

Construction of the Territory's First Lithium Mine has started

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### Finniss Lithium Project - Construction underway

Construction has started on the Territory's first lithium mine



- ✓ Core has started construction of the Finniss Lithium Project in the Northern Territory
- ✓ Finniss is the newest lithium mine in Australia and the only Australian company forecast to initiate new lithium production in 2022



- ✓ A renewable energy resource that provides jobs for the regions
- ✓ Construction follows Final Investment Decision (FID) last month
- ✓ Project development is fully funded with \$150m financing completed last week including a \$34m Placement to Ganfeng



# Finniss Lithium Project – Territory's First Lithium Mine

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- ✓ Site construction and establishment works are now underway in preparation for commencement of mining activity later this year
- ✓ 250 jobs to be created during construction and operations
  - ✓ Mining Contract executed (Lucas) mining starting during the current quarter (Q4 2021)
  - ✓ EPC Contract executed (Primero) DMS plant construction commencing March 2022
- ✓ Commissioning of DMS plant and first production of lithium concentrate scheduled Q4 2022
- √ 84% of Core's Project team recruited to date from NT

#### Australia's Next Lithium Producer

Construction-started, Fully-Funded, Low-risk, Government Approved



- Australia's most advanced new lithium mining project, 88km by sealed road to Darwin Port
- Recent Equity raising A\$150m secures funding for Finniss Stage 1 development
- Construction-started, Fully Funded, Low-risk in Tier 1 Jurisdiction, with Government approvals in place
- First Production Q4 2022



- Low capex intensity A\$89m start-up capex, simple DMS processing to produce up to 197,000tpa
- Competitive operating costs and high-margin \$US364 v current spot US\$2,000-2,500/t
- **Excellent Project Value** at ~US\$750/t DFS price current spot ~300% higher
- Binding offtake (75ktpa) and A\$34m equity from Ganfeng, one of the largest lithium metal producers globally
- Binding offtake with Yahua (75ktpa) to links Core to Tesla's Supply Chain



- Stage 2 Resource drilling underway to underpin potential future Stage 2 concentrate expansion
- Stage 3 Lithium Hydroxide longer-term plan for downstream lithium processing in the Northern Territory

#### Notes:

- Refer 26 July 2021 ASX announcement "Scoping Study identifies potential for Lithium Fines"
- 2. Refer 20 May 2021 ASX announcement "Significant Lithium Exploration Target at Finniss".
- 3. S&P Platts Global Metals Daily 24/09/21



### Core's Corporate Strategy

Create value and contribute to the global energy transformation through growth and vertical integration

#### Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3 Produce and market Construct Finniss lithium mine and begin production of spodumene lithium fines by-product<sup>3</sup> Develop downstream concentrate<sup>1</sup> Substantially increase lithium hydroxide Increase Ore Reserves and extend Resources and mine life processing in the mine life to +10 years via drilling<sup>2</sup> Potential low capex Northern Territory Strategic acquisitions of new lithium expansion of production Resources at Finniss 2021 - 2022 2022 - 20242024+

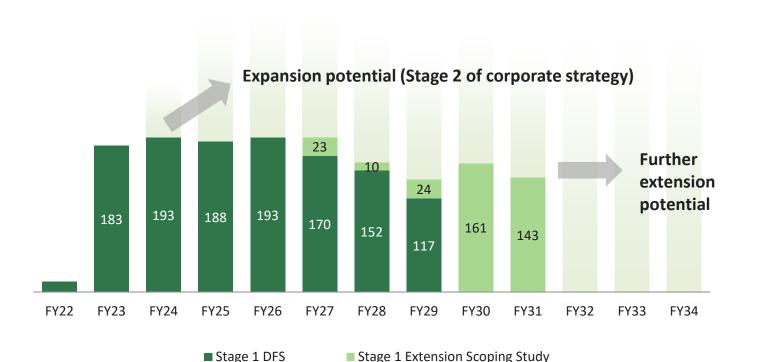
#### Notes:

