#### CAPRICORN SOUTHEAST MANGANESE PROJECT

# Drilling Confirms Prospectivity

MANGANESE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### WHAT HAVE WE FOUND?

- High-grade manganese (>40%Mn) in RC drilling
- 51 holes reporting significant manganese greater than 15%
- Thicknesses of 6m averaging >15%Mn reported in 4 holes
- Deepest mineralisation reported to date at 64m down hole mineralisation open at depth and along strike
- Preliminary beneficiation test work demonstrates mineralisation can be upgraded

#### WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT?

Up to 20,000m RC drilling program currently in progress
 Several additional phases of drilling planned



#### **EXPERIENCED TEAM**





Martin Pyle Managing Director

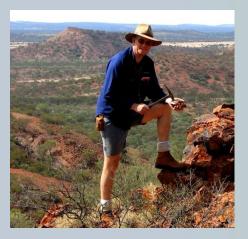
CORPORATE, MANAGEMENT: EXPLORATION & MINING 23 years experience in the resources sector 12 years as Corporate Finance Director at leading Australian Broker Corporate advisor to a number of juniors Director of junior resource companies

Mining Analyst and Geologist

#### **Track Record of Successes**



Phillip Jackson Chairman LEGAL, CORPORATE: MANAGEMENT AND PROJECTS Director of resources companies across Asia-Pacific for many years. Legal counsel to major US oil services and oil companies Extensive multi-national resources experience, particularly in Asia-Pacific, the Middle East and the USA Former legal manager at Western Mining Corporation



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EXPLORATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Copper-Zinc – Maranda, South Africa Gold - Yellow Aster, USA Copper-Gold - Minas de Oro, Central America Diamonds - Zimbabwe Gold - Raleigh & Aphrodite, Kalgoorlie (WA) Gold – Henty mine extensions, Tasmania Manganese – Capricorn Southeast (WA)



#### AURORA MINERALS LIMITED CAPITAL STRUCTURE



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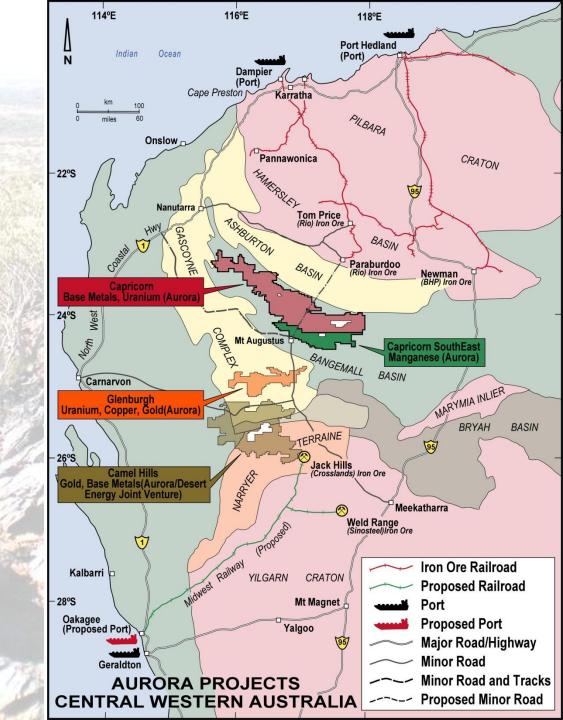
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\$42	million
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Sin Vie	17%
	14%
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	6%
	\$42 \$18.5



#### Project Location & Infrastructure

- Situated Central Pilbara, 100km SW of Paraburdoo and 420km from Dampier port.
- Logistics, various possibilities:
  - Truck to Paraburdoo and rail to Dampier
  - Truck to Dampier port
  - Oakajee port/rail
  - Truck to Carnarvon
- All subject to availability and economics





#### MANGANESE



- Essential to iron and steel production hardens and strengthens steel – difficult & expensive to substitute!
- Steel making accounts for 90% of total manganese demand
- Annual global production is ~40 million tonnes of manganese mine product
- High% of production is from South Africa (mainly Kalahari region)
- China accounts for between 45-50% of demand

