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# Northwest Extensions Of The Cobar Basin? - The Thomson Fold Belt, NSW

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- Combines northern NSW assets of Minotaur Exploration
  Ltd, PlatSearch NL and Compass Resources Limited
- Set up in 2009
- Unexplored region prior to 2006 New Frontier
- >6,000 sq km tenements
- Prime position
- Is this the Lachlan under cover?



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# LOCATION



 Part of a more extensive pre-Middle Devonian fold belt of Queensland and NSW

 NSW part is bigger in area than Tasmania

 Largely recognised in NSW by arcuate E-W fabric, as compared to N-S fabric in the Lachlan Fold Belt

 2006 - New NSW
 Government magnetic data reveals detailed structures



#### HISTORY

- 2006 NSW Magnetics
- CMR and PTS applications
- 2007 Minotaur (MEP) JVs
- Approx A\$3.4M spent on exploration
- Detailed aeromagnetics (42,023 line km), ground magnetics and IP
- 12 drill holes into 10 prospects
- 2009 Thomson Resources formed to focus management and apply additional funding into region
- 2010 JVs signed with Compass Resources

**First Mover Advantage** 







## **TENEMENTS and all drilling**





#### **EROMANGA BASIN COVER**





#### **Depth of Cover**





#### **Thomson Fold Belt – Magnetics**



#### • Two prominent volcanic centres: Warraweena and Louth



### **Thomson Fold Belt - Volcanics**



- Porphyry copper-gold type target
  50km north of YTC discovery
- Newcrest exploration 3 holes
- Following up 1% copper in a 1965 hole
- Chemistry on Newcrest holes shows Macquarie Arc type volcanics (calc-alkaline shoshonitic)
   host to Cadia-Ridgeway Cu-Au
- Further west a Minotaur drill hole intersected an albite-pyrite altered microdiorite



#### **Thomson Fold Belt - Volcanics**



- Warraweena chemistry\* at least partly similar to arc type volcanics in the Macquarie arc of the Lachlan Fold Belt
- but some MORB rocks as well
- SHRIMP zircon provenance
  dates\*\* :- post Lower Cambrian
- i.e. may well be similar
  Ordovician age to Macquarie Arc
- \*From Burton et al (2008)
- \*\*From Watkins (2009)



**TARGET TYPES** 





#### **Boundary with Lachlan Orogen?**



- New Frontier program seismic imaged the Olepoloko fault as crustal-scale.
- Major post-Middle Devonian (Kanimblan?) movement



#### Seismic detail





## **THOMSON FOLD BELT**



#### **Regional Geology**

- Northern projection of Lachlan
  Orogen
- A world class mineral province
- Produced >A\$200 billion in metals
- Cobar Basin significant Cu Pb-Zn-Au production region
- Largest deposits include CSA (Cu), The Peak (Cu-Au) and Endeavor (Pb-Zn-Ag)
- Thomson geology (rocks, ages and deformation) similar to Lachlan



### **COBAR DEPOSIT MODEL**





#### **Characteristics**

- Rocks marine sediments
- Steeply plunging pipe-like deposits on basin margin faults
- Compressional tectonics on basin margin
- Well defined alteration haloes of chlorite/quartz/sericite ± ankerite,
- Broad, but subtle geochemistry away from mineralisation, and

Broad iron sulphide aureoles genetically linked to economic ore deposits.

Simple model – clear markers to help geologists discover new deposits

#### ENDEAVOR EXAMPLE







Cobar-type deposits have magnetic "footprint" to look below cover

### **THOMSON FOLD BELT**



Detailed magnetics clearly show discrete mag anomalies





Four anomalies drilled in this area Cobar Style alteration and mineralo



# **CUTTABURRA B PROSPECT**

- CBRCD1 hit pyrrhotite veining and quartz stockwork with Ag 40 g/t, Zn – 0.18%, Cu -0.11%, Pb – 572ppm, W – 0.4%
- But not enough pyrrhotite to explain the anomaly
- Next holes will drill the more magnetic body modeled adjacent; and the larger body to the N





F16 EXAMPLE





#### **Thomson Alteration Style**



- •F16 drill hole Hylogger Log showing zones of Cobar-style alteration
- •Along with pyrrhotite veining, elevated Zn 2,400ppm, Pb 362ppm, Cu 690ppm

#### Siderite, Ankerite, Calcite



**Muscovite** 

#### **Thomson Isotopic Analysis**



• Galena from drill holes at F14 and F16



<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>204</sup> Pb

#### **Thomson Isotopic Analysis**



Cuttaburra pyrite and pyrrhotite, F16 pyrite and galena •



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#### **Thomson Fold Belt**





#### **GOLD PROSPECTS**





- Discovered 1990 (Geopeko)
- 2.5km long gold and arsenic anomaly
- 15 RC holes tested
  300m
- Best 8m at 5.8 g/t and 3m @ 7.0 g/t
  - Best trench sample: 2m at 105.8 g/t Au

#### **ARES PROSPECT**





#### **THOMSON RESOURCES SUMMARY**



- Dominant tenement position within new mineral belt
- But its probably an old belt the Lachlan Fold Belt, just under cover
- Confirmed similarities to nearby Cobar deposits
- Good gold and porphyry copper potential
- Well defined exploration program
  - Experienced and successful management team
  - Strong Government support

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