

## Annual General Meeting Business Update

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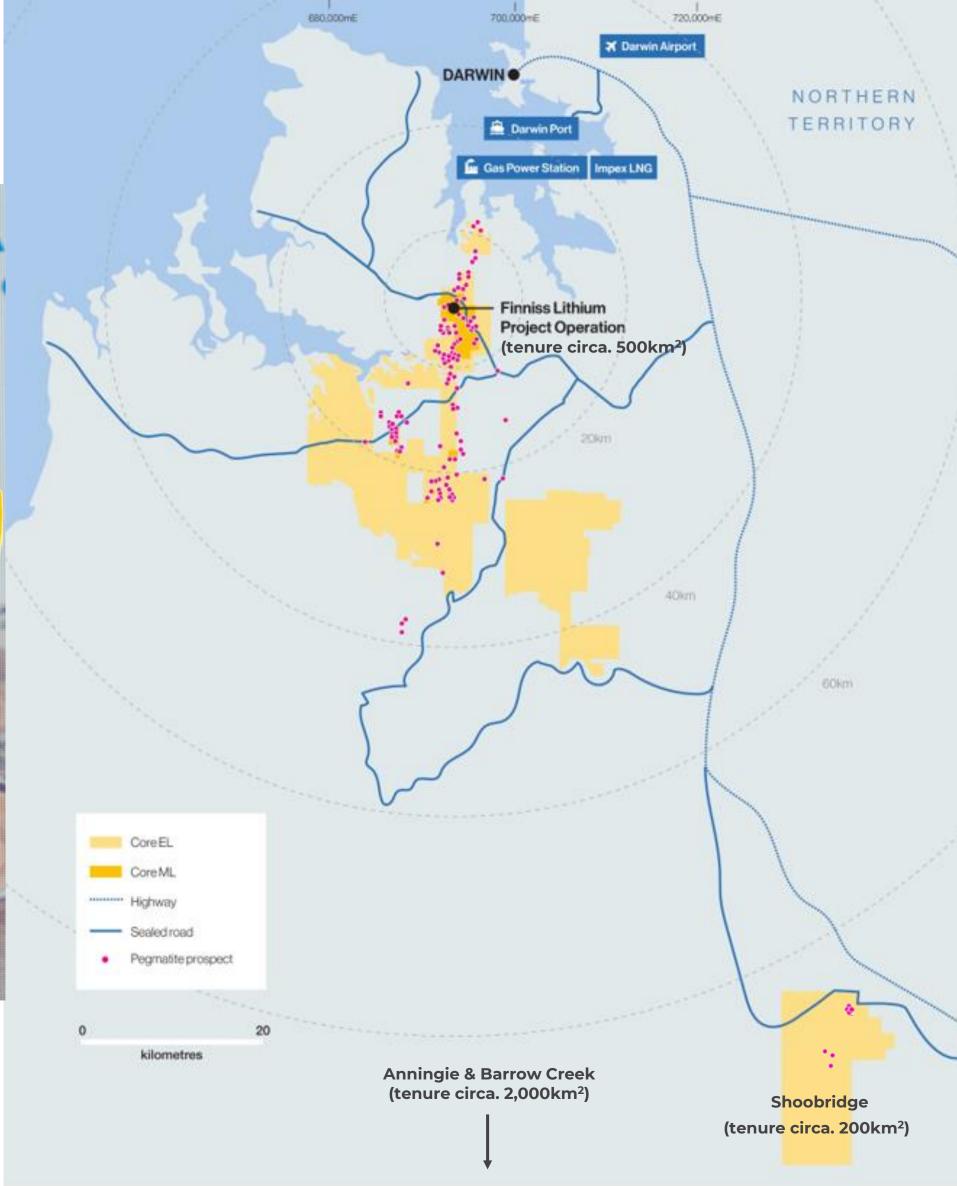
#### **Past Performance**

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### Finniss Lithium Mine Opened 10 October 2022



Hon Nicole Manison, NTG Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Industry, Mr Greg English Chair Core Lithium Finniss Lithium Mine Opening



## **Building the Core Lithium Mining Business**

- Safety processes established rolling TRIFR 2.23
- > Offtake agreements in place
- > Established the operations team Core Lithium, Lucas, Primero and CSI
- > First ore
- Crushing Commissioned
- First DSO Sale via Tender Process