#### AUSTRALIAN MANGANESE DEPOSITS



#### **Bootu Creek NT** (OM Holdings)

- Ore Reserves 22.4m tonnes at 22.1% Mn
- Beneficiates to produce 650,000+ tonnes per annum at 41.9% Mn
- Deposits occur as series of pods and lenses over 20kms

#### Woodie Woodie WA (ConsMin - Privatised 2008 for \$1.15bn)

- Ore Reserves 15.8m tonnes at 42.1% Mn
- Produces 900,000 tonnes per annum at up to 48% Mn
- Deposits occur as series of 50 pods and lenses over 20kms



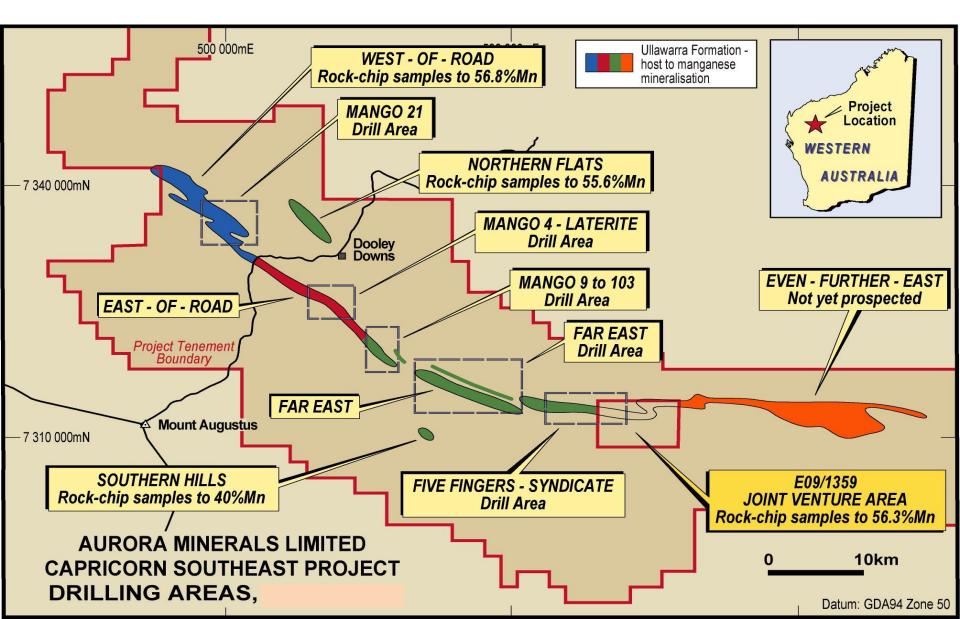
>10 million tonnes of manganese resources (based on Bootu Creek Feasibility Study)

Grades of 15-40% Mn, low impurities

**Beneficiation to saleable product** 

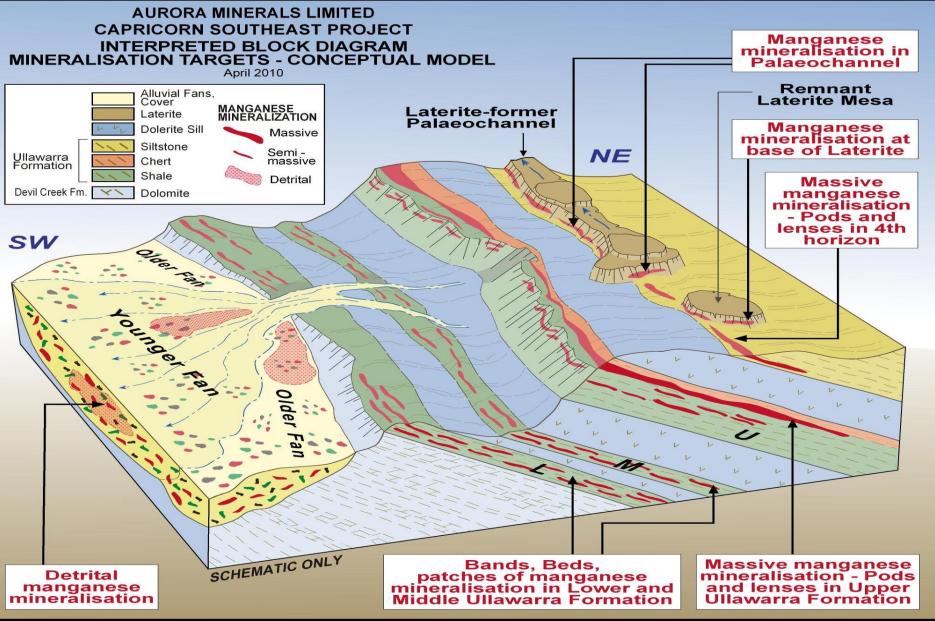
## PROJECT OVERVIEW 2009 PROSPECTING RESULTS





