

# Middle Island Resources

**Sandstone Gold Project** 





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# **Capital Structure**

## **ASX Code: MDI**



Shares on Issue	~469M
Unlisted Options	M8.0
Number of Shareholders	~560
Top 20 Shareholders	~65%
Institutions	~20%
Directors	~20%
Cash (as at 30 June 2016)	~A\$3.6M
Market Cap (at ~A\$0.08)	~A\$38M

# **Board and Management Team**



Peter Thomas (Non-Executive Chairman)



- Retired Solicitor
   Corporate and commercial mining industry advice since
   1980
   Served on boards of various listed companies since the 1980s
- Founding Chairman of Sandfire Resources NL Currently Chairman of two ASX listed companies & Non-executive Director of another

Rick Yeates
(Managing Director)



Geologist
 35 years domestic & international experience
 BHP, Newmont and Amax
 Co-founded consulting firm RSG (subsequently RSG Global & Coffey Mining)
 13 years experience living & working in West Australian Goldfields
 Non-executive Director of Western Areas Limited

Beau Nicholls
(Non-Executive
Director)



Geologist • 19 years domestic & international experience in mining and exploration
 Proven track record of discovery & development on four continents
 10 years consulting experience with RSG, RSG Global & Coffey Mining
 Extensive Western Australian experience
 CEO of Sahara Mining Services

Linton Kirk (Sandstone Project Manager)



Mining Engineer
 34 years domestic & international experience in mining, earthmoving, contracting, management & consulting
 Gold experience as mining manager/general manager in Australia, Ghana, Zimbabwe & Zambia
 Previously Partner & Manager Mining for RSG Global & Chief Mining Engineer for Coffey Mining
 Non-executive Director of MACA Limited

Dennis
Wilkins
(Company Secretary)



Accountant
 Principal of DW Corporate – corporate advisors
 Director, company secretary or corporate advisor to listed resource companies over 25 years
 5 years merchant banking in London
 Extensive capital raising experience
 Non-executive Director of Key Petroleum & A1 Consolidated Gold

# Sandstone Gold Project - Summary

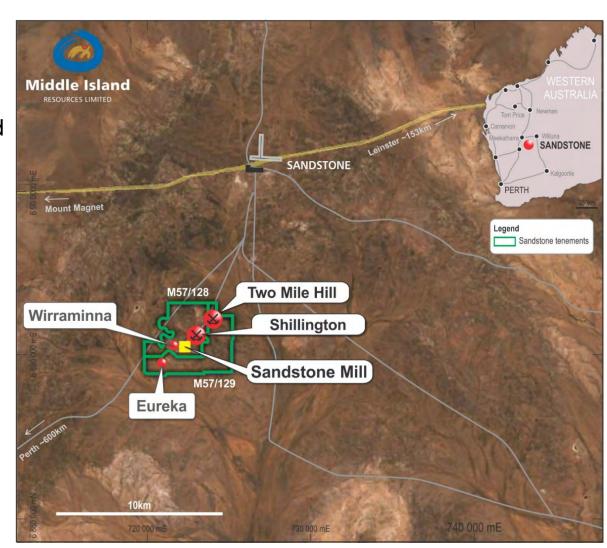


- Acquired a 100% interest in the Sandstone gold project in Western Australia.
- Comprises two adjacent, granted and fully permitted Mining Leases collectively covering 20 square kilometres.
- Mineral Resources (JORC 2004) of ~11Mt grading 1.4g/t Au for 480,000 ounces of gold, plus considerable resource and exploration upside.
- 600ktpa CIP gold processing plant on care & maintenance, associated infrastructure, spares & camps.
- Anticipated near-term production (Q3 2017).
- Exceptional brownfields targets associated with the Two Mile Hill tonalite & BIF.
- Numerous greenfields exploration targets within project & stranded third-party deposits in the district.
- Acquisition cost of A\$2.5M, represents a value of US\$4 per resource ounce, considerably below the comparable global industry average.

