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2018 HALF YEAR FINANCIAL RESULTS PRESENTATION

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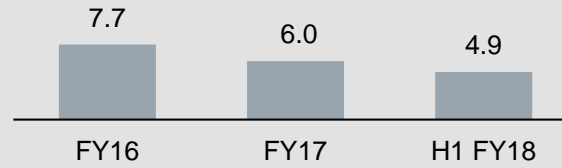
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SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE

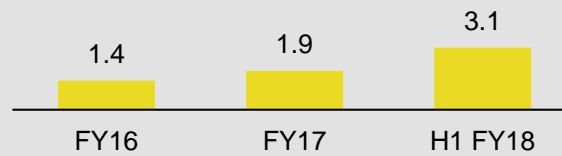
Fatalities^(a)



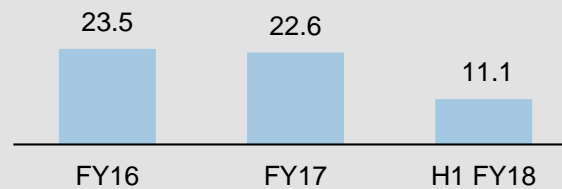
TRIF^(a)



EOI^(a)



GHG emissions^{(a)(b)} (Mt CO₂-e)



Notes:

a. Fatalities, Total Recordable Injury Frequency (TRIF) per million hours worked and Employee Occupational Illness (EOI) per million hours worked, are all calculated in accordance with the United States Government Occupational Safety and Health Assessment (OSHA) guidelines for the recording and reporting of occupational injuries and illnesses. Greenhouse gas (GHG) total includes Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions. Measured according to the World Resources Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas Protocol (WRI/WBCSD). H1 FY18 information is unaudited.

b. H1 FY18 GHG emissions reflect reduced Group volumes due to the extended outage at Illawarra Metallurgical Coal's Appin colliery.

Measurable objectives	Level	Actual		FY20 Target
		FY17	H1 FY18 ¹	
Women in workforce	Corporate and Marketing	47%	49%	Continuing improvement
	Total	16%	17%	
Women in leadership	Board	14%	33%	30%
	South32 Lead Team	17%	29%	30%
	Leadership ²	18 – 33%	14 – 36%	30 – 40%
Black People^(a) in South African workforce	Management	42%	44%	70%
	Total	79%	80%	85%
Gender pay equity	US\$1M allocated to address gender and ethnicity pay equity in FY18			

Notes:

a. The term Black People is as defined in the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003.



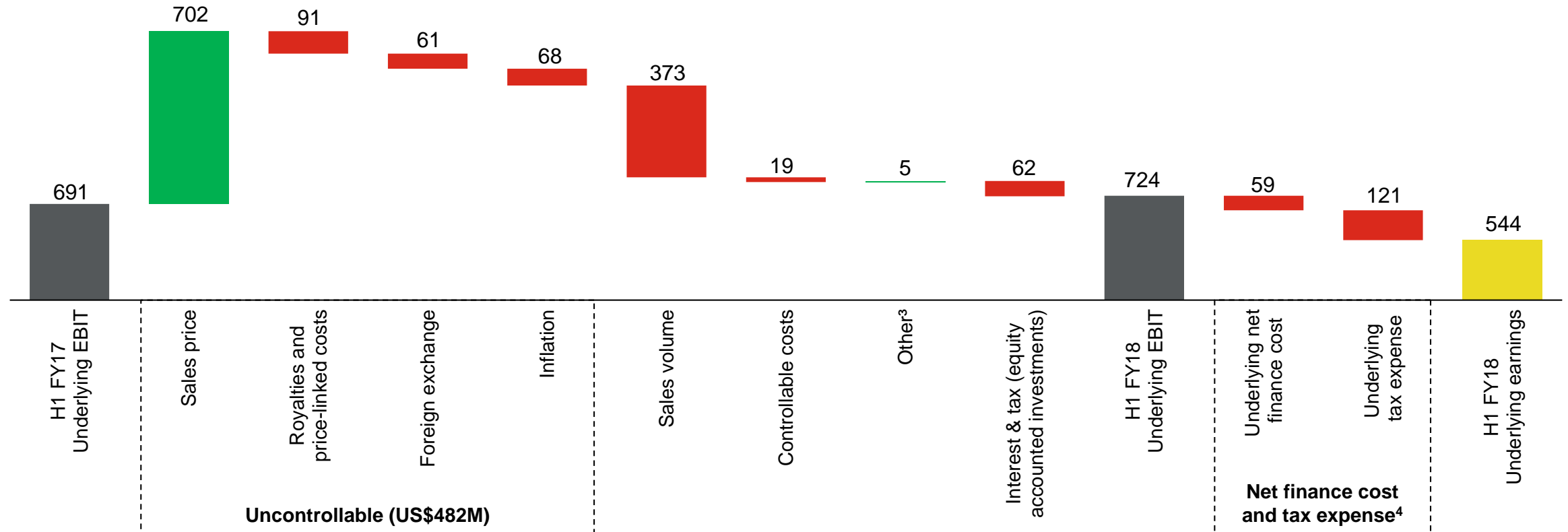
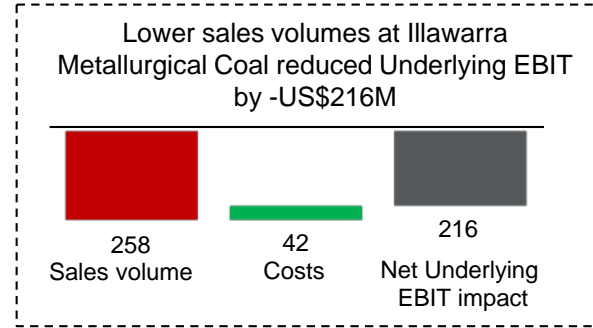
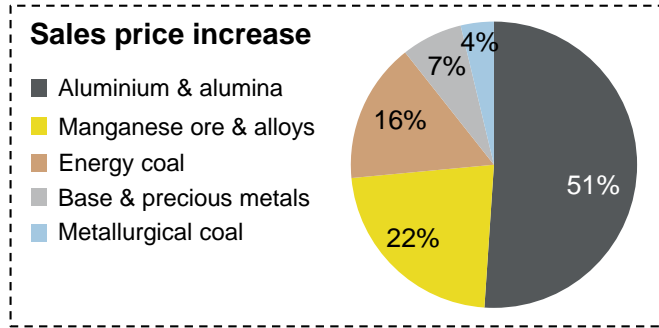
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BRENDAN HARRIS
CFO



EARNINGS ANALYSIS

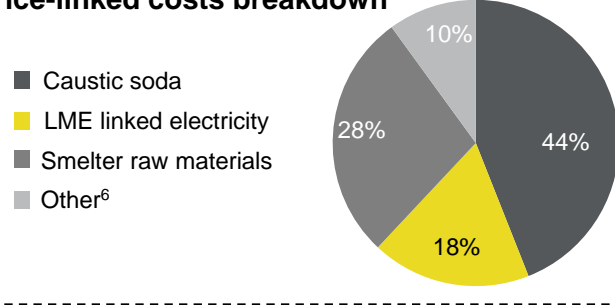
(US\$M)



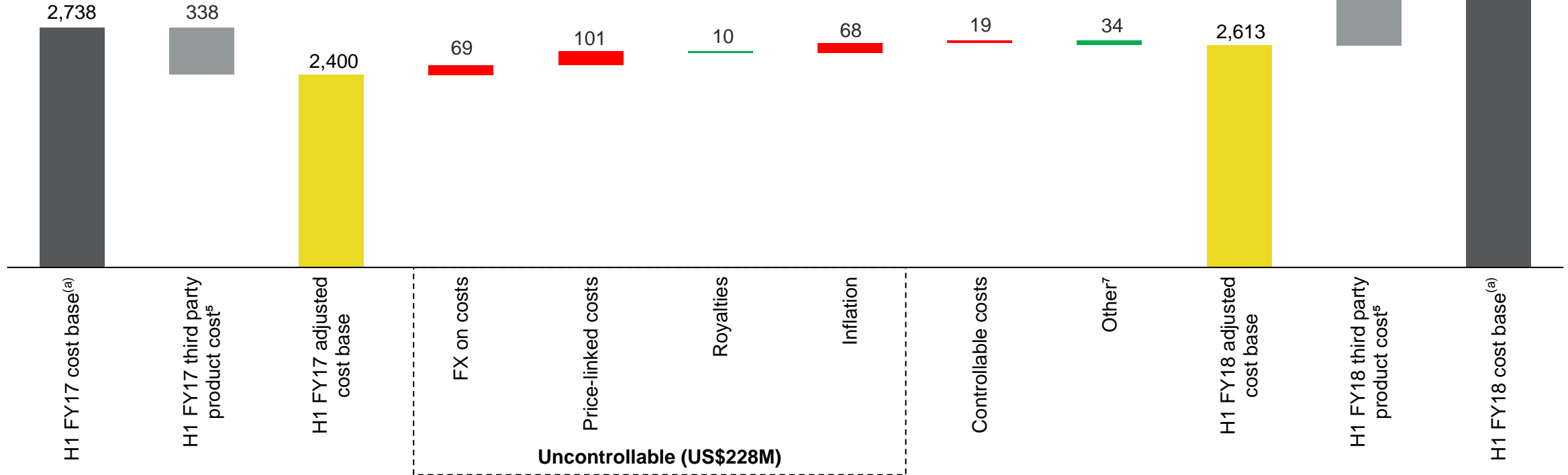
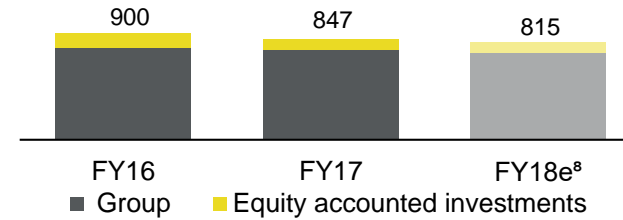
COSTS ANALYSIS

(US\$M)

