

DSO Operations Commence at Horseshoe Lights Copper Project WA

- Direct Shipping Ore ('DSO') preparation activities to commence this month including initial hand held XRF grade control to consolidate high-grade DSO stockpiles ready for immediate sale.
- Appointment of Senior Site Executive completed along with lodgement of Notice of Operations commencement.
- Mobilisation of operations personnel to site in early September.
- Horseshoe will stockpile 500 tonnes of DSO material progressively ready for sale. The first stockpile will be ready for sale in October and the second in December of this year (*see timeline below*) with additional stockpiles defined thereafter.
- Multiple buyers have been identified and engaged. Horseshoe will manage the full process from stockpiling, loading and delivery to purchasers.
- Strengthening copper price has recently sustained a price above \$US6.50/lb being the base at which DSO sales are being targeted.
- Growing demand for high-grade copper concentrates provides buoyant demand for the DSO product. Precious metal credits will add materially to the value of DSO stockpiles.
- Revenue from DSO sales will provide Horseshoe with the funds to progress Scoping Study on planned small and large scale oxide heap/vat leach and cementation operations and further exploration drilling to define the extended depths and potential strike of the HSL and Motters resources.

Horseshoe Metals Limited (ASX: HOR) (the '**Company**') is pleased to confirm commencement of Direct Shipping Ore ('DSO') operations at the Company's 100%-owned Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Project (HSL) in Western Australia where the Company plans to stockpile and sell high grade DSO material in 500 tonne batches at a time.

The first two stockpiles are expected to be sold in October and December respectively, with additional sales expected to materialise thereafter once the extent of the material is defined. This is a very pleasing development for the Company and represents a key milestone in bringing the under-developed HSL project back into production with a staged and low capex/opex operation planned.

A key development and catalyst has been the appointment of the SSE and the lodgement of the Mining Commencement Notice which allows Horseshoe to mobilise additional key work personnel to site in early September. Grade control work on site and operations ramp up plans will commence prior to this.

Precious metal credits are expected to add significant value to the Copper DSO (see release dated 28 April 2026).

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GM – Oxide Copper Operations Steven Sickerdick commented: *“Today’s announcement represents the first step in bringing HSL back into production. When mining operations ceased at the project over 32 years ago, extensive remnant stockpiles of DSO material have remained onsite and untouched and they hold considerable unlocked value, particularly at the current copper price. Whilst we have had good engagement with multiple offtake partners, the level of demand means that it makes better economic sense for Horseshoe to commence DSO operations, quickly establish sales channels and advance the operations ourselves and book revenue in the very near term. We are encouraged by the level of interest from a large number of potential buyers.*

Revenue from the DSO operations provides the catalyst to prepare a scoping study and potentially fund a larger but low-cost small and large scale oxide heap/vat leach and cementation operation, and we are confident of advancing this very rapidly and permitting it accordingly. As we have previously stated, HSL is vastly underdeveloped and underexplored and the project has lots of upside from staged production and further exploration that is also being considered where we will look to define the extent of the oxide and sulphide material along strike and the sulphide material beyond the current 200m depth of the historical pit.”

The Company will provide a further update from the outcomes of the DSO XRF grade control results prior to personnel commencing on site.

Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Project Summary

The Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Project is the original Cu/Au VMS discovery in the Bryah Basin and is located approx. 60 km west of DeGrussa Copper Mine owned by Sandfire Resources (ASX: SFR). Past production from Horseshoe Lights includes around **316,000 oz Au & 55 kt Cu metal** in two phases of mining, and the deposit contains a current *in situ* resource **128 kt Cu metal @ 1.0% (0.5% cut-off) and 36,000 oz Au** (refer Table 1).

The surface materials have previously been broadly grouped as follows (Figure 1):

Copper - Gold	Flotation tailings, Vat 2, M15/C20 Stockpiles and North Dump
Copper	Subgrade, rehandle, Low-grade oxide and sulphide stockpiles
Gold	Gold tailings, leach vats, low grade, rehandle and ROM stockpiles

Activities have focussed on the following potential development sequence utilising copper oxide surface materials:

- 1. Copper concentrate offtake discussions including potential for offtake funding*
- 2. Scavenging of remnant coarse DSO material, bagging and transport*
- 3. Heavy Media Separation of fine DSO material from select stockpiles*
- 4. Small Scale Heap/Vat Leach of oxide material followed by cementation*
- 5. Large Scale Heap/Vat leach of surface oxide material followed by cementation*

The above are subject to any statutory and regulatory approvals that may be required.

