Sierra Rutile Investor Presentation

The world's largest natural rutile producer returns to global capital markets

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This announcement contains production guidance based on estimates of Sierra Rutile's ore reserves and mineral resources. The estimates in this announcement that relate to the ore reserves and mineral resources of Sierra Rutile have been extracted from the ASX release by Sierra Rutile entitled "Information Memorandum and Demerger Booklet" dated 25 July 2022, available at https://sierrarutile.com/ and www.asx.com.au (Announcement).

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Sierra Rutile Investment Highlights



World's largest natural rutile producer positioned to significantly extend its mine life and reduce costs through development of Sembehun.

Highlights Location

Long established producer of high-quality natural rutile for pigment, sponge/metal and welding markets.

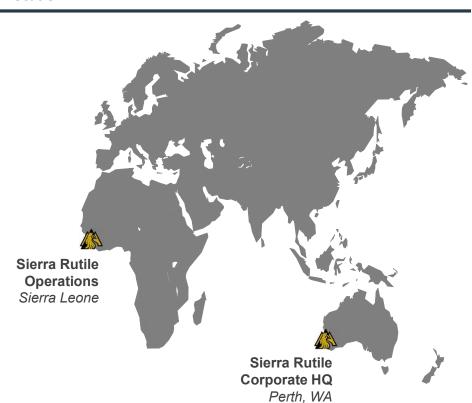
Opportunity to generate **attractive returns** for **relatively low risk** through development of **Sembehun** leveraging existing infrastructure

Long-standing customer relationships with strong demand for **premium natural rutile in declining supply**

Area 1 operations generating free cash flows contributing funding towards Sembehun development

High quality ESG practices and credentials

Robust financial position with cash of US\$36.3m at 30 Sept and no debt in addition to A\$63.4m balance in Sierra Rutile Rehabilitation Trust¹



Note: (1) Funds are independently managed by Perpetual, one of Australia's largest providers of trustee services, and only available for rehabilitation of Area 1.

Corporate Overview



Listed on the ASX in July 2022, following demerger from Iluka Resources Limited. Listing considered the best pathway to maximise shareholder value given operational improvements

Capital Structure

Shares on issue 424,236,447

Share Price (6.11.22)

\$0.175

Yarra Capital Management

Market Cap (6.11.22)

A\$74.2m

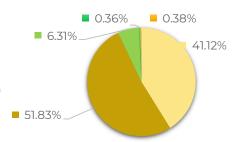
Net Cash (30.09.22)

~US\$36.3m

(excluding additional A\$63m in rehabilitation trust)

5.13%

Ownership Structure





Top Shareholders	% Shares on Issue
Perpetual Ltd.	14.37%
Tribeca Investment Partners Pty Ltd.	7.07%
Regal Partners Ltd.	6.31%

Highly Experienced Board and Senior Management

Greg Martin Independent Chair	40+ years corporate/senior operational experience
Theuns de Bruyn Managing Director and CEO	25+ years experience in the African mining sector
<u>Martin Alciaturi</u> Finance Director	40+ years in resources sector corporate finance
<u>Graham Davidson</u> Independent Non-Exec. Director	30+ years resources sector
<u>Joanne Palmer</u> Independent Non-Exec. Director	20+ years financial services

The World's Largest Natural Rutile Producer





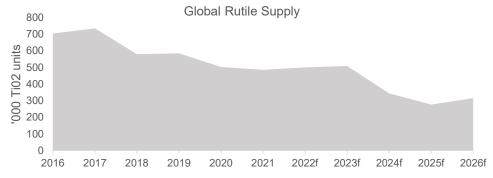
Rutile

Natural rutile was the original chloride feedstock for conversion into titanium dioxide pigment or titanium sponge (metal).

Benefits of rutile over ilmenite upgraded into synthetic rutile or titanium slag are:

- ▲ Fewer contaminants, which can be end-use critical
- ▲ Higher TiO2 content means less ore is required (reducing freight) and less waste is generated (landfill, waste treatment and emissions)
- ▲ Lower chlorine/petcoke consumption and higher chlorinator utilisation
- ▲ Lower energy/carbon consumption.

