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# Session 6: Industry Updates and Opportunities 2: Resources - Namosi Joint Venture Update

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### Outline



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### Why Fiji??

- 1. Geology
- 2. Prospectivity
- 3. Not well explored
- 4. Mineral Endowment
- 5. Fiji's mining history
- 6. Government policy conducive to mineral exploration and development
- 7. Mining Legislative framework in place



### **Namosi Joint Venture**





#### Formed in January 2008

- Newcrest (Fiji) Ltd 69.94%
- Mitsubishi Materials Investments (Fiji)Ltd 28.06%
- Nittetsu Mining Co. Ltd 2%

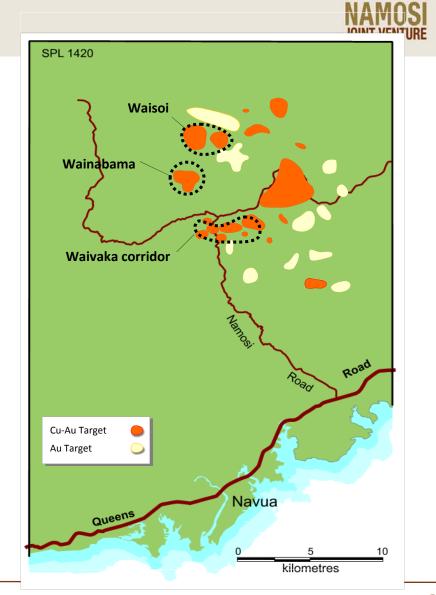
Newcrest is operator and manager

Special Prospecting Licence (SPL 1420) granted to March 2015

Primarily in Namosi and Naitasiri Provinces

# **Exploration**

- Area has been explored for 40 years by a variety of companies
- Area of the SPL1420 72,352 ha
- Exploration holes drilled 463 (NJV – 107)
- Metres drilled in the order of 155km (distance Suva to Nadi 187Km)



# **Exploration Initiatives**







Positive Initiatives in our drilling program:

- 1. Implemented a revised Surface Disturbance Procedure
- 2. Interaction with the Land Owner in the location and design of the drill pad
- 3. Engineering design of the pad and access track minimise footprint
- 4. Formal signoff by Land Owner and Government agencies prior to construction
- 5. Focus on site water management and runoff controls
- 6. Rehabilitation timeframe commitment within 14 days of end of hole
- 7. Rehabilitation prescription done in consultation with Land Owner focus on native species

# Rehabilitating the Environment



### **Exploration**



Accelerated Rehabilitation Programme



- The rehabilitation Phase 2 Priority 1 works were completed on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013
- 2. This involved:
  - Hydro seeding of 80,000m2
  - 540,000 ferns planted,
  - 2,600 shrubs and
  - 4,200 trees planted
- 3. A review of the completed rehabilitation works was undertaken by Beca Consultant with involvement of TNLC and Land owners
- 4. The results of this assessment will be used to scope the works required for the completion of the remaining RAP work packages (Priority 2 Phase 2)
- 5. RAP final works planned to recommence in August
- 6. Rehabilitation Spend to date FJ\$ 8.3M



# **Accelerated Rehabilitation Programme**



#### NVD 039 March 2012

#### NVD 039 March 2013



- Approach is to maximise partnerships with Government and other service providers for programs in our footprint
- Examples of some of the community programs we have undertaken in the past 12 months include:
- 1. Community Nurseries at Naitavuni and Namosi
- 2. St Johns First Aid Training- 180 trained in basic first aid
- 3. Education Assistance Program (\$800,000 over last 4 years)
- 4. Fish Ponds livelihood program
- 5. Ministry of Women and Social Welfare Basic Sewing Machine Maintenance and Basic Sewing Training – 48 participants
- Centre of Appropriate Technology and Development Small Engine Maintenance – 33 students
- Ministry of Health Health Awareness and Empowerment Program Nawaidina Villages 179 attendees

# Naitavuni Community Nursery





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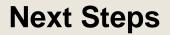
#### Waisoi Project Current Status



- 1. Waisoi Project is in the Pre Feasibility study stage
- 2. Completed the studies drilling program (geotechnical) in the Wainavadu River valley no fatal flaws identified
- 3. Environmental and Social studies continuing to support ESIA requirements





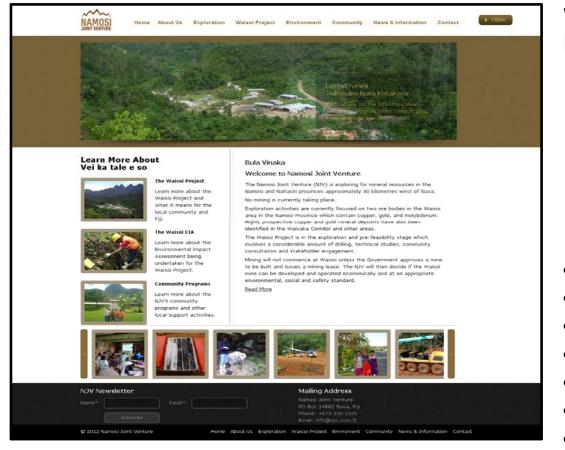




- 1. Continue agreed accelerated exploration rehabilitation activities
- 2. Exploration program focussed on Waivaka Corridor
- 3. Pre Feasibility study continues
- 4. Continue Environmental and Social studies program

### **NJV - communications**





Website launched early March 2012

www.njv.com.fj

ITaukei website launched July 2012

Information materials:

- Maps
- Physical models
- Newsletter
- Brochures
- Fact sheets
- Posters
- Frequently asked questions



# Vinaka Vakalevu

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