# Building South Australia's Largest Iron Ore Project

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#### Overview – What is CEIP?



#### **Central Eyre Iron Project (CEIP)**

- Large scale magnetite iron ore project, on Eyre Peninsula
- Second largest resources project in South Australian history (after Olympic Dam)
- First stage study indicates robust project economics
- Final study assessing production of 20Mtpa
- Evaluating a project life in excess of 30 years

#### Moving ahead

- Final study underway
- Includes assessment of third party and independent port and rail options
- Mineral Resource expansion, conversion and geotechnical drilling





### **Components of CEIP**



#### Mining

#### **Processing**

# **Export** Infrastructure

#### **Customer**

- Mine site located near Warramboo
- Open pit mining
- Will require management of local impacts

- Located at mine site
- Upgrades raw mined ore to premium saleable product
- Requires new power line and water supply
- Rail line to port located on east coast of Eyre Peninsula
- Rail corridor to align with existing infrastructure where possible
- Final Product iron concentrate, suitable for direct use in sinter plants (first stage of steel blast furnace)

### Final Study Stage Underway



- Final Study Stage (or Definitive Feasibility Study – DFS) currently underway prior to financing and construction
- Production rates of 20 million tpa being assessed in DFS work
  - Would place CEIP as one of the larger iron ore mines in Australia
- Over 25 direct employees working on study
  - Infrastructure, mining, geology, metallurgy and social aspects
  - Substantial contractor work on engineering and design also occurring
- Recently raised \$40M to continue activities



#### What does this mean for South Australia?



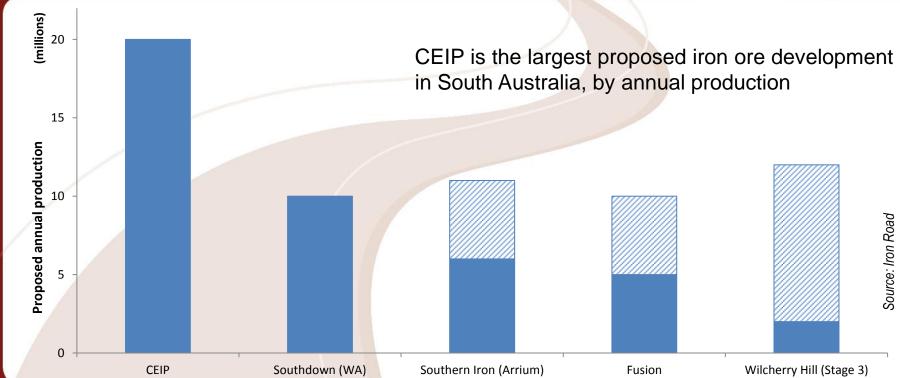
- Direct Employment over 1000 during construction, ~500 during operation
- Significant flow on employment effects
- Thirty year plus life not a quick shot in the arm, long term stable source of employment
  - Mining professionals may spend nearly entire career at CEIP
- State Royalty payments for iron ore
- Catalyst for regional infrastructure upgrades
  - principally power





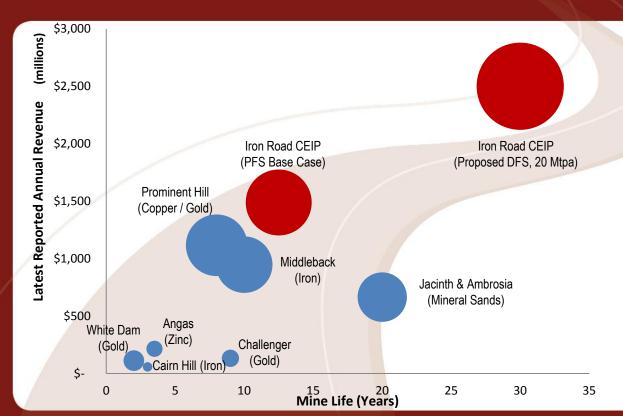
## How Big is CEIP? Comparison to SA Projects





### **How Big is CEIP? Comparison to SA projects**





CEIP is a large scale project with both longer estimated mine life and larger projected yearly revenues than a number of well known projects

Source: Iron Road. PFS base case uses PFS long term IO price and exchange rate. Proposed DFS uses PFS prices and Opex, over DFS production. Bubble size indicative of yearly free cash flow.

### **Mining and Processing**



- Large scale conventional mining
- PFS "base case" open cut operation, with low strip ratio of 0.8 to 1 (ratio of waste to ore)
- After mining, ore treated on site by concentrator
- Consists of crushing, grinding, magnetic separation
  - Common process in mining, not new technology
  - Mechanical processes, not chemical
- CEIP concentrate is very coarse requires lower grinding compared to other projects
- Final product very high quality, low in impurities



### **Export Infrastructure**



#### DFS examining export route scenarios

- Water supply independent of existing infrastructure
  - Sea water to be used in the process plant
  - Small desalination plant on site
  - Using seawater results in 90% reduction of potable water use
- High voltage power upgrade
  - Ideally any new power infrastructure will serve entire district, not just Iron Road
- Infrastructure corridor for water, power and rail



#### Rail





- Technical review of potential rail route ongoing
- Alignment preference is to bypass towns
- Project will utilise latest standard gauge railway
- Rail corridor ideally to be utilised for other infrastructure – water pipeline, power

#### **Port**



- East coast of Eyre Peninsula offers sheltered, deep locations with minimal construction required
- Must serve a variety of vessel sizes up to Cape size – same as Pilbara
- Port site selection currently underway
  - Third party port; or
  - Large Iron Road lead facility (+30Mtpa)
- Iron Road port study
  - Environmental surveys advanced
  - Wave data collected
  - Orientation of jetty determined
  - Vessels up to 220,000 DWT



### **Community Engagement**





- Company wide commitment and interest in community engagement
- Iron Road is committed to taking its place as a member of the communities in which we operate
- Investing in local social infrastructure major sponsor and supporter of local community events since 2009
- Toll free contact number and extensive community programmes in place
- Development will bring many opportunities to the region



### **Community Feedback**





- Community will remain at the heart of future developments
- Iron Road has a focus on openness and transparency
  - Don't "gild the lily" with communities
  - There will be impacts
  - Seek community input on how to mitigate impacts AND deliver positives as part of process
  - Eg. local infrastructure upgrades
- Local stakeholder committees being united into one consultative committee to provide a principal conduit

### **Summary**



- Building long life operation
- Significant boost to South Australia
- Project will underpin infrastructure improvements across the Peninsula
- This project will support the case for other businesses
- Community remains at the heart of our decisions
- Mining and Agriculture can co-exist



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Central Eyre Iron Project Global Mineral Resource Estimate							
Location	Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Fe (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	LOI (%)
<b>Murphy South</b>	Indicated	1,108	16.0	53.2	12.9	0.08	0.4
	Inferred	668	16.4	52.7	12.8	0.08	1.3
Boo-Loo	Inferred	328	17.3	52.4	11.5	0.09	2.1
Total		2,104	16.2	52.9	12.7	0.08	1.0

The Murphy South and Boo-Loo mineral resource estimates were carried out following the guidelines of the JORC Code (2004) by Coffey Mining Ltd.