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Maiden Vanadium Resource at Taranaki VTM Iron Sand Project (New Zealand)

Highlights

- Maiden Vanadium JORC Code 2012 Indicated & Inferred Mineral Resource of 3.2Bt @ 0.05% vanadium pentoxide (V_2O_5) declared for the Taranaki VTM (vanadiferous titanomagnetite) iron sand project (New Zealand)
- With 1.6Mt of contained V_2O_5 the project ranks as one of the larger drilled vanadium deposits globally
- High quality resource with 65.7% of the resource in the 'Indicated' category
- The titanomagnetite iron ore concentrate grade 55% to 57%Fe contains 0.5% V_2O_5 and 8.4% titanium dioxide (TiO_2)
- At an assumed BFS¹ production rate of 5Mtpa VTM concentrate the annual concentrate production would contain 25Ktpa of V_2O_5 , making it one of the largest aspiring vanadium producers on the ASX
- Manuka will commission additional metallurgical test work to optimise the flowsheet for processing of the VTM concentrate to confirm economic recovery of vanadium as a separate product stream (this test work will be scoped to target >70% recoverable metal)
- Revenue derived from V_2O_5 (either as co-product or separate product) and potentially TiO_2 sales would provide material by-product credits to offset already low iron ore opex of US\$20 to \$24¹ tonne
- The Project has already secured a 5mtpa mining licence (MP55581) with an initial 20 year mine life proposed with a bankable feasibility study (BFS) already commenced

Alan Eggers, Manuka Executive Director, and Chairman of the Taranaki VTM Project, commented:

“Manuka’s acquisition of 100% of Trans-Tasman Resources Limited (“TTR”), owner of the Taranaki VTM iron sand project, was completed in November 2022 and we continue to unlock latent value of the asset, yielding some impressive initial results.

¹ Based on February 2023 commodity, fuel and bulk transport costs and international exchange rates. All material assumptions underpinning the forecasted financial information in the initial BFS production cost assumptions, released to ASX 1 August 2022, continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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The Taranaki VTM's vast low cost titanomagnetite iron sands potential is well understood. Despite an awareness of its vanadium potential, the vanadium resource had not previously been estimated. The recent completion of this work highlights a very large resource in terms of contained vanadium making it a potentially material V₂O₅ producer of world scale.

This new work on the two critical minerals, recoverable vanadium and titanium, confirms the potential to further enhance the project's robust iron ore economics with the prospect of its estimated US\$20 to \$24 tonne iron ore concentrate production cost to be materially offset by substantial vanadium and titanium metal by-product credits.

The completed PFS and initial BFS work have demonstrated a low cost iron ore concentrate production operation with CO₂ emissions generated per tonne of shipped concentrate less than half of other global iron ore concentrates.

With concerns around security of vanadium supply from key producing nations China, Russia, Brazil and South Africa, underpinning rising prices, we expect the vanadium potential of Taranaki VTM, along with its green steel low carbon emissions profile, to be of huge interest to end users – hence vanadium's critical mineral status in Australia, USA and the EU."

This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Directors of Manuka Resources Limited.

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TARANAKI VTM IRON SAND PROJECT – SOUTH TARANAKI BIGHT NEW ZEALAND

MINERAL RESOURCE STATEMENT

COOK, KUPE AND TASMAN VTM DEPOSITS

1 MARCH 2023

Manuka Resources Limited's (ASX:MKR) wholly owned New Zealand subsidiary, Trans-Tasman Resources Limited (TTR), has calculated the mineral resource estimates for its Taranaki VTM¹ iron sand project located in the South Taranaki Bight off the west coast of the North Island, New Zealand (Figure 1) (¹ *Vanadiferous titanomagnetite* $Fe_{2.74}Ti_{0.24}V_{0.02}O_4$).

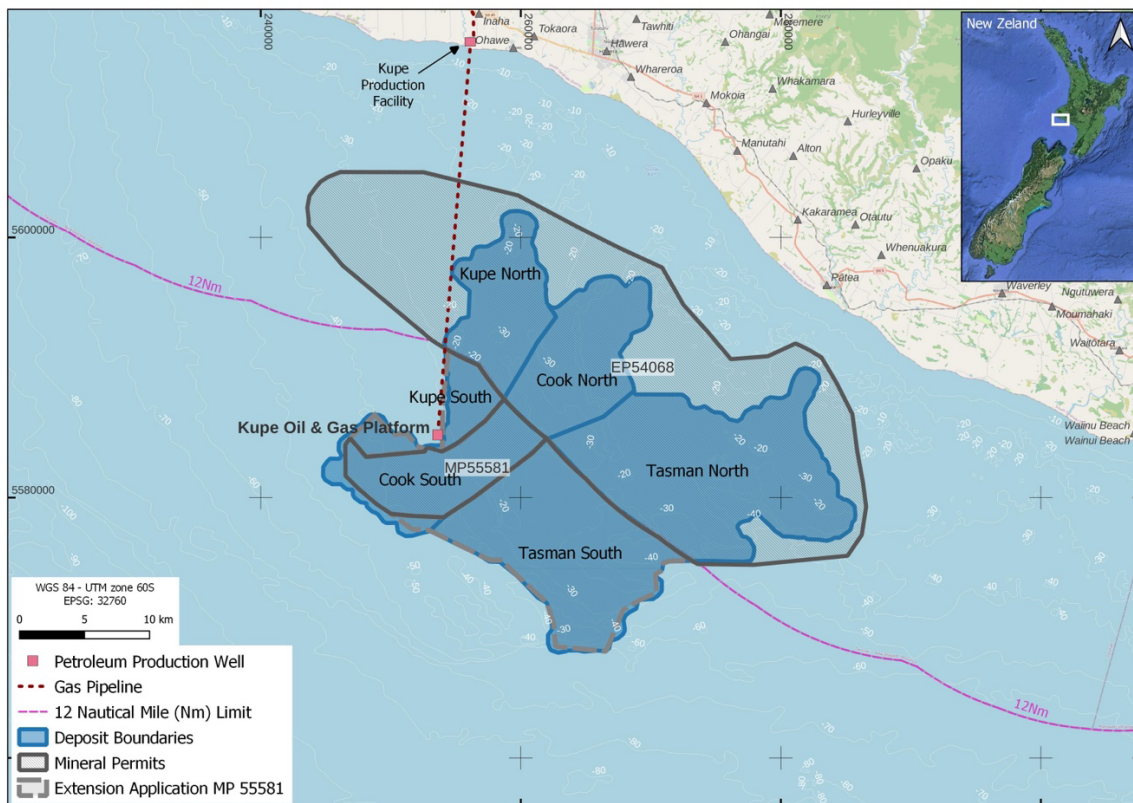


Figure 1: Location Plan of Taranaki VTM Deposits, South Taranaki Bight, New Zealand

Three contiguous resource deposits, the Cook, Kupe and Tasman VTM deposits that make up the Taranaki VTM project, are separately reported. The mineral resource and Davis Tube Recovery (DTR) concentrate estimates reported, based on all available assay data as of 1 January 2015, include iron oxide and iron (Fe_2O_3 & Fe), titanium dioxide (TiO_2) and vanadium pentoxide (V_2O_5) mineral resource estimates.

The mineral resource estimates for Cook, Kupe and Tasman deposits, have been reported separately for each of the North Blocks inside the 12 nautical mile (Nm) limit within Mineral Exploration Permit EP54068 [Resource Management Act (RMA) approval area] and the South Blocks outside the 12Nm limit within Mineral Mining Permit MP55581 [Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) approval area].

The mineral resource estimates are prepared and classified in accordance with the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code 2012 Edition or JORC Code 2012).

Summary

The Taranaki VTM iron sand project has a total reported combined Indicated and Inferred mineral resource of 3,157Mt @ 10.17% Fe₂O₃, 1.03% TiO₂ and 0.05% V₂O₅ at a 7.5% Fe₂O₃ cut-off grade (Figure 1; Table 1).

