# **SIRIUS RESOURCES NL**

# **NOVA - THE NEW NAME IN NICKEL**

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## **OUR PROMISE - KEPT**

**September 2009**: Sirius was born and on our website homepage we stated our mission was to provide returns for shareholders through discovering quality resources within 3 years capable of creating profitable mining operations

**December 2010**: we entered into a JV in the Fraser Range with Mark Creasy, raised A\$10 million to explore, issued 30 million 60 cent 2 year options as an incentive for participants, and commenced exploring an "unconventional" nickel target nicknamed "The Eye" – targeting the rare but giant Proterozoic nickel-copper deposits like those in Canada

January 2011: we undertook soil sampling and initial reconnaissance drilling at the Eye, and identified a large soil anomaly with sub-surface enrichment of nickel and copper that could not be explained away as laterite

December 2011: at the Mines and Money London conference we promised to find the source of this nickel and copper

**April-May 2012**: we followed up with EM and reconnaissance drilling, defining 3 EM anomalies for testing. We also updated our website and restated our objectives and approach – reiterating the potential order of magnitude returns achievable through greenfields exploration, the incubation time required, and the importance of operating in safe jurisdictions – a somewhat unfashionable long term high risk but high reward strategy

July 2012: we discovered Nova – a new style of nickel-copper deposit, and potentially a new nickel province

Nova has increased Sirius' share price by 4,500% and increased its market capitalisation to A\$611 million (fully diluted).

This has enabled a minimally dilutive (6%) A\$7.6m capital raising to aggressively drill Nova until end 2012.

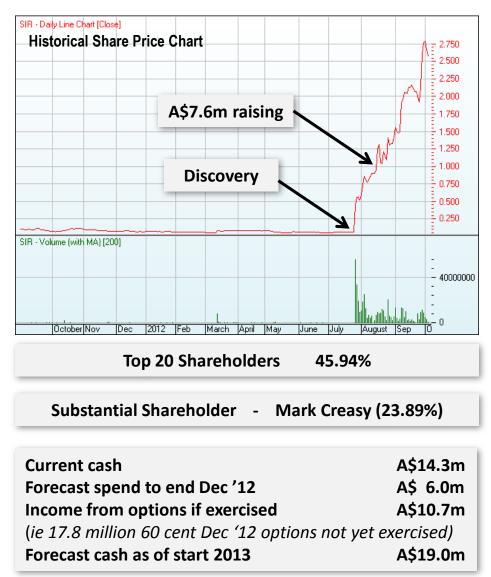
In turn this has put 33 million 60 cent December 2012 expiry options in the money – providing < A\$20m more funding – with A\$9.1 million of revenue received from option exercise to date and A\$10.7 outstanding.

Sirius is now expanding Nova, is fully funded and is well placed to advance this discovery to JORC resource status by mid-2013 with minimal impact on capital structure and minimal dilution for shareholders .



# **KEY CORPORATE METRICS**

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Shares	on issue	178.85 m			
<b>Share</b>	options (Ave Ex Price ~57.9c)	60.15 m			
Perfor	mance Shares (unlikely to vest)	2.2 m			
Cash (e	estimated end September 2012)	~A\$14.3 m			
Market Cap (at \$2.56, fully diluted) A\$611 m					
Enterprise Value (diluted at \$2.56) A\$597 r					
	Discovery				
Rerating         Minimally dilutive capital raising         Aggressive value adding drill program					
			In the money options		
			Self-funding growth program		





# WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

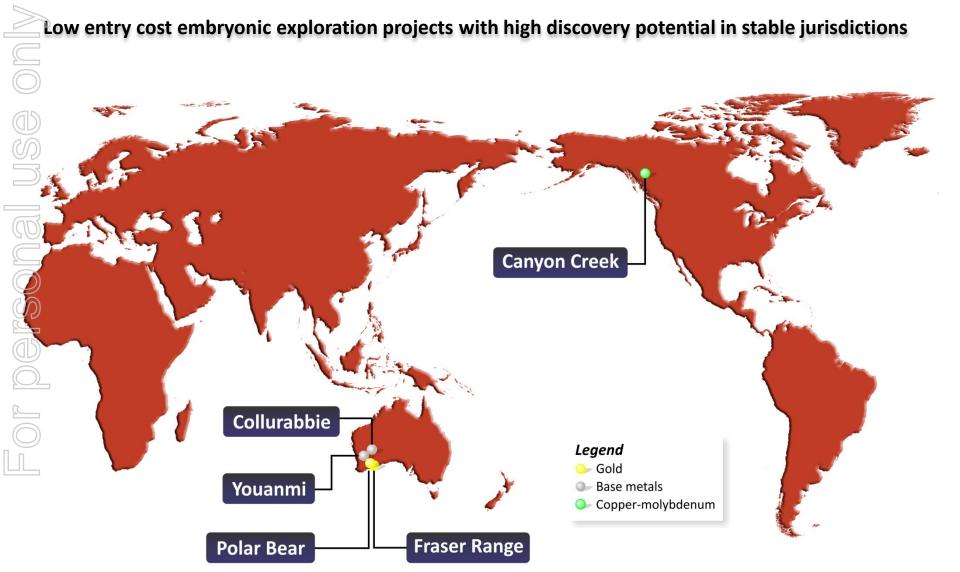
	Board of Directors			
	Mr Steve Lowe Non-Executive Chairman	Accountant, tax specialist, business manager for Mark Creasy (Sirius' major shareholder)		
	Dr Mark Bennett Managing Director & CEO	Geologist, former exploration manager of LionOre, discoverer of the Thunderbox gold mine, and the Waterloo nickel mines. Involved in discovery of Lounge Lizard and Banfora. <b>2003 Prospector of the Year</b>		
-	Mr Terry Grammer Non-Executive Director	Geologist, co-discoverer of Jubilee's Cosmos nickel mine, founder of Western Areas. Chairman of South Boulder Mines. <b>2000 Prospector of the Year</b>		
	Mr Jeff Foster Technical Director	Geologist, former WMC diamond specialist, BHP nickel specialist , co-founder of Geodiscovery Group, consultant to Anglo American plc, Associate Professor at Univ. of Tasmania		
Director/Company Officer				
	Anna Neuling Non-Executive Director, CFO and Company Secretary	Accountant, former auditor (Deloittes) and financial controller and Chief Financial Officer of various ASX listed companies		
	IV Partner			
	Mr Mark Creasy	Prospector, entrepreneur, discoverer of the Bronzewing gold mine, <b>1993 inaugural Australian Prospector of the</b> Year		

JV partner & major shareholder

reholder Joint Venture provides Mark Creasy with a 30% free carried interest in Sirius' projects through to completion of a BFS