HSL Copper Surface Materials: DSO Scavenging Coarse Material

The copper phase of mining included early DSO copper production that has left subgrade and rehandle DSO material around the site. Areas identified and assessed as having strong DSO potential include M15, Subgrade and C20 stockpiles along with rehandle and surface pimple dumps located on the North Waste dump, Gold tailings and Southern low-grade stockpile (Figure 1 – see release dated 31 October 2023). The coarse material is easily scavenged utilising loaders and excavators equipped with sieve buckets.

Site activities are scheduled to commence as follows:

ACTIVITY	2026					
	Q3			Q4		
	July	August	September	October	November	December
Phase 1 - 500t						
SSE Appointment & Works Commencement Notice Lodgement						
Site Infrastructure Activities						
Grade Control - Hand Held XRF						
Team and equipment mobilising to site						
DSO Scavenging						
DSO Shipment						
Phase 2 - 500t						
Grade Control - Hand Held XRF						
Team and equipment mobilising to site						
DSO Scavenging						
DSO Shipment						

For additional background on the Horseshoe Lights Project please refer to ASX releases:

12/09/2018	"Exploration Update- Horseshoe Lights Project"
06/08/2021	"Horseshoe Lights Exploration Activities Update"
10/09/2021	"Horseshoe Lights Phase 1 Auger Programme Completed"
13/09/2021	"Horseshoe Lights Phase 1 RC Drilling Programme Completed"
29/10/2021	"Horseshoe Lights RC Drilling Results"
26/11/2021	"Horseshoe Lights Phase 1 Stockpile Results Received"
21/02/2022	"Horseshoe Metals Successful Relisting"
03/03/2022	"Horseshoe Lights Activities Update"
11/03/2022	"Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Resource Grade-Tonnage Review"
21/04/2022	"RC Drilling Underway at Horseshoe Lights Project"
19/05/2022	"RC Drilling Campaign Complete at HSL Project"
11/08/2022	"Significant Drilling Results in Copper-Gold Surface Material at Horseshoe Lights"
31/08/2022	"Outstanding Copper Results at Horseshoe Lights"
11/10/2022	"Review Confirms Broad Zones of Copper Mineralisation"
27/10/2022	"Broad Zones of Copper up to 8.3%"
17/11/2022	"RC Drilling Commences at Main Zone, Motters and North Dump"
09/03/2023	"Outstanding Copper Results – Main Zone and Motters at Horseshoe Lights"
31/10/2023	"High-Grade Surface Material Underpins DSO Strategy"
23/04/2024	"DSO Strategy to Accelerate Horseshoe Lights Copper Project"
26/05/2025	"Infrastructure Recommissioning Well Advanced at HSL"
28/11/2024	"Horseshoe Lights Project Expanded – High-Grade Cu & Au Targets"
20/01/2025	"Horseshoe Lights Project Commercial Development"
05/05/2025	"Gold Surface Materials processing Update"
26/05/2025	"Infrastructure Recommissioning Well Advanced at HSL"
12/06/2025	"Option Exercised – Gold Surface Materials Processing Rights"
02/07/2025	"DSO Mining Approval Granted for Horseshoe Lights"
05/08/2025	"Operations and Exploration Update Horseshoe Lights"
11/08/2025	"Appointment of General manager – Oxide Copper Operations"
01/09/2025	"RC Drilling Underway at Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Project"
30/10/2025	"RC Drilling Confirms Motters Upside"
06/11/2025	"New Assays Confirm Shallow, Broad Copper at Motters Zone"
12/11/2025	"More Shallow, Broad Copper Zones at Horseshoe Lights"
11/12/2025	"Drilling Continues to Deliver More Broad Oxide Copper Zones"
18/02/2026	"New Copper Exploration Target – Motters Zone"
28/04/2026	"Precious Metal Credits Add Significant Value to Copper DSO"
11/08/2026	"Copper Exploration Target Highlights Large-Scale Potential"

The Board of Directors of HOR has authorised this announcement to be given to the ASX.

