

Sphere Minerals

Update on Iron Ore Investment in Mauritania

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Glencore today

- Major producer and marketer of over 90 commodities, with operations in over 50 countries
- Successful integration of Xstrata complete
- Strong owner-manager culture
- Roll-out of new Values, Code of Conduct and Policies post-Xstrata acquisition.





Glencore - Where we operate





Glencore - Our values

Entrepreneurialism

 Our approach fosters the highest level of professionalism, personal ownership and entrepreneurial spirit in all our employees while never compromising on the safety and wellbeing of our people. This is important to our success and the superior returns we aim to achieve for all our stakeholders

Simplicity

 We aim to achieve our key deliverables as a path to industryleading returns, while maintaining a clear focus on excellence, quality, sustainability and continuous improvement in everything we do

Safety

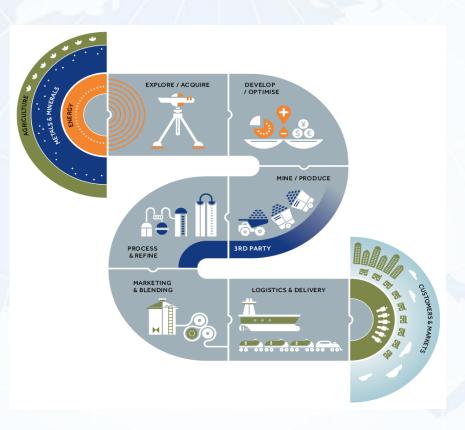
 Our first priority in the workplace is to protect the health and well-being of all our workers. We take a proactive approach to health and safety; our goal is continuous improvement in preventing occupational disease and injuries

Responsibility

 We recognise that our work can have an impact on our society and the environment. We care profoundly about our performance in compliance, environmental protection, human rights and health and safety

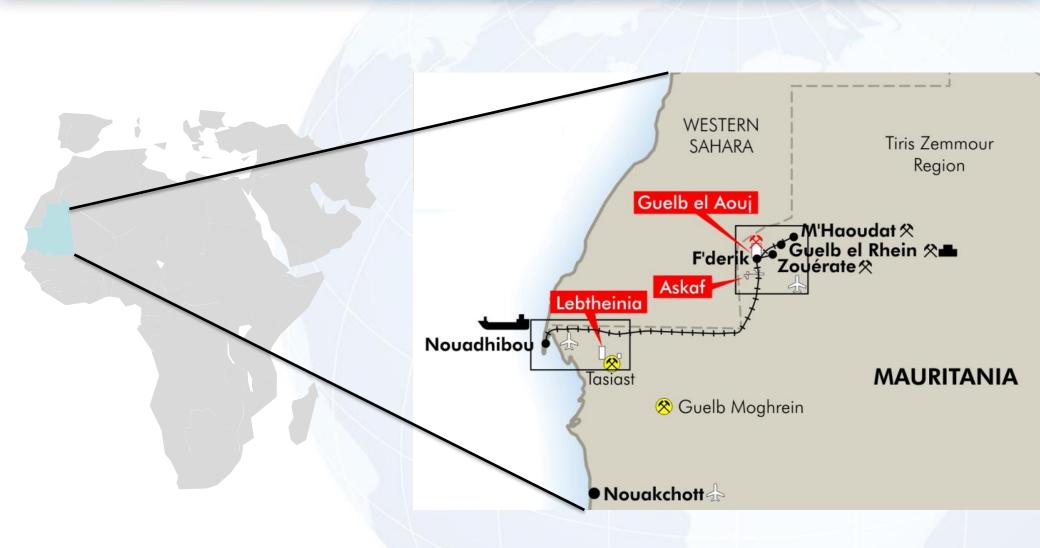
Openness

 We value relationships and communication based on integrity, co-operation, transparency and mutual benefit, with our people, our customers, our suppliers, governments and society in general





