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## **Centaurus – A Ground-Floor Nickel Investment Opportunity**



- Focused on developing the advanced Jaguar Nickel Sulphide Project – acquired from Vale in September 2019
- Global foreign resource of 40.4Mt at 0.78% Ni\* (0.5% Ni cut-off):
  - 315,000 tonnes of contained nickel, based on more than 55,000m of diamond drilling
- +30,000m of new drilling to be undertaken over next 9 months focused on zones of high-grade mineralisation
- Outstanding results from initial in-fill/extensional drilling
- New high-grade discovery at Onça Rosa
- Development-ready 1Mtpa iron ore project at Jambreiro – value realisation strategies underway
- Well-funded ~\$9.7 million in cash reserves (31 December 2019)



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Capital Structure	
Shares on Issue	3,790m
Listed Options (EP \$0.012, Exp 31/5/21)	434m
Unlisted Options (EP \$0.008 to \$0.015)	86m
Top 20 Holders	42%
Directors and Management Holding	5%
Market Capitalisation (at \$0.012)	A\$45.5m
Cash as at 31 December 2019	A\$9.7m



Experienced Board and Management Team
Didier Murcia – Non-executive Chairman Lawyer with +30 years experience across multiple commodities & jurisdictions
Darren Gordon – Managing Director Chartered Accountant & Mining Professional with +20 years experience
Bruno Scarpelli – Brazil Country Manager & Executive Director Engineer with +15 years experience focussed in Brazil
Chris Banasik – Non-executive Director Geologist with +30 years experience. Extensive nickel sulphide experience with WMC
Mark Hancock – Non-executive Director Chartered Accountant with 25 years experience
<b>Roger Fitzhardinge – Operations Manager, Nickel</b> Geologist with +20 years experience. Former senior roles with Mirabela Nickel in Brazil
John Westdorp – Chief Financial Officer 25 years finance experience across multiple commodities and jurisdictions
John Knoblauch – Principal Metallurgist Strong nickel experience, previous roles with Mirabela Nickel and Sally Malay Mining

**Grant "Rocky" Osborne – Principal Geoscientist** 40 years' experience, led the discovery of numerous nickel sulphide orebodies

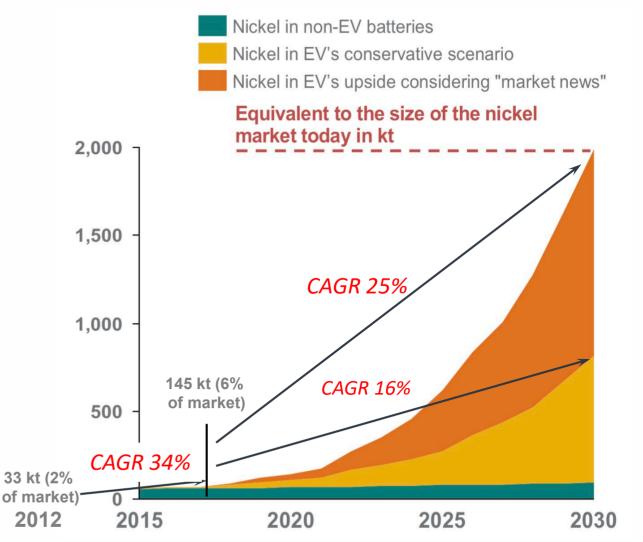
#### Source: Vale. Terra Studio

## Nickel – The Looming EV Revolution

- # Current nickel market size ~2.5Mt
- Nickel demand for batteries growing strongly (more than 4X in six years to 2018) but from a low base – still only 145,000t or 6% of market
- Depending on the scenario for the EV rate of adoption, nickel volumes to meet this additional demand vary between 750,000 tonnes and 2 million tonnes
- Nickel demand from EV will far exceed nickel production from existing operations in any scenario of EV adoption

Where is the new supply going to come from?

