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Investor Presentation – March 2012

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It is being presented at the Proactive Investors One2One Forum in Sydney today and at Mines and Money Hong Kong next week.

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Sese Coal and Power: Project development summary



Investor presentation, March 2012

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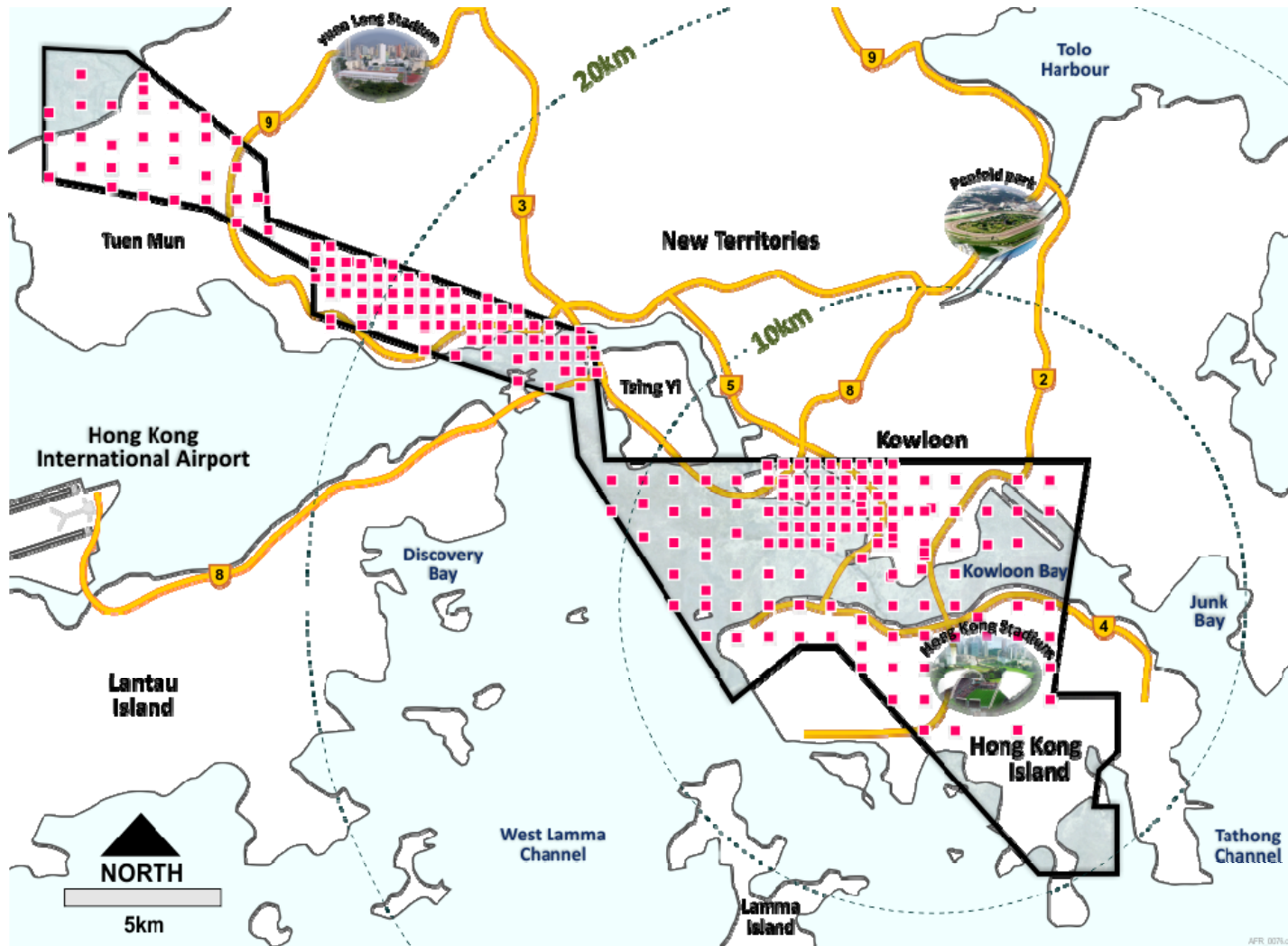
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18m coal seam already exposed at Sese



Sese bulk sample ramp. 15m of overburden above an 18m coal seam. Photograph depicts the upper 9m of the coal seam only.

