Adding Value with Exploration Dollars

Including a Case Study on the Yandera Project, Papua New Guinea

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Topics of this Presentation

Battery limits of discussion

Mining is a Business

An Idea in Eastern Nevada

Outline of the Process

Yandera Copper Deposit

A case study of realworld application of Advanced Exploration Targeting.



Battery Limits of Discussion

Focused on expanding resources and reserves for projects with reasonably well understood geology

Where does this apply?



Mining is a Business

Businesses exist to make a Profit

Investments should serve a purpose, mainly to increase profitability

Exploration funding is generally difficult to come by and high-risk

Management needs to justify the expense and quantify their potential impact

Drilling programs steered by good science and potential for value addition can better position projects for success

We should try to determine the potential impact of drilling before we spend the money.

Value Proposition





An idea from Eastern Nevada



Initial Focus – the shiny spot



An unattractive alternative





Assume Complete Success



Assume Complete Success

Simplified Process



Case Study – Yandera Copper Project



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Source: http://eraresources.com/

Yandera Regional Geology

Located in the Northwestern trending Porphyry Belt on the island of Papua New Guinea, the same porphyry belt that hosts Ok Tedi, Frieda River, Wafi-Golpu, and Grasburg to the west

The property is hosted in the Bismarck Intrusive Complex

Deposit is a structurally controlled porphyry copper system (ancillary Mo and Au)

Overall low-grade resource (less than 0.5% copper) with no significant supergene enrichment

Known mineralization is associated with a prominent Northwest trend with intersecting North-Northeasterly trending structures and later intrusive units

Excellent exploration upside potential



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Yandera Project Advances

- 1957—Discovered by Australian Government geologists conducting regional reconnaissance work
- 1965-1972—Kennecott: field work, drilling, geophysics
- 1973-1976 BHP/Amdex: field work, drilling
- 1977-1986 Amdex: field work, drilling
- 1999 Cyprus Amax: field work
- 2003-2006—Belvedere: airborne geophysics
- 2006-Present—Marengo/Era Resources surface work, drilling, geophysics, multiple resource estimates, EIS work, PFS/some FS level work
- 2012—Feasibility Study work stopped because of low copper price
- 2015—Mineral Resource Update
- 2016—Resource development program
- 2016—Updated Mineral Resource Estimate
- 2018—Pre-Feasibility Study completed, EIS work started
- 2021—Era acquired by Freeport Resources Inc.



*-Historic non-compliant resource

**-In-situ/unconstrained resource model

***-In-situ/unconstrained resource model and only from Cu%

In-Pit Resource – Prior to 2016 Drilling

- 2015 Resource Pit
- Cu Gradeshells
- NI 43-101 format resource
- Grade challenged
 - Must find more tonnes



Class	Mass	Grade Metal	
Class	(Mt)	CuEq (%)	CuEq (kt)
Measured	195	0.46	890
Indicated	435	0.38	1,663
M&I	630	0.41	2,554
Inferred	117	0.34	401
Total	747		

2015 Resources

2016 Yandera Resource Drilling Program





Limited budget



Tight time constraints



Numerous Possible Targets



- Challenging Terrain
- •Helicopter access (no roads)
- Long time for pad prep (weeks)
- Limited drilling season (rainy season)

Where should we drill?

What are the Program's Priorities?



Remember to consider profit. Don't just chase grade.

How is it done?—Inputs Required



Effective geologic and structural interpretation



Existing resource model (grade shells, block model, other model parameters)



Proposed Drill Holes <u>WITH</u> estimated gradethicknesses (projected)



Economic Inputs for Pit Optimization

Required Inputs for Virtual Resource Model

Yandera Resource Targeting Progression

An initial drilling plan was developed.

Data was collected in near real time and the drill plan and virtual model updated four times during the program.





Infill Drilling Options – Initial Targets



Best Resource Conversion Drilling Targets

Step Out Drilling Options – Initial Targets



Best Resource Expansion Drilling Targets

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How to Make Intelligent Target Choices?





