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### AGM Chairman Address

### My fellow Directors, Ladies and Gentlemen

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate the Metro management team for successfully finalising the development and commissioning of our Bauxite Hills Mine. Recent history shows this is a rare feat indeed for Australian "juniors" and our team and contract partners should be commended for this achievement.

The mine ramp-up phase is now completed, and budgeted production and shipping rates are consistently being achieved. Our 27th vessel has almost completed loading, and Metro is on track to deliver market guidance production and shipping tonnes of 2 million tonnes for 2018.

Your company has confirmed contracts in place for all 2018 production to 5 different Chinese customers, and 69% of the expanded forecast 2019 production.

By anyone's standard this is a great achievement. Indeed, a positive way for me to commence my address this year and a positive foundation for the year ahead.

Now let's get down to the business of the day.

The printed and published Annual Report this year highlights my comment:

".... The Board and management team are steadfastly focussed and determined to further increase the value of your company and your investment in the years ahead."

Whilst returns for our shareholders are our number one priority, to achieve this we focus on our people, our business objectives and the continuous improvement of our operation.

Taking a step back for a moment, I'd ask all shareholders to consider our achievements since my address at the last AGM in 2017.

### Your Company has:

- Finalised construction of the Bauxite Hills mine
- Commenced mining operations
- Shipped over 1.7 million tonnes of Bauxite
- Continually reduced site unit costs on a month by month basis
- Sold this year's, and the majority of next year's, production
- Earned revenue in excess of \$69M as at the end of September

- Had a record month in October shipping 306kt, and
- Announced production expansion for the 2019 year to 3.5MT based on customer demands.

This year your company has transitioned smoothly from a developer to a producer with a significant growth outlook and continues to look for ways to improve and take advantage of market forces.

It must be said that we faced some early challenges but as our results are showing these have been addressed.

Having said that, I acknowledge the "shareholder barometer" – the share price – has of late been "disappointing." I guess we can take some solace in the fact that this has been the case across the broader resource industry.

One of the challenges we face in the year ahead is to continue to educate the investment community about bauxite – particularly Australian bauxite – and its very real potential to offer an excellent investment platform.

I firmly believe the current share price does not reflect the underlying success or value of your business.

The mission now is to continue to focus on the job ahead, increase production, further reduce costs, build an even bigger market share and maximise our sales prices and therefore profits.

Of course, a key component to this is the bauxite market.

The demand for Metro bauxite has been strong this year and is increasing. As Simon will outline in his presentation, the inland refineries of Henan and Shanxi are very short of domestic bauxite supply and that offers increasing opportunities for your Company.

So, building on the success of the past year your Board has approved a plan to increase production to fill increased orders. Next year we plan to mine and ship at least 3.5 Mt. We have also committed to refreshing the DFS to Stage 2 Expansion (to 6MT per annum) in H1 2019 so that your Board can consider further investment.

That covers the business and commercial aspects of your business but there is, of course, our social responsibilities.

#### Metro Mining is proud to be "Good for the Cape and Good for the State."

Indigenous employment and opportunity, in particular, is at the very core of your company's social values.

On the latest figures provided to me, 201 people are employed at the Bauxite Hills Mine. 35.3% of these people are of aboriginal or Torres Strait heritage. We are very proud of this achievement so early in the mine's life and likewise we are proud of the work being done by our very committed and talented traditional owner workforce.

We continue to actively participate with the local communities and we are delighted to participate in and provide sponsorship to local festivals and events where appropriate. In addition, we continue to assist wherever possible to create local business opportunities. In short, we are highly committed to being a part of the Cape York community, and a significant contributor to that community for years to come.

We are "Good for the State" in that we are investing in goods and services around the Cape, Far North Queensland and Queensland in general. Of course, we also pay royalties that benefit the State as a whole.

I would also like to touch on the recently passed State legislation; the Minerals and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Bill. This Bill will change how all resource companies provide Financial Assurance and progressive rehabilitation commitments to the Queensland Government. It will require detailed long-term closure planning to be developed at an earlier stage. Metro is already committed to progressive rehabilitation at its Bauxite Hills Mine and has limited historic or proposed final voids, therefore we believe we are well placed to comply with this legislation with minimal additional financial burden or impact to the operations.