The reported mineral resource estimate for the contiguous Cook, Kupe and Tasman deposit Blocks has an Indicated and Inferred mineral resource of 1,275Mt @ 10.44% Fe₂O₃, 1.05% TiO₂ and 0.05% V₂O₅ inside the 12Nm limit (within EP54068) and 1,881Mt @ 9.99% Fe₂O₃, 1.01% TiO₂ and 0.05% V₂O₅ for the initial mining area outside the 12Nm limit (within MP55581) (Figure 2; Table 1, detail Table 2, Table 4 and Table 6).

A DTR and Concentrate Grade estimation has been reported for the Cook North and South Blocks and the Kupe North and South Blocks using a 3.5% DTR cut-off grade (Table 1).

The mineral resource estimate for the Cook North and South Blocks reports a combined Indicated and Inferred recoverable mineral resource of 1,188.6Mt @ 11.17% Fe₂O₃, 1.14% TiO₂ and 0.05% V₂O₅ generating 84.0Mt concentrate at a grade of 56.18% Fe, 8.36% TiO₂ and 0.51% V₂O₅ at a 3.5% DTR cut-off grade (detail Table 2 and Table 3).

The mineral resource estimate for the Kupe North and South Blocks reports a combined Indicated and Inferred recoverable mineral resource of 688.5Mt @ 10.80% Fe₂O₃, 1.12% TiO₂ and 0.05% V₂O₅ generating 46.1Mt concentrate at a grade of 56.82% Fe, 8.38% TiO₂ and 0.51% V₂O₅ at a 3.5% DTR cut-off grade (detail Table 4 and Table 5).

Additional Taranaki VTM mineral resource estimates for the Tasman North and South Blocks have been reported using a 7.5% Fe₂O₃ (head) cut-off grade. At this cut-off grade the Tasman North and South Blocks have a combined Indicated and Inferred mineral resource of 1,279.6Mt @ 8.91% Fe₂O₃, 0.88% TiO₂ and 0.05% V₂O₅ at a 7.5% Fe₂O₃ cut-off grade (detail Table 6).

Table 1: Taranaki VTM Project Reported Mineral Resource and Concentrate Tonnage and Grades

Taranaki VTM Resource Estimates Summary									
Inside 12Nm (RMA)	Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources					DTR Concentrate			
	Cut-Off Grade	Mt	Fe ₂ O ₃ %	TiO ₂ %	V ₂ O ₅ %	Mt	Fe%	TiO ₂ %	V ₂ O ₅ %
Cook North Block	3.5% DTR*	274	11.90	1.19	0.06	21	57.19	8.12	0.52
Kupe North Block	3.5% DTR*	417	11.48	1.21	0.06	31	57.07	8.35	0.51
Tasman North Block	7.5% Fe ₂ O ₃	585	9.02	0.88	0.04				
Total VTM Resource RMA		1,275	10.44	1.05	0.05				
Outside 12Nm (EEZ)									
Cook South Block	3.5% DTR*	914	10.95	1.12	0.05	63	55.84	8.45	0.50
Kupe South Block	3.5% DTR*	272	9.76	0.98	0.05	16	56.33	8.43	0.50
Tasman South Block	7.5% Fe ₂ O ₃	695	8.81	0.89	0.04				
Total VTM Resource EEZ		1,881	9.99	1.01	0.05				
Taranaki VTM Resource Total		3,157	10.17	1.03	0.05				

DTR is Davis Tube Recovery of the magnetic fraction of the sample

This Mineral Resource Estimate JORC Code 2012 replaces the historic 2015 (Revision 2018) JORC Mineral Resource Estimate for the South Taranaki Iron Sand Project previously released in 2022.

Assumptions and Methodology

The Taranaki VTM Mineral Resource estimate is based on a number of factors and assumptions:

- The VTM iron sand deposits are interpreted as being a blanket of sand overlying deeper geomorphologic features identified by geophysical surveys. The sands have been reworked by wave, current and tidal action but appear to reflect the underlying geomorphologic features as evidenced by the statistical differences noted across the area.
- The geomorphologic features have been categorised as fluvial, deltaic, dune, beach and slump domains.
- The Mineral Resource is constrained laterally by the geomorphologic domain boundaries and the extent of the 689 reverse circulation percussion (RCP) drill hole sample data available (Figures 3 and 4).
- The extent of Domain 6 has been adjusted to take into consideration step out drilling undertaken in 2014. Additional geostatistical evaluation shows that the area is still characteristic of the previous data.
- Modelling domains were extrapolated laterally 1,000m where unconfined by drilling or domain boundaries.
- Only reverse circulation drill samples have been used in the estimation of the resources. Only the -2mm part of each sample has been analysed with the physical recovery (REC) recorded in the database.
- A total of 4,237 samples have analyses for Fe₂O₃, SiO₂, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, CaO, K₂O, MgO, MnO, V₂O₅, P₂O₅, and LOI (head grades). 1,716 samples from the Cook and Kupe deposits have Davis Tube Recovery (DTR) results and 1,665 of these have analyses for the magnetic fraction.
- The Davis Tube Concentrate (DTC) samples have analyses for Fe, Al₂O₃, SiO₂, TiO₂, CaO, K₂O, MgO, Mn, P, V₂O₅, and LOI.
- Modelling domains (Figure 4) were used to flag the sample data for statistical analysis and estimation.
- Vertically, the Mineral Resources are constrained by a mineralisation envelope defined by a nominal 4% Fe₂O₃ edge cut-off grade (Figure 5).
- The survey control for collar positions is considered adequate for the purposes of this study.
- A review of the QAQC data was completed and the analytical data is considered satisfactory.
- A three dimensional block model was built using the geomorphologic domains and mineralisation envelope to constrain the resource estimate.
- Statistical analysis used the drill sample data weighted by physical recovery (REC) and Davis Tube recovery (DTR) as appropriate.
- The resource was estimated using an Ordinary Kriging algorithm. Head grades were estimated using samples weighted by recovery. Estimations for concentrate grades were weighted by physical recovery and DTR. The weighting is applied in order to appropriately reflect the relationship between the physical recovery and head assays for the head samples, and physical recovery, Davis Tube Recovery and the Davis Tube Concentrate assays for the magnetic concentrate samples. Weighting was completed by calculating the accumulation

(REC × Head Sample Assay, Rec × DTR × DTC assay) and subsequently back calculating the head and DTC grade estimates by dividing by the estimated REC and (REC × DTR) values.

- No high grade cutting or restraining of outlier samples was required.
- Head grades were estimated for Fe₂O₃, SiO₂, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, CaO, K₂O, MgO, MnO, V₂O₅, P₂O₅, LOI, Recovery and DTR. DTC grades were estimated for Fe, Al₂O₃, SiO₂, TiO₂, CaO, K₂O, MgO, Mn, P, V₂O₅, and LOI.
- The model was constructed and estimated using Micromine.
- Dry bulk density was assigned based on a regression against Fe. The regression was developed based on the theoretical density of the mineral sands supported by 46 laboratory density measurements.
- The resource model estimates have been classified as Indicated Resource where the drill spacing is on a 1,000m by 1,000m grid or closer, and Inferred Resource where the deposit is less systematically drilled but geological continuity can be interpreted.

Model Validation

This 2023 mineral resource model incorporates model validation from the previously reported 2015 model and the 2018 revision. These validation parameters include:

- Bathymetry – The bathymetric surface was updated to include more detailed data acquired from multi beam sonar surveys undertaken by NIWA in 2013.
- Database
 - Five additional deep drill holes had been added to the database after review of recovery and quality of the sampling
 - The 2015 “Area 2” resource estimation used 689 drill holes, including 58 drill holes completed in 2014.
- The base of mineralisation (BOM) was revised for the deep drill holes and new drilling.
- The model has been rotated clockwise to a bearing of 070° to optimise the blocks with the proposed mining direction.
- The model Parent Block size was created at 300m × 300m to reflect the expected Selective Mining Unit (SMU) size.
- Variography was reviewed and revised where necessary.

The most significant difference between the 2015 and 2018 reported models is the delineation and reporting of the Cook, Kupe and Tasman VTM deposits separately for each of the North Blocks inside the 12Nm limit within Mineral Exploration Permit EP54068 (RMA approval area) and the South Blocks outside the 12Nm limit within Mineral Mining Permit MP55581 (EEZ approval area).

