

The following is a presentation to be given by the CEO of Apex Minerals, Mr Mark Ashley at the Company's AGM at the Hyatt Regency, Perth 10.00am, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

#### **Highlights**

- Production, cash costs and metallurgical recoveries continued to improve throughout the 2010 Calender year.
- October production 6,822 ounces (the highest this calendar year)
- Cash operating costs for October were \$850 per ounce (down 32% from that recorded for the September quarter and 23% lower than quarter end)

### APEX MINERALS



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#### OPERATIONAL FOCUS 09/10

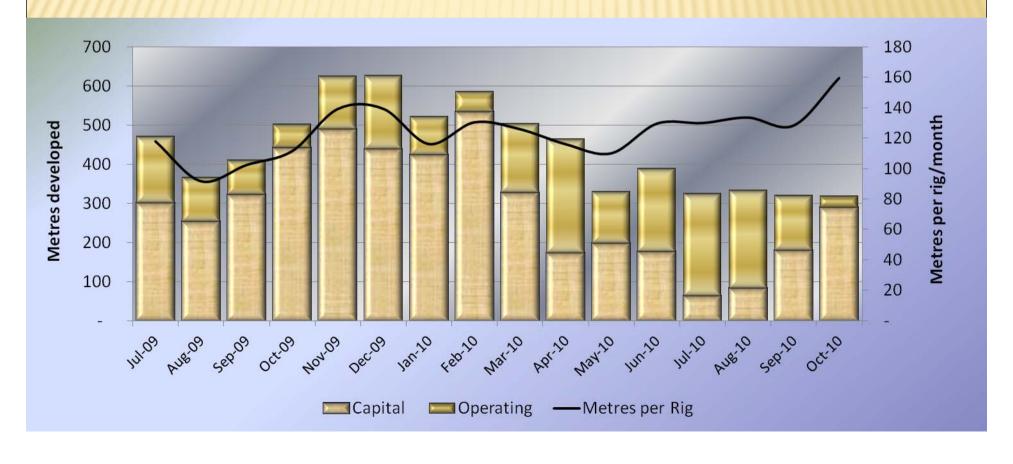
- Improving core competencies
- Building "team" and
- Improving morale at Wiluna
- Required hands on approach CEO based at Wiluna full time February – August.
- Appointment of Allan King as COO in July (based at Wiluna)

RESULT

INCREASED PRODUCTION, IMPROVED RECOVERIES, REDUCED COSTS

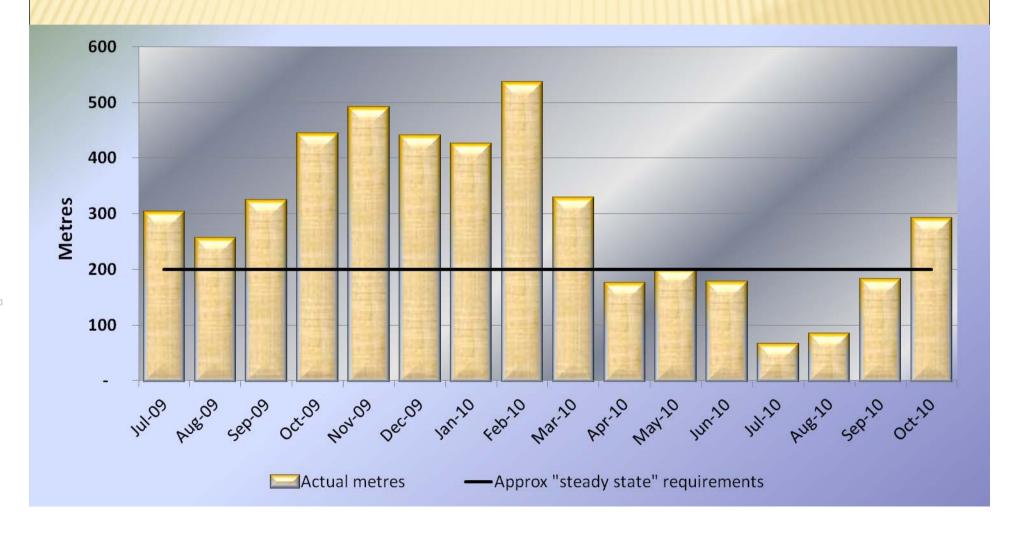
#### UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS

- •Initial focus on Capital development
- •Improved development rates (from ~100 to 160 metres per rig per month)
- and improving
- •Less equipment now required (from 4 to 2)



#### CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROFILE

Capital development now at "steady state" level (around 200 metres per month)



#### **OPERATIONS**

## Improving Production Better recoveries Lower costs

#### GOLD PRODUCTION AND CASH COSTS

- Progressive and continued improvement in production during 2010
- Production expected to stabilise at 6,500 7,200 ounces per month

