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#### Team with a track record



	Shares	Options
Total	424M	5M
* As at 15th October	r 2013	

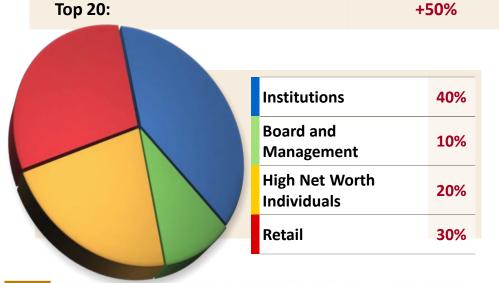
### Market Capitalisation (ASX : NST)

**ASX 200** 

**Share price:** 

Undiluted	~A\$346M
Cash, Bullion & Investments (30 Sep 2013)	A\$50M
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A\$0.815



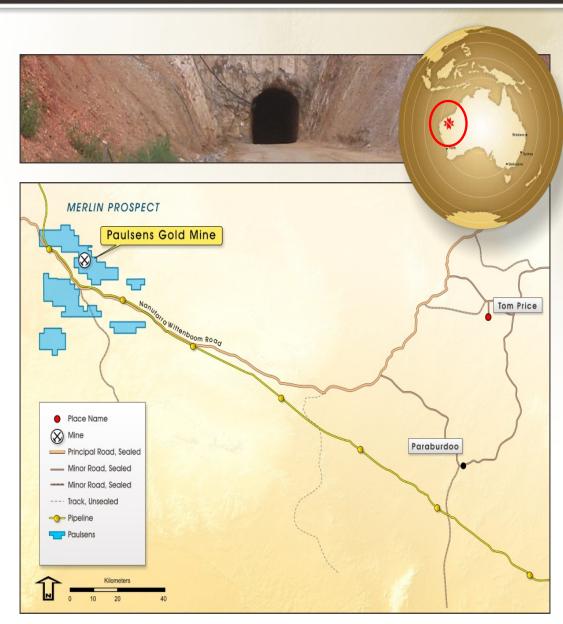
Board - Successful record in discovering and developing mines							
BILL BEAMENT	Managing Director (Mining Engineer)						
CHRIS ROWE	Non Executive Chairman – Independent (Barrister and Solicitor)						
PETER O'CONNOR	Non Executive Director – Independent (Investment Fund Management)						
JOHN FITZGERALD	Non Executive Director – Independent (Resources Finance and Banking)						
MICHAEL FOTIOS	Non Executive Director (Geologist)						
DISCIPLINES TO OPERATE A MINING BUSINESS ARE COVERED							
Senior Management							
STUART TONKIN	Chief Operating Officer						
RAY PARRY	Chief Financial Officer						
LIZA CARPENE	Company Secretary						
BERNIE SOSTAK	General Manager BD/Technical Services						
PHIL TORNATORA	General Manager Exploration						

MANAGEMENT CAPACITY TO CATER FOR COMPANY GROWTH

# Northern Star: an abridged history



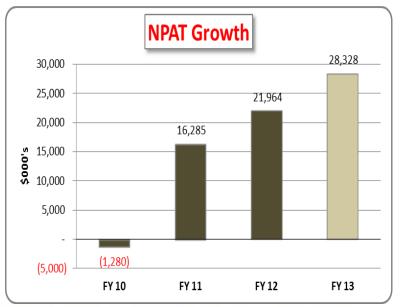
- Acquired Paulsens Gold Mine in Western Australia for A\$40M in July 2010, repaid full acquisition within 7 months
- Expanded production rate to 100,000oz/pa
- Greatly extended the mine life to +5 years
- Purchased Ashburton Project and FMG
   JV all for just \$2M, Now hold +8,500km²
- Grown company resource base 2Moz in just 2 years
- Dividend paying, currently 4.5% fullyfranked yield, another 2.5¢ paid last month
- Established our own in-house mining services division, "owner operator"