Compliance with JORC Code 2012 Assessment Criteria

In addition, the resource estimates stated in this Mineral Resource Statement are based on the criteria summarised in Table 7 and as disclosed in Appendix A JORC Code 2012 Table 1.

Mineral Resource Statement

The mineral resource estimates are classified in accordance with JORC Code 2012.

Grades and tonnages reported are for all material with the recovery of the resource shown on the tables. Reported Head Grades are the -2mm portion of the sample. Concentrate grades are for the magnetically recoverable portion of the sample. Concentrate tonnage is calculated from the head tonnage and DTR.

The mineral resources have been reported at 3.5% DTR cut-off grade where DTR analyses are available within the Cook and the Kupe deposit Blocks. The Tasman deposit has been reported at a cut-off grade of 7.5% Fe₂O₃ based on the statistical relationship between Fe₂O₃ and DTR.

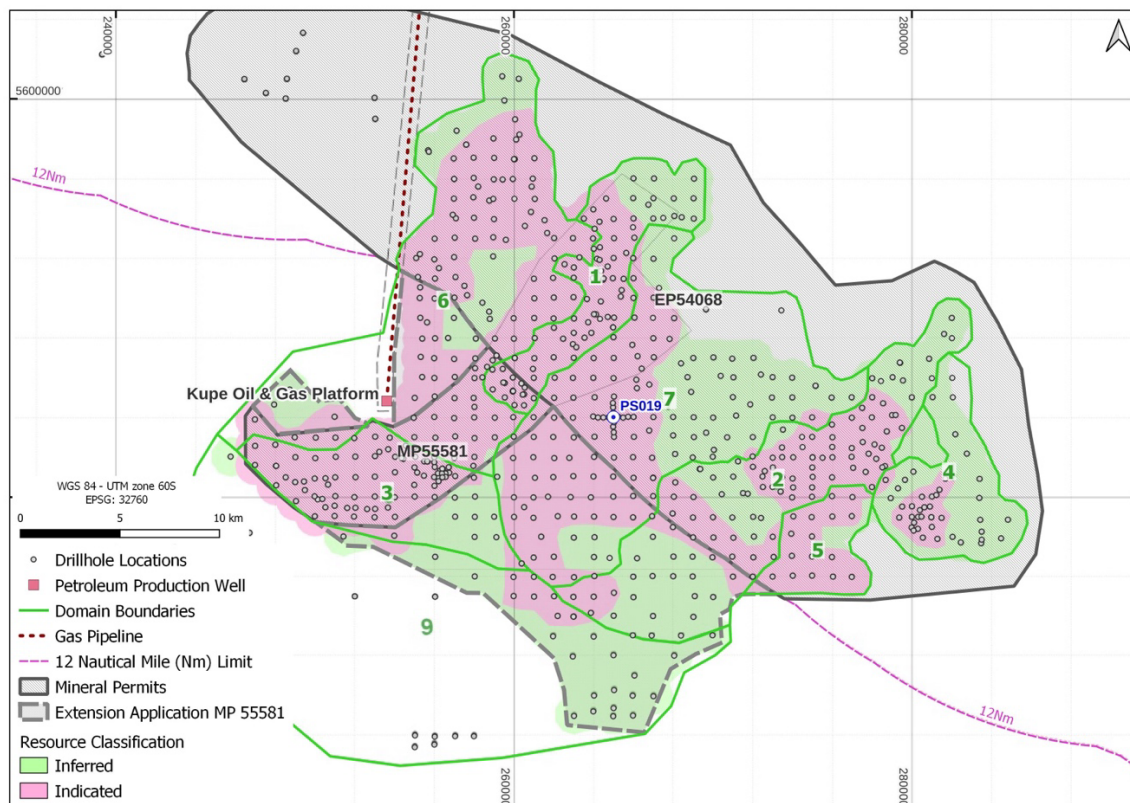


Figure 2: Taranaki VTM deposit Indicated (Pink) and Inferred (Green) resource classification boundaries

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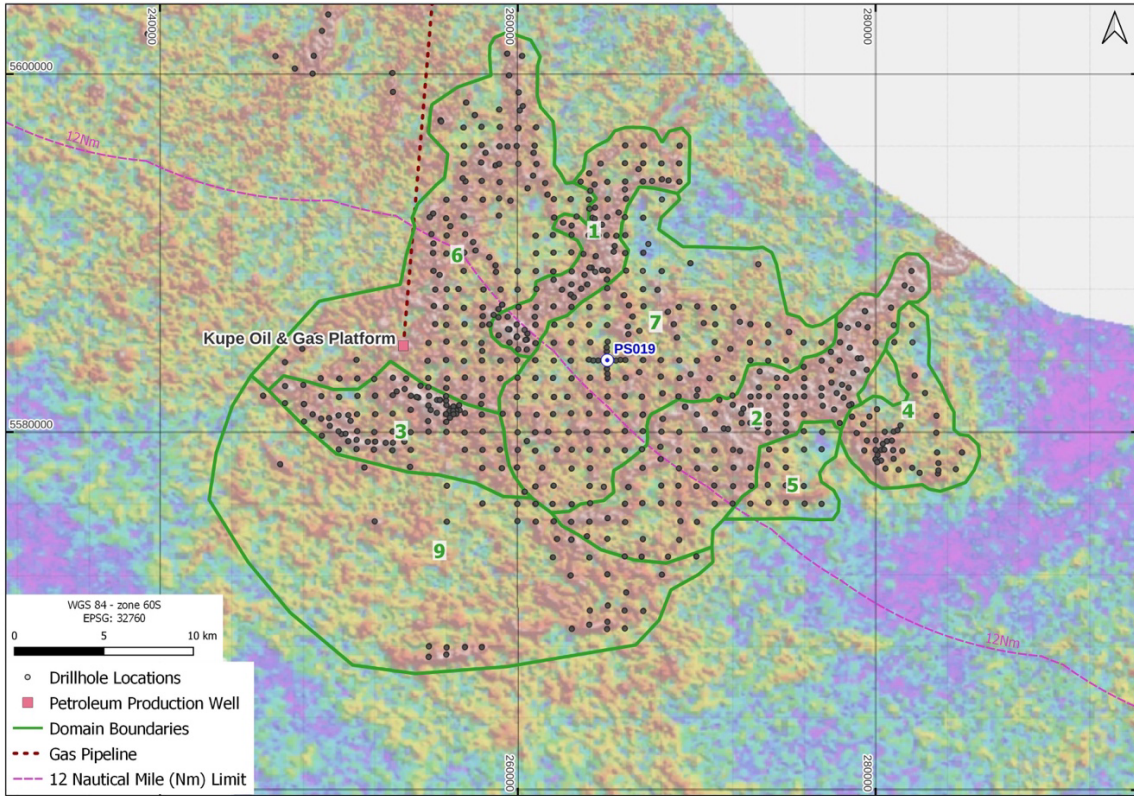


Figure 3: Taranaki VTM deposit drill hole locations with aeromagnetic survey data

