

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER & COMMERCIALISATION

Session 4



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Optimising Resource Extraction

WE ARE HALF WAY THROUGH OUR 2ND TERM: DELIVERY & COMMERCIALISATION

CRC**ORE**

Cooperative
Research
Centre

o focused on

Optimising
Resource
Extraction

o in the minerals
industry



Funded

Funded by the global
minerals industry and the
federal government
Independent. Not for profit.



Term

Commenced mid-2010.
Awarded a further 6-years
funding until 2021

Identify, integrate and implement innovation to improve operational value and reverse declining productivity in the mining industry

Applied technology development and transfer focus



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A NEW ESSENTIAL PARTICIPANT

MINING



**ANGLO
AMERICAN**



ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI

BHP

GLENCORE



**NEWCREST
MINING LIMITED**

Teck



Sumitomo Corporation

METS

HATCH



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Researchers



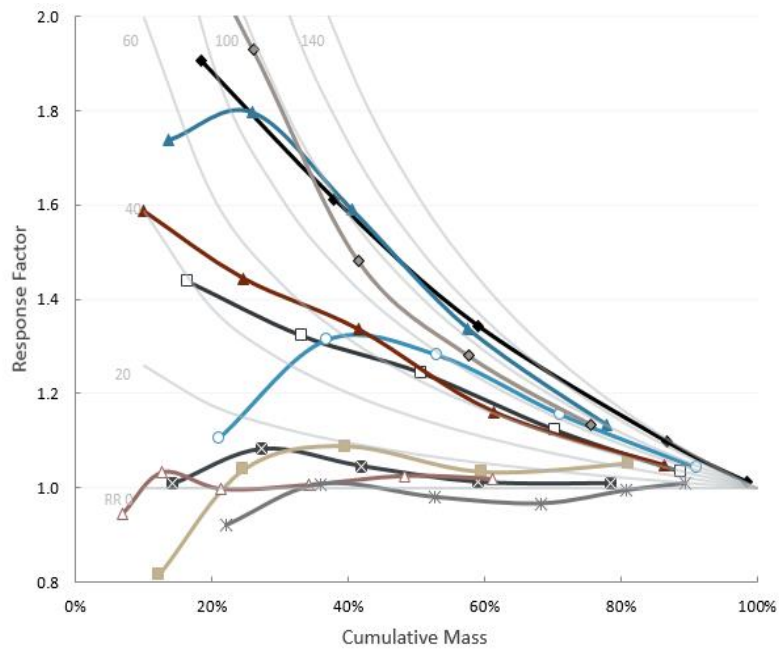
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The “Brown Book” – A Legacy Piece

- Testing rock properties for Natural Grade by Size Responses involves screening samples into a number of different size fractions and measuring the grade and mass of each.
- The test results can be displayed as **Response Curves**.



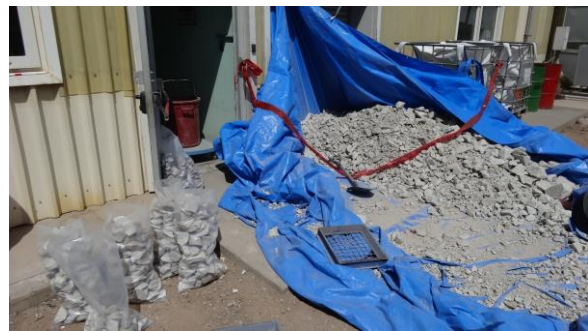
Strength of Upgrade	Response Ranking
Very Low	0 - 20
Low	20 - 40
Med	40 - 60
High	60 - 80
Very High	> 80



Mine Samples (~30t)



Sub-samples (~4t)

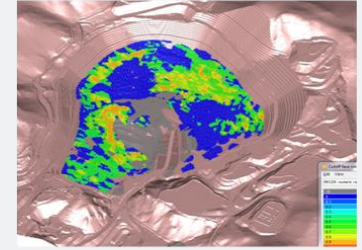
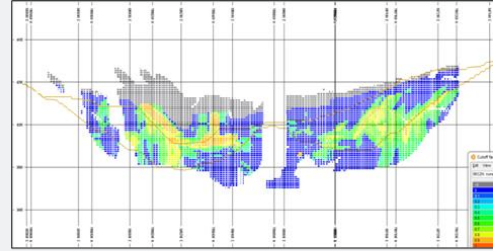