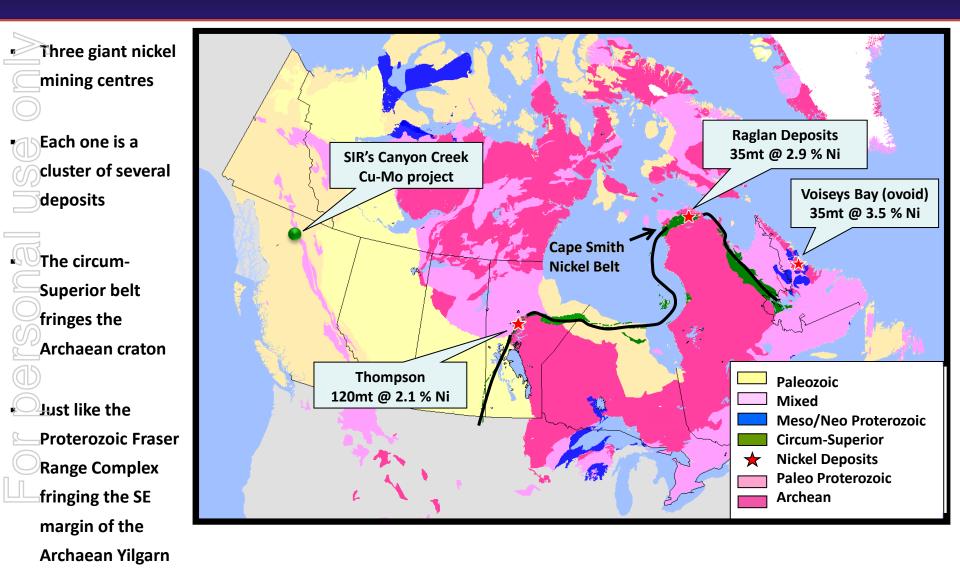
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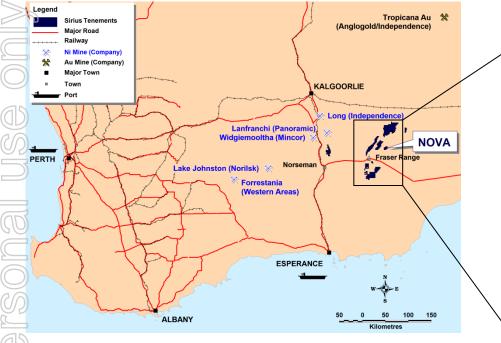
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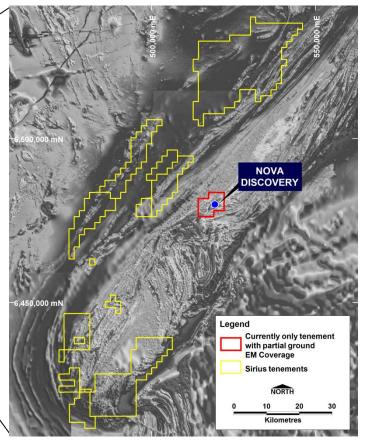
## **OUR CANADIAN COUSINS**





# FRASER RANGE JOINT VENTURE





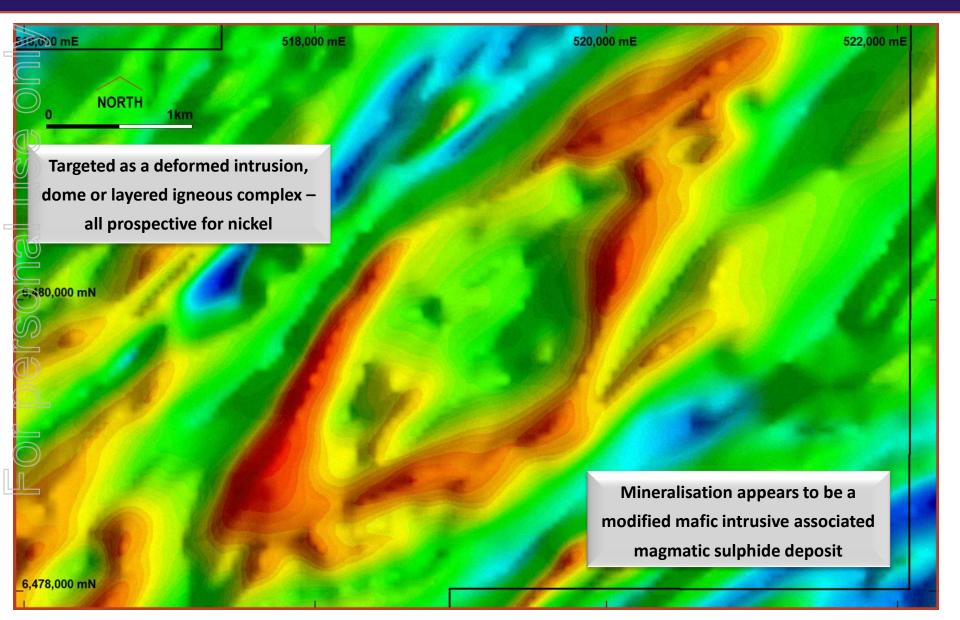
Unexplored and/or ineffectively explored, not readily accessible +100 km strike/1,500 square km held by Sirius in the belt

