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KANMANTOO UNDERGROUND

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- ✓ Brownfields underground project with low risk staged development plan
- ✓ All key infrastructure in place and maintained for ready restart
- ✓ Short timeline to production restart
- ✓ Near mine exploration upside to extend resource base
- ✓ Fully permitted and strong stakeholder support in a tier 1 jurisdiction
- ✓ Highly leveraged to current and forecast strength in copper
- ✓ \$112m of carried forward tax losses and \$17.5m of franking credits
- ✓ Pumped hydro maintained as an alternative to mitigate closure risk

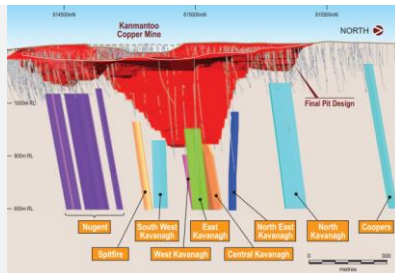
- 100% owned by Hillgrove Resources (**HGO**)
- Open pit mining from 2011-19 produced 137kt Cu
- 55km from Adelaide; local workforce
- Processing plant on C&M
- Fully operational TSF with additional capacity
- 360m deep open pit provides ready access to underground lodes
- All regulatory and community approvals in place to accelerate exploration and recommence mining





May 2017

- Definition of underground exploration target⁽¹⁾ down dip of open pit lodes
- **5-10Mt @ 1.7-2.2% Cu, 0.4-1.0g/t Au**



Oct 2019

- Maiden Kavanagh UG Mineral Resource Estimate (limited to 750mRL in Kavanagh only)
- **0.96Mt @ 1.7% Cu, 0.14g/t Au, 3.8 g/t, 16.2kt Cu Metal (0.6% Cu cutoff)**

Dec 2020

- Updated Mineral Resource Estimate increasing total estimated Cu metal in the Resources below the open pits by 110%
- **2.21Mt @ 1.56% Cu, 0.32g/t Au, 4.1 g/t Ag, 34.4kt Cu Metal (0.8% Cu cutoff)**

Jun 2019

- Drilling commences to test the depth extension, grade and continuity of the Kavanagh Cu-Au lode

Sep 2019

- Definition of additional⁽²⁾ underground exploration target at Kanmantoo South Hub
- **4-9Mt @ 1.2-2.2% Cu, 0.1-0.3g/t Au**

Mar-Aug 2020

- Completion of 5.3km drilling program demonstrating continuity to depths of 150 – 230m below the open pits

Q4 2020 – H1 2021

- 11km infill and extensional drilling program targeting c. 4Mt resource and initial reserve at Kavanagh & Nugent
- Drill testing of regional targets, Stella and Northwest, included in the program

Note (1): The Exploration Target is conceptual in nature as there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource. It is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource under the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, the JORC Code" (JORC 2012). The Exploration Target is not being reported as part of any Mineral Resource or Ore Reserve.

Note (2): South Hub exploration target includes the Nugent exploration target that was included in the May 2017 announcement (0.8 – 2.0Mt)



- The 2020 drilling program (now complete) confirmed that the key Cu-Au lodes of Kavanagh, West Kavanagh and Nugent extend at least 230-150m below the extent of the respective pits with grade and width to support an evaluation of underground mining
- The drilling completed in August 2020 clearly demonstrates that the mineralisation extends to these levels and is open at depth and along strike
- The 2020 drilling program more than doubled the 2019 Underground Mineral Resource Estimate to over 2.2Mt

JORC 2012 Classification	Tonnage (kt)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu Metal (kt)
Indicated	890	1.77	0.27	4.9	15.8
Inferred	1,318	1.4	0.4	3.5	19
Total	2,208	1.56	0.32	4.1	34.4

(Copper Cut Off Grade is 0.80% Cu. Due to appropriate rounding, numbers may not sum)

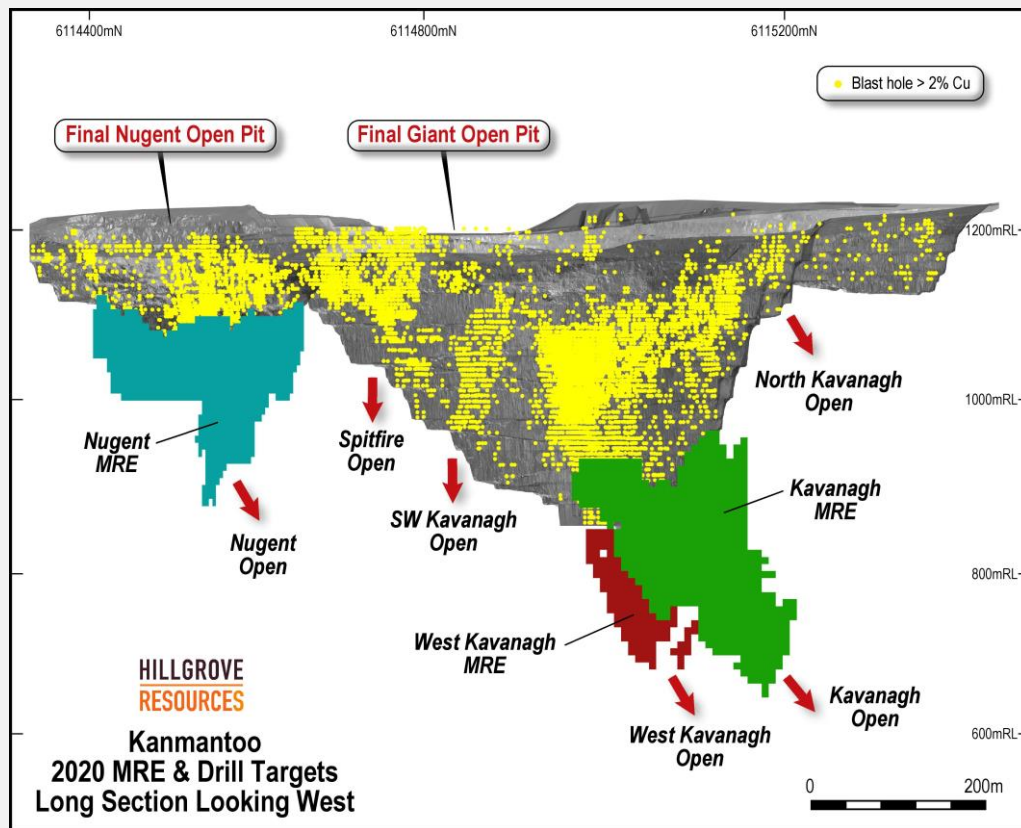
- Key intersections (all drill programs):

Kavanagh

- 33m @ 2.06% Cu, 0.24 g/t Au (KTDD029 from 280m)
- 20m @ 2.07% Cu, 0.67 g/t Au (KTDD190_W2 from 490m)
- 21m @ 2.01% Cu, 0.42 g/t Au (KTDD197 from 326.6m)
- 12m @ 2.8% Cu, 0.7 g/t Au (KTDD071 from 479m)