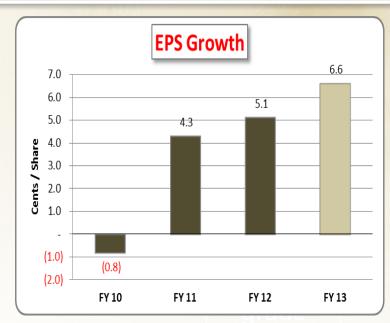


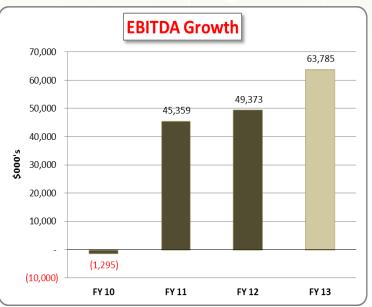
# Company: FY2013 Financial Performance



- Increased Company net profit after-tax by 30% to A\$28.3M
- Non-cash "write downs" of \$10M on exploration and investments
- EBITDA up 29% to \$63.8M and earnings per share up 29% to 6.6¢
- Cash cost down 5% to \$680/oz, all-in sustaining cost of \$1,016/oz
- Capital expenditure of \$44M, includes \$17.5M on "one-off" expansion items







# Paulsens – Performance, Productivity Drive and Cost Cutting



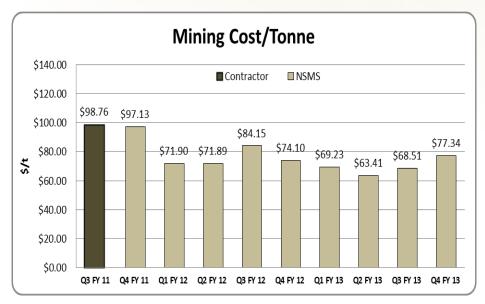
#### PRODUCTION GROWN

- Record FY2013 performance, 104koz mined,
   93koz sold and 89koz recovered
- Increased productivity by 100% in ore tonnes, now mining at 500,000 tonnes per annum
- De-risked the mine with capital development well in advance, 127,000t ore on surface stockpiles and multiple productions area to obtain ore from
- Sep-Qtr 28koz mined and 26koz recovered at cash cost \$671/oz and all-in sustaining cost of \$996/oz

#### **COSTS CONTAINED**

- Proactive cost focused culture, not purely as response to challenging market commodity prices
- Dropped total cost per tonne by 20%. Now showing up in a lower unit cost per ounce

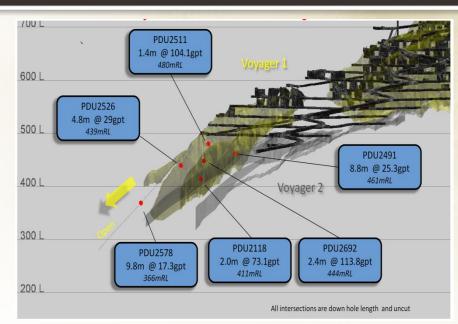


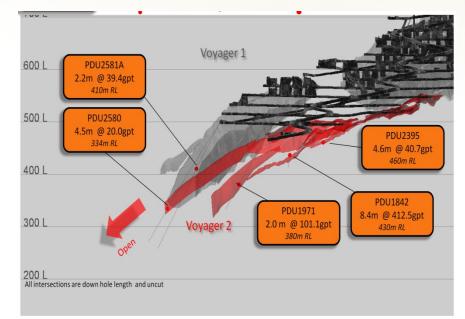


# Voyager 1 & 2: The Paulsens Engine Room



- Voyager 1 is the flagship lode at Paulsens, runs at a rich 1,250–2,000 ounces per vertical metre
- Currently mining 600m below surface.
   Mineralisation drilled to 950m and remains open at depth
- Voyager 2 was discovered by NST in late 2010; host of stunning drilling results up to 12,178gpt
- Voyager 2 sits immediately adjacent to Voyager 1 offering multiple production horizons with minimal development required
- Head grade improving as production has commenced from the high-grade Voyager 1 Extension Zone
- Exploration drilling underway for further extensions to known lodes