Laboratory Screening

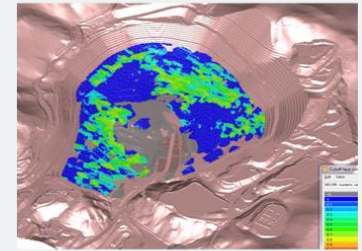
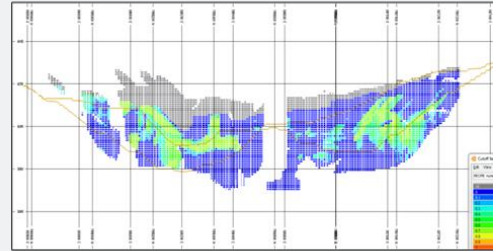
A FULL SCALE PRODUCTION TRIAL & A BILLION DOLLAR PRIZE

- Amenability testing indicates low waste halo (blue) and mineralised waste stockpiles show high promise for upgrading with Grade Engineering
- A full scale production trial has commenced
- The “size of the prize” is to reclassify these targets into ore feed – up to 1B\$ in value (Extending LOM)

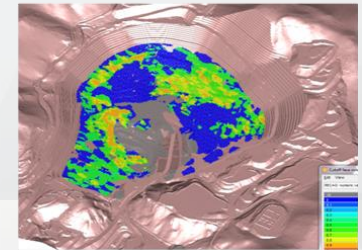
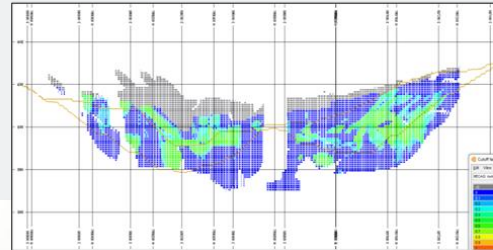
Zn Recovery



Pb Recovery



Ag Recovery



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IES: VALUE DRIVEN BY OPERATIONS E.G.



BHP



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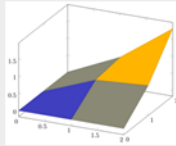


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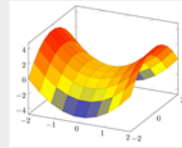


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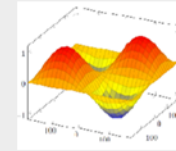
Cloud based mass simulations to optimise production (e.g. M2M) & define optimal Grade Engineering options & downstream processing for blasting, screening & sorting



- **Current consultant simulator**
 - 10s of simulations
 - **Slow: manual operation**
 - **Accurate point prediction, poor trends**



- **Usual site simulator (Excel)**
 - 100s of simulations
 - **Medium: spreadsheet**
 - **Limited point prediction, good trends**



- **Next Gen simulator (IES)**
 - 1,000,000s of simulations
 - **Fast: cloud scalability**
 - **Good point prediction, good trends**