#### CAPRICORN SOUTHEAST CONCEPTUAL MODEL





#### **2010 DRILLING FIRST PROGRAM**

#### **First Drill Program Highlights**

 First pass reconnaissance drilling completed on first 30 prospects

Highlights

Hole ID	Prospect	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Mn%
CSRC0002	JV	4	6	2	28.6
CSRC0016	5 Fingers	3	6	3	33.3
incl.		4	6	2	42.3
CSRC0017	5 Fingers	5	11	6	23.4
CSRC0018	5 Fingers	0	2	2	39.2
incl.		1	2	1	40.1
CSRC0027	M142	12	14	2	32.7
CSRC0076	M101	24	30	6	26.1
incl.		27	28	1	40.0
CSRC0086	M9	17	19	2	30.6
incl.		17	18	1	40.4
CSRC0089	M32	23	25	2	30.7

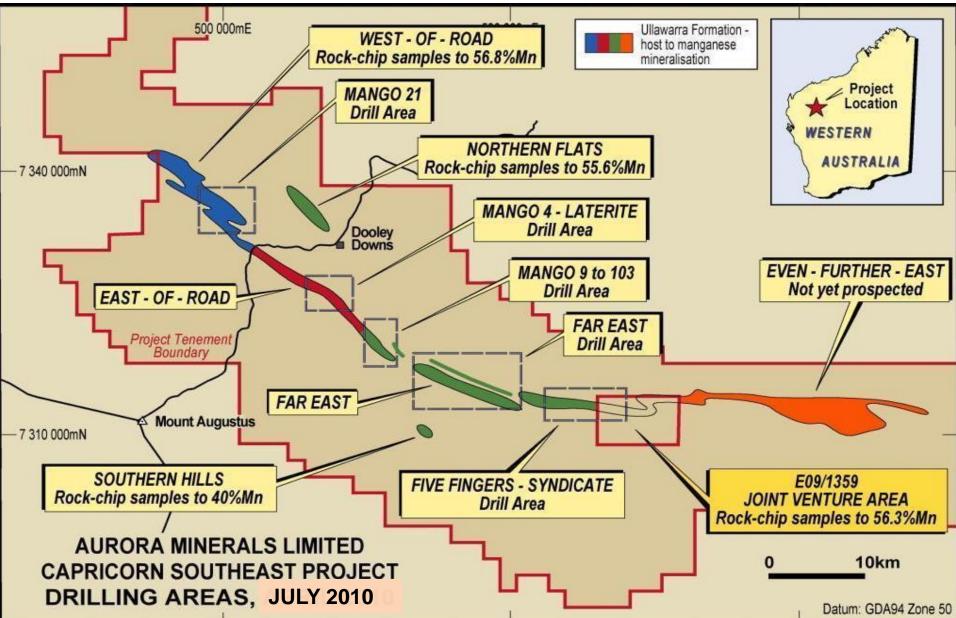
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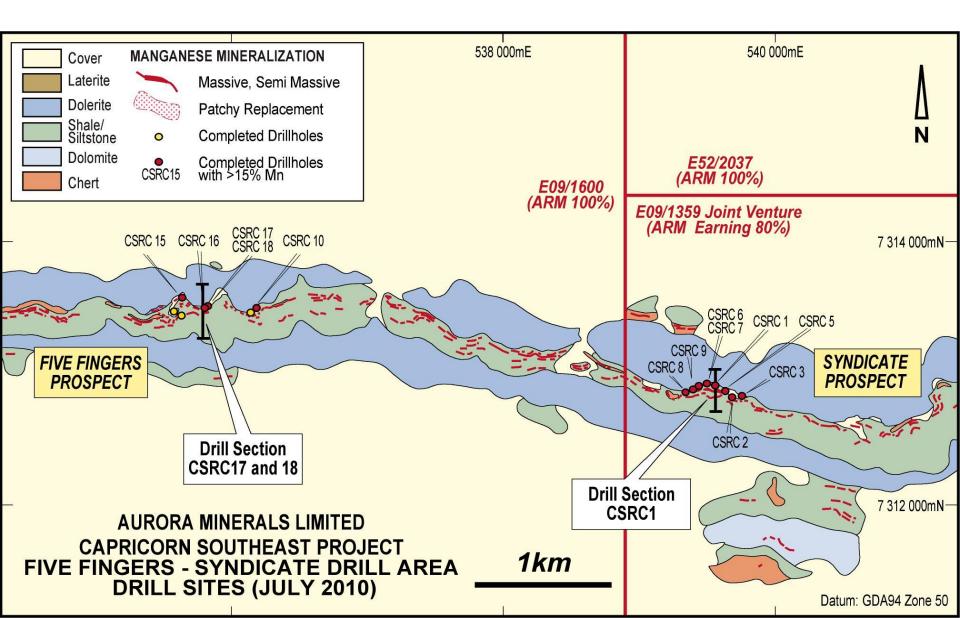