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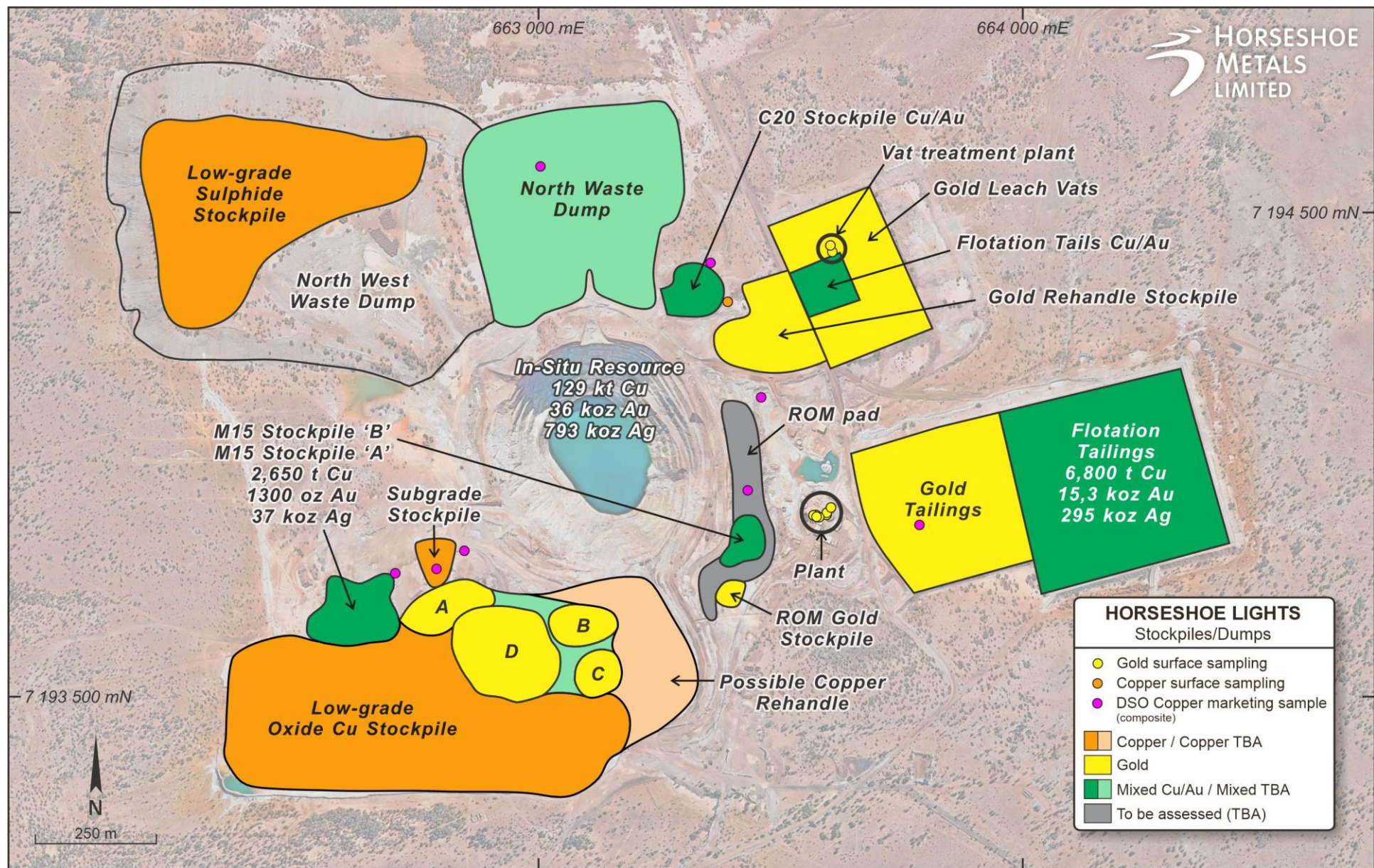


Figure 1 – Surface Stockpiles and Dumps showing Sample Locations

About Horseshoe Metals Limited

Horseshoe Metals Limited (ASX:HOR) is a copper and gold-focused Company with a package of tenements covering approximately 500km² in the highly prospective Peak Hill Mineral Field, located north of Meekatharra in Western Australian and mineral interests in South Australia. The Company manages the Horseshoe Lights Project and the Kumarina Project in Western Australia, and the Glenloth Gold Project in South Australia.

