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## CENTAURUS DELIVERS INTERIM JORC RESOURCE UPGRADE FOR JAMBREIRO IRON ORE PROJECT

*DRILLING OF SOUTH EAST EXTENSION ZONE CONTINUES – DRILLING & SCOPING STUDY RESULTS DUE IN JULY*

International iron ore company Centaurus Metals Limited (ASX Code: **CTM**) is pleased to announce an interim upgrade to the JORC resource estimate for its 100% owned **Jambreiro Iron Ore Project**, located in the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil following the completion of successful in-fill drilling on the main Tigre Prospect area.

The JORC Resource estimate (combined Measured, Indicated and Inferred) now stands at **70.6 million tonnes at an average grade of 28.0% Fe**. This JORC Resource upgrade and recent beneficiation test work at Jambreiro, demonstrating that the friable mineralisation can be upgraded to a +65% Fe hematite product, confirms the potential of the Jambreiro Project to become a cornerstone of the Company's domestic iron ore production business in Brazil.

Importantly, more than 50% of the resource – a total of **35.2 million tonnes grading 28.3% Fe** – has now been classified in the Measured and Indicated categories, providing a substantial increase in the Company's overall confidence level in the resource base. This is the first time Centaurus has been able to define both Measured and Indicated Resources as part of the overall resource base at Jambreiro.

In-fill drilling is continuing on the Cruzeiro, Galo and Coelho Prospects at Jambreiro as well as the South East Extension Zone of the main Tigre Prospect (Figure 1). This drilling is expected to underpin a further upgrade to the resource classification and lead to an overall increase in the resource tonnage by September 2011.

The Jambreiro JORC Mineral Resource estimate is set out in Table 1 below with additional technical details of the resource provided in Appendix A:

**Table 1 – Jambreiro Iron Ore Project – June 2011 Resource Estimate**

| JORC Category               | Million Tonnes | Fe %        | SiO <sub>2</sub> % | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> % | P %         | LOI %      |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Measured                    | 6.0            | 29.7        | 49.3               | 4.7                              | 0.04        | 1.9        |
| Indicated                   | 29.2           | 28.0        | 51.6               | 4.1                              | 0.04        | 1.4        |
| <b>Measured + Indicated</b> | <b>35.2</b>    | <b>28.3</b> | <b>51.2</b>        | <b>4.2</b>                       | <b>0.04</b> | <b>1.5</b> |
| Inferred                    | 35.4           | 27.7        | 51.7               | 3.6                              | 0.05        | 1.1        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>70.6</b>    | <b>28.0</b> | <b>51.5</b>        | <b>3.9</b>                       | <b>0.05</b> | <b>1.3</b> |

*20% Fe Cut-off*

At this stage, the resource upgrade only includes new results from in-fill drilling completed on the Tigre Prospect. Drilling at the South East Extension Zone of the Tigre Prospect (*see Figure 1*) is continuing to prove up additional strike length to the main Tigre Prospect outside the current resource estimate. In this area drilling has encountered shallow, +40 metre wide intersections of friable itabirite mineralisation which is expected to extend the Tigre resource by at least another 400 metres.

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Beneficiation test work completed to date has demonstrated that friable mineralisation at Jambreiro can be upgraded to a +65% Fe sinter feed product with a 50% mass recovery using dry Magnetic Separation or a +63% Fe sinter feed product with a 48% mass recovery using a low-cost gravity separation process. Test work on the compact mineralisation has shown that a low grade feed of 25% Fe can be upgraded to a +66% Fe combined sinter and pellet product with a 35% mass recovery.

As a result of this test work, the cut-off grade used for the resource estimation has been reduced from 25% Fe to 20% Fe. Test work on the friable mineralisation at lower feed grades is ongoing but is expected to produce a high grade hematite product.

The Jambreiro Project has very good access to existing local infrastructure and is well located approximately 130km from the city of Ipatinga, home to Usiminas' existing 4.5Mtpa steel mill. Arcelor Mittal also has major steel operations, within the same general radius, at the João Monlevade blast furnace and Timoteo stainless steel plant.