Natural Rutile Supply Outlook¹



Note: (1) Source = TZMI June 2022

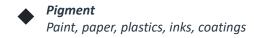
(2) Sierra Rutile's historical sales (in tonnes) by end-used application

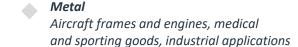
Sierra Rutile's products

- Standard Grade Rutile (SGR), which is considered to be an industry leading high quality product and is consumed primarily in the manufacture of titanium dioxide pigment and titanium sponge.
- ▲ Industrial Grade Rutile (IGR), well suited to high quality flux core wire applications due to its high packing density and low contaminant level. Generally trades at a premium to competing rutile products.
- ▲ **High-grade chloride ilmenite**, suitable for direct chlorination into titanium dioxide pigment and transformation into titanium slag.

Sierra Rutile End-Uses of Titanium Dioxide Feedstocks (FY19-21)²

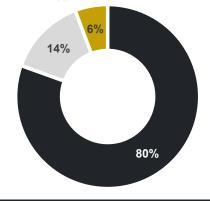
Sierra Rutile's primary products serve the following end-use applications:





Welding

 Steel fabrication, ship building, pipes, construction, transport



Sierra Leone



Minimal execution risk for Sierra Rutile in Sierra Leone



- ▲ A stable Democratic country for over 22 years.
- ▲ 5th safest country in Africa (2022, Global Peace Index).
- ▲ Significant distance from Sahel instability impacting larger West African neighbours.
- Achieved moderate annual economic growth, with agriculture and mining representing key contributors to the country's exports, GDP and employment.
- ▲ Sierra Rutile has an established operating history of more than 50 years in Sierra Leone.
- With a population of only 7.5 million, Sierra Leone's economy is relatively small overall so, with ~ 2,200 direct employees and another ¬800 contractors, Sierra Rutile plays a critical role economically as one of the largest private sector employers.
- ▲ Minimal execution risk for Sierra Rutile operating in Sierra Leone.

Established Cashflow Generating Operations – Area 1



Area 1 represents an established operation that is positioned to deliver value and support the transition to Sembehun.

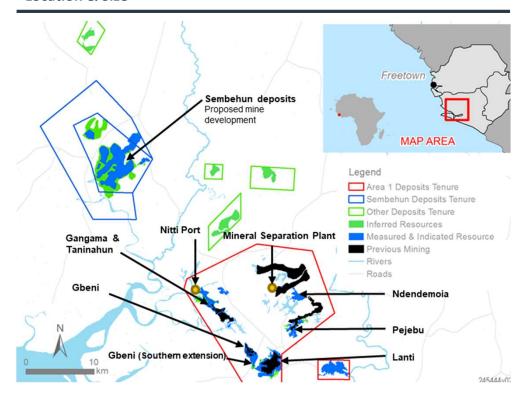
Overview

541Kt Contained Rutile Ore Reserve¹ 135-137kt FY22 Rutile Production Guidance Contained Rutile Mineral Resource¹ U\$\$890/960t of rutile FY22 Unit Cost Guidance (net of co-products)

Work program to extend Area 1 LOM Plan is underway

Products	 ▲ Standard Grade Rutile (SGR) ▲ Industrial Grade Rutile (IGR) ▲ High-grade ilmenite ▲ Zircon-in-concentrate (ZIC)
Mining method	▲ Dry mining: truck and excavator with dozer support.
Processing	 ▲ Four wet concentrator plants (WCPs) producing mineral concentrate with feed capacity of 500-600tph. ▲ Mineral concentrate from Area 1 is processed in the mineral separation plant (MSP), which includes a feed preparation plant and dry plant. The MSP has capacity to produce 175ktpa of rutile.
Other assets	▲ Products are exported through the Nitti Port facilities situated in the Area 1 mining lease. The mine also maintains an extensive network of water supply ponds, power generation facilities, accommodation for senior and management staff, offices, extensive workshops, laboratory, a clinic and roads.

Location & Size



Note: (1) Ore Reserve and Mineral Resource estimate as at 31 December 2021.

