

### **ARCHER EXPLORATION LIMITED**

### **Archer's Eyre Peninsula Graphite Projects**

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#### **All Projects** Eyre Peninsula Graphite Project Leigh Creek Whyalla Exploration Licence (EL) Magnesite Project Kimba Highways & major roads Olympic Dam Mine Railways diacara Port Pirie ....Power line Cowell Port Augusta **Spring Creek** Napoleon's Hat Waddikee Mt Messenger North Burra Collaby Hil Port Spencer (development) Carappee Hill North Cowell **Cleve West** Wildhorse Plain Worlds End South Australia Port Lincoln Adelaide Adelaide **Advanced Graphite Projects** Priority 1 and 2 targets: Campoona Sugarloaf 🐺 Graphite 🐺 Magnesite 🐺 Manganese 🤻 Copper 🌞 Gold Wilclo South

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Archer Exploration - company overview

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### Archer Graphite – 3 deposits and 10 prospects

#### Tenement holding of 2,154km<sup>2</sup> on the Eyre Peninsula hosting Australia's largest 2012 JORC graphite resource

#### Archers Key Graphite Assets

Location	<ul> <li>Near Cleve-Darke Peak-Kimba, Eyre Peninsula, South Australia</li> <li>Close to Whyalla and Port Lincoln</li> </ul>
Total Area	• 2,154km <sup>2</sup>
3 x Deposits	<ul> <li>Combined JORC 2012 Resources for Campoona Shaft, Central Campoona and Wilclo South of 8.55Mt @ 9.0% Cg for 770,800t of contained graphite</li> </ul>
10 x Prospects	<ul> <li>Campooona South, Campoona North, Wilclo, Balumbah, Francis, Cut-Snake, Argent, Jamieson Tank, Lacroma and Ridgestone</li> </ul>
Land Ownership	<ul> <li>1,403 acres surrounding the Sugarloaf carbon deposit</li> <li>Binding agreement over sufficient land at Campoona Shaft for mining</li> </ul>
Mining Permit	<ul> <li>Final MLP for Campoona Shaft submitted December 2015</li> </ul>

#### Key Tenements\*

Name	Permit	Interest	Defined Deposits
Wildhorse Plain <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>EL4693</li> </ul>	100%	Campoona Project
Waddikee	<ul> <li>EL4662</li> </ul>	100%	Wilclo South Deposit; Wilclo, Balumbah, Francis, Cut- Snake, Argent, Jamieson Tank, Lacroma and Ridgestone prospects
Carapee Hill	EL4861	100%	Sugarloaf carbon deposit
Mt Messenger	<ul> <li>EL5383</li> </ul>	100%	Limited exploration on tenement to date
Cleve West	<ul> <li>EL4893</li> </ul>	100%	1 untested graphite target
North Cowell	<ul> <li>EL4277</li> </ul>	100%	2 untested graphite targets

\* ERA application lodged covering extensions to Central Campoona resource and Sugarloaf

- 1. Campoona Shaft Resource Announcement 4 August 2014
- 2. Archer has 100% of mining rights to all minerals except Uranium Source: Company Presentations and ASX Announcements

#### Locations of Resources and Exploration Targets

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#### **Presentation outline:**

- 1. Campoona Mining Permit
- 2. Sugarloaf carbon
- 3. Waddikee Flake graphite



### 1. Campoona Graphite – the elements

#### Mine, processing & water

#### **Development elements**

- MC Campoona Shaft covering the conventional open pit mine
- MPL Sugarloaf covering the Sugarloaf processing site and TSF
- MLP Water covering the Pindari Borefield and process water line to Sugarloaf and potable water line from Jamieson Tank to Sugarloaf



"Hub and spoke" development where satellite mines feed a centralised mineral processing facility

### Campoona Graphite - community consultation

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Longstanding community engagement with excellent community support for project

- Focus group meeting in September 2013.
- Established a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) with community representatives, Archer, invited guests (facilitated)
- CCC meetings held regularly (≈every 2 months) during 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- Provided written publications to the region through mail and internet access, including project newsletters to accompany most CCC meetings.
- Provided written information in the EP Tribune.
- Hosted community open house information day in October 2014.
- Completed technical studies posted on Company website when completed to allow progressive understanding of Project
- Annual Eyre Peninsula Field Days (Cleve)
- Liaised with Cleve Council, local and State government regulators through the life of project

	Environment Impact Assessment	Campoona Graphite Project
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### Campoona Graphite - mine

