### HILLGROVE RESOURCES

#### **ASX RELEASE**

Tuesday, 3 May 2022

#### INVESTOR PRESENTATION SYDNEY RESOURCES ROUNDUP

Hillgrove Resources Limited's CEO and Managing Director Lachlan Wallace will be presenting at the Sydney Resources Roundup this afternoon, please refer to the attached presentation. Mr Wallace will be presenting at 4:30pm AEST.

Should you wish to view the presentation, registration for live streaming will be available at the following link:

https://www.riusydneyresourcesroundup.com.au/livestreamingregistration

Authorised for release by the Board of Hillgrove Resources Limited.

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# AUSTRALIA'S NEXT COPPER MINE



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#### COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The information in this release that relates to Exploration Results, Exploration Targets and Mineral Resource Estimates is based on information compiled by Mr Peter Rolley, who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Rolley is a full-time employee of Hillgrove Resources Limited and has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration 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)'. Mr Rolley has consented to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears. All exploration drill results, soil sampling images, and rock chip results have previously been reported to the ASX by a Competent Person at the time.

#### AUTHORISATION

This announcement is authorised for market release by Hillgrove Resources' Managing Director and CEO, Lachlan Wallace.

## Hillgrove Resources: Corporate Snapshot

#### **Company Overview**

- ASX listed ('HGO') Australian resources company that owns and operates the Kanmantoo Copper Gold Mine in South Australia
- 15+ years of strong operating experience and award-winning positive stakeholder engagement
- After completion of open pit operations in 2020, underground mine now being developed with aim to resume production in 2022

Market Statistics		
Share Price <sup>(1)</sup>	A\$	0.076
Shares on Issue	M	1,174
Market Capitalisation	A\$M	89
Enterprise Value <sup>(2)</sup>	A\$M	79
Liquidity - 12 Months	M shares	460 (39%)
Carried forward income tax losses	A\$M	222
Franking credits	A\$M	17.6

#### **Investment Highlights**

- Advanced, fully permitted project with key infrastructure in place for a <\$30M capex restart
- ✓ One of the only near term new copper producers on the ASX
- ✓ Multiple opportunities to increase resource base, annual production and mine life through lower cost underground drilling
- Highly leveraged to current and forecast copper price strength



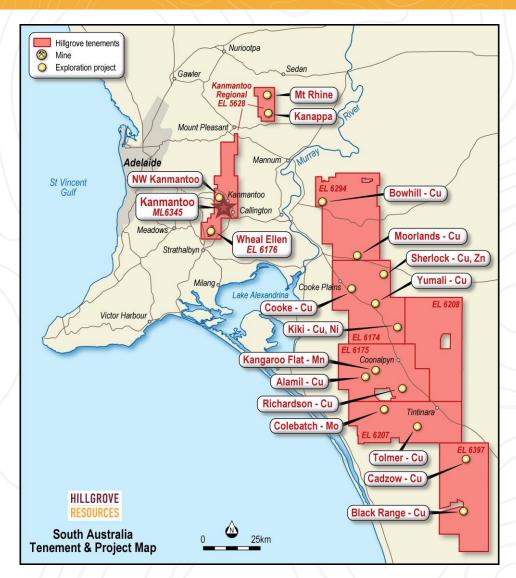
## Kanmantoo – A unique opportunity in copper

#### Ability for a fast, low capex restart

- √ Fully permitted
- √ 3.6Mtpa plant maintained on C&M
- ✓ Fully operational TSF with additional capacity
- ✓ Local workforce with key hires already recruited
- ✓ Same geology, geotech and metallurgy as open pit which produced 137kt Cu in concentrate
- ✓ Tier 1 jurisdiction<sup>(1)</sup>

#### With substantial further upside

- Mine plan only includes 2 of 9 known deposits on permitted lease
- Latent mill capacity enables project to incorporate additional lodes for no further processing capital or permitting
- 3 advanced exploration projects within 10km of processing plant which have a far lower hurdle due to existing infrastructure



## **Excellent Economic Metrics**

#### LOW CAPITAL - Australia's lowest capital intensity LOW RISK - permitted, infrastructure built NEAR TERM - commencing 2022