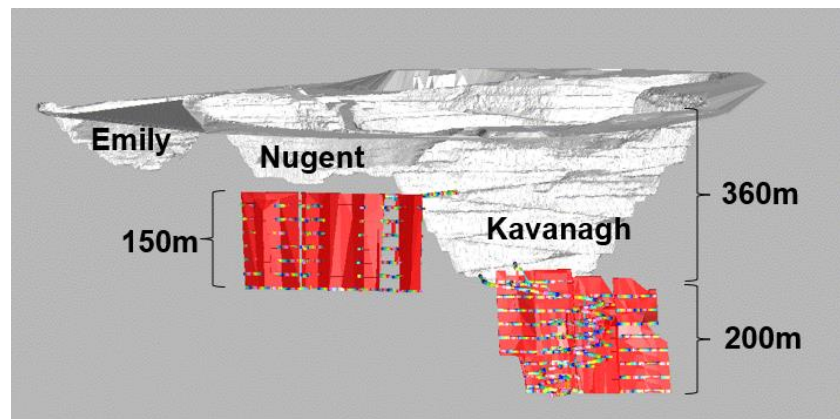
Nugent

- 12m @ 2.2% Cu, 7.9 g/t Au (KTDD141 from 64m)
- 11m @ 1.84% Cu, 0.46 g/t Au (KTRC762 from 142m)
- 6m @ 1.13% Cu, 1.86 g/t Au (KTDD194 from 281m)



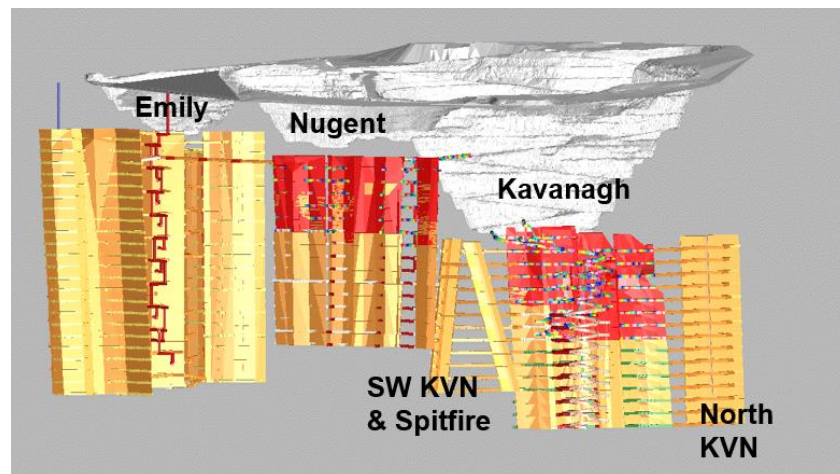
Initial reserve at Kavanagh and Nugent:

- Funding required for 11.4km expansion and infill drill program at Nugent and Kavanagh and to test near mine targets including Stella and Northwest
- Funds allow definition of an initial 3-4 year underground reserve at Kavanagh and Nugent with clear visibility to extend through drill-out of additional resources / targets
- Provides option for a low capex, fast restart that would generate substantial cash at current prices and de-risk further development



Target mine life extension at depth, new lodges:

- Follow-on program would involve building out resources and reserves through depth extensions and proximal lodges which were mined from the open pit such as North Kavanagh, SW Kavanagh, Spitfire, and Emily and near mine targets
- Target conversion of a significant portion of the on-lease underground exploration target of c. 8.0 – 17Mt⁽¹⁾ which could sustain >8 year mine life
- Drill out near mine targets Stella, NW and Mullewa within trucking distance (5km) to add potential upside to mine life

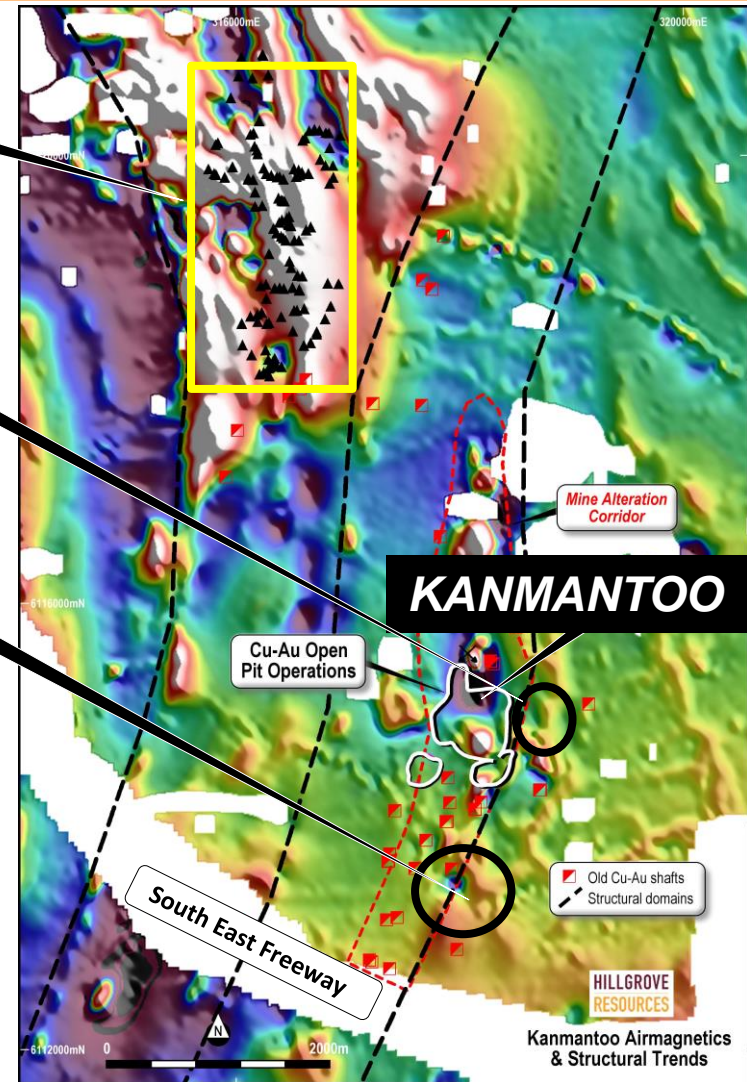


North West; Copper soil anomaly is 2.3kms long; Rock chips have identified zones with high gold and copper

Mullewa; Large alteration area and MT zone with Cu anomalism

Stella; MT survey suggests a significant conductive zone coincident Cu & Au anomaly and gravity low, which presents a new large target for exploration

Although these targets may be large enough to justify stand alone capex, the proximity to the Kanmantoo mill and permitted TSF materially reduces capital hurdle