Conventional, largely free dig open pit

#### Mining

- Compact site ≈ 68 Ha
- Conventional open pit mine largely free dig to 70m bgl
- Campaign day-shift only mining (notionally spring and autumn) to mine up to 140,000tpa of graphite ore grading 10% Cg
- Pit depth 100 metres
- Pit dry rainfall harvested to augment bore water for dust suppression
- Starter pit west of ridgeline providing natural noise barrier to nearest receptor. E-WRSF constructed first providing further noise attenuation.
- E-WRSF constructed Year 1- 4. Battered to 20° and progressively rehabilitated.
- Trenches and bunds around WRSFs to contain run-off especially to the ephemeral creek west of W-WRSF
- ROM stockpile sized to ensure Sugarloaf supplied between mining campaigns
- Completion of purchase of land will occur on subdivision



#### Conventional 14-year mining open pit operation

## Campoona Graphite – mineral processing



#### Mineral processing

- Production of up to 10,500 tpa of very high purity graphite
- Process steps:
  - Crushing
  - Blunging
  - Rougher Flotation
  - Concentrate Milling
  - Cleaner/Re-cleaner Flotation
  - Screening
  - Leaching
  - Drying
  - Bagging
- Flotation recovery and concentrate grade improve as pit deepens



Free flowing well ordered froth conditions during bulk flotation resulting in less entrainment and excellent launder flow





### Campoona Graphite - infrastructure

#### Power, water, transport and shipping

#### Process water

- High yielding fractured rock aquifer at Pindari located 10 kms north of Sugarloaf
- Saline water ≈ 22,500 ppm TDS no other beneficial users
- Two bores to supply initial requirement of 100ML/yr dropping to 60ML/yr with decant recycle

#### Potable water

- Agreement with SA Water for supply of 40ML/yr rising to 80ML/yr at Archer's election
- Potable water required for final concentrate wash water and site domestic uses

#### Power

- Electricity demand 0.8 MW
- 11kV line 4.75kms west of Sugarloaf plant

#### Transport

Cleve-Kimba road B-Double capable

#### Port

Port Adelaide preferred as container capable



Pindari borefield located 7 kms due north of Sugarloaf processing site

### Campoona Graphite - product

#### Archer to produce ≥99% Cg natural graphite concentrate

#### Overview of Campoona Metallurgy Testing

- Since October 2012, Archer has undertaken rigorous metallurgical bench-scale testing of representative diamond drill core samples of Campoona graphite
  - Archer's aim is to produce graphite products grading to 99.5% carbon, matching the word's highest quality natural graphite concentrates
  - Product P80 38 micron graphite concentrates grading ≥99% carbon
- The campaign of metallurgical bench flotation trials demonstrates that the combination of a high-performing graphite flotation followed by acid treatment to remove trace contaminants produces a graphite concentrate product that reports high in the 99+% range
- Bulk floatation tests provided concentrates grading 92% >98% Cg (concentrate grades and recoveries increase below upper clay-rich horizon)
- Acid cleaning upgrades concentrates ≥ 99% Cg
- Repeatability of results proven over deposit-wide comprehensive metallurgical testing

#### **Market Overview**

- High purity graphite concentrates can be provided to specific market segments batteries including Li-ion batteries, high quality lubricants, brake pads, ceramics
- Research agreement with Adelaide University focussing on new product opportunities including graphene
- Interest in off-take agreements is increasing as companies test Campoona graphite
- Production levels not resource constrained



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**Note:** Morphology typical of the fine highly crystalline graphite concentrate (-75 micron) showing very pure crystalline graphite flake. Concentrate processed to remove trace contaminants to achieve a fine natural graphite (>99% Cg)

### Campoona Graphite – product specifications

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#### Campoona graphite suitable for several applications including batteries and very high quality lubricants

- Production of up to 10,500 tpa high purity graphite option to start smaller and increase output over time
- Typical specifications are:
  - Carbon 98.5 99.5% Cg
  - Sulphur <0.1%
  - Fe < 100ppm
  - Ni, Cu, V < 10ppm</li>
  - Specific gravity 2.35 g/cc
- Application in lithium-ion batteries tested
  - Battery electrodes were prepared from Campoona natural graphite and other commercially available synthetic graphite powders, which were then used to construct coin cells in a half-cell configuration. The performance tests showed that the performance of Campoona graphite in terms of charge capacity, was at least equivalent to that of the commercially available synthetic graphite. (NB Over 30% of Li-ion batteries use synthetic graphite).
- Lithium-ion battery use is expected to increase dramatically:
  - Lithium-ion batteries for storing electricity generated by roof-top photovoltaic systems have the potential to fundamentally change the retail electricity market and to substantially increase demand for high quality graphite. These systems are commercially available now.
  - Electric and electric hybrid vehicles



SEM image of 99.5% Cg Campoona graphite

Central Campoona, a faulted off-set of Campoona Shaft, has the same metallurgical performance. Lacroma on EL4662 provides a third future ore opportunity that can be processed through the same plant



### Campoona Graphite – >99.9% graphene

Archer and the University of Adelaide have a two-year research collaboration into graphite and graphene products.