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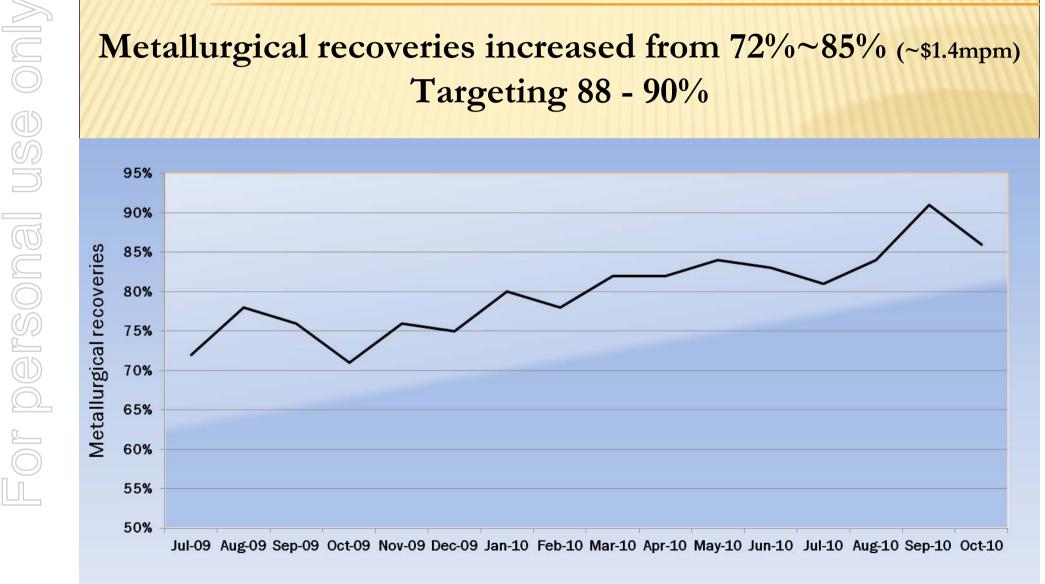


#### GOLD PRODUCTION AND CASH COSTS

- October actual at 6,820 ounces the highest this year
- Cash operating costs also showing continued improvement
- •OCTOBER COSTS ~A\$850 per ounce 23% lower than September



Metallurgical recoveries increased from 72%~85% (~\$1.4mpm) **Targeting 88 - 90%** 



#### SUMMARY

- Development rates reduced having achieved the capital development required to access all six ore bodies
  - East Lode North
  - × Henry 5
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  - × Calais
  - Burgundy
  - Golden Age (free milling)
- Less equipment required
- Equipment availability still an issue but not as significant
- Production stabilizing at around 6,500 7,200 ounces per month (Wiluna only) +20,000 ounces per quarter
- At this level, the process plant is approx 60% utilised offering opportunity to increase production/better economies of scale

#### **KEY COST SAVING INITIATIVES**

Area	When	Savings per month	Effect on Op costs	Effect on Capital	Future
Underground Fleet Maintenance	Mid July 2010	\$500k	\$400k	\$100k	Same
Gas Power	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10	\$400k	\$300k	\$100k	Same
Reduction contractors/personnel	Mid Sept 10	\$700k	\$500k	\$200k	Further ~\$200k per month in next few months
Other	October 10	\$400k	\$400k		Additional \$300k per month targeted in next few months
SAVINGS SO FAR		\$2,000k	<b>\$1,600</b> k		

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- Cash operating cost for October at \$850/oz is \$400/oz lower than the September quarter and \$250/oz lower than the month of September.
- Other initiatives to reduce costs in next few months targeting \$500kpm (\$50-75/ounce).

October operating savings (from Sept) - \$1.6m (as above)	\$200/oz
increased production (economies of scale - fixed costs)	\$ 50/oz
Total October savings	\$250/oz

Continue to focus on stabilising and improving production and

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- Now starting to assess mining/geological opportunities
  - Better understanding of known resources (example next slide)
  - Development of other deposits at Wiluna (Baldric, Calvert and others)
- Start to build cash buffer

reduce costs at Wiluna

- Considering other assets to realise medium term value (investments/Younami)
- Later to develop WILSONS (but focus on Wiluna first).
- Cash remains tight, but no debt and improving position

