Yangibana Project updated Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource tonnes up by 54%, TREO oxides up 32%

Highlights

- Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource tonnes increased by 54% to 16.3Mt for Yangibana deposits drilled during 2020.

- Measured and Indicated TREO increased to 137kt, a 32% increase for deposits drilled in 2020.

- Measured and Indicated Neodymium + Praseodymium ($Nd_2O_3 + Pr_6O_{11}$) content increased by 29% to 55.2kt of rare earth oxides for deposits drilled during 2020.

- Additional 5.8Mt of Measured and Indicated Resources added with an NdPr:TREO ratio > 40% for the deposits drilled in 2020.

- Simon's Find deposit increases 162% to 2.4Mt with a 165% increase in TREO oxides to 13.8kt.

- Ore Reserve optimisation work is likely to **extend Yangibana mine life** beyond 15 years.

- Mineral Resources confidence continues to grow with ~77% (or 21.1Mt) in the Measured or Indicated categories for all deposits, suitable for mine planning and Ore Reserve estimation work that is underway.

- Yangibana's Mineral Resource estimate (all deposits) increases significantly to 27.42Mt @ 0.97% total rare earth oxides (TREO) for 266kt of rare earth oxides.

Australia's next rare earths producer, Hastings Technology Metals Ltd (**ASX: HAS**) (**Hastings** or the **Company**), is pleased to announce a material increase in Mineral Resource Estimate at its Yangibana Rare Earths Project (**Yangibana**) in Western Australia's Gascoyne region.

The new Mineral Resource estimate (Table 1.) is the result of a successful 23,739m drilling campaign at Yangibana during 2020 targeting additional rare earth mineralisation plus the previously announced (see ASX announcement dated on 31st October 2019 titled '13% Increase in Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources') Mineral Resources.

Additional holes were also drilled to provide samples for metallurgical test work and further define orebody grade control. Only 5 of Yangibana's 10 deposits were drilled in the 2020 campaign, with all of these deposits remaining open at depth and along strike. The 2020 drilling campaign increased the RC and Diamond drilled metres dataset by 39%.

Table 1: Total Yangibana Project (all 10 deposits) JORC (2012) Mineral Resources April 2021

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%Nd$_2$O$_3$+Pr$_6$O$_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	4.90	1.01	0.38	49,442
Indicated	16.24	0.95	0.33	154,750
sub-total	*21.14*	*0.97*	*0.34*	*204,192*
Inferred	6.27	0.99	0.31	62,225
TOTAL	*27.42*	*0.97*	*0.33*	*266,417*

- *Numbers may not add up due to rounding. Includes JV tenement contributions.*
- Reporting of Minerals Resources for Auer, Auer North, Bald Hill, Frasers, Simons Find and Yangibana is at a cut-off grade of 0.24% total rare earth oxides (TREO).
- Reporting of Mineral Resources for all other deposits is at 0.2% Nd$_2$O$_3$+Pr$_6$O$_{11}$ cut-off grade.

Summary

The updated Yangibana Mineral Resource has been completed on the Bald Hill, Simon's Find, Frasers, Auer and Yangibana deposits and is reported in addition to the previously announced (October 2019) but unchanged deposits of Yangibana North West, Kane's Gossan, Gossan, Lion's Ear and Hook (Table. 1). Total Mineral Resources at the Yangibana project now stand at 27.42Mt @ 0.97% TREO.

Measured and Indicated tonnes for deposits drilled during 2020 increased by 54% to 16.3Mt with a corresponding 32% increase in total rare earth oxides (TREO) to 137kt.

The increase in Mineral Resources is a combination of drilling completed during 2020 and application of a cut-off grade at 0.24% TREO following evaluation of processing costs and forward rare earth pricing assumptions, which will be released in the upcoming Ore Reserve statement.

Mineral Resources for Yangibana North West and additional Inferred Mineral Resources from Gossan, Kane's Gossan, Lion's Ear and Hook remain unchanged from 2019 and are stated at a 0.20% NdPr cut-off. It is expected that re-stating these resources to a 0.24% TREO cut-off will further increase the total Mineral Resources for the Yangibana project.

All Yangibana project deposits start from surface, with no overburden and contain large coherent domains comprising mostly high-value rare earths dominated mineral assemblage. Hastings intends to continue to progress additional drilling programs across all Yangibana deposits in due course.

Hastings' is currently focussed on updating Ore Reserves from the updated Mineral Resources targeting extensions to Yangibana's proposed mine life of high-grade NdPr concentrate production beyond the current defined 13 years.

The work undertaken to re-estimate the deposits was completed by Dave Princep from Gill Lane Consulting and incorporates all of the information and data that was used in the previous Mineral Resource estimate plus the 2020 drill program data which was released to the ASX on the following dates; 18 June 2020, 17 September 2020 and 12 October 2020 and 21 January 2021, 8 February 2021, 26 February 2021 and the 15 March 2021.

This update has added 37% tonnes and 19% TREO metal to the total Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources and 31% tonnes and 14% TREO metal to the total Mineral Resources for all deposits within the Yangibana project.

Charles Lew, Hastings' Executive Chairman, said:

"Our technical team has delivered a substantial increase to the Yangibana Mineral Resource. This updated estimate was made possible by the sustained efforts to improve the geological understanding of the entire project area.

The result of this well-executed 2020 drilling campaign will greatly contribute to Hastings' goal of finalising capital cost estimates, completing debt financing and commencing Yangibana's construction in the middle of this year.

The increased Mineral Resource will now form the basis for an updated Ore Reserve and mine schedule targeting an increase in mine life."

"Importantly, the Mineral Resource estimate increases Yangibana's industry high levels of NdPr:TREO – our competitive advantage at a time when permanent magnet makers around the world are increasingly looking for reliable, high-quality supplies of concentrate.