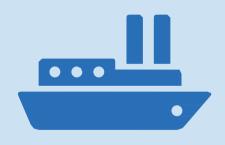




**Q4 2022 & CY 2023** Accelerate Organic

Growth Initiatives and BP33 Development Q4 2022 & CY 2023

Production
Expansion
Studies and Mine
Life Extension





2016

Discovered Lithium at Finniss JULY 2021 DFS

8-Year Mine Life **SEPTEMBER 2021** 

Final Investment Decision

**OCTOBER 2021**Construction

Construction

**JULY 2022** 

Grow Mine Life to 12-Years SEPTEMBER 2022

Equity to accelerate Finniss growth strategy

Q4 2022

First Shipment Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) H1 2023

Concentrate Production (SC6)



## Strong Market Demand and Consensus Forecasts Indicate Healthy Margins



- Binding offtake for 150kt/yr, first four years.
- Formula based market reference pricing for spodumene concentrate
- Developing market strategy to address strong interest from converters, vehicle manufacturers as well as options for conversion facilities (including JVs)

#### SPODUMENE CONCENTRATE CONSENSUS PRICE FORECAST<sup>2</sup> VS. COST<sup>1</sup>

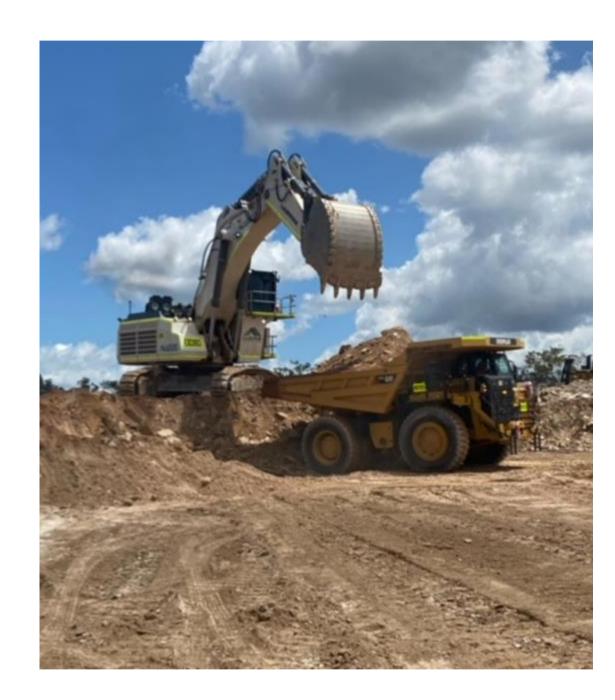


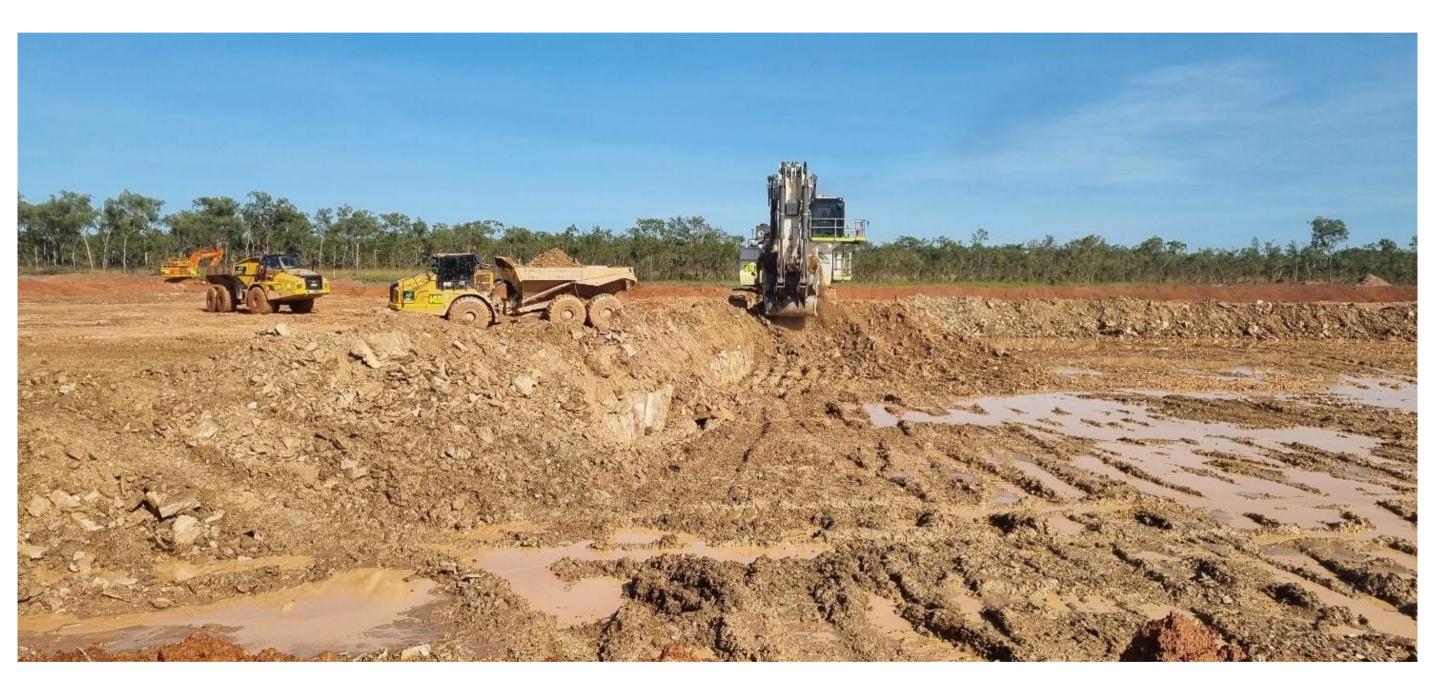
#### NOTES

<sup>1.</sup> C1 Costs equals direct cash operating, transport, port, and costs of production FOB, divided by Spodumene Concentrate (SC) production tonnes. Direct cash operating costs include mining, processing ship-loading costs. C1 operating costs exclude royalties & sustaining capital. AISC equals C1 operating costs plus royalties (that assume a flat US\$1,250/t SC6% price, Free On Board (FOB) Australia price over mine life) and sustaining capital equals mine development CAPEX incurred on the commencement of and during production of a mine. Non-sustaining capital primarily represents mine development CAPEX incurred prior to the commencement of production at a mine. C1 Costs, AISC and Non-Sustaining CAPEX are calculated post commercial production in H1 2023 and excludes start-up CAPEX.. Source "Significant increase to Finniss Lithium Project Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves," dated 12 July 2022.

