

# Increasing the tempo & raising the volume!

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- Ore Sold from Que River ore to date grade : 16% Zn, 9% Pb, 0.4% Cu, 226 g/t Ag & 4.6 g/t Au.
  - ✓ Equivalent to A\$1,015/t\*
- Fossey Discovery Drill Hit grade; 9% Zn, 5% Pb, 0.3% Cu, 94 g/t Ag & 2.4 g/t Au.
  - ✓ Equivalent to A\$564/t
- Ore Reserve grade at Fossey 9% Zn, 5% Pb, 0.3% Cu, 120 g/t Ag & 2.4 g/t Au.
  - ✓ Equivalent to A\$552/t
- New Target –Switchback Intercept : 2.4 metres at 25 % Zn, 9 % Pb, 192 g/t Ag & 4.9 g/t Au
   ✓ Equivalent to A\$1,203/t
- New Target –North Hellyer intercept: 0.6 metres at 14% Zn, 9% Pb, 132 g/t Ag & 0.9 g/t Au
   ✓ Equivalent to A\$711/t

# High grade, polymetallic deposits - Growth drivers – to build shareholder value

\* Value is calculated on total metal content based on average January 2010 metal prices and exchange rate



## Bass Metals – Latest Hits

- Que River continuing solid performance \$3.1M operating profit for HY to Dec. 2009.
- Fossey DFS positive outcomes
  - ✓ EBITDA of A\$75M, for 1<sup>st</sup> 2 years
  - ✓ C1 cost of US\$0.33/lb Zn (Eq)
  - ✓ Nyrstar Concentrate sales agreement
  - ✓ RMB Resources \$12M financing mandate
- Cash as at end of January 2010 \$18.5M
- Exploration Success tested 2 new targets, 2 drill holes hit high grade mineralisation twice
- Bass Metals picking up the tempo
- ✓ Scaling up production
- ✓ Exploration success-building momentum

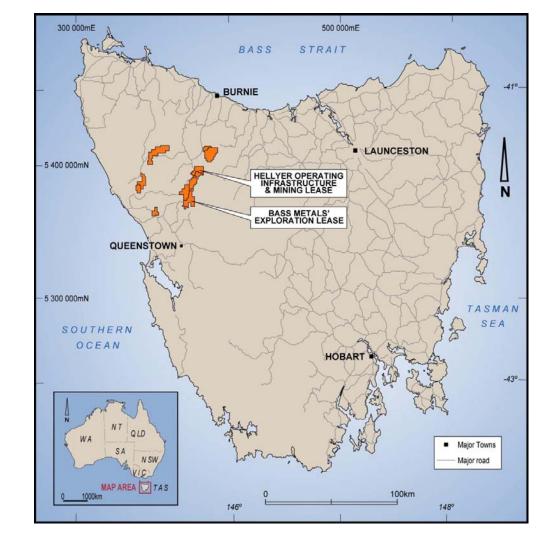


# Introduction Corporate Snapshot

Exchange Codes	ASX:BSM (fpo) & BSMOA (options) 2ndry German listing also			
Share Price	\$0.22 (17 February 2010)			
12 Month Hi/Lo	\$0.35 /\$0.09			
No. of Shares	170.5M			
Mkt. Cap. (undiluted)	\$38M			
No. Of Options	<ul> <li>4.2M – listed, 40 cents/30 April 2010 Expiry</li> <li>6.0M – unlisted options, various terms</li> </ul>			
Cash Position	\$18.5 M (as at end of January 2010)			
Major Shareholders (estimates on completed basis)	15 % Metals Finance Ltd (ASX:MFC) 14% Institutional Investors			
Directors	Don Boyer – Chair, Mike Rosenstreich – MD Craig McGown – NED & Tony Treasure – NED			



## Introduction Location Plan – current operations





## Bass Metals' Project Areas

- +300km<sup>2</sup> of tenure
- Compact area
- Supportive local/state Government
- Enthusiastic, experienced and skilled labour.
- Excellent infrastructure
  - ✓ Power
  - ✓ Roads
  - ✓ Towns
  - ✓ Mining Services

# **New Project** The Hellyer Mine Project (HMP)

# **Production – Planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2010**

- 2.3Mt of high grade Cu-Pb-Zn-Ag & Au resources-supporting a 5year mine concept.
- Modern 1.5mtpa flotation plant.
- Initial Mine Plan for 1st 2 years: 850kt at 8.6% Zn, 5.0% Pb, 0.3% Cu, 120 g/t Ag & 2.4 g/t Au\*
- Initial production rate 400ktpa of ore mined/processed..
- Products high quality Pb & Zn concentrates plus a Cu-precious metals Conc.
- All approvals received

•Brown-fields development means - lower risk..