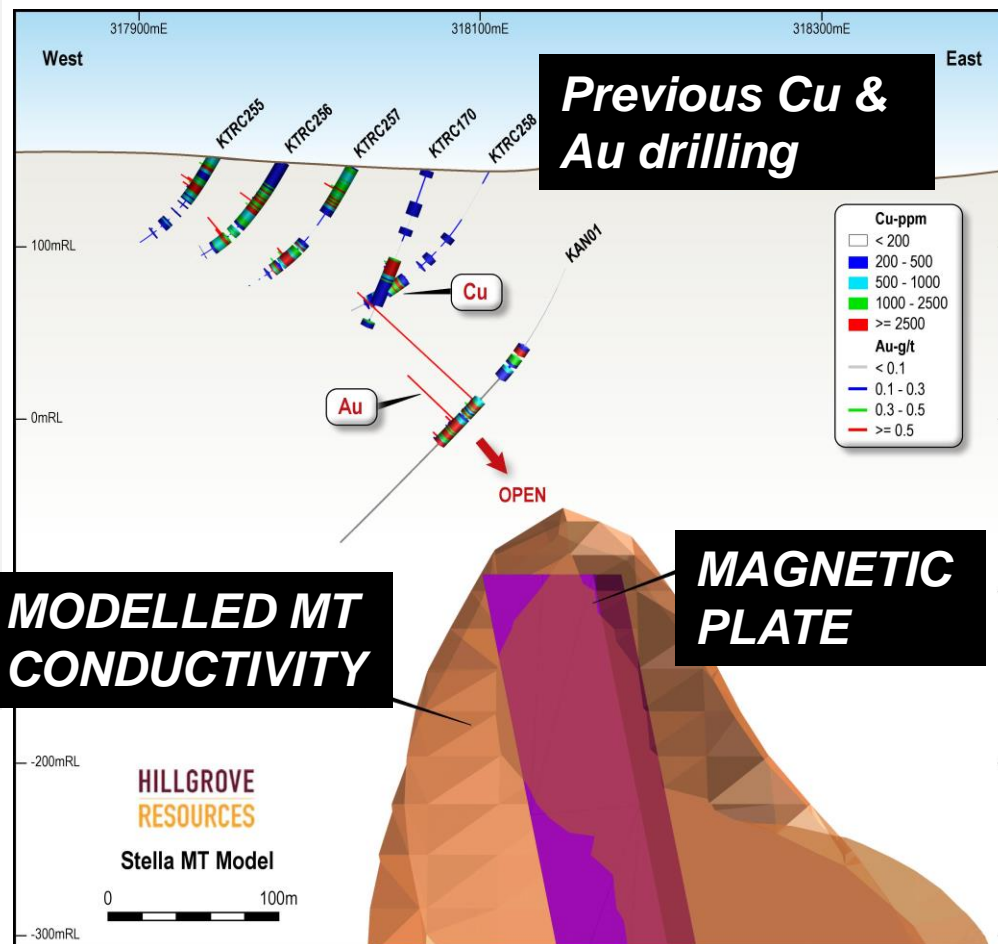
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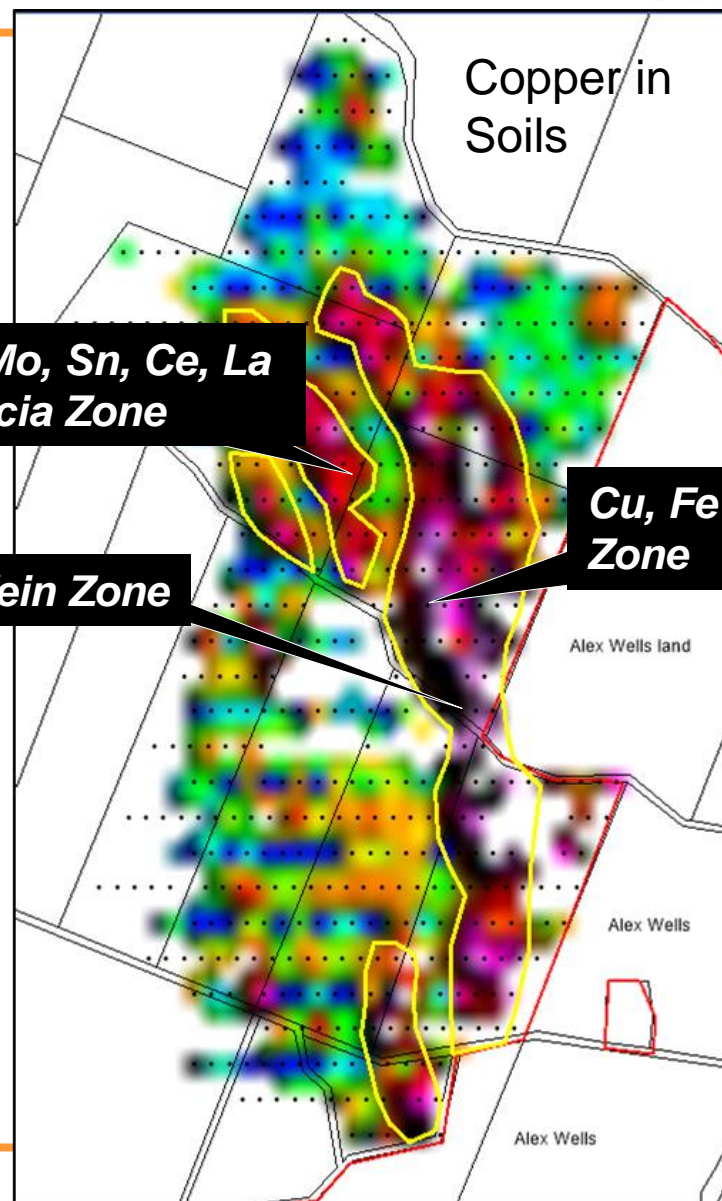
- MT Conductivity
- Magnetic RTP High
- Gravity Low
- Geochem Cu, Pb, As, Au

Directly adjacent to Mining Lease and processing plant.

Combination of magnetic high and resistivity low with the presence of Cu / Au in nearby drill holes make Stella an exciting prospect