<sup>2.</sup> SC6% Consensus Price Forecast (US\$/t FOB) is an average of various Q2 and Q3 2022 price forecasts (sourced from bank and broker consensus forecasts) which assume a US\$100/t freight and insurance cost when converting a CIF (Cost Insurance and Freight) price to FOB price. The SC Consensus Price Forecast has been adjusted pro-rata for the sale of SC grading 5.5%.

## **March 2022 Mining Commences**





Lucas Total Contract Solutions EX093 loading first 777 trucks in Grants Pit

## **June 2022 Weathered Pegmatite Exposed**



Open Pit with weathered pegmatite exposed

## June 2022 Site Preparation and Earthworks for Processing Facilities and Site Infrastructure



**CSI and Primero Pads** progressing

**Administration** village and workshops

## **July 2022 First Production Blast in Grants Pit**



Lucas Total Contract Solutions First production blast in Grants Pit

## August 2022 **Crushing and DMS Plant Construction Progressing**





**CSI** crushing plant

**Primero** DMS plant

## September 2022 **Spodumene Ore uncovered**



**Gareth Manderson CEO, Anthony Oduah Geologist** First Spodumene uncovered Grants Pit 15 Sept 2022



**Grade Control Drilling** 

### October 2022 First Ore Hauled to the ROM



First ex-pit ore (55kt Lithium Ore)

First ore hauled onto the ROM

## **Crushing Plant Commissioned** 9 November 2022





Loading the crushing plant

First DSO Stockpile

## First product, DSO loaded & leaving site for Darwin Port

**11 November 2022** 





### **DMS Plant Concentrator**



Primero DMS plant construction well advanced

- > Operational readiness team mobilising
- > Construction on track for commissioning Q1 2023

