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EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and impairment and is calculated as follows: Profit before Income tax plus depreciation, amortisation, impairment and finance costs less interest income.

Net Profit is calculated as net profit after taxation.

Free Cash Flow is calculated as operating cash flow minus investing cash flow.

Underlying Free Cash Flow is calculated as follows: 30 June 2018 - free cash flow (\$105.8 million), plus M&A (\$21.5 million), plus payments for available-for-sale investments (\$30.6 million), plus FY2017 tax (\$35.2 million), less bullion awaiting settlement (\$2.5 million), less working capital adjustments (\$4.6 million).

30 June 2017 - free cash flow (\$122.1 million), plus bullion awaiting settlement (\$12.1 million), plus stamp duty paid on prior acquisitions (\$1.8 million), plus payments for available-for-sale investments (\$1.0 million), plus FY2016 tax (\$33.6 million), plus working capital adjustments (\$1.8 million). EBITDA, Underlying Free Cash Flow and All-in Sustaining Costs (AISC) are unaudited non IFRS measures

All currency conversions in this presentation have been converted at a currency of AUD/USD conversion rate of A\$0.74

\*Continuing operations excludes results for the divestment of the Plutonic Operations. This has been removed to provide a better like for like comparison

### FY2018 – Key Highlights







Record Net Profit\* of A\$194M Group EBITDA\*
A\$443M up 4%
on pcp

EPS\* of 32.1¢ up 2% on pcp

Full year dividend up 11% to 5¢ per share



Jundee &
Kalgoorlie Ops
both achieved
300kozpa run rate

Record production run rate of 184koz achieved in 4Q18

Reserves increased to 4Moz and Resources to 15.9Moz

Acquisition and integration of the South Kalgoorlie Operations



50% reduction in LTIFR to 0.9 vs sector avg of 2.7

A\$865M contribution into the Australian Economy

19% female participation, well above industry average

Expanded our Indigenous Ranger program across all operations

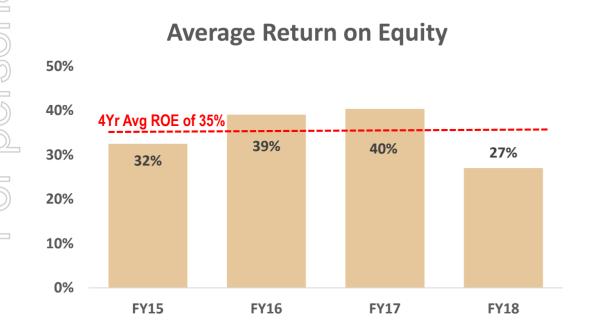
\* From continuing operations

### NST continues to lead the global gold sector in ROE and ROIC

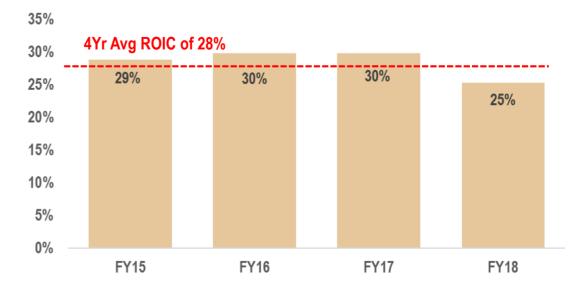




NST generated a sector leading average ROE of 27% in FY2018 and has averaged 35% since FY2014 Return on Invested Capital of 25% in FY2018 and a 4 year average underlying ROIC of 28% Since FY2014 NST has returned an average Total Shareholder Return of 76% per annum Capital is forced to compete internally for project funding to ensure NST continues to generate sector leading returns for its Shareholders