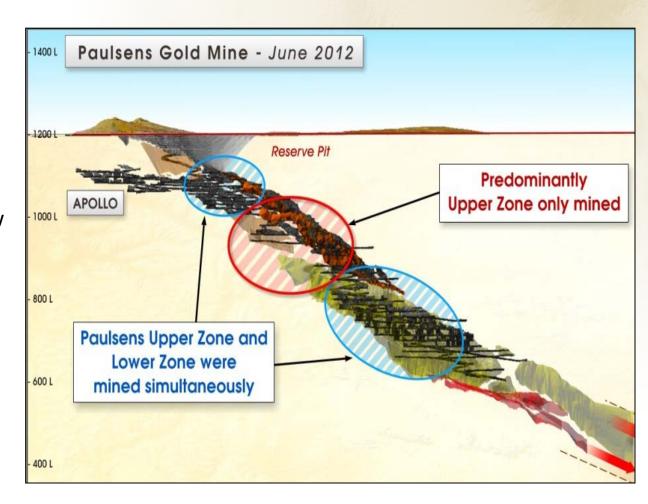




### Upper Levels: one man's waste is another's treasure



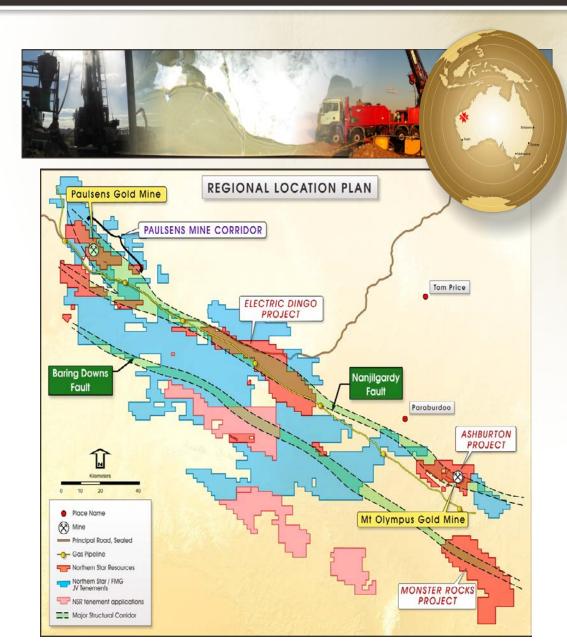
- Large part of upper mineralised structure not mined by previous owners due to hedging and other factors
- Resource stands at 92koz<sup>1</sup> @ 10gpt
- Upper Levels expected to contribute 10,000-15,000ozpa of high-grade low cost production
- Ore development is underway
- Early indications show grade and strike lengths will exceed forecast
- Resource remains open along strike and down-plunge



## Exploration: writing the next chapter for Northern Star



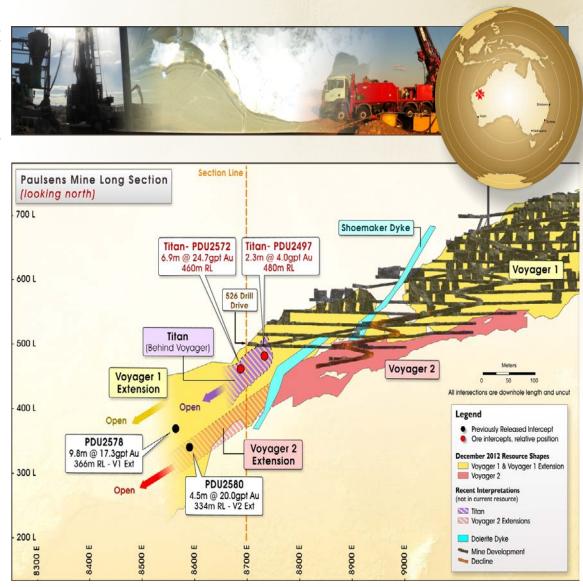
- Very little exploration done within 50km radius of the 1Moz Paulsens deposit
- Recently expanded our tenement package to 8,500km<sup>2</sup> with FMG JV deal on all non-iron ore rights across the Ashburton region
- Now hold vast tracks across the Ashburton geological basin
- Over 100 targets identified across two major regional structural trends that cut the basin