Thick seam over large area ($>100\text{km}^2$)



Executive summary



Summary:

- Coal mine and power station project in Botswana
- Low sovereign and commercial risk
- Development team for mine and power project
- Aligned to markets and infrastructure

Sese Project:

- Very large thermal coal deposit >2.6 Billion tonnes
- Amenable to open cut mining with very low ROM costs
- Can produce large tonnages of domestic and export coal

Development Plan:

- Bankable feasibility study and EIA underway for mine
- Power off-take discussions in progress
- 15,000t bulk sample for marketing/test-work
- Stage 1: 1-2Mtpa coal production from mid-2013
- Stage 2: ramp-up to 4-5Mtpa in 2015 with feed to IPP
- Stages 3 & 4: >20-30Mtpa via expanded exports



Capital structure and corporate overview



Capital Structure

Shares on Issue (ASX, BSE)	326M
Options	26.4M
Price range (52 weeks)	A\$0.22-A\$0.91
Market Cap (12 th Mar)	A\$108M
Cash (31 st Dec)	A\$10M

Major Shareholders

Management	9.8%
Mr Stacey Radford	5.3%
Independent Asset Mgmt	4.0%
Mr David Metford	3.8%
Geiger Counter Ltd (CQS)	2.0%
Republic	1.2%
Top 20	48.1%

Board and Management

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ALASDAIR COOKE, Executive Chairman
Geologist, founder of AFR, successful mine developer

FRAZER TABEART, Managing Director
Geologist, 25 years global exploration experience

BILL FRY, Executive Director
Accountant, funds management and project development

Non-executive Directors

BLACKIE MAROLE, Non-exec Chairman, Botswana
Economist, senior Board roles (Debswana) and Govt. roles

VALENTINE CHITALU, Non-executive Director
Accountant, investment and development management

MICHAEL CURNOW, Non-executive Director
Mining project development in Africa

PHIL CLARK, Non-executive Director
Engineer, 33 years experience in global coal with BHPB

Senior Management

DAVID SCOTT, General Manager Projects
Engineer, coal mine development roles in Botswana

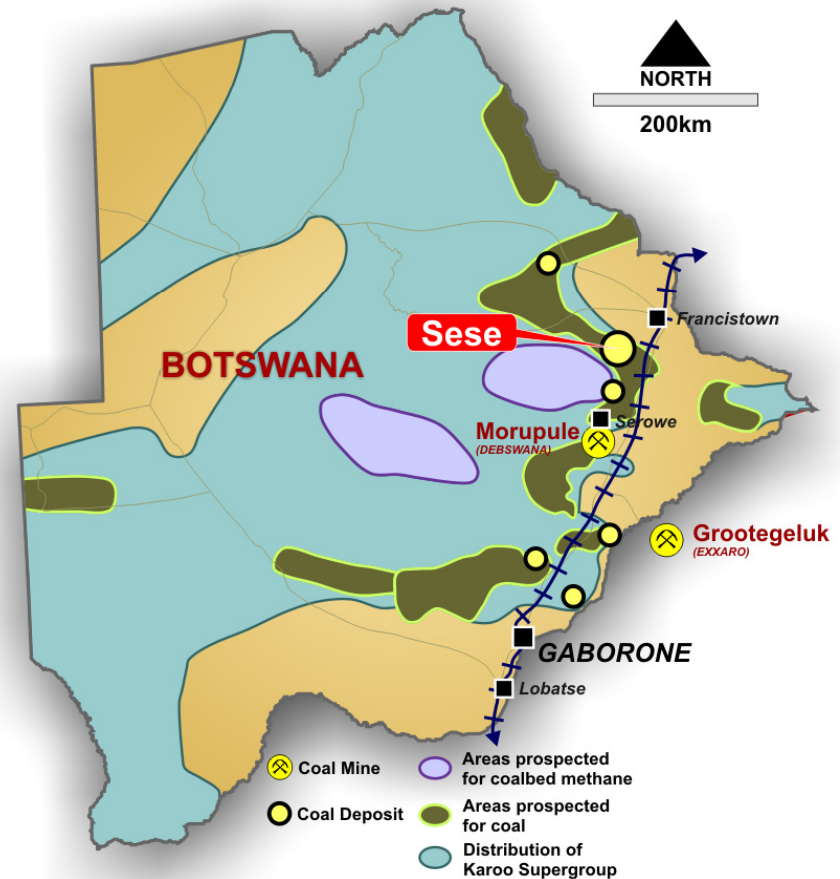
THOMAS SCOTT-MOREY, Power Development Manager
Experienced developer of power stations and their finance