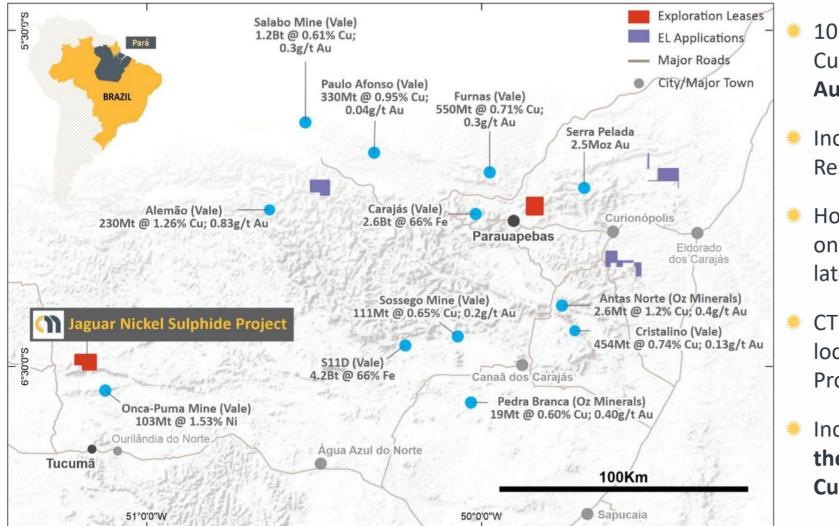
EV nickel demand requires Class-1 nickel provided by sulphide and HPAL projects, rather than NPI which targets stainless steel production.





## The Carajás Mineral Province – Land of the Giants





- 10 IOCG deposits with resources of +100Mt Cu-Au, including six >300Mt for +4.0Bt of Cu-Au resources
- Includes Vale's giant Salobo Mine which hosts Reserves of 1.2Bt @ 0.61% Cu, 0.3g/t Au
- Hosts the largest high-grade iron ore deposits on the planet, plus multiple large nickel laterite mines and deposits
- CTM holds + 100km<sup>2</sup> tenement portfolio located within the world-class Carajás Mineral Province
- Includes the Jaguar Nickel Sulphide Project, the Itapitanga Ni-Co Project, and the Pebas Cu-Au Project

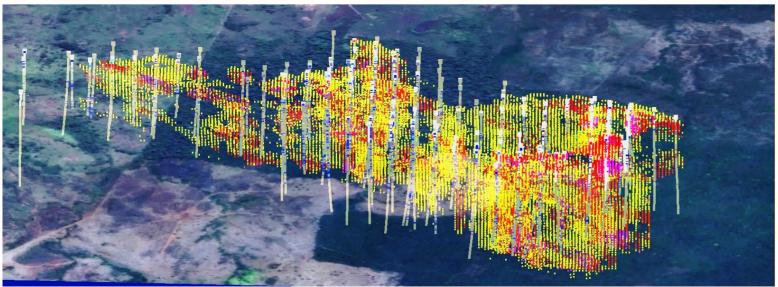
The Carajás contains one of the world's largest known concentrations of large-tonnage mineral deposits



#### Historical resources of 40.4Mt at 0.78% Ni – 315,000 tonnes of contained Nickel Metal

	Grade			Metal			
<b>Classification</b> <sup>1</sup>	Mt	Ni %	Cu %	Co ppm	Ni	Cu	Со
Measured	19.0	0.79	0.06	145	150,008	11,393	2,753
Indicated	21.4	0.77	0.07	123	164,939	14,994	2,635
Total	40.4	0.78	0.07	133	314,947	26,388	5,388

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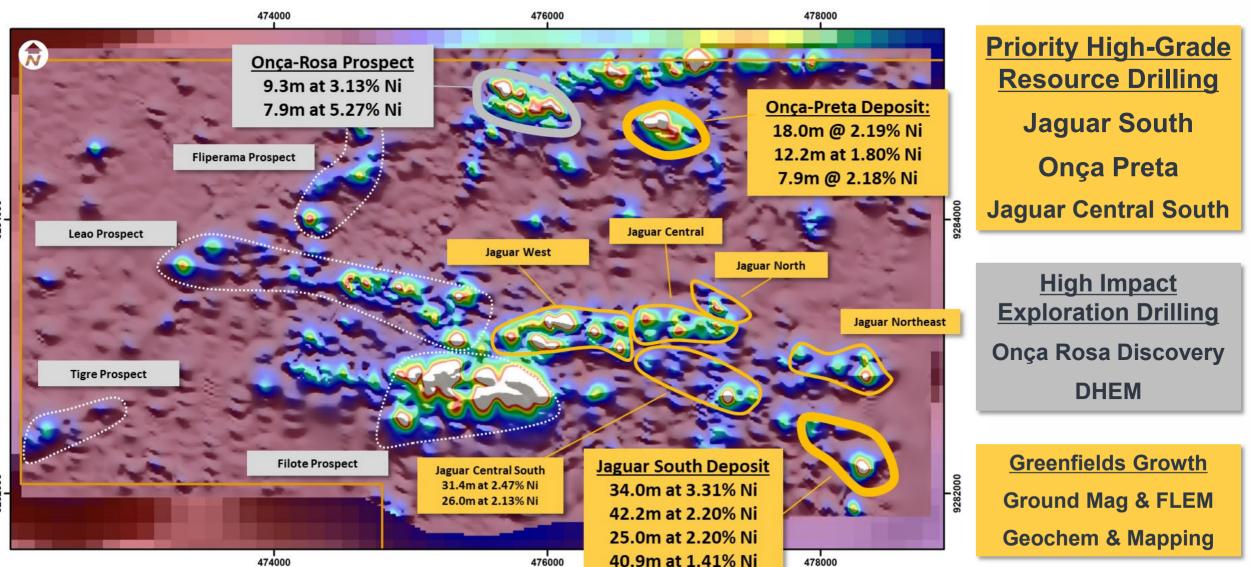
- Resource<sup>2</sup> estimate completed in 2010 based on more than 55,000m of diamond drilling
- All exploration and resource work of Vale was completed to the highest industry standards
- The historical resource is based on an interpretation which focused on the bulk disseminated mineralisation – huge potential for a high-grade model