Through Sphere Glencore has a significant presence in Mauritania





Introduction

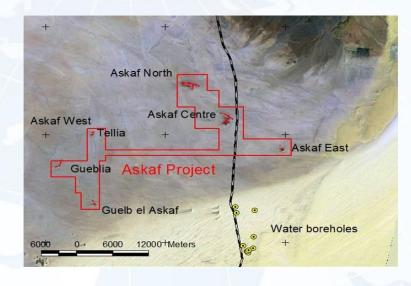
- Sphere's shareholders support investment in Mauritania
 - High level of security and stability, especially given regional issues
 - Access provided to State controlled infrastructure
 - Available workforce
- Sphere and SNIM are strong business partners
 - Marketing relationship
 - Working together on El Aouj
- Askaf is Sphere's first iron ore project...
 - A major step for both Sphere and Mauritania
- ...But we have other large resources
 - El Aouj (50% SNIM) is our flagship project and progressing well
 - Lebtheinia has significant potential
 - Other Askaf Guelbs provide expansion/ extension potential (resource upgrades imminent)
- Askaf is a win-win project that will act as a catalyst for economic development and further investment in Mauritania





Askaf – our launch project

- Optimised Feasibility Study (FS) outcome
 - 7.5 Mtpa average production
 - Capex ~US\$900 Million
 - 66% Fe, low impurity, 7% silica concentrate
- Strengths
 - Life/scale upside
 - Unique coarse mineralogy
 - Competitive material movements
 - Existing rail and Cape-capable port
 - Competitive costs







Askaf - Mobilising







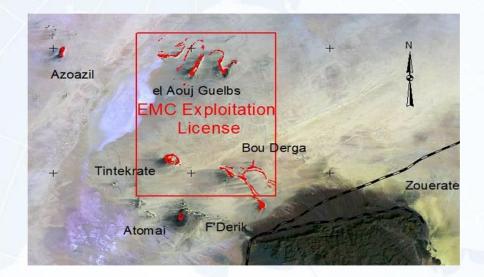






El Aouj – large resource and scale potential

- Glencore ownership 44% (Sphere 50%; SNIM 50%)
 - Cooperation model independent management with seconded employees
 - EMC General Manager and Chairman are SNIM employees
 - Technical Director and Study Manager are Sphere employees
- PFS completed March 2014
 - Outstanding results for a staged development case, starting at 10Mtpa and building up to a potential well over 40Mtpa
- Strengths
 - Very significant scale and life potential
 - Coarse mineralogy similar to Askaf
 - Multiple product options
 - Existing rail and Cape-capable port

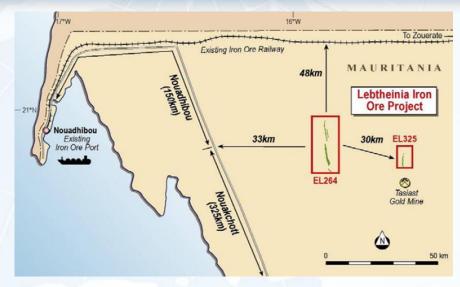






Lebtheinia – phased potential, near coast

- 2.7Bt magnetite BIF resource
 - In-site grade of 32% Fe
 - Fine liberation size
 - Currently carrying out Feasibility Study into phased production
- Currently carrying out Feasibility Study into phased production buildup
 - Laterite cap samples show potential for 0.5 2Mtpa DSO operation drilling for samples carried out in July 2013
 - Pit optimization shows potential for 2-3Mtpa
 pellet feed with 0.6 average strip and 32 years
 LOM water and yield require optimisation
 - Viable water source and gas power access vital to success







Our partnerships are vital

Mauritanian Government

- Contact and discussion at all levels with key ministerial departments; including but not limited to the Ministries in charge of Mines, Finance, Environment, Labour, and Interior:
 - Firm support for project development.
- Permit and approvals negotiations continue with inter-ministerial representation.

SNIM

Rail & Port negotiations with SNIM are in an advanced stage
Term Sheet signed for product transport
Term Sheet progressing for general freight transport





Aided by strong community / SD / HSEC programmes



- Health and Safety protocols in place
 - SafeWork Program
 - Fatal hazard Protocols & Golden rules
 - Introduction of SLAM pre-task risk assessment
 - Leadership, hazard & risk management training for targeted supervisors and managers
 - Introduction of medical, health and hygiene standards
 - Use of ICAM investigation processes
 - Introduction of Security Management Plans and upgraded Security arrangements (MRT)
 - Crises management plan



Summary

- After more than 10 years in Mauritania and three years in partnership with Glencore, Sphere is ready to start construction of Askaf
 - 600 operating employees and 2000 construction jobs
- We have solved many problems together already
- We have a world class Mining Convention and Mining Code, which will stabilise and regulate the mine