### Financial Highlights for FY2018

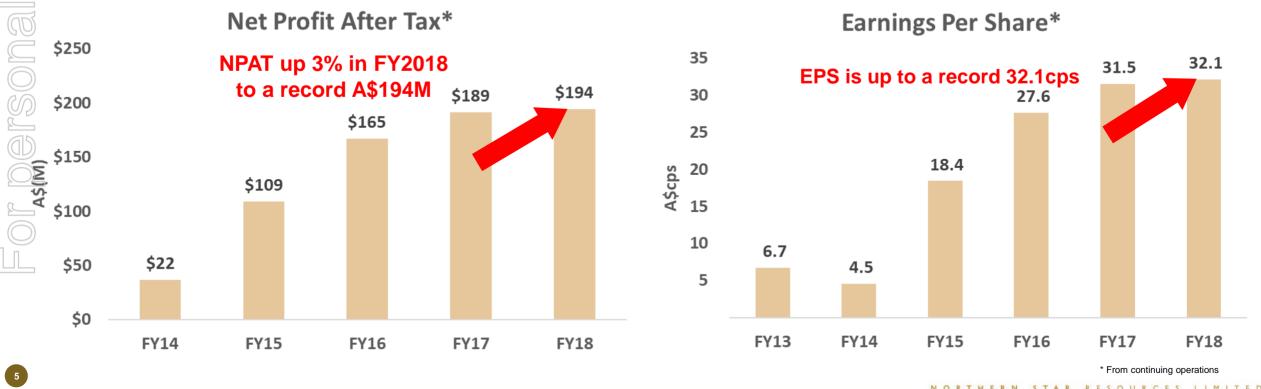


Profit up: Record FY2018 Net Profit after tax of A\$194M, up 3% on the previous corresponding period (pcp)

Earnings up: Record Earnings per share of 32.1¢ up 2% on FY2017

Group EBITDA of A\$443M up 4% and combined EBITDA margin at Jundee and Kalgoorlie operations of 53%

Dividend up: final dividend up 11% to A5cps fully franked; full year payout of A9.5cps



# FY2018 Highlights - All key financial and production metrics up



Underlying free cashflow grew by 8% to A\$186M, NPAT up 3%, EPS up 2% and Production up 12%

Financial Highlights*	Year Ended 30 June 2018	Year Ended 30 June 2017	Change	Change
	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(\$000's)	(%)
Revenue (A\$)	964,025	869,407	94,618	11%
EBITDA (A\$)	442,953	424,182	18,772	4%
Net profit (A\$)	194,112	188,897	5,215	<b>1</b> 3%
Cash flow from operating activities (A\$)	353,061	349,595	3,466	1%
Underlying Free Cash Flow (A\$)	185,982	172,339	13,643	8%
Average gold price per ounce (A\$)	1,704	1,673	31	<b>1</b> 2%
Gold mined (ounces)	612,254	545,892	66,362	12%
Gold sold (ounces)	570,110	506,894	63,216	12%
All-in sustaining cost (AISC) per ounce sold (A\$)	1,029	1,013	16	2%
Cash and cash equivalents (A\$ million)	443	403	40	10%
Earnings per share (cents)	32.1	31.5	0.6	<b>1</b> 2%

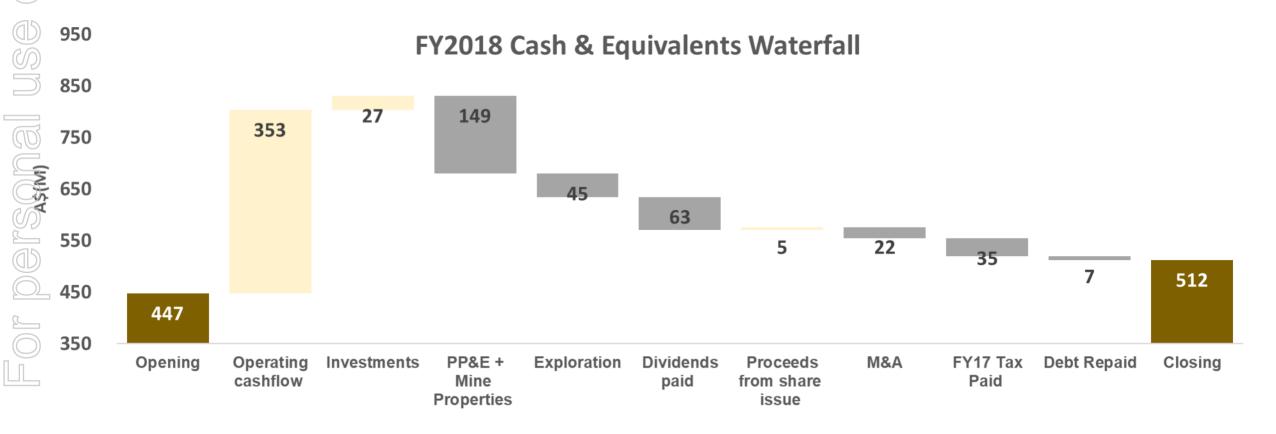
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## FY2018 cash flow performance