Area 1 – Recent Financial Performance

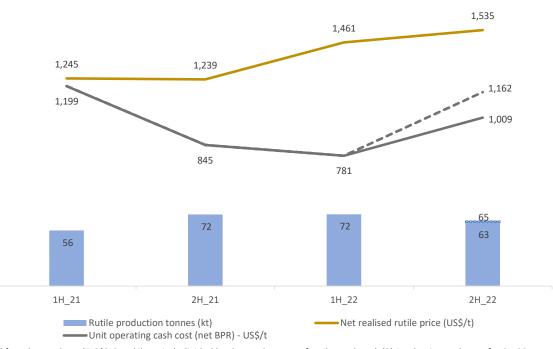


Operational improvements over past 2 years have had material impact notwithstanding adverse impacts of oil price rises and heavy rainfall this year.

Recent Operational Improvements

- ▲ Sierra Rutile identified and implemented a number of initiatives targeting cost reductions and productivity improvements from H2 2021, including:
 - mine plan optimisation;
 - improved mining, stockpile management, processing and tailings management practices;
 - enhanced maintenance practices targeting increased run time and plant availability; and
 - reduced operating costs driven by optimised staff rosters, reduced operating footprint and third party contract terms.
- ▲ Positive operating cashflow in Q3 2022 but production and costs were impacted by extreme wet weather. Underlying trends are intact, with normalised production levels, and Q4 2022 will also benefit from scheduled concentrate sales.

Area 1 rutile production, net unit cash cost¹, net rutile price realised



Note: (1) Unit cash costs (net of by-products) represent the total cash costs of production less the revenue earned from by-products (ZIC/GIC and ilmenite), divided by the total tonnes of rutile produced. (2) Production and costs for 2H 22 are as per guidance dated 27th Oct22. 1H & 2H 22 include actuals for 1Q, 2Q &3Q. (3) Rutile price for 2H 22 represents actual for 3Q.

Area 1 – Mine Life Extension Program



Currently undertaking a work program to convert Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves in order to extend the Area 1 life of mine plan.

Area 1 - Mine Life Extension Program Overview

- ▲ Pejebu and Ndendemoia deposits are located less than 5km south of the MSP within the Area 1 Mining Lease.
- ▲ Mine life extension work program includes:
 - additional geological drilling program and resource model update;
 - · pit and civil infrastructure design;
 - · operational planning including mine sequencing; and
 - · financial modelling.
- ▲ Drilling at the Pejebu resource commenced in July 2022 to improve the confidence level from Indicated Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves. This drilling program is two-thirds complete.
- ▲ Drilling at the Ndendemoia resource is one-third complete.
- ▲ The overall work program is scheduled to be complete by mid 2023.

Area 1 – Current Reserve by Deposit¹

Deposit	Material Tonnes (Mt)	In Situ Rutile (%)	In Situ Rutile (Mt)
Gangama (inc ROM)	11.8	1.4	0.17
Gbeni North	19.0	1.3	0.25
Lanti	4.9	1.8	0.09
Taninahun	2.5	1.4	0.04
TOTAL	38.2	1.4	0.54

Area 1 - Target Resources in Mine Life Extension Program¹

Deposit	Material Tonnes (Mt)	In Situ Rutile (%)	In Situ Rutile (Mt)
Pejebu			
Indicated	18.6	1.0	0.18
Inferred	4.8	1.0	0.05
Ndendemoia East			
Indicated	14.3	1.1	0.16
Ndendemoia West			
Indicated	4.0	0.6	0.03
TOTAL	41.7	1.0	0.40

Note: (1) Ore Reserve and Mineral Resource estimate as at 31 December 2021.

Future Growth - Sembehun Development

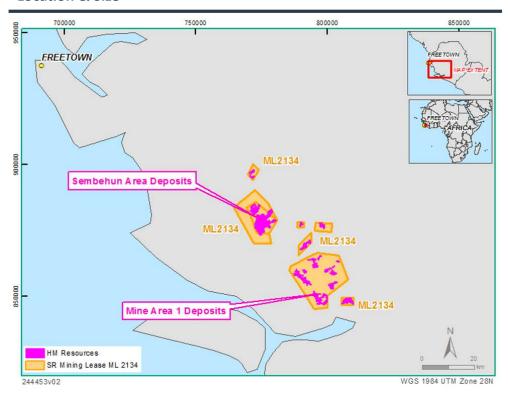


Sierra Rutile is advancing development of Sembehun, home to some of the largest and highest grade natural rutile deposits in the world