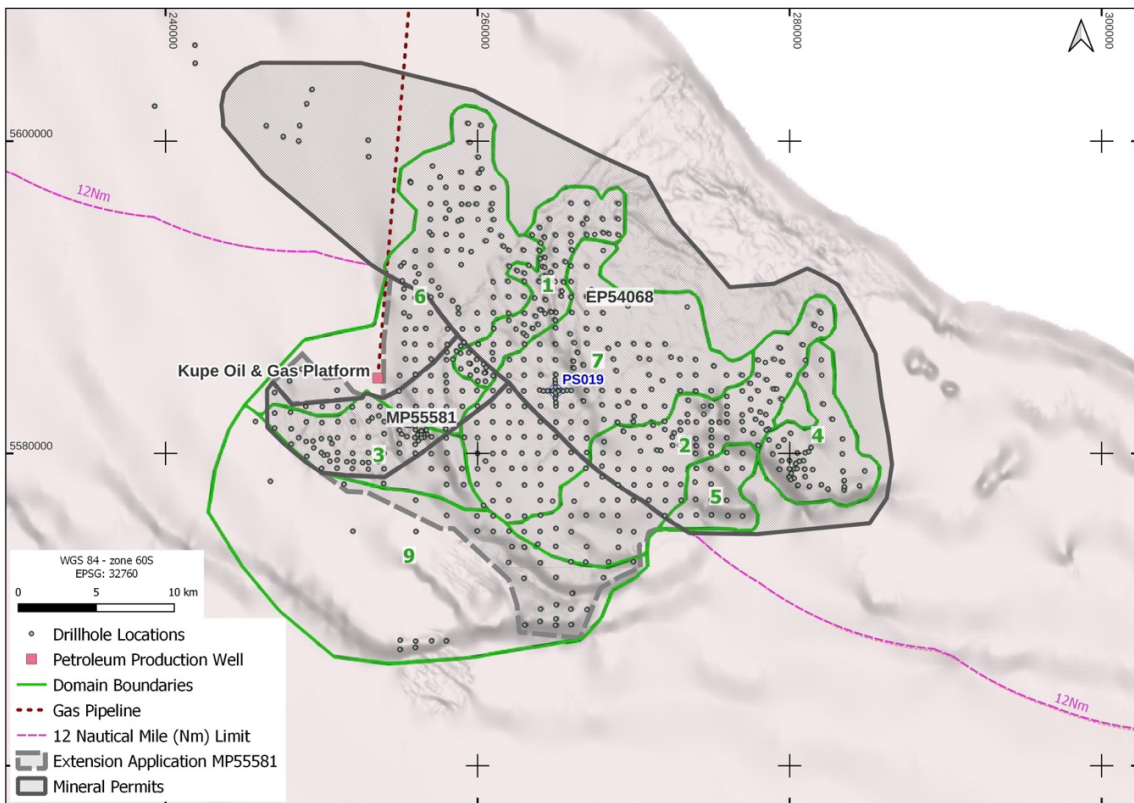


Figure 4: Taranaki VTM deposit drill hole locations with Domain locations and greyscaled bathymetric data

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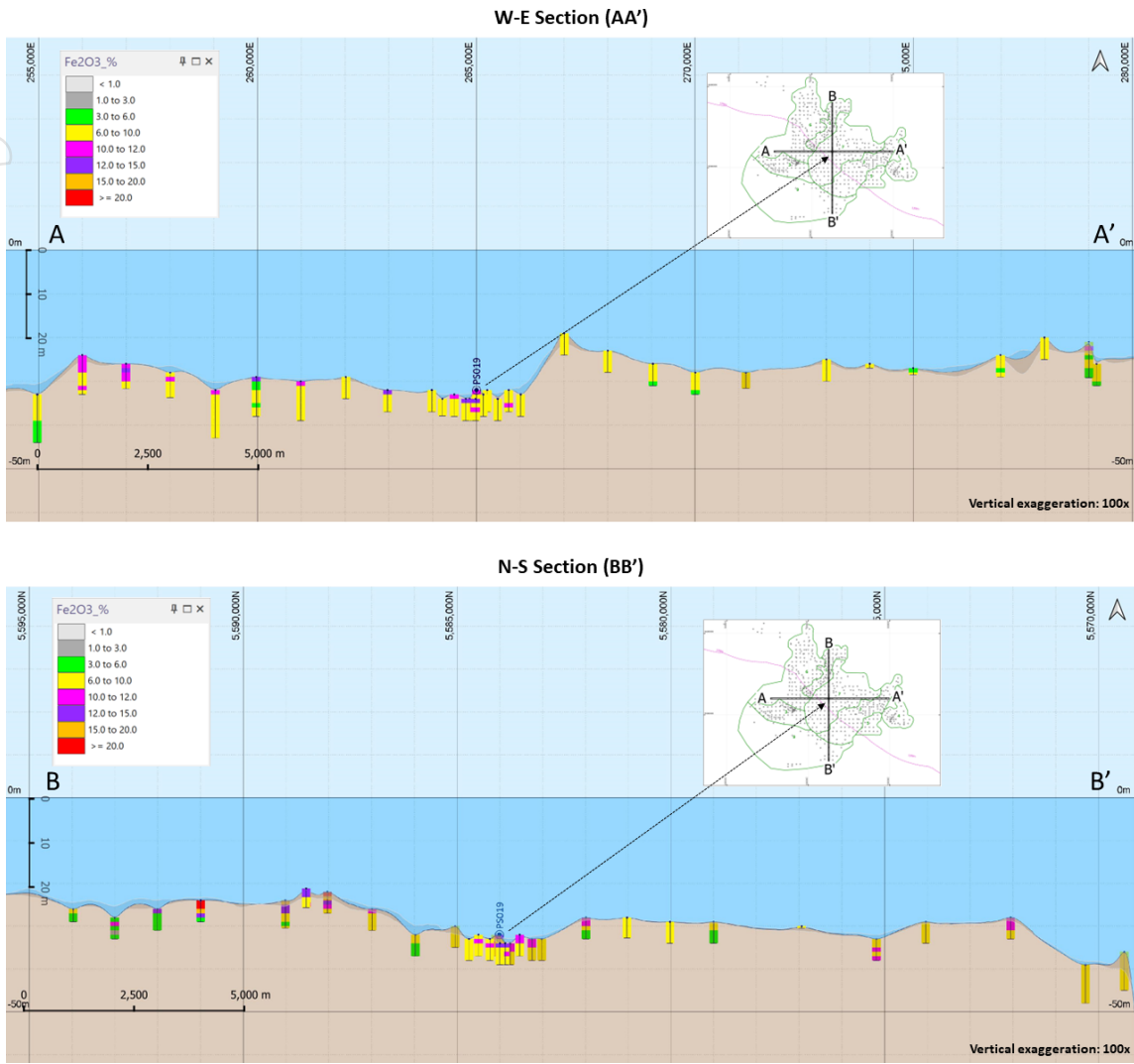


Figure 5: Taranaki VTM deposit typical cross sections with down hole drill data for Fe_2O_3 – note 100 x vertical exaggeration and reference drill hole PS19

Table 2: Tonnage and Head Grades (%) – Cook VTM Deposit – 3.5% DTR* Cut-Off Grade