NST generated A\$353M of operating cashflow across its assets in FY2018

In FY2018 NST invested A\$194M into exploration and assets whilst returning A\$63M of dividends to its Shareholders

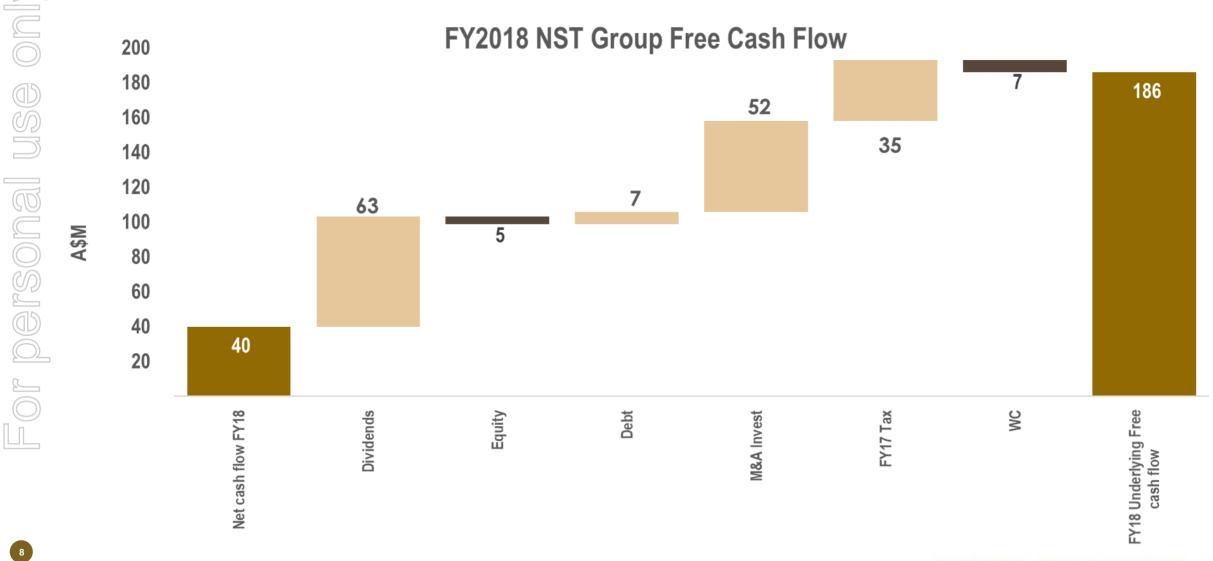


## FY2018 cash flow performance





NST generated A\$186M of underlying free cashflow across its assets in FY2018



## Growing Cash generation and a balance sheet with flexibility

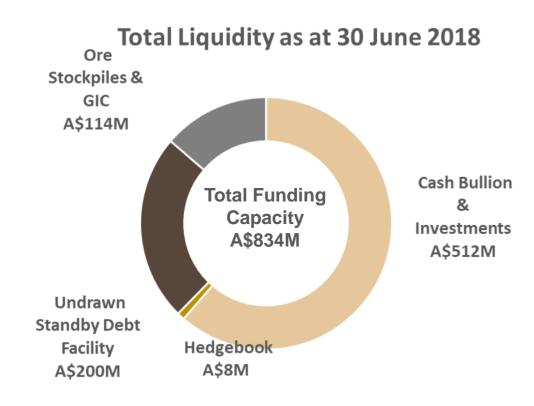


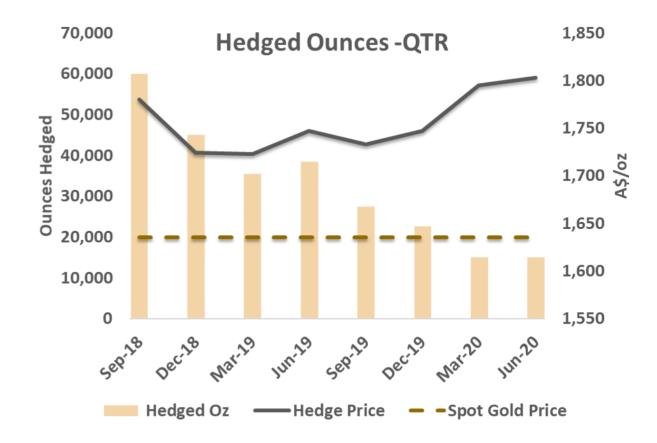


NST currently has a sector leading balance sheet to fund growth opportunities

The business has a current available funding capacity of A\$834M

NST has 259,018oz hedged at an average gold price of A\$1,752/oz, currently A\$33M in the money





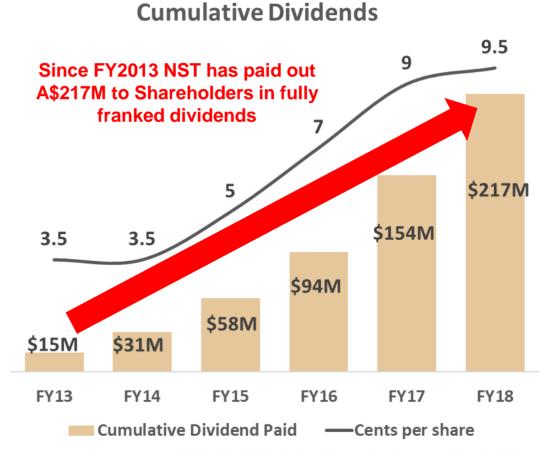
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### Growing profitability and returns to Shareholders since 2012



Since 2014 NST has been able to consistently grow earnings, profit margins and payouts to Shareholders Dividends to Shareholders have grown by over 280% since 2012; FY2018 sees a full year payout of A9.5¢ NST has returned 75% of total equity issued back to Shareholders in the form of dividends

