### **ASX: ENR**



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Leading copper & critical minerals exploration in Australia



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### Encounter at a glance

## Creating value through project generation and discovery

Capital structure	
ASX ticker	ENR
Share price (4/8/2023)	\$0.46
Shares on issue	396M
Options	24M
Market capitalisation	~\$182M
Cash (30/6/2023)	~\$12M
Enterprise value	~\$170M

Major shareholders	
Board and Management	~13.5%
IGO	~7.2%
Silver Lake Resources	~5.2%

#### **Board of Directors**



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#### Share price 12 months



# Large and consistent in-ground exploration investment

Building shareholder value through discovery

Advanced Exploration

Build **Partnerships** 

Project Generation

Progress 100% projects rapidly to defined milestones

- West Arunta emerging as a new critical minerals province
- Sandover outcropping copper over 20km in the NT
- Junction lithium new LCT pegmatites identified in the NT
- Lamil high-grade copper-gold reefs

Collaborating with high quality exploration teams

- Major funded copper exploration partnerships with leading miners
- **\$7m** invested by partners on Encounter projects in 2022
- South32 and IGO commenced diamond drilling in July 2023







Fast mover, early adopter of new technologies & datasets

- Focus on copper and critical minerals in central Australia
- Sediment hosted
- IOCG
- Carbonatites
- Leverage government datasets





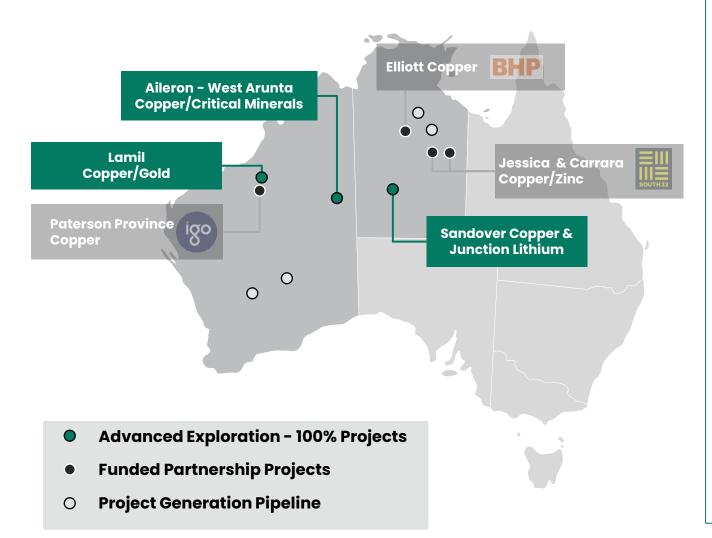
# 100% owned projects

Leading edge copper and critical minerals exploration in Australia



## A premier exploration portfolio

### Early mover positions in world-class minerals belts attracting Tier 1 partners



#### Aileron Project - West Arunta - WA

## Targeting IOCG style copper-gold and carbonatite hosted critical minerals

Niobium-REE carbonatites discovered

#### Sandover Copper Project - NT

## Outcropping shale units that contain copper mapped for >20km

 Gravity survey completed, preparing for diamond drilling

#### Junction Lithium Project - NT

#### Highly anomalous lithium & critical minerals

Confirmed LCT pegmatites

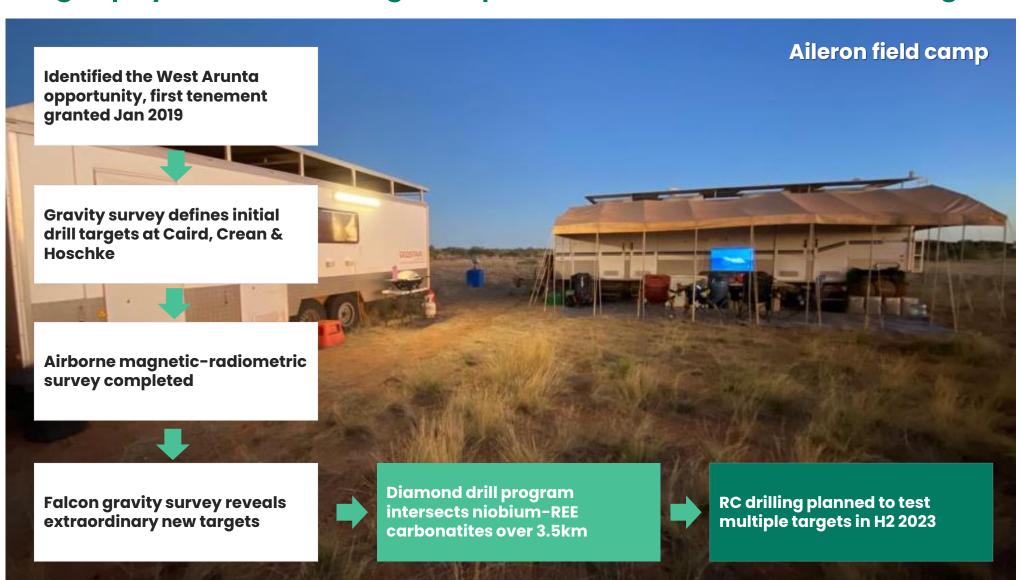
### Lamil Project - Paterson Province - WA