"Today's significant Mineral Resource increase is a major milestone in Hastings' journey to complete the debt financing for Yangibana ahead of a start of construction by the middle of this year. We continue to build on our fundamentals so as to achieve long term value for shareholders"
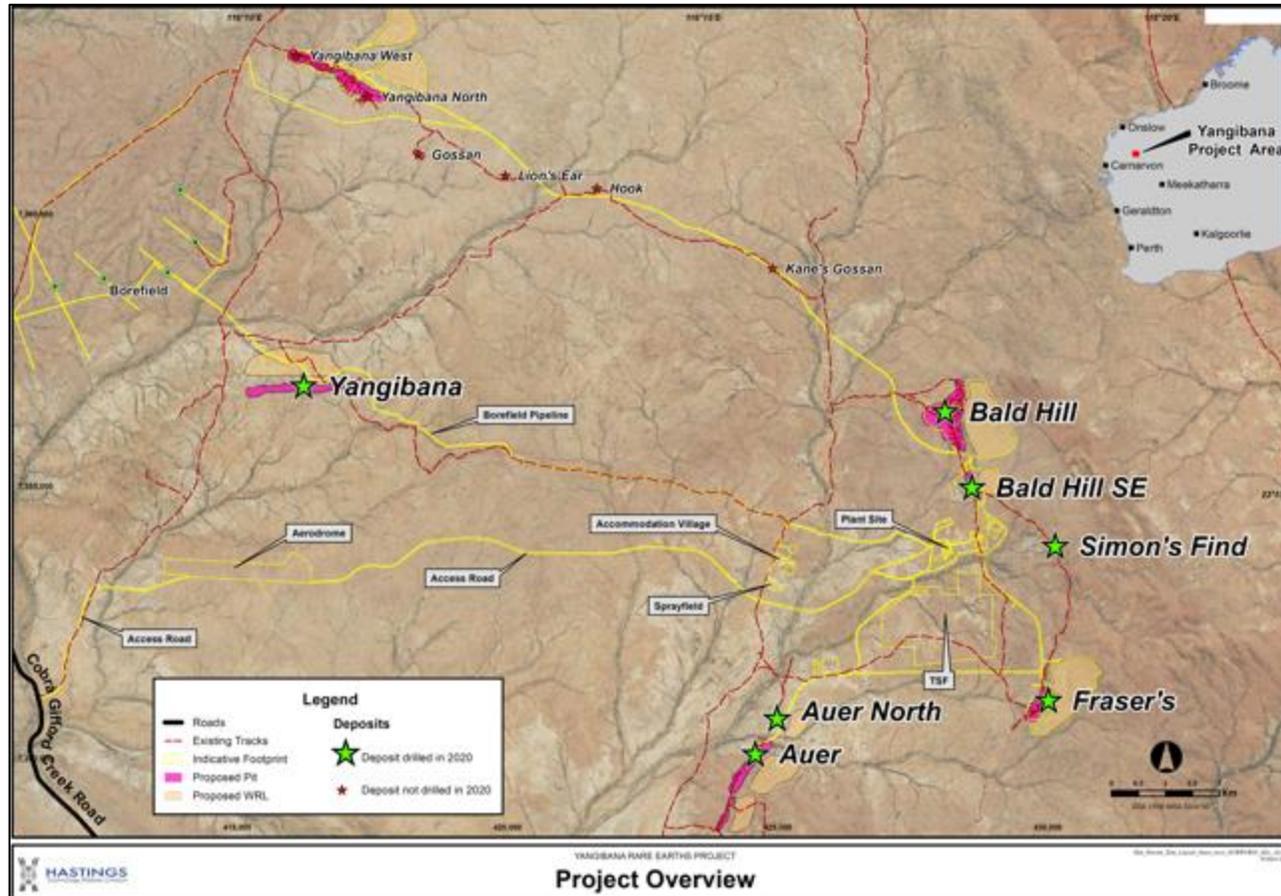
Figure 1. Map showing location of Yangibana deposits.

Geology

The near surface mineralisation throughout the Yangibana Project is hosted by iron oxides and hydroxides termed ironstone, being the alteration products of the primary hosts ferro-carbonatite and phoscorite intrusive veins. The main rare earths-bearing mineral is monazite which has locally undergone alteration at shallow depths (to 25m depth) to its hydrous equivalent rhabdophane and to rare earths-bearing aluminium-phosphates such as florencite.

The deposits occur as narrow but strike extensive veins that have a range of dips from almost horizontal (10-20°) to sub-vertical. The Fraser's deposit has the most extreme range from 5° in portions towards its north-eastern end to 65° at its southwestern end. Average true thickness varies from 2.2m to 3.5m throughout the Yangibana deposits although locally true thicknesses in excess of 20m occur.

Drilling

Hastings completed an extensive drill program during 2020 comprising 341 holes for 23,739m of reverse circulation (RC) and 46 holes for 1,605m of diamond drilling.

Holes were initially drilled at 40m spacings along strike and down dip. Infill drilling in areas with Mineral Resource potential has been undertaken at spacings of 37.5m or less.

Drillholes were predominantly vertical, subject to access availability, with holes into the steeper mineralised zones (Auer, the southeastern portion of Fraser's, Bald Hill and Yangibana) being at -60° or - 70°. Internal downhole surveys were carried out at 30m intervals downhole by the drilling contractors using a Reflex electronic single-shot camera within a stainless-steel drill rod.

Collar surveys were carried out and collected by RM Surveyors using DGPS utilising a locally established control point. Accuracies of the drillhole collar locations collected by RM Surveyors is better than 0.1m.

Downhole density data was collected on a large suite of holes utilising a Geovista FDSB-4620 downhole density tool on a continual basis giving 1cm data resolution.

RC holes were drilled using a nominal 5¼ inch diameter face-sampling bit. Samples were collected through a built-in cyclone with a triple-tier riffle-splitting system providing a large sample of approximately 25kg and a sub-sample of 2-4kg from each metre drilled, of which selected samples were sent for analysis, from each metre drilled. Field duplicates, blanks and Reference Standards were inserted at a rate of approximately 1 in 20.

Diamond core was drilled at HQ size. The core was logged, and prospective zones are sawn into half and one half is then quartered, with one quarter sent for analysis. Assayed intervals were based on geology with a minimum length of 0.2m.

Sampling

Samples were routinely sent to Genalysis in Perth for analysis using techniques considered appropriate for the style of mineralisation. Samples were analysed for the range of rare earths, rare metals (Nb, Ta, Zr), thorium and uranium and a range of common rock-forming elements (Al, Ca, Fe, Mg, Mn, P, S, Si, Sr). Duplicate samples were sent to SGS Laboratories for cross-checking.

Once assay data were returned, the elemental values were converted to oxides using standard factors.

Quality Control

In total, the quality control regime executed has provided reasonable support for the accuracy and precision of the assay results underpinning the Mineral Resource estimate. The vast majority of results for standards remain within the normal control limits of 2 standard deviations.

Bulk density analyses were completed by either the Company or at independent laboratories on core from each of the main deposits. Samples from each of the oxidised, partially oxidised, and fresh mineralisation zones were tested with results feeding into the Mineral Resource estimations based on weathering surfaces as defined by the Company.

During the 2020 drilling program 55 drill holes were downhole logged using a gamma – gamma density probe in order to provide additional bulk density values. The geophysically derived density values were compared to existing and new physically measured density values as well as to known geology (quartz veining in particular) and was found to be a reliable indication of in-situ bulk density. A review of the total bulk density dataset showed variations in density in line with the type of mineralisation that was encountered in the diamond drilling. The incorporation of a significant amount of downhole density data into the Mineral Resource estimate dataset has allowed for the derivation of density factors with respect to vertical depth for both mineralised and non-mineralised intervals. These have been used in the updated Mineral Resource estimate.

Interpretation of Geology

The mineralisation at Yangibana comprises a series of narrow vein high grade deposits with strike extents up to several kilometres. Individual mineralised zones are 1 to 15m wide and extend down dip for at least 125m with dips varying from sub-horizontal to sub-vertical.