#### MAP OF FIRST DRILL PROGRAM 2010



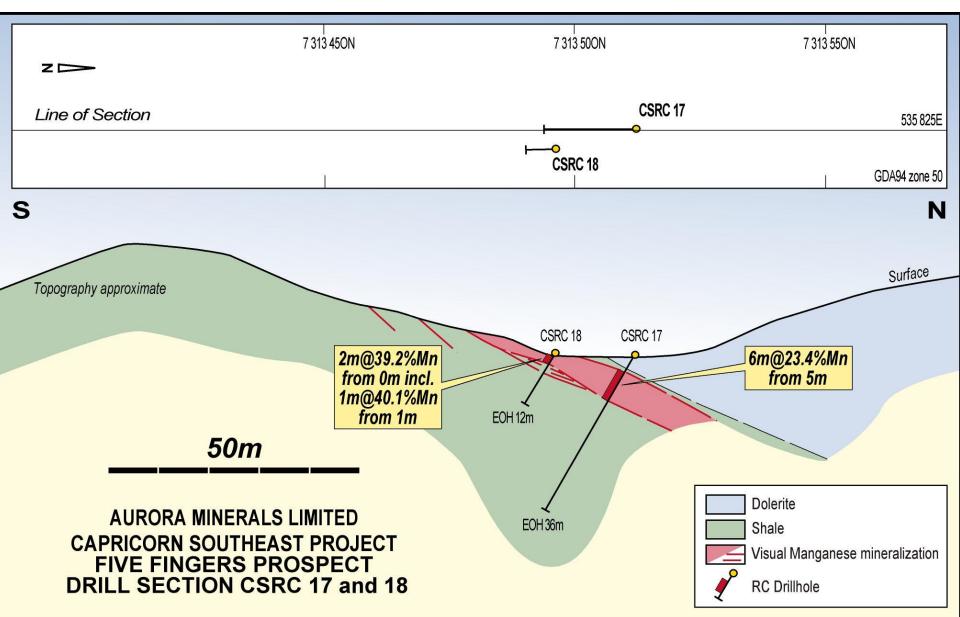


#### FIVE FINGERS & JV AREA SHOWING PROGRAM 1 DRILL HOLES AURORA MINERALS LIMITED



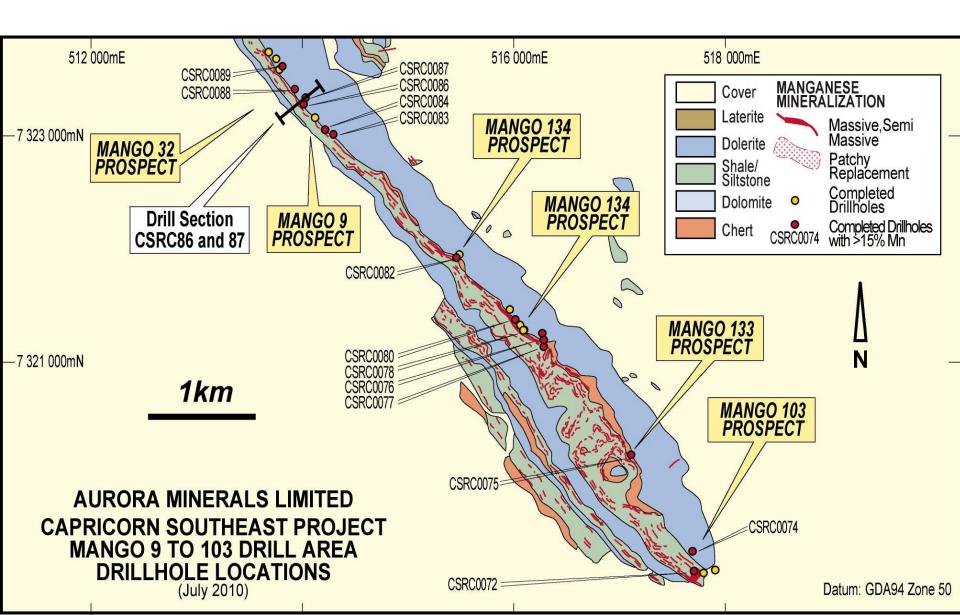