- L. Refer 26 July 2021 ASX announcement "Stage 1 DFS and Updated Ore Reserves"
- 2. Refer 26 July 2021 ASX announcement "Scoping Study Confirms 10 Year Lithium Production" & 20 May 2021 "Significant Lithium Exploration Target at Finniss"
- 3. Refer 26 July 2021 ASX announcement "Scoping Study identifies potential for Lithium Fines"

### 10 Year Project is Just the Beginning ...

The recently announced Exploration Target has the potential to significantly add Mineral Resource tonnes, and support further extensions and potential Stage 2 Expansion of Finniss

Concentrate Production (kt)



	Million tonnes		Li₂O (%)	
Exploration Target	Low	High	Low	High
13854	9.8	16.2	0.8	1.4

#### Potential to:

- Further extend mine life, and/or
- 2. Expand production with low incremental capex (Stage 2 of corporate strategy), and/or
- Underpin a downstream lithium processing operation in the NT (Stage 3)

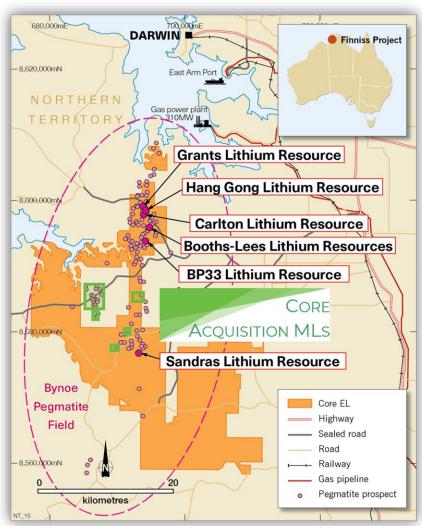
Drilling underway to convert to Mineral Resources

The Exploration Target is supported by historical drilling, trenching & exploration results. The potential quantity & grade of the Exploration Target is conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource & it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.

# Significant Exploration and Expansion Upside

Well-funded and with recent acquisitions to accelerate Reserve and Resource growth, and potential Stage 2 capacity expansion





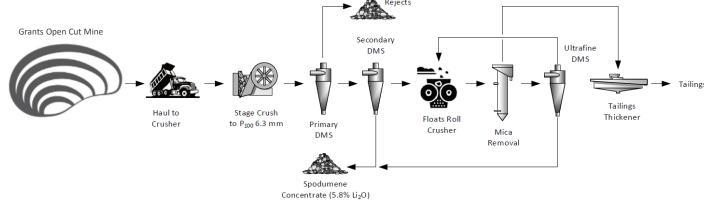
### Simple DMS Process & High Quality Concentrate

Simple processing means lower cost and low start-up risk

#### Simple DMS (gravity) produces high quality product

- √ +99% of lithium is spodumene
- ✓ Large spodumene crystals liberate at 6mm coarse crush
- ✓ Simple mineralogy dense spodumene separates well from lighter quartz / feldspar crystals using gravity





#### **Spodumene Concentrate Product Specifications**

- ✓ 5.8% Li<sub>2</sub>O concentrate at 71.7% lithia recovery
- ✓ Coarse product <0.5mm, max 10mm
- ✓ Good handling properties for customers
- ✓ Low iron <0.7%
- ✓ Low mica <1%</p>
- ✓ Low moisture

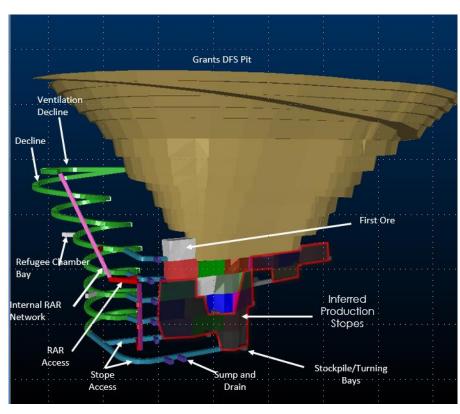
### Close to Darwin Port & Capital City Infrastructure