Cook VTM Resource Estimate																
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Cook North - 3.5% DTR Cut-Off Grade																
	Domain	Mt	Fe ₂ O ₃	DTR	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	MnO	V ₂ O ₅	P ₂ O ₅	LOI	REC(%)	Mt DTR Concentrate
Indicated	1	123.1	11.80	7.66	54.09	10.11	1.20	10.61	1.03	5.47	0.20	0.06	0.20	2.96	94.30	9.4
	6	42.6	11.50	7.48	55.29	9.94	1.17	10.16	1.05	4.91	0.19	0.06	0.19	3.12	95.00	3.2
	7	60.2	11.14	6.77	47.94	10.23	1.08	14.83	0.90	6.29	0.22	0.05	0.23	4.60	86.60	4.1
Indicated Total		225.9	11.57	7.39	52.68	10.11	1.16	11.65	1.00	5.58	0.20	0.06	0.20	3.43	92.40	16.7
Inferred	1	37.2	14.53	10.11	49.01	8.34	1.47	12.73	0.85	5.42	0.21	0.07	0.20	4.99	91.30	3.8
	7	11.0	9.84	5.59	42.34	8.68	0.95	18.99	0.69	6.45	0.19	0.05	0.19	8.98	77.76	0.6
Inferred Total		48.3	13.46	9.08	47.49	8.42	1.35	14.16	0.81	5.66	0.20	0.07	0.20	5.90	88.20	4.4
Cook North Resource Total		274.2	11.90	7.69	51.76	9.81	1.19	12.09	0.96	5.60	0.20	0.06	0.20	3.86	91.66	21.1
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Cook South - 3.5% DTR Cut-Off Grade																
	Domain	Mt	Fe ₂ O ₃	DTR	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	MnO	V ₂ O ₅	P ₂ O ₅	LOI	REC(%)	Mt DTR Concentrate
Indicated	1	51.1	13.89	9.55	49.48	11.63	1.40	11.05	1.13	6.21	0.23	0.07	0.29	1.90	95.50	4.9
	3	485.6	11.77	7.63	51.29	12.68	1.20	10.94	1.16	5.40	0.21	0.06	0.26	2.18	97.90	37.0
	6	314.3	9.69	5.70	52.44	13.58	0.99	11.25	1.17	4.80	0.18	0.05	0.25	2.59	96.30	17.9
	7	10.0	8.88	4.89	53.74	14.59	0.92	10.25	1.39	4.67	0.18	0.04	0.26	1.70	91.40	0.5
	9	3.9	8.26	4.66	53.64	14.16	0.82	11.04	1.23	4.48	0.17	0.05	0.25	2.59	98.38	0.2
Indicated Total		864.9	11.09	7.00	51.46	13.15	1.13	11.05	1.16	5.22	0.20	0.05	0.26	2.31	97.10	60.5
Inferred	3	1.4	9.46	5.01	52.58	13.49	0.97	11.32	1.24	5.30	0.19	0.04	0.26	2.30	98.02	0.1
	6	47.7	8.51	4.88	54.39	14.11	0.91	10.20	1.28	3.81	0.16	0.04	0.22	2.96	97.50	2.3
	7	0.5	9.37	5.78	53.71	13.88	1.01	10.85	1.25	4.92	0.19	0.04	0.24	1.92	94.18	0.0
Inferred Total		49.6	8.55	4.89	54.33	14.09	0.91	10.23	1.28	3.86	0.16	0.04	0.22	2.93	97.48	2.4
Cook South Resource Total		914.4	10.95	6.88	51.62	13.20	1.12	11.01	1.17	5.14	0.20	0.05	0.25	2.34	97.12	62.9
Cook VTM Resource Total		1,188.6	11.17	7.07	51.65	12.42	1.14	11.26	1.12	5.25	0.20	0.05	0.24	2.69	95.86	84.0

Table 3: Tonnage and Concentrate Grades (%) – Cook VTM Deposit – 3.5% DTR* Cut-Off Grade

Cook VTM Concentrate Estimate													
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Cook North - 3.5% DTR Cut-Off Grade													
	Domain	Mt	Fe	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	Mn	P	V ₂ O ₅	LOI
Indicated	1	9.4	57.97	3.59	3.12	8.29	0.89	0.08	3.16	0.52	0.09	0.52	-3.27
	6	3.2	58.17	3.55	2.78	8.40	0.86	0.06	3.15	0.53	0.10	0.52	-3.26
	7	4.1	57.64	3.75	3.48	8.05	0.98	0.08	3.28	0.51	0.09	0.53	-3.38
Indicated Total		16.7	57.92	3.63	3.15	8.25	0.91	0.07	3.19	0.52	0.09	0.52	-3.30
Inferred	1	3.8	53.36	3.11	1.79	7.50	0.68	0.03	2.83	0.47	0.08	0.54	-3.04
	7	0.6	58.01	3.67	3.03	8.00	1.01	0.05	3.34	0.50	0.07	0.53	-3.30
Inferred Total		4.4	54.42	3.24	2.07	7.61	0.76	0.04	2.94	0.48	0.08	0.54	-3.10
Cook North Concentrate Total		21.1	57.19	3.54	2.93	8.12	0.88	0.07	3.14	0.51	0.09	0.52	-3.26
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Cook South - 3.5% DTR Cut-Off Grade													
	Domain	Mt	Fe	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	Mn	P	V ₂ O ₅	LOI
Indicated	1	4.9	55.50	3.88	5.51	8.32	1.26	0.17	3.34	0.51	0.11	0.49	-2.98
	3	37.0	55.92	3.73	5.01	8.47	1.18	0.16	3.27	0.51	0.12	0.50	-2.99
	6	17.9	55.82	3.74	5.19	8.43	1.23	0.16	3.27	0.52	0.12	0.50	-3.00
	7	0.5	54.33	4.01	6.72	8.28	1.47	0.21	3.41	0.51	0.12	0.49	-2.86
	9	0.2	55.26	3.75	5.71	8.39	1.32	0.17	3.38	0.50	0.12	0.50	-2.93
Indicated Total		60.5	55.84	3.75	5.12	8.45	1.20	0.16	3.28	0.51	0.12	0.50	-2.99
Inferred	3	0.1	54.36	3.83	6.43	8.44	1.32	0.20	3.34	0.51	0.12	0.49	-2.86
	6	2.3	55.83	3.64	5.14	8.48	1.18	0.17	3.17	0.52	0.12	0.49	-2.97
	7	0.0	55.71	3.76	5.45	8.44	1.36	0.16	3.39	0.52	0.11	0.51	-3.00
Inferred Total		2.4	55.79	3.65	5.18	8.48	1.18	0.17	3.18	0.52	0.12	0.49	-2.97
Cook South Concentrate Total		63.0	55.84	3.74	5.12	8.45	1.20	0.16	3.28	0.51	0.12	0.50	-2.99
Cook VTM Concentrate Total		84.0	56.18	3.69	4.57	8.36	1.12	0.14	3.24	0.51	0.11	0.51	-3.06

Table 4: Tonnage and Head Grades (%) – Kupe VTM Deposit – 3.5% DTR* Cut-Off Grade

Kupe VTM Resource Estimate																
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Kupe North Block - 3.5% DTR Cut-Off																
	Domain	Mt	Fe ₂ O ₃	DTR	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	MnO	V ₂ O ₅	P ₂ O ₅	LOI	REC(%)	Mt DTR Concentrate
Indicated	6	134.4	12.01	8.09	50.97	12.67	1.26	10.54	1.16	4.59	0.20	0.06	0.23	3.24	94.00	10.9
Inferred	6	282.3	11.22	6.96	52.61	12.25	1.18	10.54	1.14	5.08	0.19	0.05	0.21	2.82	92.91	19.7
Kupe North Resource Total		416.7	11.48	7.33	52.08	12.38	1.21	10.54	1.15	4.92	0.19	0.06	0.22	2.96	93.26	30.5
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Kupe South Block - 3.5% DTR Cut-Off																
	Domain	Mt	Fe ₂ O ₃	DTR	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	MnO	V ₂ O ₅	P ₂ O ₅	LOI	REC(%)	Mt DTR Concentrate
Indicated	6	238.2	9.70	5.67	50.89	12.80	0.97	12.52	1.05	4.91	0.18	0.05	0.25	3.65	97.40	13.5
Inferred	6	33.6	10.16	6.26	50.44	12.65	1.03	12.66	1.07	4.92	0.19	0.05	0.25	3.67	96.25	2.1
Kupe South Resource Total		271.8	9.76	5.74	50.84	12.78	0.98	12.54	1.06	4.91	0.18	0.05	0.25	3.65	97.26	15.6
Kupe VTM Resource Total		688.5	10.80	6.70	51.59	12.54	1.12	11.33	1.11	4.92	0.19	0.05	0.23	3.23	94.84	46.1

Table 5: Tonnage and Concentrate Grades (%) – Kupe VTM Deposit – 3.5% DTR* Cut-Off Grade

Kupe VTM Concentrate Estimate														
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Kupe North - 3.5% DTR Cut-Off Grade														
	Domain	Mt	Fe	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	Mn	P	V ₂ O ₅	LOI	
Indicated	6	10.9	56.97	3.61	4.02	8.48	0.99	0.13	3.11	0.52	0.11	0.51	-3.03	
Inferred	6	19.7	57.13	3.67	4.08	8.28	0.99	0.12	3.15	0.51	0.10	0.51	-3.05	
Kupe North Concentrate Total		30.5	57.07	3.65	4.06	8.35	0.99	0.12	3.14	0.51	0.10	0.51	-3.04	
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Kupe South - 3.5% DTR Cut-Off Grade														
	Domain	Mt	Fe	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	Mn	P	V ₂ O ₅	LOI	
Indicated	6	13.5	56.32	3.62	4.57	8.43	1.16	0.13	3.23	0.52	0.11	0.50	-3.03	
Inferred	6	2.1	56.42	3.63	4.47	8.43	1.12	0.13	3.20	0.52	0.11	0.50	-3.04	
Kupe South Concentrate Total		15.6	56.33	3.62	4.55	8.43	1.15	0.13	3.22	0.52	0.11	0.50	-3.03	
Kupe VTM Concentrate Total		46.1	56.82	3.64	4.22	8.38	1.05	0.13	3.17	0.51	0.11	0.51	-3.04	