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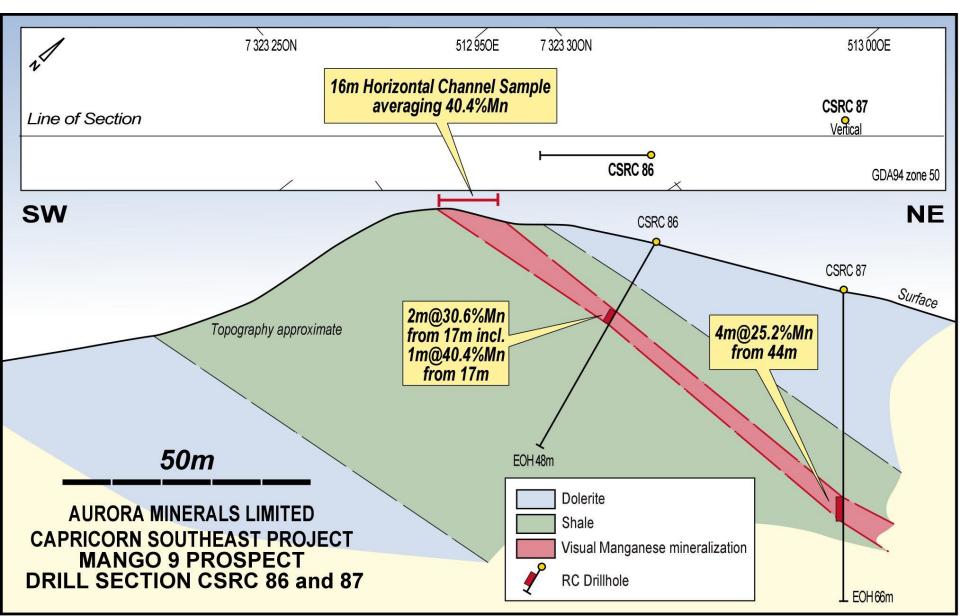
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#### MANGO 32 CROSS SECTION