Botswana's national coal roadmap

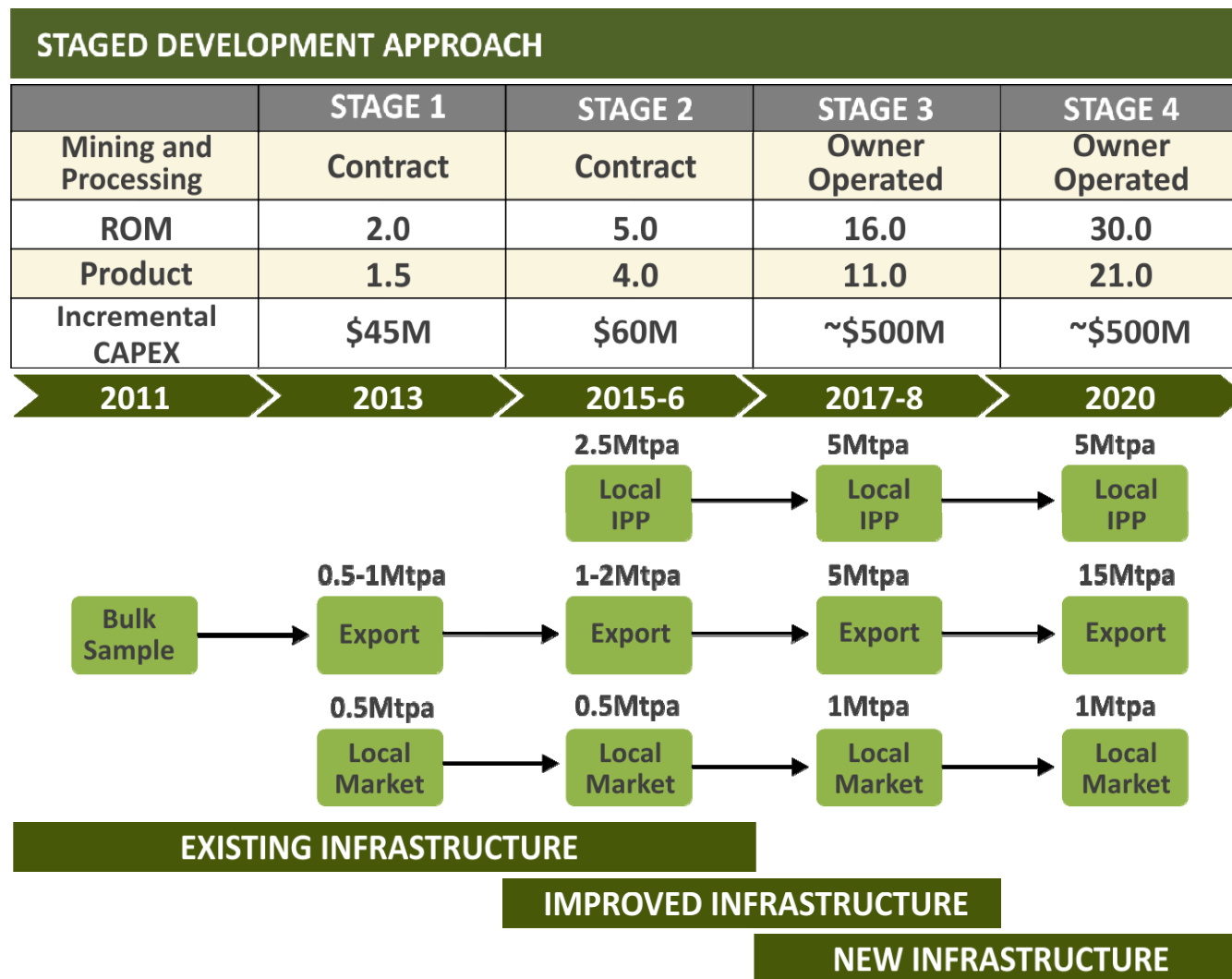


Botswana – a great place to do business

- **Stable, safe and secure jurisdiction**
 - *Widely perceived as an excellent investment destination by companies (and their bankers!)*
- **Transparent Mining Act plus attractive fiscal regime**
 - *3% royalty (on mine-gate revenue)*
 - *Attractive tax rate based on profitability ratio (generally low for “bulk commodities”)*
- **Government has announced a national coal “roadmap”**
 - *Nation building opportunity to enhance economic development for 50+ years*
 - *Highest priority to be given to exports of coal AND electrical power*
 - *Establish a dedicated Coal Coordinating unit by April 2012*
 - *Identification of strategic partners for resource and infrastructure development*
 - *Infrastructure development plans by 2017*