Price-linked costs breakdown



Depreciation and amortisation, including equity accounted investments



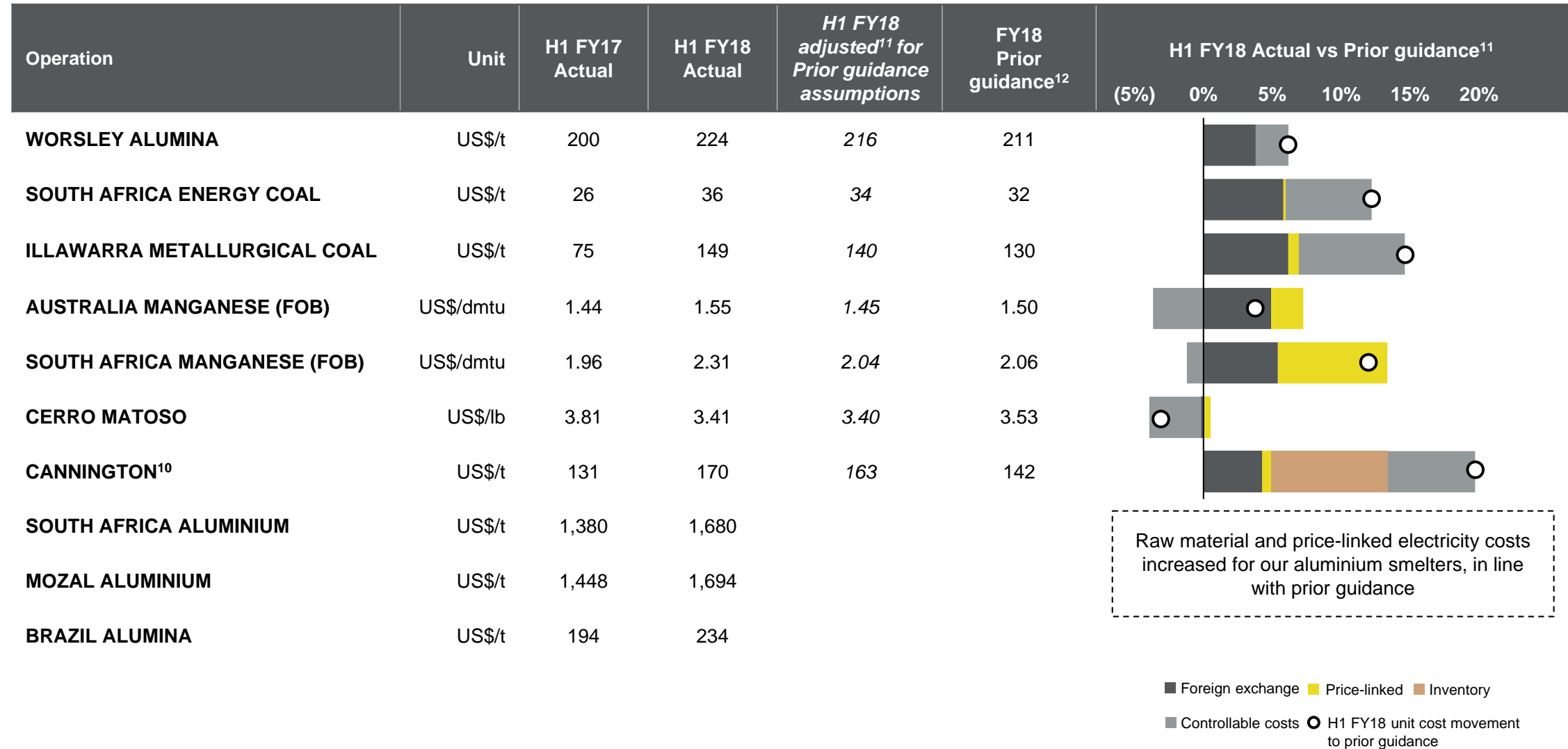
Notes:

a. Cost base includes equity accounted investments and excludes other income. H1 FY18 includes US\$548M of statutory adjustments and a US\$116M adjustment for other income to reconcile to Revenue minus Underlying EBITDA (H1 FY17 includes US\$434M of statutory adjustments and a US\$147M adjustment for other income to reconcile to Revenue minus Underlying EBITDA).

H1 FY18 UNIT COSTS



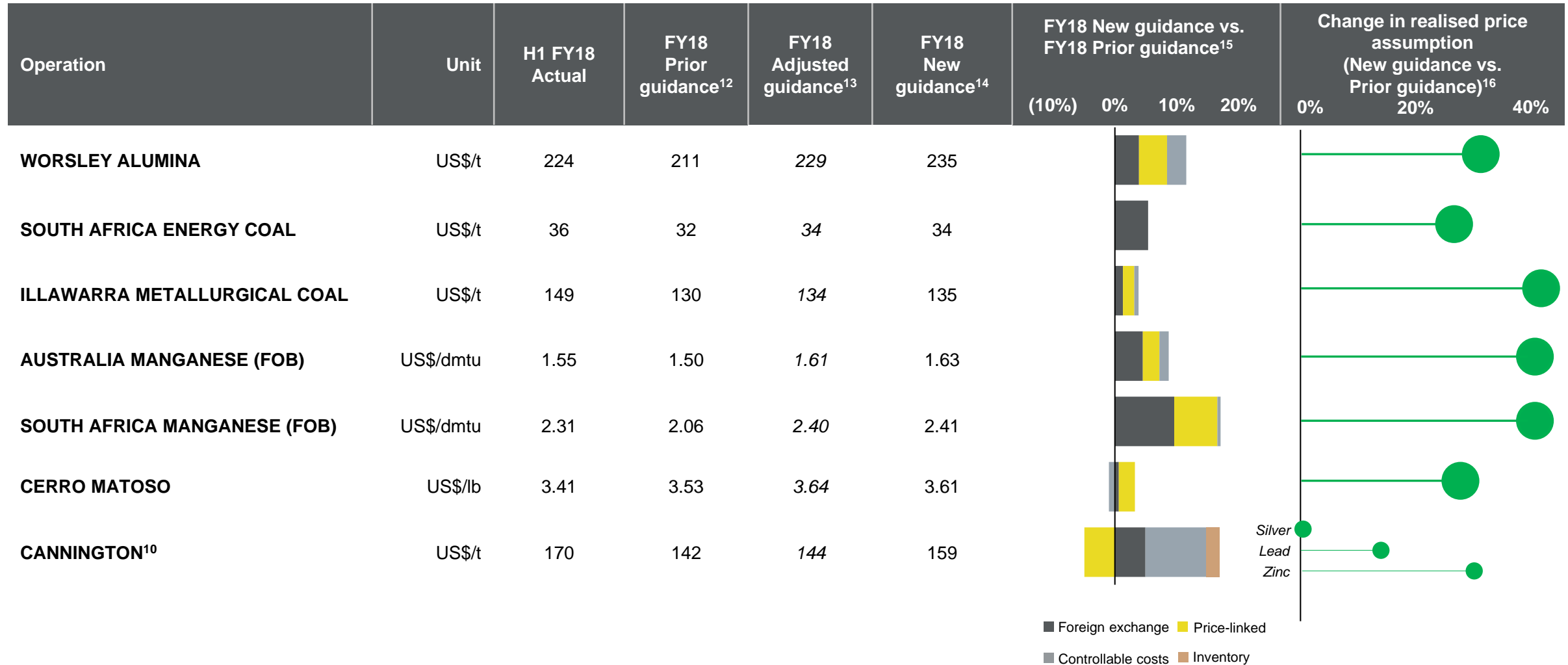
Operating unit costs⁹



FY18 UNIT COST GUIDANCE



Operating unit costs⁹



CASHFLOW ANALYSIS

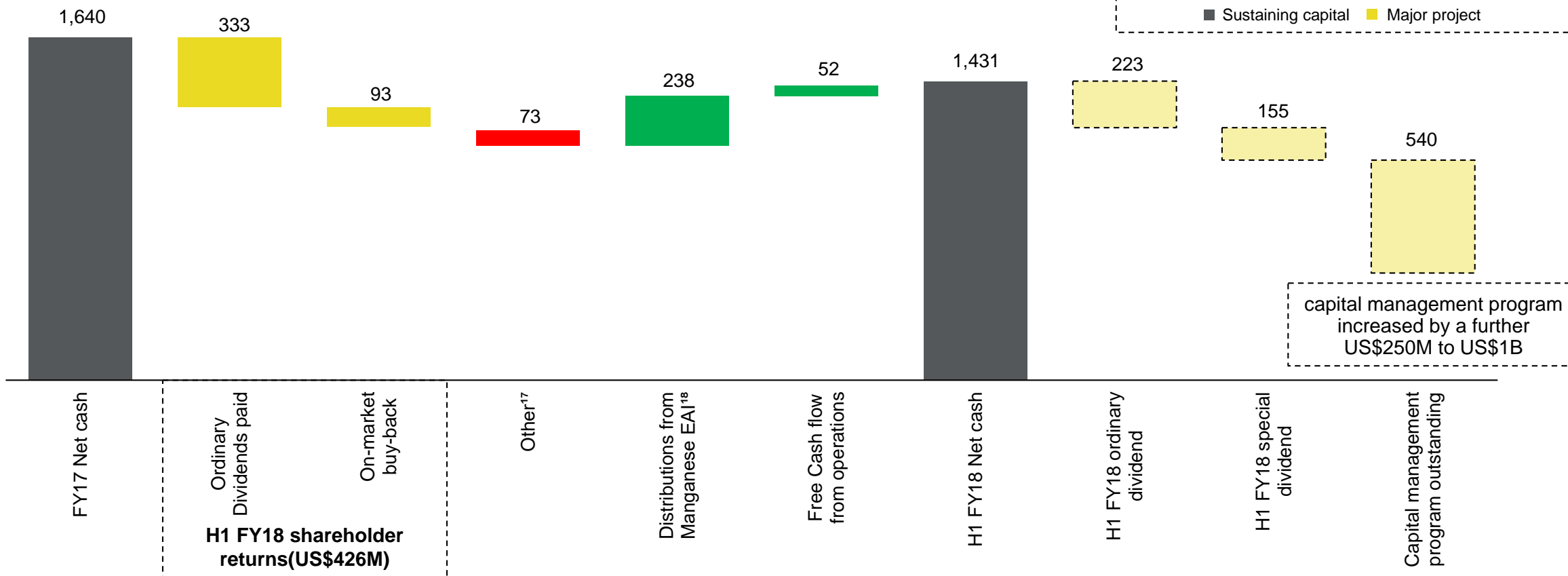
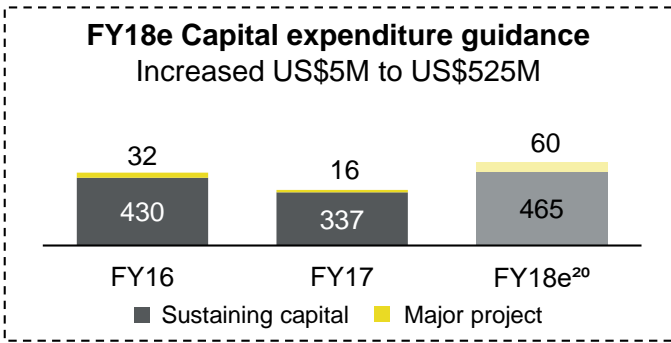


(US\$M)

H1 FY18 build in working capital (+US\$421M)

- Higher receivables, including Arizona prepayment
- Increased raw material and finished goods inventory

H1 FY18 increase in tax payments (+US\$142M to US\$181M)¹⁹



CAPITAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Expanded capital management program +US\$250M to US\$1B