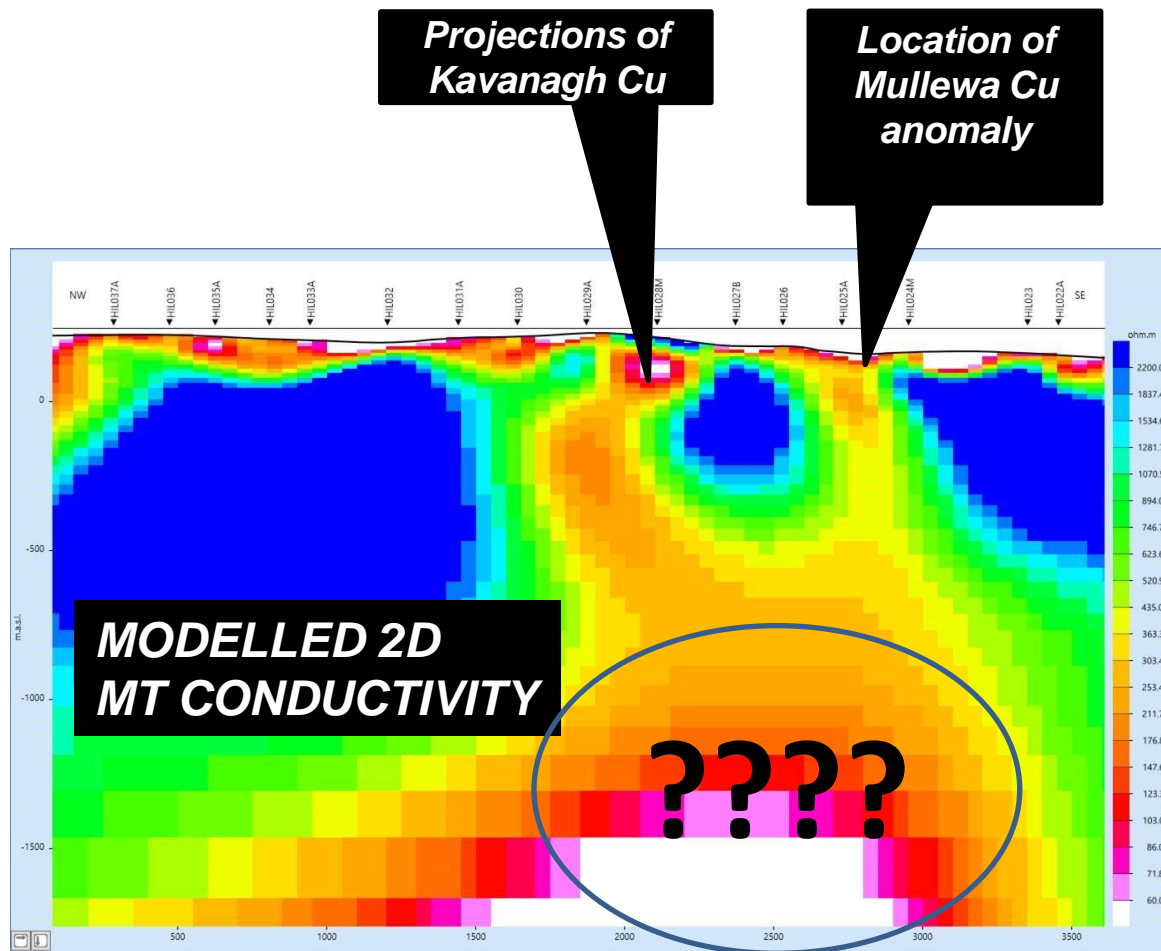
- Copper soil anomaly is 2.3kms long and coincident with large air-magnetic anomaly.
- Rock chips have identified zones with high gold and copper.
- Regionally located at major tectonic dilation zone with new granites, albitites, monzonites now mapped
- Strong magmatic association with elevated Mo, Bi, Co, Sn, U, Ce, La in rock chips:
 - Ce > 2000ppm, Fe to 40%, La > 1000.
- <5km from Kanmantoo processing plant



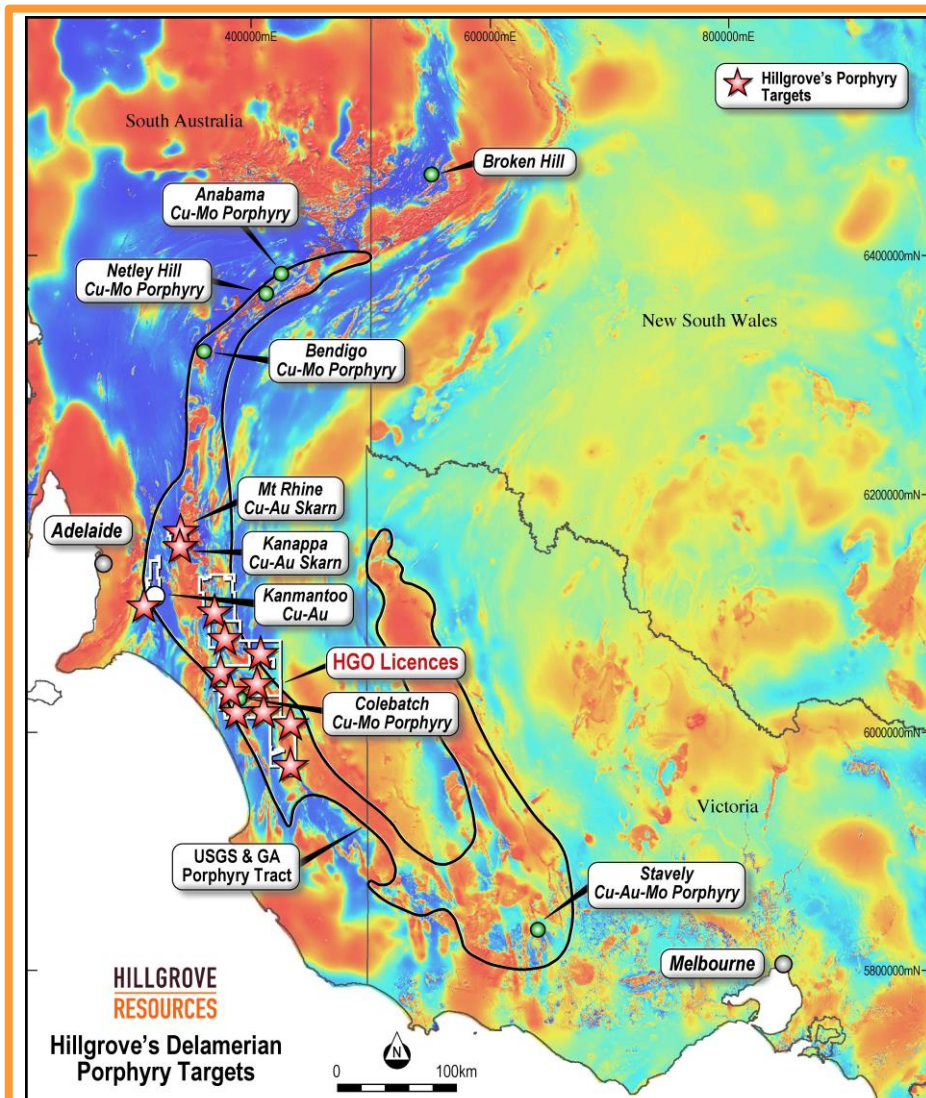
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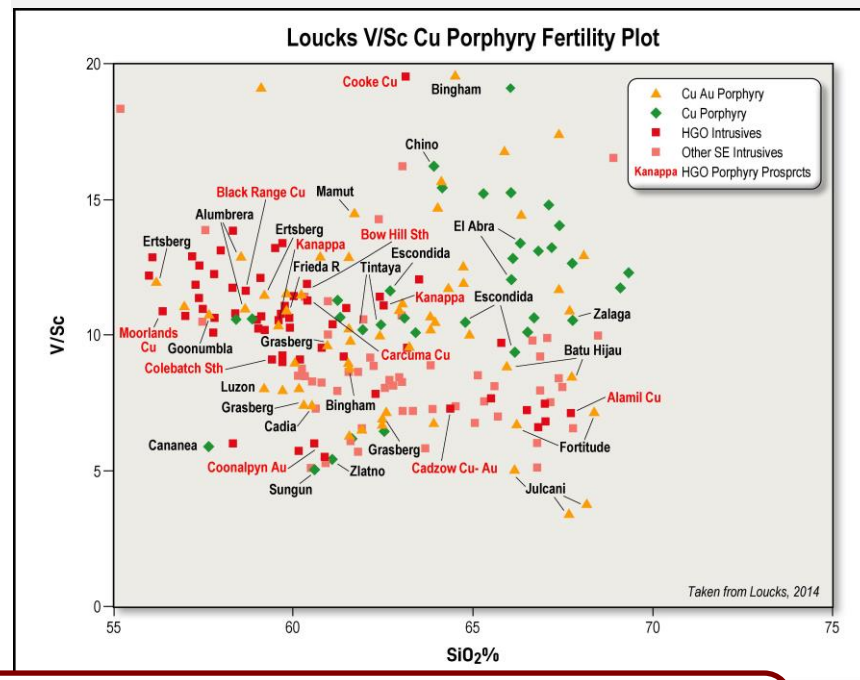
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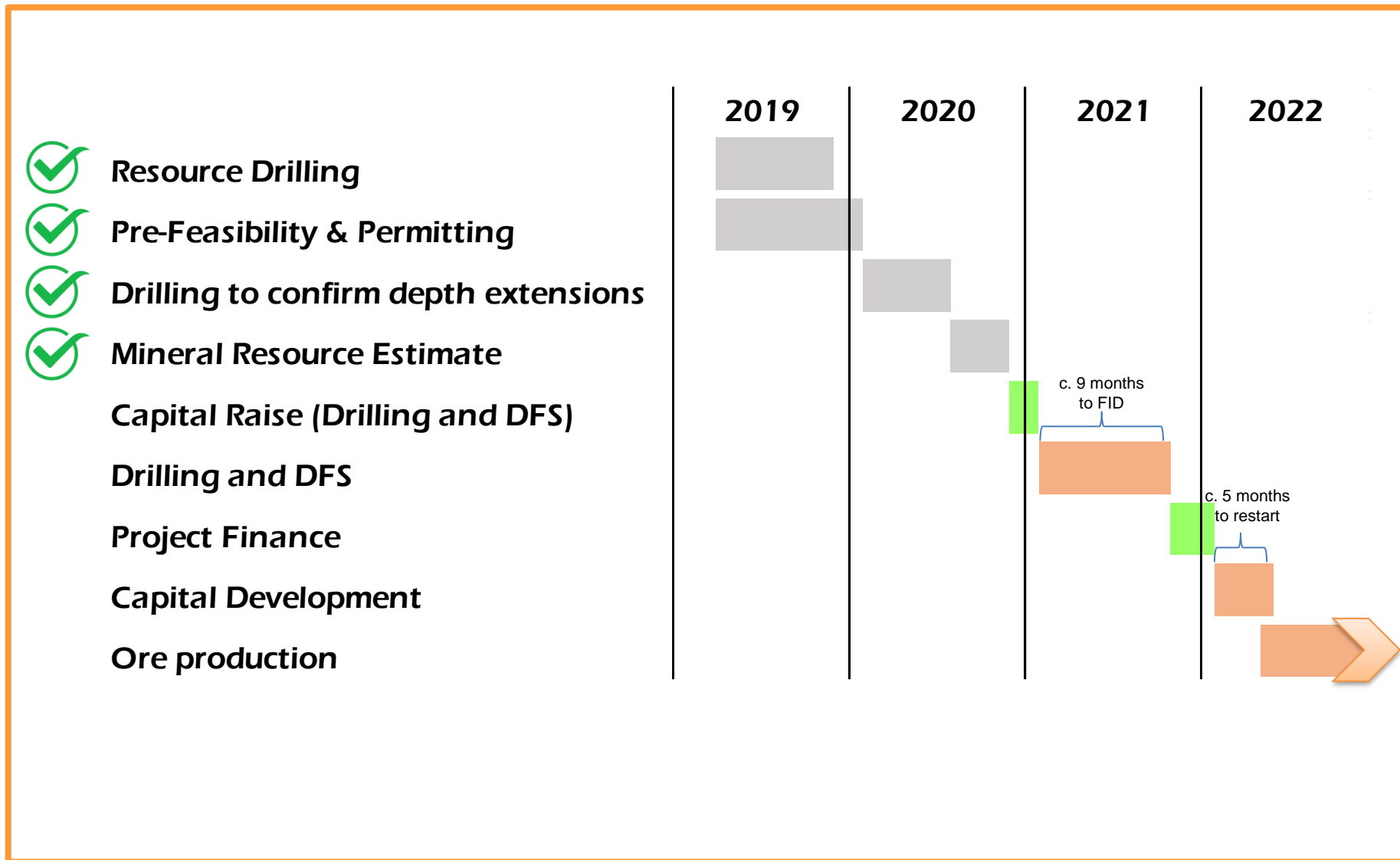
Significant conductive zone presents a large exploration target