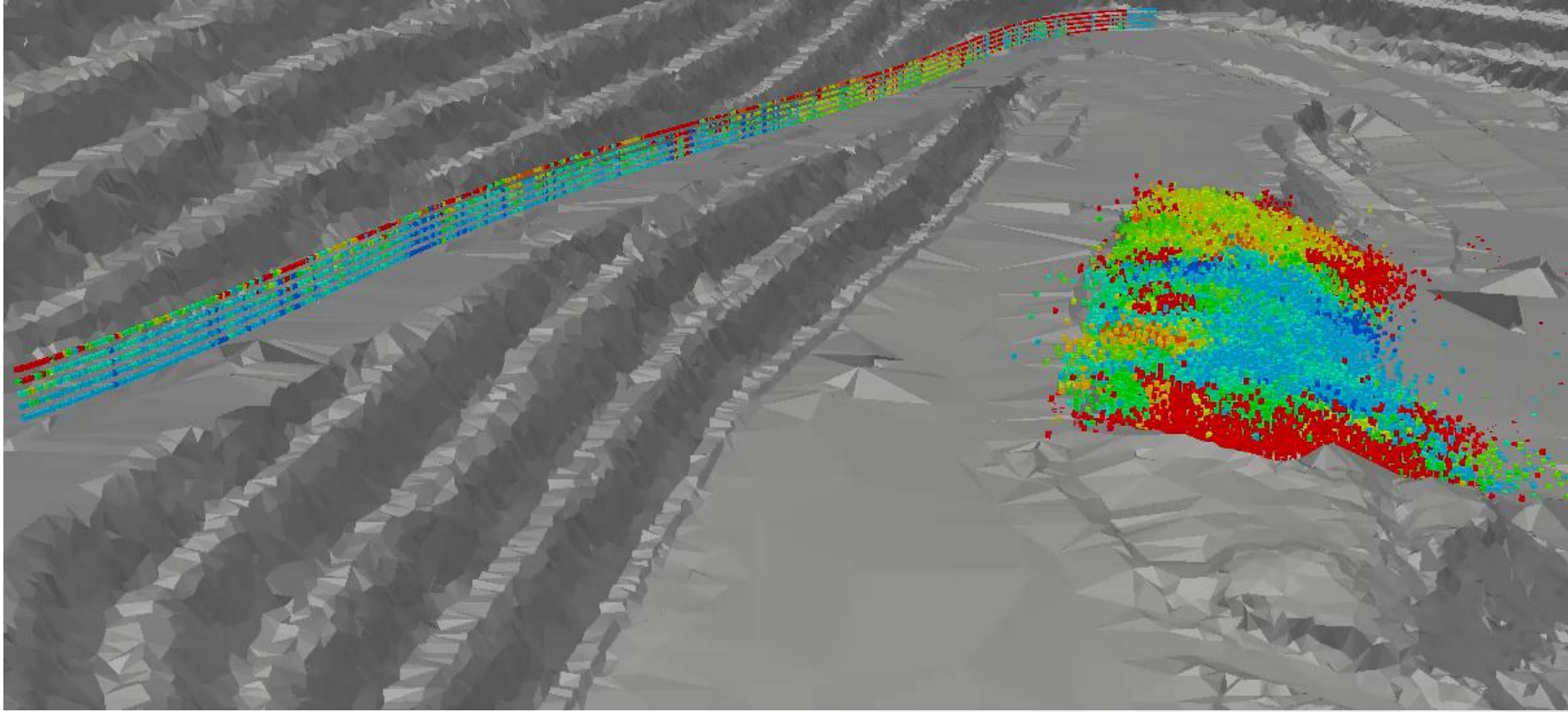


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INTEGRATED GRADE ENGINEERING & IES: LINKING SPATIAL & TEMPORAL



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SEPARATING ORE FROM WASTE: GRADE ENGINEERING®

Grade Engineering® is an integrated approach to coarse gangue rejection matching separation technologies to ore specific characteristics to unlock value.

Grade Engineering Technologies

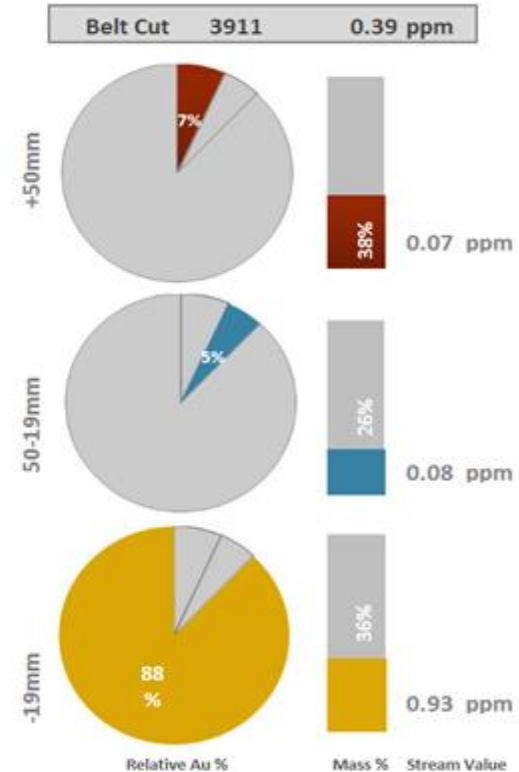
Preferential Grade by
Size Department –
using screens

Differential Blasting
for Grade – using
screens

Sensor Based Bulk
Sorting – additional
value

Sensor Based Stream
Sorting – additional
value

Coarse Gravity Other
Separating / Gangue
Rejection Technologies



A simple example - data from operating Au mine

SENSOR FUSION: ADDRESSING GE LEVERS OTHER THAN SCREENING

Some Examples:

BHP, Anglo American, Newcrest, assessing a variety of sensor combinations, including e.g.