#### **Stage 1 Kanmantoo UG**

#### **RESOURCE**

✓ Resource: 5.7Mt @ 1.1% Cu, 0.3 g/t Au, 62kt

#### **STAGE 1 PLAN**

Copper Production	kt Cu	36
Gold Production	koz Au	10
Post-tax free cash flow	A\$M	196
NPV8	A\$M	166
IRR	%	389
Pre-production Capital	A\$M	26
Payback Period	months	7
AISC	A\$/t	6,991

#### On track to reach FID mid-2022

- ✓ Stope definition drilling from underground platform
- ✓ Pre-production capital expected to be secured through debt; definitive documentation stage with funding partners
- ✓ Contract mining tender process underway

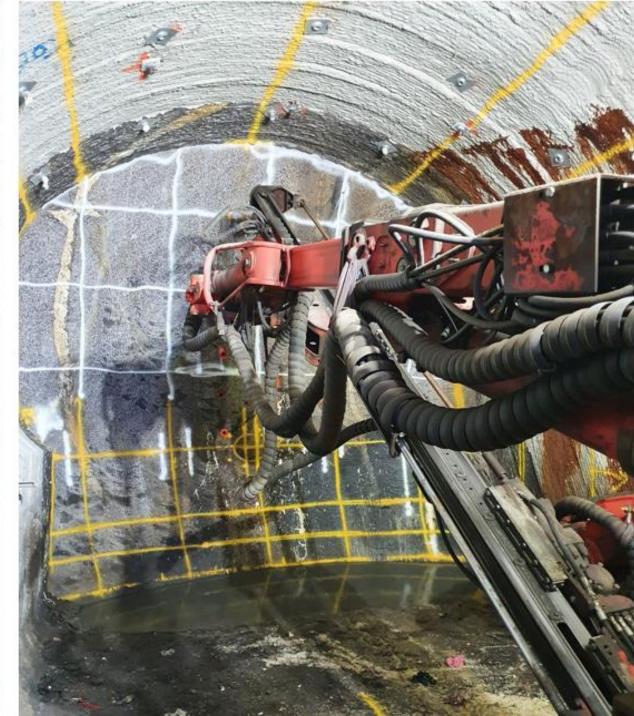


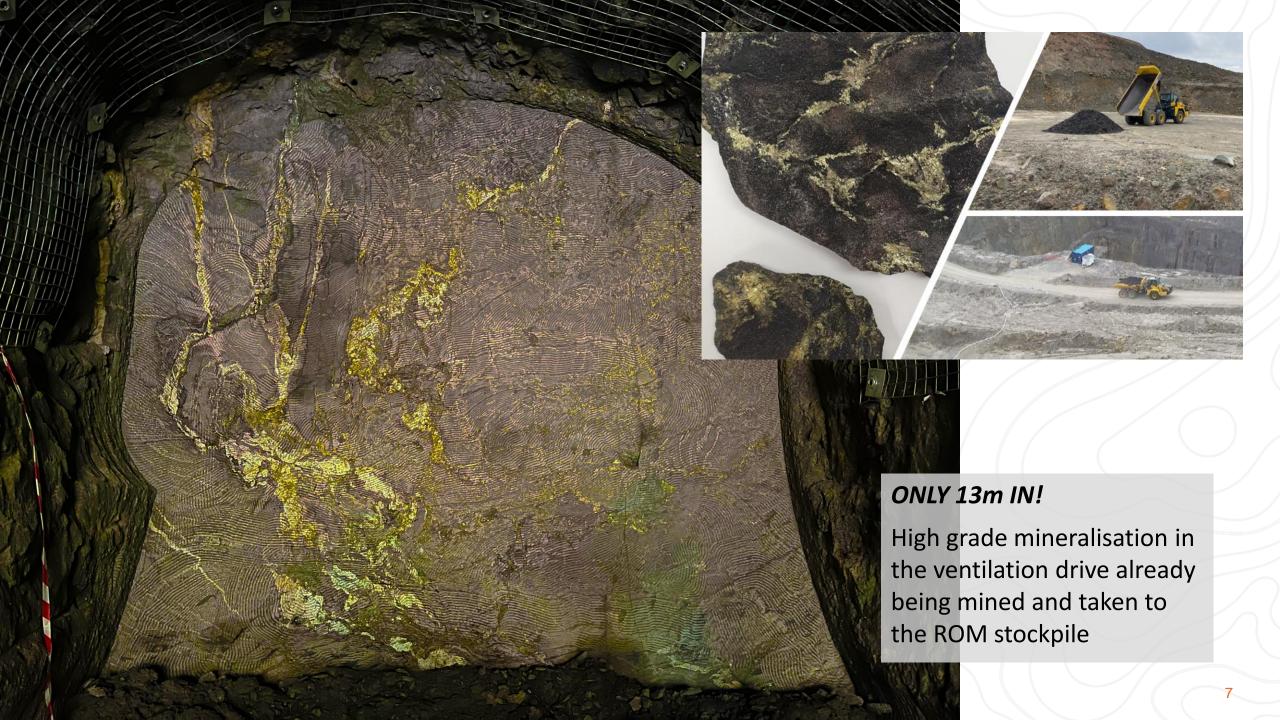
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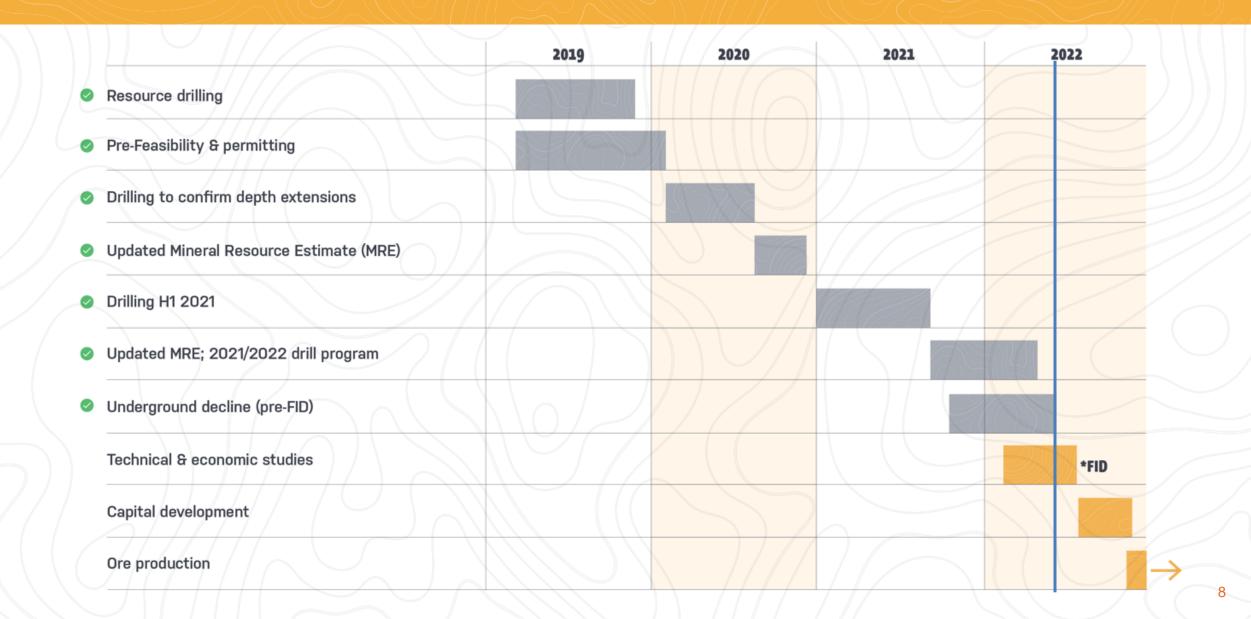
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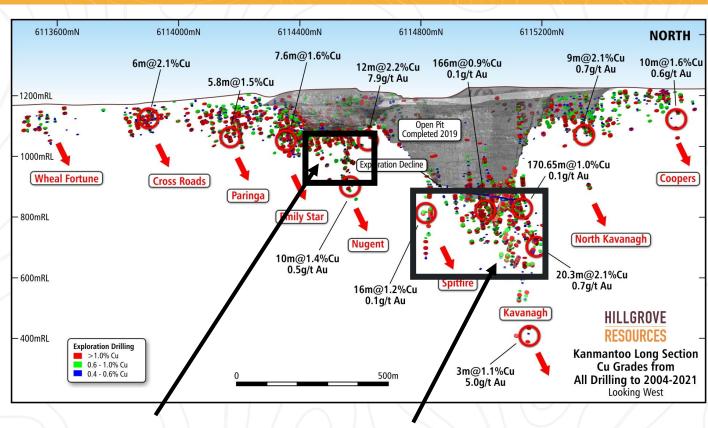