- In parallel with the underground and near mine development opportunities, HGO continues to undertake low cost exploration across 5,652km² of tenements in south-east SA
- Tenements sit within USGS and GA Porphyry Tract which includes the Stavelly Cu-Au-Mo Porphyry
- Multiple targets with geochemical signature in line with major porphyry deposits around the world that are coincident with regional magnetic anomalies



Objective is to discover large scale porphyry Cu-Au deposits



Capital Raise to drill near mine targets, expand UG resource and reach FID

Sources (to Oct-21)		Uses (to Oct-21)	
Item	Amount (\$M)	Item	Amount (\$M)
Current Net Cash	\$3.3	Restricted Cash	\$1.8
Placement	\$8.1	Drilling & Studies: 1. Expand UG Resource and complete DFS 2. Drill test depth extensions	\$5.0
Non underwritten entitlement issue ⁽²⁾	\$0.6 - \$2.8	C&M & Site Optionality ⁽¹⁾	\$2.7
Capital Raising Costs	(\$0.4)	Corporate	\$1.3
		Residual Cash ⁽²⁾	\$0.8 - \$3.0
TOTAL SOURCES	\$11.6 - \$13.8	TOTAL USES	\$11.6 - \$13.8

Funding is required to complete drilling and studies to estimate an initial Reserve / reach final investment decision (FID) on a low capex underground restart by H2 2021

15 Note (1): Processing infrastructure and TSF being maintained for quick restart. 83% of costs between electricity, rehabilitation, equipment hire and salaries
 Note (2): Range based on take up of entitlement issue noting pre-commitments have been received for \$0.4m





Proposed structure:

- Quantum: \$8.7m - \$10.9m (gross)
- Sources:
 - \$8.1m two tranche placement to institutional & sophisticated investors at \$0.031 per share
 - 1 for 6.5 non underwritten non-renounceable rights issue to raise up to approximately \$2.8m at \$0.031 per share of which pre-commitments received for \$0.6m
- Commitments to subscribe for placement and entitlements from major shareholders
- Target close of tranche 1 of placement in December and tranche 2 of placement and rights issue in early February