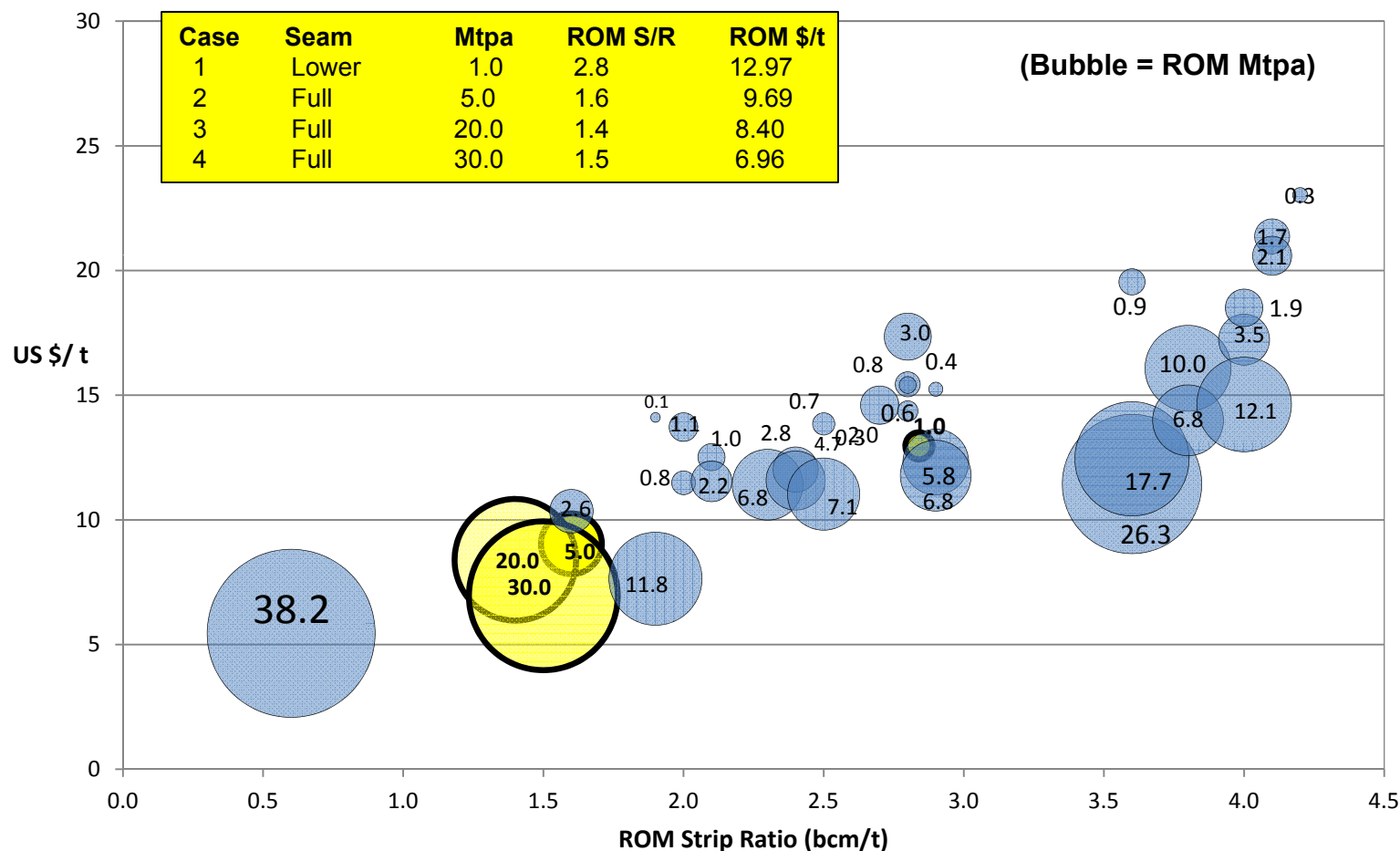
Development plan for Sese project



Project economics driven by low ROM cost



Sese ROM costs (yellow bubbles) benchmarked against published data for all South African open pit coal mines



Source: Wood Mackenzie Coal Supply Series South Africa 2011, and Sese Concept Study

Stage 1: regional sales of washed coal



Regional marketing programme underway

Experienced consultant appointed to take Sese coal to the market...

- Targeting sales to mine site power stations, Ni-Cu smelters, brick works, cement factories etc
- Bulk sample will provide approx. 2,000t washed coal (5000-5500 kcal/kg) for marketing
- Current regional market ~300,000 to 400,000 tonnes washed coal, and is supply constrained (current supply from one mine only)
- Opportunities to significantly expand size of regional market through selling cheap coal with low supply risk