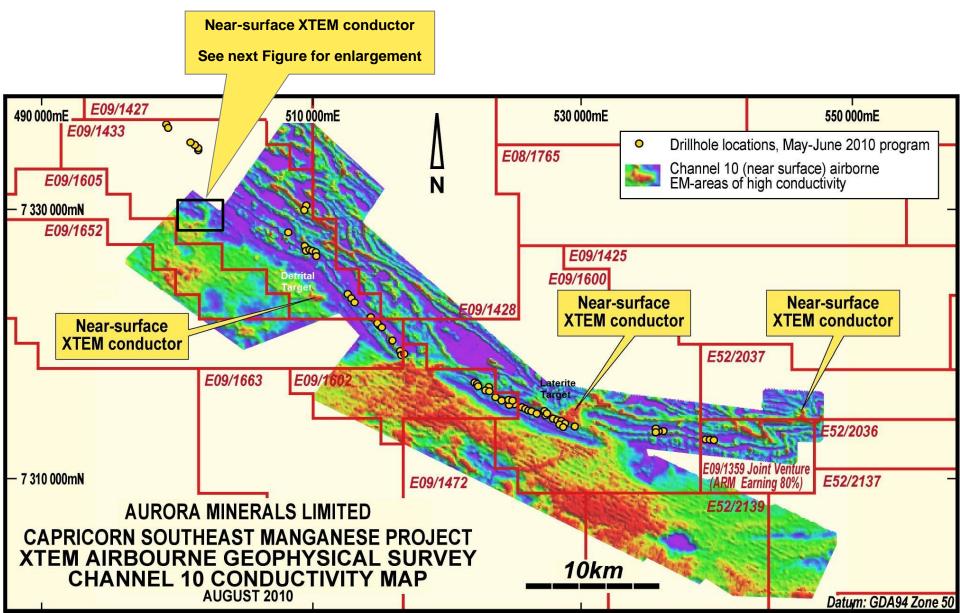


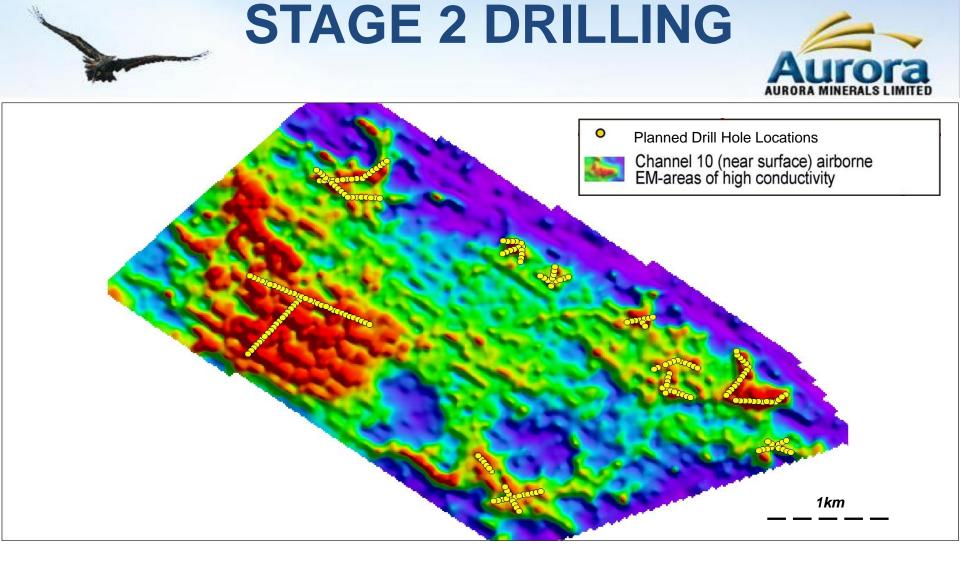




#### Electro-magnetic (EM) Image





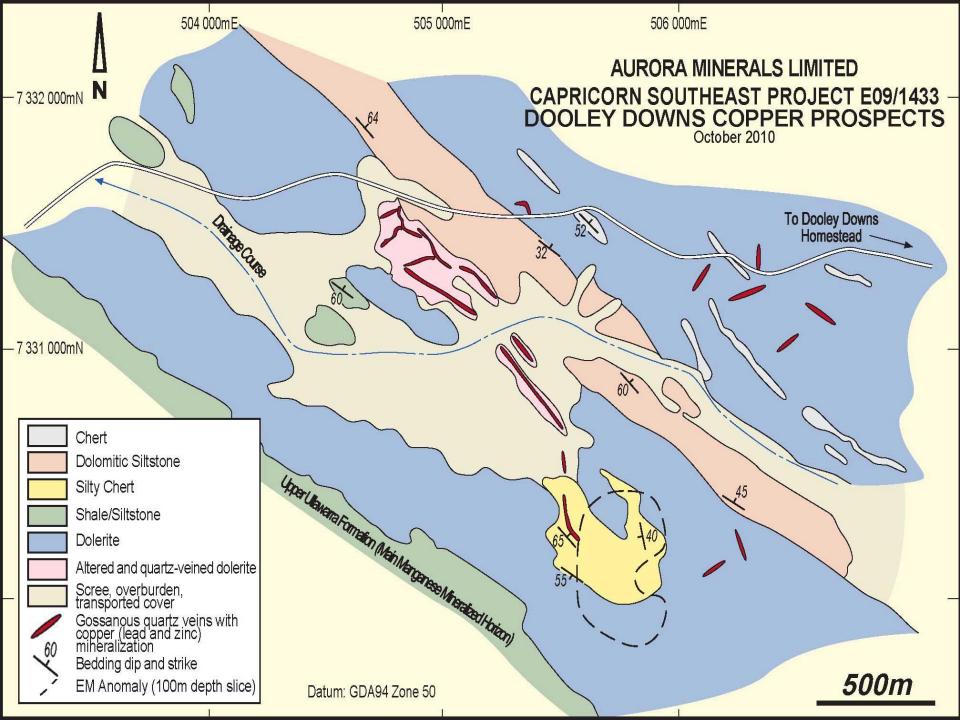


- Large 20,000m RC drill program in progress
- Testing a range of targets including Laterites & Detrital zones

#### **NEW COPPER DISCOVERY!**









**COPPER GOSSANS DISCOVERED AT** 

**CAPRICORN SOUTHEAST PROJECT** 



- Extensive quartz-geothite-hematitebase-metal gossans identified
- Visible secondary copper mineralisation identified in hand specimens\*
- Elevated levels of lead and zinc also recorded\*
- Gossans extend for 1.2km multiple veins up to 20m thick
- Co-incident bullseye EM and magnetic anomalies
- \* Metal contents detected from handheld Niton XRF of selected samples. Samples have been submitted for chemical analysis.

#### GOSSANOUS QUARTZ VEINS WITH COPPER



Gossan (after Cu-sulphides?



Quartz vein with secondary copper minerals

Figurnie Stattons Steel Ruler

Quartz vein with Galena (lead sulphide)

Malachite (Copper Carbonate)

## **Desert Energy**

### Western Australian Diversified Minerals Explorer

Aurora Minerals owns~48%

# CAMEL HILLS PROJECT

- Large project (approx 5,000 km<sup>2</sup>) Desert Energy initially earning 51%
- Located northwest edge Yilgarn Craton
- Targeting Range of Deposit Types e.g.
  - Fe (Magnetite) Karara Style Deposit
  - Gold Tropicana Style Deposit
  - Nickel Jinchuan Style Deposit
  - Uranium Unconformity Style Deposit
- Covers 3 mineralised terranes:

Narryer Terrane in south - Magnetite Fe, Ni

Prelim beneficiation results of 4 samples:

- High quality up to 70% Fe product, low Si, Al & P
- Davis Tube Recoveries about 40% magnetic fraction
- Possibility of producing superior, premium, product