\* Refer Appendix for details and attribution

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## New Project - HMP Mine Plans

## **New Mine Development Started**

- Fossey new UG mine
- Decline site preparation work started
- Mancala undertaking mining
- Mine manager & UG Geo appointed
- A\$14M Capital expenditure (First Stope ore)

• First ore production - Sept. Qtr. 2010



## New Project - HMP Mine Plans



## Installing ground support for Decline portal



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New service corridor to Decline



Shot-creting decline portal face





# New Project - HMP Processing

## Hellyer Mill – purpose built for Fossey ore

- Refurbishment has started.
- A\$4M Capital expenditure
- Nearly all maintenance and mill operators have worked at Hellyer before.
- Planned commissioning Sept. Qtr. 2010







## **New Project - HMP** Commercial aspects

## Sales & Marketing

- Plan to utilise existing Hellyer circuit to make 80ktpa of separate:
  - ✓ Zinc conc. (total of 105kt);
  - ✓ Lead conc. (total of 53kt); and,
  - ✓ Copper-Ag conc. (total of 9kt).
- Nyrstar Concentrate Sales Agreement for Pb & Zn concentrates from Fossey deposit:
  - ✓ Major global zinc and lead smelter company
  - ✓ Smelters in Tasmania and South Australia
  - ✓ Highly attractive sales terms
- Marketing of Cu-Ag-Au concentrate is in progress good level of interest.

## **Financing & Hedging**

- Pre-start CapEx c. 18M plus working capital
- Bass cash position of \$18.5M (as at end of Jan. 2010)
- RMB Resources mandated to arrange \$12M Project Loan Facility & Hedging Facility
  - $\checkmark$  Due Diligence by Snowden's completed .
  - ✓ Financing process advancing well.



## **New Project - HMP** Fossey DFS – Key Outcomes

Financial Outcomes	A\$M	A\$/t ore
Gross Revenue	229	269
Net Smelter Return	175	205
Site Operating Costs	86	101
Royalties	14	17
EBITDA	74	87
Start-up Capital Costs	18	21
Ongoing Capital Expenditure	8	9
EBIT	48	57
EBIT Margin (%)	28%	
KPI – industry comparison		
C1 Cost per lb payable Zn after credits	US\$0.33	

Note – this is less than US\$0.39 reported to ASX21 Oct – because it included incentive profit royalty cost. Which is not a C1 cost.

## **Robust economics**

•High margins

•C1 cost estimate - indicates lower 3<sup>rd</sup> of world cost curve



# **New Project - HMP** Aiming to increase utilisation of the Hellyer Mill

## **Potential new feedstocks**

- Mine and treat high copper, Que River ore (S-Lens). *Testwork started*
- Re-start Hellyer tails retreatment project PFS is underway with Como Engineers and CSA.
- Toll treatment of 3rd Party ores.



Bass' dredge on Hellyer Tails Dam doing rehab. In Jan 2010

Que River Mine



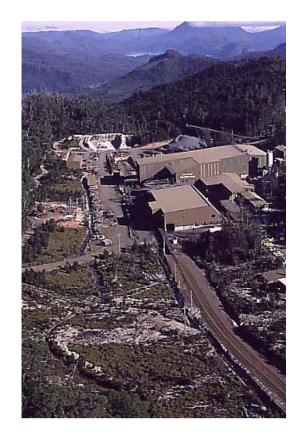


## Exploration Upside Long-term Growth

## **Enormous scope to increase resources**

- Fossey discovery within 150m of the world class Hellyer orebody.
- BSM has dominant & prospective land position.
- "Hunting" for large scale high-grade VMS deposits.
- Fossey like discoveries also add value.
- Recently upgraded the "Exploration Tool Box" with new proven methods.