Sembehun

- ▲ Some of the largest and highest-grade natural rutile deposits in the world.
- ▲ Aimed at extending Sierra Rutile's mine life by at least 13 years AND...
- ▲ ...materially reducing operating costs.
- ▲ Phased development approach to:
 - · leverage the significant Area 1 existing infrastructure in place; and
 - integrate the development of Sembehun with the remainder of operations at Area 1.
- ▲ This approach minimises Sembehun pre-production capital expenditure and maximises Sierra Rutile's ability to utilise cash flows generated from Area 1 to assist in funding the development of Sembehun.
- ▲ DFS commenced on 2 September utilising consulting engineers Hatch Limited and will take approximately 12 months to complete.

Location & Size



Sembehun PFS Summary



A financially robust project leveraging existing investment in Mineral Separation Plant, port and various roads and with Sembehun production volumes expected to exceed those of Area 1.

Operational/Financial Highlights

Ore Reserves ¹	▲ 174Mt @ 1.45% Rutile
Mineral Resources ¹	▲ 508Mt @ 1.10% Rutile
Mine Life	▲ >13 years
Mining Method	▲ Dry mining (truck & excavator)
Processing	▲ Mineral concentrate from Sembehun will be processed in a magnetic separation circuit (to be constructed) and proceed to the company's existing mineral separation plant, which includes a feed preparation plant and dry plant
Project Net Present Value (8%, post tax real) ²	▲ US\$318m
Project Internal rate of return (post tax real) ²	▲ 24%
Capital cost (US\$m real)	▲ Total: US\$337m • Phase 1: US\$284m Phase 2: US\$52m
Steady state average unit cash costs of production (US\$/t Z/R, real)	▲ US\$726/t rutile and zircon produced (excluding royalties and rehabilitation)
Steady state average unit cash costs of production, net of co-product credits (US\$/t R, real) ³	▲ US\$535/t rutile produced (excluding royalties and rehabilitation)

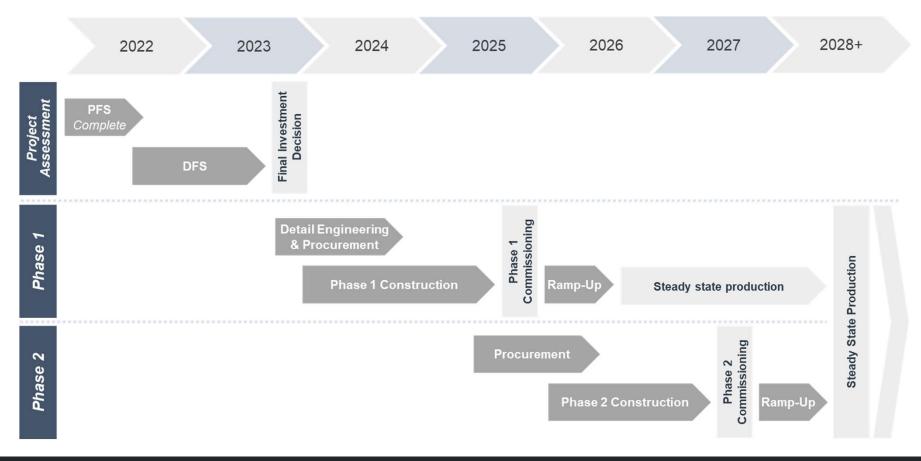
Risk Factor Sembehun Development

Government Relationships	✓ Sierra Rutile has track record of working with the Government of Sierra Leone for mutual benefit
Community Relationships	✓ Mining Licence and over 50 years of operating history
Marketing	✓ Sierra Rutile has a long history of filling the world's high- quality chloride pigment feedstock requirements as well as being qualified by leading aerospace grade titanium sponge and welding consumable producers
Export Infrastructure	✓ Sierra Rutile has exclusive use of an existing owner- operated port
Construction	 Extensive regional operating experience and trained local workforce
Geological / Mining / Recovery Assumptions	 Extensive understanding of the geology/ processing, given similarity to Area 1

Sembehun Indicative Timeline



The approach is expected to see the development of Sembehun integrated with the remaining operations at Area 1. The below timeline is based on the recently completed Sembehun PFS.