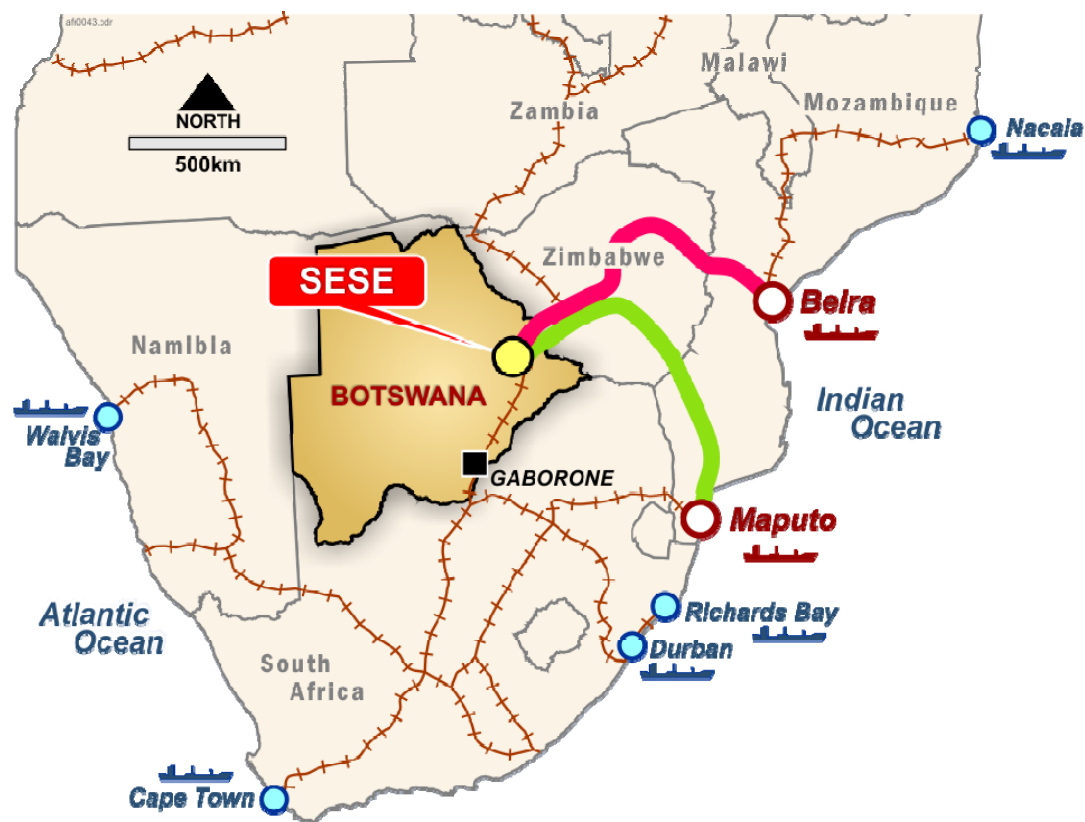


Stage 1: export infrastructure IS in place



Existing Infrastructure:

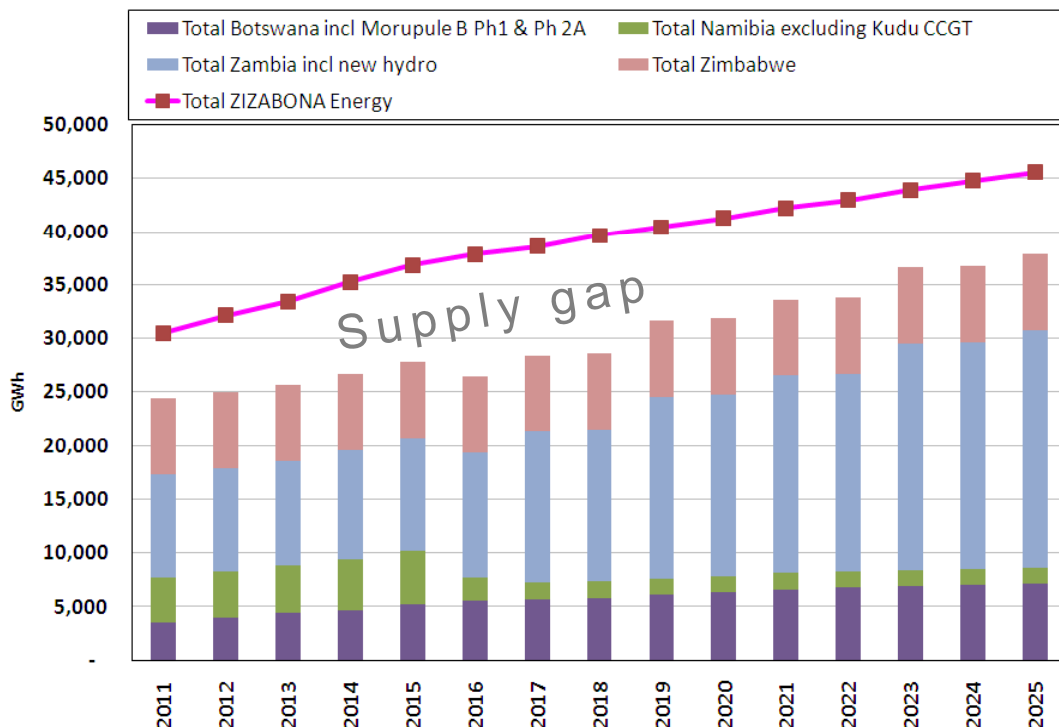
- Existing freight line 30km east of Sese provides access to Mozambique coast
- The Maputo railway line is currently operational and is used to import diesel into Botswana
- Botswana Railways (BR) expanding capacity through acquisition of 300 coal wagons, each of 50t capacity
- Rail capacity available now for 2Mt in annual coal exports
- Trial “export” to Maputo using coal from bulk sample planned for late March
- Planned 20 Mtpa expansion of Matola coal terminal (Grinrod coal terminal in Maputo) underway