Before moving on to the formal business of the meeting, I would like to mention, and sincerely thank all those who served on your Board over the past 12 months.

In July this year, it was with considerable sadness we learnt of the passing of the former Managing Director of the Xinfa Group, Mr Jijun Liu. Xinfa remains a valued customer and Ken Xiao, Mr Liu's alternate Director also contributed a great deal at Board level.

Separately, George Lloyd resigned from the Board in September due to other commitments which created a conflict of interest for him. George's contribution has indeed been valued and appreciated.

I also announce that Mr Xiaoming (Aaron) Yuan, whom became DADI's representative on the Board in July this year following the retirement of Mr Dongping Wang, has decided to withdraw his nomination for re-election to the Board. As such, when we get to the formal business of the AGM, Resolution 4 will be withdrawn.

Fortunately, Aaron will continue his involvement with Metro by becoming a director of the subsidiary that owns our coal assets. The company is currently undertaking a review of the opportunities for these assets including Joint Venture or divestiture.

To all of my colleagues on the Board I thank you sincerely for your commitment, dedication, advice, support and hard work over the past year.

To the Metro team led by Managing Director and CEO, Simon Finnis I thank you all for another year of sterling effort. To all of you working on site, in the overseas marketing offices and in Brisbane I convey the Board's gratitude for the work you do – often under challenging circumstances. Thank you.

And, finally to our shareholders. We value your investment. We thank you for your support and we commit ourselves to the undertaking I have made. I repeat:

"We are steadfastly focussed and determined to further increase the value of your company and your investment in the years ahead."



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Annual General Meeting - 20 November 2018

# Highlights

- 1 Bauxite Hills Mine in production 10 months after construction commenced as planned
- 2 Production Ramping Up 27 Vessels and >1.7 million tonnes shipped to date
- 3 Expansion strategy announced 2019 forecast production of 3.5M Wet Metric Tonnes
- 4 Long life mine delivering into a strongly growing Chinese market
- 5 Sales underpinned by a binding 4 year offtake agreement (~50% production) with Xinfa
- 6 Shipments made to a range of Chinese customers as per sales strategy
- 7 Definitive Feasibility for Stage 2 Expansion to be refreshed in Half 1 2019

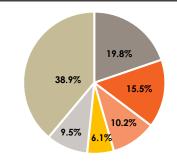
## Corporate Snapshot

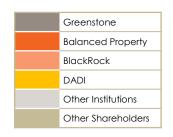


Board of Directors	
Independent Chairman	Stephen Everett
Managing Director & CEO	Simon Finnis
Independent Non-Executive Director	Philip Hennessy
Independent Non-Executive Director	Lindsay Ward
Non-Executive Director	Mark Sawyer
Non-Executive Director	Xiaoming (Aaron) Yuan

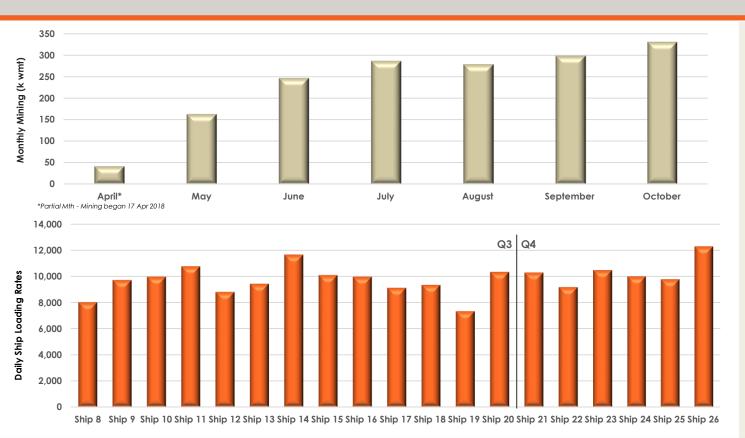
Capital Structure	
Share Price (16 November 2018)	A\$0.16
Shares on Issue	1,383M
Market Cap	A\$221.3M
Options Unlisted	31M
Cash and Receivables (30-Sept-2018)	A\$38.2M
Debt Facilities	A\$41.2M
Enterprise Value	A\$224.3M