The only EM completed across Sirius' tenements has been at the Eye  $\searrow$ 

- 70% interest through a JV with Mark Creasy (30%) who is free carried to completion of BFS
- Majority of this new nickel-copper province held by Sirius and its major shareholder and JV partner, Mark Creasy
- Prospective for Proterozoic circum-cratonic intrusive-associated magmatic Ni-Cu deposits like those in Canada
- Remote but only 30km to the sealed Eyre Highway and then to export port of Esperance

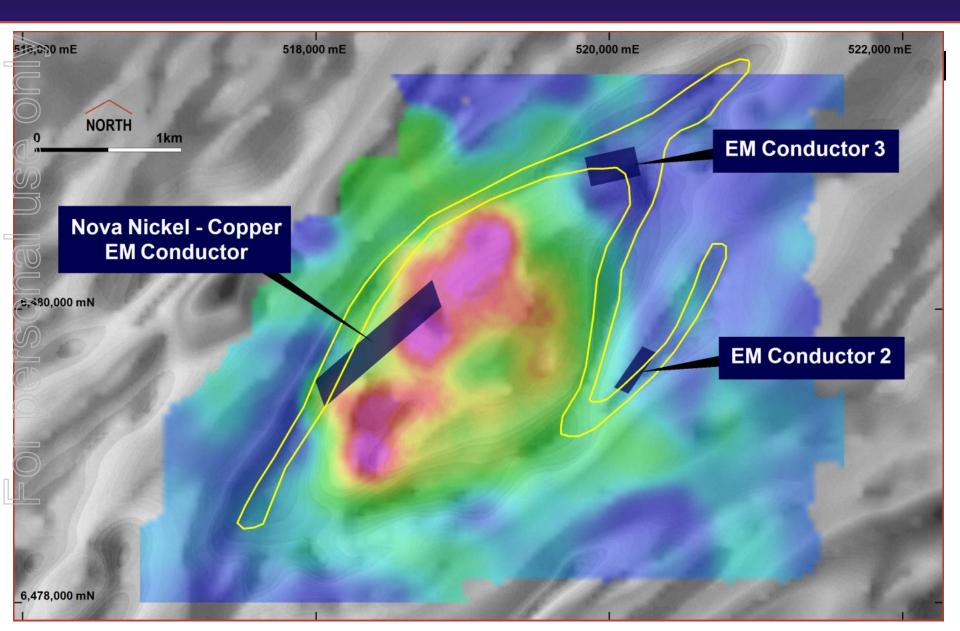


## **DISCOVERY - THE EYE**





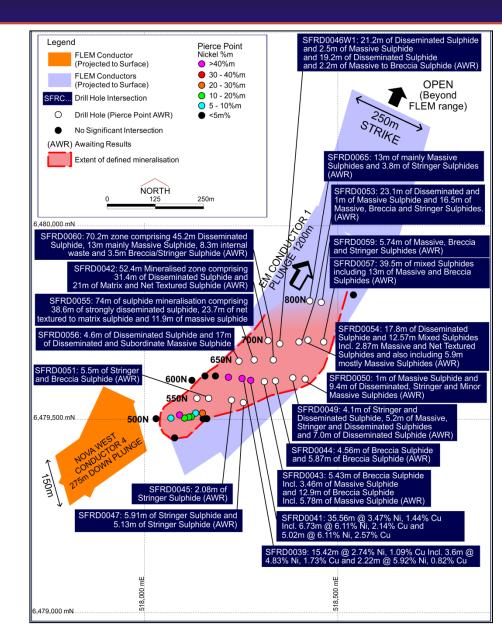
## **DISCOVERY – SOILS AND EM**





# NOVA – 2 MONTHS ON

- 2 months since discovery
- Now defined mineralisation 500m down
   plunge, 200m wide and up to 35m thick
- Tonnes are building quickly
- Grade is excellent
- EM is continuing to be a reliable guide
- On schedule to drill the rest of conductor 1 on broad (100x50m) spacing by mid December
- Started RC drilling of conductor 4
- Prepping sites for conductors 2 and 3
- Commenced EM on regional targets