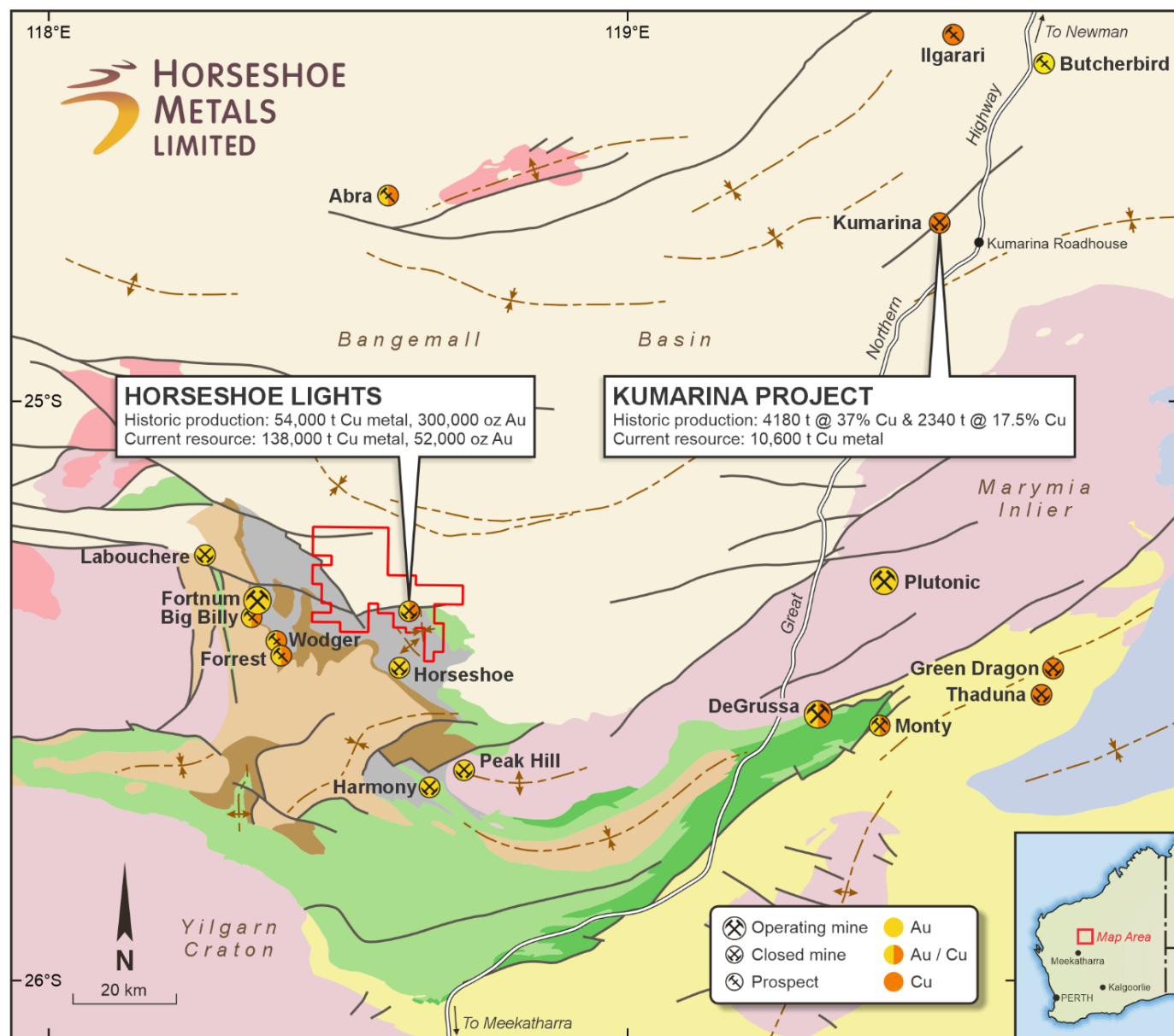


Figure 2: Location of Horseshoe Lights Copper-Gold Project and Kumarina Project in the Murchison, WA

About the Horseshoe Lights Project

The Horseshoe Lights Project includes the historic open pit of the Horseshoe Lights copper-gold mine which operated up until 1994, producing over 300,000 ounces of gold and 54,000 tonnes of contained copper, including over 110,000 tonnes of Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) which graded between 20-30% copper.

The Horseshoe Lights ore body is interpreted as a deformed Volcanogenic Hosted Massive Sulphide (VMS) deposit that has undergone supergene alteration to generate the gold-enriched and copper-depleted cap that was the target of initial mining. The deposit is hosted by quartz-sericite and quartz-chlorite schists of the Lower Proterozoic Narracoota Formation.

Past mining was focused on the Main Zone, a series of lensoid ore zones, which passed with depth from a gold-rich oxide zone through zones of high-grade chalcocite mineralisation into massive pyrite-chalcopyrite. To the west and east of the Main Zone, copper mineralisation in the Northwest Stringer Zone and Motters Zone consists of veins and disseminations of chalcopyrite and pyrite and their upper oxide copper extensions. Table 1 summarises the total Mineral Resources for the Horseshoe Lights Project.