Confidence in the geological interpretation is considered to be good. The interpretation is based on drilling that ranges from a 25 m by 25 m spacing to 50 m by 50 m spacing. The interpretation also incorporates data gathered from surface mapping of exposures. The mapping has assisted in understanding the controls on mineralisation to improve the confidence in the geological interpretation. All available data from drilling and mapping is used in the geological interpretation. An iterative process has been adopted with respect to the geological interpretation to ensure that it reflects the current understanding of the geology and controls on mineralisation.

Each of the five (5) re-modelled deposits was assessed for grade and geological continuity and the mineralised wireframes were defined around a combination of TREO grades and, where TREO grades were low and mineralisation continuity was believed to exist, Fe grades were used as a substitute for mineralisation.

The drilling data was limited to selected assay intervals with large sections of the drilling unsampled in areas where no mineralisation was believed to exist. Within the Mineral Resource estimate data set the unsampled

zones within the drilling were replaced with zero values. In a limited number of instances, for geological consistency, the mineralised envelopes were carried through areas within drill holes that had not been sampled. In these cases, the minimum thickness of intercept was assumed to be 2m and, in common with the rest of the drilling, these intervals were assumed to be at zero grade.

In a limited number of cases where the assay values did not meet the TREO cut-off grade criteria for wireframing, whereby an assessment of the mineralisation was undertaken using elevated Fe values. This was done to enable a consistent mineralised envelope with the low TREO (and other element) values incorporated. In general, these areas are of limited extent.

Cut-Off Grades

Based on the methodology of the previous Yangibana Mineral Resource estimates, wireframing of all deposits was conducted using a TREO cut-off grade in order to improve the geological and grade consistency of the modelled wireframes. In this instance a TREO grade of approximately 0.20% was chosen for the wireframing value as this was considered to represent the transition between consistently mineralised and non-mineralised material. In cases where a lower grade was adjacent to significantly higher grades, the lower grade interval was incorporated into the wireframe as these were constructed around the final 1m composites rather than the original selective sampling.

This process created a level of conservatism whereby lower grades of $Nd_2O_3+Pr_6O_{11}$ were incorporated into the wireframe. Additional conservatism was added by only allowing the wireframes to be extrapolated down dip below the last drill hole, using the geological convention of 50% of the local drill hole spacing.

Following the commencement of mine planning studies an updated reporting cut-off grade of 0.24% TREO has been able to be defined. This value was initially based on a net smelter return (NSR) calculation using all of the component elements making up the TREO value, with additional work allowing this to be simplified to a singular TREO value. The cut-off grade is based on Hastings' view on the individual prices for the various rare earth elements, individual processing recoveries and overall processing costs.

Comparison with Previous Mineral Resource Estimate

The previous Mineral Resource Estimate (announced in October 2019) was for the majority of deposits completed by Gill Lane Consulting. Differences between the Mineral Resource estimate released today and the October 2019 estimate are resultant from additional drilling conducted by Hastings, adjustments to modelling and estimation methodologies, changes in bulk densities applied to the estimates and changes to the reporting cut-off grade.

Block Modelling Parameters – re-estimated Resources only

Due to the complexity and generally narrow nature of the mineralisation the Mineral Resource estimates were undertaken on 'flattened' block models following the allocation of block proportions from the updated mineralisation wireframes. This flattening process allowed for the use of Ordinary Kriging estimation techniques. One metre down hole compositing based on the assay data and wireframes was used to regularise the assayed intervals. Summary statistics for each deposit were used to identify the presence of outliers. Due to the distribution of grades within the mineralisation and the relatively un-skewed data population no top cuts were deemed necessary.

For each deposit, variograms of TREO were defined and used in the mineral resource estimate. In all instances the directional trends evident in the variogram maps are evident to some extent in plan views of the sample data, and they normally conform to the orientation of the mineralisation within the wireframes. As expected, variogram model ranges in the vertical direction are relatively short due to the predominantly thin nature of the mineralisation. The majority of variograms display reasonable structure, with anisotropies reflecting those observed in the variogram maps.

All re-estimated mineral resources were created with the same block size of 2m x 2m x 1m. This size was chosen as a compromise between the average drill spacing (up to 40m x 40m in some areas), size of the mineralisation wireframes (in order to limit resulting low mineralised proportions), orientation of mineralisation (ideally, the blocks would have been orientated with the mineralisation however this results in a model that is unusable for pit optimisation purposes), grade distribution within the mineralisation and the models' ultimate use for mine planning. A re-blocked (to 4m x 4m x 2m) model was provided for mine planning purposes in order to reduce the overall size of the Mineral Resource models, this resulted in the addition of minor amounts of dilution being incorporated into these models. The reporting within this announcement is based on the original, 2m x 2m x 1m, block models.

The Mineral Resources have been classified in the Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories, in accordance with the 2012 Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC) by the Competent Person. A range of criteria was considered in determining the classification including geological and grade continuity, data quality, drill hole spacing, and modelling technique and kriging output parameters.

As a general rule, the following spacings characterise the Mineral Resource classification.

- Infill drilling between 20m by 20m and 35m by 35m – Measured Category
- Drill spacing up to 50m by 50m – Indicated Category
- Drill spacing 100m by 50m to 100m by 100m – Inferred Category
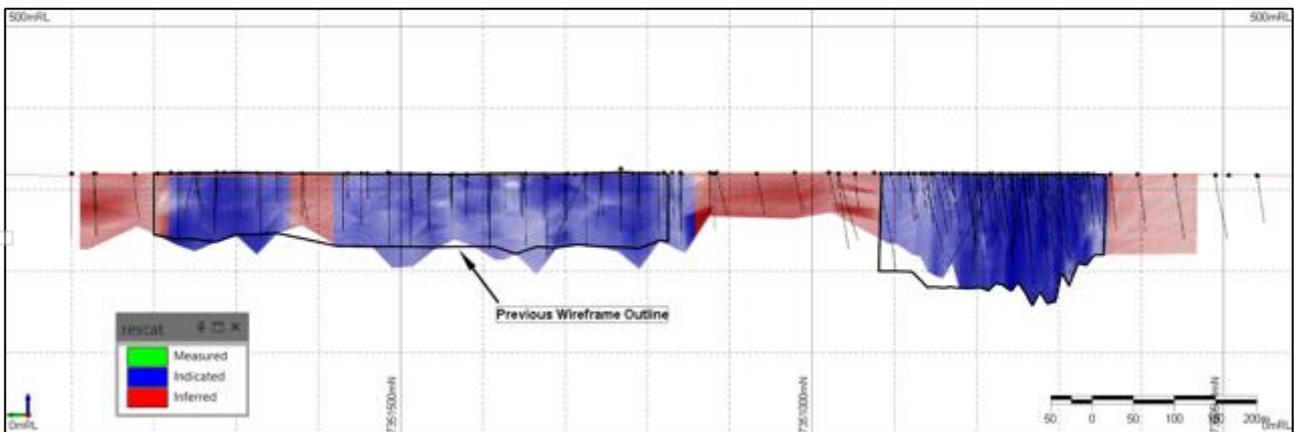
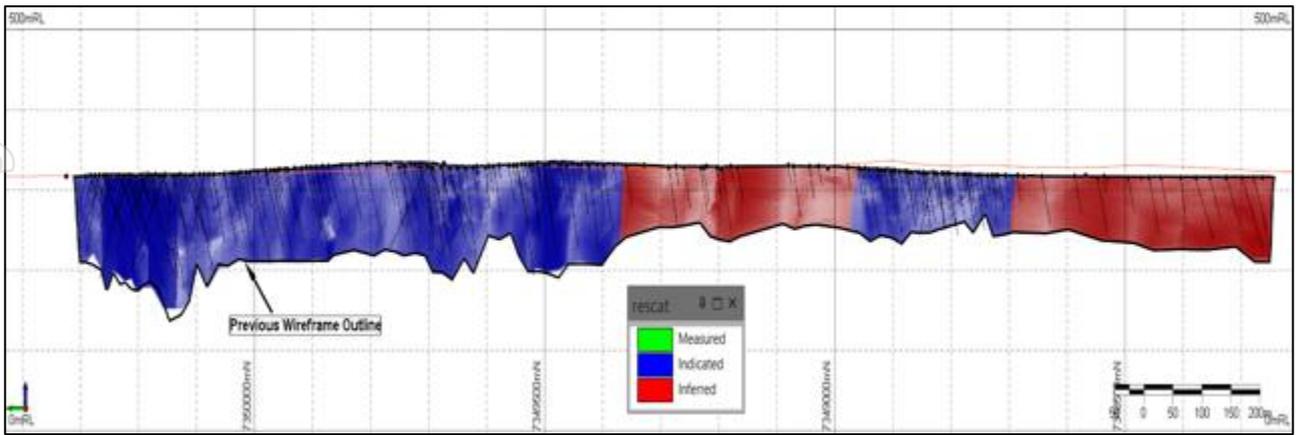**Figure 2. Auer North Long Section showing JORC classifications and October 2019 wireframe outlines**