Infrastructure advantages means lower operating and capital costs

- Darwin Port is 88km by sealed road Australia's closest port to China
  - ✓ Binding agreement with Darwin Port to export up to 250ktpa of conc.
  - ✓ Existing bulk handling facilities
  - ✓ Spare capacity to facilitate Stage 2 expansion
- Close proximity to Middle Arm Industrial Precinct, with access to gas supply and other infrastructure – downstream processing potential
- Capital city of Darwin
  - ✓ international airport
  - ✓ all services & contractors
  - √ drive-in / drive-out workforce
- Finniss plant site is 8km from grid power
  - ✓ Connection agreement with NT Govt-owned Power & Water Corp
  - Renewable and low-emission power supply



### Finniss Project – Grants Mine Infrastructure

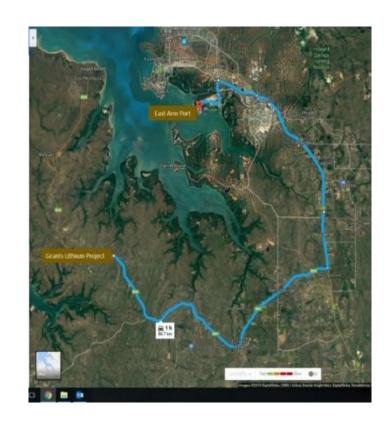




Grants Mine

Grants DMS Processing Plant & Mine

# Finniss Project - Logistics Advantages





88km Sealed Road from Mine to East Arm Port

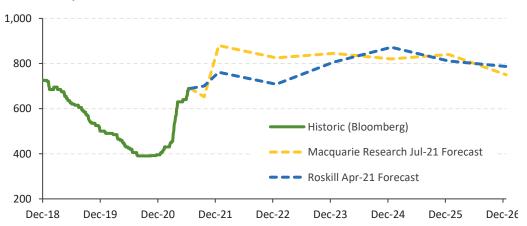
### Development of Finniss is Well Timed!

Core is construction-ready, with current prices above \$2,000/t and a significant supply deficit forecast

Spodumene Prices (US\$/t, 6% Li<sub>2</sub>O, CFR)<sup>3</sup>

Lithium prices are up strongly in 2021:

- √ Fastmarkets reporting spot sales at U\$\$2,000-\$2,500/t¹
- ✓ Other market commentators forecasting continued price increases in the short- to medium-term

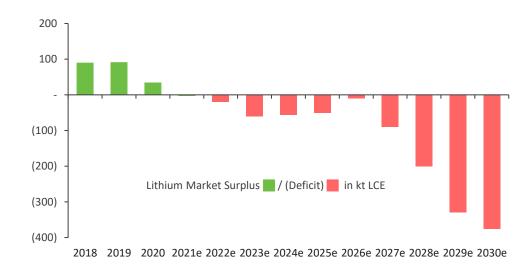


#### Notes:

- 1. Source: Fastmarkets Battery Raw Material Price Update (14 October 2021).
- 2. Source: Macquarie Lithium Market Update (1 July 2021).
- . Sources: Bloomberg, Macquarie Lithium Market Update (1 July 2021), Roskill Q2 Quarterly Lithium Price Deck (April 2021).

Lithium Chemical Market Balance (kt LCE)<sup>2</sup>

Lithium market is in a state of "perpetual deficit", with prices expected to continue to rise<sup>2</sup>



#### **ESG Credentials in Focus**

Core is committed to operating in a safe and sustainable manner, which means operating responsibly.