### The Tigre Prospect

The Jambreiro Iron Ore Project consists of multiple zones of itabirite-hosted mineralisation. The principal zones have been identified as the Tigre, Cruzeiro and Galo Prospects (*see Figure 1*). Table 2 below outlines the current resource base, estimated for each individual prospect:

**Table 2 - Jambreiro Resource Estimate – June 2011 – By Prospect**

| Prospect     | JORC Category               | Million Tonnes | Fe %        | SiO <sub>2</sub> % | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> % | P %         | LOI %      |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Tigre        | Measured                    | 6.0            | 29.7        | 49.3               | 4.7                              | 0.04        | 1.9        |
|              | Indicated                   | 29.2           | 28.0        | 51.6               | 4.1                              | 0.04        | 1.4        |
|              | <b>Measured + Indicated</b> | <b>35.2</b>    | <b>28.3</b> | <b>51.2</b>        | <b>4.2</b>                       | <b>0.04</b> | <b>1.5</b> |
|              | Inferred                    | 26.0           | 26.9        | 52.2               | 3.8                              | 0.05        | 1.0        |
|              | <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>61.2</b>    | <b>27.7</b> | <b>51.7</b>        | <b>4.0</b>                       | <b>0.05</b> | <b>1.3</b> |
| Cruzeiro     | Inferred                    | 6.3            | 30.2        | 51.2               | 2.7                              | 0.04        | 1.5        |
| Galo         | Inferred                    | 3.1            | 28.7        | 48.1               | 3.9                              | 0.03        | 1.4        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>70.6</b>    | <b>28.0</b> | <b>51.5</b>        | <b>3.9</b>                       | <b>0.05</b> | <b>1.3</b> |

*20% Fe Cut-off*

With a total resource of 61.2Mt grading 27.7% Fe, including 35.2Mt at 28.3% Fe of Measured and Indicated Resources, the Tigre Prospect represents 85% of the Resource base at Jambreiro and will be the main focus of activities as the project develops. The Tigre Prospect is a continuous zone of itabirite mineralisation with a current strike length of some 1.2 kilometres and an average true width of between 40 to 80 metres.

A total of 58 holes have been drilled for a total of 6,500 metres to define this interim resource estimate. The Indicated Resource has been drilled on a 200 metre x 50 metre spacing. The Inferred Resource is mostly down plunge (deeper) extensions of the Indicated Resource.

The outcropping Tigre mineralisation is coarse-grained and friable and continues to a depth of 80 metres before becoming more compact. Figure 2 attached shows a cross-section through the Tigre deposit. The in-fill drilling has identified 100% more friable mineralisation at depth than the previous resource estimate. Table 3 below shows the split of friable and compact ore for the Tigre Prospect only.

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**Table 3 – Comparison of Tigre Prospect Resource Base by Material Type – 2011 versus 2010**

|                     | 2011 Resource Estimate |             | 2010 Resource Estimate |             |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Mineralisation Type | Million Tonnes         | Fe %        | Million Tonnes         | Fe %        |
| Friable             | 21.9                   | 28.8        | 9.5                    | 32.0        |
| Compact             | 39.3                   | 27.1        | 59.5                   | 28.9        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>61.2</b>            | <b>27.7</b> | <b>69.0</b>            | <b>29.3</b> |

Of the 21.9Mt of friable mineralisation, the in-fill drilling successfully converted 80% (17.5Mt at 29.3% Fe) to Measured and Indicated status. The extent of the friable mineralisation is expected to increase as results from the drilling of the South East Extension Zone of the Tigre Prospect are received. Results from these drill holes are due in the coming weeks and will feed into the next resource up-date planned for September 2011.

Preliminary open pit optimisation work is underway as part of the current Scoping Study work. The geometry and material characteristics of the Tigre mineralisation indicate the potential for a low strip ratio and low-cost open cut mining operation.

