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Quarterly Highlights



Restart Study

progressing well and remains on track for

June Quarter



Strong Balance Sheet

\$50M cash balance
with no debt



Sustainability Focus

**maintained
environmental
compliance**
during the quarter



Outstanding Lithium Drilling Results¹

63m @ 1.67% Li₂O
20km from Finniss



Gold Prospectivity progressing at Shoobridge²

6m @ 5.1g/t Au

1. Refer to ASX announcement "New high-grade Lithium drill results within 20km of the Grants processing facility" on 6 November 2024

2. Refer to ASX announcement "Gold hits continue as drilling resumes at Shoobridge" on 21 October 2024

Sustainability Performance

- **No lost time injury or significant environmental incidents** during the quarter. Two minor safety incidents occurred with our drilling contractor.
- **Preparatory works for wet season water management** are in place:
 - Water storage at 52% capacity as planned
 - Repairs and extensions to existing water management pipework completed
 - Submersible pump installed in Grants pit
 - Water transferred between surface storages to discharge dam
 - Water treatment to attain optimum chemistry for dilution management
- **Weed treatment program has commenced** with planned activities to continue during the wet season including:
 - Mapping weed populations across BP33 and Grants leases
 - Applying herbicide in crucial infrastructure areas and roads
 - Scaling up the program during the wet season



Restart Study – Mining

- Restart study areas of **focus BP33 and Grants** underpin a **simpler project** with a **notional operating life of 9.5 years** at the rate of the **existing 1Mtpa** Finnis process infrastructure¹
- Restart Study **progressing well and remains on track for completion** in June quarter 2025
- Optimisation efforts identifying opportunities to **enhance BP33's cost efficiency** and **improve project returns** compared to previous estimates
- Optimisation study for the Grants open pit **also advancing**, focused on mining methods, pit wall design, and cut-off grade refinement

Key BP33 activities	Strategic objective
Operating and capital costs	Identifying opportunities to reduce future expenses
Boxcut, portal and decline design	Refining designs for improved efficiency
Mining method and backfilling	Enhancing techniques to optimise ore recovery and waste management.
Dilution control	Minimising waste and maximising ore extraction
Orebody recovery and mining sequence	Maximising resource recovery through strategic sequencing.
Ventilation and dewatering strategy	Ensuring safe and efficient underground conditions.
Project timeline	Streamlining schedules for timely execution.



1. Refer to ASX announcement "Lithium Ore Reserve Update" on 25 September 2024

Restart Study – Processing

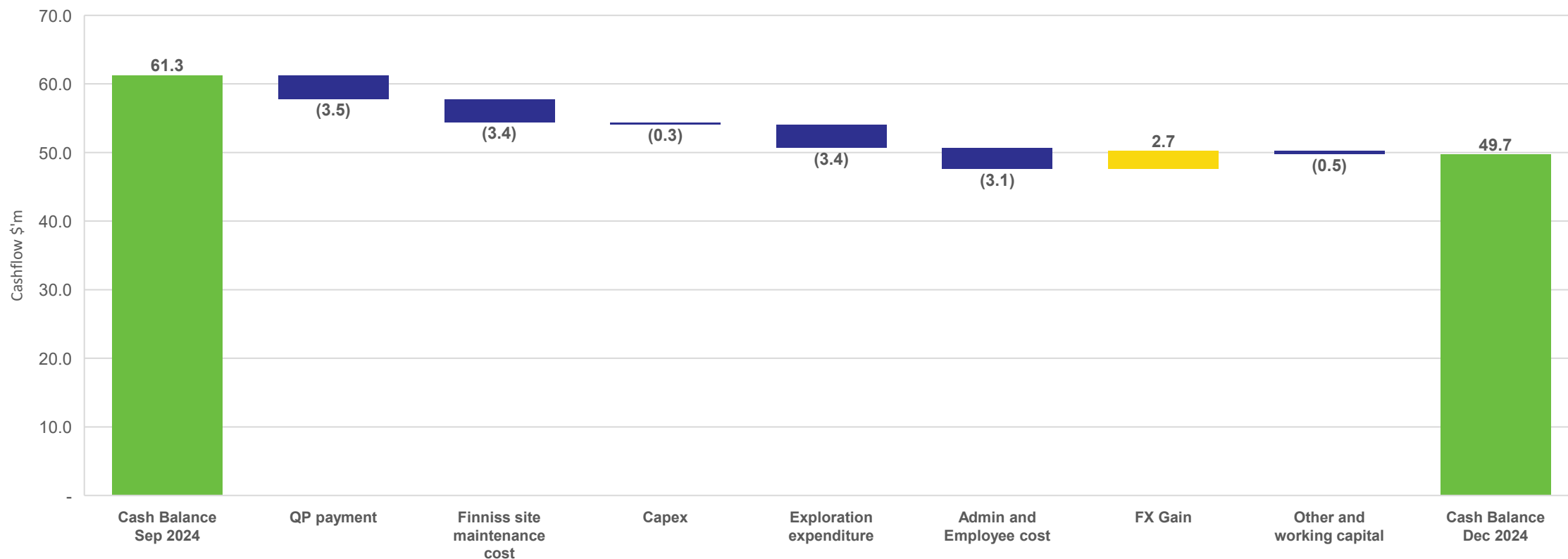
- Ongoing work to date across mining and processing continues to **align with our stated aim** of delivering a **more efficient, lower-cost operation** at Finniss
- Both **mining and processing workstreams** are supported by **external engineering** consultants
- These efforts aim to ensure the Finniss Project will be **well-positioned for a successful restart**, aligned with evolving market conditions
- Process and metallurgical workstreams aim to **improve process plant recovery for minimal capital**