### **Location & Tenure**



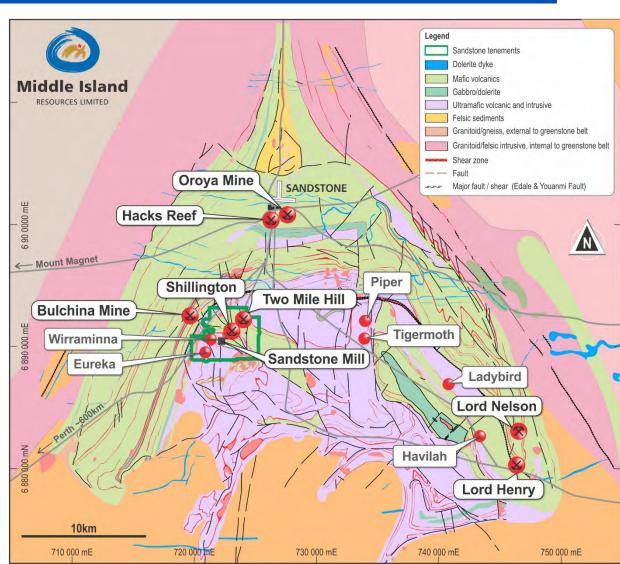
- Proximal to the settlement of Sandstone, 600km northeast of Perth.
- Town lies on all-weather, sealed road between the towns of Mt Magnet and Leinster.
- Processing facility situated some 12km to the south of Sandstone.
- Two granted (2031) Mining Leases of 20 square km that pre-date Native Title; M57/128 & M57/12920.
- Operating licence, permitted tailings storage facility, licenced bore field.



# Geology



- Gold mineralisation is hosted within the Archaean Sandstone greenstone belt.
- Triangular shaped belt within the Southern Cross Province that forms the central spine of the Archaean Yilgarn Block.
- Sandstone greenstone belt forms a classic 'hourglass' structure at the northern end of the Diemals Dome.
- Two major trans-current structures, the Edale and Youanmi faults, respectively confine the eastern & western margins of the belt.



# **Transaction Summary**



- Headline value of A\$2.5M (A\$2.4M) under a binding asset sale agreement (ASA) with Black Oak Minerals Limited (in Liquidation) (Receivers and Managers appointed) (Black Oak), which is to be paid as follows:-
  - ➤ A\$250,000 non-refundable deposit, paid 8 May 2016.
  - A\$1.25M at completion, paid 11 July 2016.
  - > A\$500,000 at 18 months following completion (or \$400,000 if paid before 11 October 2016).
  - ➤ A\$500,000 on first gold production.
- At some US\$4 per resource ounce, the acquisition cost (including the \$500,000 payment predicated on production) compares very favourably with comparable global averages for gold assets on care & maintenance and in development.
- Legacy royalties payable to Troy & Herald/National Resources Exploration.

# **Processing Plant**



- Constructed in 1994 with a capacity of 250,000tpa.
- Upgraded to 600,000tpa by Troy in 1999.
- Troy operated plant from 1999 to 2010.
- Processed 4.4Mt to produce ~508,000 ounces at 3.6g/t Au.
- Plant placed on care & maintenance in September 2010.
- Conventional grinding & milling circuit, CIP leach circuit.
- In reasonable condition, with estimated refurbishment costs of \$5-8M.



### Infrastructure



- Contracted dieselgenerated power plant.
- Fuel tanks, workshops, laboratory & mine offices.
- Substantial inventory of equipment & spares.
- Permitted in-pit tailings facility with ~12 months' capacity.
- Permitted bore field.
- Three equipped camps in nearby Sandstone:-
  - 57-person owner's camp.
  - 36-person contractor's camp
  - 8-person exploration camp & core farm.
- Well-maintained airport to service FIFO operations.