Table 6: Tonnage and Head Grades (%) – Tasman VTM Deposit – 7.5% Fe₂O₃ Cut-Off Grade

Tasman VTM Resource Estimate														
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Tasman North - 7.5% Fe ₂ O ₃ Cut-Off Grade														
	Domain	Mt	Fe ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	MnO	V ₂ O ₅	P ₂ O ₅	LOI	REC(%)
Indicated	2	98.2	8.77	48.01	11.99	0.87	15.20	1.06	5.38	0.19	0.04	0.25	5.37	83.40
	4	70.2	9.88	46.25	11.79	0.95	16.17	0.90	6.15	0.21	0.05	0.26	5.00	89.30
	5	39.2	9.37	50.31	14.11	0.92	12.73	1.20	5.83	0.20	0.04	0.27	2.12	83.10
	7	87.3	9.20	50.07	12.49	0.92	13.51	1.14	5.51	0.19	0.04	0.24	3.75	88.80
Indicated Total		294.9	9.24	48.51	12.37	0.91	14.60	1.06	5.66	0.20	0.04	0.25	4.37	86.40
Inferred	2	98.2	8.80	47.42	12.75	0.86	15.45	1.03	5.76	0.20	0.04	0.24	4.67	81.00
	4	67.2	8.91	45.70	11.18	0.85	17.29	0.90	6.10	0.20	0.04	0.23	6.10	82.28
	5	2.0	8.05	51.87	13.55	0.78	12.23	1.21	5.58	0.18	0.04	0.26	2.13	92.30
	7	122.2	8.76	44.68	10.80	0.85	18.21	0.88	6.10	0.20	0.04	0.24	7.02	81.84
Inferred Total		289.6	8.80	45.90	11.57	0.85	17.02	0.94	5.98	0.20	0.04	0.24	5.97	81.65
Tasman North Resource Total		584.5	9.02	47.21	11.98	0.88	15.80	1.00	5.82	0.20	0.04	0.24	5.16	84.05
2023 Tonnage and Head Grades (%) Tasman South - 7.5% Fe ₂ O ₃ Cut-Off Grade														
	Domain	Mt	Fe ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	CaO	K ₂ O	MgO	MnO	V ₂ O ₅	P ₂ O ₅	LOI	REC(%)
Indicated	2	31.6	9.13	51.92	15.06	0.94	11.35	1.37	5.04	0.21	0.04	0.24	1.73	85.10
	3	29.1	8.87	50.53	14.46	0.88	12.66	1.18	5.19	0.19	0.04	0.27	2.75	89.10
	6	1.3	8.91	49.22	13.60	0.86	14.10	1.02	5.87	0.20	0.04	0.28	3.28	94.80
	7	172.7	8.79	51.84	14.62	0.88	11.83	1.27	5.14	0.20	0.04	0.25	1.96	84.70
	9	80.3	9.13	50.34	14.37	0.90	12.86	1.18	5.63	0.21	0.04	0.26	2.20	89.00
Indicated Total		315.0	8.92	51.34	14.58	0.89	12.13	1.25	5.26	0.20	0.04	0.25	2.08	86.30
Inferred	2	67.9	8.26	53.29	16.50	0.89	9.49	1.58	3.78	0.17	0.04	0.24	1.93	93.60
	3	96.1	8.67	51.87	14.80	0.88	11.45	1.29	4.70	0.18	0.04	0.26	2.51	93.10
	6	3.4	9.15	49.35	13.52	0.88	13.62	1.03	5.91	0.20	0.04	0.28	2.92	93.30
	7	24.2	8.77	51.64	14.61	0.87	11.98	1.26	5.19	0.19	0.04	0.26	2.04	81.40
	9	188.4	8.92	51.48	14.53	0.89	12.17	1.23	5.51	0.20	0.04	0.27	1.85	91.30
Inferred Total		380.06	8.73	51.89	14.95	0.89	11.51	1.31	4.98	0.19	0.04	0.26	2.05	91.50
Tasman South Resource Total		695.1	8.81	51.64	14.78	0.89	11.79	1.28	5.11	0.19	0.04	0.26	2.06	89.14
Tasman VTM Resource Total		1,279.6	8.91	49.62	13.50	0.88	13.62	1.15	5.43	0.19	0.04	0.25	3.48	86.82

Table 7: Disclosure Table to Comply with Listing Rule 5.8.1

Criteria	Commentary
<i>Geology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Taranaki VTM deposits are submarine aeolian/alluvial/marine accumulation of iron sand in palaeochannels, beaches and dunes. The main mineral of interest is vanadium bearing titanomagnetite.
<i>Geological interpretation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary drilling showed the deposits to be relatively consistent in the top 6m with most material being mineralised. The infill drilling is now showing better qualitative correlation with the airborne magnetic surveys with higher grade mineralisation in general being coincident with magnetic highs. The correlation is not always consistent and the impact on exploration and the resource is still being assessed. Confidence in the geological interpretation is medium to high.
<i>Sampling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The material being sampled is subsea sand originally deposited in marine and terrestrial environments. Samples used in the resource estimation are from drill holes only. Grab samples have only been used as qualitative indicators of the presence of magnetic heavy minerals during early exploration. The majority of the drilling used a passive triple tube reverse circulation system. Deep drilling used tri cone roller bit with deep drilling limited to an operating water depth of approximately 30m. The full sample for each metre was collected and a sub-sample split, with the >2mm material screened which is then analysed by XRF. Drill samples from the proposed mine area and the Kupe Blocks have been subject to Davis Tube Recovery to determine the magnetically recoverable portion of the sample. The concentrate recovered has been analysed by XRF
<i>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 metre samples were taken from the sample cyclone. The sample is then dried and split using a rotary splitter. Sample sizes are appropriate for the sandy material being collected. Duplicate samples are routinely submitted to monitor the sample preparation process. All procedures are well documented and understood by the operational personnel.
<i>Drilling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The drill sampling uses a proprietary passive triple tube reverse circulation technique drilling a 75.75mm diameter hole to a maximum depth of 11m. Thirteen 5-inch diameter RC drill holes were drilled in 2012 and 2013 to a maximum depth of 30 m.
<i>Data spacing and distribution</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much of the resource area is now drilled on a nominal 1,000m by 1,000m grid. Analysis to date suggests that this is an adequate sample spacing to define an Indicated Mineral Resource. Deeper drilling may start to introduce more variability and lead to a requirement for infill drilling. Samples are not composited for analysis.
<i>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The analytical techniques, particularly the Davis Tube Recovery analysis, are appropriate for this type of deposit. Regular reference standards (IRM), blanks and duplicate samples are submitted to the laboratory to monitor the accuracy and precision of the analysis process and results. Analysis of the QAQC sample results to date indicate that the accuracy and precision of the assay data is adequate for the mineral resource estimation

