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# Widgie Nickel - Value Proposition

A clear pathway for Mt Edwards to return to production, with significant additional upside across multiple critical minerals

# Nickel production opportunity in sight

- Armstrong Mine set to be ready for development in late 2023.
- Proven production track record at Mt Edwards with four historical mines.

## Further nickel production potential

- Widgie South preliminary technical evaluation to be undertaken in 2023.
- Mt Edwards overall has a significant 168,080t Ni across 12 separate deposits and is growing in confidence and size.

### Exploration offers nearterm upside

- Near-term resource upgrade targeted via high-grade Gillett North Ni prospect and Gillett South extensions
- Proven PGM endowment yet to be fully assessed across Mt Edwards.

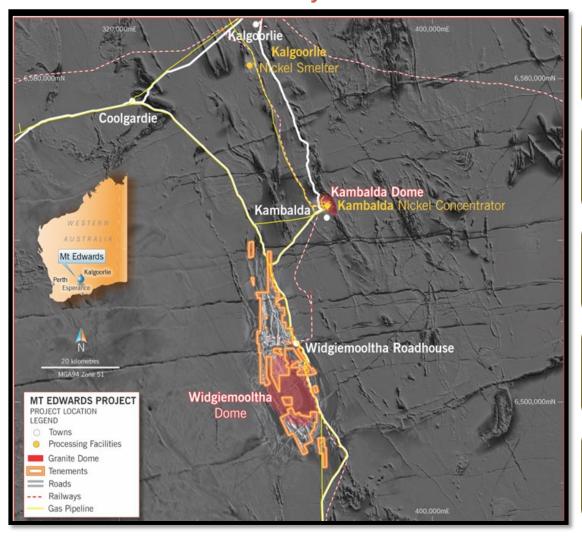
# Lithium to enhance project value

- Faraday Li resource and ongoing Li exploration set to bolster overall project economics.
- Faraday DSO opportunity to be fully evaluated and potentially commence in 2023.



# Widgie Nickel - Value Proposition

In the heart of a tier-1 jurisdiction for both nickel and lithium endowments



240 sq.km granted mining tenure

Nickel resource base of 168,000t Ni

Infrastructure rich part of the Goldfields

Nickel and Lithium mining region

Exploration leverage - 60 years of exploration



# **Corporate Summary**

### **Board & Management**



#### **Andrew Parker**

Non-Executive Chair - Corporate / Legal

Andrew holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Western Australia and has significant experience in the resources industry involving corporate advisory, strategic consultancy and capital raisings.



#### **Steve Norregaard**

Managing Director and CEO - Mining Engineer

Steve is an experienced resources industry executive, company director, and mining engineer with over 25 years' experience in executive and operational roles.



#### Felicity Repacholi-Muir

Non-Executive Director - Geologist

Felicity is a broad-based professional geologist with 19 years of experience as a geologist, manager and consultant within the field of mineral exploration and resource development.



#### **Scott Perry**

Non-Executive Director - Process Engineer

Scott has over 20 years of experience in commercial, mining and process engineering roles including over 10 years in executive roles with BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd.



**Graeme Scott** 

Company Secretary and CFO - Corporate / Financial

Graeme is a fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK) with more than 20 years' experience in professional and corporate roles in both Australia and the UK.

### Share Price



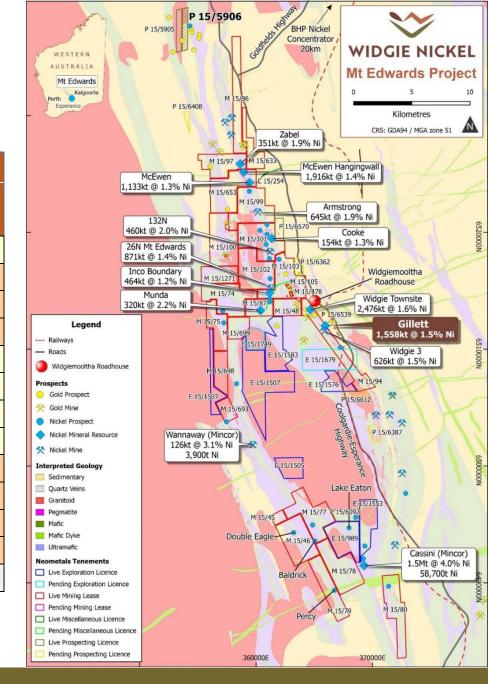
| Company Overview               |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Shares on Issue                | 251.4 million  |
| Current Share Price            | \$0.30         |
| Market Cap (8 May 2023)        | \$75.5 million |
| IPO Price                      | \$0.20         |
| Cash (31 March 2022)           | \$4.7 million  |
| Total Options and PRs on Issue | 12.56 million  |