## Pathway to being Australia's next Cu producer





## Follow up targets to further expand resource

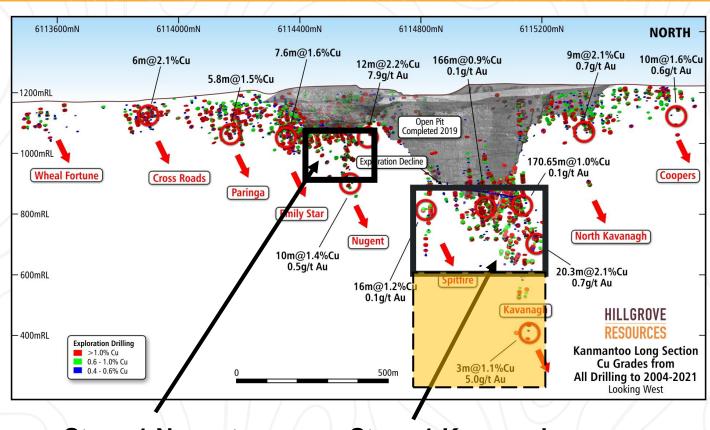


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Stage 1 Kavanagh UG Mine Area

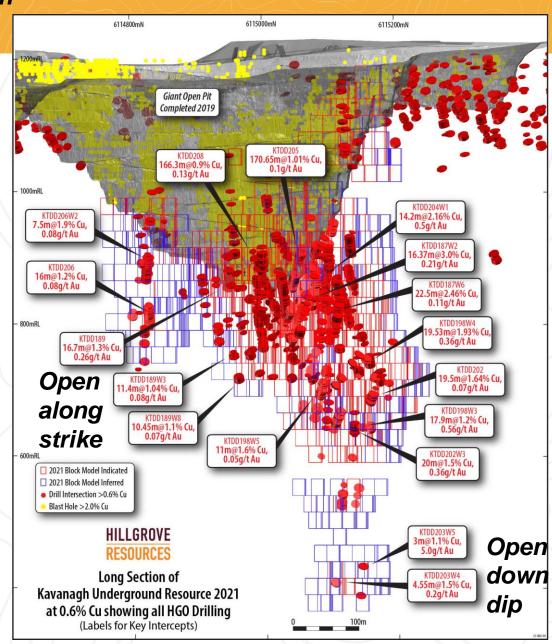
Stage 1 is limited to 250m in depth

Kavanagh Open down dip and along strike to south



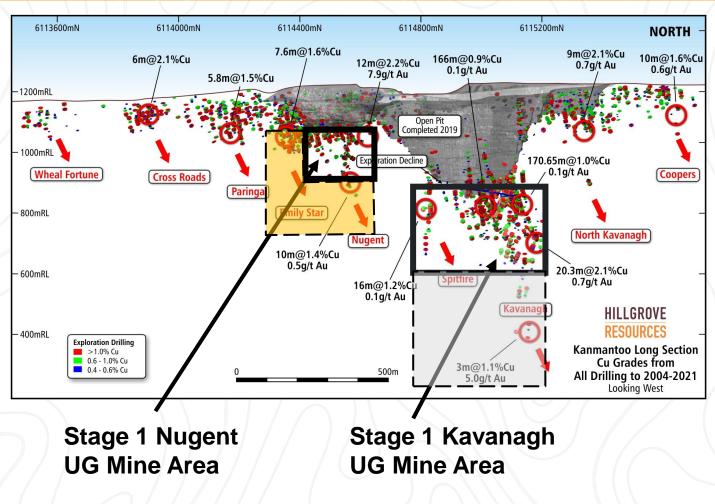