- *Down Hole PGNAA*
- *Cross Belt PGNAA*
- *Cross Belt Magnetic Resonance*
- *On-bucket XRF*

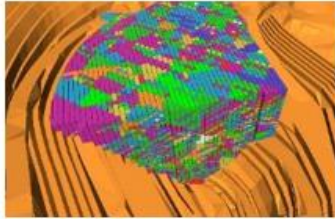
Particle Sorting (Various) through the Kalgoorlie Innovation Hub e.g. AGA

*Heterogeneity & Sensor Landscape studies
Teck & AGA*



CRC ORE DELIVERY THEMES: INTEGRATED SOLUTION STACKS

DEFINE | EXTRACT | DELIVER



GE-enabled block models and mine plan optimisation



Instrumenting the bench with on-line data flows



Crushing and coarse separation in the pit



Combining Grade and Throughput Engineering



On-line sensing and separation of coarse streams

LIBERATE | RECOVER | CONTROL



Sustaining 'Whole of System' value



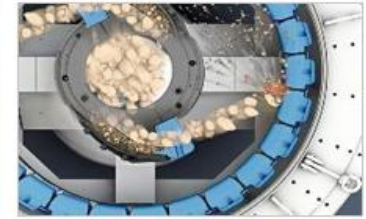
Optimising system value for energy, water and environment



IES-enabled integrated simulation across value chain



GE-enabled circuit design and advanced process control



Energy efficient enhanced coarse liberation



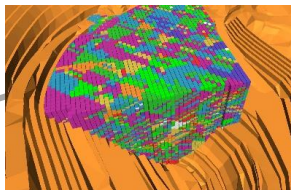
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DIFFERENT INTERESTS FOR EACH OF OUR PARTICIPANTS

E.G. ORICA



GE-enabled Block Models and Mine Plan Optimisation



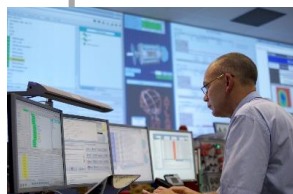
Instrumenting the bench



Sensing and coarse separation in the pit



Delivering combined Grade and Throughput Engineering

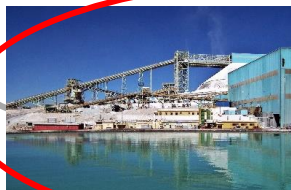


Sustaining value with Mine Performance Management

CRC ORE Delivery Themes



On-line sensing of coarse streams



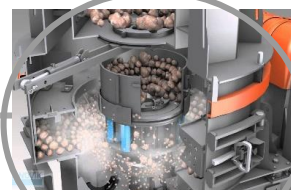
Optimising system value across all operational metrics