# Exploration: The Titan Discovery



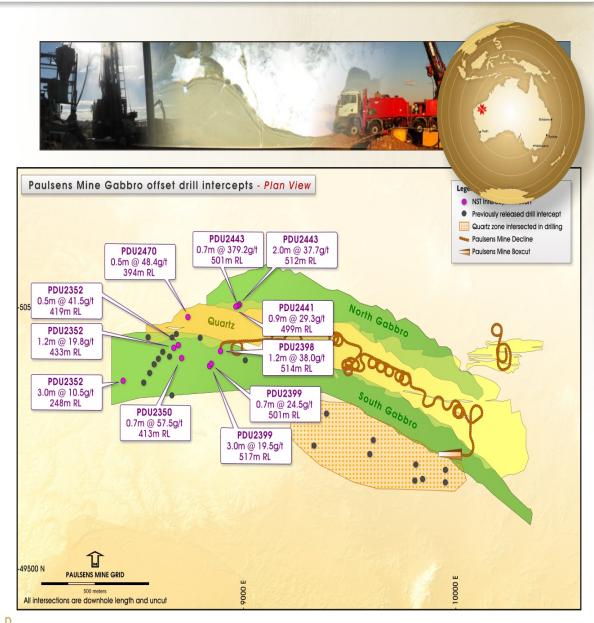
- High-grade Titan discovery made just
   100m from Paulsens mine infrastructure
- Discovery hole returned 6.9m at 24.7gpt
- Titan runs parallel and immediately adjacent to the producing Voyager 1 and 2 lodes
- Discovery has strong potential to be a separate mining area
- First exploration outside the downplunge window of the Paulsens mineralisation
- Majority of holes have intersected significant quartz up to 22m true thickness
- Quartz is the host for Paulsens style mineralisation
- Drilling is ongoing



# Exploration: the gold may be as green on the other side of the fence



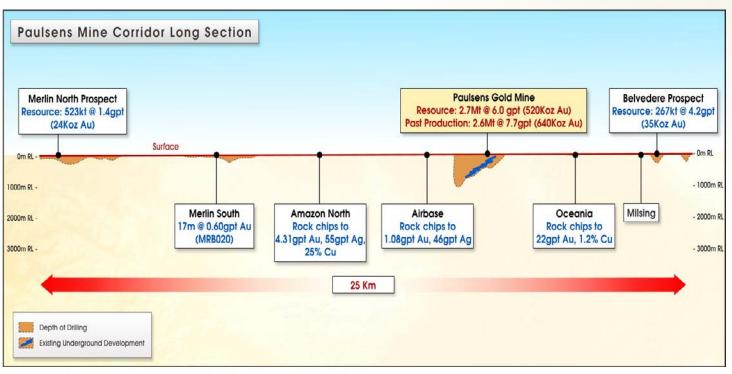
- Paulsens is bounded by a Gabbro unit, traditionally seen as a 'fence' around the orebody
- Drilling aimed at testing the theory that the mineralisation is deposited on the other side of Gabbro and itself mineralised
- Results support this theory with hits up to 379gpt in the Northern and 113gpt in the Southern Gabbro
- Mineralisation intersected in both
   Southern and Northern Gabbro settings
- Results highlight potential to replicate the 900,000oz Paulsens quartz lode
- Drilling ongoing with results pending



### **Exploration: Paulsens Mine Corridor**



- Great potential on the highly prospective "Paulsens Mine Corridor" part of the Nanjilgardy Fault, 25-40km long corridor along the axis of Wyloo Dome
- All known orebodies and mineralisation, including the Paulsens Gold Mine lie inside this corridor
- Great early results at Belvedere 8km from Paulsens, recent hits include 8m @ 14.7gpt and 9m @ 12.7gpt



#### FY2014: Production and Cashflow Guidance



- Key FY2014 forecasts @ Gold Price A\$1,450/oz:
  - Total production of 100-115koz
  - Cash Costs C1 of A\$610-690/oz (inclusive of all royalties)
  - All-in sustaining costs of A\$900-1,050/oz (inclusive of all royalties)
  - Capital expenditure of \$28M predominately "sustaining capital"