Errabiddy Shear Zone (Camel Hills Belt) – Au

**Gascoyne Complex in north - Uranium** 

- Native Title Heritage agreement in place
- Prospecting underway

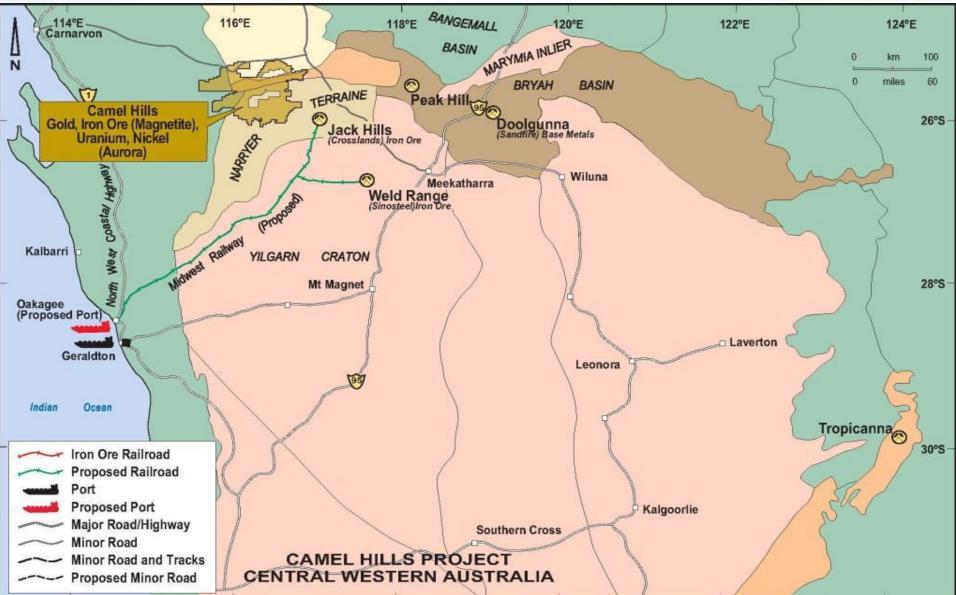




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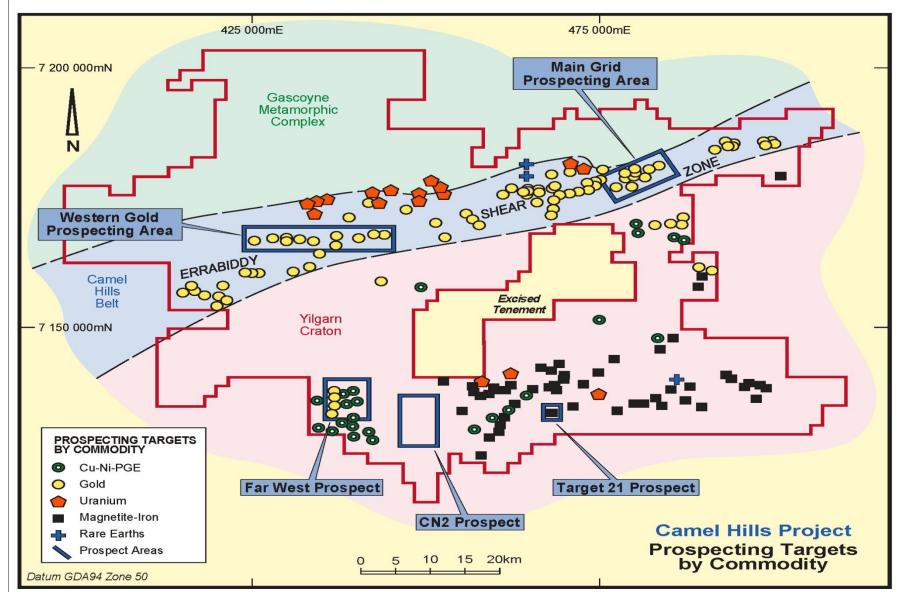
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#### PROSPECTING TARGETS OVERVIEW







**SUMMARY** 



#### Manganese

- Prospected 80kms, rock-chip sampling and traversing
- Surface samples up to 56% Mn
- High grade >40% intersected in RC drilling
- Stage 2 RC 20,000m Drilling program in Progress
- 2<sup>nd</sup> drilling program in progress targeting

Copper

• New Copper discovery – drill targets being prepared

Desert Energy (48% owned)

- Magnetite-iron drill program planned (approvals being sought)
- Gold & nickel targets being generated

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