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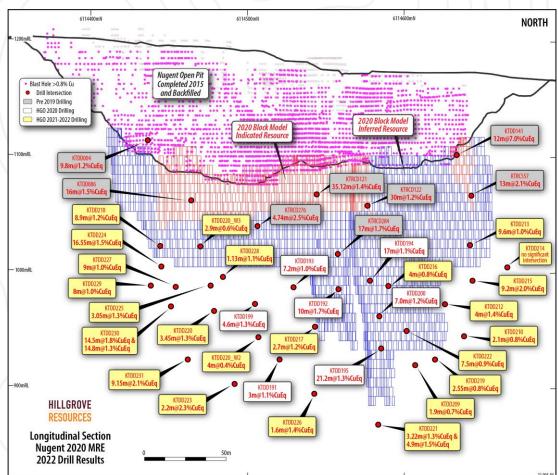
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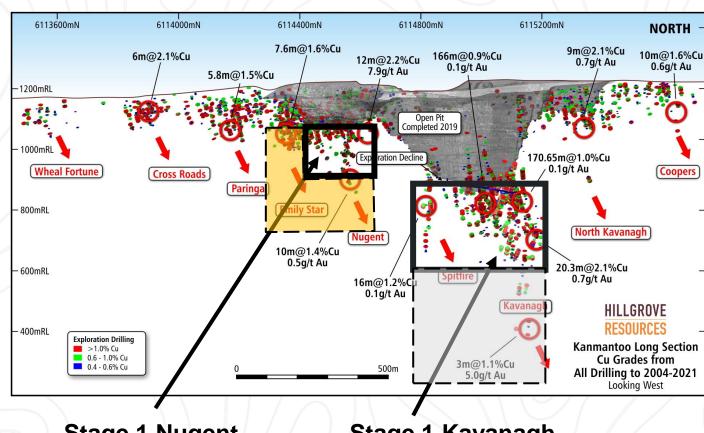
#### Recent drilling expected to increase Resource





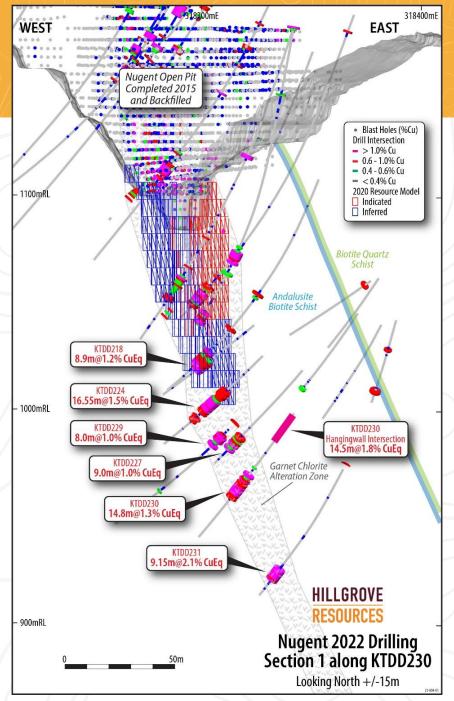
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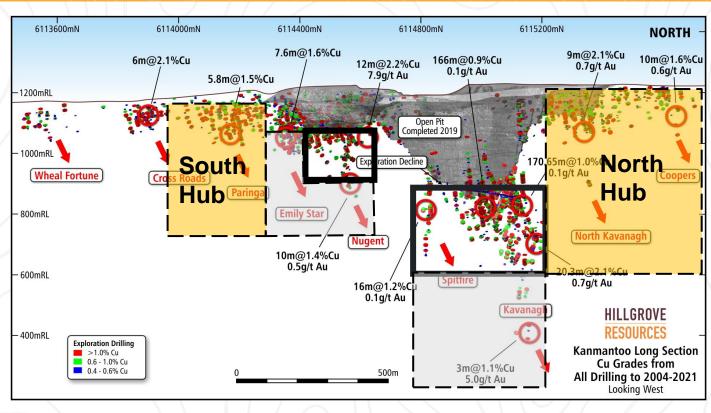