Health & Safety



The health and safety of all employees, contractors and visitors is of fundamental importance to Sierra Rutile.

Health

The Sierra Rutile Clinic, is one of the best equipped medical facilities in country. It employs a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, intensive care paramedics, laboratory specialists and support staff to provide medical support to employees and their families including the delivery of 63 babies during 2021.

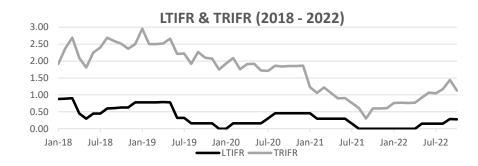
In August 2022, Sierra Rutile commissioned two community health centres built within the company's operational areas in communities where access to health facilities was very challenging.

Sierra Rutile also provides monetary and logistic support to a number of other initiatives including the Afro-European Medical and Research Network for the provision of free surgical and medical care within the Bonthe district as a result of which 295 surgical procedures were conducted during the 2022 campaign.

Safety

Sierra Rutile has recorded a strong safety performance in recent years, attributable to the implementation of training programs, risk assessment and enhanced hazard identification. Unfortunately, two LTIs have been recorded in 2022. Sierra Rutile remains focused on improving its safety performance, with the ultimate aim to achieve zero workplace incidents.





Environment & Social



Sierra Rutile is proud of its social investments in Sierra Leone and its contributions to the development of a healthy and vibrant local community.

Environment

Committed to compliance with the Environmental Project Agency of Sierra Leone ...and at the forefront of environmental management in the Sierra Leone mining industry.

The full year land rehabilitation target for 2022 of 152ha was achieved and post-planting maintenance works commenced. The 2023 Land Restoration and Implementation Plan has been finalised and aims to rehabilitate 275 ha. Sierra Rutile has now rehabilitated approximately 809 hectares since 2016, supported by the ongoing efforts of Sierra Rutile's nursery team.

A Management Plan ensures compliance to all aspects of **Environmental Impact Assessment License for Area 1** including water, biodiversity, rehabilitation and waste management. An **Environmental, Social and Health Impact Assessment** for the Sembehun development is currently underway in conjunction with the DFS.



Social

Promoting the development of its local communities through the following initiatives:

- establishment of a local sourcing initiative;
- implementation of community infrastructure projects;
- Internship program offering opportunities in the fields of mining engineering, geology, finance and management and information technology.
- support of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative; and
- the Sierra Rutile Partnership Program, aimed at contributing to positive social, environmental and operational outcomes in the communities and regions in which the company operates.

Education initiatives:

Sierra Rutile invests in education in Sierra Leone through its investment in a school bursary program, Educational Scholarship Program and its support of the Ruby Rose Educational Resource Centre, which provides educational facilities including library and internet facilities as well as outdoor play areas for children from nearby schools. Sierra Rutile has also established a school bus service for local children.





Outlook



Promising outlook for substantial growth at the world's largest natural rutile producer.





- ▲ Sembehun offers low-risk opportunity to significantly extend operations and lower cost structure for the longest established producer of natural rutile globally.
- ▲ Area 1 life extension work encouraging with results anticipated in 2Q 2023.
- ▲ Strong underlying trends. Area 1 operations are tracking broadly in line with the improved performance levels achieved over the last two years.
 - Production during September Quarter was impacted by record rainfall at site, but has <u>recovered</u> to <u>normal levels in the December Quarter</u> – as foreshadowed in September Quarterly Report
- ▲ Cash generation and levels remain healthy and support Sierra Rutile's future development plans.
 - Positive operating cashflow generation maintained in September Quarter despite adverse weather conditions.
 - Strong sales outlook for December Quarter <u>including concentrate sales during the current</u> <u>Quarter</u> - also as foreshadowed in the September Quarterly Report
- ▲ Market conditions remain stable:
 - Pigment and welding markets impacted by global slowdown but largely offset by natural rutile fundamentals being helped by strong demand for titanium metal aerospace applications and constrained high grade TiO2 feedstock supply