Stage 2: electricity demands IPP's



Regional power deficit looming



Source: PB Power 2011

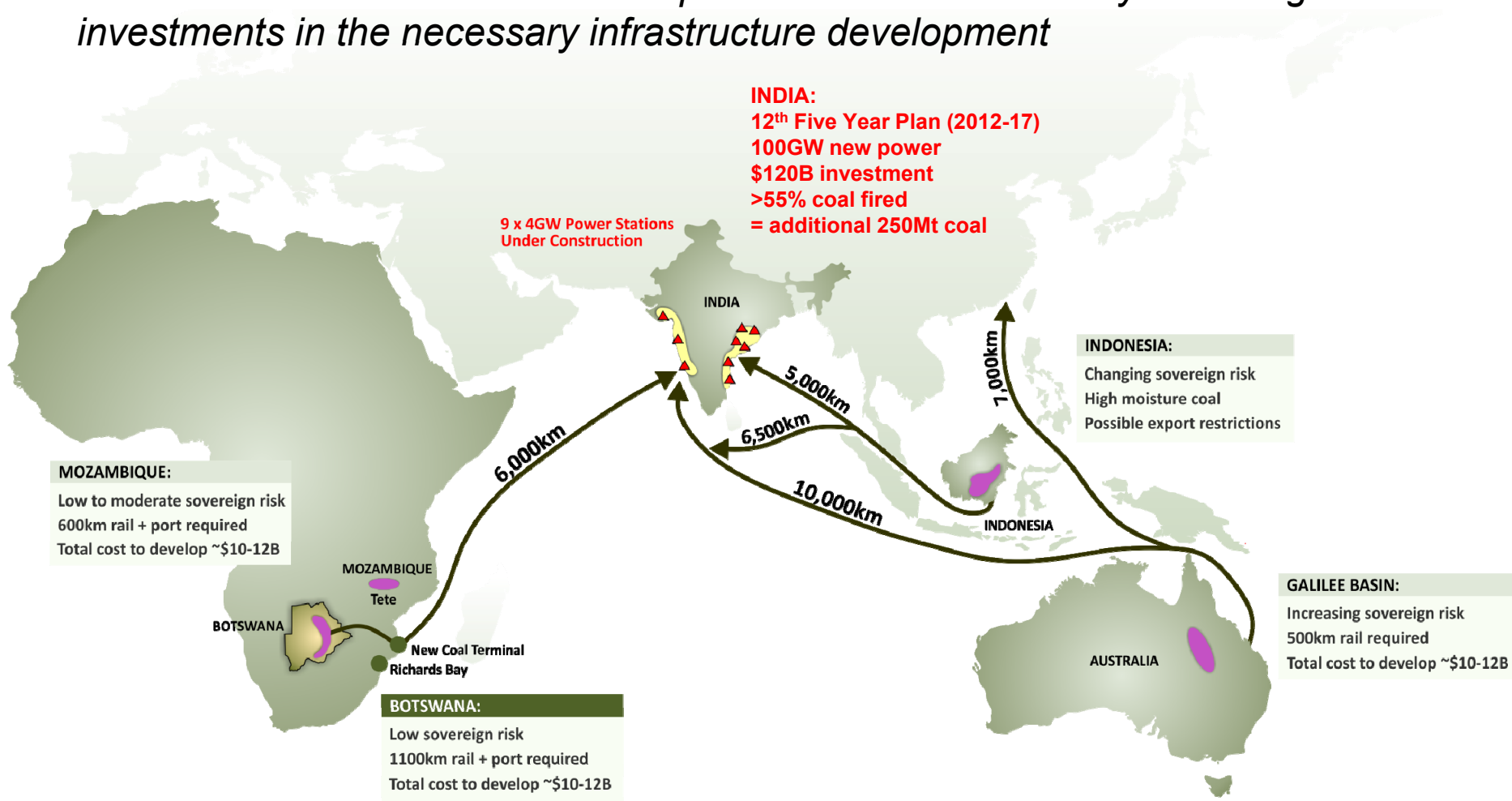
Bridging the gap

- Supply gap currently covered by ESKOM exports, but these contracts moving to 'best endeavours'
- Recent announcement by Botswana Government for new 300MW coal-fired Independent Power Project (IPP)
- Further IPP opportunities exist with credit worthy state-backed utilities
- AFR in a strong position to supply lowest cost coal in region
- AFR currently negotiating an initial 300MW IPP, with potential for a further 300MW
- Botswana is physically well situated at the centre of the regional transmission network

Stage 3 and 4: export market is India



Botswana provides one of the closest supply options for Indian coal imports with less likelihood of Chinese competition - this will inevitably drive large investments in the necessary infrastructure development



Stage 3: expansion of existing infrastructure



Immediate expansion opportunities

Rail expansion to >10Mtpa...