Key activity	Strategic objective
Engineering design and flowsheet	Updating designs to improve efficiency and recovery rates
Costings and schedules	Developing detailed financial models and timelines
Metallurgical testwork	Ensuring the process plant achieves optimal recovery at reduced operating and capital costs compared to prior projections

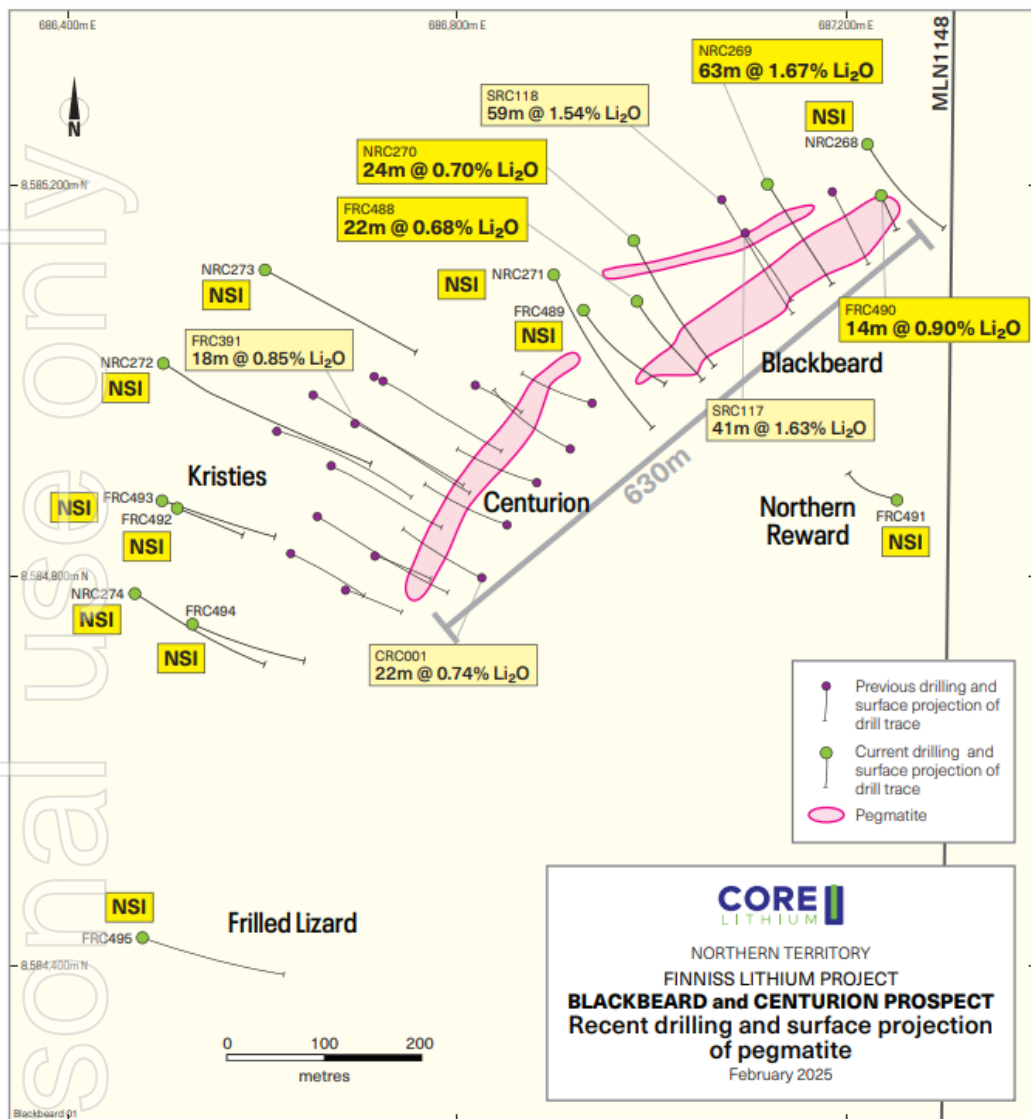


Corporate – Balance Sheet

- **Balance sheet remains strong** with **\$49.7M in cash and** no debt
- **One-off non-recurring payment** incurred from finalisation of outstanding quotation period payments relating to FY24 shipments
- Cash outflows **in line with expectations**, primarily relating to site maintenance, exploration, the Restart Study and corporate overheads
- Stockpile of ~5kt of spodumene concentrate and ~75kt of lithium fines **remain available for sale**