### **EBITDA Margin from Continuing Operations** 60% **Consistent generation of** 51% 50% 49% 50% EBITDA margin 37% 30% 30% 15% 0% **FY14 FY15 FY16 FY17 FY18**

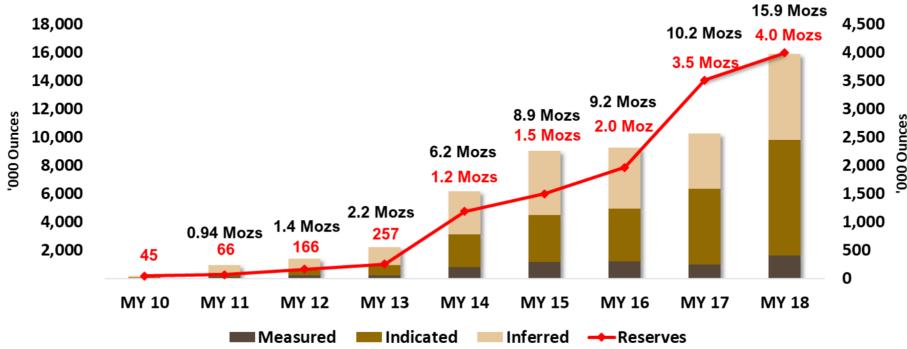


# Organic growth – still delivering returns for our Shareholders



- \* NST has been able to consistently grow production, resource and reserve life on a per share basis for its
  - Shareholders since 2010 and has been our key focus for the past 4 years
- Reserves increased to 4Moz and Resources to 15.9Moz
- Further Reserve growth potential exists in 2019 with a 55% increase in Measured and Indicated Resources to 9.8Moz in the FY2018 statement





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### Allocation of capital





\* NST's allocation of capital has been sector leading and the operating business model has allowed for NST to deliver on all fronts; this approach has delivered sector leading returns for its shareholders

### **Organic Growth**

- \$A3.8B of value delivered to date
- GDX Bottom quartile on Capital intensity
  - Pathway to 300koz complete at Kalgoorlie & Jundee
- -- Further production growth currently being assessed

#### Dividends & TSR

- NST has returned 75% of total equity raised in the form of dividends to shareholders
- NST delivered a 5yr simple ave. TSR of 76%pa
- Dividend payout guidance at 6% of revenue