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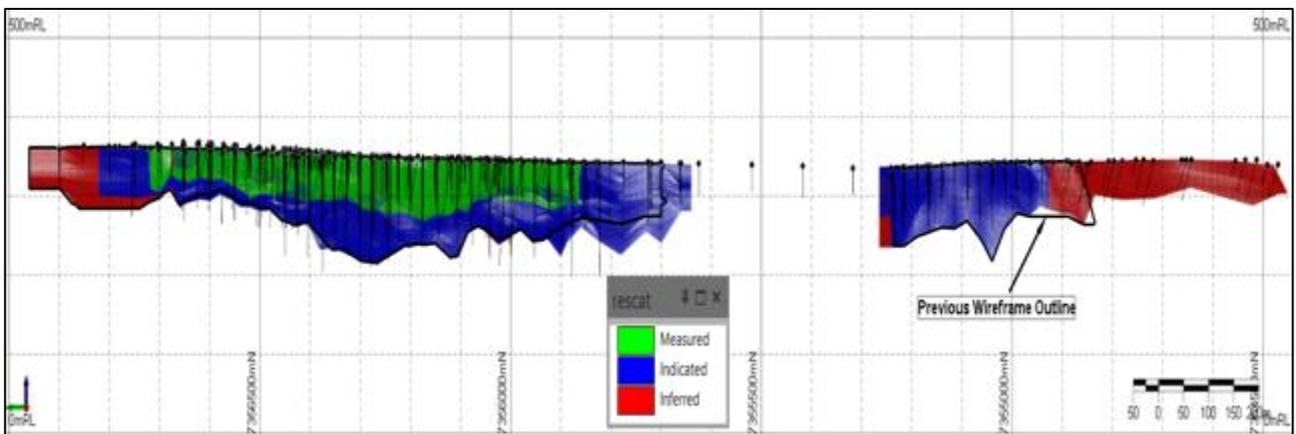

Figure 4. Bald Hill Long Section showing JORC classifications and October 2019 wireframe outlines
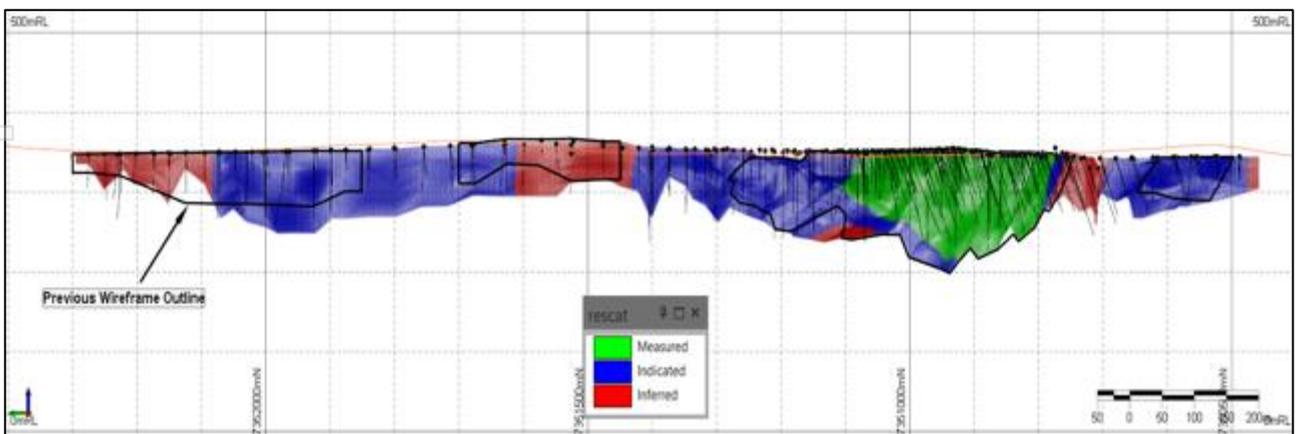

