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Agenda – MKO Overview

- Safety contacts group to reflect on recent safety learning
- Visitor safety
- Zero Harm Health, Safety, Environment, Community & People
- MKO Business, Products and Operations
- MKO strategy
- Business Excellence
- Cost structure
- Open Discussion



Visitor Safety

- Stay with and follow the instruction of your guide at all times
- Wear the appropriate PPE as directed by your guide
- · Carry your swipe card with you at all times
- Take care on uneven ground and stairs
- Emergency telephone "45", radio channel "1"



Our approach to Zero Harm

- Safety & health of our people is our core value
- HSEC excellence is good business
- Commitment to environmental responsibility
- Employees, contractors, suppliers, customers, host communities share responsibility





MKO performance - Zero Harm



Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR)

- Field Leadership / Hazard Reporting & Closeout
- BHP Billiton HSEC Management Standards & ISO 14001
- Fatal Risk Control Protocols
- Process Safety Risk Management
- 17% reduction TRIFR in FY07



Nickel West flowchart





MKO - overview

- Large scale sulphide nickel operation
- Low grade ore extracted and processed through one of biggest flotation plants in southern hemisphere
- Mining commenced 1993, first nickel concentrate produced in 1994
- MKO concentrate blended with LNO concentrate and transported to Kalgoorlie
- Nickel matte then transported to Kwinana for refining





Mt Keith Nickel Operation - Mine & Concentrator

Mine

- World's largest open pit nickel mine
- Reserves of 243 Mt @ 0.54% Ni (incl. stockpiles)
- Mining rate of ~40 Mbcm/a
- Mine life of over 20 years (incl. stockpiles)

Concentrator

- Ore throughput ~11.5 Mt/a
- Recovery of 60-70%

Production

35-40 Kt/a Ni in Conc. @ ~20% Ni grade





MKO – strategy for growth

- Relentlessly pursuing the basics starts with Zero Harm
- Stage strategy
 - Cut east and north on Stage H1
 - Drill SW corner to close off Stage G2
 - Cut south on Stage H2 by 2011
 - Commenced mining Stage G
 - Stage H from 2008- 2020
- Value adding
 - Talc co-processing
 - Low grade recovery step change
 - Open cut mining step change





Asset life extension opportunities – MKO

- Field resources equivalent to at least 20 years mill feed
 - Yakabindie ~434Mt @ 0.58% Ni
 Includes inferred mineralisation
- Field resources equivalent to at least 20 years mill feed
- Ongoing programme of work to convert resources to reserves





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MKO performance - Business Excellence

BENEFIT: AUS\$26.5M (Plant Throughput)

Business case

 The Ball Mill Cyclone Underflow Launders are a critical dewatering bottleneck in the Concentrator grinding circuit and limit mill throughput to below optimum levels.

Project benefits

- Mill throughput increased by 3.0% and better ore classification
- No more spillages on grinding floor and improved operator productivity
- Improved Ball Mill cyclone maintenance flexibility. Three cyclone clusters are operated instead of four.



New Junction Box

Benefits Realised (Annualised US\$M)



MKO summary

- Zero Harm is our core value
- We operate a world class asset and a world class process
- · We are building and retaining a talented workforce
- We are applying Business Excellence to our operations
- We focus on margin maximisation





Open discussion



