

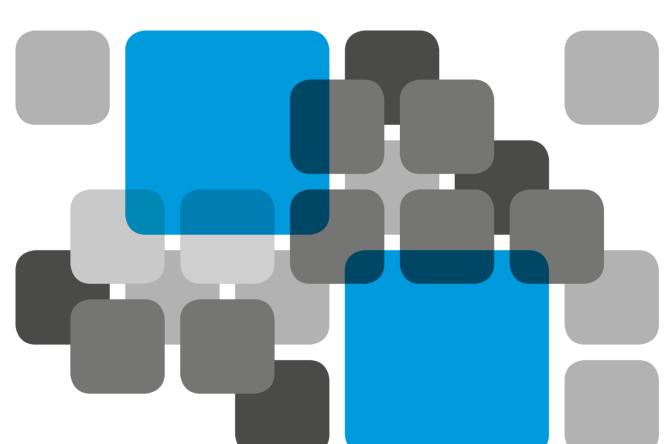
# Making good mining project decisions in iron ore and other commodity markets

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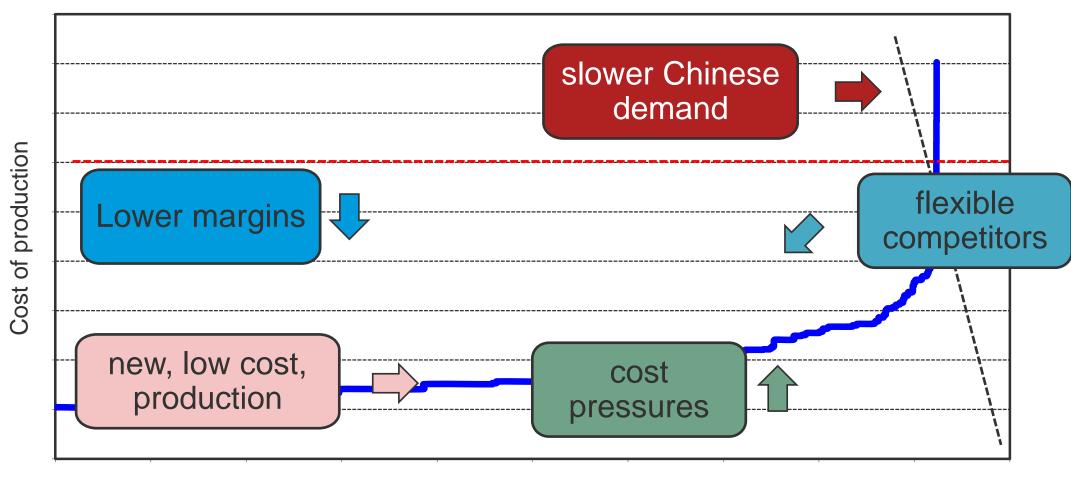
## Agenda

- 1. EXPOSIBRAM 2013 prediction
- 2. Iron Ore market conditions
- 3. Commodity market outlooks
- 4. Selecting the right mining project
- 5. Conclusions