The West Coast of Tasmania contains giant polymetallic (Cu-Pb-Zn-Ag-Au) VMS deposits......"Tassie Elephants".



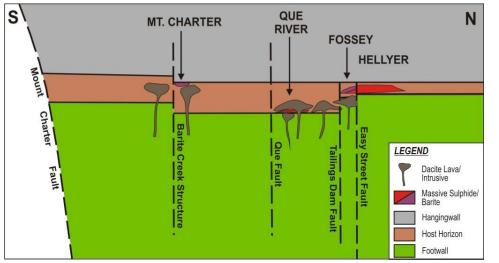


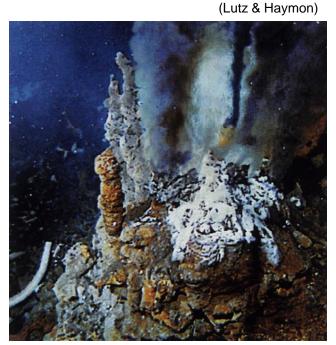
## **Exploration Upside** What is a VMS Deposit?

Modern day black smoker on ocean floor

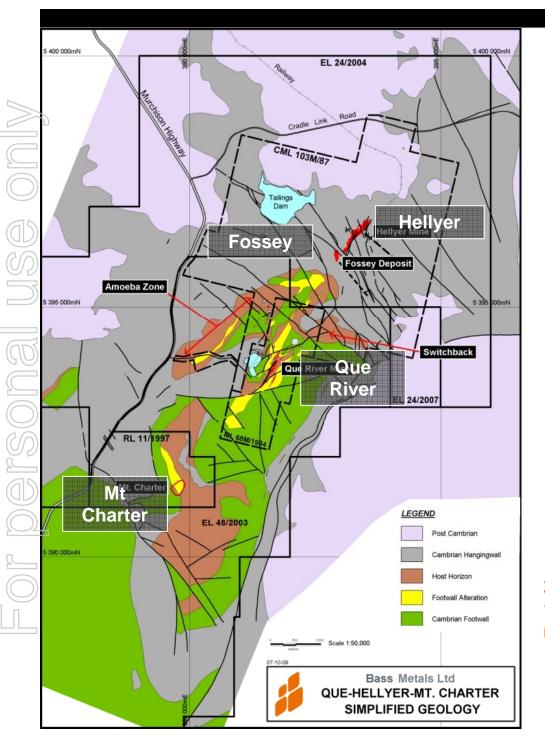
- Deposits formed at a certain time active volcanism therefore occur within a unique Host Horizon. BSM has improved understanding of the Host Horizon geometry.
- Ore is associated with alteration i.e. fluid flow. BSM has new tools to "navigate within" wide alteration zones, toward ore bodies.
- Hellyer, Que River & Fossey are similar BUT different too? The Fossey discovery shows that formerly overlooked ground is highly prospective.

Hellyer-Mt Charter schematic section-Host Horizon in brown.









# **Exploration Upside** Well Endowed District

# Metal Endowment -Hellyer-Mt Charter leases

## Hellyer Deposit:

- World class VMS deposit
- 16 Mt -14% Zn, 7% Pb, 0.4% Cu. 167 g/t Ag, 2.6 g/t Au