## 2018 Performance



### 2018 PRODUCTION FULLY SOLD

- 5 separate customers have received material
- Month on month production continues to improve.
- >1.7Mt shipped to date
- Unit site costs reducing nicely month on month
- Areas to improve operational efficiencies identified

## 2019 Expansion

- Strong customer demand drives expansion in 2019 to 3.5M (WMT).
- Much of existing infrastructure designed for higher operating levels making initiatives easy to implement and low cost.
- Cost of A\$6.8M to be funded from a combination of Metro's cash reserves and existing financing arrangements.
- Strategically important to support expansion to 6Mtpa by expanding customer base.

- Key elements of the expansion are:
  - Supplementing the current haulage fleet.
  - Duplicating screening capacity at the BLF.
  - Jaw crusher to treat oversized material (on site and operational).
  - Supplementing marine fleet and infrastructure.
- These initiatives were part of the Stage 2 expansion to 6.0M WMT pa. (subject to DFS update and Board approval)
- Expansion will deliver economies of scale, a variety of operational benefits and lower unit costs.

# Metro Mining 2018 Results



#### **Bauxite Hills Production Results September Quarter Sept Quarter** Year-To-Date Period July **August** September June Quarter Bauxite Mined (WMT) ('000) 285 277 297 859 445 1.304 Bauxite Shipped(WMT)('000) 399 253 297 272 822 1,221

# Metro Mining Q3 2018 Unit Costs



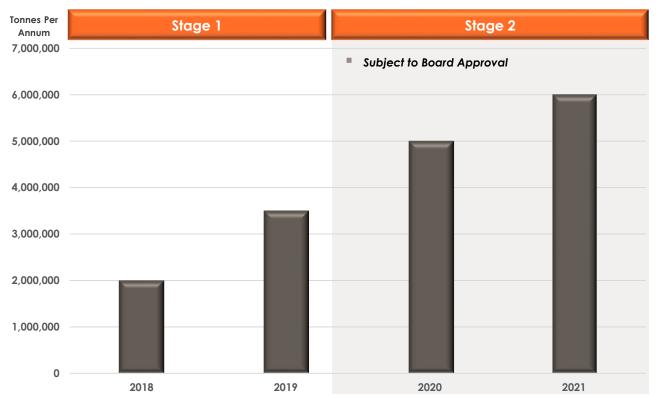
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## 2018 Production Guidance Update

- Ramp-up on schedule.
- Bauxite has been shipped to 5 different Chinese customers.
- During the Quarter, production was consistently achieving budgeted operating rates on a daily basis.
- Transhipment activities are performing better than expectations.
- Bauxite market penetration increasing, sales ongoing.
- Production Guidance for CY2018 is maintained.



