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#### **Company Information**

ASX Code	PLD
Share Price	A\$0.006
Ord Shares	407.3m
Options	120.3m
Market Cap A\$	A\$2.4m
Cash (Mar 2014)	A\$0.5m
Total Debt	A\$ -
Enterprise Value	A\$1.9m

#### **Directors & Managment**

Non- Exec Chairman	Andrew Daley		
Managing Director	Matthew Gauci		
Non- Exec Director	Chris Bain		

#### **Substantial Share Holders**

Top 20	55.6%
CBM Superannuation A/C	4.5%
Bellarine Gold Pty Ltd	4.8%
David Paganin	5.5%
Ranchland Holdings	6.5%
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#### **Company Details**

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#### 1 Year Price Chart



# **PLD Corporation (PLD)**

Upcoming drill campaign targeting Nova 'look-a-like'

**Recommendation: Speculative BUY** 

#### **Key Points**

- Favourable option agreements to acquire highly prospective Rocky
   Gully Ni-Cu project located within the Albany-Fraser Belt
- Desktop review identifies 8 priority and 2 high priority targets
- Historical drilling at M19 and M20 identified strongly anomalous nickel-copper zones in a setting considered directly analogous to the Nova-Bollinger deposit
- Upcoming drill campaign at M19 and M20 to test for nickel-copper sulphides at depth
- EV of A\$1.9M provides significant leverage to positive news flow

PLD is an early stage nickel-copper exploration company with exposure to a highly prospective project located in the Albany-Fraser belt of WA. Shallow RAB drilling at two targets (of 36 identified) demonstrate a geological setting considered directly analogous to the 14.6Mt @ 2.2% Ni Nova-Bollinger discovery, also located within the Albany-Fraser Belt. Upcoming drilling provides opportunity for positive news flow and a substantial valuation re-rating.

# **Company Overview**

PLD Corporation (ASX: PLD) has entered into binding option agreements for an exclusive 12 month period to acquire a 90% interest in the Rocky Gully Ni-Cu project (comprising 3 tenements), located in the southern corner of the Albany-Fraser Belt, WA, from ASX listed 'Heron Resources'. A further option agreement was signed with a private group for a 100% interest in a contiguous Exploration Licence Application (with both option agreements now covering four licences).

PLD has already made non-refundable payments totalling A\$80k to secure the option agreements and, should the Company elect to exercise, it will pay a further A\$280k (or 28.75M PLD shares issued @ A\$0.008) to Heron and 5M shares to the private group (@ A\$ 0.01). Heron will retain a 10% interest in 3 licences and a Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) of 1.5%.

The Rocky Gully Project hosts 10 'priority' Ni-Cu targets, however, the two of most significance are the 'M19' and 'M20' prospects. Historical shallow RAB drilling intersected strongly anomalous nickel-copper zones within lateritic horizons in a setting that is considered directly analogous to that of Sirius's Nova-Bollinger discovery. An upcoming RC drill campaign has been designed to test these highly prospective Ni-Cu targets, with first results expected before the end of June 14'.

PLD has a management team with extensive experience in exploration, development and mining, providing confidence of stringent exploration. With an EV of A\$1.9M, PLD is highly leveraged to any positive news flow.

# **Project Review**

# **Rocky Gully**

## **Nickel-Copper Exploration Project:**

The Rocky Gully nickel-copper project is located ~85km north-west of Albany (southern WA) within the western part of the Albany Fraser Mobile Zone.

Geographic location of Rock Gully with major infrastructure

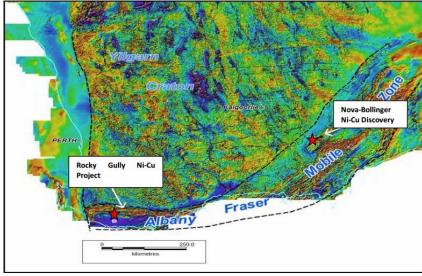
Rocky Gully located in under explored belt



Source: Sirius Resources and Breakaway Research

The Albany-Fraser belt stretches over ~1,000km from Rocky Gully in the west to Tropicana in the east, along the south-east margin of the Yilgarn Craton.

