

# **Business First**

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### Forward Looking Statements, Reserves and Resources



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The information in this announcement that relates to the Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources, and production targets of Northern Star has been extracted from the ASX release by Northern Star entitled "Resources, Reserves and Exploration Update" dated 3 May 2021 available at <u>www.nsrltd.com</u> and <u>www.asx.com</u> (**Northern Star Announcement**).

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Assumptions made in relation to the Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources underpinning the production targets in that announcement are (in summary):

- Current operational capital and operating cost structures,
- Current mining and metallurgical performance,
  - The gold price, exchange rate, dilution allowance and mining recovery rates are as set out in each prior public report referred to in ASX Listing Rule 5.19 disclosures, and
- 5 year gold production profiles are based on 100% current JORC compliant Ore Reserves.

Rounding is applied in this ASX Announcement for the percentage comparisons and for the 31 March 2021 Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources figures.

All currency conversions in this document have been converted at a currency of A\$/US\$ conversion rate of \$0.75.

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### Value Creation Strategy



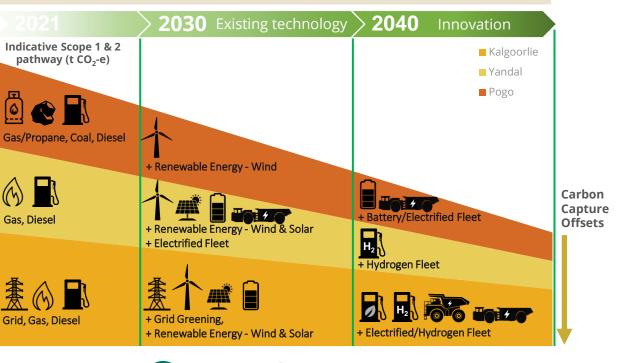


### **EESG** Highlights

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- Industry leading safety performance (TRIFR 5.6 and LTIFR 0.9)
  - July 2021 Net Zero ambition for Scope 1 & 2 GHG emissions by 2050
- Sustainability Report Q3 FY22
- Zero heritage-related or material adverse community incidents
  - More than doubled **Economic** Value Add to society to US\$2.6B
  - Improved ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations to 35/35

Net Zero ambition for Scope 1 & 2 GHG Emissions by 2050



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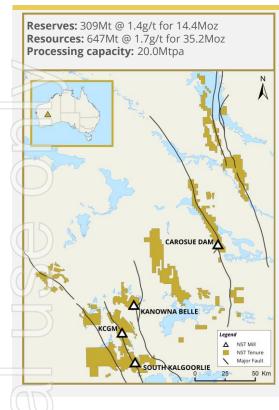


ACSI assessment: "Leading" level of ESG reporting, relative to peers

### A simple business - Three large-scale production centres

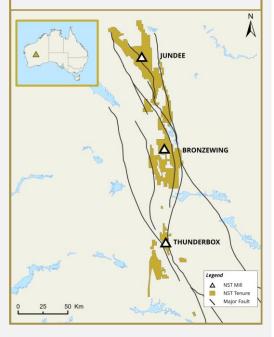


#### Kalgoorlie to 1.1Mozpa

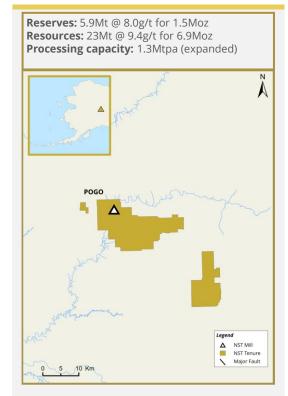


#### Yandal to 600kozpa

Reserves: 67Mt @ 2.1g/t for 4.5Moz Resources: 141Mt @ 2.2g/t for 10.1Moz Processing capacity: 5.5Mtpa