IES-enabled integrated simulation across value chain



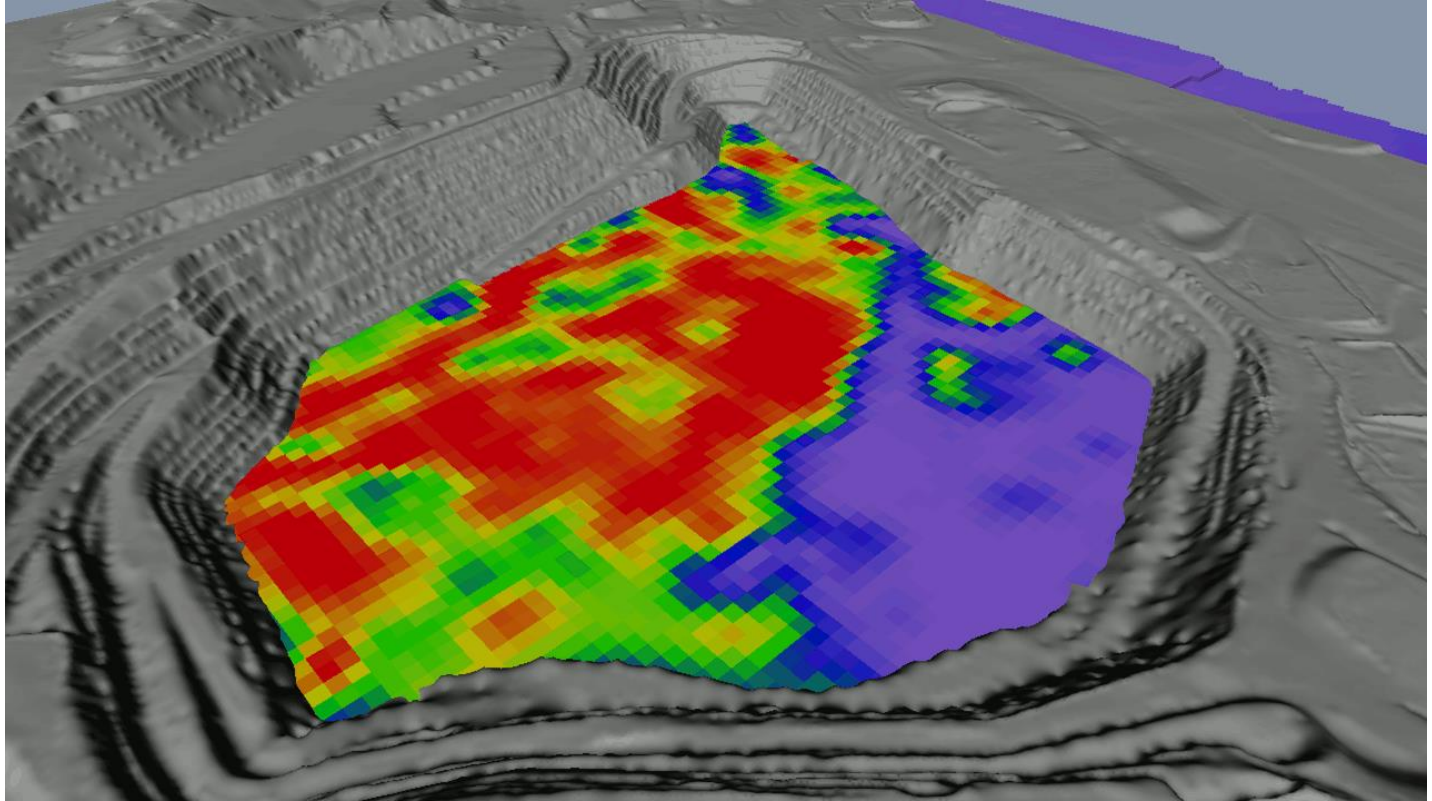
GE-enabled circuit design with advanced process control



Energy efficient enhanced coarse liberation

OUR FACILITATION ROLE E.G. MINERS & METS : INSTRUMENTING THE BENCH

NOW AN ACTIVE
CONSORTIA:
ORICA, IMDEX,
METS IGNITED,
TECK &
ANGLO-AMERICAN



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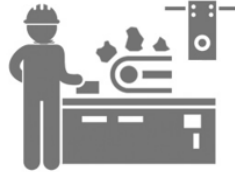
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RESEARCH PROGRAMS: UNDERPIN EXISTING & DEVELOP NEW TECHNOLOGIES