## Increasing Production Profile

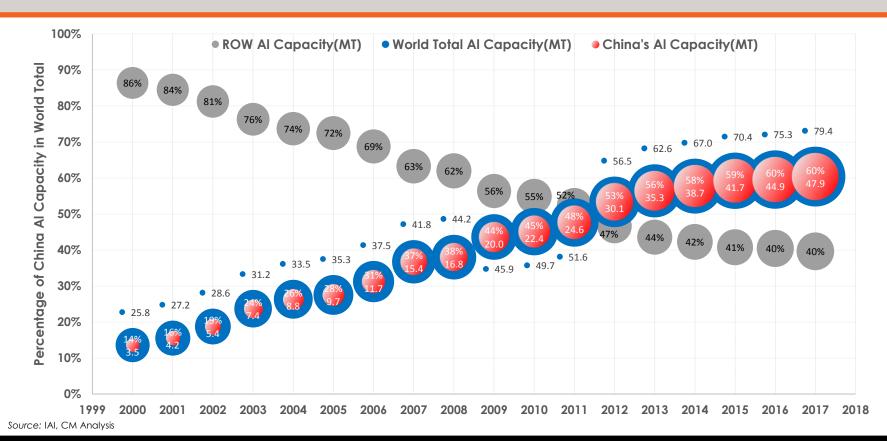


- Four year ramp up reflects building the customer base.
- Further Long-Term offtake agreements anticipated to support Stage 2 expansion.
- Stage 2 subject to updated BFS and Board Approval.
- Stage 2 capital expenditure to be determined during the DFS update.
- Existing infrastructure including the BLF has been proven to operate at Stage 2 production rates – no upgrades required.
- Significant unit cost improvement at higher production rates are anticipated.
- Stage 2 CAPEX will be sourced from internal cashflow and/or several (non equity) funding alternatives.



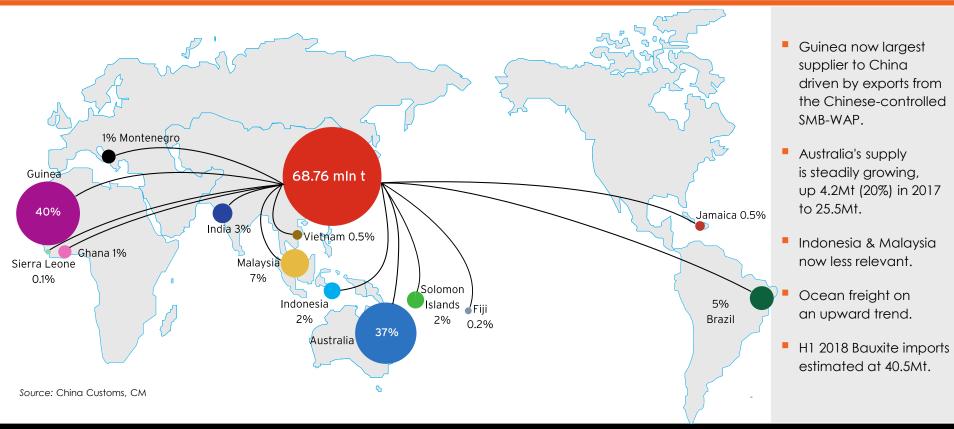
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### China vs ROW Primary Aluminium Capacity 2000–2017 (Mtpy)



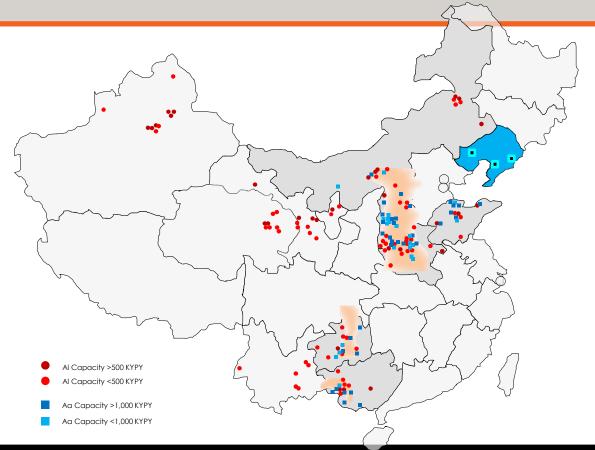
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## China's 2017 Bauxite Imports



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### Map of China's Major Alumina & Primary Aluminium Bases



### **China's Main Bauxite Concentration**

### China's major alumina producing provinces:

- 1. Shandona
- 2. Shanxi
- 3. Henan,
- 4. Guanaxi
- 5. Guizhou
- 6. Inner Mongolia

Liaoning Province is emerging as a major player, with three projects planned or under construction