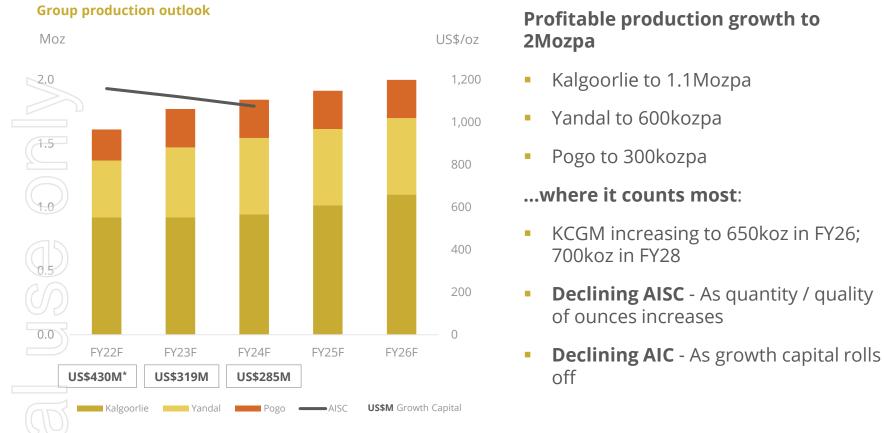


#### Pogo to 300kozpa



### Profitable growth generates strong cashflows





\*FY22 Growth Capital is presented net of revenue from pre-commercial gold sales (~50,000 ounces at US\$1,680/oz) i.e. FY22 Gross Growth Capital is US\$512M.

### FY22 Guidance



#### 1.55-1.65Moz at AISC of US\$1,105-1,180/oz; US\$430M growth capital

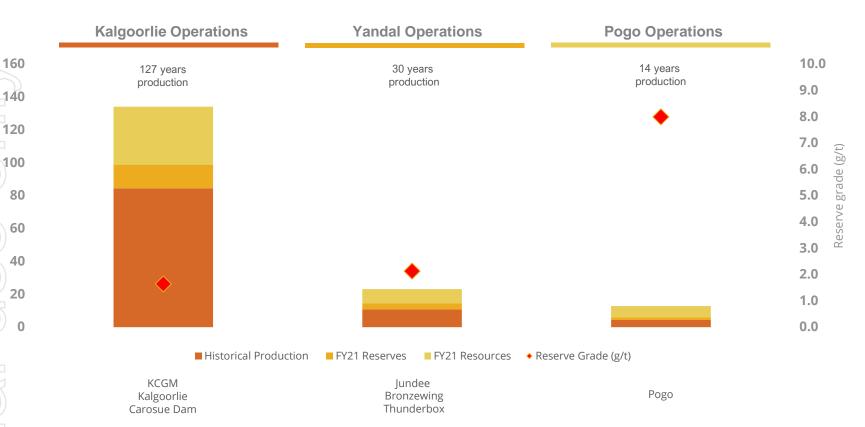
	Gold production (koz)	AISC (US\$/oz)	Growth capital (US\$M)*	Exploration (US\$M)	Depreciation (US\$/oz)
Kalgoorlie	900-950	1,125-1,200	172		
Yandal	430-450	1,030-1,105	203		
Pogo	220-250	1,275-1,350	55		
Group	1,550-1,650	1,105-1,180	430	105	450-525

**Gold production is weighted towards the second half of FY22**, driven by increasing grades at Yandal and increasing mining rates at Pogo; **AISC decreases over the 12-month period** 

# Geological endowment - A major value driver

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Consolidation of world-class gold systems, exclusively in Tier-1 jurisdictions



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# Kalgoorlie Production Centre

Enviable optionality

- Simplify the business, divert capital to grow the high margin assets, where it counts
- Reduce costs with regional synergies

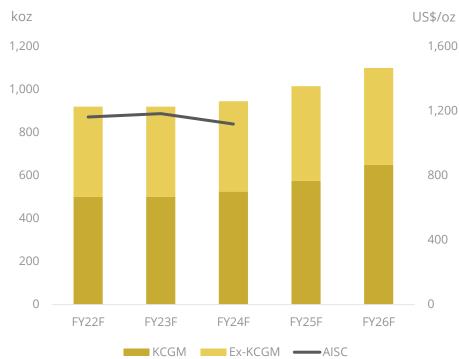
Enviable optionality:

- Open pit and underground mines with significant installed infrastructure
- Large and growing Reserves and Resources (+8% and +15% respectively over last 9 months, post mining depletion)
- Historical production performance (under previous ownership, pre-East Wall slip)
  supports NST's long term growth plans to +700koz by FY28

Production ex-KCGM is steady year-on-year



Kalgoorlie production outlook



# KCGM - Open pits get better every day

- All open pit mining 17 years from 4 areas:
  - **7.8Moz Reserves** targeting conversion of 2.0Moz Inferred Resource within Reserve shell
  - Strip ratio 10:1 (falls to 7.2:1 including Inferred Resources\*)
- Targeted total material movement 80-100Mtpa
- Large surface stockpiles 125Mt ore (2.9Moz Reserves)
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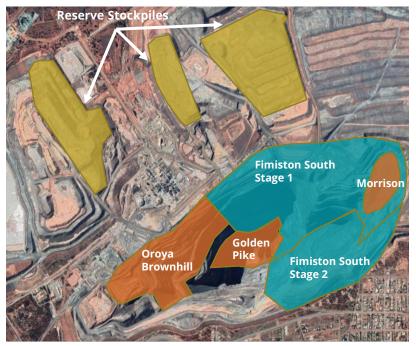
Stockpile grades compare well with many peer open pit mines globally - But with **NO cash mining costs** 