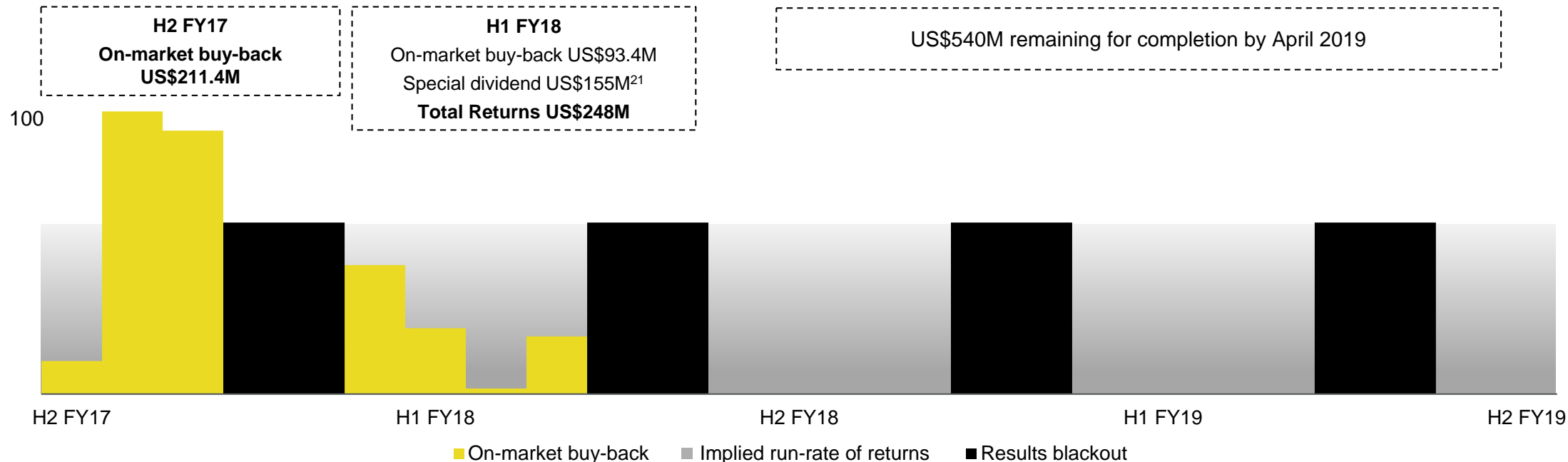
Flexible and value focused approach designed to return capital efficiently:

On-market buy-back US\$305M completed at an average price of A\$2.80

H1 FY18 US\$155M Special dividend (franked to 81%)

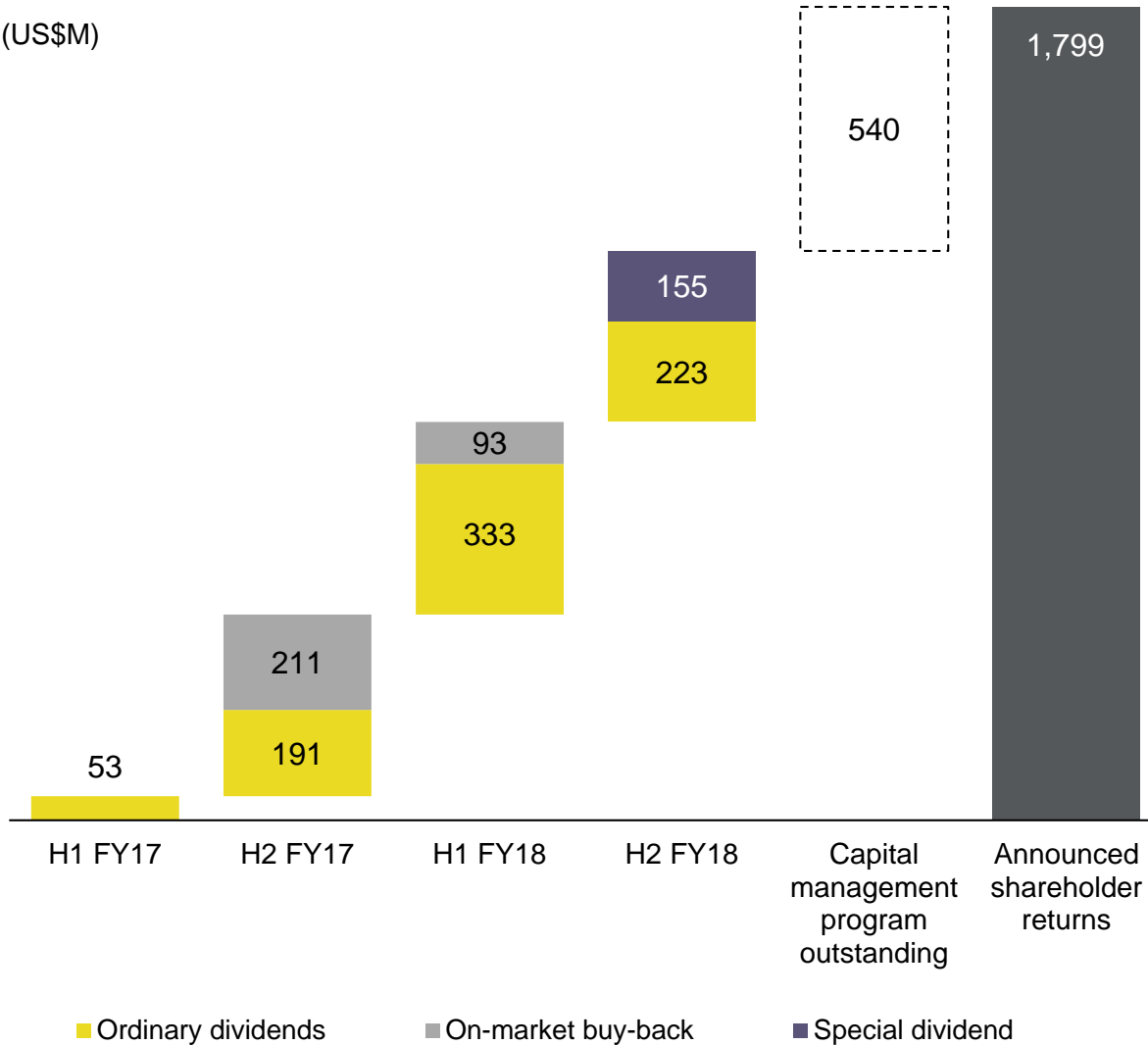
Geographic composition of Group's earnings profile means H1FY18 dividends to foreign shareholders do not attract withholding tax

South32 capital management program (US\$M)



SHAREHOLDER RETURNS

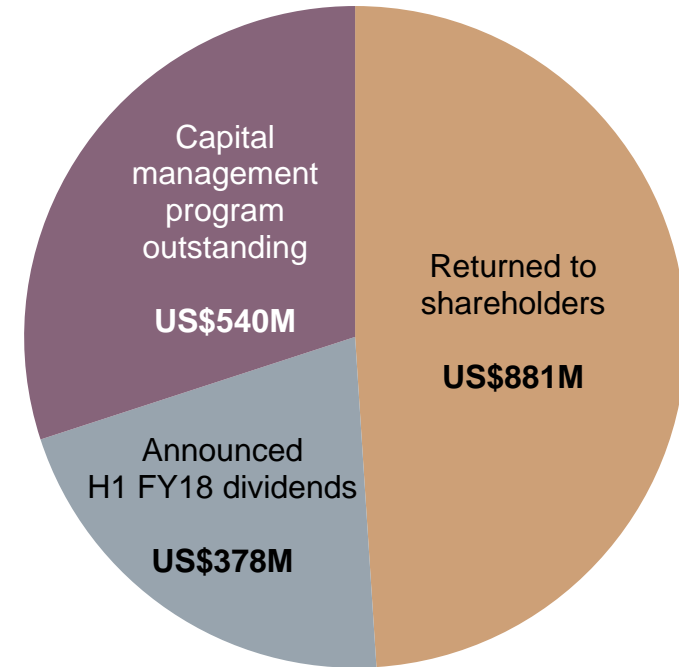
(US\$M)



Since the commencement of FY16 we have announced shareholder returns totalling US\$1.8B

- 98% of Underlying earnings
- 63% of Free cash flow, including distributions from equity accounted investments
- 11% of market capitalisation²²

While retaining Balance Sheet flexibility





OUTLOOK

GRAHAM KERR
CEO





Optimise the performance of our existing operations

- Increased manganese production and guidance
- Production record at Mozal Aluminium
- Cerro Matoso nickel production increased by 23%
- South Africa Energy Coal to be managed as a stand-alone business



Unlock their potential

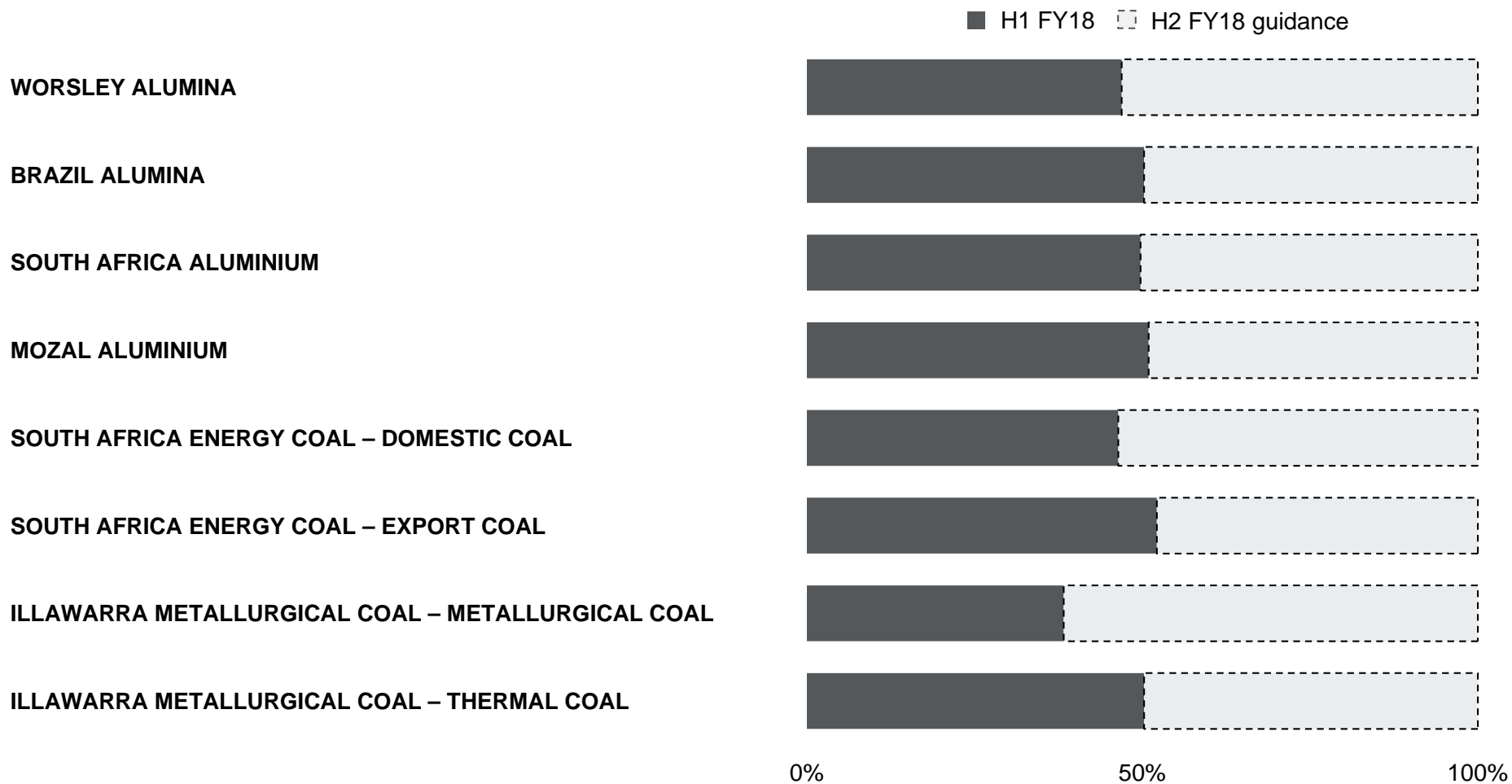
- Approved 4.3B South African rand investment in Klipspruit life extension project
- Pursuing efficiency projects across aluminium value chain:
 - AP3XLE energy efficiency (Mozal Aluminium)
 - De-bottlenecking phase one (Brazil Alumina)
 - West Marradong bauxite feed (Worsley Alumina)