#### High-grade copper-gold reefs

Potential for project partnership to accelerate exploration

# Aileron Project – West Arunta (100% ENR)

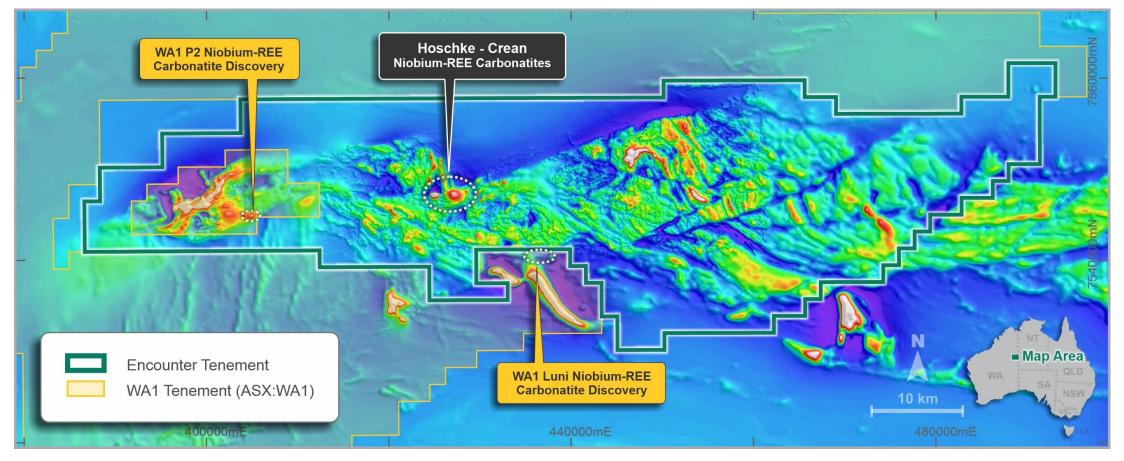
Modern geophysics is revealing exceptional new critical mineral targets





# Aileron Project – West Arunta (100% ENR) Targeting IOCG and carbonatite hosted critical minerals

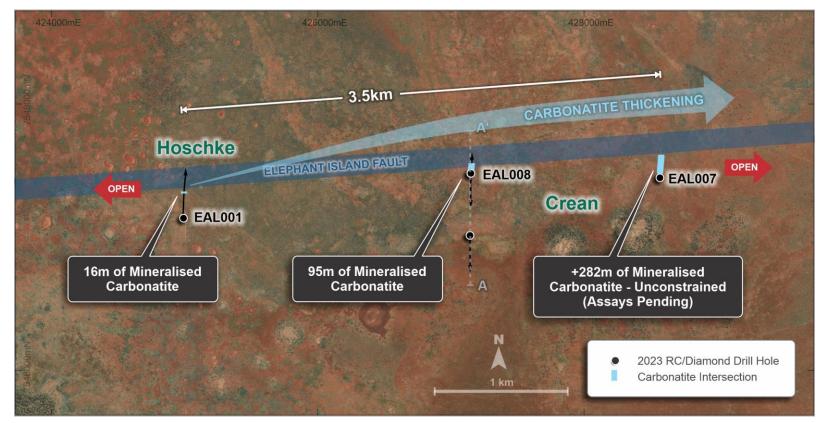
- Commanding land position in the underexplored West Arunta with +100km long Aileron project
- High grade niobium-REE discoveries by WA1 Resources (ASX:WA1) adjacent to Aileron



## Aileron Project – Diamond Drill Program

### Niobium-REE carbonatites over 3.5km - open and thickening to the east

 First two holes at Crean, drilled 1.5km apart, intersected carbonatites with high grade niobium-REE mineralisation.