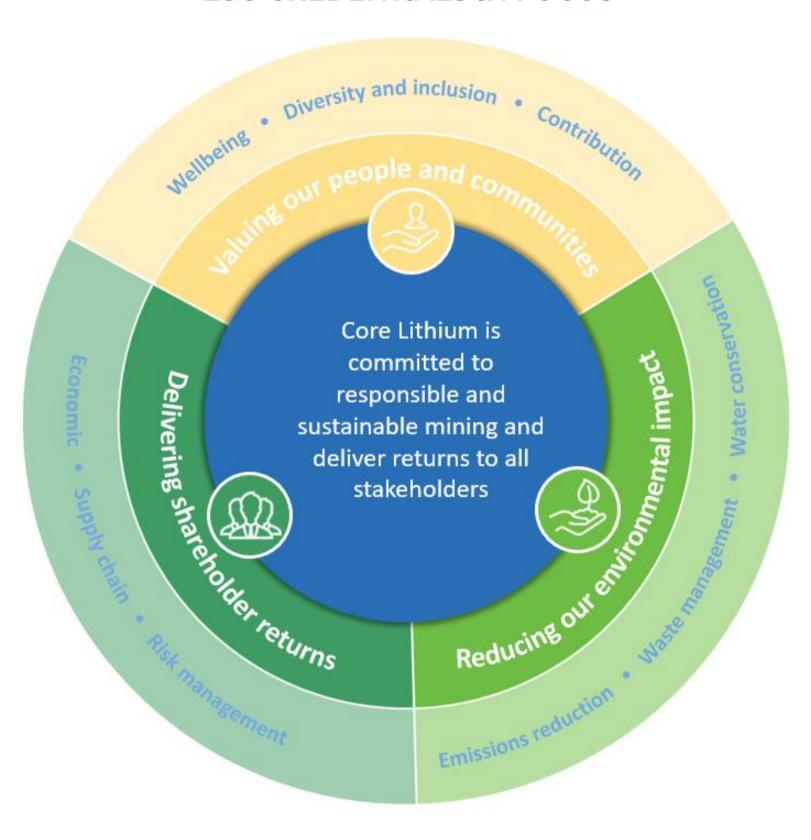


> First Concentrate scheduled H1 2023

### Goals for ESG best practice

- ✓ Health and safety of our people
- ✓ Protecting the Environment and a partner in the communities
- A long-lasting positive contribution to our stakeholders and sustainable value for shareholders.
- ✓ Lithium has a fundamental role enabling a low carbon future
- ✓ Work to date with ERM:
  - Greenhouse Gas Assessment (GHG) we have the lowest CO2 emissions for the transport of lithium compared to our Australian peers
  - ➤ **Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)** environmental impacts across the global value chain
  - > Sustainability Assessment to build our road map
  - > ESG Roadmap and Framework under development

#### **ESG CREDENTIALS IN FOCUS**



### **Developing the Executive Team**



#### **Mike Stone - Chief Operations Officer**

Over 20 years operations experience in open pit and underground mines 13 years in Northern Australia, including the Northern Territory A seasoned operational leader and mining professional across numerous commodities and multiple geographies.

Strong safety, environment, community, productivity improvement and mining expertise.

#### Sam Rees - Executive General Manger People & Culture

25 years as a Human Resource practitioner and registered psychologist Knowledge and insights accumulated from mining, manufacturing, health and not for profit organisations