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## South Hub & North Hub



South Hub: Critchley, Paringa & Emily Star

17m @ 3.6% Cu 0.6 g/t Au 14m @ 2.8% Cu 0.3 g/t Au

Stella: 0.6m @ 10.1% Cu 16.8 g/t Au

#### North Hub: North Kav & Coopers

9m @ 2.1% Cu 0.7 g/t Au 10m @ 1.6% Cu 0.6 g/t Au

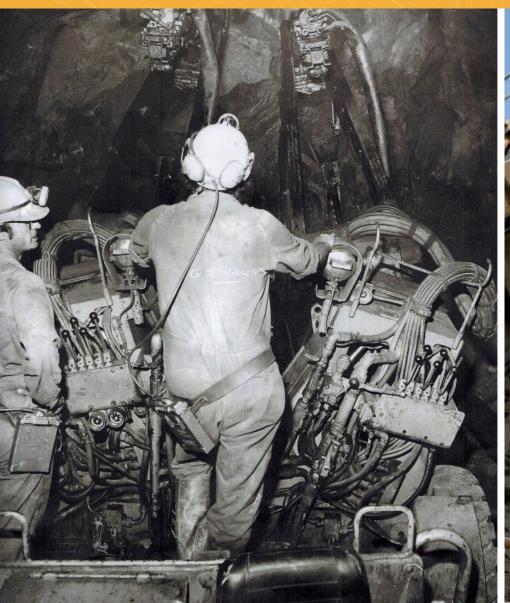


## **HGO:** Investment highlights

- PERMITTED, LOW COST, LOW RISK, NEAR TERM COPPER-GOLD PRODUCTION
- STAGE 1 HAS STRONG FINANCIALS WITH SHORT PAYBACK PERIOD
- PLANNED COMMENCEMENT IN 2022
- DEMONSTRATED RESOURCE WITH MULTIPLE OPTIONS TO INCREASE
- OPTIONALITY TO RAMP UP COPPER PRODUCTION WITH LITTLE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL

# Well positioned to be Australia's next copper mine

## Appendix





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#### References

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Refer <a href="http://www.hillgroveresources.com.au/announcements">http://www.hillgroveresources.com.au/announcements</a>

•	20 Jun 2019	Drilling of Kanmantoo Cu-Au Deeps to Commence
•	10 Oct 2019	Excellent Drill Results from Kanmantoo Cu-Au Deposit
•	31 Oct 2019	Maiden Kavanagh Underground Mineral Resource Estimate
•	5 Nov 2019	Additional Information to Maiden Kavanagh Underground
•	2 Jun 2020	Underground Drilling Program Recommences
•	11 Aug 2020	Excellent Gold Recoveries from Kanmantoo
•	3 Sep 2020	Drilling Expands Cu-Au Footprint at Kanmantoo Underground
•	7 Dec 2020	Updated Kanmantoo Underground Mineral Resource Estimates
•	23 Feb 2021	Kanmantoo Underground Exploration target Update
•	3 May 2021	Drilling Confirms Down-Dip Cu-Au Mineralisation at Kanmantoo
•	6 May 2021	Hillgrove Hits 170m of Copper Mineralisation at Kanmantoo
•	24 May 2021	Hillgrove Awarded Two Exploration Grants by SA Government
•	24 Jun 2021	Drilling Results Update at Kanmantoo
•	29 Jul 2021	Activity Report for Quarter End 30 June 2021
•	26 Aug 2021	New Gold Discovery Confirmed at Stella
•	27 Aug 2021	Results for Half Year Ended 30 June 2021
•	31 Aug 2021	Hillgrove Awarded \$2m Grant to Commence UG Decline
•	1 Sep 2021	Hillgrove Hits 166m of Copper Mineralisation at Kanmantoo
•	22 Sep 2021	Capital Raising Presentation
•	22 Sep 2021	\$12m Raising for Drilling and Development Kanmantoo Copper
•	27 Oct 2021	Next Major Drilling Program Underway at Kanmantoo
•	28 Oct 2021	Hillgrove receives Overwhelming Support for SPP
•	1 Nov 2021	Portal Cut for Kanmantoo Decline Commences
•	14 Dec 2021	Updated Kavanagh Mineral Resource Estimate
•	14 Dec 2021	Kanmantoo Economic Assessment Confirms Outstanding Potential
•	21 Mar 2022	Multiple High-Grade Intersections within a Broader +100 metre Zone of Copper Mineralisation
•	30 Mar 2022	Kanmantoo Underground Decline Progress
•	13 Apr 2022	First Copper from Kanmantoo Underground
•	28 Apr 2022	First Underground Drilling Platform Established
•	3 May 2022	Nugent drilling results