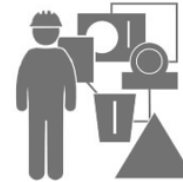
Program 1 **Define**

Improving feed quality



Program 2 **Separate**

Enabling mass separation



Program 3 **Extract**

Increasing extraction efficiency



Program 4 **Control**

Maximising system-value



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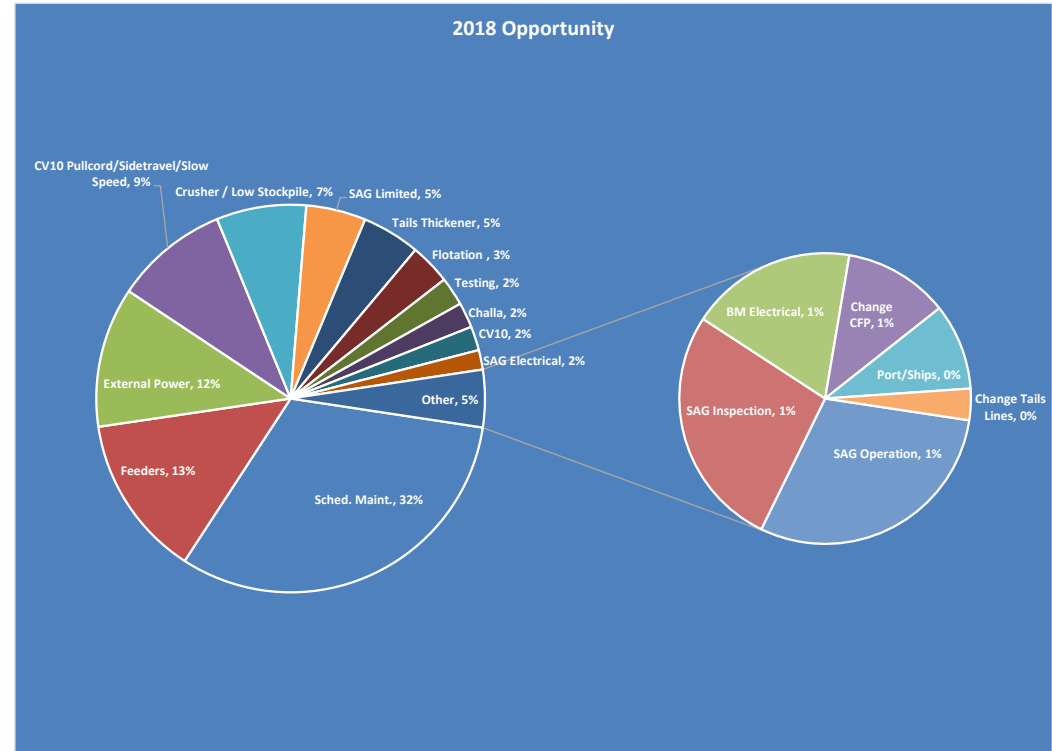
DEPLOY & SUSTAIN: THE CULTURAL PIECE E.G. P4 WITH QUT & JAPANESE MANUFACTURING @ MSC

- “Modular” Innovation – “plug and play”
- New innovations quickly deployed and tested
- Approach is common outside the mining sector
e.g. Ikea, Coca Cola, Nestle etc.
- Equipment bristling with sensors – we measure what we do
e.g. opportunity costing – METS Engagement, Optimisation Strategies & opportunity to integrate with IES

Year	Tonnes	Value
2015	1,282,340	\$ 57,978,758
2016	1,127,829	\$ 68,758,285
2017	946,141	\$ 62,183,940
2018	1,047,097	\$ 68,818,761
Total	4,403,407	\$ 257,739,744