Drill Planning (DP 1.0)

Impact of individual holes evaluated, and priority of drill targets influenced by preliminary results

Actual: a number drill holes were assigned lower priorities because the interpreted results suggested that their individual impact was lower than many other holes, especially some infill targets that tested for grade where there was sufficient information





Calculation of 'Virtual Resource' (VR 1.0)

Era's grade-thickness intercepts provided to SRK

Model database is updated with proposed drill holes and estimated composites

Virtual resource pit calculated based on same input parameters except for additional 'drilling' data

Contributions from individual proposed holes tabulated



Calculation of 'Virtual Resource' (VR 1.0)

Individual holes shown with tonnes and expected total metal

Drilling Status		Mass	CuEq	
Dinning Status	DITCODE	(t)	(%)	(t)
	1043	10,966,967	0.29	32,001
	1045	2,340,648	0.53	12,405
ľ	1048	7,213,815	0.56	40,758
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	3012	14,599,062	0.45	65,554
	3184	17,869,463	0.47	84,589
	Total	58,524,780	0.42	246,581
	3193	6,444,839	0.30	19,370
	3021	4,032,414	0.28	11,089
	1155	5,623,311	0.18	10,128
	3024	3,991,573	0.23	9,000
	1064	3,461,805	0.25	8,655
	3077	3,443,128	0.25	8,650
	1085	3,945,209	0.22	8,621
	3028	3,039,363	0.28	8,457
	2102	3,726,944	0.21	7,842
	3074	1,730,109	0.30	5,109
	3194	1,430,114	0.29	4,174
	1145	1,272,177	0.28	3,562
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	3017	492,182	0.25	1,230
	2091	552,126	0.20	1,100
	2094	592,578	0.16	918
	2095	367,128	0.16	569
	2035	288,426	0.16	462
	2087	231,056	0.18	405
	3078	46,657	0.20	92
	Total	155,840,056	0.33	516,695
Estimated	(2097 holes)	665,305,093	0.40	2,628,996
Grand	Total	879,669,928	0.39	3,392,272



Drilling

Drilling started in domains of resource area where overall impact expected to be higher (and easier logistics)

Summary logs of drilling include visual estimates and Niton scans of Cu mineralization

These were used to generate improved (iterative) estimates of drilling composites



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Drill Planning (DP 2.0)

Preliminary visual estimate results are used to check that impact of drilling on resource is still likely

Minor modifications to preliminary plan (DP 1.0) based on results of first holes





Virtual Resource Calculation (VR 2.0)





Drilling Planning (DP 3.0)

Results from virtual resource are used to refine and reprioritize drill targets

Several holes added as drill targets to expand on positive results

Preliminary visual results from ongoing drilling are compiled

Actual assay results are compiled from processed samples



Virtual Resource Calculation (VR 3.0)

Updated drilling results/estimates included in model

47% of drilling completed

Re-prioritized holes included (or excluded) the revised tabulation

Inputs are fed back into model, resource is calculated





Drill Planning (DP 4.0)

Results from virtual resource are used to modify drill target priorities

Several holes added in the Benbenubu/Omora area, several holes removed in the South Dimbi area (diminishing return), hole added at Dimbi

Visual estimates and actual assay results are tabulated



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Virtual Resource Calculation (VR 4.0)

Updated drilling results/estimates included in model

63% of drilling completed

Some prosed holes added, some removed from the revised tabulation

Inputs are fed back into model, virtual resource is calculated







Virtual Resource Calculation (VR 4.1) Re-evaluating Objectives—Indicated





Virtual Resource Calculation (VR 4.1) Re-evaluating Objectives—Inferred





Drill Planning (DP 5.1)

Results from VR 4.1 considered in the context of converting material to indicated

Priority given to conversion of in-pit material to inferred and some peripheral targets to further expand inferred resource





Results (Virtual)-2016

Virtual model projected ~15% increase in contained metal

Improved geologic model was expected to add some contained metal

Able to manage corporate expectations



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Results (Actual)-2016

Total of 43 DH, 8918.5m of core

Resource increase in total mass by ~212 MT (mostly Inferred category)

Overall **20%** increase in contained metal (1.3 Billion lbs Cu added) with less than **5%** of additional to the total drilling on project

Program completed on time and within budget

Class	Mass	Grade	Metal	Diff from 2015
	(Mt)	CuEq (%)	CuEq (kt)	CuEq (kt)
Measured	196	0.46	895	+5
Indicated	532	0.36	1,915	+252
M&I	728	0.39	2,809	+257
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Inferred	231	0.32	738	+337
Total	959			+594



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Conclusions

- Allows for quality refinements to drill planning (value added to drilling program)
- Good potential to be very effective for infill and step-out resource improvement programs
- Has potential for evaluating resourcereserve conversion
- The geologist is not is almost always right, but with the feedback from the mining engineer the most economic targets can be prioritized





Thank you

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