Identify new opportunities to compete for capital

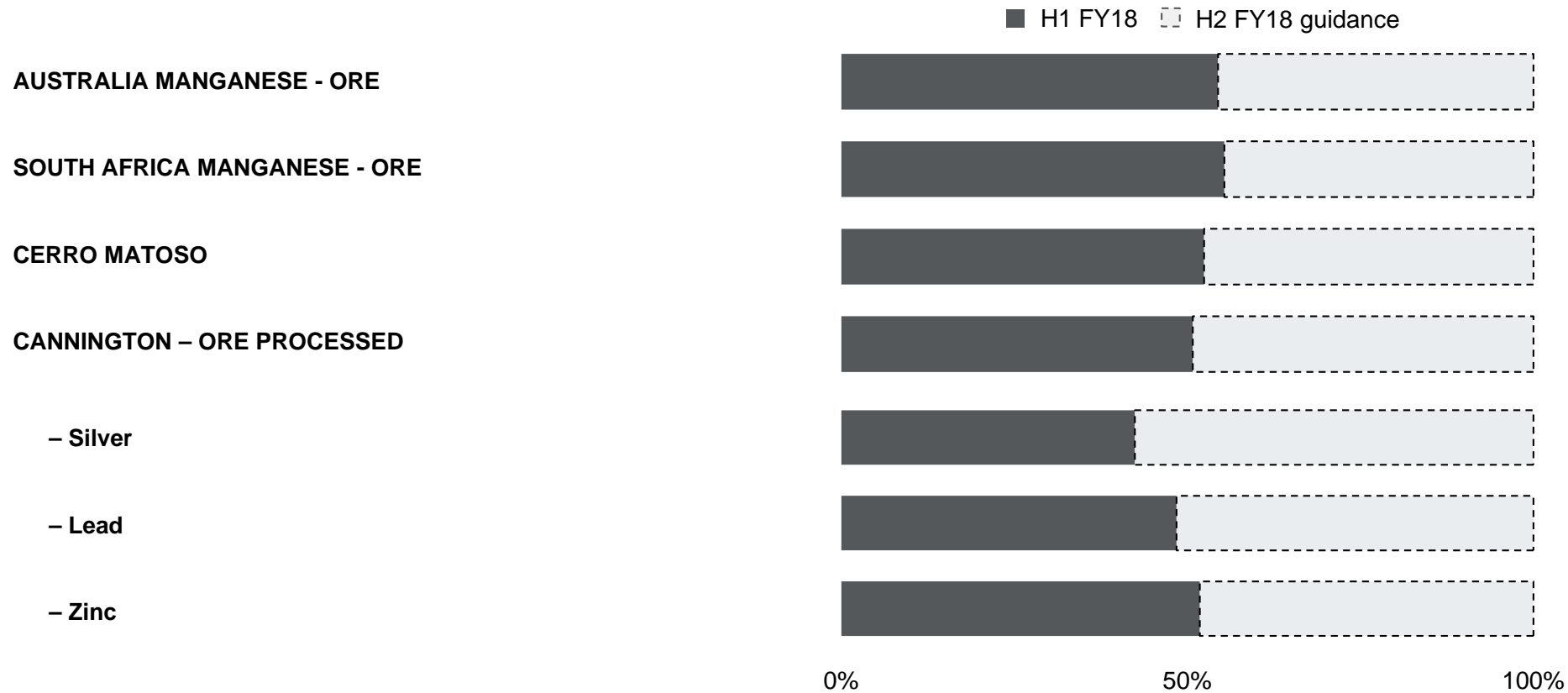
- Second year of Trilogy Metals option, targeting higher grade copper extension at Bornite, Alaska
- Advanced three projects from AusQuest strategic alliance to drilling stage
- Entered strategic alliance with unlisted North Queensland Resources
- Increasing our exposure to Arizona Mining
- Cycling options to improve portfolio over time

FY18 PRODUCTION GUIDANCE



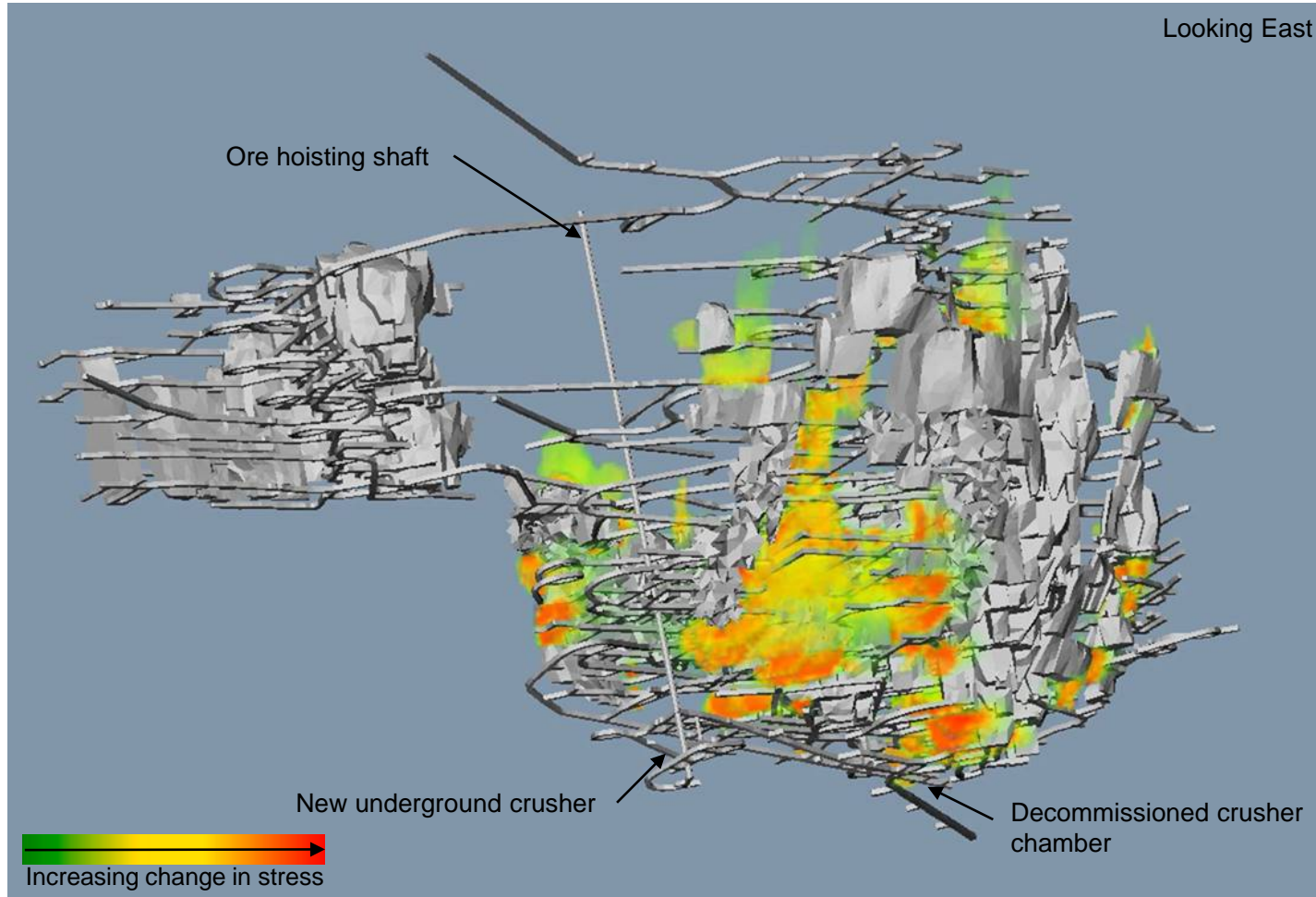
FY18 Guidance	FY19 Guidance
3,975kt	3,965kt
1,345kt	1,355kt
720kt	720kt
269kt	269kt
16,000kt	15,850kt
11,500kt	13,500kt
3,350kt	Not provided
1,150kt	Not provided

FY18 PRODUCTION GUIDANCE



FY18 Guidance	FY19 Guidance
3,125kwmmt	Subject to demand
↑ 2,040kwmmt	Subject to demand
41.6kt	38.8kt
↓ 2,300kdmt	↓ 2,400kdmt
↓ 12,200koz	↓ 11,750koz
↓ 102kt	↓ 98kt
↓ 39kt	↓ 51kt

Change in stress regime at Cannington (FY16 to FY18)



Increased rates of deformation in the underground mine

With orebody depletion, stress regime is evolving and we are shifting into more challenging parts of the mine plan