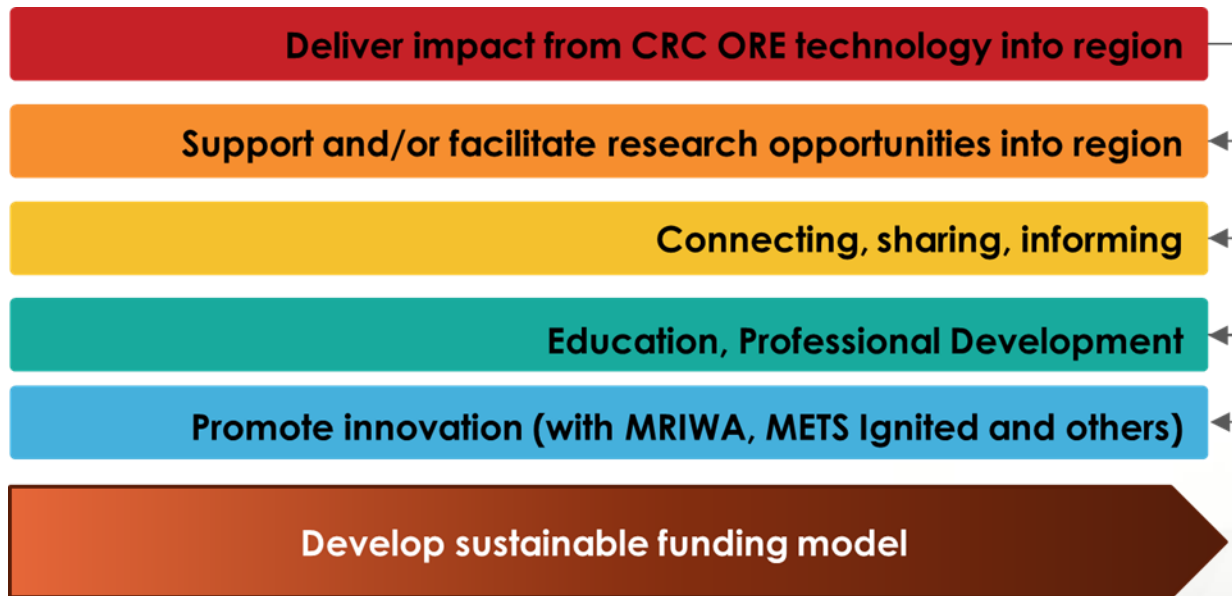
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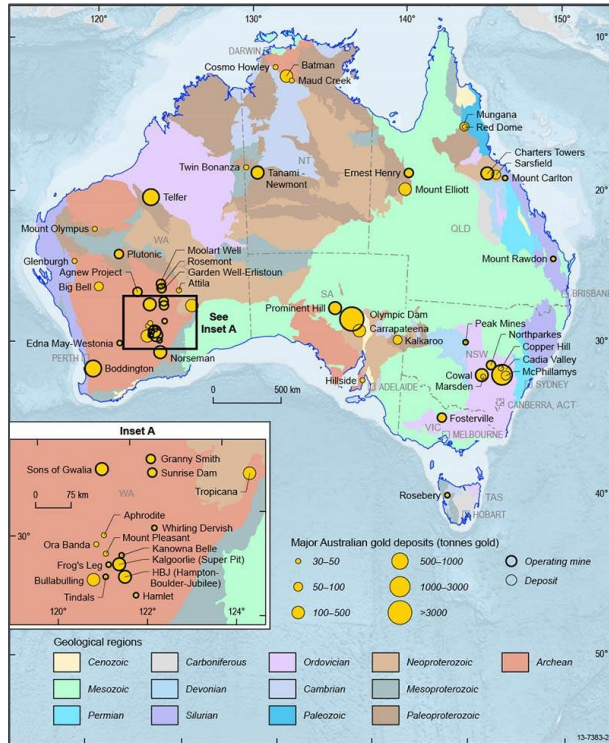
The Hub will be run as a node of CRC ORE for two years



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Must be sustainable



Must not compete with existing organisations



Must be driven by industry



Should align with the Kalgoorlie – Boulder Regional Growth Plan



Should be independent

KEY SUPPORTERS OF THE HUB'S DEVELOPMENT: SET UP OTHERS IN AUSTRALIA?



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SOME REFLECTIONS E.G. IMARC

- There are a number of ways to effect gangue rejection at scale
- Grade Engineering (e.g. ore heterogeneity and “sortability”) attributes can now populate block models & extraction scheduling modelled
- Ore tracking & linking of spatial and temporal data can optimise productivity
- Downstream processes need to be optimised to take advantage of Grade Engineering
- Mass simulations and multiple processing strategies can now be quickly modelled
- **Conventional thinking destroys value in metal production, energy and water usage**
- It is possible to combine more creative extraction systems with metrics to benchmark process performance as “best in class” across operations



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THE YEAR AHEAD: KEY ELEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

- Successful GE production trial & value generation at MSC
- A suite of learnings from “Enhanced GE” site based studies
- Value generation from IES site engagements
- First drafts of “Brown Book” & associated “glossies”
- Technology transfer & commercialisation well underway for GE and IES
- A successful first year for the Kalgoorlie Hub
- Outcomes from our research portfolio realising tangible benefits & impact with Industry
- Exploring capacity building in research
- Transition planning for “End Of Term”
- Commonwealth Milestones
- Maximise value for our EP’s



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