### What did I forecast at EXPOSIBRAM 2013?

Miners would face challenging conditions to operate or develop mines & projects



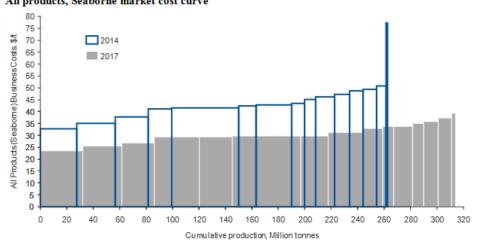
Production volume

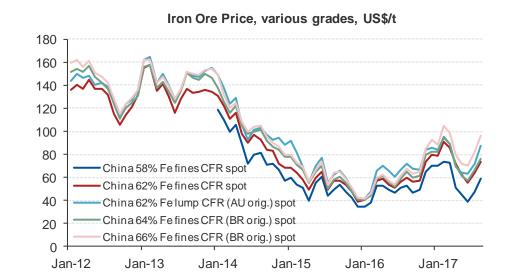


## Despite challenges, iron ore still delivers great returns

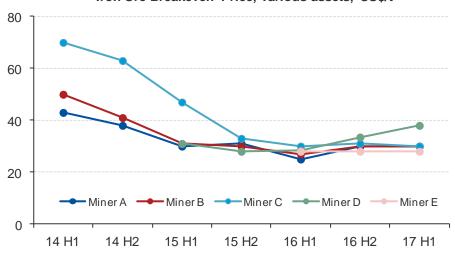
Miners have adapted, margins are good

#### Rio Tinto Iron Ore CRU Business Cost Curve (2014 & 2017) All products, Seaborne market cost curve

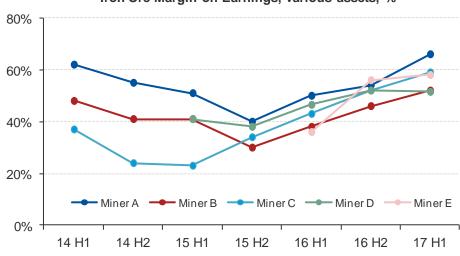




#### Iron Ore Breakeven Price, various assets, US\$/t









# Supply behaviour will determine the medium term iron ore price

Prices will fall to 50's unless there is voluntary capacity utilisation management

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
ne export additions, Mt								
BHPB	37	18	4	8	5	15	0	0
Rio Tinto	37	33	3	7	6	3	(4)	0
FMG	54	13	11	(1)	0	0	0	0
Hancock Prospecting	0	0	23	22	5	0	0	0
Vale	12	17	10	18	35	11	9	0
Anglo American	0	9	8	2	2	7	0	0
Samarco	4	(1)	(24)	0	9	8	0	0
	0	0	18	(0)	1	0	(0)	0
Depletion and other non-price related supply falls		0	0	(8)	(2)	(3)	0	(3)
Variation in seaborne supply, Mt		89	54	47	61	42	5 -	3
orne demand. Mt								
			71	(21)	19	8	(4)	0
			(5)	5	9	4	5	2
			66	(16)	28	12	1	2
uired to balance market. Mt	(89)	(109)	12	(64)	(33)	(29)	(3)	5
quired to building market, inc	(00)	(100)		(0-1)	(00)	(20)	(0)	
	<b>97</b> 88%	<b>56</b> 75%	<b>58</b> 93%	69 95%	<b>55</b> 85%	<b>64</b> 88%	<b>70</b> 90%	<b>70</b> 90%
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Notes: supply and demand are shown in wet metric tonnes. Prices are dry tonnes. BHPB and Rio Tinto additions include Australian operations only. Depletion and other

non-price related supply falls include depletion at existing operations or other cuts to production for non-price related reasons.





## CRU is optimistic about broader commodity performance

Cobalt leads by a country mile whilst Nickel is off the pace

Price supportive factors	Nickel	Iron Ore	Aluminium	Them. Coal	Copper	Zinc	Cobalt
Stronger demand	2.7%	-0.15%	5.8%	0.4%	2.4%	2.1%	6.7%
Limited new supply	X	X	X	-	✓	✓	✓
Production cuts required	X	✓	Expected	Expected	X	X	X
Market forecast in deficit	✓	X	-	X	-	✓	✓
Stocks critically low	No	No	No	China?	from 2020	Concs	from 2019
Mine costs rising	1.9%	10%	20%	9.3%	-1.8%	16%	
2017 price forecast <sup>(1)</sup>	10%	19%	21%	26%	26%	32%	123%
2021 price forecast <sup>(2)</sup>	45%	22%	40%	34%	57%	83%	146%





### When investing in projects it all comes down to asset value

How well does your portfolio match your Risk Appetite and Risk Tolerance?