Figure 5. Frasers Long Section showing JORC classifications and October 2019 wireframe outlines
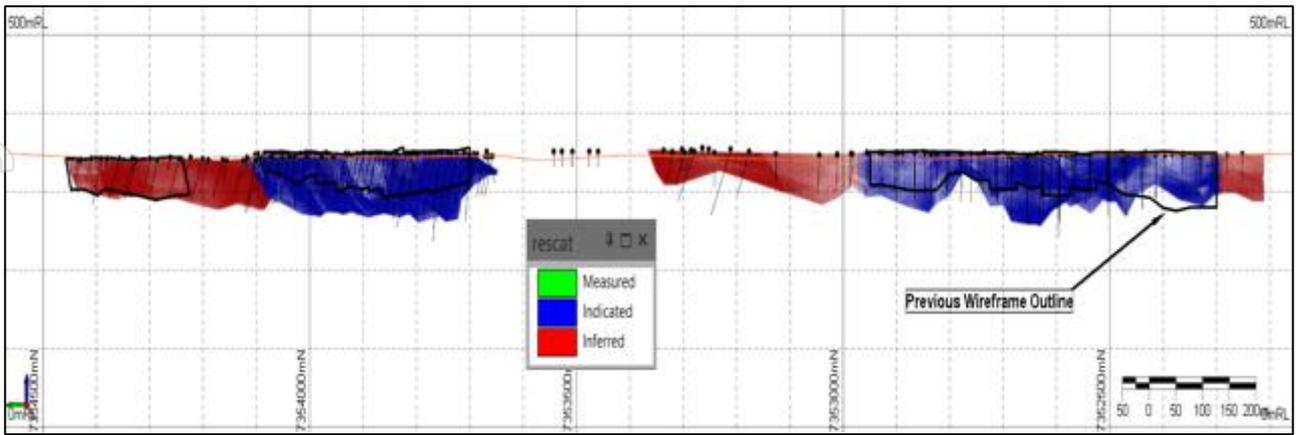
Figure 6. Simon's Find Long Section showing JORC classifications and October 2019 wireframe outlines
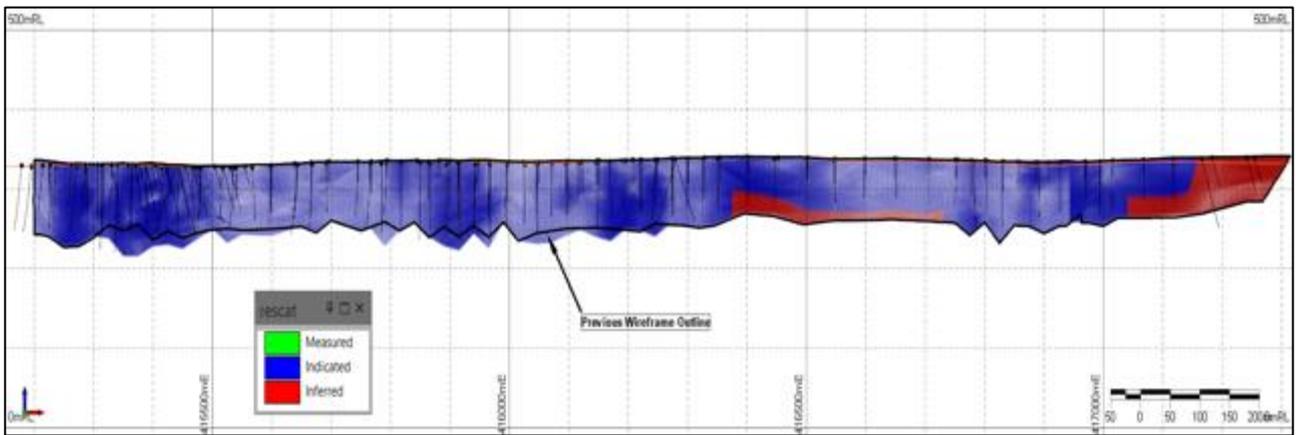

Figure 7. Yangibana Long Section showing JORC classifications and October 2019 wireframe outlines

Re-Estimated (JORC 2012) Mineral Resources – by Deposit

The following tables represent those deposits that have been re-estimated and updated from the October 2019 Mineral Resource estimate. Numbers may not add up due to rounding and are reported at a 0.24% TREO cut-off grade.

Table 2: Bald Hill Re-Estimated Mineral Resource, 100% Hastings

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%Nd_2O_3+Pr_6O_{11}	TREO t
Measured	3.51	0.86	0.35	30,369
Indicated	3.78	0.83	0.32	31,172
sub-total	*7.29*	*0.84*	*0.33*	*61,541*
Inferred	1.17	0.63	0.26	7,446
TOTAL	**8.46**	**0.82**	**0.32**	**68,986**

Table 3: Frasers Re-Estimated Mineral Resource, 100% Hastings

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%Nd$_2$O$_3$+Pr$_6$O$_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	0.73	1.36	0.58	9,899
Indicated	1.01	0.77	0.34	7,797
sub-total	*1.74*	*1.02*	*0.44*	*17,695*
Inferred	0.25	0.90	0.36	2,255
TOTAL	**1.99**	**1.00**	**0.43**	**19,950**

Table 4: Auer Re-Estimated Mineral Resource, 100% Hastings

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%Nd$_2$O$_3$+Pr$_6$O$_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	-	-	-	-
Indicated	3.54	0.93	0.32	32,796
sub-total	*3.54*	*0.93*	*0.32*	*32,796*
Inferred	1.10	0.76	0.24	8,297
TOTAL	**4.64**	**0.89**	**0.30**	**41,093**

Table 5: Yangibana Re-Estimated Mineral Resource, Total

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%Nd$_2$O$_3$+Pr$_6$O$_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	-	-	-	-
Indicated	1.98	0.71	0.34	14,034
sub-total	*1.98*	*0.71*	*0.34*	*14,034*
Inferred	0.33	0.64	0.31	2,146
TOTAL	**2.31**	**0.70**	**0.33**	**16,180**

Comprising: Yangibana M09/165 (100% Hastings)

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%Nd$_2$O$_3$+Pr$_6$O$_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	-	-	-	-
Indicated	1.82	0.72	0.34	13,168
sub-total	*1.82*	*0.72*	*0.34*	*13,168*
Inferred	0.09	0.78	0.37	714
TOTAL	**1.91**	**0.73**	**0.34**	**13,882**

Comprising: Yangibana M09/163 (70% Hastings)

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%$Nd_2O_3+Pr_6O_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	-	-	-	-
Indicated	0.16	0.54	0.25	866
sub-total	*0.16*	*0.54*	*0.25*	*866*
Inferred	0.24	0.59	0.29	1,431
TOTAL	**0.40**	**0.57**	**0.28**	**2,298**

Table 6: Simon's Find Mineral Resource, 100% Hastings

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%$Nd_2O_3+Pr_6O_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	-	-	-	-
Indicated	1.79	0.58	0.30	10,437
sub-total	*1.79*	*0.58*	*0.30*	*10,437*
Inferred	0.63	0.53	0.27	3,365
TOTAL	**2.42**	**0.57**	**0.30**	**13,802**

JORC (2012) Mineral Resources, not updated in this announcement– by Deposit

The following Tables represent those deposits that have not been updated or altered since the October 2019 Minerals Resource announcement. Numbers may not add up due to rounding and are reported at a 0.20% $Nd_2O_3+Pr_6O_{11}$ cut-off grade.