### **Inorganic Growth**

- NST has generated an average IRR of 149% to date on acquired operating assets
- NST has a proven track record of delivering value to Shareholders through inorganic growth

#### **Balance Sheet**

- NST has generated over A\$772M of underlying FCF since 1 July 2014
- Cash and Equivalents of A\$512M
- Whilst investing into the business NST is growing its balance sheet

### **Excess Cash Capital Allocation pathways**

### **Operating Cash Flow**

NST Business Model has driven Highest 3yr GDX Trailing EBITDA Margin

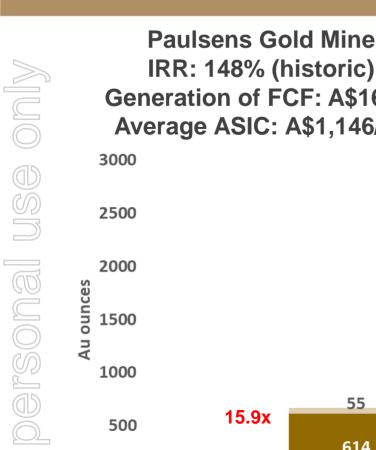
NST Operational Productivities
Exploit Operational Competitive advantages
Continual application of NST Business Model

NST Operational Efficiencies
Continually review operational efficiencies
Continual application of NST Business Model

**NST Tier 1 300koz Jundee & Kalgoorlie Operating Assets** 

## Extending mine life and consistent delivery of guidance

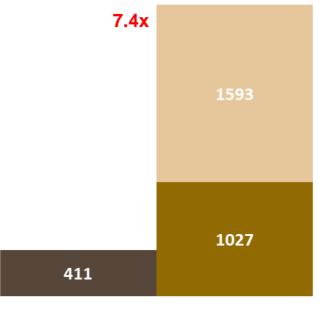


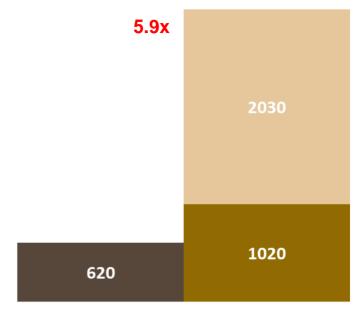


IRR: 148% (historic) **Generation of FCF: A\$162M** Average ASIC: A\$1,146/oz



**Kalgoorlie Operations** IRR: 264% (historic) **Generation of FCF: A\$368M** Average ASIC: A\$964/oz





**Paulsens Gold Mine** Acquired: 1 July 2010

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**Jundee Gold Mine** Acquired: 1 March 2014

**Kalgoorlie Operations** (excludes SKO acquired 1 April 2018) Acquired: 1 July 2014



## Strong operational performance



NST has organically grown production and EBITDA at its world class operations in FY2018

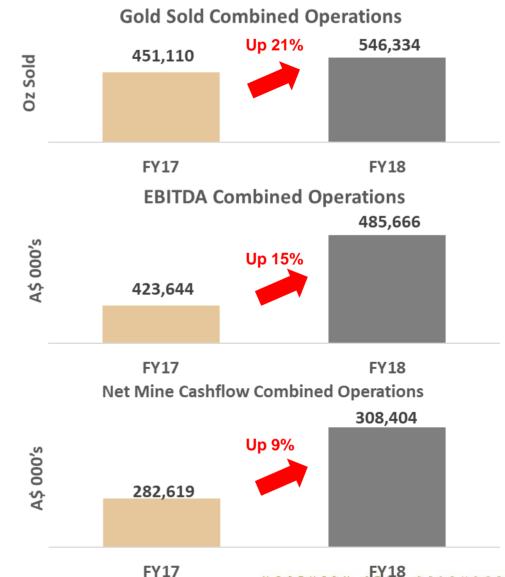
Gold Sold at both the Jundee and Kalgoorlie Operations combined increased by 21%

Combined EBITDA increased by 15% to A\$486M

FY2018 gold sold 570,110oz at an AISC of A\$1,029/oz (US\$761/oz)

Jundee operations: 284,745oz sold at AISC of A\$870/oz (US\$644/oz)