Indicative Timetable¹

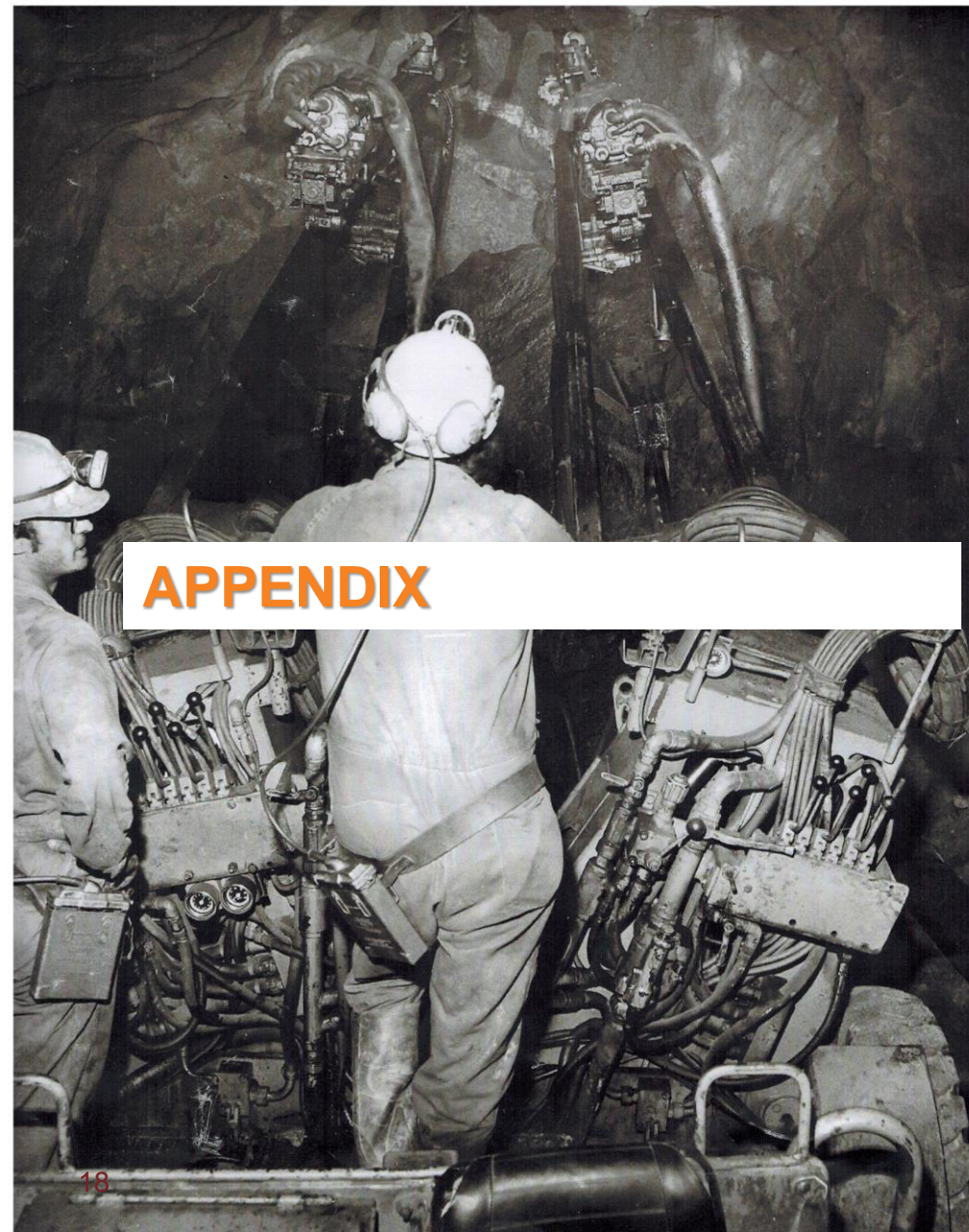
Trading halt	Tuesday, 15 December
Announcement of Placement and Rights Issue	Thursday, 17 December
Ex-date	Tuesday, 22 December
Record date for determining entitlements	Wednesday, 23 December
Settlement of Placement (T1)	Thursday, 24 December
Issue of T1 Placement shares	Tuesday, 29 December
Despatch of Offer Booklet; Entitlement Offer opens	Wednesday, 30 December
EGM for approval to issue T2 Placement Shares	Friday, 5 February
Entitlement Offer closes	Monday, 8 February
Settlement of Placement (T2)	Thursday, 11 February
Results of Entitlement Offer announced to ASX	Thursday, 11 February

Note (1): Subject to potential change



- Underground development opportunity on mining lease at Kanmantoo which benefits from very low capital intensity due to existing infrastructure.
- Well advanced project: completed permitting, initial resource definition drilling, and mining contractor tender.
- Funding required to prove up a 3-4 year reserve at Kavanagh and Nugent with strong potential to extend mine life through lode and depth extensions and near mine satellite opportunities.
- Continue to explore exciting opportunities in the broader region with particular focus on porphyry signatures within Hillgrove's 5,652km² exploration tenements in south-east SA.
- Carried forward tax losses and franking credits.
- Maintain optionality for pumped hydro project at Kanmantoo which provides a value accretive alternative to development.





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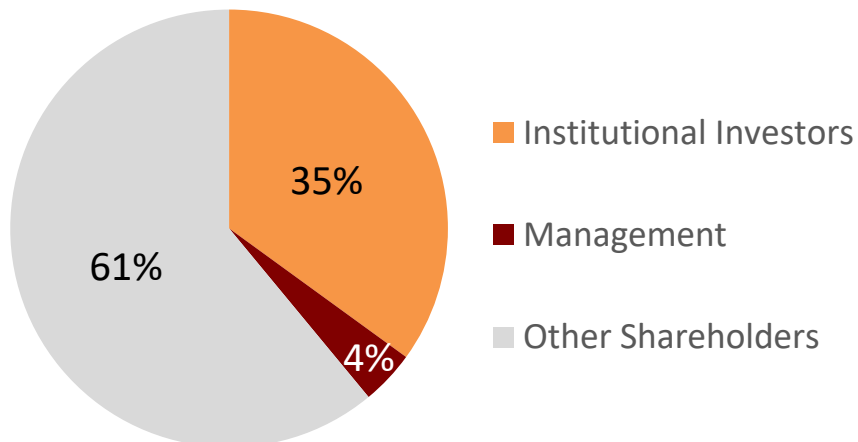




Market Statistics

Share Price ⁽¹⁾	A\$p.s	0.0355
Shares on Issue	M	585.6
Market Capitalisation	A\$M	21
Enterprise Value ⁽²⁾	A\$M	17
Liquidity - 12 Months	%	8%

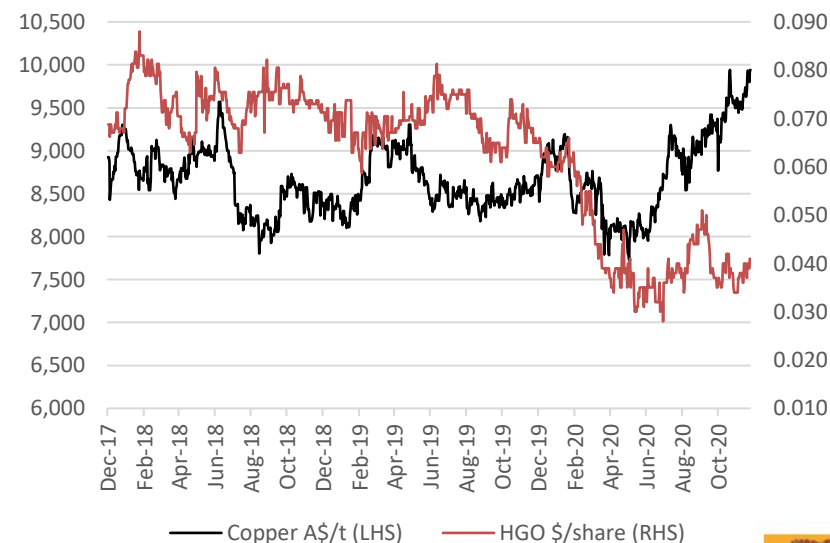
Shareholders



Investment Opportunity

- ✓ *Advanced, fully permitted UG mining project with infrastructure in place to quickly convert for low capex and realise value of rising prices*
- ✓ *Exciting growth pipeline throughout SA*
- ✓ *Undervalued due to lack of funding certainty*