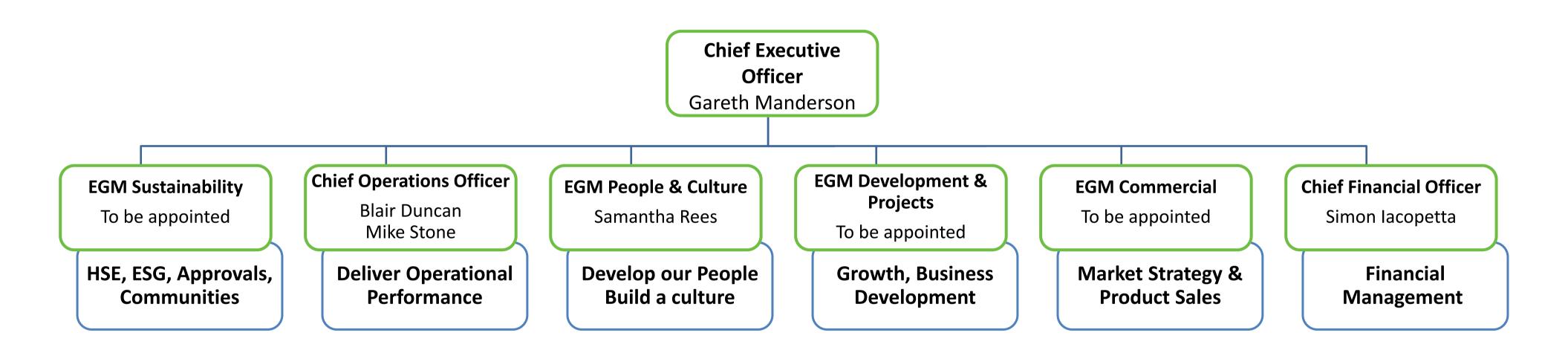
Recent work has focused on organisational design and change initiatives that will benefit our team as we transition to an operating business with a strong growth profile.

#### Alicia Sherwood - Executive External Relations, Community and Communications

Over 20 years working in the Northern Territory in both the resources industry and Government Specialist in community engagement, compliance, stakeholder relationship management, media and communications.

Based in Darwin, Alicia understands the social, economic, and regulatory framework where our mining operations and projects are located.

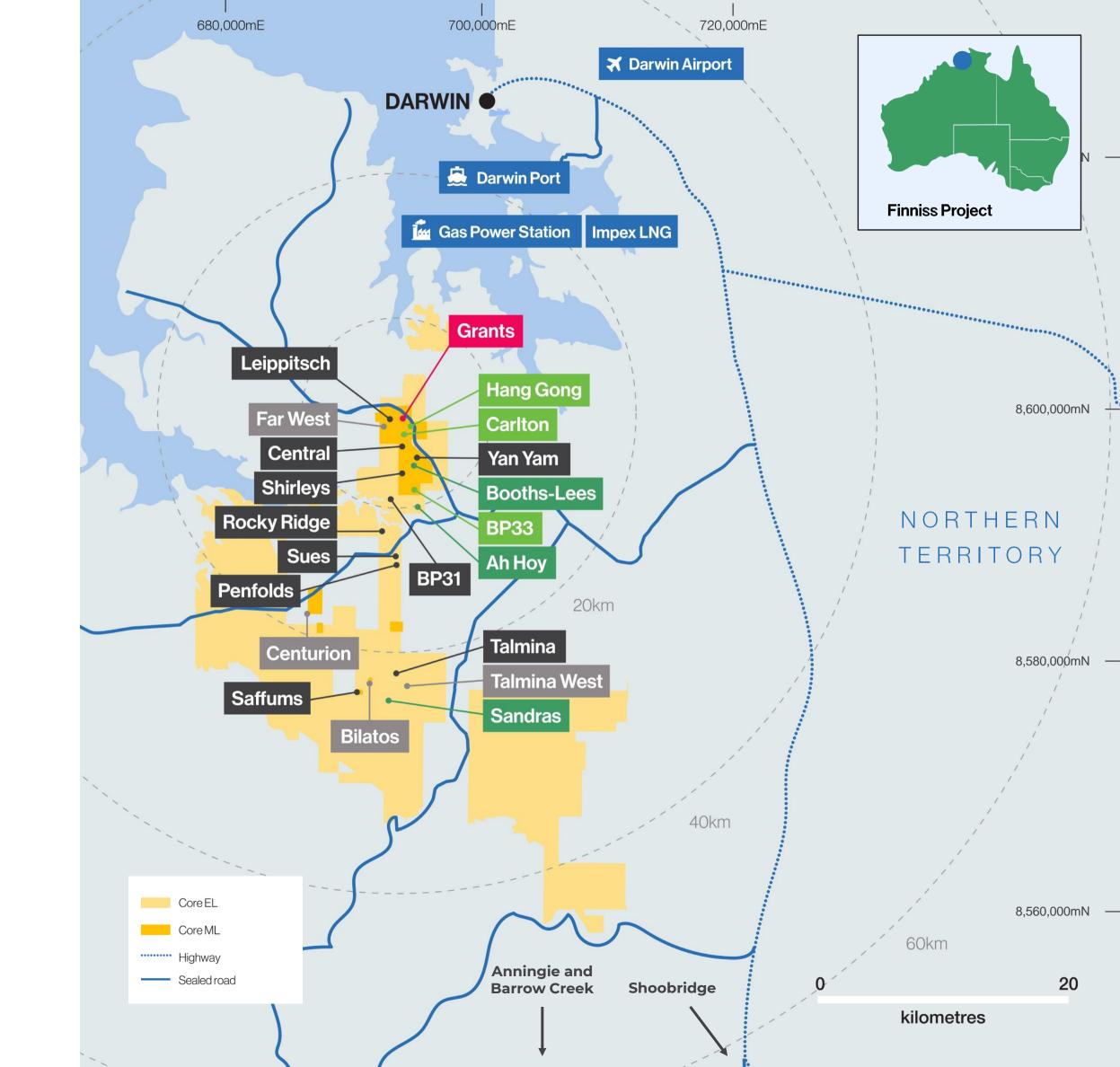
## Building organisational capability and capacity