## Que River Deposit

3.3 Mt – 13% Zn, 7% Pb, 0.7% Cu, 195 g/t Ag & 3.3 g/t Au.

## **Fossey Deposit**

0.8 Mt - 10% Zn, 6% Pb, 0.4 % Cu, 137 g/t Ag & 2.5 g/t Au.

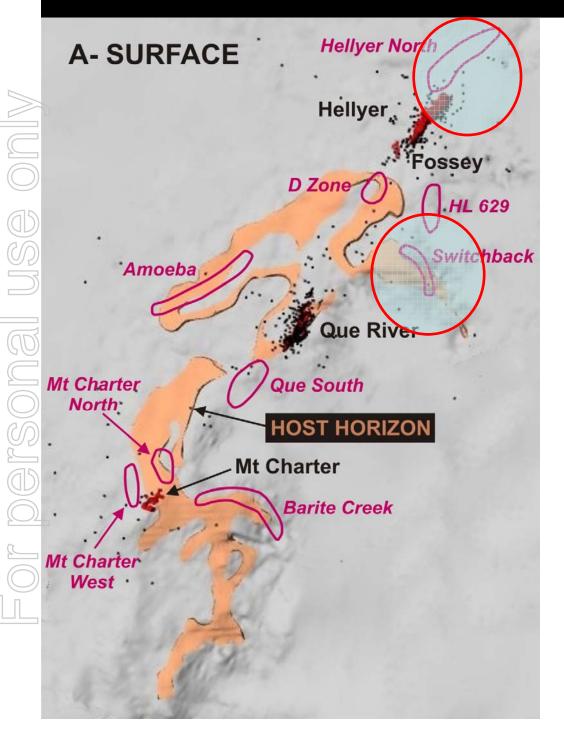
## **Mt Charter**

• 6.1 Mt -1.2 g/t Au & 36 g/t Ag.

VMS deposits occur in clusters, and the Hellyer-Que region is an intensely mineralised area with excellent potential to host more ore.

2007 Fossey discovery is 2.5Mt zone within 150 metres of the 16 Mt Hellyer Mine & 120 metres from surface.....





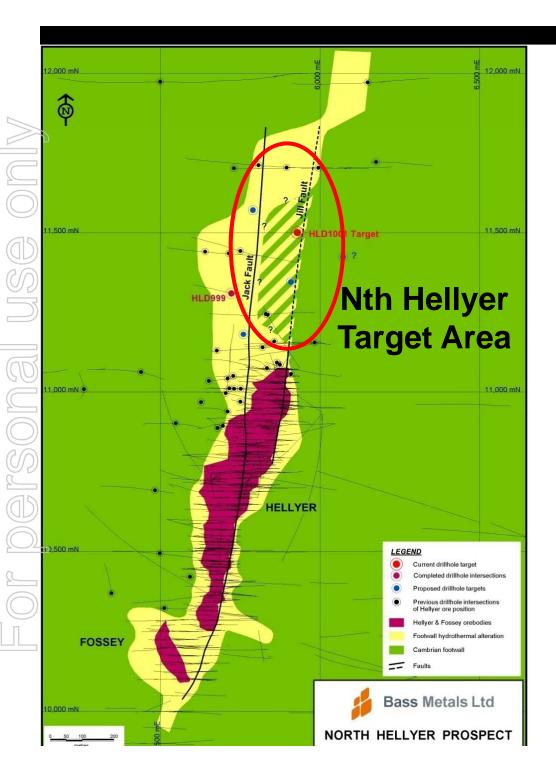
# **Exploration Upside** Large Areas-Untested

- Nine New targets generated by new exploration techniques and technology.
- Mineral spectral mapping (66k readings)
- Low-level litho-geochemical sampling (3,500 samples)
- Ongoing targeting programme.
- Host Horizon poorly tested by drilling.
- Geophysics not effective test for mineralisation.
- Bass applied 13 criteria to generate first suite of nine targets.

# Momentum Building

- Two of the new targets have been partially tested to date with two diamond drill holes.
- Resulted in Two intercepts of high grade base metal sulphides intercepted - Switchback & Nth Hellyer