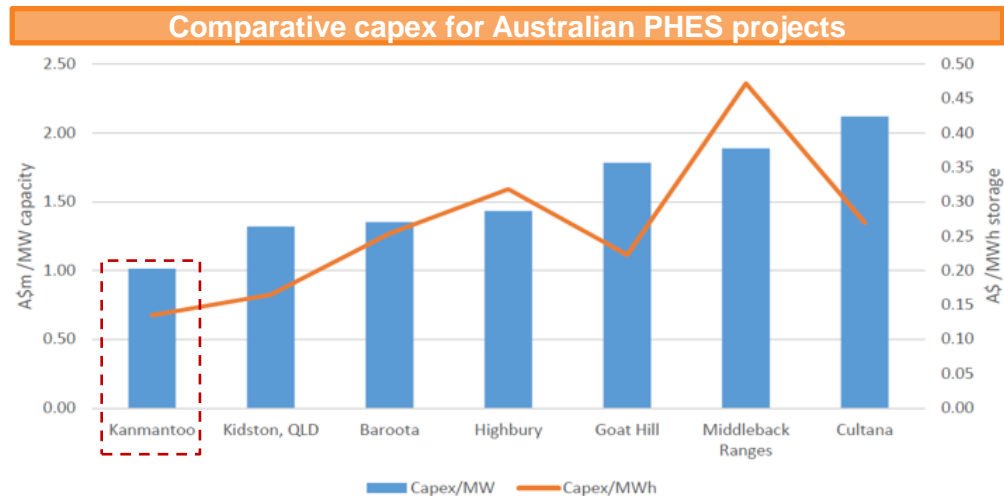
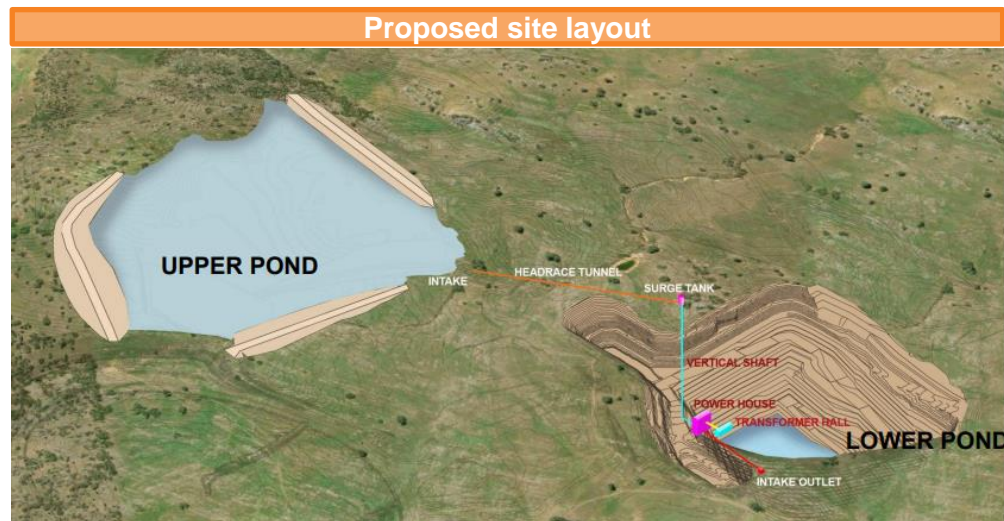
Share Price – 3 years



19 Note (1): Share price at close 14 December 2020
Note (2): Net cash as at 31 October 2020



- In April 2019, HGO sold the rights to AGL to develop, own and operate the Kanmantoo Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Facility (“PHES”) for A\$31m in staged development payments
- Despite the significant potential of the PHES it was agreed to mutually terminate the agreement with AGL in February 2020. This enabled HGO to focus on a larger scale UG development
- HGO continue to field approaches to advance the PHES and it remains a viable and value accretive use of the site at the end of mining
- The underground project does not impact the viability or value of the PHES, however the two projects cannot run concurrently
- The key features of the PHES that continue to attract developers include:
 - Low capital cost at ~\$1m/MW and <\$160/kWh
 - Fast to market given extensive knowledge (environmental, geotechnical, geology, hydrogeology) and infrastructure
 - Proximity to grid
 - Established social licence to operate
 - 100% owned freehold land with room to establish 40MW solar facility
 - Spot market arbitrage and FCAS opportunities



Source: Public information

Continue to receive interest to develop PHES after mining



All exploration drill results, exploration information and Mineral Resource Estimates have previously been reported to the ASX by Competent Person at the time. The results reported herein are reported in the form and context of the original ASX releases.

Refer <http://www.hillgroveresources.com.au/announcements>

- 25 May 2017 Kanmantoo Underground Copper Mine Growth Opportunity.
- 21 Mar 2018 Kanmantoo Pumped Hydro, Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Conference
- 20 Jun 2019 Drilling of Kanmantoo Cu-Au Deeps to Commence
- 27 Sep 2019 Kanmantoo South Hub Cu-Au Growth Opportunity
- 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
- 21 Feb 2020 Termination of PHES Project Agreement with AGL
- 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



1. An Exploration Target was reported to the ASX on 25 May 2017 (*Kanmantoo Underground Copper Mine Growth Opportunity*).
2. The South Hub Exploration Target was reported to the ASX on 27 Sep 2019 (*Kanmantoo South Hub Cu-Au Growth Opportunity*). This Exploration Target includes the previously announced Nugent Exploration Target (NET). The NET herein replaces that previously reported on 25 May 2017. In this review the NET has been extended to the southwest and only projected to 900mRL.
3. The South Hub Exploration Target is in addition to the previously announced Kavanagh Exploration Targets under the Giant Pit. This presentation reports an underground exploration target of c. 8-17 Mt. This is the sum of the Exploration Targets reported on 25 May 2017 and 27 Sep 2019 with the Nugent Exploration Target removed from the 25 May 2017 Exploration Target.

Exploration Target (25 May 2017)

	Tonnage Range (Mt)	Grade Range Cu%	Grade Range Au g/t
Coopers	0.1-0.3	0.4-0.8	1.8-2.5
North Kavanagh	0.1-0.7	0.4-0.8	1.8-2.5
North East Zone	0.4-0.7	0.4-0.8	2.2-3.0
East Kavanagh	0.4-0.8	0.05-0.2	2.0-2.6
Central Kavanagh	1.2-2.2	0.1-0.4	1.6-2.2
West Kavanagh	0.8-1.6	0.01-0.05	2.0-2.5
South West Kavanagh	0.8-1.0	0.1-0.4	1.8-2.4
Spitfire	0.4-0.7	1.5-3.0	2.5-4.0
Nugent	0.8-2.0	1.5-2.5	2.5-3.5
Totals	5-10	0.4-1.0	2.0-2.8

South Hub Exploration Target (27 Sep 2019)

	Tonnage Range (Mt)	Grade Range Cu%	Grade Range Au g/t
Nugent	1.5-2.5	1.3-2.2	0.2-0.6
Paringa	0.5-1.5	1.1-2.2	0.1-0.2
Emily Star	2.0-4.5	1.2-2.2	0.1-0.3
Totals	4-9	1.2-2.2	0.1-0.3



INVESTMENT RISKS

Potential investors should be aware that there are risks associated with investing in Hillgrove. Certain risks are beyond the control of Hillgrove and its Directors and Management and may have a material impact on Hillgrove's future operating and financial performance, and/or the financial position of Hillgrove, its prospects and/or the value of the new shares. Some of the key risks associated with an investment in Hillgrove are described as follows.