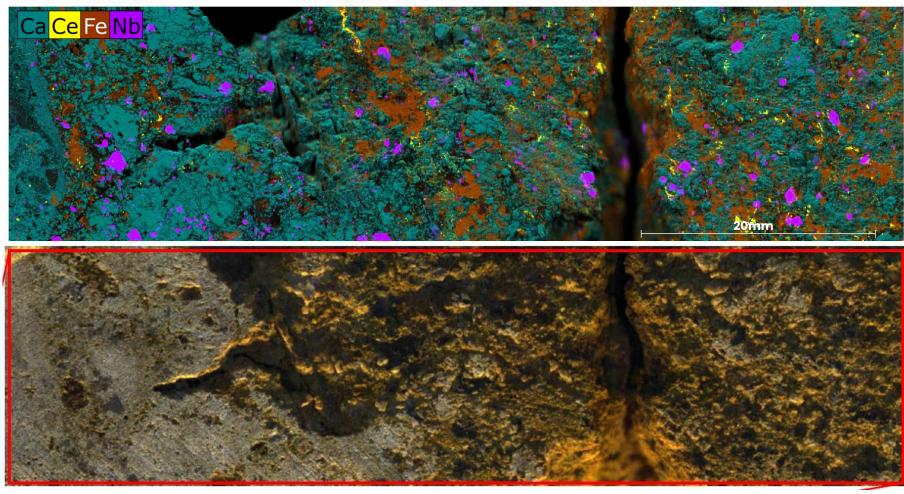
Diamond drill locations (black dots) the three holes (EAL001, EAL008 and EAL007) that intersected carbonatites over 3.5km of strike along the Elephant Island Fault



Exploration Manager Sarah James with RC pre-collar spoils from drillhole EAL008

# Aileron Project – Preliminary mineralogical assessment

The main niobium-bearing mineral identified in the carbonatite is interpreted as coarse grained pyrochlore



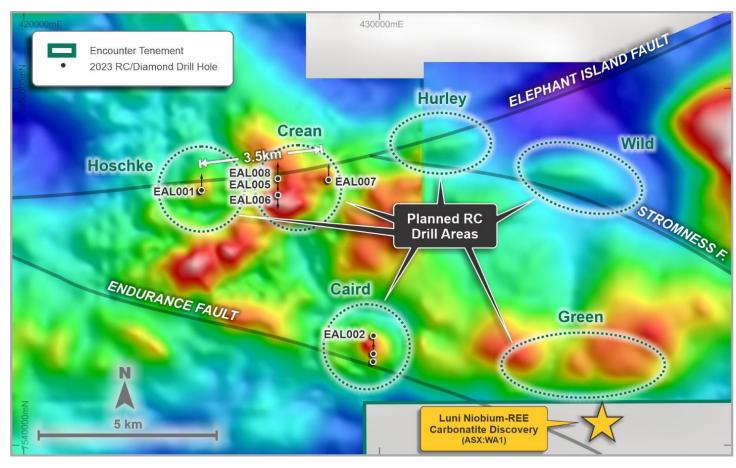
Elemental map - shows the nature, style and spatial distribution of the niobium mineralisation (pyrochlore) hosted in the carbonatite from an 8cm x 2 cm half core sample from 110.8m in EAL008. Data collected using micro XRF - Bruker M4 TORNADO - Portable Spectral Services

# Aileron Project – West Arunta (100% ENR)

### RC Drill Program - August-October 2023

#### **Next Steps**

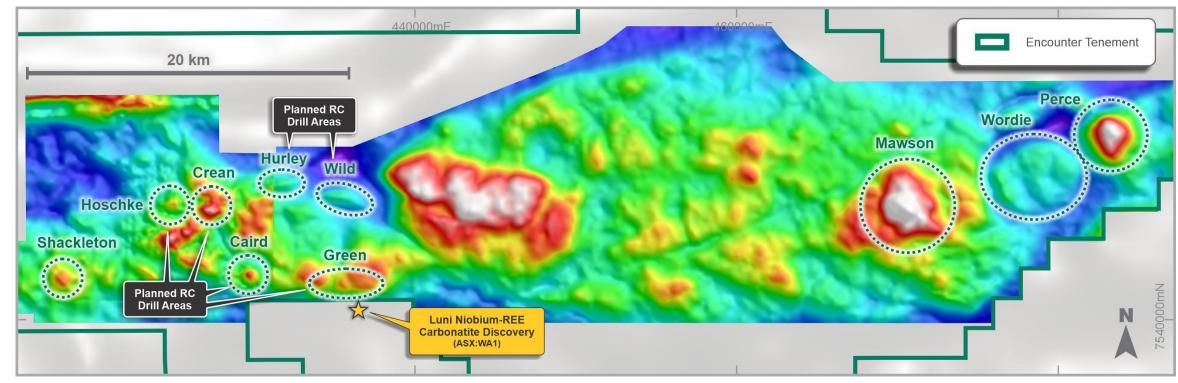
- RC drilling commencing in August 2023 to include:
  - Extending the shallow, highgrade niobium-REE at Crean
  - Hurley and Wild targets located east of Crean
  - Green target north of WA1 Resources' Luni discovery
- Initial metallurgical testing will commence in September 2023