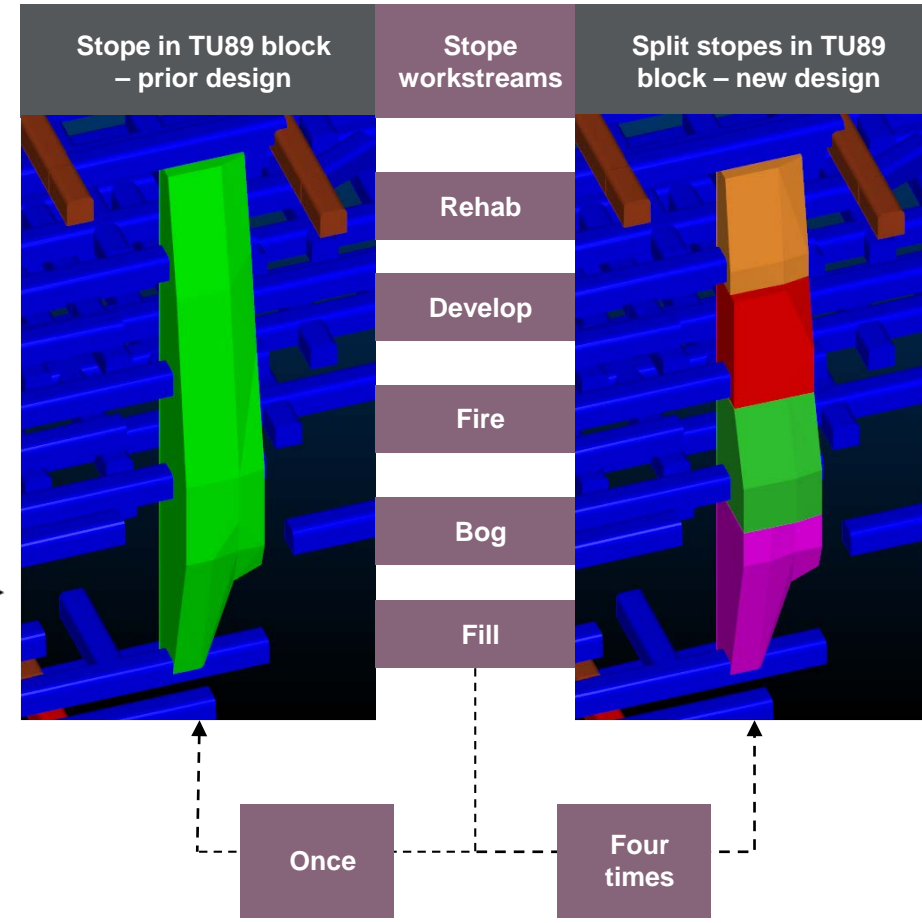
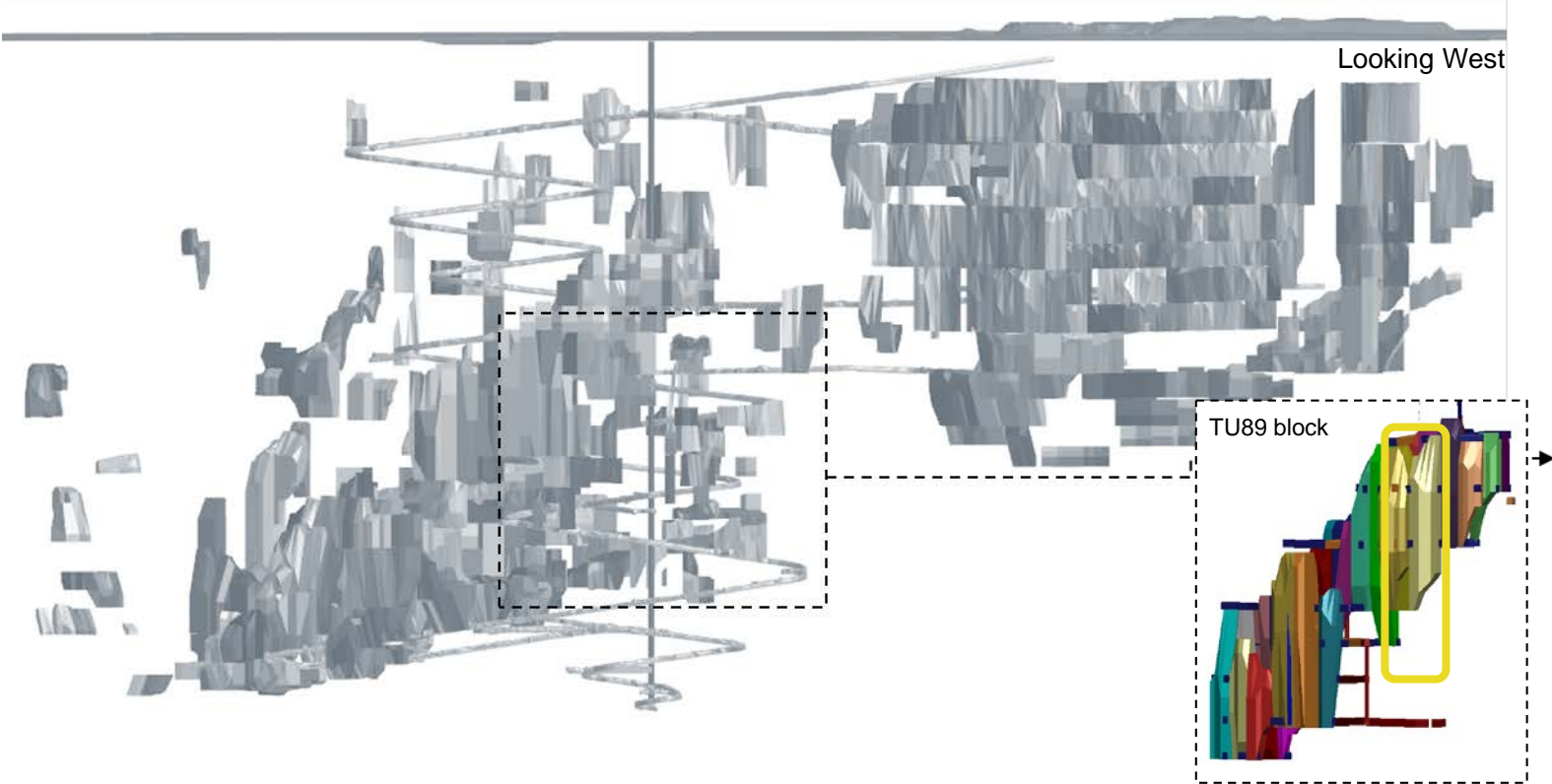
Additional rehabilitation requirements in support of infrastructure

More challenging draw points

Less consistent stope extraction and productivity

CANNINGTON STOPE DESIGN

Visualisation of the Cannington mine plan, critical underground infrastructure and stope design²³



Smaller stope sizes increase intensity of work

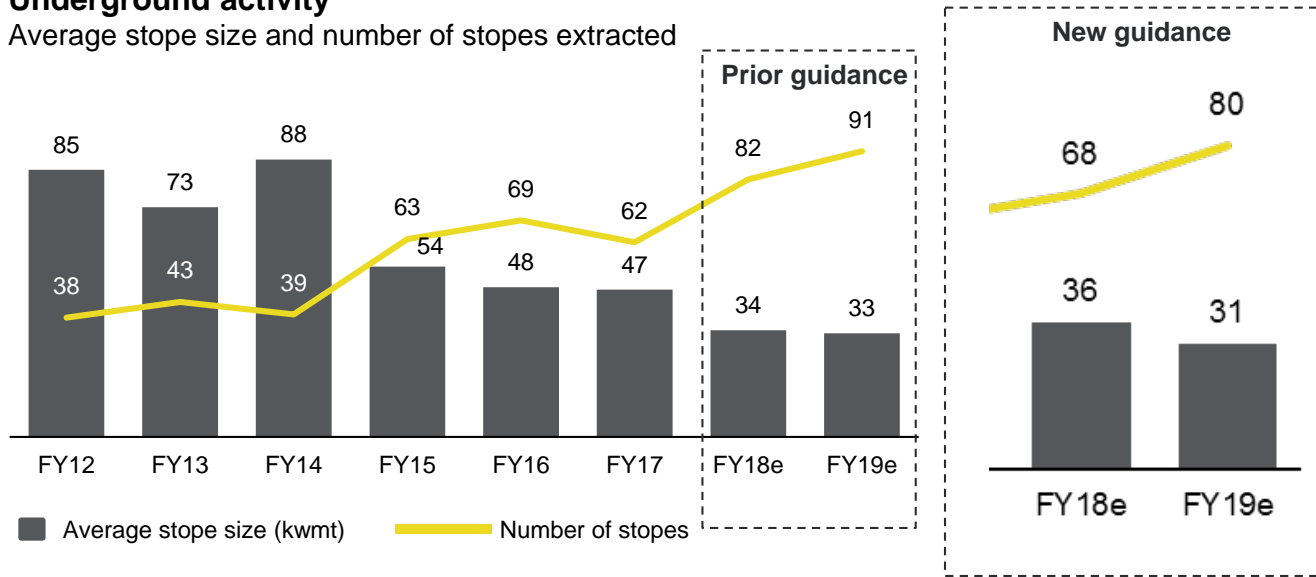
- More work and interactions per tonne of ROM ore
- Higher proportion of ore mined using tele-remote (rates approximately half those of conventional)
- Increased paste fill delivery requirements and sequencing

Affects mining rates and stope sequencing

REVISED CANNINGTON GUIDANCE

Underground activity

Average stope size and number of stopes extracted



We have responded to changing stress regime and challenging ground conditions

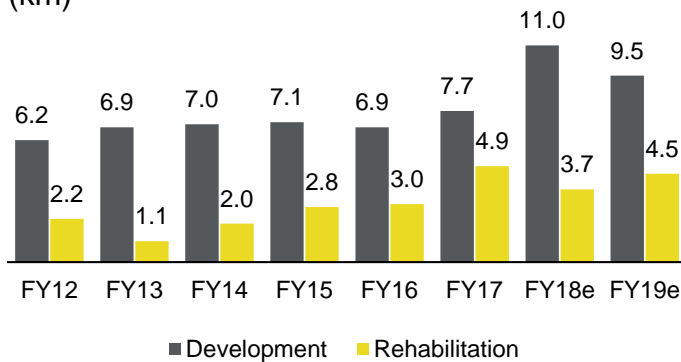
Granular planning to manage geotechnical risk

Decreasing stope sizes and more intensive extraction methods

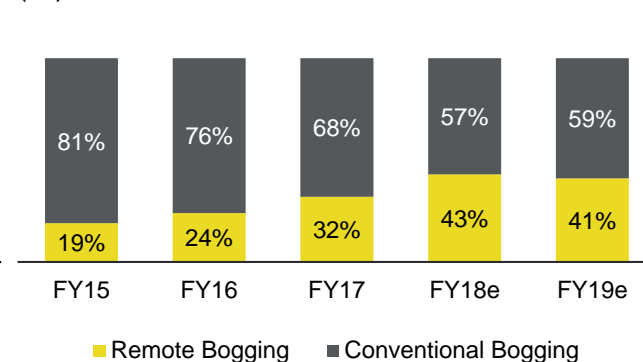
Lower guidance for mining rates and mill throughput:

- FY18e – ↓11% to 2.5Mwmt and ↓12% to 2.3Mdmmt
- FY19e – ↓17% to 2.5Mwmt and ↓19% to 2.4Mdmmt

Development and rehabilitation (km)



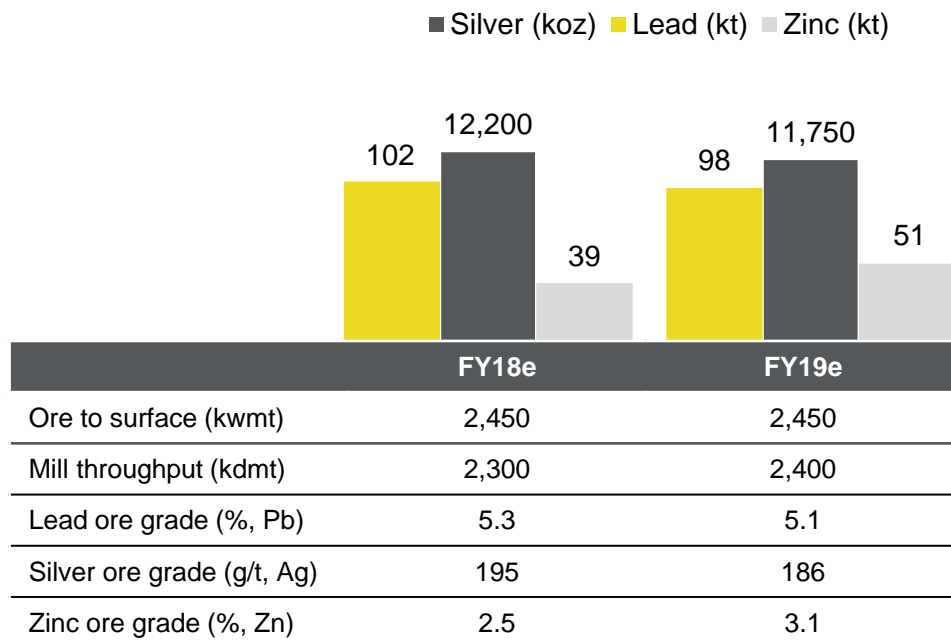
Tele-remote vs. conventional stope tonnes (%)



Ongoing focus to mitigate impact of future deformation

- Higher development rates to open four new mining fronts in FY18/FY19
- Increases operating flexibility
- Additional underground rehabilitation in support of infrastructure