#### **NOVA – 500N**

East

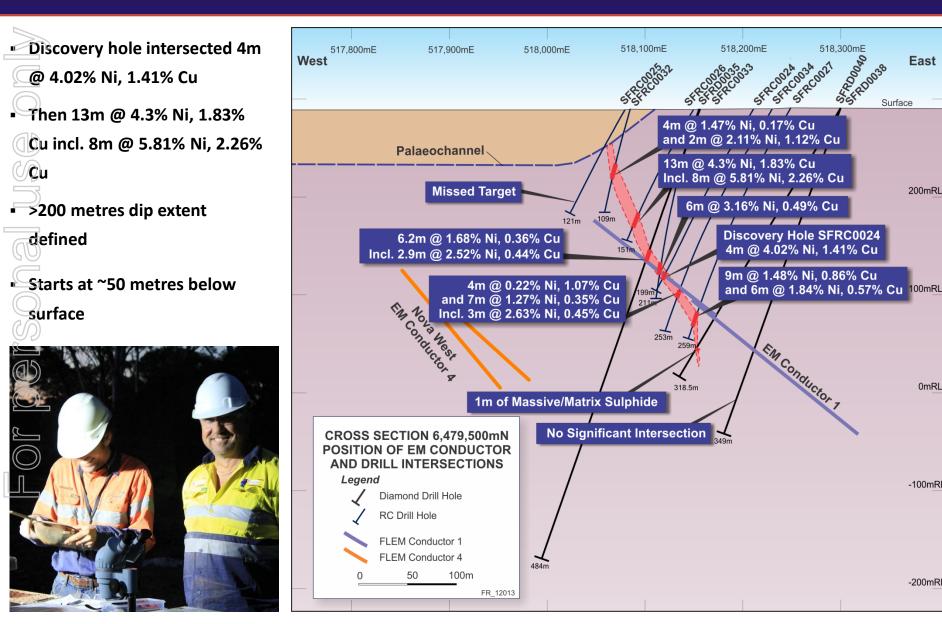
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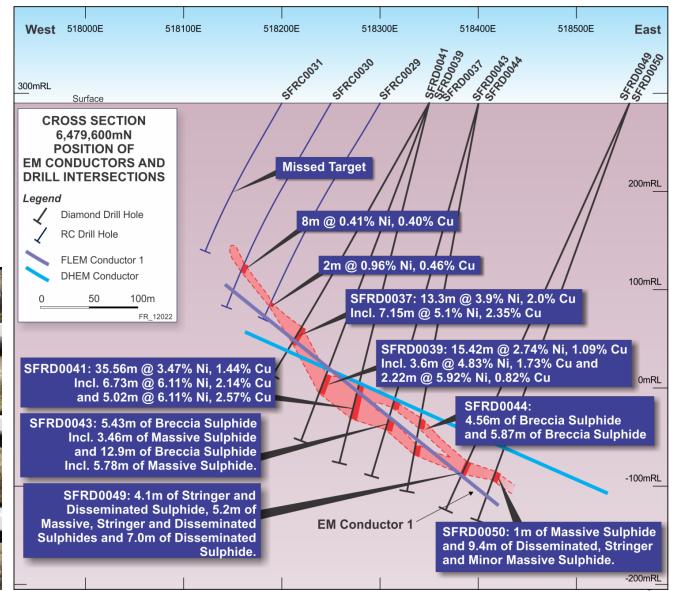
Surface