### The Nickel Endowment

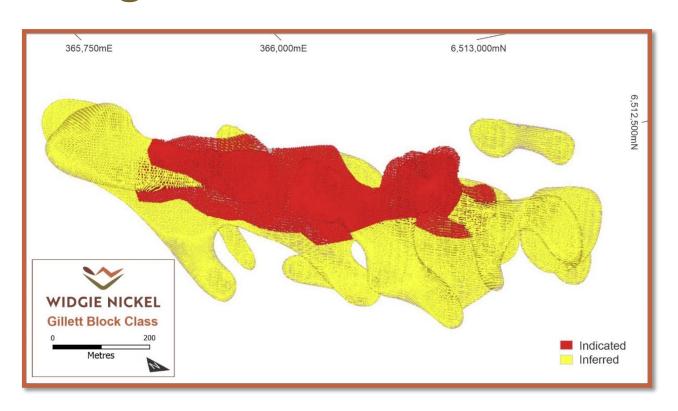
Unique attributes - 12 separate deposits to drive value

|                     | Indicated Inferred |               |                | TOTAL Mineral Resources |                |               |                  |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Deposit             | Tonnes<br>(kt)     | Nickel<br>(%) | Tonnes<br>(kt) | Nickel<br>(%)           | Tonnes<br>(kt) | Nickel<br>(%) | Nickel<br>Tonnes |
| Armstrong           | 630                | 1.8           | 15             | 4.7                     | 645            | 1.9           | 12,200           |
| Gillett             | 915                | 1.6           | 643            | 1.3                     | 1,558          | 1.5           | 23,400           |
| Widgie 3            |                    |               | 626            | 1.5                     | 626            | 1.5           | 9,160            |
| Widgie Townsite     | 1,183              | 1.7           | 1,293          | 1.5                     | 2,476          | 1.6           | 39,300           |
| 132N                | 34                 | 2.9           | 426            | 1.9                     | 460            | 2.0           | 9,050            |
| Munda               |                    |               | 320            | 2.2                     | 320            | 2.2           | 7,140            |
| Mt Edwards 26N      |                    |               | 871            | 1.4                     | 871            | 1.4           | 12,400           |
| Inco Boundary       |                    |               | 464            | 1.2                     | 464            | 1.2           | 5,600            |
| Cooke               |                    |               | 154            | 1.3                     | 154            | 1.3           | 2,000            |
| McEwen              |                    |               | 1,133          | 1.4                     | 1,133          | 1.4           | 15,340           |
| McEwen Hanging wall |                    |               | 1,916          | 1.4                     | 1,916          | 1.4           | 26,110           |
| Zabel               | 272                | 1.9           | 53             | 2.0                     | 325            | 2.0           | 6,360            |
| TOTAL               | 3,034              | 1.7           | 7,914          | 1.5                     | 10,948         | 1.6           | 168,060          |