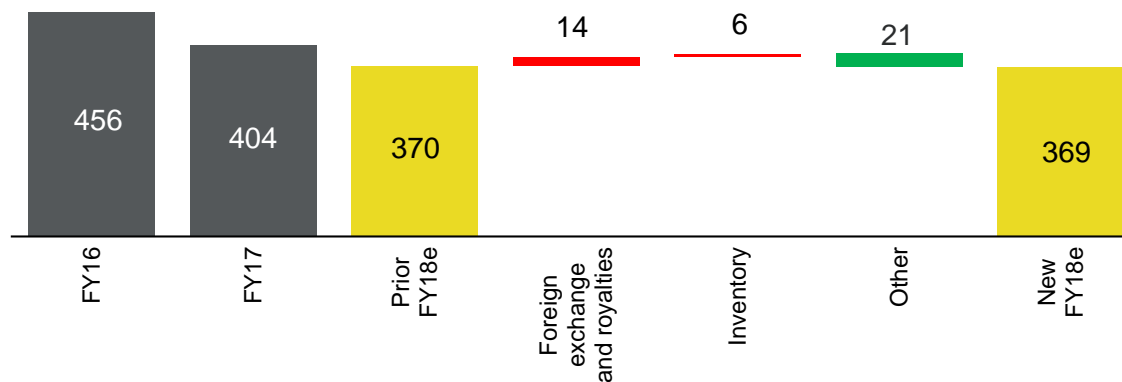
Payable metal production and guidance



Average silver and lead grades in FY18 and FY19 remain around reserve grade levels

Quarter-on-quarter grade variability will persist, consistent with the mine plan

Cost base (US\$M)



- Cannington remains a high grade, high margin operation
- Sharp focus on cost base to offset stronger Australian dollar and lower mining and processing rates, with several initiatives delivering results:
 - new electricity supply contract and construction of solar farm to reduce power costs from FY19
 - renegotiating road haulage contract
 - third-party usage of excess logistics capacity
 - lower negotiated treatment and refining charges
- Replacement underground crusher on-track for completion in February 2018, ahead of schedule
- Highest returning operation in the Group in FY17 (ROIC: 68%)

Appin colliery restart plan on track

Phase II (~12 months)

Safe commencement of staged ramp-up

Focus on gas drainage and ventilation

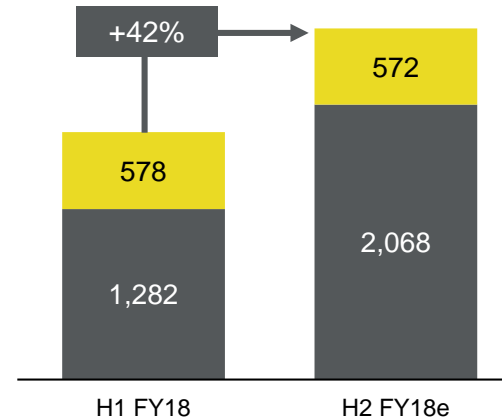
Transform culture and performance

Phase III

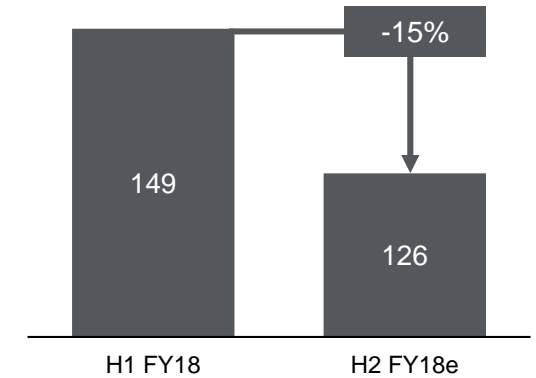
Ability to safely return operation to historical levels of production

FY18 half-on-half production (kt)

■ Metallurgical Coal ■ Energy Coal



FY18 half-on-half unit costs (US\$/t)



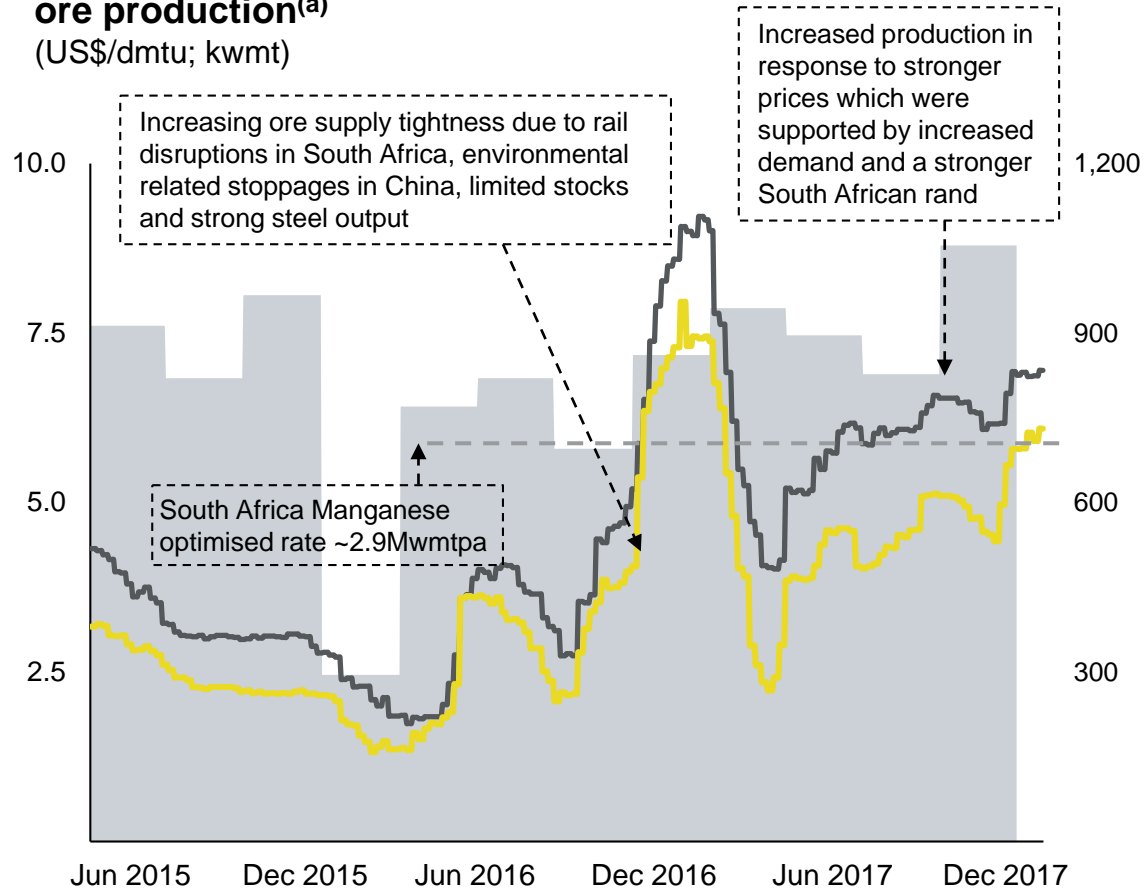
FY18 production guidance and our forward plan for Illawarra Metallurgical Coal remain unchanged

- Improving safety performance and culture
 - Good progress made building on the skill and experience of the leadership team
 - Right sizing our workforce to the current operating configuration
 - Gas plant improvement projects completed in the December 2017 quarter – stable platform enabling pursuit of further system advancements
 - Refurbishment of SW1 coal clearance on track for completion in March 2018 quarter
- Operating a single longwall at Appin for the remainder of FY18
- Returning to a twin longwall configuration at Appin in the December 2018 quarter

MANGANESE AND ALUMINA PRICES



Manganese ore price and South Africa Manganese quarterly ore production^(a)
(US\$/dmtu; kwmt)



South Africa Manganese ore production (100% basis)
 MB 44% CIF China
 MB 37% FOB South Africa

Alumina price^(b)
(US\$/t)



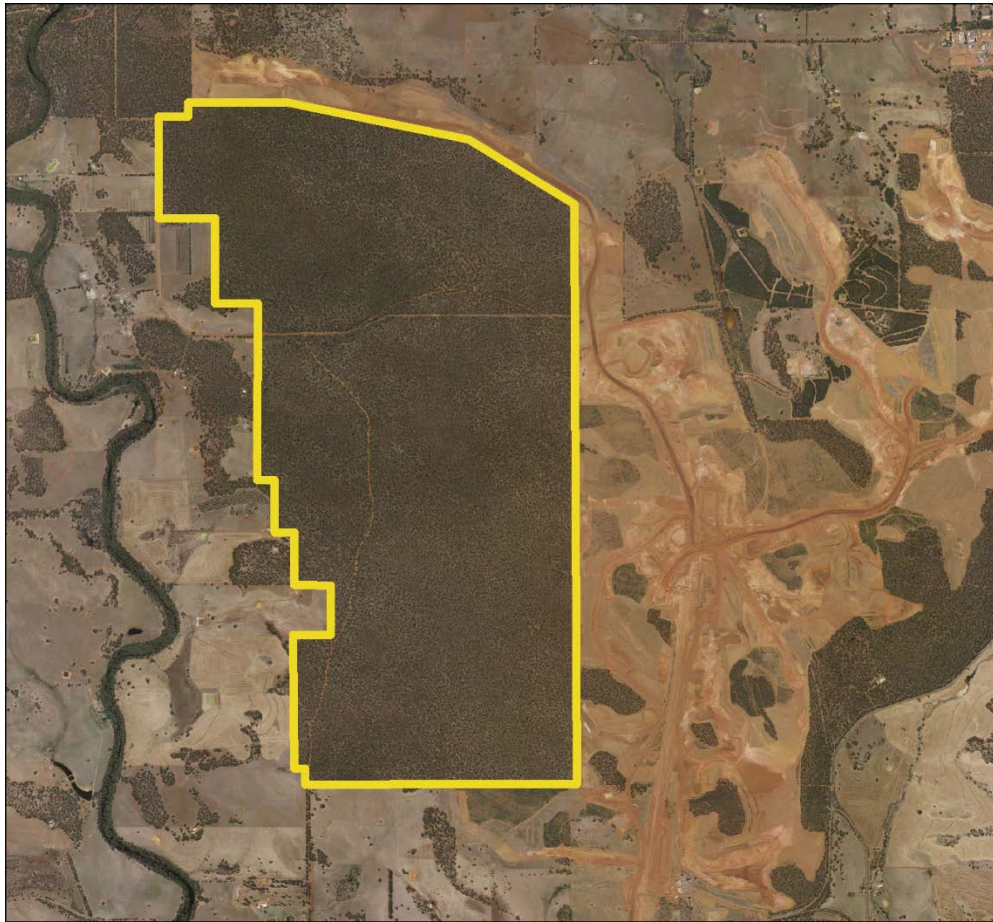
Platts FOB Australia

Manganese ore and alumina prices supported by a steepening of industry cost curves

Notes:

a. Source: Metal Bulletin, South32 analysis.

b. Source: Platts, South32 analysis.