## **Organic Growth Pipeline**

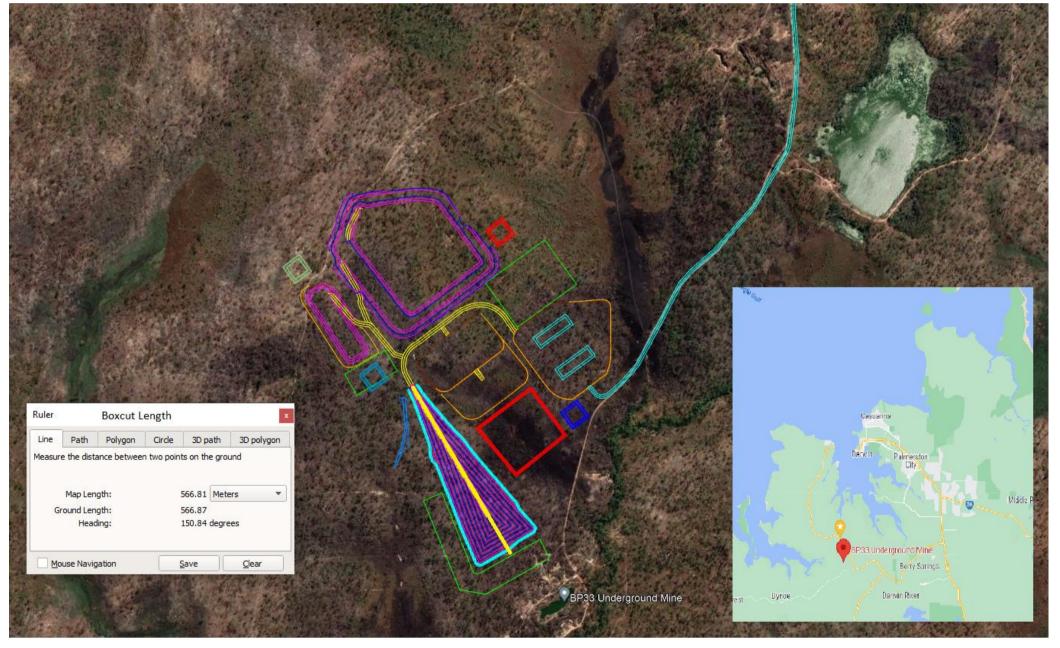
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- DEVELOPMENT
- STUDIES
- ADVANCED EXPLORATION
- EXPLORATION