#### **Focus**

Commodity Exposure

**Product Premium** 

Mineralogy / Processing

Management Experience

Scenario Analysis

### **Ideal Mining Project in 2017**

Seek exposure to commodities that are hot but not too hot. i.e. Cobalt, Zinc or Copper

Seek exposure to projects with inherent value premium such as quality or location

Seek proven mineralogy and technology unless you have the appetite and resources to invest in commodity, operations & technology risk

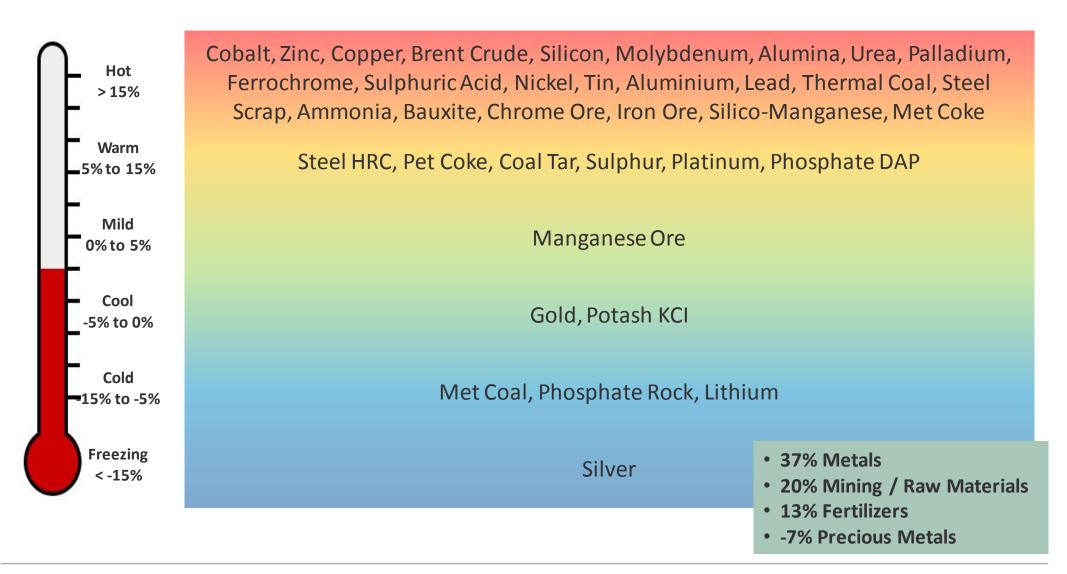
Test & tackle common project bias like anchoring, competitor neglect and confirmation bias

Test assumptions, VaR and CFaR with robust, independent scenario analysis



## ...and focus on metals exposed to the 'Green Evolution'

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#### Conclusions

- 1. The challenges predicted at EXPOSIBRAM 2013 remain.
- 2. Iron Ore miners have adapted to these challenges. Will **capacity utilisation** be flexible or responsive to prices in the future?
- 3. All mining projects need a unique reason for success. Check projects for bias, test robustness through **scenario analysis**.
- 4. Metals exposed to the 'Green Evolution' will perform well as long as we don't create over-capacity!





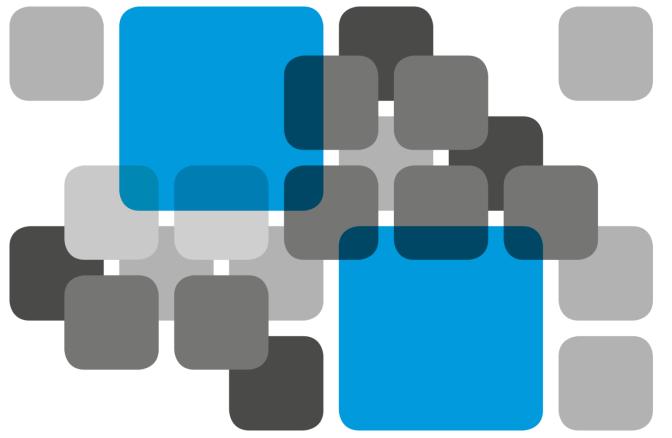
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