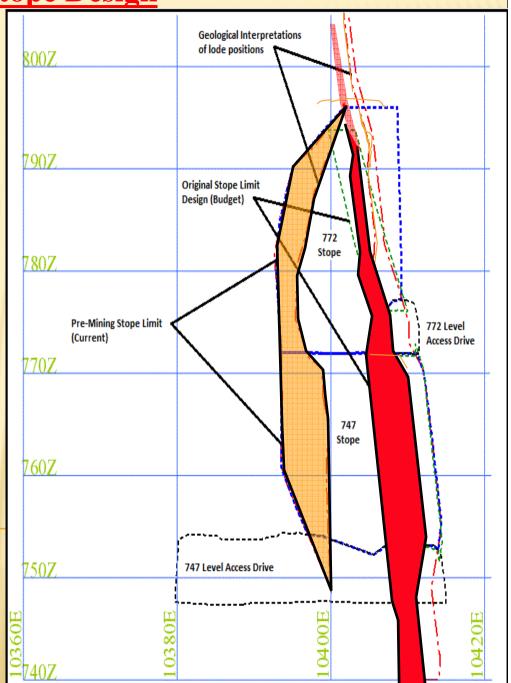
#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

An example -

Henry V North

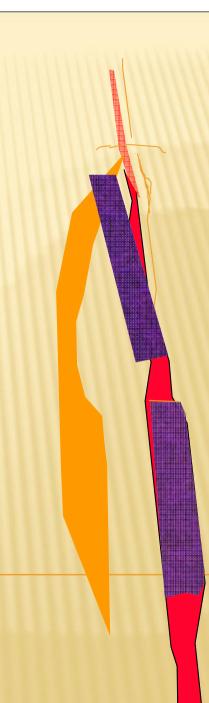
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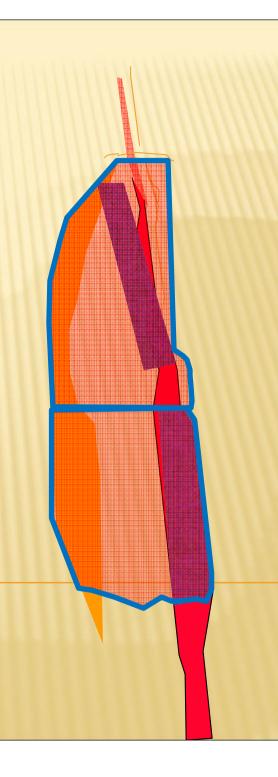
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- New Stope design provides 82,000 tonnes @ 4.84g/t for 12,800 ounces



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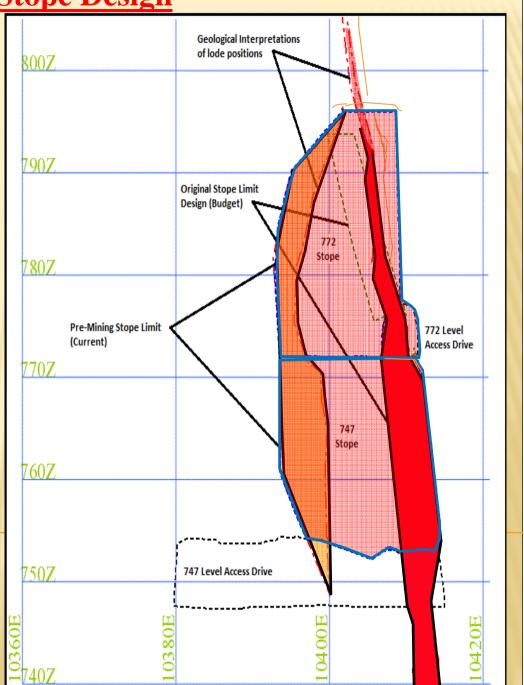
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	Tonnes	Grade g/t	Contained Ounces
Preliminary design (East lode only)	32,000	6.15	6,600
Revised design (bulk)	82,000	4.84	12,814

#### **Benefits**

- •Extra 6,200 ounces contained
- •Extra Revenue ~ \$4.5m
- •Additional costs ~\$2.0m (variable)
- •Reduction in C1 cash costs ~\$100/oz



#### CONCLUSION

- Tough start, but great asset.
- Great commodity!
- Strong/Committed team.
- Supportive shareholder base
  - + Goldman Sachs 15%
  - + Baker Steel -13%
  - + M&G (Vanguard) 11%
  - + TG Gold (Hong Kong) 7%

#### CONCLUSION

- Focus on operational improvements (production/costs)
- Target production to over 100,000 ounces per annum
- Build cash buffer
- Re-commence exploration (Wiluna)
- Wilson's to be reviewed ONLY once Wiluna foundation stronger to increase production to over 100,000 ounces per annum
- ORIGINAL CONCEPT NOT CHANGED (targeting 140,000 ounces per annum in the medium term)
- EMPHASIS ON MAXIMISING LONG TERM CASH/PROFIT
- Corporate Opportunities to be considered when appropriate



## Thank you for your attendance.