#### **NOVA – 600N**







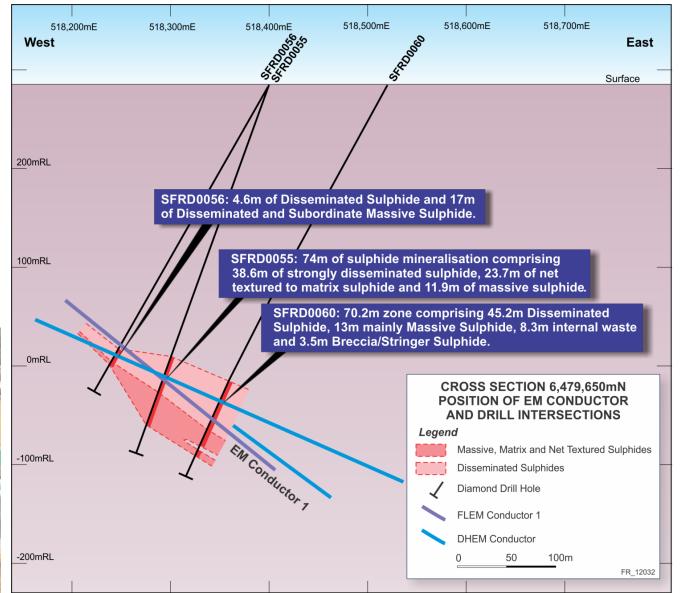
## NOVA – 650N INFILL

Key infill line – defining large
 Thicknesses of massive, matrix
 and disseminated sulphides

 >150m dip extent defined to date with only 3 holes

• Open mainly down dip • Orilling ongoing







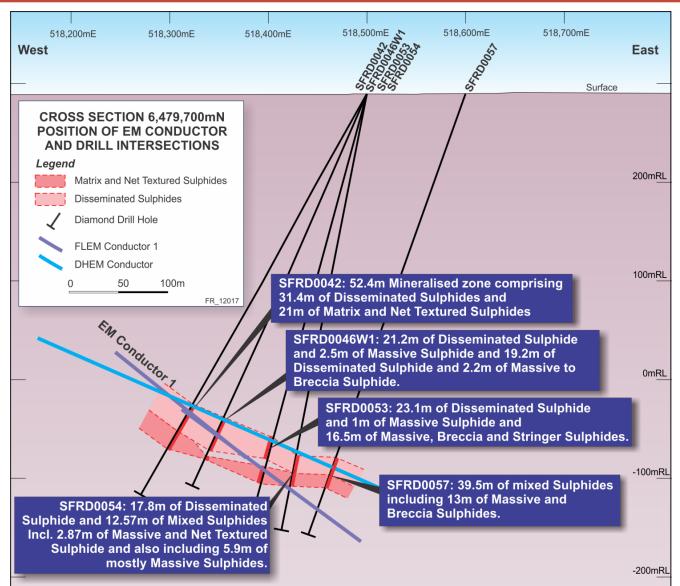
#### NOVA – 700N

Thick zones of massive, matrix,
 net textured and disseminated
 sulphides intersected