# Mining outperformed Reserves over FY21; 51% more ore tonnes and 34% more ounces

	Ore (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Gold (Koz)
Reserve	5.6	1.5	275
Actual mined	8.5	1.4	370
Additional ore	2.9	1.0	94
	51%		34%



#### Super Pit cutbacks



\*Subject to drilling and conversion to Reserves

# Kalgoorlie Production Centre



KCGM - Fimiston underground; A brand new chapter

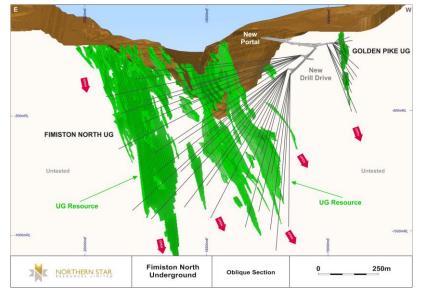
- KCGM offers world class scale:
  - Endowment 45,000 ounces per vertical metre
    - Large underground potential Underground Resource 50Mt @ 2.5 g/t for **4.0Moz just the start**
    - Multi-year story with drilling to define additional Resources and optimum mining method
- Fimiston Underground commenced:



- Development of multiple drill platforms
- Drilling to commence September quarter 2021
- Grade displacement opportunity in the mill -Increased ounces and margins
- Fimiston Underground NOT in current 5-year plan

 Plus Mt Charlotte underground – Highest grade ore feed into the KCGM mill, >2.5Mtpa by FY25

#### Fimiston North West drill platform



# Kalgoorlie Production Centre

### KCGM - Processing optionality

- As mining increases, the Reserve stockpile value becomes increasingly stranded
- Evaluating mill expansion options
  - NOT in current 5-year plan
  - Simplified mill layout lowering unit costs
  - Mill grades decrease on increased throughput as stockpile is processed earlier
  - Option studies involve:
    - Simplified grinding circuit, fewer larger mills
    - Increased residence time / recovery opportunities
    - Control system optimisation

#### Market update June Half 2022

**KCGM processing studies** 

	Current	Option 1	Option 2	
Number of mills	2 x SAG 3 x Ball	2 x SAG 2 x Ball	2 x SAG 1 x Ball	
Throughput (Mtpa)	13	17	22	
Mill grade (g/t)	1.4-1.9	1.7	1.6	
Recovery (%)	84%	84%	84%	
Production (kozpa)	500-675	750+	850+	

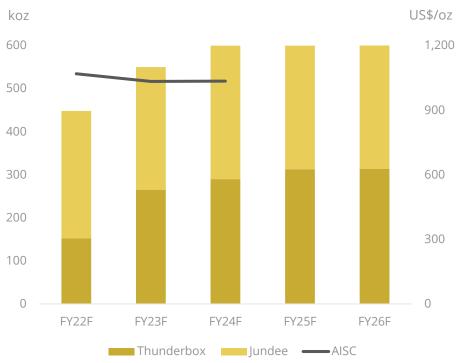


# Yandal Production Centre

### Yandal 600

- Increase Thunderbox mill (TBO) to 6.0Mtpa; Jundee at 3.0Mtpa
- Total Yandal milling capacity 9.0Mtpa
- Growth underpinned by 4.5Moz Reserves (8 years)...
- Highly accretive:
  - Unlocks TBO processing savings by ~US\$4/t (~US\$75/oz)
  - Regional processing savings of ~US\$40/oz
  - Lower cost structure adds value to entire Yandal Resource base

#### Yandal production outlook





# Yandal Production Centre

Uncomplicated expansion

#### Increase TBO mill to 6.0Mtpa (US\$135M):

- New 18MW mill and classification circuit
- New leach tanks, elution and gold room upgrades
- New tailing thickener and tailings pumping
- Designed for 100% fresh ore
- Reduces TBO processing cost by ~US\$4/t (~US\$75/oz)

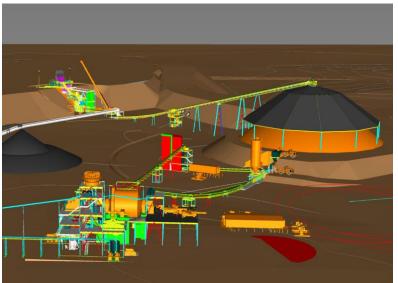
### US\$68M - Infrastructure / mine development