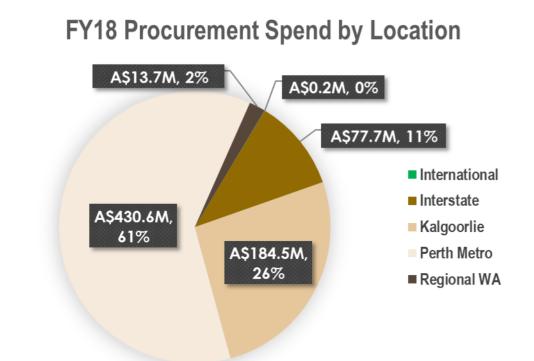
Kalgoorlie operations: 261,589oz sold at AISC of A\$1,174/oz (US\$868/oz)

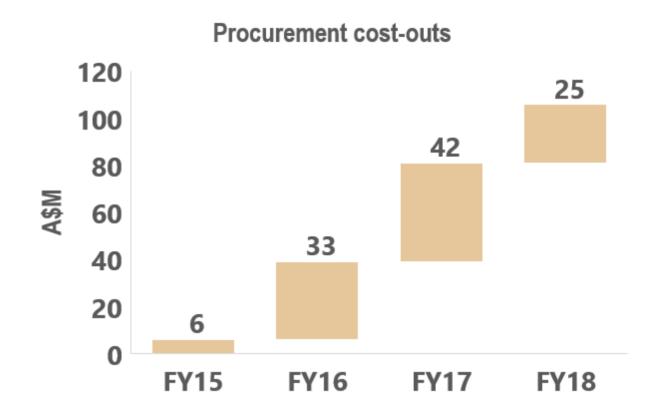


# FY2018 Procurement: another year of cost savings



- NST's cost focus generated over A\$25M of procurement savings in FY2018
- Since 1 July 2014 total procurement savings of A\$106M
  - Continued focus on local procurement as part of community engagement



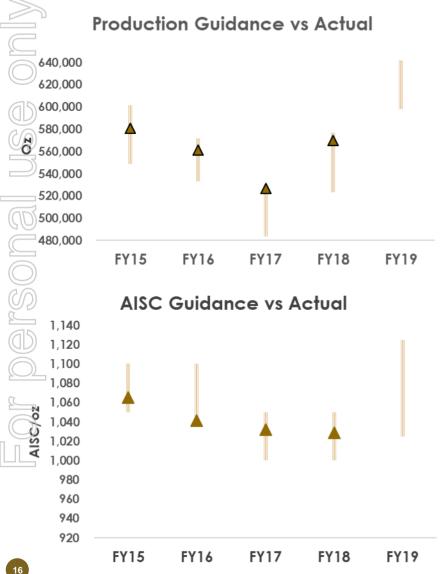


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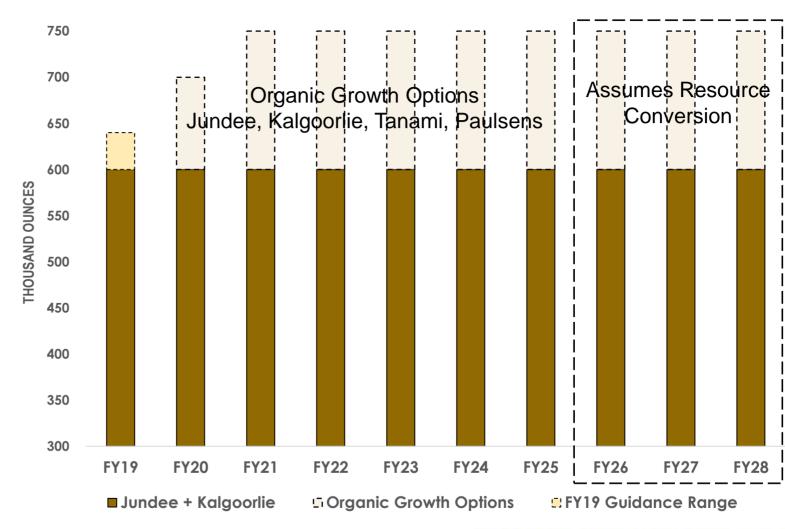
### Consistent delivery of Guidance and Mine Life Extension



FY2019 Guidance is for 600,000oz to 640,000oz at A\$1,025 - A\$1,125



### **NST 10 Year Production Profile**









An Australian Mid Cap gold miner – for global investors

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