Located 200m north (300m
 down plunge) from discovery
 holes

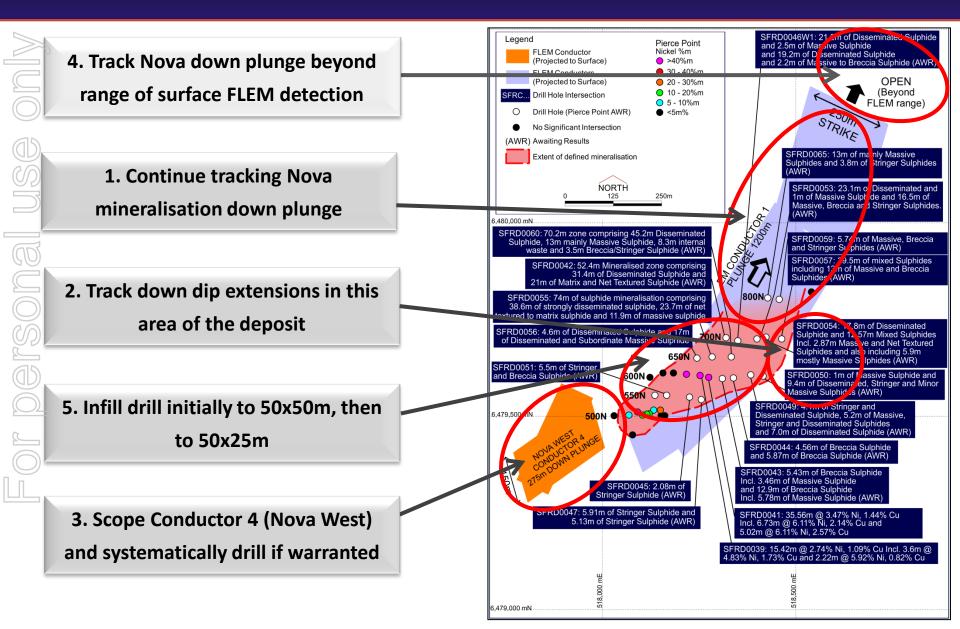
 >200m dip extent defined and open up dip and down dip







# **NEXT AT NOVA - DRILLING**





## NEXT AT NOVA – METALLURGY

Preliminary work on deleterious elements and metal
 deportment – important for recovery and concentrate
 quality - shows:

No arsenic

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- No nickeliferous pyrrhotite (all Ni in pentlandite)
- Very coarse grain size both sulphides and silicates
- No problematic high MgO minerals

All these indicate the potential for Nova to produce a high quality concentrate

- Initial flotation testwork at the planning stage to be completed by end November
- More definitive systematic variability flotation and comminution testwork to commence shortly after





# NEXT AT NOVA – GEOTECH

 Real time geotech and structural logging integrated into resource drilling program to characterise potential future mining characteristics - indicates:

- Hostrock is crystalline and competent (unlike most WA nickel mines)
- Good RQD and rock mass properties
- Very few late brittle fractures

Preliminary work suggests likely good mining properties in terms of pit walls, void spans, ground support, cost, safety etc

Initial formal geotech program at the planning stage – to
be completed by end December

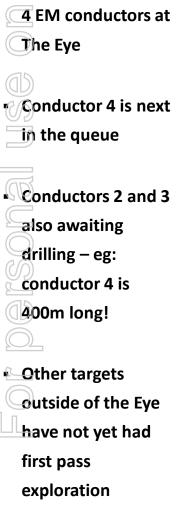
 More definitive geotech program (with special purpose geotech drill holes) to commence shortly after