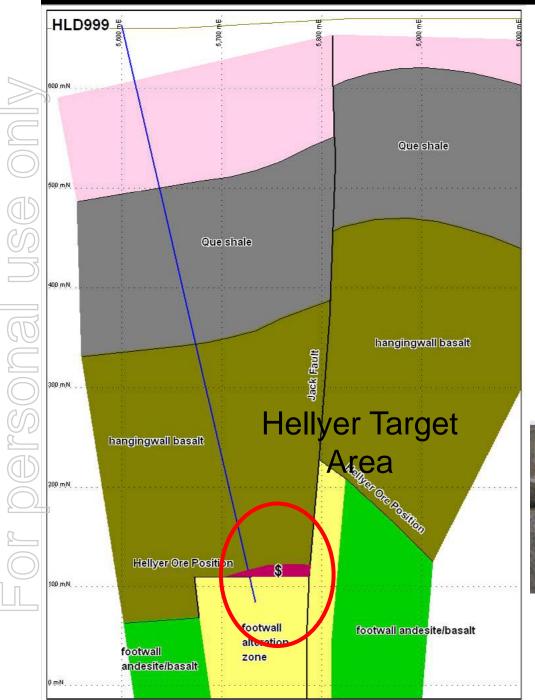


Exploration Upside Nth Hellyer Target

## **Highly Encouraging Results**

- Major gaps in the drilling to the North of Hellyer, testing 700 metres untested strike length.
- Historic drilling in area did not drill through the ore position.
- First hole completed HLD 999
- Intersected mineralised clast at the Hellyer Ore position
- HLD 1001 in progress at Nth Hellyer.



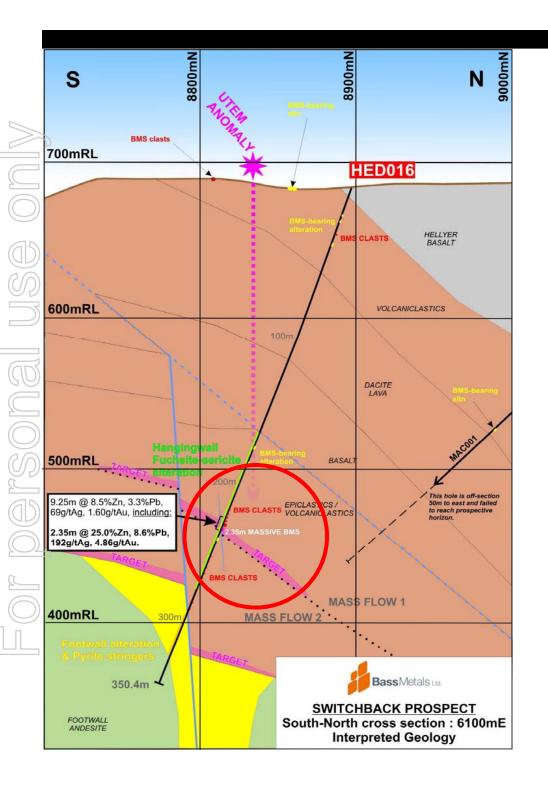


# Exploration Upside Nth Hellyer Target

- Intersected 60 cm clast of high grade basemetal sulphide at the ore position.
- 0.6 metres at 13.9% Zn, 8.7% Pb, 132g/t Ag & 0.85 g/t Au.
- Immediately overlying strong footwall stringer veins indicating clast is close to the vent source.







## Exploration Upside Switchback Target

# **Exciting Hit – needs follow-up**

- intersected 2.35 metres at 25% Zn, 8.7 % Pb, 192 g/t Ag and 4.9 g/t Au) within an overall 9.25 metre zone (t 8.5 % Zn, 3.3 % Pb, 69 g/t Ag and 1.6 g/t Au.
- A mass flow unit containing base metal sulphide clasts- but linked in to footwall alteration.





## **Bass Metals is in transition....**

## From – boutique miner & self funding explorer

- Successful Que River Mine
- Exploration success Que River resources & Fossey discovery
- Positive deals Hellyer Mill acquisition for \$4M upfront cash payment
- Navigated the GFC with increase in Net Assets to c. \$57M

## To – emerging mid-tier miner

- Positive DFS for Fossey \$50m surplus at low cost US\$0.33/lb (C1 cost/lb payable Zn after credits)
- Significant scale mining & processing at Hellyer; c80ktpa of Zn, Pb & Cu-Ag concentrates
- Exploration momentum building up to a another discovery

# **Delivering & building shareholder value**



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## Invest in Bass Metals because the Company ......

- 1. Is a producer with a record of delivering.
- 2. Is a Successful & active explorer.
- 3. Is Exploring in Elephant country.
- 4. Owns the infrastructure to add value from new discoveries of all scales.
- 5. Has a track record of delivery since listing in Oct 2005.