MINING RISKS

The mining and processing operations present a range of complex, inherently higher-risk working environments which are closely regulated by existing mining, environmental and occupational health and safety legislation. Hillgrove ensures a risk based approach is applied to enable effective development and implementation of appropriate, practical engineering controls and safe systems of work to minimise workplace risks as far as reasonably practicable, or to find alternate approaches to essential tasks with lower inherent risks.

Certain specific risks could affect the viability and success of Hillgrove's mining projects, including:

- Resource estimates may not be robust;
- The resource classification basis may not be appropriate;
- The conversion ratio of resources to reserves may be inaccurate or inappropriate;
- Mining methods may be unable to deliver on required production forecasts and recovery and dilution parameters;
- Strategies for environmental protection and monitoring and pollution controls may be inappropriate;
- Ore reserves may be lower than currently expected;
- Mineralisation yields may be lower than currently expected;
- There may be limited or no availability of skilled labour or necessary contractor services;
- Significant cash flows may not materialise from the project within the expected timeframe;
- A significant operational failure requiring unplanned capital expenditure or a level of required capital expenditure which is higher or is needed sooner than anticipated;
- Pit wall failure may lead to damage to equipment and/or injuries and/or loss of production;
- Operational risks such as mechanical difficulties, human error, incorrect technical assumptions, unanticipated conditions, equipment failures, weather conditions, civil unrest, wars and natural disasters, blowouts, cratering, explosions, pollution, seepage or leaks, fire and earthquake, unexpected shortages, delays or increases in costs of fuel or other consumables, spare parts or plant and equipment, and other accidents which may result in injury or loss of human life and consequential employee compensation claims; and
- There may be an unexpected increase in operating or production costs, the majority of which are not fixed.

Any materially adverse development, such as any of those referred to above, would be likely to have a materially adverse effect on the success of Hillgrove.

COPPER & OTHER METAL PRICES

Hillgrove's potential revenue will primarily be derived from the sale of copper and other metals. The price for copper and other metals fluctuate and are affected by many factors beyond the Hillgrove's control. Relevant factors include supply and demand fluctuations, technical advancements, forward selling activities and other macro-economic factors.

COVID-19 RISKS

Hillgrove has observed that in response to COVID-19, governments globally have imposed restrictions on the movement of citizens and limited non-essential services and activities. Governments around the world have also recommended or enforced restrictions on both domestic and international travel in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 restrictions, it is not currently possible to assess the full impact of COVID-19 on Hillgrove's business. However, a prolonged financial reduction may impact on the commodity price and the availability of labour or other costs associated with Hillgrove's business. These effects may be felt both domestically and internationally, for an unspecified duration. A number of aspects of Hillgrove's business may also be directly or indirectly impacted by government, regulatory or health authority actions, work stoppages, lockdowns, quarantines and interstate travel restrictions associated with COVID-19.

DEPENDENCE ON EMPLOYEES

Hillgrove's success and growth strategy depends heavily upon its managing director and a relatively small number of other senior executive employees. The loss of the services of any of them could have a material and adverse effect on Hillgrove's business, operating results and financial condition.

GOVERNMENT

Government approvals and permits may be required in the future in connection with the operations of Hillgrove. To the extent such approvals are required and not obtained, Hillgrove may be curtailed or prohibited from continuing its operations or from proceeding with planned exploration or development of mineral properties. Government policies are subject to review and change from time to time and Hillgrove relies upon government agencies promptly and favourably dealing with applications and consents. Such matters are likely to be beyond the control of Hillgrove. Changes in community attitudes on matters such as taxation, environment and landholder issues may bring about reviews and possible changes in government policies and regulations. Any such government action or inaction may limit or prohibit operations or require increased capital or operating expenditure and could adversely impact Hillgrove's financial position and performance. Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions there under, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining and exploration companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on Hillgrove and cause increases in exploration expenses, capital expenditures or production costs, or reduction in levels of production, or delays in development.

LICENCES & PERMITS

Interests in permits are governed by the granting of licences or leases by the appropriate government authorities. The conduct of operations and steps involved in acquiring all licences and permits involve compliance with numerous procedures and formalities. It is not always possible to correctly interpret, or comply with, or obtain waivers from, all such requirements and it is not always clear whether requirements have been properly completed, or that it is possible or practical to obtain evidence of compliance. In some cases, failure to follow such requirements or obtain relevant evidence may call into question the validity of the titles. Failure to obtain any necessary licences or permits, any material noncompliance with such licences or permits or the revocation or non-renewal of such licences or permits could adversely impact Hillgrove's financial position and performance.



ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

Hillgrove's operations are subject to extensive Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations. These laws and regulations set various standards regulating certain aspects of health and environmental quality and provide for penalties and other liabilities for violation of such standards. Significant liability could be imposed on Hillgrove for damages, clean-up costs or penalties in the event of certain discharges into the environment, environmental damage or non-compliance with environmental laws or regulations. Compliance or non-compliance with environmental laws or regulations may require Hillgrove to incur significant costs and may have a significant material impact on Hillgrove's financial performance.

INSURANCE

Insurance of risks associated with mining operations is sometimes unavailable and sometimes attracts large premiums. If Hillgrove incurs uninsured losses or liabilities, its assets, profit and prospects will be adversely affected.

CONTRACTUAL RISKS

Hillgrove is a party to various contracts. Hillgrove's ability to achieve its objectives will depend on the counterparties to those contracts performing their obligations. All contracts entered into by Hillgrove are subject to interpretation. There is no guarantee that Hillgrove will be able to enforce all of its presumed rights under its contracts. Any default or dispute under those contracts may adversely affect Hillgrove's financial position or performance.

RESERVE & RESOURCE ESTIMATES

Reserve and resource estimates are expressions of judgement based on knowledge, experience and industry practice. Estimates which were valid when originally calculated may alter significantly when new information or techniques become available. In addition, by their very nature, reserve and resource estimates are imprecise and depend to some extent on interpretations, which may prove to be inaccurate. As further information becomes available through additional fieldwork and analysis, the estimates are likely to change. This may result in alterations to development and drilling plans which may, in turn, adversely affect Hillgrove's operations.

GENERAL RISK FACTORS

Prospective investors should also consider the following risks which apply to all investments in shares:

- Investment risks, such as changes in Hillgrove's own assessment of the economics of developing its assets or the market perception of the value of Hillgrove's assets and shares;
- Share market and liquidity risks involved in the listing and trading of shares on the ASX; and
- Economic factors including the effect on the market price of shares of movements in equities markets, commodity prices, currency fluctuations and interest rates, and local and global political and economic conditions