#### **315Kt of nickel metal in Resources** Open along strike and down-dip

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## Jaguar – Multiple Deposits + Brownfields & Greenfield Targets





### Jaguar South Deposit – Near Surface & High-Grade

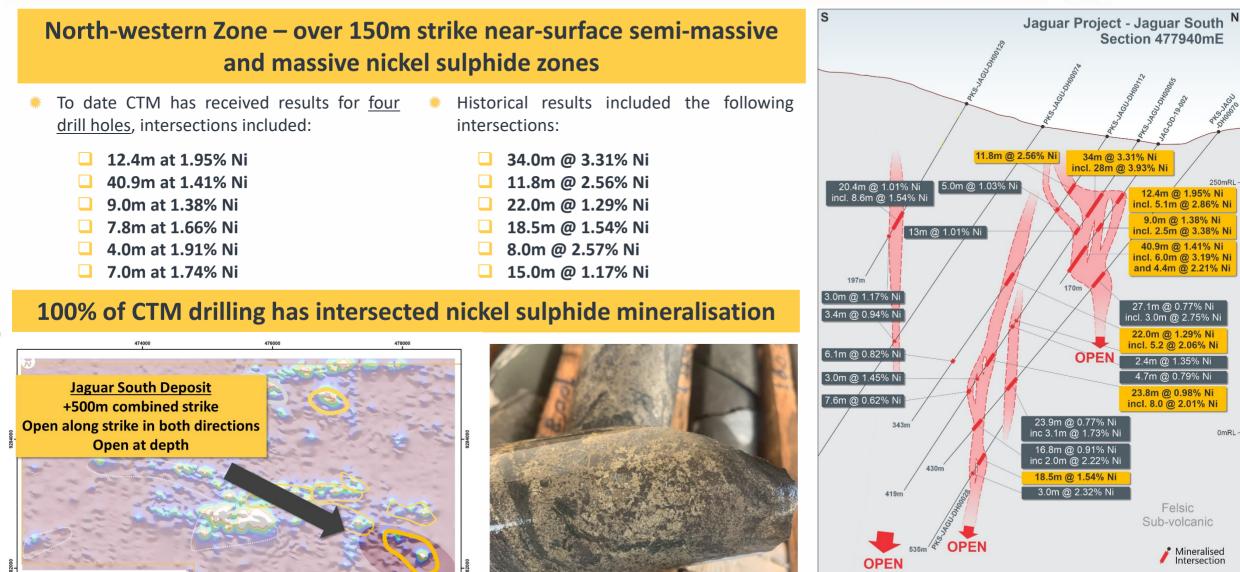


**DHEM Plates** 

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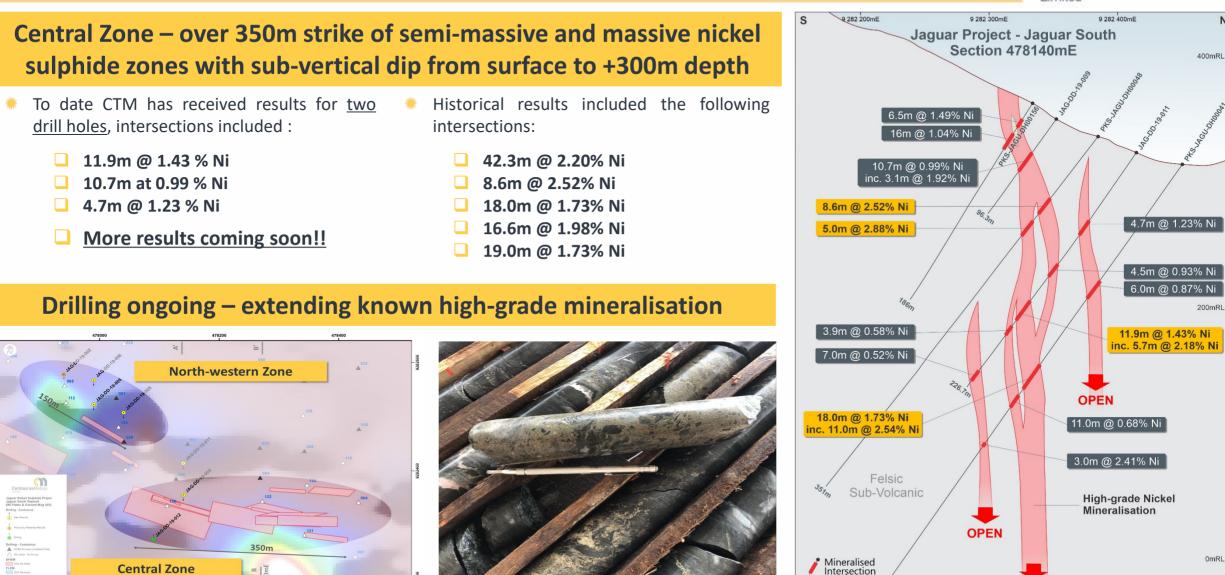