#### Unlocks ~US\$165M synergy value:

- Regional processing savings (~US\$55M)
- Reduced haulage cost from Orelia (~US\$75M)
- Owner-operator model at Orelia open pit (~US\$40M)



#### Thunderbox 6.0Mtpa schematic

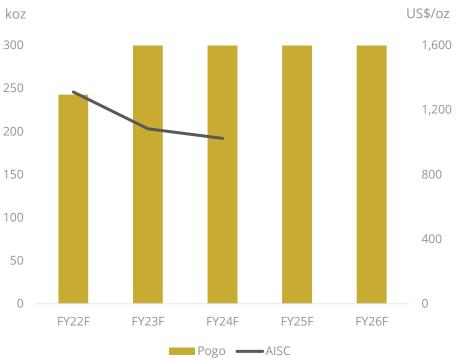


### Pogo Production Centre

On the way to 300kozpa from FY23

- High grade operation with large Resource base; multiple extensional opportunities in an underexplored camp-scale district
  - **FY21 guidance achieved**; FY22 production guidance represents a ~17% increase in ounces and 5% decrease in AISC v FY21
- Alaska vaccine rollout has seen COVID-19 cases
  reduced with minimal disruptions forecast in FY22 15
  - FY22 growth capex ~US\$55M:
    - Processing upgrade to 1.3Mtpa Imminent
    - UG development and infrastructure to bring on additional mining fronts
    - Set up surface infrastructure for growth
  - **Costs to reduce** as operational improvements flow through and more production fronts are accessed

#### Pogo production outlook





### Balance sheet - Robust and flexible

#### Disciplined capital allocation:

 Balance between re-investment (organic / inorganic), dividends, retained earnings

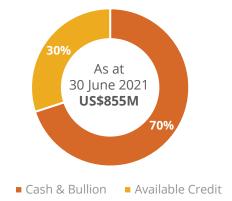
#### **Financial metrics**

Measure	Targe	Target Range				
Leverage Ratio (Net Debt / EBITDA)		Levera	Leverage ratio less than 1.5x			
Gearing Ratio (Debt / Debt + Equity) Gearing below 20%			$\checkmark$			
Liquidity	US\$0.	US\$0.8–1.1B (~1/3 in cash & bullion)				
Hedging						
Term	Units	Dec 21	Jun 22	Dec 22	Jun 23	Total
Ounces	OZ	247,577	254,993	199,000	100,000	801,570
Gold Price	A\$/oz	2,284	2,296	2,266	2,303	2,286

 Sensible risk management ~15% of the next 3 years of gold production

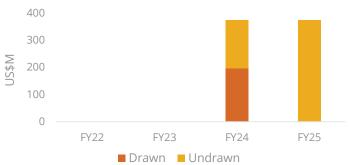


#### Liquidity Position at 30 June 2021



#### US\$300M of corporate debt paid down post June 2021

#### Debt Maturity Profile at 31 August 2021

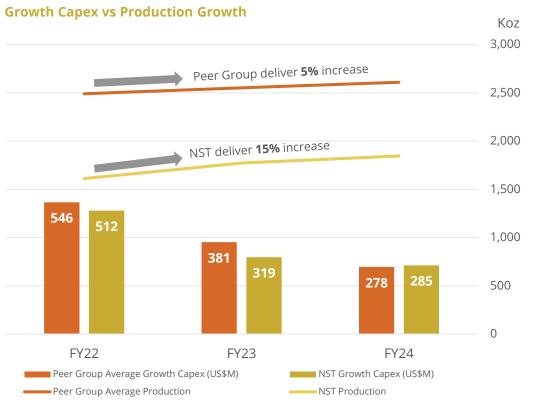


# Capital discipline delivers sector leading growth



 Growth capex in line or less than peers however
 delivers 3x the production growth
 rate

 Sustainable growth will deliver lower AISC and increased free cash flow



Source: BMO The GoldPages September 2021 (Gross Capital) Peer Group: NEM, GOLD, NCM, AEM, KL, KGC, GFI, AU, EVN, EDV, BTO

# Why Northern Star is a stand-out gold investment





- Business first Leveraging operating / technical skills and disciplined capital management to deliver superior shareholder returns
- Tier-1 jurisdictions Exclusively
- Capital discipline Balance between shareholder returns and re-investment, active portfolio management
- Profitable growth where it counts Simple production centres with scale, lower costs, life and management track record
- Sustainability in all that we do ESG, talent retention, mine life, lower costs

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