Table 7: Yangibana North Mineral Resource, Total

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%$Nd_2O_3+Pr_6O_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	0.66	1.39	0.36	9,179
Indicated	4.15	1.41	0.36	58,609
sub-total	*4.81*	*1.41*	*0.36*	*67,788*
Inferred	0.97	1.43	0.37	13,914
TOTAL	*5.78*	*1.41*	*0.36*	**81,702**

Comprising: Yangibana North M09/160 (100% Hastings)

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%$Nd_2O_3+Pr_6O_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	0.29	1.35	0.35	3,862
Indicated	1.66	1.43	0.37	23,824
sub-total	*1.95*	*1.42*	*0.37*	*27,686*
Inferred	0.60	1.43	0.37	8,548
TOTAL	**2.55**	**1.42**	**0.37**	**36,234**

Comprising: Yangibana North M09/159 (JV Tenement 70% of Total to Hastings)

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%Nd$_2$O$_3$+Pr$_6$O$_{11}$	TREO t
Measured	0.38	1.42	0.36	5,317
Indicated	2.49	1.40	0.36	34,785
sub-total	*2.87*	*1.40*	*0.36*	*40,101*
Inferred	0.37	1.45	0.37	5,366
TOTAL	**3.24**	**1.41**	**0.36**	**45,467**

Table 8: Mineral Resources not updated, 100% Hastings, all Mineral Resources are Inferred Only

Category	M Tonnes	%TREO	%Nd$_2$O$_3$+Pr$_6$O$_{11}$	TREO t
Gossan	0.25	1.43	0.35	3,518
Lion's Ear	0.71	1.54	0.39	10,934
Hook	0.29	1.52	0.33	4,393
Kane's Gossan	0.57	1.04	0.29	5,970
TOTAL	**1.82**	**1.39**	**0.34**	**24,814**

This announcement has been approved by the Board for release to the ASX.

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About Hastings Technology Metals Limited

Hastings Technology Metals Limited (ASX: HAS) is a well-led Perth rare earths company primed to become the world's next producer of neodymium and praseodymium concentrate (NdPr).

NdPr are vital components in the permanent magnets used every day in high-tech products ranging from electric vehicles to wind turbines, robotics and medical applications.

Hastings' flagship Yangibana project, in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia, contains one of the most highly valued NdPr deposits in the world. Fully permitted to long-life production and with project finance and offtake talks well advanced, Yangibana's construction is due to start in 2021 ahead of first output in 2023.

Hastings also owns and operates the Brockman project, Australia's largest heavy rare earths deposit, near Halls Creek in the Kimberley. Brockman hosts a JORC complaint minerals resource containing Total Rare Earths Oxides (TREO).

For further information on the Company and its projects visit www.hastingstechmetals.com

Competent Person Statements

The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results in relation to the Yangibana Project is based on information compiled by Mr. Andrew Reid BSc (Hons) MSc FAUSIMM, a Competent Person, who is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Reid is a full-time employee of the company and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Minerals Resources and Ore Reserves. The Qualified Person has verified the data disclosed in this release, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information contained in this release. Mr. Reid consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this announcement that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by David Princep and Lynn Widenbar. Both Mr Princep and Mr Widenbar are independent consultants to the Company and members of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Princep and Mr Widenbar have sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits which are covered in this announcement and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' ("JORC Code"). Consent by Mr Widenbar to include statements in this announcement have been provided in previous announcements entitled "Increase in Measured and Indicated Resources at Yangibana Project" dated 28 November 2018.

TERMINOLOGY USED IN THIS REPORT

Total Rare Earths Oxides, TREO, is the sum of the oxides of the light rare earth elements lanthanum (La), cerium (Ce), praseodymium (Pr), neodymium (Nd), and samarium (Sm) and the heavy rare earth elements europium (Eu), gadolinium (Gd), terbium (Tb), dysprosium (Dy), holmium (Ho), erbium (Er), thulium (Tm), ytterbium (Yb), lutetium (Lu), and yttrium (Y).

JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Yangibana project deposits 2021

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.	• Samples used to assess the numerous deposits of the Yangibana Project have been derived from both reverse circulation (RC) and diamond drilling. Nine drilling programmes have been completed to date with more than 2,000 holes drilled for >100,000m. • Samples from each metre were collected in a cyclone and split using a 3-level riffle splitter. Field duplicates, blanks and Reference Standards were inserted at a rate of approximately 1 in 20. • RC and diamond drilling leading to the establishment of JORC Resources has been carried out at Bald Hill, Frasers's, Yangibana North-West, Auer, Auer North, and Yangibana, within tenements held 100% by Hastings, and at Yangibana and Yangibana North West in tenements in which Hastings has a 70% interest.
Drilling techniques	Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).	• Reverse Circulation drilling at the various targets utilised a nominal 5 1/4 inch diameter face-sampling hammer. • Diamond drilling at various targets has been NQ and HQ diameter.
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	• Recoveries are recorded by the geologist in the field at the time of drilling/logging. During the 2020 program all bags were weighed in the field. • If poor sample recovery is encountered during drilling, the geologist and driller have endeavoured to rectify the problem to ensure maximum sample recovery. Visual assessment is made for moisture and contamination. A cyclone and splitter were used to ensure representative samples and were routinely cleaned. • Sample recoveries to date have generally been reasonable, and moisture in samples minimal. Data

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		from 2020 is available at present to determine if a relationship exists between recovery and grade exist, however this work has not been completed as yet.
Logging	Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies. Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.	• All drill chip samples are geologically logged at 1m intervals from surface to the bottom of each individual hole to a level that supports appropriate future Mineral Resource studies. • Logging is considered to be semi-quantitative given the nature of reverse circulation drill chips. • All RC drill holes in the previous programme were logged in full.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.	• The RC drilling rig is equipped with an in-built cyclone and triple tier riffle splitting system, which provided one bulk sample of approximately 25kg, and a sub-sample of 2-4kg per metre drilled. • All samples were split using the system described above to maximise and maintain consistent representivity. Most samples were dry. For wet samples the cleanliness of the cyclone and splitter was constantly monitored by the geologist and maintained to avoid contamination. • Bulk samples were placed in green plastic bags, with the sub-samples collected placed in calico sample bags. • Field duplicates were collected directly from the splitter as drilling proceeded through a secondary sample chute. These duplicates were designed for lab checks as well as lab umpire analysis. • A sample size of 2-4kg was collected and considered appropriate and representative for the grain size and style of mineralisation.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc. Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.	• Genalysis (Perth) was used for all analysis work carried out on the 1m drill chip samples and the rock chip samples. The laboratory techniques below are for all samples submitted to Genalysis and are considered appropriate for the style of mineralisation defined at the Yangibana REE Project: FP6/MS • Blind field duplicates were collected at a rate of approximately 1 duplicate for every 20 samples that are to be submitted to Genalysis for laboratory analysis. Field duplicates were split directly from the splitter as drilling proceeded at the request of the supervising geologist.