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Criteria	Commentary
<i>Verification of sampling and assaying</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent verification of sampling has not been undertaken due to the logistics involved. At Golders request a series of samples from the 2010 drilling campaign were resubmitted to an alternative laboratory. These referee samples returned analyses results consistent with the original analyses. Drilling and sampling of several holes has been observed by Golder Associates consultants. Referee sampling has been used to validate the accuracy and precision of historical samples. Twin holes have been drilled but the results from twin holes are inconclusive. All sampling and data management procedures are documented. Data management is considered adequate. Rotary Reverse circulation sampling has been trialed. Golder observed the drilling of two of these holes and considers the samples to be non-representative due to sample loss. Data from these holes has not been used.
<i>Estimation and modelling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The available sampling data is sufficient to allow variogram models and kriging parameters to be defined. The models were estimated using Ordinary Kriging. The estimation has a maximum extrapolation of 1,000m from any data point. The models were estimated and constructed using Micromine software. The estimate has been made into 300m × 300m × 1m parent blocks oriented at 070°. These blocks represent the mining SMU as defined in the PFS, and are approximately one third of the average drill spacing. Head Fe₂O₃ and DTR show a positive correlation. This correlation has been used to estimate DTR outside the reported VTM deposits where DTR has been measured. The sample population showed no significant outlier samples so no grade cutting or grade restraint was applied. The estimation was unfolded to the bathymetric surface. The models have estimated the major and deleterious elements for the -2mm fraction for the full model. In addition, Davis Tube Recovery and Concentrate grades have been estimated for the Cook and Kupe VTM deposits. The models were validated against the drill holes visually and statistically. The estimations for both models are considered to have a medium to high level of confidence.
<i>Cut-off parameters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fe₂O₃ cut-off used to define the mineralisation was based on the population statistics for Fe₂O₃. The DTR cut-off of 3.5% applied to reporting is based on preliminary economic estimates of mining cut-off grade. Based on the good correlation between head Fe (or Fe₂O₃) and DTR 3.5% DTR is equivalent to 7.5% Fe₂O₃.
<i>Mining factors or assumptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current assumption is that this will be a dredging operation using subsea crawler technology. It will be a bulk mining scenario with any subgrade overburden incorporated into the mineralised zone where practicable. Consequently, only a base of mineralisation is defined in the geological model with minor amounts of subgrade overburden and interburden incorporated into the model. The base of mineralisation was defined at 4% Head Fe₂O₃, based on the population statistics of the analyses. DTR analyses are incomplete for the entire model area and could not be used to define the cut off, however there is a strong positive correlation between Fe₂O₃ and DTR.

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<i>Metallurgical factors or assumptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No metallurgical recovery factors have been applied. Samples are screened to -2mm before analysis. The screened recovery is used to weight the head grade estimation. Davis Tube Recovery (DTR) analyses have been performed on samples from drill holes in the Cook and Kupe VTM deposits.

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APPENDIX A JORC Code 2012 Edition Table 1

Compliance with JORC Code 2012 Assessment Criteria

The JORC Code 2012 describes a number of criteria, which must be addressed in the documentation of Mineral Resource estimates, prior to public release of the information. These criteria provide a means of assessing whether or not parts of or the entire data inventory used in the estimate are adequate for that purpose. The resource estimates stated in this document are based on the criteria set out in Table 1 of the JORC Code 2012.

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections)

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature and quality of sampling (eg: cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg: 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30g charge for fire assay'). In other cases, more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg: submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The material being sampled is subsea sand originally deposited in marine and terrestrial environments. Samples used in the resource estimation are from drill holes only. Grab samples have only been used as qualitative indicators of the presence of magnetic heavy minerals during early exploration. The majority of the drilling used a passive triple tube reverse circulation system. Deep drilling used tri cone roller bit with deep drilling limited to an operating water depth of approximately 30m. The full sample for each metre was collected and a sub-sample split, with the >2mm material screened which is then analysed by XRF. Drill samples from the proposed mine area and the Kupe Blocks have been subject to Davis Tube Recovery to determine the magnetically recoverable portion of the sample. The concentrate recovered has been analysed by XRF
Drilling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drill type (eg: core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg: core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The drill sampling uses a proprietary passive triple tube reverse circulation technique drilling a 75.75mm diameter hole to a maximum depth of 11m. Thirteen 5-inch diameter RC drill holes were drilled in 2012 and

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		2013 to a maximum depth of 30 m.
Drill sample recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golder Associates have previously reviewed the drilling and sampling and consider that a representative sample is being collected. Sample weights are recorded. Oversized samples due to hole 'blow outs' are excluded from the resource estimation. Recovery analysis has been undertaken to ensure representative samples are used in the model.
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies. Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The qualitative logging of samples is of sufficient detail to support the current mineral resource.
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in-situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 metre samples were taken from the sample cyclone. The sample is then dried and split using a rotary splitter. Sample sizes are appropriate for the sandy material being collected. Duplicate samples are routinely submitted to monitor the sample preparation process. All procedures are well documented and understood by the operational personnel.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The analytical techniques, particularly the Davis Tube Recovery analysis, are appropriate for this type of deposit. Regular reference standards (IRM), blanks and duplicate samples are submitted to the laboratory to monitor the accuracy and precision of the analysis process and results.

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	<p><i>make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg: standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie: lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the QAQC sample results to date indicate that the accuracy and precision of the assay data is adequate for the mineral resource estimation
<p><i>Verification of sampling and assaying</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i> • <i>The use of twinned holes.</i> • <i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i> • <i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent verification of sampling has not been undertaken due to the logistics involved. • At Golder's request a series of samples from the 2010 drilling campaign were resubmitted to an alternative laboratory. These referee samples returned analyses results consistent with the original analyses. • Drilling and sampling of several holes has been observed by Golder Associates consultants. Referee sampling has been used to validate the accuracy and precision of historical samples. Twin holes have been drilled but the results from twin holes are inconclusive. • All sampling and data management procedures are documented. • Data management is considered adequate. • Rotary Reverse circulation sampling has been trialled. Golder observed the drilling of two of these holes and considers the samples to be non-representative due to sample loss. Data from these holes has not been used.
<p><i>Location of data points</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i> • <i>Specification of the grid system used.</i> • <i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the scale of the Taranaki VTM deposit the location of samples by hand held GPS is considered adequate. • GPS data is in latitude and longitude. • Modelling data is in UTM – WGS 84 Zone 60 • Commercial/Public domain bathymetric data is considered adequate over most of the tenements and good in the mine area where the data has been supplemented with NIWA multibeam sonar data.

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Data spacing and distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. Whether sample compositing has been applied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much of the resource area is now drilled on a nominal 1,000m by 1,000m grid. Analysis to date suggests that this is an adequate sample spacing to define an Indicated Mineral Resource. Deeper drilling may start to introduce more variability and lead to a requirement for infill drilling. Samples are not composited for analysis.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All drill holes are vertical providing the optimum orientation for sampling these bedded sand deposits.
Sample security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The measures taken to ensure sample security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample security is good with all samples being under TTR supervision up until submission at the laboratory. Laboratory chain of custody and security have been reviewed by Golders Associates previously and are considered fit for purpose.
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2010 Golder undertook a detailed audit of the drill hole database. Minor anomalies in the database were found and corrected. In 2012 QG (Perth) undertook a due diligence of the resource data and estimation. To address issues raised by Golder in their QAQC data analysis, Jeremy Batchelor of Chem Tek Consulting undertook an independent lab audit and QAQC data analysis in 2013 finding the laboratory procedures and results satisfactory. There have been no procedural changes with sampling, sample preparation or testing since this audit was undertaken. Mr Stephen Godfrey (then Resource Evaluation Services) and Matthew Brown (then TTR GM Exploration) reviewed and the database for the 2015 resource model and 2018 revision.