### **Production Potential**



- SXG completed pit optimisations on Two Mile, Shillington & Shillington North deposits in 2013.
- Modelling based on treating ~500,000tpa from Shillington & Two Mile open pit cut-backs & extensions.
- Average stripping ratio of ~5:1 over an initial period ~2.5 years.
- Benign metallurgy.
- Optimisation of remaining deposits indicates further potential mill feed.
- Drilling indicates considerable potential to rapidly expand resource base.
- Sole plant within ~100km provides opportunity to deal on or toll-treat stranded, third-party deposits.





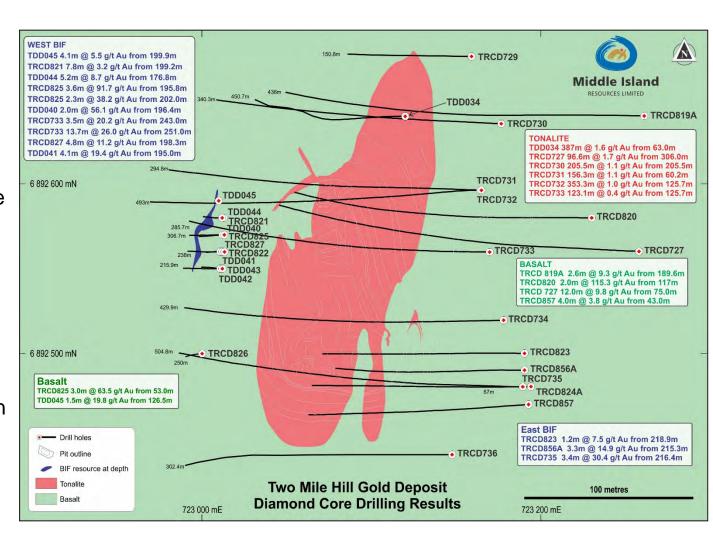




# **Brownfields Targets - Two Mile**

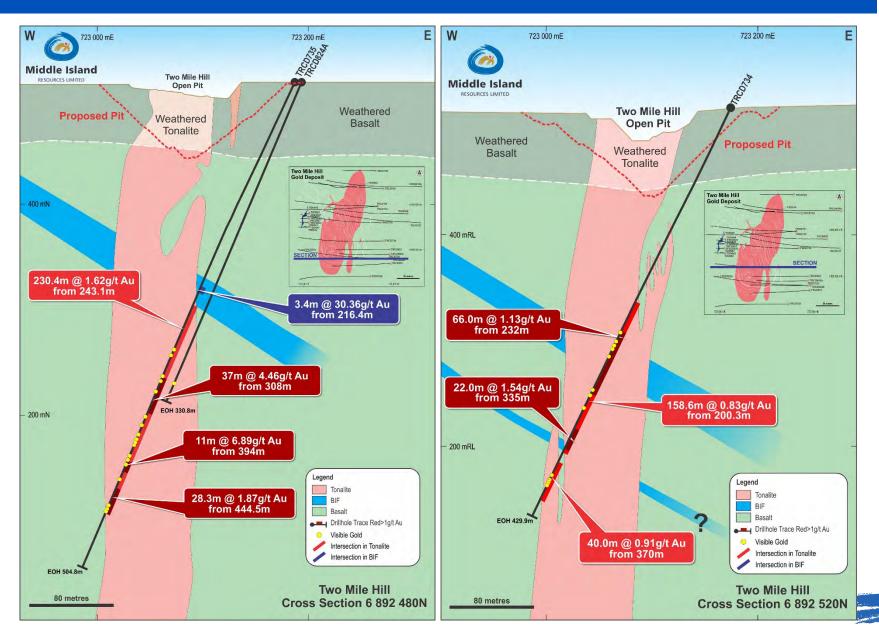


- Two Mile Hill tonalite;
   372.7m at 1.52g/t
   230.4m at 1.62g/t
   353.3m at 1.04g/t
   141.0m at 2.30g/t
   156.3m at 1.14g/t
- Adjacent, obliquely intersecting BIF some 200m below surface;
  8.5m at 49g/t
  13.7m at 26g/t
  4.5m at 25g/t
  3.4m at 30g/t
  3.5m at 20g/t
- Significant drill intercepts in basalt on east side of tonalite;
   2m at 115.3g/t
   12m at 9.8g/t
   3.3m at 14.9g/t
   2.6m at 9.3g/t



