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Copper Conference Wrap

- **Craving for copper.** Last week we held our Copper Conference which was well-attended with the copper price at near all-time highs, and demand for the metal driven by AI's data centres, renewable energy infrastructure, and battery energy storage systems. Meanwhile, mine grades are declining and costs rising, with higher prices needed to incentivise supply.
- **M&A a persistent backdrop.** The past two years has seen copper M&A discussions and activity, including involving the majors BHP, AngloAmerican, Rio Tinto, and Glencore, and percolating right down to mid/small-cap producers and developers such as Xanadu Mines and New World Resources. The presenters all have advanced projects, and one (Peel Mining) agreed to a merger yesterday. We suspect the others will certainly attract close attention as well...

Breakthrough Minerals (BTM, mkt cap \$28M).

- **Exploring former AIS projects.** Director Will Dix discussed BTM acquiring Aeris Resources' (AIS) North Queensland copper projects in Cloncurry and Mt Isa. Despite these being advanced, the company is focusing on exploration not mining. Tenure is 952km², split across four projects. The purchase includes 15TB of technical data including geophys which will come in handy. Hazel Creek's Turpentine is the priority, 100km north of Cloncurry, seen as low hanging fruit with a Resource of 100kt contained copper at 1.0% plus gold. Aim is to drill down plunge in March for extension.
- **Plenty of prospectivity.** Will believes Turpentine has similar geology to Harmony's Eva and is mostly sulfide. There could also be a Turpentine lookalike that is south and offset which has had only 14 holes, with only one 100m deep. Hazel Creek's Eight Mile Creek also has scope for resource. Barbara, a historic mine, has an underground resource of 63kt contained copper and also will be drill-tested with regional exploration tilted to 2H. BTM offers plenty of

greenfield prospective targets. Will expects the acquisition to complete by end February/March. Company will have \$4.5M cash post purchase.

True North Copper (TNC, mkt cap \$74M)

- **Experience at the helm.** Presenter CEO Andrew Mooney has extensive copper experience including with Oz Minerals iworking on Carrapateena and Prominent Hill, and alongside Chair Paul Cronin's experience with Adriatic Metals, brings strong stewardship to TNC. Mt Oxide is the flagship asset, and Andrew is seeking to build on the Vero Cu-Ag resource across 10km of mineralised strike. He has an aspirational target of 50-70Mt at Mt Oxide with a view to it being stand-alone.
- **Aquila discovery adds upside.** There is excitement surrounding the Aquila discovery, including an intercept of 59m at 1.77% Cu. Andrew believes this could be 40-60m true width over 1km strike and maybe similar to Vero and the nearby 29 Metals' Capricorn which contains 60Mt at 1.8% Cu. The company will look to extend north and south along strike.
- **Smelters hungry for ore.** For the Cloncurry project, a PFS is targeted for end of year but the company is making "sure we don't rush in", the target being sustainable transition and fresh ore, not oxide. Diamond and RC holes for met and geotech are scheduled for mid-year. Regional targets are plentiful but won't be the focus in 2026, with capital being allocated 60% on Mt Oxide, 30% on Cloncurry, and 10% for regional. Finally, the proximity of hungry smelters such as Rocklands and Glencore is an opportunity. Cash balance is \$12M.

Peel Mining (PEX, mkt cap \$164M)

- **Development-ready for third-party processing.** CEO Nick Woolrych, ex-New World Resources, acknowledged PEX's projects have been around for a while, with previous management fixated on stand-alone mines. However, his focus with new Chair Ronnie Beevor is on third-party processing, saying that Mallee Bull and Wirlong are "as development ready as you can get".
- **Prescient concerning Cobar consolidation.** Nick highlighted that there are five process plants operating in the Cobar district, as well as two on care and maintenance. They include CSA (Harmony), Tritton (AIS), Peak and Hera (Aurelia Metals), and Mineral Hill (Kingston Resources). He pointed out there is a lot of interest in consolidation in Cobar and "expects that PEX will play a part". Obviously this came to fruition given yesterday's merger agreement with AIS.
- **Prospectivity.** PEX has 2,500km² of tenure in the premier Cobar region and Resources totaling 23Mt at 2.02% CuEq Mallee Bull and Wirlong are well advanced and the company

has been undertaking mining studies. Southern Nights, which is a Zn-Pb-Cu VMS, is higher grade but at an earlier stage, and is currently being drilled. Finally, gold prospect Nombinnie looks promising, with a planned drill program late 2026. Company has cash of \$17.5M.

Prospect Resources (PSC, mkt cap \$293M)

- **Commercial nous.** CEO Sam Hosack discussed PSC's background, emphasising management team's extensive African experience, as well as commercial acumen with the successful sale of the Arcadia lithium project in Zimbabwe a few years ago.
- **Potential for production agreement with nearby mega mines.** The attention now is on the Mumbezhi copper project in Zambia, which lies in the nation's namesake copper belt and near the mega-copper mines of Sentinel and Kansanshi (First Quantum) , and Lumwana (Barrick). Mumbezhi has a massive Exploration Target of 420 to 1,550Mt contained copper at 0.4-0.6%. It is surrounded by good infrastructure with road and power running across its tenements, and PSC will look to utilise this in any production-sharing agreement which may occur with one of the nearby larger mines.
- **Chipimpa and Sharamba key targets, scoping by end of year.** Re-assaying for gold at Nyungu Central is providing upside, and the company's just-released Resource update this week included maiden gold and cobalt resources. There are ample tenement-wide targets, including Chipimpa and Sharamba which are compelling. A further Resource update is scheduled for later this half, which will include West Mwombezhi. PSC is undertaking internal studies in 2026 and the year's drill program kicks off in May post-wet season. A scoping study by end of the year will examine both stand-alone and third party processing.

Midas Minerals (MM1, mkt cap \$147M)

- **Historic Otavi drilling gives MM1 headstart.** CEO Mark Calderwood outlined MM1's acquisition of the Otavi copper project from Nexa Resources, a top-five zinc producer which had spent \$20M on the asset but never declared any resources, despite 56,000m of drilling which included a highlight of 17m at 2.74% Cu and 144g/t Ag. MM1 started drilling in December.
- **The "Wia" of copper.** Mark is ex-CEO of Perseus Mining (PRU) and leads a team with significant African and Namibian experience. The Otavi project lies in its namesake fold belt, possessing the same rock units as in Zambia and the DRC, but more constrained and higher grade. The project is the near the famous Tsumeb complex, and Mark believes the smelter cannot get enough feed. There is great infrastructure: 500km from port, a short distance from South Africa for access to plants and engineering, no water constraints, and a local workforce. We see a semblance to Wia Gold, also in Namibia, which has proven African experience and mine development know-how.

Maiden Resource not far away. T13 is the deposit closest to having a maiden resource, and contains high-grade Cu and Ag, including 3% Cu over 25m widths. Mark "has no doubt it will be mined." A resource will also be estimated at Spaatzu. Overall across Otavi, he is targeting at least 500kt of Cu at $\geq 1-1.5\%$ at $\geq 10\text{m}$ widths, and starting from surface, with most deposits likely to contain 100-400kt copper, conducive to a hub and spoke model. Four rigs are already on site and Mark is pushing to add more.

The analyst owns 60,400 PSC shares Foster Stockbroking, staff, and Cranport own 3.1% of BTM's, 2.9% of MM1's, 1.9% of TNC's, <1% of PEX's and PSC's shares on issue, and 4,000,000 PSC options exercise \$0.20 expiry 9 August 2027.

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