## And is poised for major growth phase





## **Appendix – Mineral Resources**

#### **Combined Polymetallic Massive Sulphide Mineral Resources**

Deposit	JORC Classification	Tonnes⁴ (m)	copper %	lead %	zinc %	silver g/t	gold g/t
Fossey <sup>1</sup>	Indicated	0.69	0.4	6.1	10.4	143	2.5
	Inferred	0.11	0.3	4.3	7.4	106	2.1
	Total	0.80	0.4	5.8	9.9	137	2.5
Hellyer Remnants <sup>2</sup>	Indicated	0.64	0.4	4.0	6.8	83	1.3
	Inferred	0.11	0.2	4.9	8.1	107	1.5
	Total	0.75	0.3	4.1	7.0	87	1.3
Que River <sup>3</sup>	Measured	0.08	1.3	3.1	6.0	119	1.6
	Indicated	0.45	1.2	2.8	5.6	85	0.7
	Inferred	0.18	1.0	2.6	4.8	72	0.7
	Total	0.72	1.1	2.8	5.4	85	0.8
Total Combined		2. 27	0.6	4.3	7.5	104	1.6

• Fossey Resource is as reported to ASX 18th August 2009

• Hellyer Remnant Resource is as reported to ASX 26 October 2007.

- Que River Resource is as reported to ASX 14 September 2009.
- Rounding errors may occur



## Appendix – Ore Reserves

#### **Ore Reserve & Mining Inventory**

The resource base underpinning the reserve estimate contains some 8% by mass (60k tonnes), material categorised as Inferred. This material is largely constrained to the periphery of the resource limits. This material has been included in the production schedule as a Mining Inventory.

Category	Volume (m3)	Tonnes (dmt)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Density
Mining Inventory	16,000	62,000	0.2	3.8	6.2	84	1.9	4.0
Probable (Stope Derived)	172,000	721,000	0.3	5.1	8.8	125	2.4	4.2
Probable (Dev. Derived)	17,000	69,000	0.3	5.2	8.4	101	1.9	4.1
	204,000	851,000	0.3	5.0	8.6	120	2.4	4.2

#### Mining Inventory and Ore Reserves (as at September 2009)

### **Competent Persons Attribution**

This Ore Reserve estimate was prepared by Tim Akerman BSc (Hons) MAusIMM, and Adrian Molinia BE (Hons) FAusIMM. Mr Akerman and Molinia are employees of Mancala Pty Ltd. Mr Molinia has 35 years, and Mr Akerman 25 years experience as professionals in the Australian mining industry, mainly involved in the underground extraction of base metal deposits. Specifically, both were directly involved in the feasibility to and the extraction of the Hellyer deposit as employees of Aberfoyle Limited. They also have extensive experience in the estimation of resources and reserves over a wide variety of deposit styles. As such, Mr Akerman and Mr Molinia both meet the requirements as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (AusIMM/AIG/MCA, 2004), to be Competent Persons for the estimation of Hellyer Mine Project Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.



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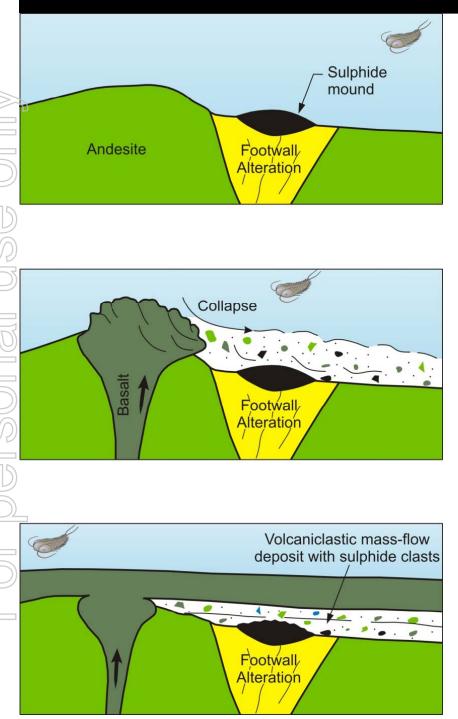
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# Appendix to Exploration Upside Significance of BMS Clasts

Significance of basemetal sulphide clasts

- Form from ground collapse (Mass Flows).
- Where the clasts can be linked to footwall alteration then clasts are proximal to source.
- Where the clasts cannot be linked to footwall alteration then clasts are distal to source.