- Potential to expand existing cape-gauge rail capacity with more passing loops, improved corners and bridges
- Potential to improve volumes by laying ~450km new rail to avoid population centres and shorten route

Port expansion plans...

- Expansions of both Maputo and Beira are planned, to >20 Mtpa at Maputo
- Maputo expected to be >20 Mtpa within 3 years

Transshipment an option in the short term...

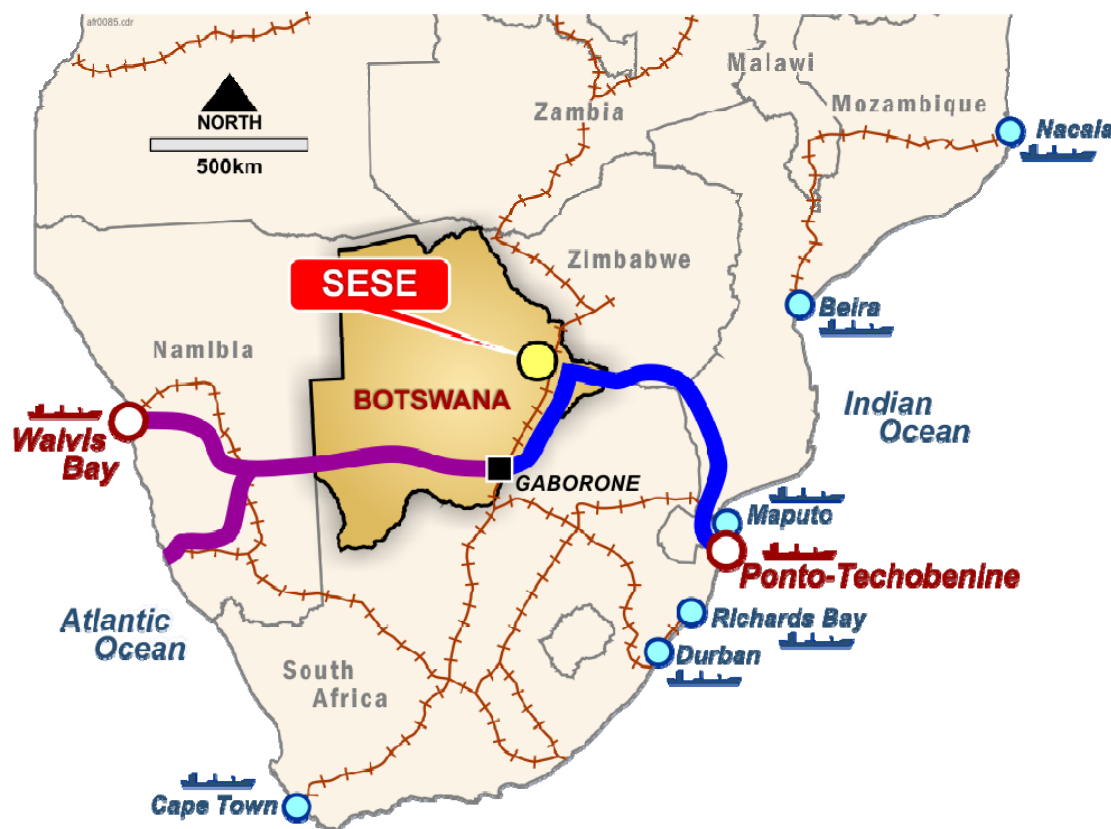
- Short term port capacity expansions possible through transshipment options at existing ports



Stage 4: planned export infrastructure



Large-scale export infrastructure:



- Two consortia evaluating routes: the Trans-Kalahari Railway and Ponto Techobanine options
- Both proposing minimum of 60Mt annual export, which could be achieved from 3-4 mines in region
- Rail proposals currently at prefeasibility study stage, planned to be operational by ~2018
- AFR has commissioned independent study of the viability of these routes
- Sese project capable of exporting large tonnages of coal >20 Mtpa