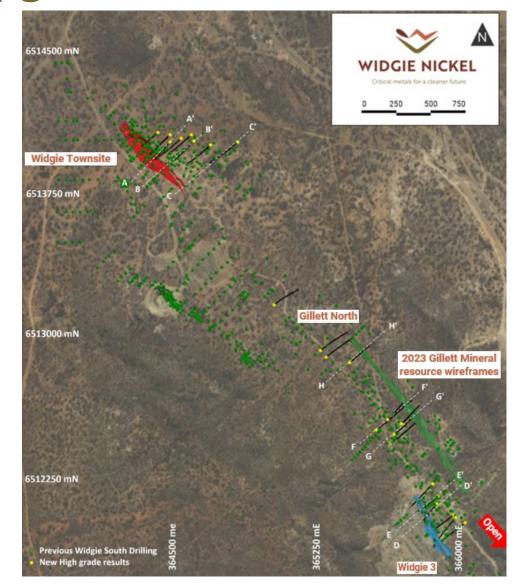




# Widgie South- Gillett Resource Upgrade



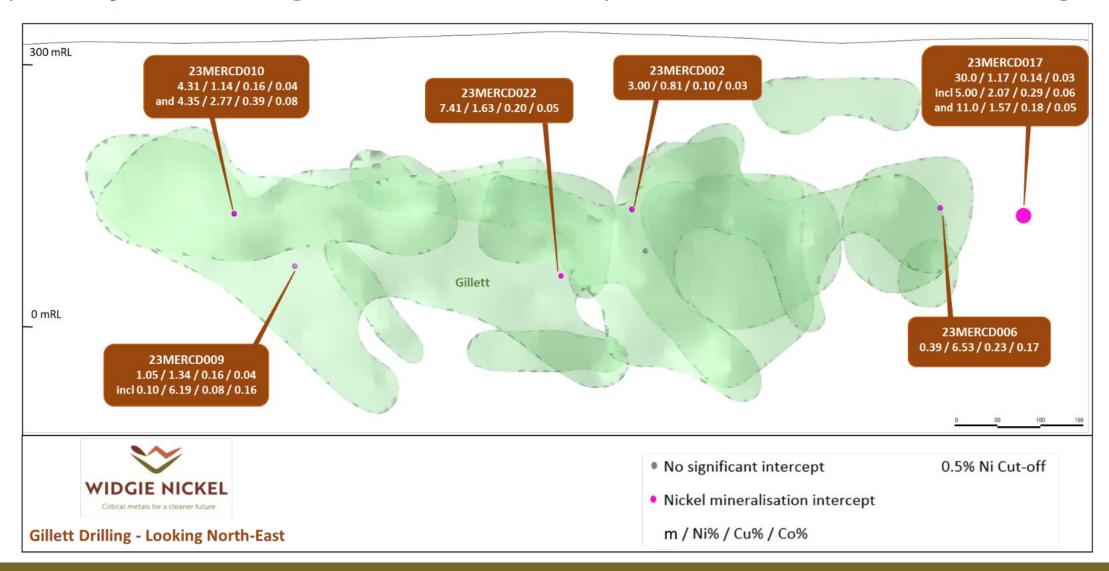
| Mineral Resource<br>Classification | Tonnes    | Ni<br>% | Co<br>ppm | Cu<br>ppm | Fe<br>% | Mg<br>% | Pd<br>ppm | Pt<br>ppm | S<br>% | As<br>ppm |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Indicated                          | 915,000   | 1.6     | 489       | 2,002     | 13.3    | 15.9    | 0.17      | 0.08      | 5.1    | 171       |
| Inferred                           | 643,000   | 1.3     | 419       | 1,691     | 12.5    | 15.3    | 0.17      | 0.09      | 4.4    | 187       |
| TOTAL                              | 1,558,000 | 1.5     | 460       | 1,874     | 13.0    | 15.7    | 0.17      | 0.08      | 4.8    | 178       |





# **Exploration Success – South of Gillett**

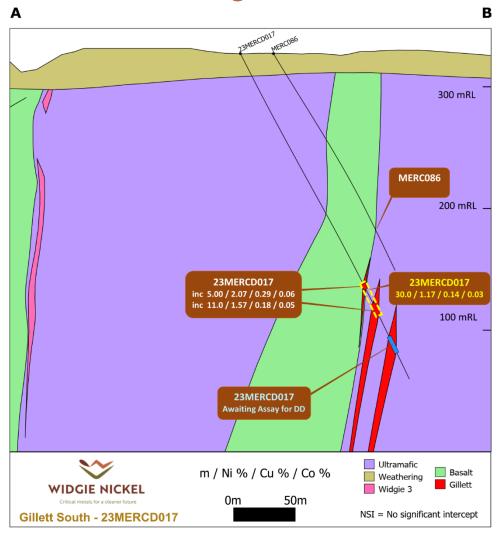
Opportunity for resource growth after excellent exploration success from recent drilling