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### Jaguar South Deposit – Open at Depth and Along Strike



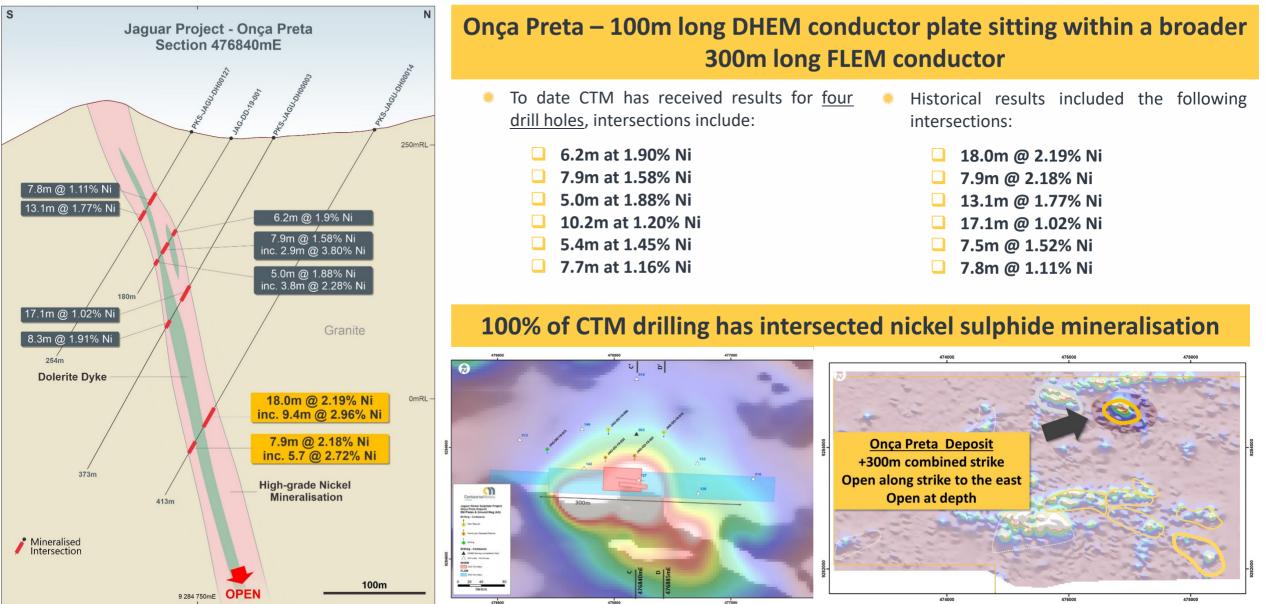
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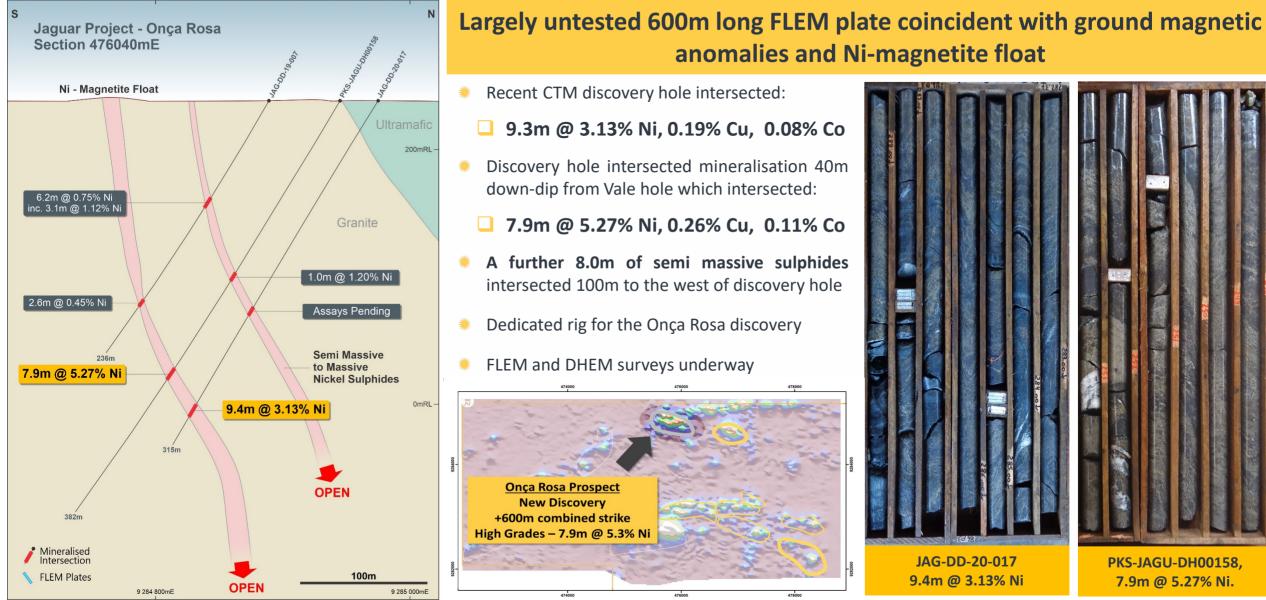
### **Onça Preta Deposit – Width & Grade Increasing with Depth**