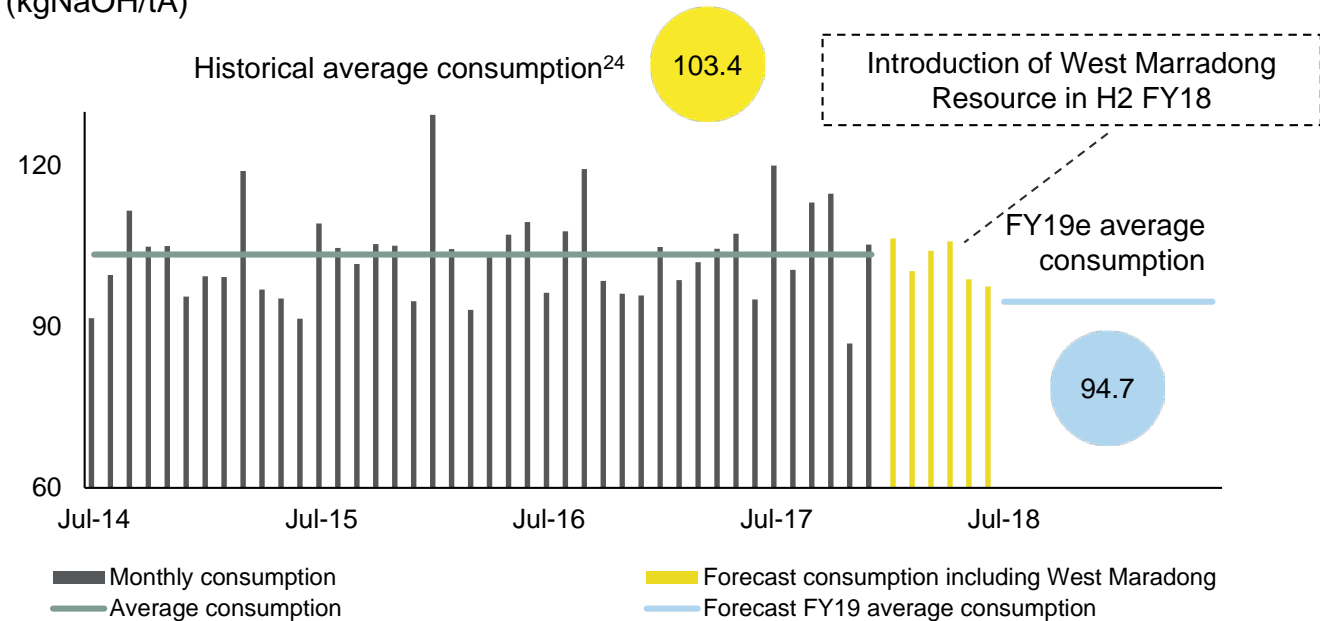
West Marradong adds 74Mt of higher quality bauxite to the Worsley Mineral Resource^(a)

West Marradong will be accessed under an existing sublease agreement with Alcoa

Lower reactive silica	Adjacent to existing infrastructure	Defers capital spend
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Converting high quality West Marradong resource to reserve will unlock significant value

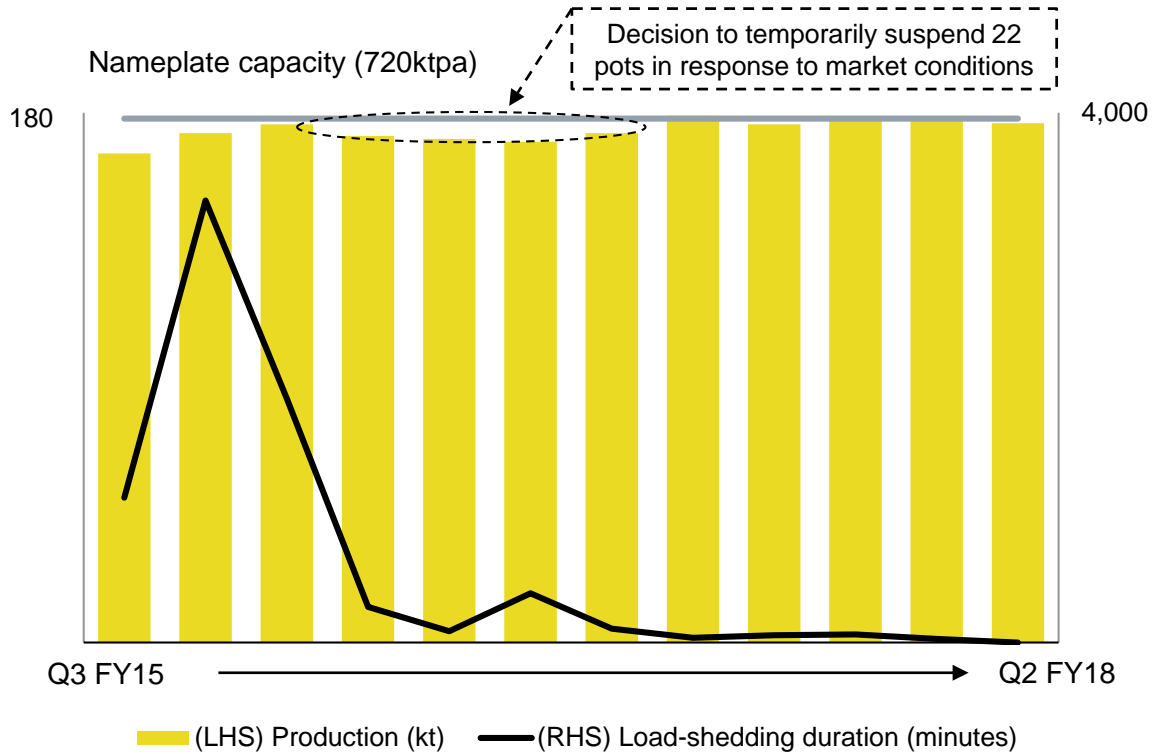
Caustic soda consumption to 31 December 2017 (kgNaOH/tA)



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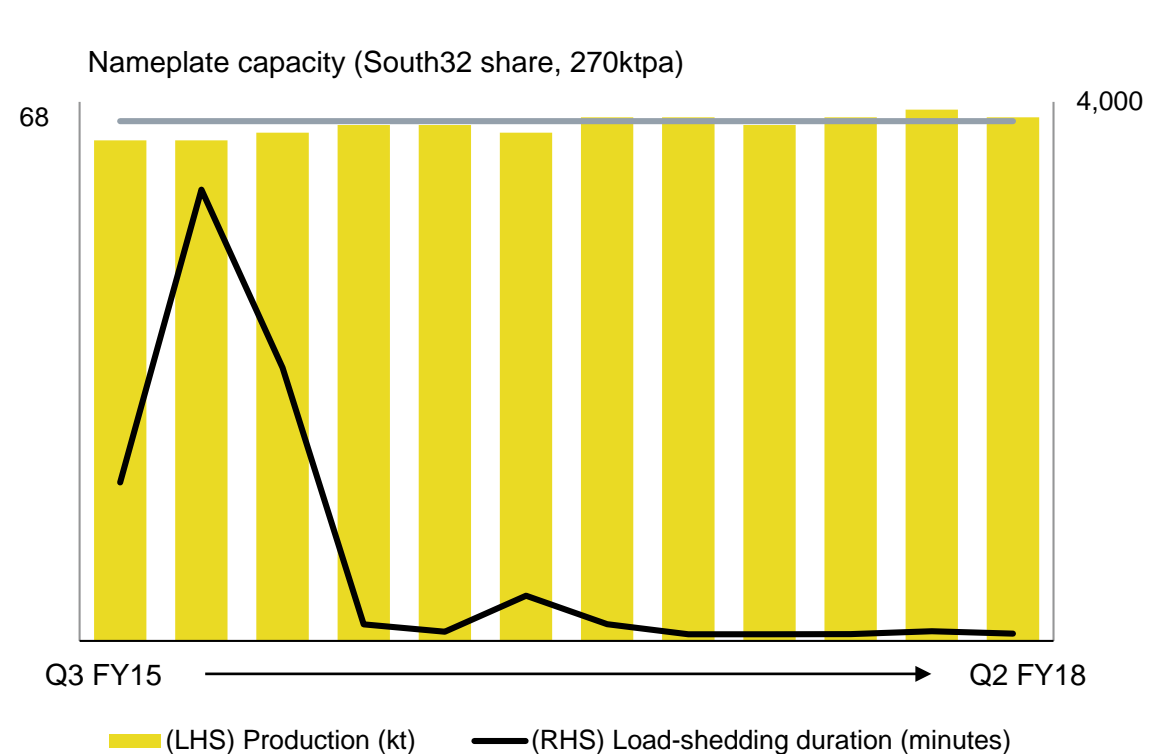
a. West Marradong Mineral Resources consist of 27Mt measured, 40Mt indicated and 7Mt inferred Mineral Resources.

South Africa Aluminium quarterly production



Benefitting from improved reliability of power supply

Mozal Aluminium quarterly production



Another production record in H1 FY18

Initial capital expenditure in FY18 for AP3XLE energy efficiency project

**Manage as a
stand-alone business**

**Sustainably improve
performance**

Transform ownership

On track to manage as a stand-alone business in H2 FY18

- Appointed designate management team to implement stand-alone structure
- Completed the redesign of core systems and processes to better suit unique characteristics
- Commencing process to broaden ownership in H1 FY19

- Reallocation of Chief Operating Officer accountabilities enabling us to fully capture value across our supply chain
- Aggregation of supply and marketing under our Chief Marketing Officer to leverage commercial expertise and optimise working capital
- Proposal to consolidate our functions across the Group to streamline our processes, further reduce duplication and create more direct lines of communication
- Retention of a centralised marketing team and low cost service delivery centre

Proposed removal of our regional structures

Finalising plans and commencing consultation with employees and key stakeholders

A further update will be provided during H2 FY18

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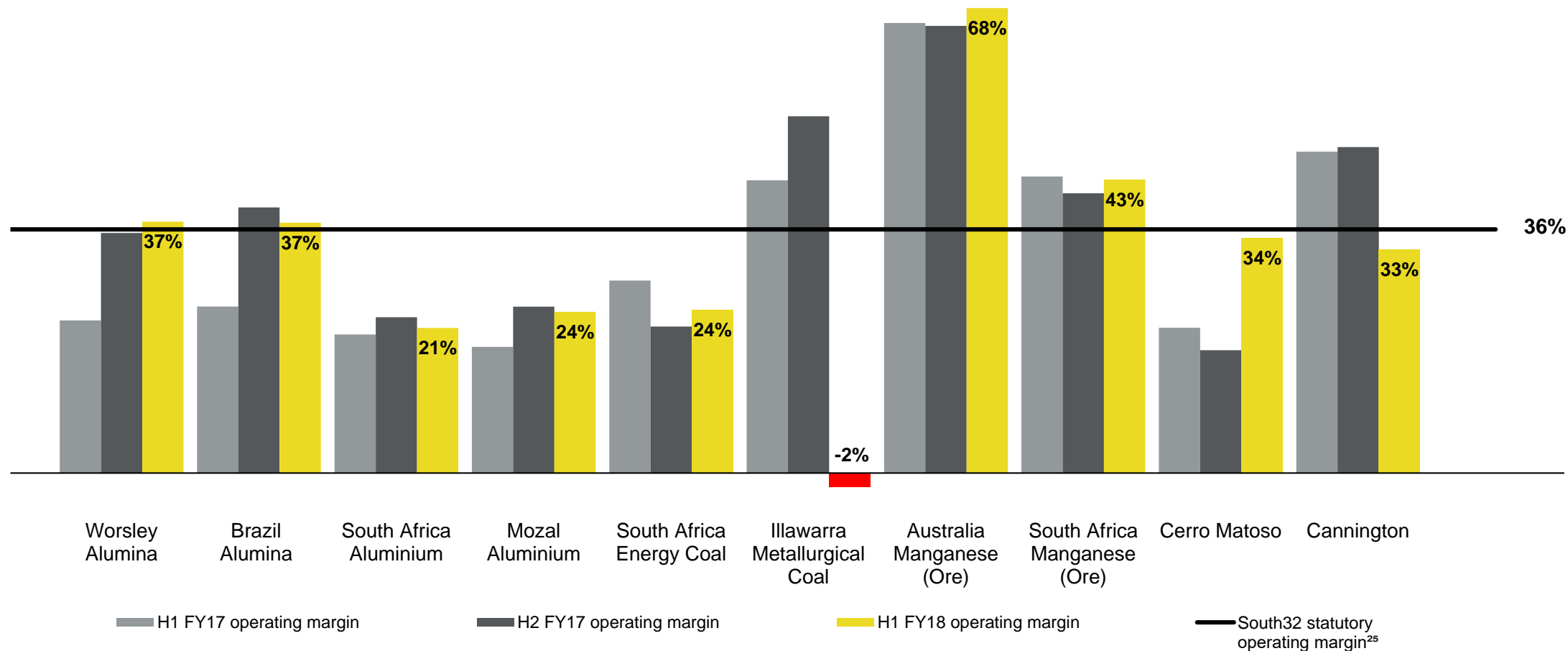
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