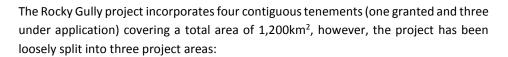
Regional Aeromagnetic Image: Albany Fraser Mobile Belt



Renewed interest in the Belt following the discovery of the Tropicana and Nova-**Bollinger deposits** 

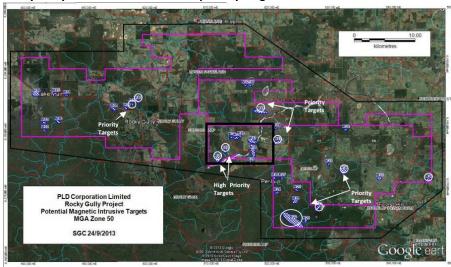
Source: PLD Corporation

The Albany-Fraser belt is one of the most underexplored belts in WA, largely due to its relative remoteness, lack of mineralised outcrop (ore bodies tend to be concealed) and the perception that the highly metamorphosed rocks reduce the prospectivity. However, the discovery of the Tropicana-Havana gold deposit (118Mt @ 2.1g/t Au for 7.9Moz gold) and the Nova-Bollinger nickel gold deposit (14.6Mt @ 2.2% Ni and 0.9% Cu for 325kt of Ni and 134kt of copper) has renewed interest in the region.



- Rock Gully Central 4 targets and 4 priority targets within 64km<sup>2</sup>
- Rock Gully West 12 targets and 2 priority targets within 964km<sup>2</sup>
- Rock Gully East 10 targets and 4 priority targets within 266km<sup>2</sup>

#### **Rocky Gully: Tenement outline and priority targets**



4 contiguous licences covering ~1,500km<sup>2</sup>

Source: PLD Corporation

## Geology

Regional geology considered favourable for hosting Ni-Cu deposits

The project area is underlain by Proterozoic rocks of the Birunup Gneiss (1.8Ga). Late stage mafic (mafic: rich in magnesium and iron) and ultramafic intrusions have been identified in the area, which are favourable hosts for nickel-copper mineralisation.

# **Previous Exploration**

Previous exploration was carried out by Heron Resources (ASX: HRR) in 2009 within 'Rocky Gully Central' project area (outlined by the black box in the above image) which included soil sampling and a shallow RAB reconnaissance drill campaign, primarily targeting the M19 and M20 prospects.

Drilling reached a maximum depth of ~60m and, encouragingly, intercepted several strongly anomalous nickel zones within lateritic horizons. Highlights include:

2009 RAB drilling highlights from 'Rocky Gully Central'

Hole ID	Prospect	From	To	Intercept	Nickel	Copper
		(m)	(m)	(m)	(%)	(%)
RGR003	M19	12	16	4	0.57	0.03
RGR005	M19	8	16	8	0.58	0.06
RGR006	M19	8	16	8	0.59	0.04
RGR009	M19	24	28	4	0.55	0.07
RGR009	M19	32	36	4	0.46	0.04
RGR010	M19	16	20	4	0.51	0.04
RGR017	M20	16	20	4	0.50	0.0
RGR018	M20	8	20	12	0.62	0.07
RGR019	M20	12	16	4	0.55	0.02
RGR020	M20	8	16	8	0.75	0.04
RGR021	M20	8	20	12	0.71	0.03

Source: Herron Resources

Historical drilling identifies highly anomalous nickel zones



M19 and M20 prospects are the company focus

M19 and M20 defined by 'bulls-eye' magnetic high

Shallow drilling at M20 intersects peak intersection of 12m @ 0.71% Ni

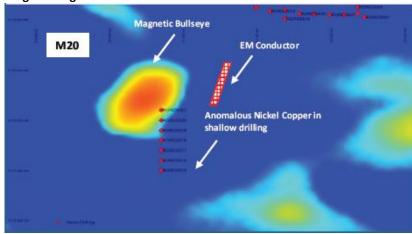
Anomalous nickel present at end of each hole

# The M19 and M20 prospects

Although PLD Corporation has identified 36 targets (10 of which are 'priority') for follow up testing, the 'M19' and 'M20' prospects are the only ones to have be drill tested (albeit, only to a shallow depth) and are currently the Company's primary focus.

The 'M19' and 'M20' prospects are defined by discreet 'bulls-eye' magnetic highs within a subdued magnetic domain. No outcrops are evident, however the laterite appears locally iron-rich, which may be indicative of a deeper iron rich source rock.

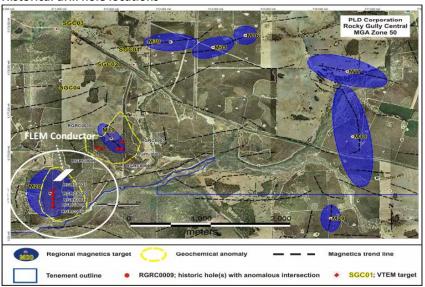
## Magnetic high at M20



Source: PLD Corporation

Highly anomalous nickel intersections have been intercepted at both prospects, however, Breakaway is particularly encouraged by the primary Ni-Cu enrichment identified at M20 with five intersections over a 600m north-south traverse, as illustrated in the image below:.