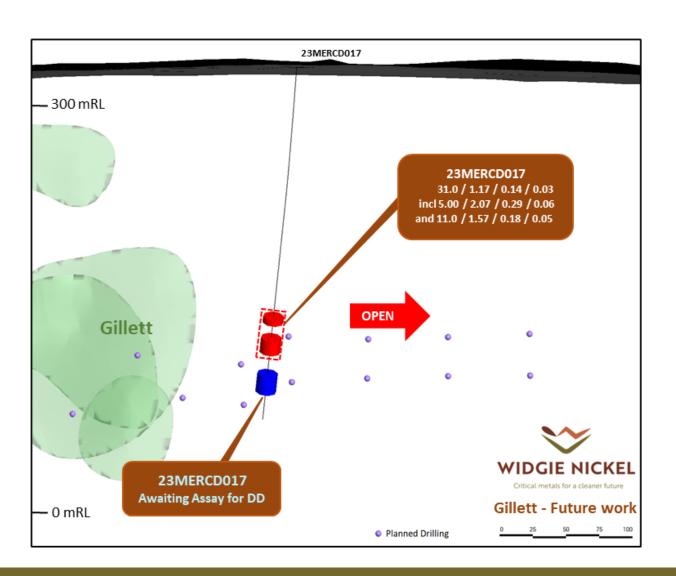




# Southern Edge Gillett- Exploration Success

Strike extent set to grow







# Armstrong- Major advances made towards mining

Scoping study and resource upgrade. Pivotal step towards self funding aspirations

Two mining methods considered

Top Down Open stoping 500kt @1.9% Bottom Up with fill 560kt @1.9%

FCF @ **\$22,000/0.63** \$67-69M, max drawdown \$20.3M.

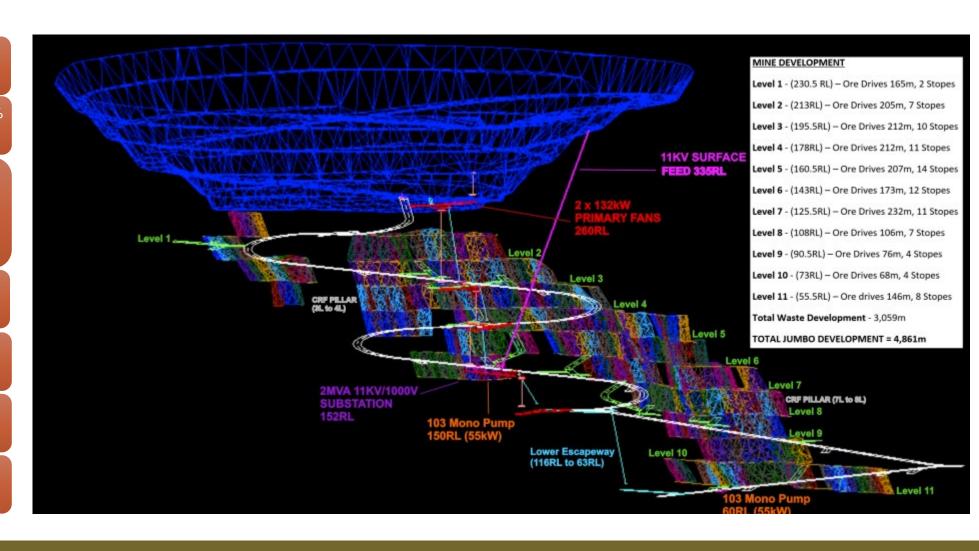
At **\$U\$18,500/0.70** \$20-27M FCF, max drawdown \$24M.

