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# Stars aligning for Middle Island in record gold market

- Successful A\$2.8 million capital raising just completed, corner-stoned by prominent, new mining investor.
- Significant recent gold M&A activity in WA's Sandstone district:
  - Goldsea's takeover offer for Alto Metals (which company's project immediately surrounds Middle Island's Sandstone gold project & mill - Figure 1) at a 103% premium to the last traded Alto pre-bid share price.
  - WA mid-tier gold miner, Ramelius Resources' takeover offer for Spectrum Metals (comprising the Penny West deposit 90km to the south of Middle Island's Sandstone gold project) at a 52% premium to the last traded Spectrum pre-bid share price and a 2,080% premium to the 1 year MinesOnline Market Metrics Analysis average transaction value per resource ounce of gold.
- MDI's 100%-owned Sandstone gold project comprises 180km<sup>2</sup> and includes a fully permitted, 600,000tpa processing plant and all associated infrastructure on granted Mining Leases that pre-date Native Title.
- Current JORC 2012 Indicated & Inferred Mineral Resources of 123,000oz, and an underground Exploration Target of 24-34Mt at 1.1-1.4g/t Au representing 900,000 to 1.5Moz gold (refer Appendix 1). The potential quantity and grade of an Exploration Target is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.
- One of the largest gold drilling programs by a junior in Western Australia this year (~17,400m) in progress to define additional open pit Mineral Resources at 14 gold deposits and targets at Sandstone. Progressive drilling results to generate strong anticipated news flow.
- Updated Sandstone stand-alone PFS to be completed in mid-2020.
- PFS outcome and record A\$ gold price to underpin likely Sandstone mill recommissioning decision, with a genuine prospect of gold production prior to end 2020.
- Mill refurbishment costs of only A\$10.3m, with a 5-month recommissioning timeframe (refer ASX releases 25 October 2019 and 10 April 2019 Bidder's Statement).
- Only gold processing plant for 150km; pursuing broader regional consolidation for long-lived production around a central processing hub; up to 15 stranded third-party deposits, hosting ~1.8Moz, identified within potential economic trucking distance.
- Optionality of new Barkly IOCG Super-Project in NT, comprising 3,253km² along the
  axis of the East Tennant Ridge, the potential of which has recently been identified via
  a A\$30m collaborative government research initiative as highly prospective for Tier 1
  iron oxide-copper-gold (IOCG) targets.
  - Significant, emerging, under-valued developer/explorer in an exceedingly, and increasingly, buoyant Australian gold market.

#### Capital Structure:

1,765 million ordinary shares 994 million unlisted options

Cash & Liquid Investments \$2.7m (as at 21 February 2019)

# Directors & Management: Peter Thomas

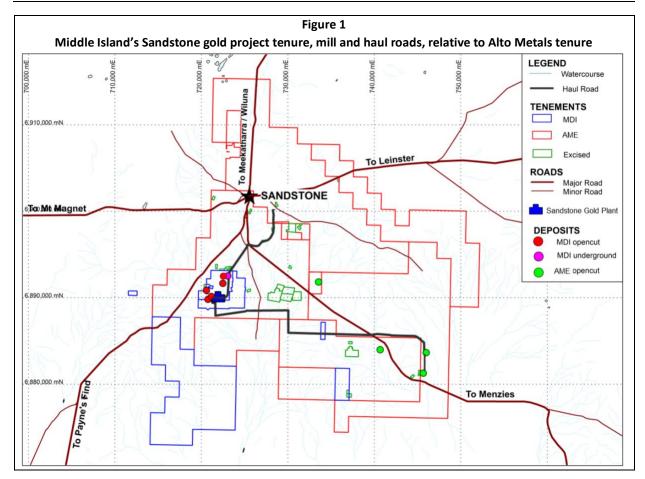
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#### **Forward Looking Statements**

Statements contained in this release, particularly those regarding possible or assumed future performance, costs, dividends, production levels or rates, prices, resources, reserves or potential growth of Middle Island, industry growth or other trend projections are, or may be, forward looking statements. Such statements relate to future events and expectations and, as such, involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Actual results and developments may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward looking statements depending on a variety of factors.

## **Competent Persons' Statement**

This report includes information that relates to Mineral Resources and Exploration Targets which were prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2012. The information was extracted from the Company's previous ASX announcements as follows:

- Mineral Resources: ASX Releases 14 December 2016 & 8 December 2017,
- Exploration Targets: ASX Release 29 November 2017,

which are available to view on the Company's website.

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 and, in the case of reporting of Mineral Resources that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which any Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.



# Appendix 1

Table 1 Sandstone Gold Project Mineral Resource Statement – JORC Code 2012					
Deposit	COG (g/t Au)	Tonnes	Grade (g/t Au)	Contained Gold (oz.)	JORC Classification
Two Mile Hill – Open Pit	0.7	1,012,000	1.36	44,000	Indicated
Two Mile Hill – Open Pit	0.7	114,000	1.10	4,000	Inferred
Shillington – Open Pit	0.7	1,015,000	1.33	43,000	Indicated
Shillington – Open Pit	0.7	272,000	1.17	10,000	Inferred
Wirraminna – Open Pit	0.5	307,000	1.50	14,600	Indicated
Wirraminna – Open Pit	0.5	243,000	1.10	8,400	Inferred
Total Indicated		2,334,000	1.37	102,500	Indicated
Total Inferred		629,000	1.13	22,900	Inferred
Total Resource		2,963,000	1.32	125,300	Indicated & Inferred

In addition to the Mineral Resources reported above, an **Exploration Target** of 24Mt to 34Mt at 1.1g/t to 1.4g/t Au, comprising between 0.9Moz and 1.5Moz of gold has been estimated between 140m vertical depth (base of quantified open pit Mineral Resources) and 700m vertical depth for the Two Mile Hill tonalite deeps deposit, reported in the Company's ASX release dated 29 November 2017.

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