Graphene aerogel from raw graphite

Campoona high grade concentrates can deliver pure >99.9% graphene

### Campoona graphite converts to >99.9% graphene



High grade Campoona graphite concentrate enables production of pure graphene



Selected graphene products : graphene conductive film, conductive flexible polymer, graphene composite and electrodes for batteries and supercapacitors

The test results showed:

- High quality graphene prepared from Archer's highly concentrated graphite using a one-step process
- Testing produced several highly valuable graphene products (inks, conductive films, electrodes) all with excellent conductivity performance
- Products have enormous potential applications for solar cells, photovoltaics, wearable/printable electronics, supercapacitors, batteries, sensors etc.
- Several types of electrodes prepared to prove their electrical properties related to battery applications achieved outstandingly low resistivity of 0.5 Ohm/sq which can only be achieved with the highest purity graphene

These graphene-based products have enormous potential applications for solar cells, photovoltaics, printable electronics, supercapacitors, batteries, sensors and many other high-tech applications

### Campoona Graphite – Project timetable

#### PEPR must be submitted within 12 months of Mining Lease approval

Final MLP ready for submission but will be held until off-take agreements signed

- Current MLP based on production of 10,500tpa of >99% Cg graphite concentrates
- Several parties have tested and are testing Campoona product
- Potential buyers have expressed interest in an aggregate tonnage of 400-500 tpm (4,800 6,000 tpa) but no formal agreements signed at this time
- Other parties are still in the evaluation phase
- Archer's >99.9% graphene has enormous potential. Interest received from various organisations graphene production is currently not covered in MLP
- Once the MLP is lodged the approvals process from then on demands a "linear" time-constrained progression to production and the PEPR
  must provide final production flowsheets, production capacity and the lodging of "as-built" drawings.
- "It is also a requirement under Regulation 65(10) of the Mining Regulations 2011 that a compliant PEPR for a granted ML or MPL be submitted to DSD within 12 months of the date of grant of the lease or licence."
- As the final size of the Project is undecided, lodging of the Final MLP will be withheld until binding off-take agreements have been completed
- Off-take agreements (graphite and graphene) will allow the completion of the PEPR

Underestimate the barriers to entry, take shortcuts in metallurgical testing or in engineering design and your project will most likely go the way of recent entrants

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### 2. Sugarloaf carbon

#### Unique carbon material with soil conditioning properties

- Initial research included extracting graphene from Sugarloaf carbon to coat superphosphate to slow the release rate of the nutrients. This work was very successful however, the outcome was likely to be cost prohibitive.
- Research then looked at Sugarloaf carbon itself given its unique physical and chemical characteristics that distinguish it from crystalline graphite
- Sugarloaf consists of porous, matted, predominantly nongraphitic carbon with low crystallinity
- Macro- and micro-nutrients occur as both highly soluble and low solubility forms providing immediate release and longer-term release of nutrients
- Raw unprocessed Sugarloaf carbon when added to soils improves soil wettability and aids moisture retention



Crystalline Campoona graphite

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Porous carbon accretions from Sugarloaf

Sugarloaf carbon has potential application as soil ameliorator

### Sugarloaf carbon

#### Potential as soil ameliorator

- Sugarloaf carbon improves soil wettability and moisture retention which is critical in sandy soils that predominate on Eyre Peninsula
- Further tests on run-of-mine Sugarloaf carbon are planned to further characterise the soil amelioration properties
- Planned tests will also test upgraded samples of the carbon to quantify its potential to remediate contaminated soils
- If these tests prove successful:
  - Sugarloaf is very large with an **Exploration Target of 40-70 million tonnes** grading 10-12% TC

(The potential quantities and grades presented in the Exploration Target are conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to define an overall Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource).

• There would be a ready market at the mine gate

Sugarloaf carbon has soil amelioration properties important for dryland sandy soils that predominate on Eyre Peninsula and elsewhere in South Australia's main grain growing areas



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### 3. Waddikee – Flake graphite



Wilclo South JORC 2012 Inferred Resource of 6.28Mt @ 8.8% Cg over a strike of 1.2 kms. Recent drilling extended the deposit's strike by a further 1.2 kms. Total Wilclo to Wilclo-South strike potential is over 11 kms.

Large flake graphite was intersected at Wilclo, Wilclo South, Francis, Cut-Snake and Argent prospects adding to flake previously identified at Francis.