#### **Cruzeiro and Galo Prospects**

In addition to the 21.9Mt of friable mineralisation at the Tigre Prospect, the Cruzeiro and Galo Prospects have a further 9.4Mt at 29.7% Fe of friable mineralisation previously defined in the Inferred Resource category.

A further 31 holes have been drilled for a total of 1,900 metres on the Cruzeiro and Galo Prospects to convert these resources to Indicated status and to extend the strike of the known mineralisation. Drilling results from these satellite prospects will feed into the September 2011 resource update.

#### **Future Work Program**

Three separate exploration programs are continuing at the Jambreiro Project which are designed to add resources to the current resource base. These programs include:

- drilling at the Tigre Prospect South East Extension Zone;
- drilling to convert Inferred Resources to Indicated status within or near the current limits of the planned open pit at the Tigre Prospect; and
- drilling of the Cruzeiro, Galo and Coelho Prospect areas.

Centaurus' Managing Director, Mr Darren Gordon, said: *"We are pleased to report an updated resource estimate for the Jambreiro Project which has resulted in the conversion of a significant portion of the resource into the Measured and Indicated categories for the first time. The Project has progressed rapidly over the last 12 months and we are now close to completing a Scoping Study which we expect will demonstrate the financial robustness of the Project as a cornerstone of our emerging domestic iron ore business in Brazil."*

*"The interim Resource upgrade provides us with great confidence that the main Tigre Prospect at Jambreiro will form the foundation for our first production opportunity as we progress our development plans to be producing 3 Mtpa of high grade hematite for the Brazilian domestic steel industry by the end of 2013."*

*"As we complete drilling on the other prospect areas at Jambreiro we are seeing new zones of itabirite mineralisation which we expect will be converted to new resources by September this year, over and above those which have currently been defined."*