- Lithium production has a fundamental role to play in shaping the global energy future, as we transition to a low carbon economy
- We prioritise the health and safety of our staff and value the environment and communities in which we operate, with the aim of making a long-lasting positive contribution to our stakeholders and deliver sustainable value for shareholders.
- Core has engaged ERM Global which have completed the following:
  - ✓ **Greenhouse Gas Assessment (GHG)** showing Finniss with lowest CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the transport of lithium compared to other Australian peer lithium projects
  - ✓ **Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)** which assessed environmental impacts across the global value chain of the studied system
  - ✓ **Sustainability Assessment** to build our approach to sustainability including the preparation of a road map in line with good industry practice



### **Government Support**

Major Project Status (MPS) for the Finniss Lithium Project is another major milestone

#### Federal Government Support

- Major Project Status Finniss is of strategic significance to Australia
- Core awarded A\$6 million Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI) grant
- Federal financing support opportunities in the form of:
  - \$2 Billion Critical Minerals Facility
  - ✓ Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)
  - Export Finance Australia (EFA)
  - ✓ Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)

#### **NT Government Support**

- Fully-approved by NT Government to start construction
- Core awarded A\$5m offer of low cost concessional finance
- Creating 250 new full-time jobs















# \$6M Federal Grant to Produce Battery Grade LiOH

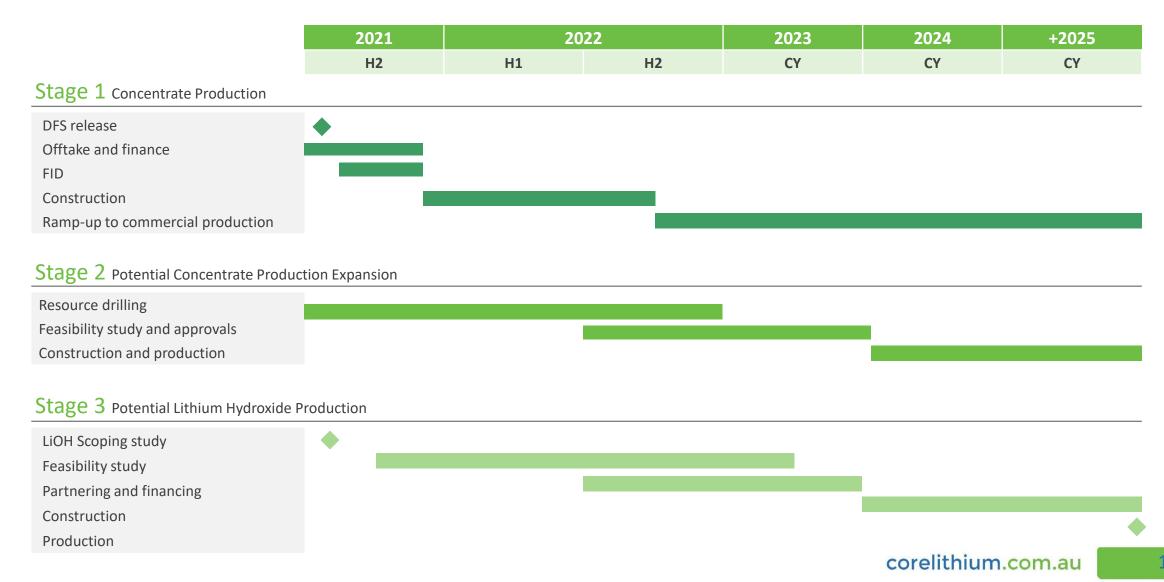
Core currently finalising a Scoping Study on LiOH Manufacturing in the NT

- Test work on spodumene concentrate from Finniss has produced batterygrade lithium hydroxide (LiOH) suitable for the high-end lithium battery, renewable energy and EV industries
- Core recently awarded \$6 million Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI)
   Grant by the Australian Federal Government
- With the co-funding from the MMI Grant, Core is moving into Feasibility
   Studies of building a downstream lithium hydroxide plant in Darwin
- Downstream Lithium Processing Project in the NT has strong alignment with Federal Government's Modern Manufacturing Strategy
- \$2 Billion Critical Minerals Facility recently announced by the Australian Federal Government to fund critical minerals projects