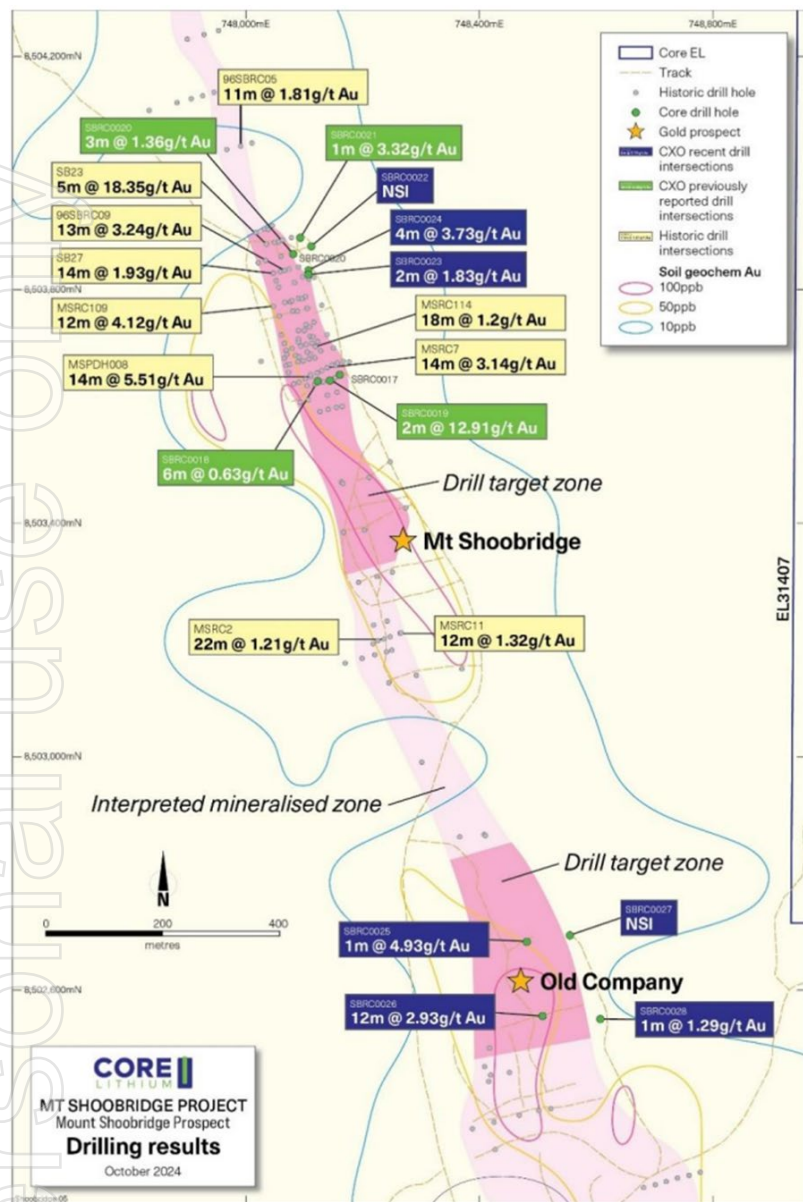
Outstanding Lithium Drilling Results



- RC drilling of Lithium targets during the quarter **targeted prospective zones** adjacent to Finniss and Grants open pit
- Highly encouraging results received from Blackbeard prospect¹:
 - **63m @ 1.67% Li₂O** from 166m, including **20m @ 2.09% Li₂O** from 208m (NRC269)
 - 24m @ 0.70% Li₂O from 188m (NRC270)
 - 22m @ 0.68% Li₂O from 135m, including 6m @ 1.25% Li₂O from 208m (FRC488)
- Blackbeard favourably **located 20km** from the Grants processing facility
- Previous intersections at Blackbeard include **41m @ 1.63% Li₂O** (SRC117) and **59m @ 1.54% Li₂O** (SRC118)¹
- Drilling confirmed a **steeply dipping primary pegmatite** up to **45m true thickness** and the existence of a smaller subparallel mineralised pegmatite to the north
- Blackbeard and the nearby Centurion prospect form a **600m mineralised trend**, one of the largest within the Finniss Project area, which remains open at depth
- **Additional exploration opportunities** in the area remain untested

1. Refer to ASX announcements "New high-grade Lithium drill results within 20km of the Grants processing facility" on 6 November 2024 and "Significant increase to Finniss Mineral Resources" on 18 April 2023 .

Growing Gold Potential at Shoobridge



- Mapping and sampling works previously identified a **4.5km long anomalous gold trend** extending from north of Mount Shoobridge to the Old Company prospect.
- A first phase of drilling totaling 11 RC holes for 1,456m was conducted in the September quarter, targeting **gold** across the Mt Shoobridge/Old Company Prospects.
- Final seven holes from 1st phase RC drilling at Shoobridge received during the quarter. Notable results include: ¹
 - 12m @ 2.93g/t Au from 56m including **6m @ 5.12g/t Au** from 62m (SBRC0026)