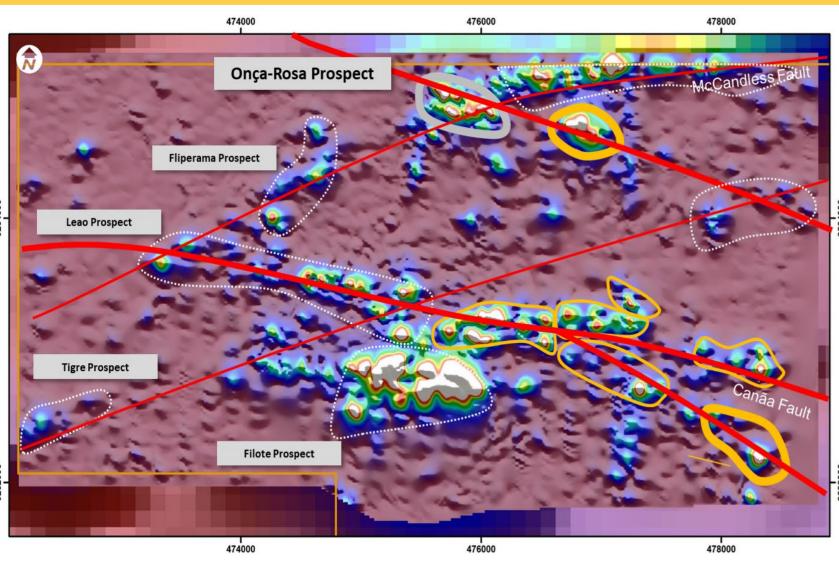
## Onça Rosa – A New High-grade Nickel Discovery







#### The Jaguar Project sits at the intersection of two regionally important mineralising structures



- Multiple untested prospects
- Coincident GeoTEM, Ground
  Mag and Geochem targets
- Ground Mag completed
- FLEM underway
- Soil sampling and mapping