# Generating surplus cash of A\$50-70 million



### Key reasons to invest in Northern Star



- Extremely strong cash generation from high-grade and high-margin ounces
- Expect FY14 all-in sustaining cost to be ~\$1,000/oz
- Growing production to underpin surplus cash growth
- Sufficient resources to secure +5 year mine life, with further extensions expected
- New Titan discovery at Paulsens, 6.9m at 24.7gpt within 100m of mine infrastructure
- Exploration continues to return outstanding high-grade results at Paulsens and Ashburton
- Cash and Investments of A\$50 million and will grow substantially in 2013
- Dividend paying, 3.5 cents in FY2013, equating to a 4.5% fully-franked yield





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# Appendix



As at 30 June 2013	ESOURCES 1 MEASURED (M)				INDICATED (I)			INFERRED (Inf)			TOTAL (MI&Inf)			
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Surface				F70	0.5	47	400	•		740	0.5	04		
Paulsens	-	-	-	573	2.5	47	169	3	14	742	2.5	61	1.0 gpt Au	
Belvedere	-	-	-	168	3.6	19	99	5	16	267	4.2	35	1.0 gpt Au	
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	523	1	24	523	1.4	24	1.0 gpt Au	
Mt Clement (20%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	226	2	13	226	1.8	13	0.5 gpt Au	
Underground														
Upper Paulsens	63	9.7	20	98	13.1	41	119	8	31	280	10.2	92	2.5 gpt A	
Voyager UG	517	12.1	201	173	11.9	66	61	13	26	751	12.2	293	2.5 gpt A	
Stockpiles	118	2.6	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	118	2.6	10	1.0 gpt A	
Gold in Circuit/Transit	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4		
Subtotal Paulsens	698	10.5	235	1,012	5.3	173	1,197	3.2	124	2,907	5.6	532		
ASHBURTON GOLD PRO	JECT													
Surface														
Mt Olympus	-	-	-	6,038	2.3	448	9,138	2.2	632	15,176	2.2	1,080	0.7 gpt Au	
Peake	-	-	-	113	5.2	19	3,544	3.3	380	3,657	3.3	399	0.9 gpt A	
Waugh	-	-	-	347	3.6	40	240	3.6	28	587	3.6	68	0.9 gpt A	
Zeus	-	-	-	508	2.1	34	532	2.2	38	1,040	2.2	72	0.9 gpt A	
Electric Dingo	-	-	-	98	1.6	5	444	1.2	17	542	1.3	22	0.9 gpt A	
Romulus	-	-	-	-	-	-	329	2.6	27	329	2.6	27	0.9 gpt A	
Subtotal Ashburton	-	-	-	7,104	2.4	546	14,227	2.5	1,122	21,331	2.4	1,668		
TOTAL RESOURCES	698	10.5	235	8.116	2.8	719	15.424	2.5	1.246	24.238	2.8	2.200		

Resources are inclusive of Reserves

GOLD MINERAL R As at 31 December 2012		VES <sup>1</sup> PROVED		P	ROBABLE		PROVED and PROBABLE			
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Based on attributable ounces	(000's)	(gpt)	(000's)	(000's)	(gpt)	(000's)	(000's)	(gpt)	(000's)	
PAULSENS GOLD PROJECT			7 (19)	0.096				19/3		
Surface										
Paulsens	-	-	-	424	2.3	31	424	2.3	31	
Belvedere	-	-	-	129	3.2	13	129	3.2	13	
Underground										
Upper Paulsens	-	-	-	36	6.9	8	36	6.9	8	
Voyager UG	328	8.0	84	149	11.1	53	477	8.9	137	
Stockpiles	102	3.3	11	-	-	-	102	3.3	11	
Gold in Circuit/Transit	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	
Subtotal Paulsens	430	6.9	99	738	4.4	105	1,168	5.3	204	
ASHBURTON GOLD PROJECT										
Surface										
Mt Olympus	248	3.6	29	113	3.6	13	361	3.6	42	
Peake	-	-	1000 -	47	5.0	8	47	5.0	8	
Zeus	-	-	-	38	2.4	3	38	2.4	3	
Subtotal Ashburton	248	3.6	29	198	3.8	24	446	3.7	53	
TOTAL RESERVES	678	5.9	128	936	4.3	129	1,614	5.0	257	
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Rounding errors may occur

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Table 1 – Northern Star Resources As of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 Inclusive of Reserves

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Table 2 – Northern Star Reserves As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012