 - 4m @ 3.73g/t Au from 45m including **1m @ 12.6g/t Au** from 48m (SBRC0023)
- Results confirm the presence of **shallow, high-grade gold zones** which exist within a broad (up to 60m) envelope of low-grade mineralisation
- Mt Shoobridge trend dips steeply to the east and remains open along strike
- Drilling was expanded to ~4,500m by undertaking a second phase program which was **completed during the quarter**.
- Further drilling results are **scheduled for release in March quarter of 2025**.

1. Refer to ASX announcements "Positive Results Highlight Gold and Lithium Potential at Shoobridge" on 18 September 2024, "Gold Hits continue as drilling resumes at Shoobridge" on 21 October 2024.

Value Proposition

Ideally placed to capture future value with infrastructure and key markets on our doorstep



The Northern Territory's first and only lithium miner



Restart study working to deliver a more efficient, lower-cost future operation



Strongly positioned for a successful restart, aligned to evolving market conditions

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LITHIUM

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**Finniss Lithium
Operation**

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Strong cash balance and no debt provides stability



Disciplined approach to capital allocation and restart studies spend



Exploration targets for both lithium and other commodities

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Appendix: JORC Mineral Resource Estimate

Mineral Resource Estimate for the Finniss Lithium Project 0.5% Li₂O cut-off

Resource Category	Million tonnes (Mt)	Li ₂ O%	Li ₂ O Contained Metal (kt)
Measured	6.33	1.41	89.3
Indicated	21.6	1.30	280
Inferred	20.3	1.18	239
Total	48.2	1.26	608

Note: Totals within this table are subject to rounding

Refer to ASX announcement "Finniss Mineral Resource Increased by 58%" on 11 April 2024