#### Jaguar Project – Project Development Underway





First float test on the Jaguar South ore at ALS Perth

#### **Preliminary Metallurgical Testwork**

- Preliminary flotation tests deliver +80% nickel recoveries from Jaguar South ore;
- Quality +16% nickel concentrate, with high Fe:MgO (~5.5:1) and low arsenic - highly desirable marketable characteristics;
- Using traditional "Western Australian" nickel flowsheet and reagents;
- An increase of 25% on historical results, due to changes in feed head grade, grind sizes and reagent selection;
- Vale testwork used flowsheet more suitable to copper-gold (coarse primary grind followed by rougher concentrate fine regrind);
- Metallurgical testwork continues at ALS Metallurgy in Perth; +75kg of sample in the Perth lab with more on the way;
- Mineralogy studies ongoing at MODA in Tasmania

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### Jaguar Project – Environmental Licensing Underway



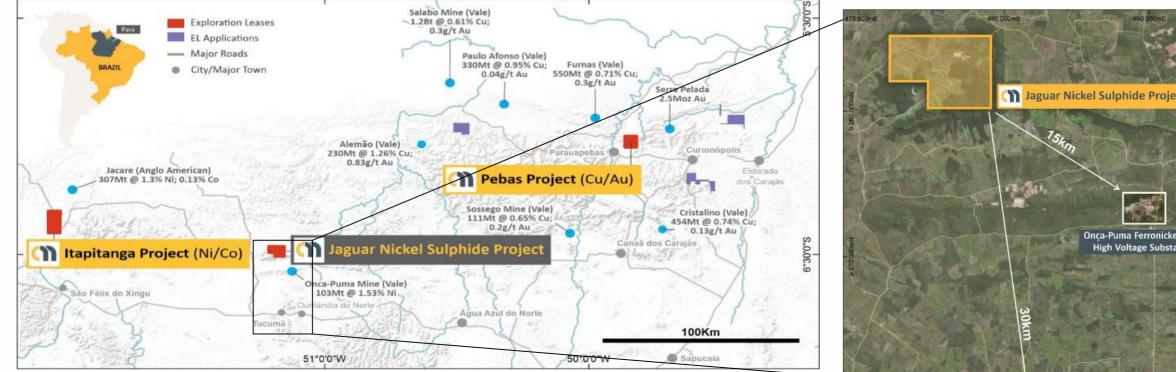


#### **Fast-tracking Approvals**

- Initial drilling licence secured through to October 2022
- Significant amount of environmental data historically collected by Vale for use by CTM in approval process
- Terms of reference received from Semas for main environmental study (EIA/RIMA)
- Consulting group engaged to complete EIA/RIMA and any new data collection required for it
- Majority of the project footprint already disturbed (pasture land)
- Partnership in place with municipality to upgrade roads
- Strong community support for the project
- Target date to lodge main environmental study Q4 2020

## Jaguar Project – Outstanding Infrastructure and Logistics





- 35km north of regional mining centres of Tucumã and Ourilândia do Norte (population 50,000) with access via all-weather roads – mining towns with strong skilled workforce
- High Voltage (230kVA) sub-station located 15km south-east at Vale's Onca-Puma **Ferronickel Plant**
- Mining Lease Application lodged and Land Access Agreements in place with four key landowners at Jaguar



#### Jaguar Project – Only 15km From Onça Puma Ferronickel Plant





## Jambreiro Iron Ore

**Minas Gerais** 

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- New PFS completed in June 2019
- A\$114.9M post-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> and 32% IRR
- Pre-production capital estimate A\$59.8M
- 22-month payback
- Licensed for 3Mtpa of product
- Extensive project design and engineering in place
- Well located relative to Brazilian steel industry
- Off-take discussions progressing
- High grade, low impurity iron product (+65% Fe)

## **Centaurus – Key Investment Takeaways**





- Nickel focus high-grade nickel sulphide asset leveraged to strong long-term nickel market outlook
  - **Substantial foreign resource** 40.4Mt at 0.78% Ni (0.5% Ni cutoff) for a total of 315,000 tonnes of contained nickel
  - **Outstanding high-grade open pit** potential focusing on high-grade semi-massive to massive sulphide zones
  - Active work program underway, strong news-flow 3 rigs on site with +30,000m drill program ongoing
- Recent high-grade discovery made at Onça Rosa
- High quality concentrate at +80% recovery from initial Float testwork

Centaurus represents a ground-floor investment opportunity in a rapidly unfolding high-grade nickel sulphide development story in Brazil, at the perfect time in the nickel market cycle.



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