Aileron diamond drill locations (black dots) over residual gravity with planned RC drill program areas for testing between August and October 2023

# Aileron Project – West Arunta (100% ENR) Falcon airborne gravity survey defines a suite of new targets

- Three significant gravity anomalies in the eastern part of Aileron:
  - Mawson and Perce are discrete, high amplitude (~6 mGal) anomalies that potentially outline alkaline/carbonatite intrusions or hematite alteration prospective for IOCG mineralisation
  - Wordie is a circular density feature, with significant internal complexity located on a major regional structure, interpreted as a potential alkaline/carbonatite intrusive body



# Aileron Project – West Arunta (100% ENR) What comes next...

Surface geochemistry survey (>1,800 samples)	Aug – Sep
8,000-10,000 RC drill program	Aug – Oct
Assays from thick carbonatite intersected in EAL007	Sep
Reconnaissance sampling of Eastern Targets	Sep
Preliminary metallurgical study	Sep - Dec
Accesses from DC drill programs	Con Doo
Assays from RC drill program	Sep - Dec



# Niobium (Nb) overview

### A critical mineral with growing strategic value

- Identified as a critical mineral by Australia, the United States, the European Union and Japan
- Approximately 90% of demand comes from the steel industry:
  - A micro alloy to make lighter, stronger and more corrosion resistant steel
- CBMM-Toshiba partnership to incorporate niobium into the next generation of battery technologies to enhance performance by:
  - Super-fast charging (<6 minutes) and discharging rates</li>
  - Improved safety (lower fire risk)
- Niobium supply is concentrated and constrained:
  - Only three operating mines with 95% of supply coming from Brazil



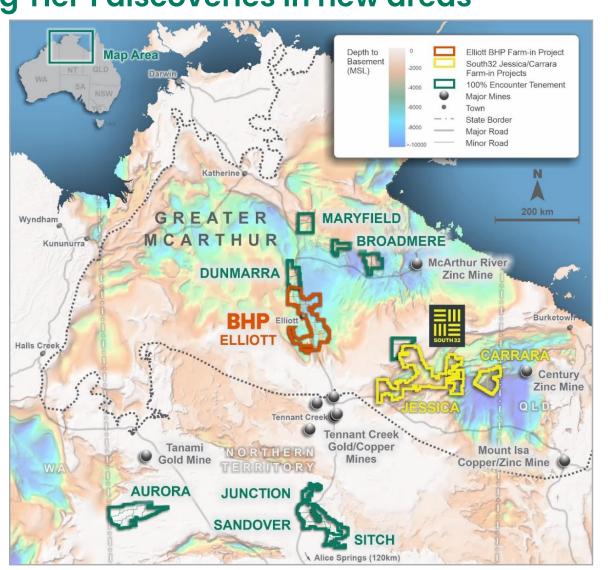


# Farm-in projects

Working with the world's leading miners to find the next generation of copper deposits

# Northern Territory: globally significant opportunity for copper Major exploration programs targeting Tier 1 discoveries in new areas

- New Government data has transformed the exploration potential of the NT
- Vastly underexplored regions under shallow cover
- Highly prospective for sedimentary hosted copper-zinc deposits
- Located between major copper-gold districts of Mt Isa and Tennant Creek
- Encounter has a portfolio of fast mover copper opportunities:
  - Elliott \$25m farm-in with BHP
  - Jessica & Carrara \$15 & \$10m farm-ins with South32
    - → ENR carried to Scoping Study
  - 100% owned projects



# Large projects in emerging copper-critical mineral regions

#### **100% ENR Projects**

#### Aileron Copper-Critical Minerals Project -WA

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#### Lamil Copper-Gold Project - Paterson Province WA

High-grade copper-gold reefs intersected

#### **Copper Farm-in Partners**

#### \$7m invested by partners on ENR projects in 2022



#### **Elliott Copper Project - NT**

#### (up to \$25m farm-in funding)

- Diamond drilling intersected a potential "first reductant" horizon in 2022
- Key target for sediment-hosted copper deposits



#### Jessica and Carrara Projects – NT

#### (ENR carried to Scoping Study)

- Diamond drilling July to November 2023
  - 4 holes (3,500m) at Jessica
  - 3 holes (3,000m) at Carrara



#### Yeneena Project – Paterson Province WA

#### (up to \$15m farm-in funding)

- Diamond drilling July to September 2023
- 5 holes (2,900m) targeting high-value sediment-hosted copper



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