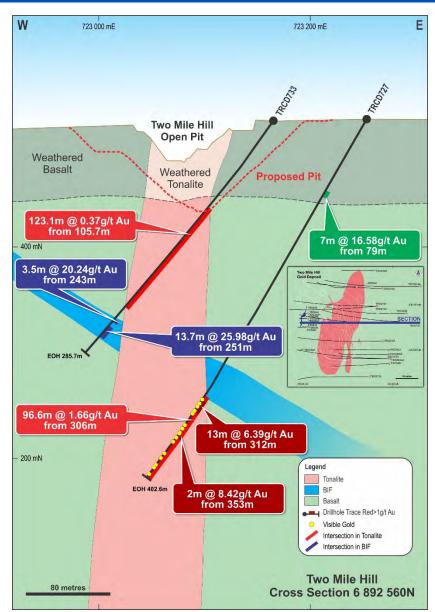
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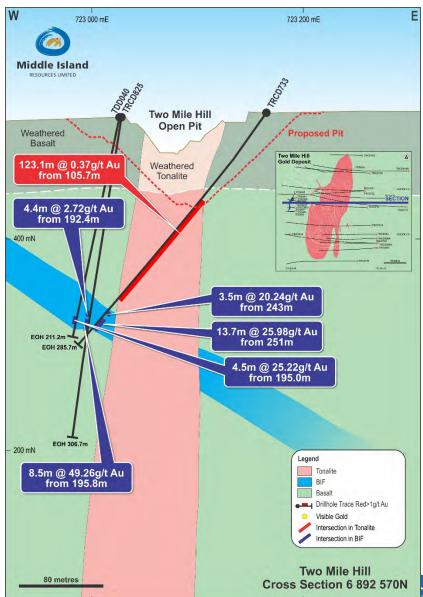




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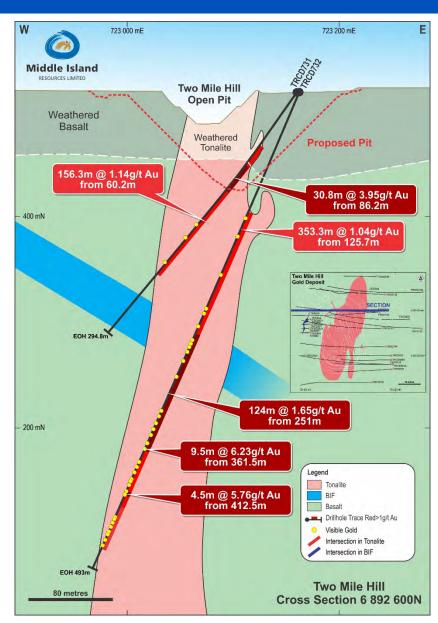