# **Indicative Project Timeline**



# Thankyou to all our stakeholders and Core team that contributed to our journey....

High Quality Project and Execution Team

































# Thank you

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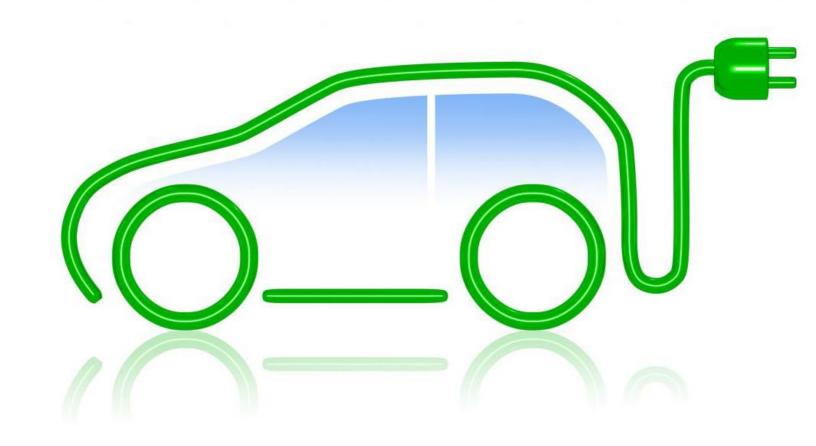
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# **Appendix**



#### Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves

#### JORC (2012) Resource and Reserves

Mineral Resources	Classification	Ore	Grade	Contained
Deposit		Mt	LiO <sub>2</sub> %	LiO <sub>2</sub> t
Grants	Measured	1.96	1.50	29,500
	Indicated	0.60	1.50	9,000
	Inferred	0.33	1.35	4,400
	Total	2.89	1.49	42,900
BP33	Measured	1.50	1.52	23,000
	Indicated	1.19	1.50	17,000
	Inferred	0.55	1.54	8,000
	Total	3,24	1.51	48,000
Sandras	Inferred	1.30	1.00	13,000
	Total	1.30	1.00	13,000
Carlton	Measured	0.63	1.31	8,000
	Indicated	1.20	1.21	15,000
	Inferred	1.19	1.33	16,000
	Total	3.02	1.28	39,000
Hang Gong	Indicated	1.19	1.30	15,300
	Inferred	0.83	1.19	9,900
	Total	2.02	1.20	25,200
	Inferred (Lees)	0.43	1.30	5,400
Booths &	Inferred (Lees South)	0.35	1.20	4,300
Lees	Inferred (Booths/ Lees)	1.47	1.06	15,700
	Total	2.25	1.13	25,400
	Total Measured	4.09	1.48	60,500
<b>Total Mineral</b>	Total Indicated	4.18	1.36	56,300
Resources	Total Inferred	6.45	1.19	76,700
	Total Resources	14.72	1.32	193,500

Ore Reserves	Classification	Ore	Grade	Contained			
Deposit		Mt	LiO <sub>2</sub> %	LiO <sub>2</sub> Kt			
Open pit							
Grants	Proved	1.8	1.5	26.4			
	Probable	0.3	1.4	4.7			
	Total	2.1	1.4	31.0			
Hang Gong	Probable	1.1	1.2	13.3			
	Total	1.1	1.2	13.3			
	Proved	1.8	1.5	26.4			
Total - Open pit	Probable	1.4	1.3	17.9			
	Total	3.2	1.4	44.3			
Underground							
Grants	Proved	0.0	1.0	0.2			
	Probable	0.2	1.5	3.4			
	Total	0.3	1.4	3.6			
BP 33	Proved	1.3	1.4	18.4			
	Probable	1.0	1.4	13.8			
	Total	2.3	1.4	32.2			
Carlton	Proved	0.6	1.2	7.1			
	Probable	1.0	1.0	10.7			
	Total	1.6	1.1	17.8			
Total - Underground	Proved	1.9	1.3	25.7			
	Probable	2.3	1.2	27.8			
	Total	4.2	1.3	53.6			
Total Ore Reserves	Proved	3.8	1.4	52.1			
	Probable	3.7	1.2	45.8			
	Total	7.4	1.3	97.9			