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Verification of sampling and assaying	The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols. Discuss any adjustment to assay data.	• At least two company personnel verify all significant intersections as well as the independent geological database provider. • All geological logging and sampling information is completed firstly on to paper logs before being transferred to Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and subsequently a Microsoft Access database. Physical logs and sampling data are returned to the Hastings head office for scanning and storage. Electronic copies of all information are backed up daily. • All 2020 field geological data capture was completed directly into excel or Ocris. • No adjustments of assay data are considered necessary.
Location of data points	Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	• Final drillhole collars completed during 2014-2020 drill campaigns were collected by MHR Surveyors using DGPS utilising a locally established control point. Accuracies of the drillhole collar locations collected by MHR Surveyors is better than 0.1m. • Elevation data was recorded by MHR Surveyors. • Down hole surveys are conducted by the drill contractors using a Reflex electronic single-shot camera with readings for dip and magnetic azimuth nominally taken every 30m down hole, except in holes of less than 30m. The instrument is positioned within a stainless steel drill rod so as not to affect the magnetic azimuth. • Grid system used is MGA 94 (Zone 50)
Data spacing and distribution	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. Whether sample compositing has been applied.	• Substantial areas of the main Bald Hill deposit have been infill drilled at a staggered 50m x 50m pattern, giving an effective 35m x 35 spacing, with some areas infilled to 20m x 20m and 20m x 10m in the 2018 drilling programme. In general, and where allowed by the kriging parameters, this allows portions of the deposit to be classified in the Measured category. Areas of 50m x 50m spacing are generally classified as Indicated, while zones with wider spacing or where blocks are extrapolated are generally classified as Inferred category. • Bald Hill South has a small area of Measured category with nominal 25m x 25m spacing area of Indicated category (a mixture of 50m x 50m and 50m x 25m spacing) and an Inferred category area in the south and west with wider spacing • The main part of the Fraser's deposit has some areas of Measured category where there is infill drilling at nominally 25m x 25m, with much of the rest being Indicated category, where spacing is typically 50m x

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		50m. Down-dip zones of mineralisation with higher variances are supported by a number of deep intersections and have been classified as Inferred category. • Yangibana West and North drill spacing is typically 50m x 50m with some new infill areas in the east. Down dip extension has been limited due to the distribution of drilling relative to the mineralisation wireframes. As a result of this infill drilling, combined with improved variography, some Measured category material has been defined. • At the Yangibana deposit drill spacing is nominally on 50m sections, and the upper part of the resource is generally classified as Indicated category while the lower, extensional areas are Inferred category. • Section spacing at Auer is predominantly 50m with some areas of 25m spacing and others at 100m; down dip spacing is typically 50m. Due to limited bulk density information the closer spaced areas have been assigned an Indicated classification, though the majority of the Auer deposit has only two or three holes per section, resulting in these areas being classified as Inferred category. • A significant amount of infill drilling at Auer North in 2017-2018 has increased confidence in what was previously Inferred material; a reasonably large proportion of Auer North is now in the Indicated category, with drill spacing typically on 25 to 50m sections with the remainder being Inferred, at depth and where section spacing is greater than 50m. • No sample compositing is used in this report, all results detailed are the product of 1m downhole sample intervals.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.	• Most drill holes in the 2020 programme angled (subject to access to the preferred collar position) collared at -60º or -70º in steeper and deeper mineralised areas such as Auer, Simon's Find, Bald Hill and Fraser's. Some holes were drilled vertically at the same position as angled holes to eliminate the need for further ground clearing.

Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	• The chain of custody is managed by the project geologist who places calico sample bags in polyweave sacks. Up to 10 calico sample bags are placed in each sack. Each sack is clearly labelled with:
		    • Hastings Technology Metals Ltd
		       • Address of laboratory

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		• Sample range
		• Samples were delivered by Hastings personnel to the Nexus Logistics base in order to be loaded on the next available truck for delivery to Genalysis
		The freight provider delivers the samples directly to the laboratory. Detailed records are kept of all samples that are dispatched, including details of chain of custody.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	• An audit of sampling has been completed. Additional umpire sampling was completed. A new source of standards is being used to cross-check data from existing standards and assayed samples that were acquired in the drilling programs comprising the resource.

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

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Mineral tenement and land tenure status	Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.	• Drilling has been undertaken on numerous tenements within the Yangibana Project. • All Yangibana tenements are in good standing and no known impediments exist.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	• Ten of the Yangibana prospects were previously drilled to a limited extent by Hurlston Pty Limited in joint venture with Challenger Pty Limited in the late 1980s. Auer and Auer North were first drilled by Hastings in 2016.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	• The Yangibana ironstones within the Yangibana Project are part of an extensive REE-mineralised system associated with the Gifford Creek Carbonatite Complex. The lenses have a total strike length of at least 12km. • These ironstone lenses have been explored previously for base metals, manganese, uranium, diamonds and rare earths. • The ironstones are considered by GSWA to be coeval with the numerous carbonatite sills that occur within Hastings tenements, or at least part of the same magmatic/hydrothermal system.
Drill hole Information	A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: easting and northing of the drill hole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar dip and azimuth of the hole down hole length and interception depth hole length. If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.	• Not applicable as no exploration results are being announced

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Data aggregation methods	In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high-grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	• Not applicable as no exploration results are being announced
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').	• Not applicable as no exploration results are being announced
Diagrams	Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	• Not applicable as no exploration results are being announced
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	• Not applicable as no exploration results are being announced
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	• Geological mapping has continued in the vicinity of the drilling as the programme proceeds.
Further work	The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).	• Numerous targets exist for expansion of the current JORC Mineral Resources within the Yangibana Project, as extensions to defined deposits, new targets identified from the

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	Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.	Company's various remote sensing surveys, and conceptual as yet untested targets at depth.

Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

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Database integrity	Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes. Data validation procedures used.	• Data was provided as a .csv data dump from an externally managed database and was digitally imported into Micromine Mining software. Micromine validation routines were run to confirm validity of all data. • Individual drill logs from site have been previously checked with the electronic database on a random basis to check for validity. • Analytical results have all been electronically merged to avoid any transcription errors.
Site visits	Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits. If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.	• The Competent Person for the updated and re-estimated Mineral Resources has not yet visited the project area. The Mineral Resource estimate detailed in the announcement was undertaken as a confirmation of the Mineral Resource estimate used in the DFS and there was insufficient time to carry out a site visit. It is expected that a site visit will be undertaken in due course. • Mr Lyn Widenbar who completed the Mineral Resources that were not updated (excepting Yangibana North) was the Competent Person who visited site from 15-16th December 2016 and reviewed geology, drilling etc.
Geological interpretation	Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit. Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made. The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation. The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation. The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.	• Confidence in the geological interpretation is considered to be high. • Detailed geological logging and surface mapping allows extrapolation of drill intersections between adjacent sections. • Alternative interpretations would result in similar tonnage and grade estimation techniques. • Geological boundaries are determined by the spatial locations of the various mineralised structures. • Continuous ironstone units comprising iron oxides and hydroxides, minor quartz rich zones, and locally carbonate and apatite host the rare earths mineralisation and are the key factors providing continuity of geology and grade. The mineralised zones may be described as visually distinctive anastomosing iron rich veins with excellent strike and down dip continuity.
Dimensions	The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.	• Bald Hill mineralisation dips shallowly (maximum 30º) but variably to the southwest and ranges from 1m to 10m thick. Maximum depth of the resource is to a vertical depth of 80 metres below surface. • Fraser's mineralisation dips steeply (70-80º) in the western portion becoming more shallow (to 30º) in the east and ranges from 1m to 6m thick. Maximum depth of