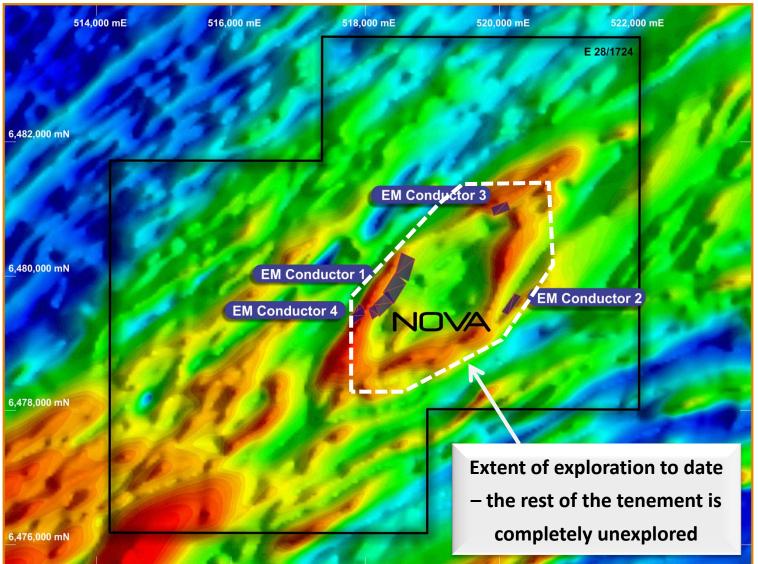




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## NEXT AT THE EYE



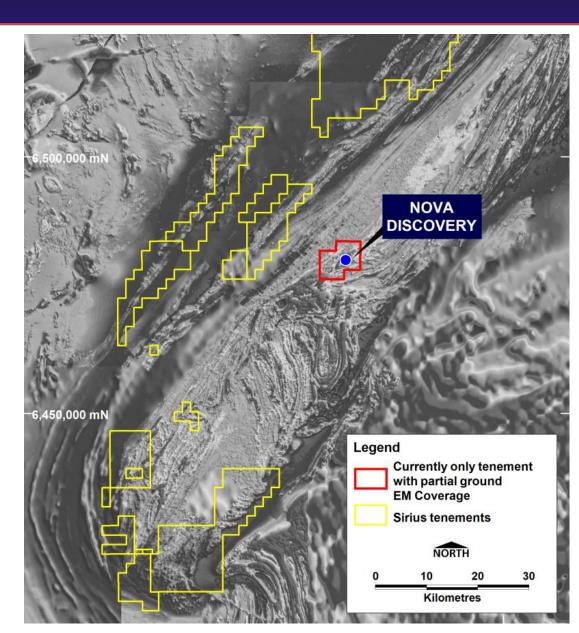




## **BEYOND THE EYE**

Nova is the first of 4 EM conductors to be drilled at The Eye 3 more EM conductors awaiting drilling at the Eye Unexplored targets around the Eye to be followed up Another 1,450 square kilometres of granted tenements plus new applications At least 4 more Ni-Cu-Co soil

anomalies elsewhere to test with EM





Now to end 2012 – program fully funded by recent A\$7.6m placement:

- Drillout Nova at broad spacing to scope size/scale
- Test Conductor 4
- Commence preliminary metallurgical testwork and geotechnical studies

First half of 2013 – program likely to be funded by Dec '12 option conversion (33m options @ 60c = A\$19.8m) of which ~A\$9.1m already exercised:

- Infill drill Nova with a view to establishing a maiden JORC resource by end of 1H13
- Drill conductors 2 and 3
- Explore remainder of the Eye tenement
- Prepare other targets for drilling (4 coincident Ni-Cu-Co soil anomalies elsewhere on JV)



# WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

Market capitalisation of A\$611 million (fully diluted)

	TWO MONTHS AGO	TODAY
$\bigcirc$	A\$1 million cash – and counting	A\$14.3 million + A\$10.7 million of in-the-money options
(1)		
	Share price of 5.7 cents	Share price of A\$2.56
r dersonal	Facing a highly dilutive capital raising to exist	Raised A\$7.6 million with minimal (~5%) dilution
	Insufficient funds to be effective	Fully funded with aggressive drill program
	Boot leather	Major drillout
$(\bigcirc)$	3 blokes in a shed in Balcatta	10 Sirius people + 35 people on site
	79 million out-of-the-money 60 cent options	79 million in-the-money options= A\$46 million
	Including 33 million short dated worthless options	33 million short dated options being exercised @ 60 cents

Market capitalisation of A\$8.5 million (undiluted)

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#### **SUMMARY**

Nova is a significant nickel-copper discovery

It is different to the WA ultramafic-hosted deposits – and more like the big Canadian deposits in terms of its style, hostrock, copper content and age

The Canadian deposits are large (=long life), have by-product credits (=low cost) and have an order of magnitude more contained nickel

Nova has the potential for scale and also opens up a whole new realm of possibilities nearby and elsewhere in the belt

Sirius is in the prime position to develop a potential new nickel province

Stock re-rating + recent placement + in-the-money short-dated options = well funded, well into 2013

Supportive cornerstone investor and joint venture partner (Mark Creasy)

We have the ground, the money and the people to make it happen