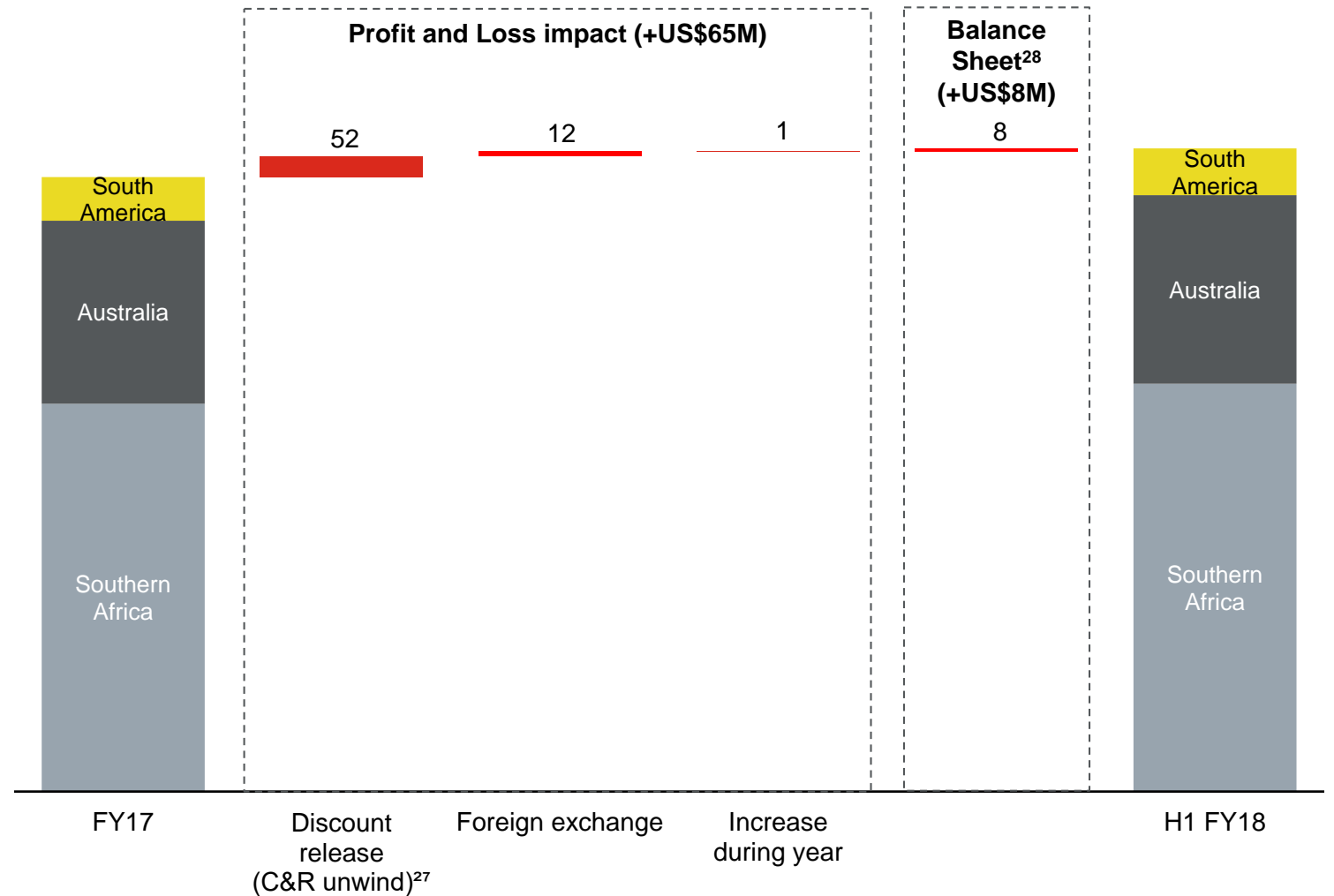


GROUP OPERATING MARGIN



CLOSURE PROVISIONS

Closure and rehabilitation provisions by operation (South32 share)	H1 FY18 US\$M	FY17 US\$M
South Africa Energy Coal	778	746
South Africa Aluminium	213	195
Worsley Alumina	300	292
Cerro Matoso	96	89
Cannington	89	86
Mozal Aluminium	47	46
Illawarra Metallurgical Coal	91	88
Brazil Aluminium	23	22
Other ²⁶	1	1
Total	1,638	1,565



EARNINGS SENSITIVITIES



Estimated impact on FY18 Underlying EBIT of a 10% change in commodity or currency ^(a)	EBIT impact +/- 10% US\$M
Alumina	186
Aluminium ^(b)	185
Manganese ore ^(c)	107
Energy coal	95
Metallurgical coal	64
Nickel	42
Manganese alloy ^(c)	33
Lead	27
Silver	21
Zinc	16
Australian Dollar	160
South African Rand	92
Colombian Peso	21
Brazilian Real	11

Notes:

- a. The sensitivities reflect the estimated impact on FY18 earnings using volume and a 10% movement in H1 FY18 actual realised prices and H1 FY18 actual average exchange rates.
- b. Aluminium sensitivity shown without any associated increase in alumina pricing.
- c. The sensitivity impact for manganese ore and manganese alloy are on a pre-tax basis. The Group's Manganese operations are reported as equity accounted investments. As a result, the Profit after taxation for Manganese is included in the Underlying EBIT of South32.

Notes:

1. All as at 31 December 2017. H1 FY18 information is unaudited.
2. Leadership measure reflects the range of outcomes for our various Regional, Marketing and Corporate teams.
3. Other includes depreciation and amortisation, adjustments to provisions, ceased and sold operations, third party product EBIT and other income.
4. Underlying net finance cost and Underlying tax expense are actual H1 FY18 results, not half-on-half variances.
5. H1 FY18 Third party product cost is US\$142M for aluminium, US\$48M for alumina, US\$128M for coal, US\$86M for freight services and US\$54M for aluminium raw materials. H1 FY17 Third party product cost is US\$129M for aluminium, US\$60M for alumina, US\$64M for coal, US\$1M for statutory adjustments, US\$47M for freight services and US\$37M for aluminium raw materials.
6. Includes net treatment and refining charges for Cannington concentrates.
7. Includes accounting related adjustments.
8. H1 FY18 depreciation and amortisation expense comprising Group (US\$363M) and equity accounted investments (US\$43M). FY18e guidance comprising Group (US\$730M) and equity accounted investments (US\$85M).
9. Operating unit costs is Revenue less Underlying EBITDA and excluding third party sales divided by sales volumes.
10. Shows US dollar per tonne of ore processed. Periodic movements in finished product inventory may impact operating unit cost as related marketing costs and treatment and refining charges may change.
11. Adjusted H1 FY18 Operating unit costs are restated to reflect price and foreign exchange rate assumptions used for Prior FY18 guidance (summarised in footnote 12 below). Chart shows the percentage movement in Operating unit costs associated with foreign exchange rates, controllable costs and price assumptions, and for Cannington inventory.
12. Prior FY18 Operating unit cost guidance included royalties (where appropriate) and the influence of exchange rate assumptions, and were predicated on various assumptions for FY18, including: an alumina price of US\$299/t; an average blended coal price of US\$119/t for Illawarra Metallurgical Coal; a manganese ore price of US\$4.50/dmtu for 44% manganese product; a nickel price of US\$4.27/lb; a thermal coal price of US\$72/t (API4) for South Africa Energy Coal; a silver price of US\$16.82/troy oz; a lead price of US\$2,135/t; a zinc price of US\$2,555/t; an AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.74; a USD:ZAR exchange rate of 14.17 and a USD:COP exchange rate of 2,961; and a reference price for caustic soda; all of which reflected forward markets as at May 2017 or our internal expectations.
13. Adjusted FY18 Operating unit cost guidance is Prior FY18 Operating unit cost guidance, restated to reflect price and foreign exchange rate assumptions used for New FY18 Operating unit cost guidance (refer to footnote 14).
14. New FY18 Operating unit cost guidance includes royalties (where appropriate) and the influence of exchange rates, and are predicated on various assumptions for H2 FY18, including: an alumina price of US\$388/t; an average blended coal price of US\$168/t for Illawarra Metallurgical Coal; a manganese ore price of US\$6.30/dmtu for 44% manganese product; a nickel price of US\$5.39/lb; a thermal coal price of US\$90/t (API4) for South Africa Energy Coal; a silver price of US\$16.96/troy oz; a lead price of US\$2,475/t; a zinc price of US\$3,246/t; an AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.78; a USD:ZAR exchange rate of 12.98; and a USD:COP exchange rate of 2,920; and a 17% increase in the reference price for caustic soda relative to prior guidance; all of which reflected forward markets as at January 2018 or our internal expectations.
15. Shows the percentage impact of movements in exchange rate, price, other operating assumptions, and for Cannington inventory from prior guidance.
16. FY18e prior and new price assumptions are summarised in footnote 12 and footnote 14 respectively.
17. Other includes: financial investments, the purchase of shares in our employee share ownership plans, foreign exchange movement and repayments on finance leases, net loan drawdowns from other EAI and dividends from financial investments.
18. Includes dividends and the net repayment of shareholder loans from Manganese equity accounted investments (EAI).
19. Excludes equity accounted investments.
20. H1 FY18 capital expenditure comprises Sustaining capital expenditure (US\$223M) and Major project capital expenditure (US\$5M). FY18e guidance comprises Sustaining capital expenditure (US\$465M) and Major project capital expenditure (US\$60M).
21. Payment of the US\$155M special dividend will occur in H2 FY18.
22. Market Capitalisation as at 31 January 2018. Calculated as the number of shares on issue (5,181 million) and the South32 closing share price A\$3.81.
23. Underground mine plan as per the current life of operation plan. Blocks represent individual stopes.
24. Average consumption between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2017.
25. Comprises Underlying EBIT excluding third party product EBIT, divided by revenue excluding third party product revenue.
26. Other includes Corporate and Marketing.
27. Unwind of discount applied to closure and rehabilitation provisions.
28. Balance Sheet movement of US\$8M reflects net impact of a US\$4M increase in provisions as a result of other changes (including a review of underlying cash flow assumptions), a US\$40M increase in provisions associated with the capitalisation of foreign exchange impacts on restatement of closure provisions and a US\$36M decrease as a result of closure activities.