27-33 month mining duration

Low CAPEX, Simple underground conventional approach, high leverage to Ni price.

Full steam ahead on preproduction activities

Upgraded resource confidence leading to full feasibility.





# **Armstrong Feasibility Progress**

Tracking well for early completion

Dewatering progress nearing completion, portal position now exposed

Metallurgical test work positive, enhancements expected leading to improved outcomes. Key commencement milestone – offtake agreement

Environmental permitting nearing completion- Mining proposal to be lodged shortly

Revised mine design, schedule and cost model on new high confidence resource completed

Project Management Plans completed....long lead licence applications now made



# **High-Grade Lithium Discovery- Faraday**

Multiple high-grade lithium bearing pegmatites unlocks another avenue of growth

 Rock chip sampling at the Faraday prospect identified high-grade lithium bearing pegmatites over 600m at widths up to 25m

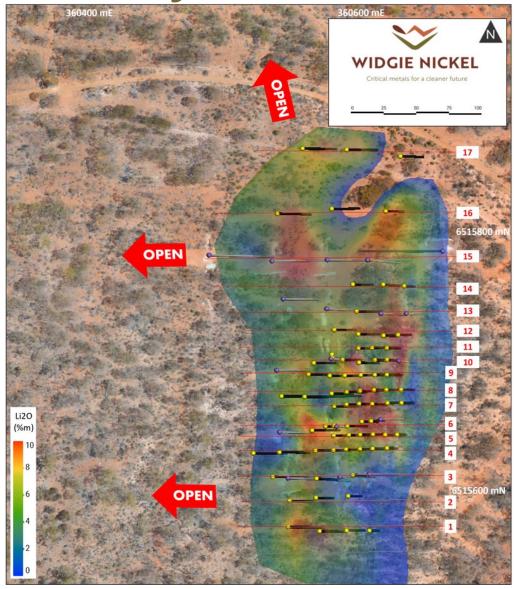
- Multiple high-grade Li<sub>2</sub>O values returned from 14 rock chip samples.
- Grades as high as 3.70% Li<sub>2</sub>O.

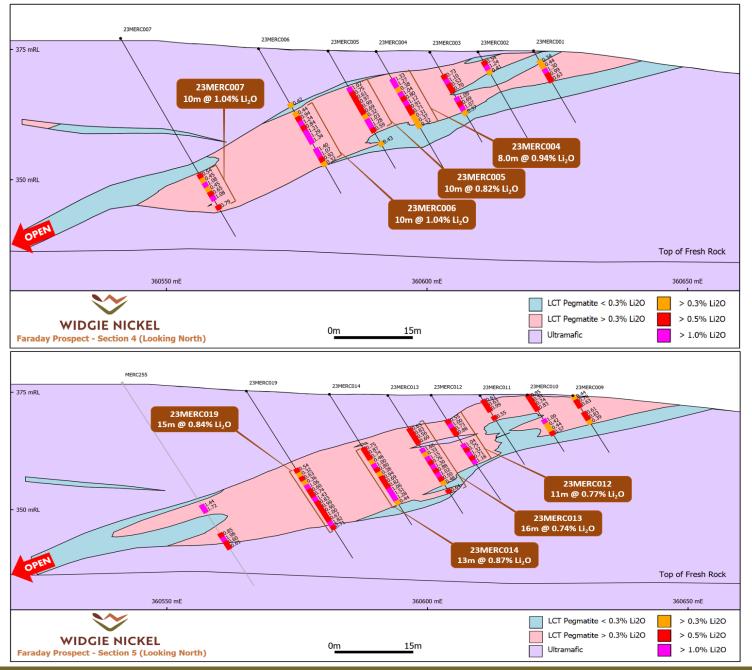
• Initial discovery announced 3 October 2022, immediately converted to drill target and subsequently drilled in November 2022.