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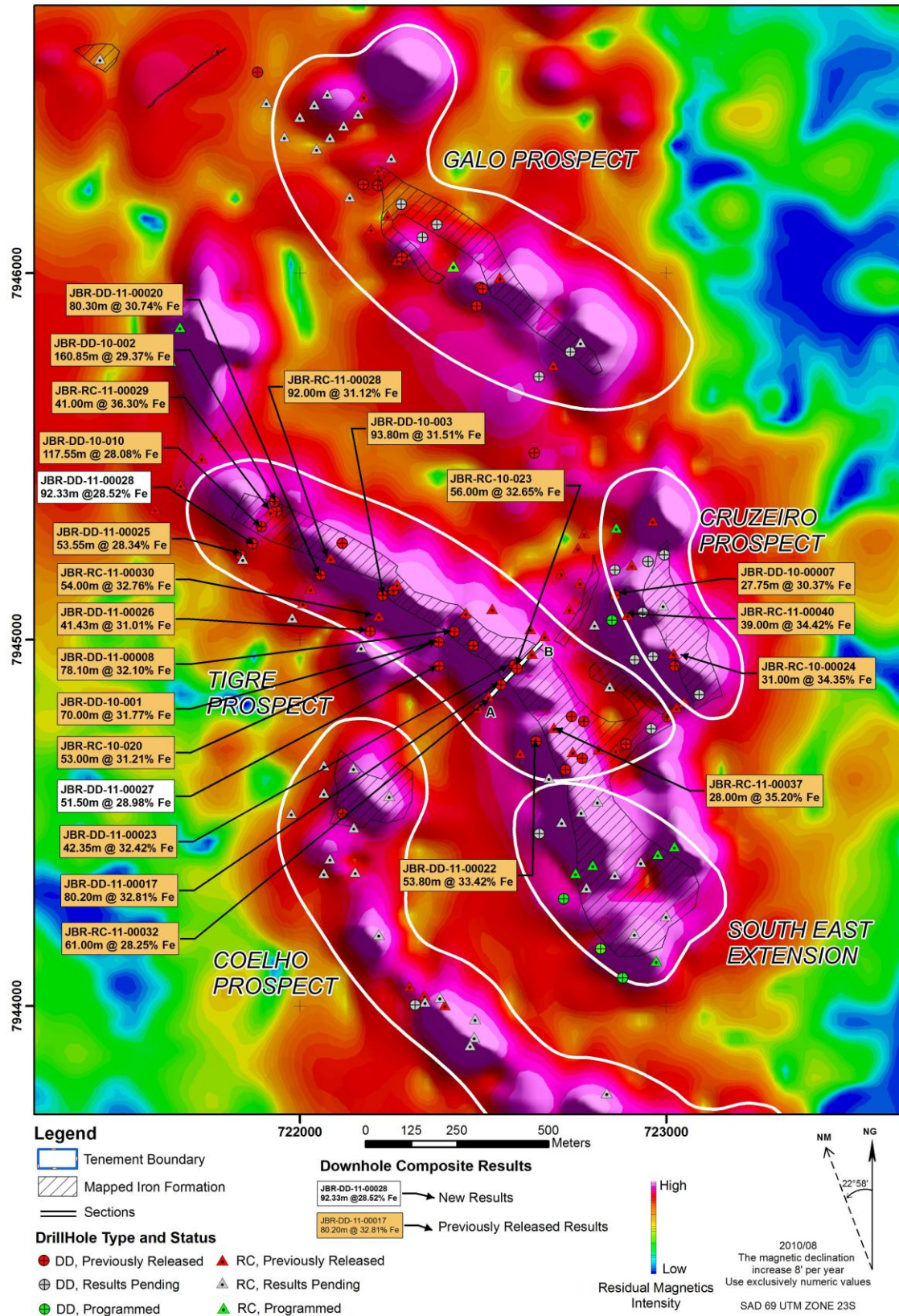
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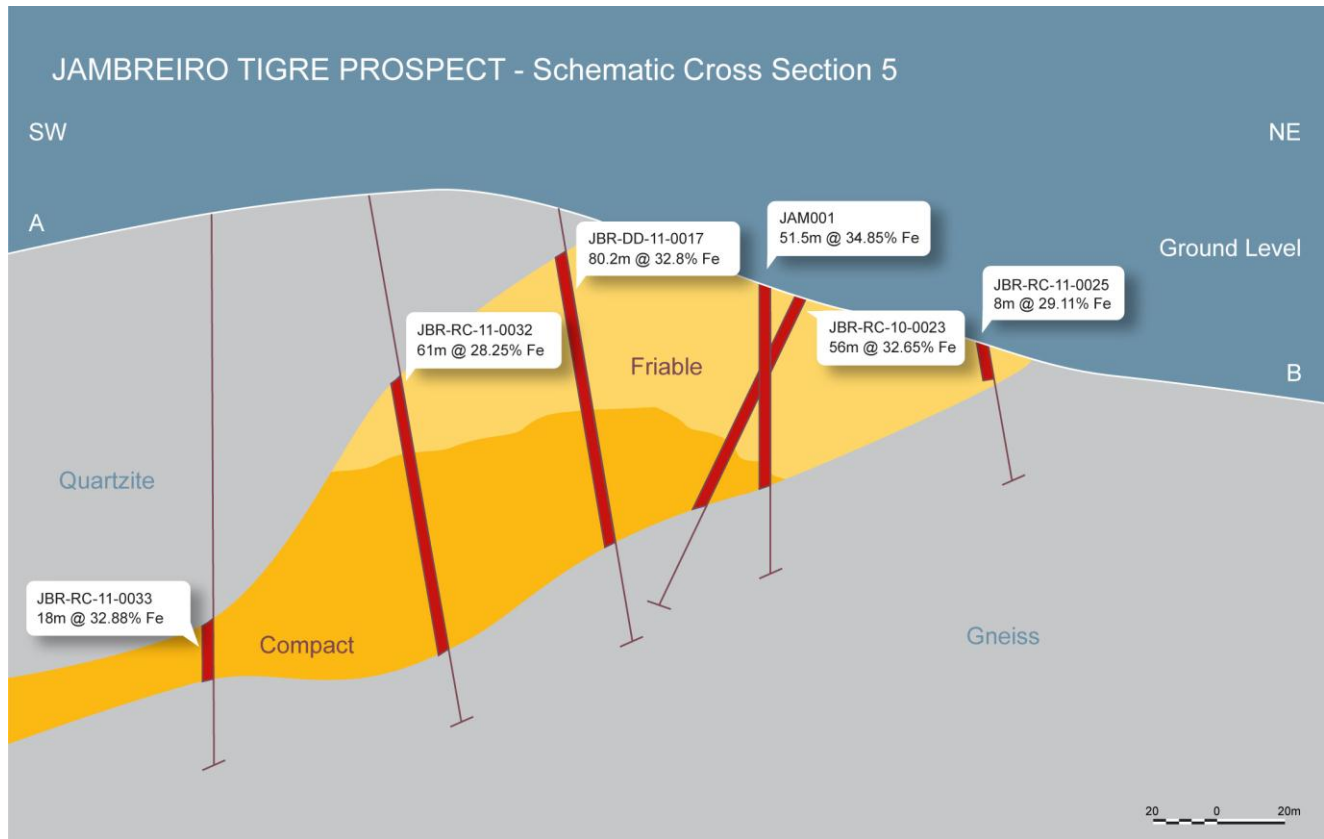
Figure 1