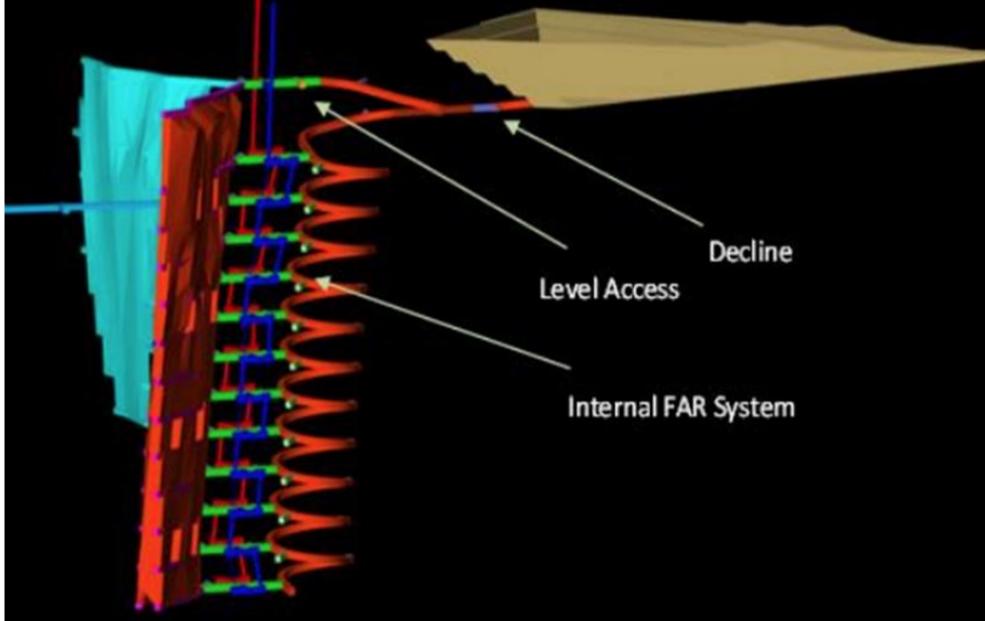
Over **500km<sup>2</sup> of tenure** over highly prospective ground for lithium in the Northern Territory at Finniss.



### Core's next mine BP33

- > 5km from Grants Open Pit, Crusher and DMS Plant
- > Targeting first production in 1H 2024, subject to approvals
- > Low capital-intensive, boxcut development
- Up-hole Retreat Open Stope mining
- Mining rate circa. 1Mt per annum



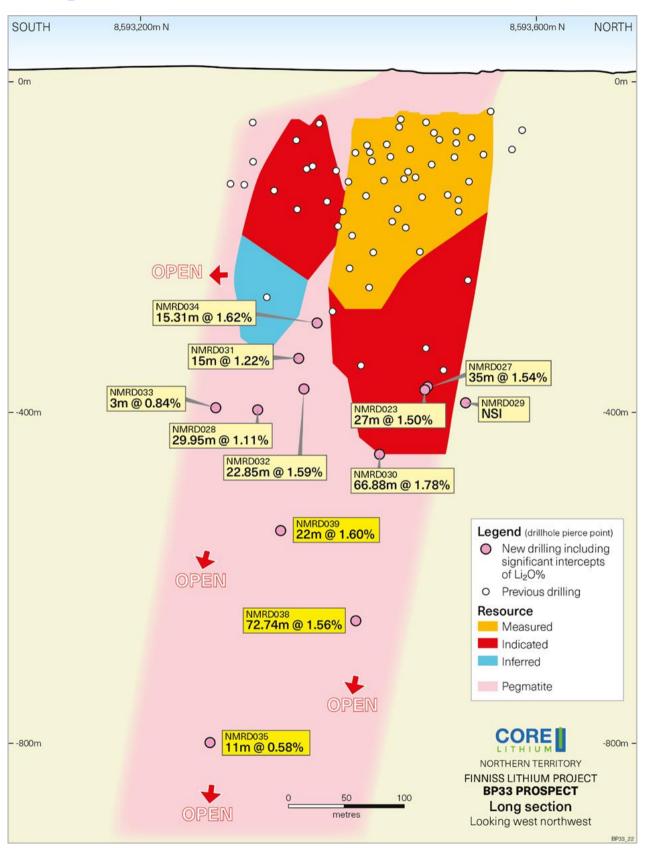


**BP33 Stage 2 U/G Infrastructure** 

**BP33 Surface Layout** 

Boxcut length 567 Meters (Yellow line)

## Organic Growth Exploration



#### **Significant Achievements in Past 12 months**

#### Finniss Mineral resource estimate increased by 28%

> Including maiden mineral resource at Ah Hoy

Major RC and DD drilling program in progress >35,000m & continuing

## Further excellent extensional exploration results showing superb down-plunge continuity outside of existing mineral resources