# **Faraday Drill Results**



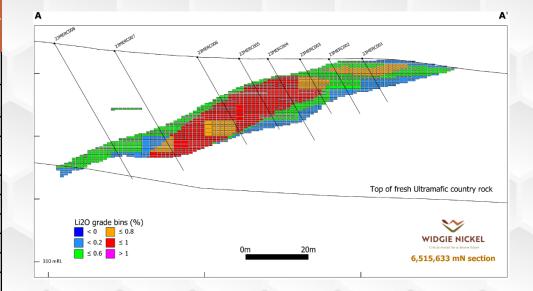




# Faraday Resource- 6mths, ready to dig!....almost



| Cumulative resource by grade       |           |                        |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Cut off grade (Li <sub>2</sub> 0%) | Tonnes    | Li <sub>2</sub> O<br>% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.0                                | 1,255,791 | 0.31                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.1                                | 1,056,311 | 0.35                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.2                                | 557,045   | 0.54                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.3                                | 481,344   | 0.59                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.4                                | 356,275   | 0.67                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.5                                | 251,722   | 0.77                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.6                                | 231,995   | 0.79                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.7                                | 187,084   | 0.82                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.8                                | 105,851   | 0.87                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.9                                | 23,999    | 0.95                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.0                                | 2,255     | 1.05                   |  |  |  |  |  |



- Infill/Extensional drilling completed to grade control density, resource estimation completed.
- Metallurgical testing- HMS upgrade test work (variability) to 5.5% and partial upgrading under consideration
- Mining evaluation & permitting- complete.
   Starter Mine to be <u>ready to</u> <u>dig</u> by end of FY potentially
- Formal process with potential off-takers on foot to crystallise value



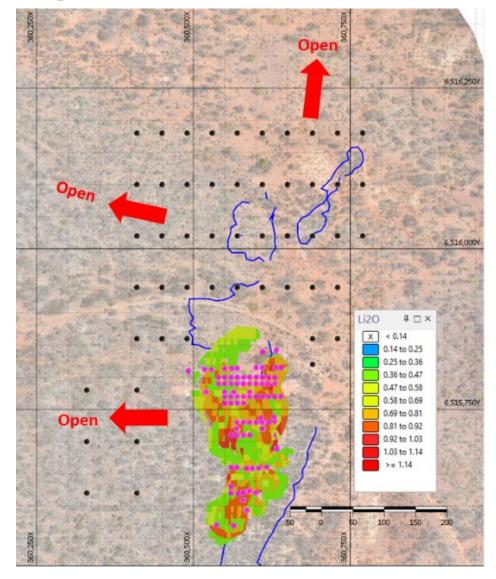
# Faraday – Upside remains on resource growth

Exploration ongoing to expand endowment





- Ongoing drilling to the north and down dip
- 80 by 80m step out pattern completed 400m to the north and 400m down dip to the west
- Assays awaiting
- By- product value could add to the potential- Rb & K- felspar



# The on-ground activity continues...2023

Infill drilling & exploration to continue: NICKELITHIUM .. singular focus

Armstrong to be development ready, if not under development- NICKEL

Widgie South Scoping Study underway to be completed 3rd Qtr - NICKEL

Faraday resource and Regional exploration to expand and evolve- LITHIUM

Faraday DSO opportunity to be fully evaluated and exploited-LITHIUM

2023.. Is going to be BIG!



## Highlights





100% owned Mt Edwards Project – ~240km² tenements covering the highly prospective Widgiemooltha Dome



Strategically positioned next to major infrastructure (road, rail, energy & water) & processing hubs



Significant Mineral Resources 10.948Mt at 1.60% Ni for 168 kt of Nickel across 12 deposits on granted Mining Leases



Growing lithium endowment being unlocked- 5 months ~500kt@ 0.6% identified and estimated. More to come



~31k Ni tonnes mined across 4 mines 1980 to 2008

– limited exploration undertaken since due to
fragmented ownership, providing significant
exploration / resource extension upside



Located 80km south of Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – the best mining jurisdiction in the world!



Presence of copper, cobalt & PGM confirmed - potential to capture additional value from by-product credits



Excellent exposure to the EV and decarbonisation thematic – providing Critical metals for a cleaner future