#### **Historical drill hole locations**



Source: PLD Corporation

Anomalous Ni-Cu was present at the end of each of the drill holes. A peak intersection of 12m @ 0.71% Ni and 0.01% Cu was recorded with the reported Ni-Cu grade increasing in each hole moving north along the traverse towards a recently identified EM conductor.

M20 Prospect: Cross section

Ni-Cu grade increases moving North along the traverse

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Nickel grade increasing towards newly identified EM conductor

Source: PLD Corporation

#### **Upcoming Exploration**

PLD is now planning a 2,500m RC drill campaign targeting the M19 and M20 prospects which will seek to extend known areas of Ni-Cu mineralisation, test for primary nickel and copper mineralisation within the fresh bedrock, penetrate the EM anomaly and validate the interpretation of the magmatic fractionation processes as drivers for magmatic nickel-copper sulphide mineralisation (as is the case with the Nova-Bollinger deposit).

The Company will also continue to advance the additional 8 'priority' targets within the portfolio with soil sampling and EM Surveys which will be followed up with RAB and RC drilling campaigns as required.

# Breakaway's View

It should be noted that the Nova nickel-copper regolith expression ('regolith' is the layer of unconsolidated material above the primary bedrock i.e. soil, broken rock etc) is characterised by laterite with 4-32m of consistently anomalous nickel, typically ranging in grade between 0.2% and 0.3% Ni. Sirius's peak laterite intercept was 52m at 0.61% Ni (and 0.06% Cu). Sirius later drilled the 190m 'discovery hole' into fresh bedrock, intersecting 4m @ 3.8% Ni and 1.42% Cu.

With the benefit of the Nova discovery, the highly anomalous grades intercepted by shallow RAB drilling at the M19 and M20 prospects combined with the adjacent EM anomaly, are particularly significant and highlight the potential for primary nickel mineralisation at depth.

PLD has extended the expiry date of the Option Agreements to the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014. This allows the Company time to complete the first round of drilling and to assess the results before it elects whether to exercise the option.

Although the focus is clearly on the M19 and M20 prospects, PLD has another 8 priority targets which also require follow up test work. The Company has a sound management track record (+100 years' experience in exploring, developing and mining nickel, copper and gold) and with an EV of just A\$1.9M is highly leveraged to any positive news flow.

RC drilling to test EM conductor and bedrock for primary (sulphide) mineralisation

Setting considered highly analogous to Nova-Bollinger discovery

Drilling to be completed before expiry of options

Highly leveraged to positive news flow

#### **Directors**

Non-Executive Chairman

**Andrew Daley** 

Andrew Daley (BSc Hons FAusIMM) is a Mining Engineer and Investment Banker. He has over 30 years' experience in resources having worked with Anglo American, Rio Tinto and Conoco Minerals and Fluor Australia in project evaluation and mining development. Mr Daley then moved into resource project finance with National Australia Bank, Chase Manhattan and from 1999 as a Director of the Mining Team at Barclays Capital in London. Mr Daley was also a Director of Investor Resources Finance Pty Limited ("IRF"), a company based in Melbourne which provided financial advisory services to the resources industry globally. Mr Daley is currently Non-Executive Chairman of KGL Resources Limited (ASX:KGL).

**Managing Director** 

Matthew Gauci

Matthew Gauci has over15 years' experience in the mining industry and has successfully financed and managed private and public mining exploration companies in Australia, Africa and South America. Mr Gauci has managed the exploration, development and feasibility of a number of mining exploration projects in commodities such as gold, uranium, coal, iron ore and industrial minerals. He has also consulted to companies operating in the technology and life sciences industries. Mr Gauci is a Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD). Mr Gauci has a BSc. and an MBA from the University of Western Australia.

Non-Executive Director

Chris Bain

Chris Bain (B App Sc and Dip GeoSc MAusIMM) is a geologist and mineral economist. He has over 30 years' experience in resources having worked in underground mine geology in Mt Isa and Tasmania and exploration around Broken Hill. Mr Bain has been instrumental in mining project divestitures and acquisitions, evaluations and valuations, capital raisings including several initial public offerings and ASX listings. Mr Bain was also a Director of Investor Resources Finance Pty Limited ("IRF"), a company based in Melbourne which provided financial advisory services to the resources industry globally. Mr Bain is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr Bain is currently Non-Executive Director of KGL Resources (ASX:KGL).

\*CV's taken from company website



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