### China's top 11 primary Al production provinces

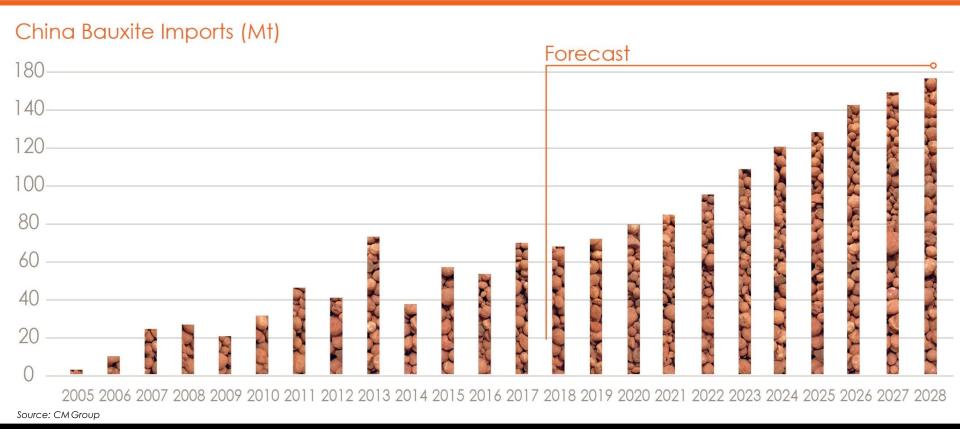
- 1. Shandong
- 2. Xinjiang
- 3. Inner Mongolia

Source: CM Group

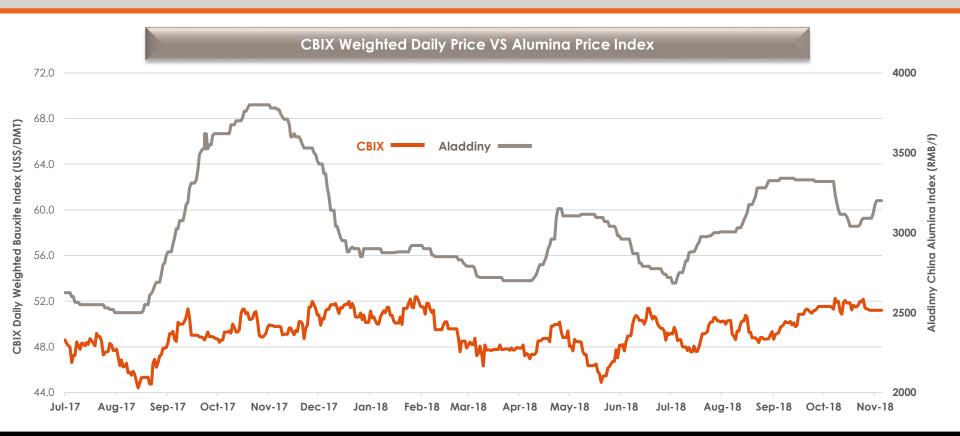
- 4. Henan
- 5. Gansu
- 6. Qinghai
- 7. Yunnan
- 8. Ningxia
- 9. Guizhou
- 10.<u>Shanxi</u>
- 11. Guangxi

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## China Demand Outlook Remains Strong



# Favourable Price Dynamic



## Positive Community Relationships



- "Welcome to Country Ceremony" at Bauxite Hills Mine with major Ankamuthi family groups, Metro's Chairman, Managing Director and Metro employees attending.
- Current Indigenous employment is 37% (Target 20%).
- Metro promotes engagement with the local communities and sponsors community events that encourage and maintain the cultural heritage of the region.



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## Summary – A Growth Company

- Metro has moved from Developer to Operator
- 2018 Production is according to plan expansion to 2019 production underway
- 3 Long-life mine supplying bauxite from a stable jurisdiction
- 4 Strong seaborne bauxite market to China driving positive price and demand
- Growing exports and production rates provide ongoing value creation
- 6 Australia's leading independent bauxite producer with strategic appeal



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The information in this ASX Announcement that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Neil McLean who is a consultant to Metro Mining and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (F.AuslMM). Mr. McLean has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr. McLean consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

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The information in this ASX Announcement to which this statement is attached that relates to the "Metro Mining – Bauxite Hills" Reserves is based on information compiled by MEC Mining and reviewed by Edward Bolton, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Edward Bolton is a full-time employee of MEC Mining Pty Ltd. Edward Bolton has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralization, type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Edward Bolton consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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