BP33
 Carlton
 66.88m @ 1.78% Li<sub>2</sub>O in NMRD030<sup>1</sup>
 MRD030<sup>1</sup>
 Oin NMRD011<sup>1</sup>

#### Discovery of new Li prospects at Finniss

Penfolds 11m @ 1.55% Li<sub>2</sub>O in SRC080<sup>1</sup>
 Bilatos 24m @ 2.24% Li<sub>2</sub>O in SRC068<sup>1</sup>

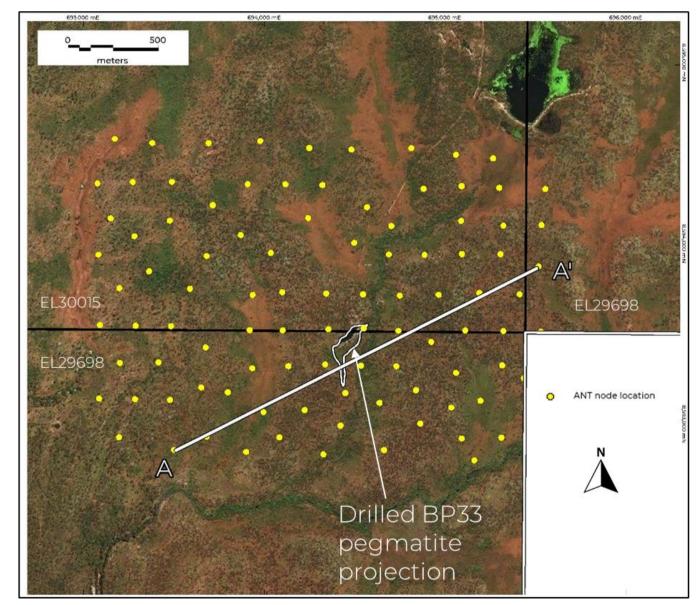
#### **Entry into Shoobridge Project**<sup>1</sup>

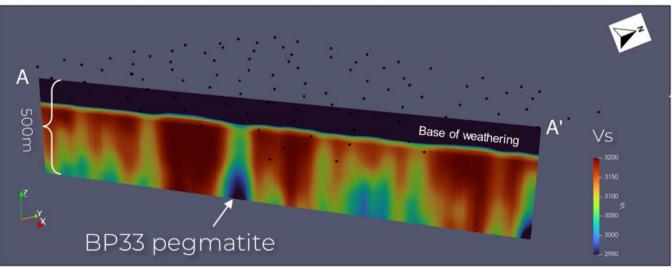
- > Untested pegmatites with historic Sn-Ta mines; Finniss look-a-like
- Multi-element prospectivity

Acquisition of six highly prospective Mining Leases around Finniss, including over 30 historical pegmatite mines<sup>1</sup>

First company to successfully apply ANT for direct pegmatite detection

## Organic Growth Exploration





#### **Ambient Noise Tomography (ANT)**

- Application of new technology that uses varying velocity properties of the rock to predict pegmatite occurrence
- Successfully trialled at BP33 (see image) to >500m depth
- Real time information enables fast decision making
- Contract signed with Fleet Space for 12-month deployment across Core's projects commencing in 2023
- > Government co-funded program currently underway at Shoobridge

## FY23 priorities building the foundation for our future Value Add **Opportunities Organic** Growth

**Finniss Project** 

Delivery



## OPERATIONAL DELIVERY

- Transition from construction to operations
- Water management
- Concentrate production at Finniss



#### **EXPLORATION**

- Increased activity at Finniss, Shoebridge and Anningie, Barrow Creek
- Extension drilling at BP33 and Carlton



#### **GROWTH**

- Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve growth
- BP33 Project, Progress Carlton study
- Develop other organic growth options



## STAKEHOLDER OBJECTIVES

- Disciplined capital management, strong balance sheet
- Regulatory compliance
- Community commitments
- Formalise ESG roadmap and framework



## NEAR TERM CATALYSTS

- First lithium shipment DSO, Q4 2022
- Advance BP33 Core's proposed second lithium mine
- Concentrate Production H1 2023

Kenbi Rangers Smoking ceremony at the Mine Opening 10 October 2022

## Thank you for supporting the Core Lithium Team

**Questions?** 





### **Thank You**

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