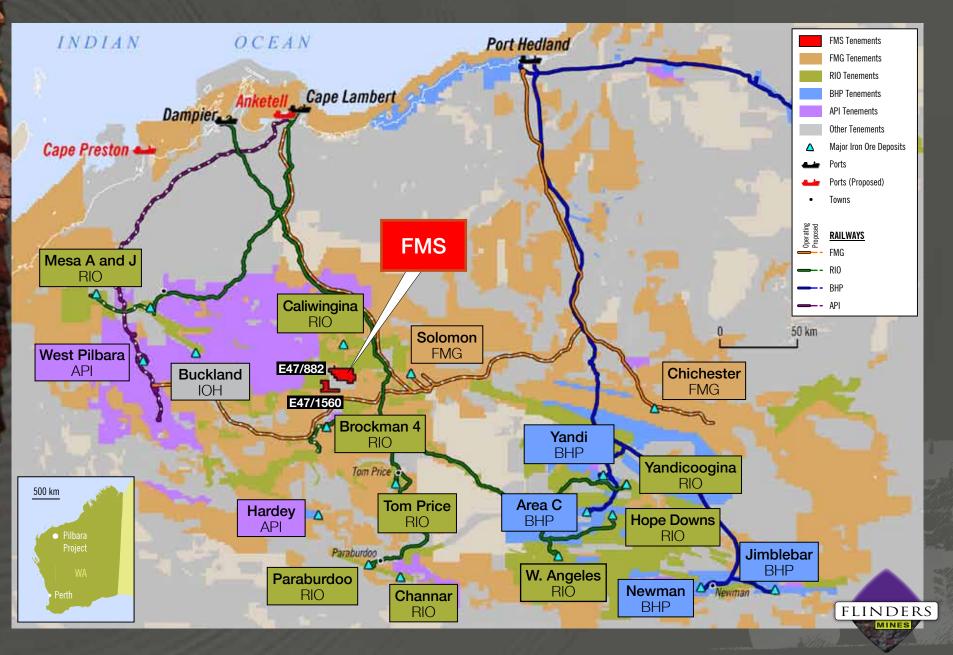


# PFS - Mining operation

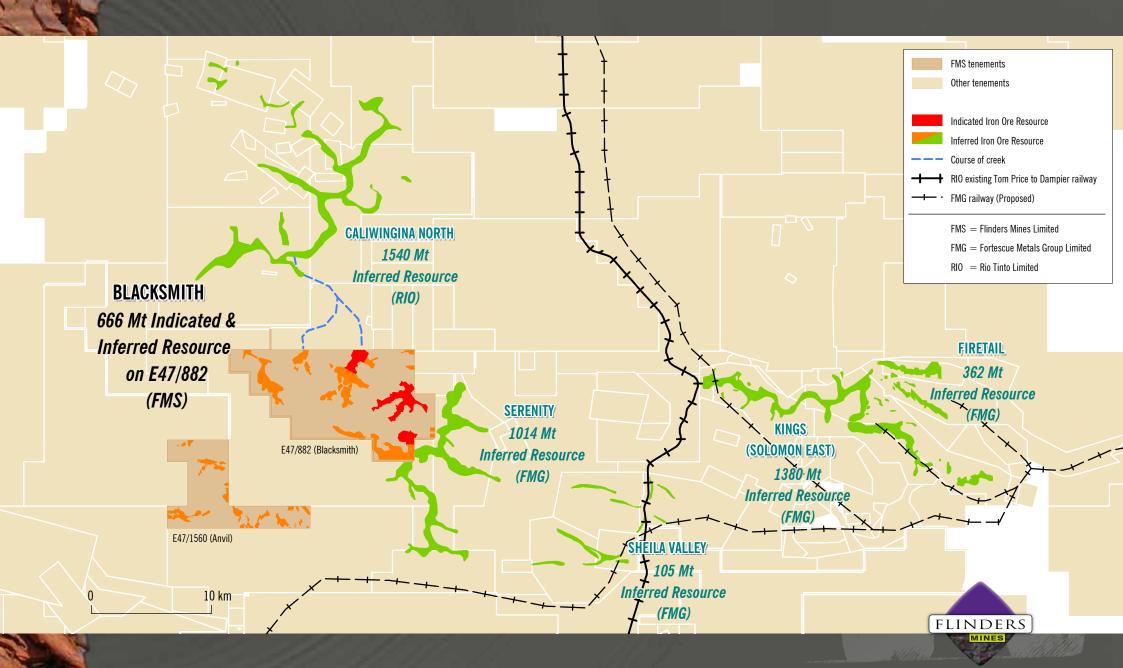
- Mine life of 20 years
- 2.5 : 1 strip ratio for the 5 Mtpa start-up case, expanded to
   15 Mtpa in year 6
- Option for immediate 15 Mtpa start-up
- Truck and excavator mining operation
- Allows for optimal ore blending from operating pits
- Mining predominantly above the water table, enhancing mining cost base
- Mining, processing and transportation to be contracted externally



#### Pilbara to port route options



# Pilbara Iron Ore Project - Local precinct



# Anticipated schedule

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Value Improvement Studies				
Definitive Feasibility study				
Design and construct				
Operation				

### Future work and development timeline

- Progress infrastructure solution
- Drilling further define the PIOP resource
- Complete optimisation studies ahead of any DFS decision
  - » CID metallurgical testwork
  - » sinter pot testwork program
  - » integrated mine planning study
  - » inter pit logistics optimisation
  - » value in use marketing study



#### **Exploiting the resource**

- Dynamic development precinct
- A range of commercial possibilities

Leverage

Third party infrastructure existing

Equity/ Offtake? M + A?

Mine gate

sale?

proposed

Third party infrastructure -

Toll handling?

Iron ore

producer?

Joint venture?

**Project** 

sale?

Cash at hand ✓

Resource size ✓

**Product** quality ✓

Location ✓

**Anketell Point** 

development

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### Summary

- Economically and technically viable new Pilbara iron ore mine (NPV A\$2.2 billion)
- Low capex entry at 5 Mtpa A\$488 million
- A\$25 billion revenue over 20 year mine life
- Decision on DFS by mid-2011
- Cash in bank at 3 March 2011 A\$42.2 million
- FMS to emerge as major Australian iron ore producer