Jambreiro Iron Ore Project Showing Drill Hole Locations and Prospects over Ground Magnetic Survey



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**Figure 2 – Tigre Prospect Cross Section 5 Showing Material Type**



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**Appendix A – Details of the Jambreiro Resource Estimate**

| <b>General Information</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Project Name                                    | Jambreiro Iron Ore Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Deposit Names                                   | Tigre Prospect, Galo Prospect, Cruzeiro Prospect                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Location                                        | Located approximately 180 Km NE of BH and 23Km North of Guanhões.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Geological Description                          | The Jambreiro Project is located within the Guanhões Group of the Mantiqueira Complex. The region is structurally complex with duplex fault systems and complex folding ranging from micro folding in outcrop to large scale regional deformation.                         |
|                                                 | The Itabirite unit is part of an iron formation including ferruginous quartzites and quartzites hosted within a metasedimentary sequence. This sequence is emplaced in regional gneissic basement.                                                                         |
|                                                 | The Itabirite mineralisation comprises concentrations of medium - coarse grained friable and compact material that have undergone enrichment. The mineralisation is composed of quartz, hematite, magnetite, amphibole (Grunerite), Mica (muscovite) and feldspar (albite) |
|                                                 | Itabirite thicknesses vary from 5m to up to 80m thick within the Tigre prospect. Itabirite has been intersected at depths up to 250m.                                                                                                                                      |
| Spatial Limits of Resource: Total Resource Area | 721658mE to 722796mE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                 | 7944580mN 7945438mN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                 | 550mRL to 1001mRL (surface)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Resource Base                                   | Tigre Prospect – max depth of 150m from base of drilling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                 | Galo and Cruzeiro Prospects – max depth of 150m below surface.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Responsibilities</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Data Collection                                 | Centaurus Metals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Data Management                                 | Centaurus Metals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Data Validation                                 | Centaurus Metals and BNA Consultoria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Geological Interpretation                       | Centaurus Metals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Resource Modelling                              | BNA Consultoria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Geological Interpretation</b>                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Geological Software                             | Micromine 12.0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Lithological Boundaries                         | Boundaries defined through Geological logging and chemical analysis                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Mineralisation Boundaries                       | Boundaries defined through Geological logging and chemical analysis                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Material Type Boundaries                        | Material types defined through Geotechnical logging. In particular, friability tests.                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Bulk Density Measurements |                                                     |                |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Method                    |                                                     |                |
| Compact                   | Immersion method using full core                    |                |
| Friable                   | Volume/ Mass method and in situ Bulk density method |                |
| Number of samples         | In situ = 15                                        |                |
|                           | Volume Mass = 68                                    |                |
|                           | Water Displacement = 188                            |                |
| Bulk Density Values       |                                                     |                |
| Material Type             | Bulk Density (t/m³)                                 | No. Of Samples |
| Itabirite Compact         | 3.00                                                | 100            |
| Itabirite Friable         | 2.18                                                | 58             |
| Quartzite                 | 2.77                                                | 24             |
| Amphibolite               | 2.57                                                | 40             |
| Schist                    | 1.56                                                | 25             |
| Gneiss                    | 2.63                                                | 9              |
| Total Waste               | 2.36                                                | 98             |