Source: Company Presentations and ASX Announcements

Airborne EM over EL4662 clearly identifies graphite horizons



### Waddikee Flake graphite

#### Wilclo South: ≈50% of graphite recovered as Extra Large, Large, Medium and Fine Flake

- The Wilclo South deposit and Francis prospect produced Extra Large, Large, Medium and Fine Flake graphite at grades of 91-92% Cg from basic Halutain superpanner sorting
  - grades to improve with additional standard processing
  - > preliminary laboratory tests show excellent flake recovery
  - inferred 42-55% of the graphite recoverable as Flake

Graphite size (μm)	Grade (% Cg)	Graphite distribution in flake product (%)
Extra large / Jumbo flake +425µm	92.2	5%
Extra large flake +300µm	91.6	10%
Large flake +180µm	91.8	29%
Fine & Medium flake +75µm	92.3	56%



Flake aggregates from RC drill hole





Extra Large Flake +300µm

+425µm Extra Large Flake



Large Flake +180µm



Medium Flake +125µm



Extremely coarse graphite released by knapping Argent outcrop (The square scale grid is 1 mm)



Fine Flake +75 $\mu$ m

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The information in this report that relates to the Campoona Shaft and Central Campoona JORC 2012 Mineral Resource estimation has been prepared by Mr B. Knell who is a Member of the AusIMM and peer reviewed by Dr. C Gee who is also a Member of the AusIMM (CP). Mr Knell is a full time employee of Mining Plus Pty Ltd and Dr. Gee is a full time employee of Mining Plus Pty Ltd., both have more than five years' experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are 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''. Mr Knell has consented in writing to the inclusion in this announcement of the Mineral Resource estimation information in the form and context in which it appears. This information was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2012.

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### Appendix 1 - Archer Graphite Summary

#### Australia's largest JORC 2012 Graphite Resource

**Executive Summary** 

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1 Premium Graphite Location	<ul> <li>2,154km<sup>2</sup> of tenements near Cleve-Darke Peak-Kimba on Eyre Peninsula, South Australia</li> <li>Eyre Peninsula is Australia's premier graphite exploration and production region</li> </ul>	Key Graphite Projects	
Multiple 2 Discovered Resources <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Combined JORC 2012 Resources for Campoona Shaft, Central Campoona and Wilclo South of 8.55Mt @ 9.0% Cg to give 770,800t of contained graphite</li> <li>Campoona Shaft Total: 1.65Mt @ 9.2% Cg (151,400t contained graphite)</li> <li>Central Campoona Total: 0.52Mt @ 11.1% Cg (58,000t contained graphite)</li> <li>Wilclo South Total: 6.38Mt @ 8.8% Cg (561,400t contained graphite)</li> </ul>	F Kimba Port Pirie	
3 High Quality Graphite	<ul> <li>Comprehensive metallurgical tests completed that demonstrate the ability to deliver high purity, high value, crystalline fine graphite (plant to be constructed at Sugarloaf)</li> <li>Campoona Shaft graphite compares very well with synthetic graphite in lithium-ion batteries</li> <li>Large to jumbo Flake recovered from Wilclo South and Francis and further Flake deposits indicated at Wilclo, Cut-Snake, Balumbah and Argent</li> </ul>	Port Spencer (development)	
4 Research Unlocking Product Potential	<ul> <li>Sugarloaf "carbon" has unique physical and chemical properties that reinforce potential as broad acre, dryland soil conditioner</li> <li>Pure graphene products derived from leached graphite concentrates</li> </ul>	Advanced Graphite Projects Campoona Sugarloaf Wilclo South Victor South Advanced Graphite Projects Campoona Sugarloaf Victor South Victor South Campoona Campoo	
5 Exploration & Expansion Upside	<ul> <li>High quality airborne EM and magnetic coverage across key areas</li> <li>Numerous drilled graphite prospects requiring small amount of additional drilling to reach Resource status</li> <li>High quality EM coverage strongly indicates Prospect continuity</li> </ul>		
Close to Existing 6 Infrastructure Network	<ul> <li>Power and major road infrastructure all located within the perimeter of the tenements with access to various port options</li> <li>Substantial groundwater aquifer (Pindari) located ≈10km north of Sugarloaf plant site to supply the full process water needs of extended project. Agreement signed with SA Water for the supply of potable water to project .</li> <li>Archer owns land at Sugarloaf and has a legally binding agreement to purchase land at Campoona Shaft</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Combined deposit to support ≈20 year project</li> <li>✓ Predominantly free-dig, open cut mining with low overall strip ratio</li> <li>✓ Final Mining Lease Proposal submitted</li> </ul>	

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