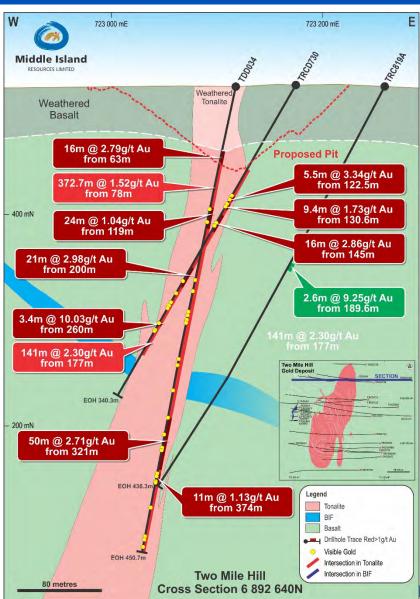




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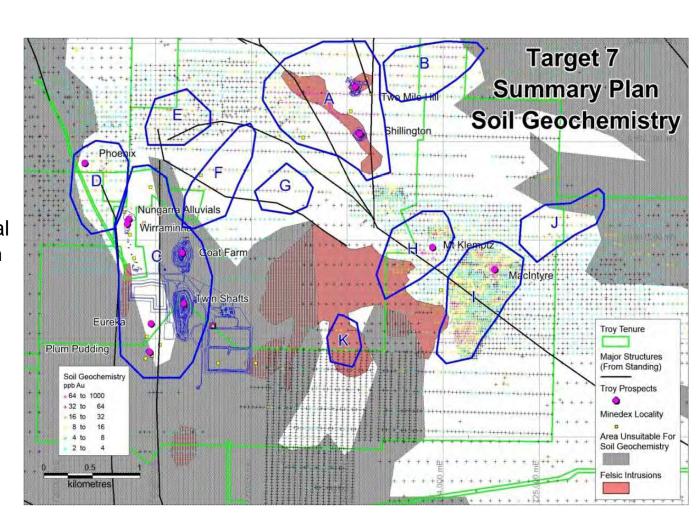




# **Exploration Potential**



- Additional open pit potential at Goat Farm (potential new TSF) & Eureka deposits.
- Potential mineralised repetitions within prospective Shillington BIF.
- Significant geochemical targets associated with BIF & tonalite at Mt Klemptz & Macintyre; 11m at 3.31g/t 5m at 3.86g/t 17m at 2.24g/t
- Stranded, third party deposits, comprising some 230,000oz, and exploration potential within 25km radius.



# **Post-acquisition Progress**

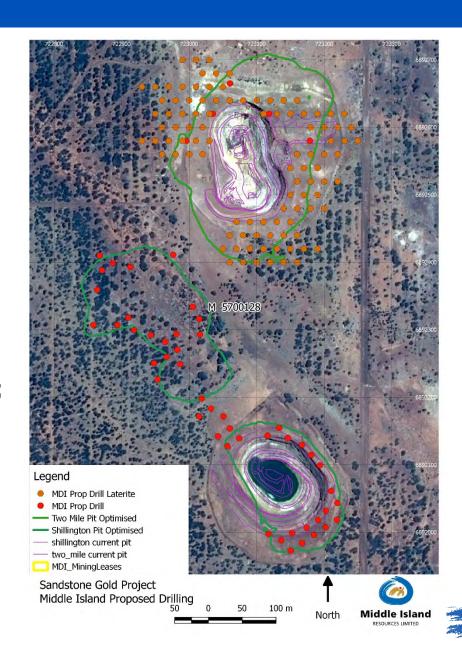


- Hiatus in physical activity between announcement & completion, but busy corporately.
- \$400,000 placement simultaneous with announcement to cover cash deposit and immediate working capital requirements.
- Further \$5.05M (before costs) raised via placement & rights issue.
- Transaction successfully completed on 11 July 2016.
- Detailed compilation & evaluation of Shillington-Two Mile database.
- ~2,400m infill RC resource definition drilling programme planned, approved and completed.
- Engaged Project Manager, Project Geologist, Project Metallurgist & CFO, plus drilling & analytical contractors.
- Commenced geological & geophysical evaluation of Two Mile BIF target.
- PFS planning activities well advanced.

# **Key Milestones**



- Complete resource definition drilling (153 holes, ~4,200m); August 2016.
- Pre-pay deferred payment under ASA (\$400k); October 2016.
- Complete initial diamond core drilling of Two Mile BIF target; October 2016.
- Complete Pre-feasibility Study;
   December 2016.
- Decision on plant & infrastructure refurbishment; January 2017.
- Assuming positive PFS, recommence production;
   September 2017.



# Investment Highlights



- Acquisition equates to a cost of only US\$4 per resource ounce of gold.
- Planned near-term gold production requiring minimal capital.
- Considerable resource & exploration upside.
- Opportunity to deal on or toll-treat stranded, third-party deposits within district.
- Ideally timed acquisition for an emerging developer in a more buoyant Australian gold market.
- Significant differential in market capitalisation with immediate peers.
- Strong, stable, supportive share register.
- Highly experienced & credible goldfields exploration & project management team.

# Thank you & questions

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