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		the resource is to a vertical depth of 140 metres below surface. • Yangibana mineralisation dips shallowly (maximum 30°) but variably to the south and ranges from 1m to 5m thick. Maximum depth of the resource is to a vertical depth of 100 metres below surface. • Auer is a steeply dipping zone of mineralisation extending Northeast-Southwest over a total strike length of approximately 2.4 km and to a depth of 150m below surface. • Auer North is a steeply dipping zone over a strike length of 1,400m and has been tested to 120m below surface. Auer North is separated from Auer by an area of limited drilling and is expected to form a continuous zone once infill drilling is completed. The Auer deposit extends over a total length of 4km. • Simon's Find mineralisation dips shallowly (variably between 30° and 40°) to the west and southwest and ranges from 2m to 11m thick. Maximum depth of the resource is to a vertical depth of 70 metres below surface.
Estimation and modelling techniques	The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used. The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data. The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products. Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (eg sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation). In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed. Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units. Any assumptions about correlation between variables.	• The mineral Resources detailed in this announcement were estimated using Ordinary Kriging (OK) techniques. • The OK parameters used were a primary block size of 2m x 2m x 1m and an escalating search generally starting at 25m and increasing to 100m radius, in some instances searches were extended to ensure that the mineralisation wireframes were filled. Search directions were orientated to align with the main directions within the mineralised wireframes. • The block models and sample data were flattened in Micromine for the estimation run in order to remove the variable dips encountered in the mineralisation and preserve the local grade variability. • Data analysis was conducted in order to derive element correlations to enable a reduction in the number of variogrammes required within the estimation process. As a result, variography was performed on the TREO value, using this process allowed for maintenance of element correlations when calculating final estimate TREO, HREO and LREO values. • Estimation has been carried out for the following economic variables : CeO2_ppm, Dy2O3_ppm, Er2O3_ppm, Eu2O3_ppm, Gd2O3_ppm, Ho2O3_ppm, La2O3_ppm, Lu2O3_ppm, Nd2O3_ppm, Pr6O11_ppm, Sm2O3_ppm, Tb4O7_ppm, Tm2O3_ppm, Y2O3_ppm, Yb2O3_ppm, LREO_ppm,

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	Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.
	
	Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.
	
	The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.
		HREO_ppm, TREO_% and Nd2O3+Pr6O11_% along with rock composition major elements, U, Th, Nb and Ta.
		• Drill hole spacing is variable, and the block sizes were chosen to reflect the best compromise between spacing and the necessity to define the geological detail of each deposit. In general, block sizes are 2 m along strike, 2m across strike and 1m vertically.
		• As a result of the mineralisation distribution within the wireframes and element populations no top cuts were employed.
		• Block model validation has been carried out by several methods, including:
		
		    • Drill Hole Plan and Section Review
		    • Model versus Data Statistics by Domain
		    • Easting, Northing and RL swathe plots
		    • Comparison to previous Mineral Resources
		
		• All validation methods have produced acceptable results.
		• As these Mineral Resource estimates were completed following on from the previous OK and MIK estimates and a reasonable correlation exists between the three it can be taken that the previous estimates substantially validate the updated Mineral Resource estimate given that there is limited change in the underlying data.

Moisture	Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.	• Tonnages are estimated on a dry basis.
Cut-off parameters	The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.	• A nominal downhole cut-off of 0.20% TREO has been used in conjunction with logging of ironstone to define mineralised intersections. This is a departure from the previous OK estimate and negates the need to add an encompassing dilution skin. For reporting purposes, a 0.24% TREO cut-off has been applied based on NSR values derived from mining studies. The NSR calculations used Hastings commodity prices and recoveries for all of the elements comprising the TREO value along with defined processing costs.
Mining factors or assumptions	Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for	• Mining is assumed to be by conventional open pit mining methods • It is expected that conventional ore loss and dilution would be applied to the Mineral Resource estimate as a modifying factor during pit optimisation and mine planning work.

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	eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.	
Metallurgical factors or assumptions	The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.	• Beneficiation and hydrometallurgical testwork has been carried out on samples from the Eastern Belt (comprising Bald Hill, Bald Hill Southeast, Fraser's, Auer and Auer North deposits) and from Yangibana West and Yangibana North with very encouraging results. A bulk sample (12 tonnes) combining RC samples from Hastings' 2015 drilling at Bald Hill, Bald Hill Southeast and Fraser's was prepared as the Eastern Belt Master Composite (EBMC) that represents mineralisation that Hastings believes will be mined over the first 4-5 years of any operation. In 2016, Hastings undertook infill drilling at Bald Hill, Bald Hill Southeast and Fraser's deposits in order to produce a bulk (17 tonnes) sample for pilot plant testing. • Test work to date has shown that the rare earths mineralisation (largely monazite) can be upgraded readily using standard froth flotation techniques and readily available reagents. Tests are ongoing to decrease the apatite, carbonate and iron content of these concentrates as these can affect hydrometallurgical recoveries. Additional metallurgical test work is being carried out to validate the current processing parameters.
Environmental factors or assumptions	Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.	• Environmental studies have been carried out on site with Stage 1 Flora and Fauna surveys and Stage 2 Flora and Fauna surveys completed. No environmental issues have been identified. • Subterranean fauna studies have located both troglofaunal and stygofauna but no unique or endangered species have been encountered.
Bulk density	Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If	• Bulk density/specific gravity have been measured by the Company on core from Yangibana North, and at

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	determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples. The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit. Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials.	independent laboratories on core from Bald Hill, Bald Hill South, Fraser's, Yangibana, Auer, Auer North and Yangibana West. Samples have been taken from each of oxidised, partially oxidised and fresh mineralisation with results feeding into the resource estimations. • Bulk density/specific gravity measurements have also been carried out at an independent laboratory on samples of oxidised, partially oxidised and fresh host rock, granite. • In situ bulk densities for the individual deposits have ranged from 1.70 to 3.50 tonnes per cubic metre. • During the 2020 drilling some 55 drill holes were downhole logged for density using a gamma – gamma tool. The downhole gamma derived density values were validated against both logged geology and existing measured bulk densities and were found to be consistent. Data was logged at 1cm intervals and composited to 1m values and used to define bulk density factors for each of the deposits estimated. These factors were used to assign bulk density values by depth within the block models for both mineralised and un-mineralised intervals.
Classification	The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories. Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (ie relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data). Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.	• The Mineral Resource has been classified in the Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories, in accordance with the 2012 Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code). A range of criteria has been considered in determining this classification including: • Geological and grade continuity • Data quality. • Drill hole spacing. • Modelling technique and kriging output parameters. • The Competent Person is in agreement with this classification of the resource.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.	• A review of the previous Mineral Resource estimates has been completed as part of the DFS financing process and the updated Mineral Resource estimate incorporates feedback from the review. It is expected that the Mineral Resources outlined in this announcement will be similarly reviewed.
Discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence	Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or	• The relative accuracy of the various resource estimates is reflected in the JORC resource categories. • At the Measured and Indicated Resource classification level, the resources represent local estimates that can be used for further mining studies.

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	geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate. The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used. These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.	• Inferred Resources are considered global in nature.