BFS/EIA – progress to date

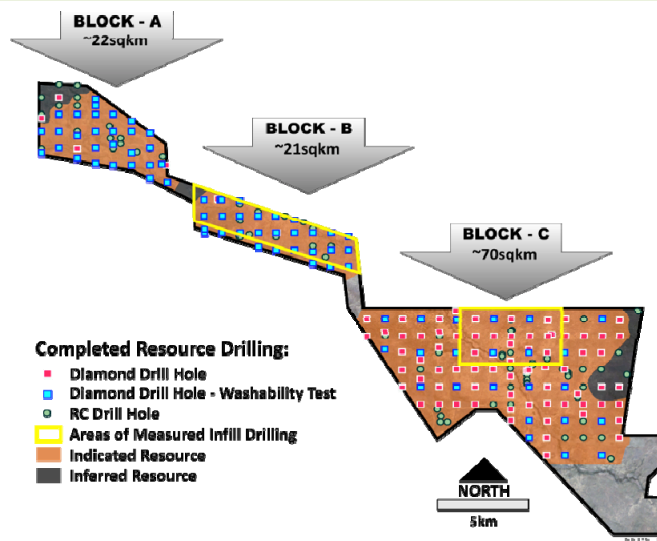


Bankable feasibility study

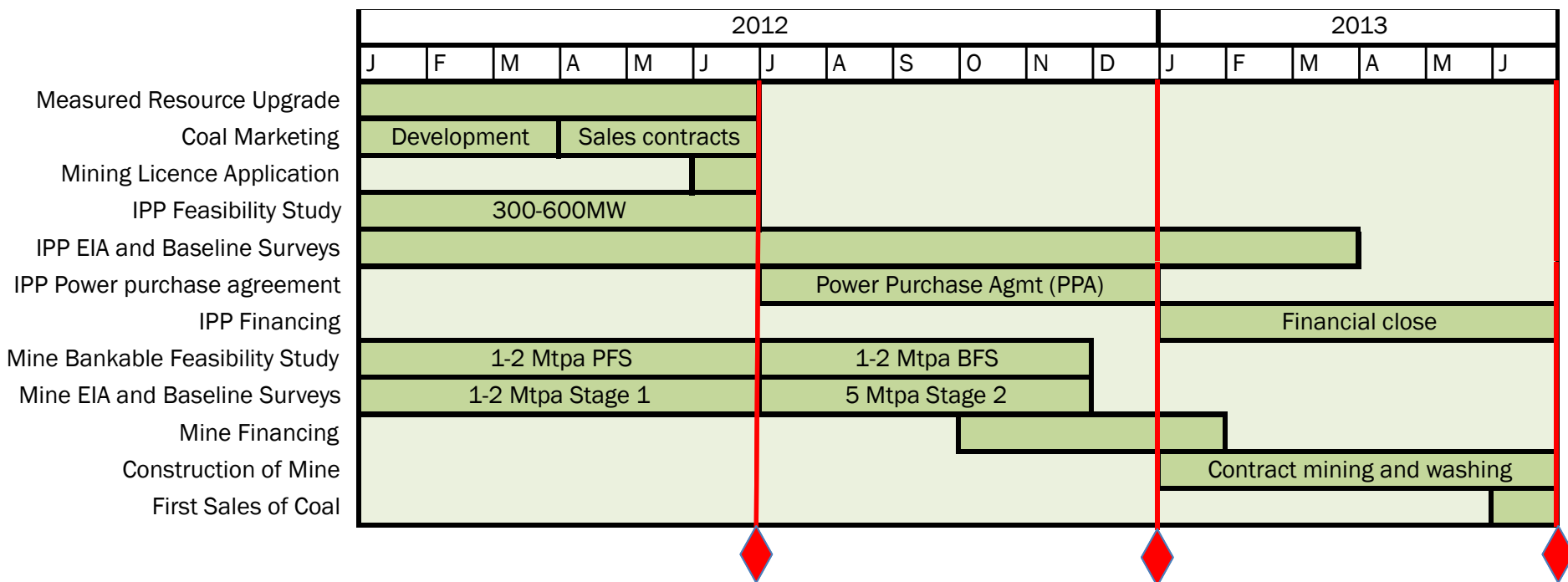
- MRM (Runge): study manager/mining consultant
- Sedgman appointed as processing consultant
- Additional consultants appointed for key tasks
- Phase 1 completed by June 2012 to prefeasibility standard
- Phase 2 completed by Dec' 2012 to bankable standard

Environmental Impact Assessment

- Ecosurv appointed as EIA consultant
- Preliminary EIA for 5mtpa mine and 600MW power station has been approved
- Community consultation meetings in February
- Baseline surveys to commence in Q1 2012
- Mine EIA process to be complete by end 2012, with power station EIA some six months later



Integrated development milestones



The above schedule is indicative only and assumes all project milestones are met and government permits and licences are granted in a timely manner

Summary



- ✓ 2.5 billion tonne indicated resource in attractive jurisdiction
- ✓ Extremely low coal supply risk due to scale and geometry of deposit
- ✓ Team of developers with significant coal mine and power station expertise
- ✓ Thermal coal suitable for both export and domestic markets
- ✓ 15,000t exploration bulk sample for washing test-work and market development
- ✓ Ideal feedstock for power station(s) in low-risk environment
- ✓ Initial 1-2Mtpa Stage 1 operation in 2013, ramping up to 4-5Mtpa for Stage 2