| Drilling                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                                          | Holes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Metres |
| Historical DDH                           | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1,765  |
| DDH                                      | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2,388  |
| RC                                       | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2,465  |
| Total                                    | 58                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6,618  |
|                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| Survey                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| Grid System                              | SAD_69 23S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| Collar Survey                            | Total survey collars for all drill holes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |        |
| DH Survey                                | No down hole surveys have been completed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |        |
| Sampling                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| Type and Method                          | 1m samples for RC and DDH. 3m composites taken within waste material                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |        |
| DDH                                      | Half core sampling to lithological boundaries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |
| RC                                       | One metre samples. Samples homogenised after leaving cyclone and split.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |
| Sample Preparation and Chemical Analysis |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| Laboratory                               | Sample preparation carried out at Intertek's sample preparation lab in BH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |
|                                          | Analysis of pulps carried out in Intertek's analysis lab in Sao Paulo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |
| Physical Sample Prep                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| DDH                                      | Cutting, Crushing, Drying, Pulverising, Splitting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |
| RC                                       | Drying, Crushing, Pulverising, Splitting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |        |
| Analytical Method                        | Metal Oxide determination through X-RAY Florescence (XR21L) Oxide and elemental analyses including Fe, SiO <sub>2</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ,P, Mn, TiO <sub>2</sub> , CaO, MgO, K <sub>2</sub> O, Na <sub>2</sub> O and Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> . FeO by a Volumetric Determination (VL3) and LOI using Loss Determination by Gravity |        |
| Elements                                 | Fe, SiO <sub>2</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ,P, Mn, TiO <sub>2</sub> , CaO, MgO, K <sub>2</sub> O, Na <sub>2</sub> O, Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and FeO                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |
| QAQC                                     | 136 Duplicate, 107 Standards across all batches. Standards inserted every 50 samples, duplicates every 20.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |

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| <b>Block Model Parameters</b>       |                                                                       |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| <b>Estimation Method</b>            | Ordinary Kriging (OK) and Inverse distance squared (ID <sup>2</sup> ) |          |          |
|                                     | <b>Y</b>                                                              | <b>X</b> | <b>Z</b> |
| <b>Parent Block Sizes</b>           | 25m                                                                   | 25m      | 25m      |
| <b>Sub Block Sizes</b>              | 2.5m                                                                  | 2.5m     | 2.5m     |
| <b>Attributes:</b>                  |                                                                       |          |          |
| <b>Rock_code</b>                    | (Itb_F, Itb_C and Waste)                                              |          |          |
| <b>OB</b>                           | Model Name                                                            |          |          |
| <b>Fe%</b>                          | Fe Grade, OK, ID <sup>2</sup>                                         |          |          |
| <b>SiO<sub>2</sub>%</b>             | SiO <sub>2</sub> % Grade, OK, ID <sup>2</sup>                         |          |          |
| <b>Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>%</b> | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> % Grade, OK, ID <sup>2</sup>           |          |          |
| <b>P%</b>                           | P% Grade, OK, ID <sup>2</sup>                                         |          |          |
| <b>LOI%</b>                         | LOI , OK, ID <sup>2</sup>                                             |          |          |
| <b>CLASS</b>                        | Resource Classification Class                                         |          |          |
| <b>Density</b>                      | Bulk Density of Itb_C, Itb_F and waste                                |          |          |