TABLE 1 HORSESHOE LIGHTS PROJECT SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AS AT 30 June 2026								
Location	Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu metal (tonnes)	Au metal (oz)	Ag metal (k oz)
In-situ Deposit (0.5% Cu cut-off grade)	<i>Measured</i>	1.73	1.04	0.0	0.5	18,000	1,900	28.8
	<i>Indicated</i>	2.43	0.95	0.0	0.7	23,200	3,400	52.2
	<i>Inferred</i>	8.69	1.01	0.1	2.6	87,400	30,700	712.4
	Total	12.85	1.00	0.1	1.9	128,600	36,000	793.4
Flotation Tailings	Inferred	1.421	0.48	0.34	6.5	6,800	15,300	294.8
M15 Stockpiles	Inferred	0.243	1.10	0.17	4.7	2,650	1,300	36.7
Note: At 0% Cu cut-off grade unless otherwise stated					TOTAL	138,050	52,600	1,124.9

The above Mineral Resource Estimates all meet the reporting requirements of the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves".

About the Kumarina Project

The copper deposits at the Kumarina Project were discovered in 1913 and worked intermittently until 1973. The workings extend over nearly 5km as a series of pits, shafts and shallow open cuts. At the main Kumarina Copper Mine, the workings are entirely underground with drives from the main shaft extending for some 200m in the upper levels and for about 100m in the lower levels at a depth of 49m below surface.

Incomplete records post-1960s make it difficult to estimate the total copper production from the workings. However, indications are that the Kumarina Copper Mine was the second largest producer in the Bangemall Basin group of copper mines. Recorded production to the late 1960s is 481t of copper ore at a high-grade of 37.0% Cu and 2,340t at a grade of 17.51% Cu. An initial Mineral Resource Estimate for the Rinaldi deposit was completed by the Company in 2013 (see 30 June 2013 Quarterly Report announced on 31 July 2013). The total Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate is shown in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2
KUMARINA PROJECT
SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESOURCES
AS AT 30 June 2026

Location	Category	Tonnes (t)	Cu (%)	Cu metal (tonnes)
Rinaldi Prospect (0.5% Cu cut-off)	<i>Measured</i>	<i>415,000</i>	<i>1.46</i>	<i>6,100</i>
	<i>Indicated</i>	<i>307,000</i>	<i>1.16</i>	<i>3,500</i>
	<i>Inferred</i>	<i>114,000</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>1,000</i>
	Total	835,000	1.3	10,600

The Mineral Resource Estimate meets the reporting requirements of the 2012 Edition of the “Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves”

Forward Looking Statements

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Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to the Exploration Results, Exploration Targets and Mineral Resources at the Horseshoe Lights and Kumarina Projects is based on information reviewed by Mr Michael Fotios, who is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Fotios is a consultant to Horseshoe Metals Limited and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the ‘Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code 2012)’. Mr Fotios consents to the inclusion of the information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to the Horseshoe Lights Project surface stockpile Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by a previous employee of Horseshoe Metals Limited and reviewed by Mr Fotios, who has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the ‘Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code 2012)’. Mr Fotios consents to the inclusion of the data in the form and context in which it appears. The information was previously issued in announcements released to the ASX on 26 February 2015 and 9 March 2015. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the findings are presented have not materially modified from the original market announcements.

The information in this report that relates to the Horseshoe Lights Project In-situ Mineral Resources is based on information originally compiled by Mr Dmitry Pertel, an employee of CSA Global Pty Ltd, and reviewed by Mr Fotios. This information was originally issued in the Company’s ASX announcement “40% increase in Copper Resource at Horseshoe Lights Copper/Gold Project”, released to the ASX on 5 June 2013, and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. This information was subsequently disclosed under the JORC Code 2012 in the Company’s ASX release “Quarterly Report Period Ended 30 June 2013”, released on 31 July 2013. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the findings are presented have not materially modified from the original market announcements.

The information in this report that relates to the Kumarina Project (Rinaldi Prospect) Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by or under the supervision of Mr Robert Spiers, an independent consultant to Horseshoe Metals Limited and a then full-time employee and Director of H&S Consultants Pty Ltd (formerly Hellman & Schofield Pty Ltd), and reviewed by Mr Fotios. The information was originally issued in the Company’s ASX announcement “Horseshoe releases Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate for Kumarina”, released to the ASX on 4 March 2013, and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. This information was subsequently disclosed under the JORC Code 2012 in the Company’s ASX release “Quarterly Report Period Ended 30 June 2013”, released on 31 July 2013. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the findings are presented have not materially modified from the original market announcements.