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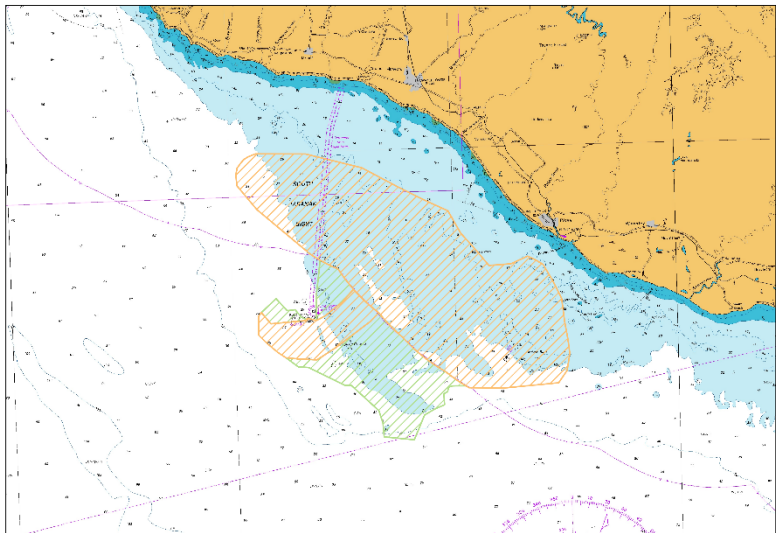
Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section)

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TTR hold granted Mineral Exploration Permit EP54068 which expires in December 2021 and is subject to an extension of time application. See mineral tenement map below. TTR hold granted Mineral Mining Permit MP55581 which expires in May 2034. An extension of area application has been lodged for MP55581 on 1 July 2022. See mineral tenement map below. These tenements allow exploration activities to be undertaken. All tenements are owned 100% by TTR. Royalty commitment for MP 55581 is 1% of net sales revenue when net sales revenues exceed NZD\$100,000; and be the greater of 1% of net sales revenue or a 5% accounting profits royalty when net sales revenues exceed NZD\$1,000,000. Under the Crown Minerals Act (1991) mining permits are subject environmental approvals under the following legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine consents under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act) for activities beyond the 12Nm limit. Resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for activities (including discharges) within the 12Nm limit. Marine discharge consents are required under the EEZ Act or Discharge Management Plans under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 (MTA) for discharges beyond the 12Nm limit.

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<p><i>Exploration done by other parties</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some petroleum bore logs record near surface iron sands. • Geophysical surveys were largely reconnaissance in nature providing limited offshore detail. • Limited, historical sampling of shallow offshore deposits has been undertaken providing indicative results only.
<p><i>Geology</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Taranaki VTM deposits are submarine aeolian/alluvial/marine accumulation of iron sand in palaeochannels, beaches and dunes. • The main mineral of interest is vanadium bearing titanomagnetite.
<p><i>Drill hole Information</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 726 vertical seafloor drill holes have been drilled. • The current resource model uses 689 of these drill holes, drilled

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ easting and northing of the drill hole collar ○ elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar ○ dip and azimuth of the hole ○ down hole length and interception depth ○ hole length. ● If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case. 	<p>and sampled, averaging 6.024m in depth for a total of 4,150.6m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The remaining holes are reconnaissance, bulk sampling and trial holes.
Data aggregation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg: cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. ● Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. ● The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exploration drilling results are not reported here.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. ● If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. ● If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg: ‘down hole length, true width not known’). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The iron sands are bedded sand deposits. Drilling to date has only defined the true thickness of the deposits in ten drill holes.
Diagrams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See Figures 1 to 5, in the Mineral Resource Statement.
Balanced reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exploration Results are not reported here.

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Other substantive exploration data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration data to date includes geophysical surveys, grab samples, bulk samples and drilling. Metallurgical test work has been done on the magnetic recovery, physical separation and comminution testing of bulk samples with the TTR pilot plant. Enough data is available to make a reasonably confident estimate of the dry bulk density.
Further work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and scale of planned further work (eg: tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for further infill drilling to extend the available recoverable resources in the Cook and Kupe Deposits resource areas. Pending budget approval, a detailed vessel based geophysical survey over the mine area is planned.

Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

(Criteria listed in section 1, and where relevant in section 2, also apply to this section)

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Database integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes. Data validation procedures used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golder Associates have previously undertaken a detailed audit of the drill hole database validating the data and ensuring that adequate security and backup procedures are in place. Drill data is routinely checked for internal consistency, anomalies and omissions prior to each resource estimation.
Site visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits. If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site has been visited by a competent person, Stephen Godfrey, on four occasions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January, 2010 – reviewed drilling and sampling. Recommendations for improved procedures made and implemented. July 2012 – reviewed pilot plant, project in general February 2013 – reviewed rotary RC drilling. Identified sampling issues. March 2015 – review of database and development of

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		the model using Micromine software.
<i>Geological interpretation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral Deposit. Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made. The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation. The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation. The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary drilling showed the deposits to be relatively consistent in the top 6m with most material being mineralised. The infill drilling is now showing better qualitative correlation with the airborne magnetic surveys with higher grade mineralisation in general being coincident with magnetic highs. The correlation is not always consistent and the impact on exploration and the resource is still being assessed. Confidence in the geological interpretation is medium to high.
<i>Dimensions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Taranaki VTM deposits have been drilled over a strike length of 100km and a width of 6 to 12km.
<i>Estimation and modelling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used. The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data. The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products. Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (eg: sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation). In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed. Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units. Any assumptions about correlation between variables. Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates. Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping. The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The available sampling data is sufficient to allow variogram models and kriging parameters to be defined. The models were estimated using Ordinary Kriging. The estimation has a maximum extrapolation of 1,000m from any data point. The models were estimated and constructed using Micromine software. The estimate has been made into 300m × 300m × 1m parent blocks oriented at 070°. These blocks represent the mining SMU as defined in the PFS, and are approximately one third of the average drill spacing. Head Fe₂O₃ and DTR show a positive correlation. This correlation has been used to estimate DTR outside the reported VTM deposits where DTR has been measured. The sample population showed no significant outlier samples so no grade cutting or grade restraint was applied. The estimation was unfolded to the bathymetric surface. The models have estimated the major and deleterious elements for the -2mm fraction for the full model. In addition, Davis Tube Recovery and Concentrate grades have been estimated for the

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	<i>of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</i>	<p>Cook and Kupe VTM deposits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The models were validated against the drill holes visually and statistically. The estimations for both models are considered to have a medium to high level of confidence.
Moisture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All tonnages are estimated on dry basis consistent with the sample analysis which is reported as a dry mass percent.
Cut-off parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fe₂O₃ cut-off used to define the mineralisation was based on the population statistics for Fe₂O₃. The DTR cut-off of 3.5% applied to reporting is based on preliminary economic estimates of mining cut-off grade. Based on the good correlation between head Fe (or Fe₂O₃) and DTR 3.5% DTR is equivalent to 7.5% Fe₂O₃.
Mining factors or assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current assumption is that this will be a dredging operation using subsea crawler technology. It will be a bulk mining scenario with any subgrade overburden incorporated into the mineralised zone where practicable. Consequently, only a base of mineralisation is defined in the geological model with minor amounts of subgrade overburden and interburden incorporated into the model. The base of mineralisation was defined at 4% Head Fe₂O₃, based on the population statistics of the analyses. DTR analyses are incomplete for the entire model area and could not be used to define the cut off, however there is a strong positive correlation between Fe₂O₃ and DTR.
Metallurgical factors or assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No metallurgical recovery factors have been applied. Samples are screened to -2mm before analysis. The screened recovery is used to weight the head grade estimation. Davis Tube Recovery (DTR) analyses have been performed on samples from drill holes in the Cook and Kupe VTM deposits.

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	<i>the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.</i>	
<i>Environmental factors or assumptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tailings from the mining operation are to be returned to the seafloor in mined out areas. Baseline environmental studies have been undertaken and have determined that any environmental impact can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
<i>Bulk density</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples. The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the Deposit. Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry bulk density was determined by laboratory analysis and verified by comparison to the theoretical bulk density. Bulk density is sensitive to the heavy mineral content. A regression formula was used to estimate bulk density based on the Fe content. A small number of samples (3) suggest decreasing porosity with Fe grade. If the samples prove valid, they have the potential to increase the tonnage of the deposit by several percent.
<i>Classification</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories. Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (ie: relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data). Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the Deposit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those parts of the resource classified as Indicated have been sampled at density considered adequate to support the classification. No adverse quality or geological uncertainty parameters affect this classification. The Inferred classification of the deposit reflects the assumed geological and geostatistical continuity in parts of the current model where the drill spacing exceeds 1,000m by 1,000m. Classification of the Taranaki VTM deposit was undertaken by the competent person.
<i>Audits or reviews</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current mineral resource estimate has not been externally audited. In 2012 QG (Perth) undertook a due diligence of the resource data and estimation.

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<p><i>Discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</i> • <i>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</i> • <i>These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current resource estimates for each of the Cook, Kupe and Tasman deposits are global estimates. The relatively sparse data does not allow a high confidence local estimate. • The model is considered adequate to use in a mine planning study for a bulk dredging style operation.

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