# Australia's Emerging Rare Earth Ionic Clay Project

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## A STRONG CORPORATE START WITH GROWING CAPABILITY

Capital Structure	Shares	110.7m			
	Options	6.0m @\$0.30 6.6m @\$0.45			
	Share Price (12 <sup>th</sup> November)	\$0.87			
	Market Capitalisation (12 <sup>th</sup> November)	\$96m			
	Cash (30 <sup>th</sup> September)	\$10.5m			

Board	Professor Dudley Kingsnorth	Chairman			
	Don Hyma	Managing Director			
	Rick Pobjoy	Executive Director			
	Bryn Jones	Non Exec Director			
	Pauline Carr	Non Exec Director			

Major Shareholders	ACORN CAPITAL LTD	14%
	TOO UP HOLDINGS PTY LTD	13%
	BEECHCREST INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	13%





# LED BY A HIGHLY EXPERIENCED AND DIVERSIFIED TEAM



**Don Hyma**Managing Director

- 35 years in global nickel, copper and iron ore resources industry
- Extensive experience in development of large and/or innovative capital projects
- Former senior management at Fortescue Metals Group, Mitsui, Rio Tinto, and Falconbridge
- Joined AR3 in October 2021



**Dudley Kingsnorth** Non-exec Chairman

- 50 years experience in operations, project development and marketing
- Internationally recognised market expert on the rare earths industry, providing advice to producers, end users and government entities
- Former Project Manager, Mt Weld Rare Earths Project and Non-Exec Director of Boss Energy Ltd



Rick Pobjoy
Executive Director

- Geologist with over 25 years experience in minerals exploration
- Specialist in sedimentary hosted deposits, from definition to development
- Founding shareholder of AR3



Bryn Jones
Non-exec Director

- Industrial Chemist with extensive evaluation, development and operational experience
- · Specialises in development of extractive metallurgical solutions
- Founding shareholder of AR3



Pauline Carr Non-exec Director

- Highly experienced director with over 30 years experience in the resources industry
- Complimentary expertise in compliance and governance
- Joined AR3 in October 2021



Damien Connor Company Secretary and CFO

**20 years finance and accounting experience** Company Secretary and CFO to a number of ASX listed companies



Jacqui Owen
Manager Community and Land

- 15 years' experience in oil & gas exploration and production across Australia.
- Specializes in stakeholder engagement, environmental and regulatory compliance.



## THE KOPPAMURRA PROJECT IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

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Resource

Rare earth elements hosted in ionic adsorption clays are extremely rare outside China and Myanmar

The Market

AR3

**Only listed rare earth ionic clay project located in Australia,** South Australia is a Tier 1 mining jurisdiction



Location

**China dominates world supply**, processing over 90% of rare earth oxides as well as controlling the majority of mine output

Potential for Koppamurra to become globally significant, current resource defined from ~2% of >4,000km² tenement package



**Demand** 

**Demand for rare earth permanent magnets** for electric vehicles, in wind turbine drives and household appliances will require new supplies of Praseodymium, Neodymium, Terbium, Dysprosium

Koppamurra Resource contains relatively high proportions of Praseodymium, Neodymium, Terbium, and Dysprosium



**Downstream** 

China dominates the rare earth permanent magnet supply chain through government supported vertical integration

AR3 is assessing the merits of pursuing downstream partnerships with participants in an integrated rest of world supply chain



Community

Projects that fail to engage the community often encounter disruption and sub-optimal results

**Early community engagement and local presence** with open communication



Team

Rare earth projects are notoriously difficult to commercialise

Management team with proven technical, development, operational/marketing and governance capability



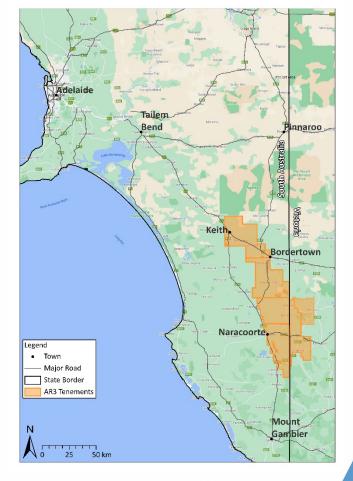
#### TIER 1 PROSPECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT JURISDICTION

- ~4,000km² of prospective tenure in South Australia and Victoria
- Historic drilling data was used to demonstrate regional extent of the mineralisation
- Rare earths found in the shallow clay layer deposited onto a limestone base
- Skilled workforce and excellent infrastructure
- Supportive community and opportunity for jobs and regional investment
- South Australia ranked as a Top 10 global jurisdiction for resources investment









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#### A MAIDEN RESOURCE WITH EXTENSIVE UPSIDE POTENTIAL

Koppamurra Mineral Resource Estimate - April 2021										
			Magnet Rare Earths							
Prospect	Tonnes	TREO	Pr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>		$Nd_2O_3$		Tb <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub>		$Dy_2O_3$	
	Mt	ppm	ppm	% TREO	ppm	% TREO	ppm	% TREO	ppm	% TREO
<u>Inferred</u>										
Yellow Tail	10.0	903	39.8	4.4%	156.9	17.4%	4.3	0.5%	23.9	2.6%
Red Tail	29.5	668	29.5	4.4%	114.1	17.1%	3.2	0.5%	17.7	2.6%
Red Tail	0.4	520	23.5	4.5%	89.1	17.1%	2.4	0.5%	13.3	2.6%
Total	39.9	725	32.0	4.4%	124.6	17.2%	3.5	0.5%	19.2	2.6%

Source: Independent Geologist's Report, 28 April 2021, included in AR3 Prospectus available on ASX

Notes: (1) Totals may not sum due to rounding

(2) MRE reported at a cut-off grade of 325 ppm TREO-Ce

- Inferred Mineral Resource of 39.9Mt @ 725ppm TREO
- 470 aircore, auger and push tube drill holes completed in January 2021
- Terbium and Dysprosium included in the high value rare earth assemblage
- Resource has been defined from less than 2% of the Koppamurra landholding





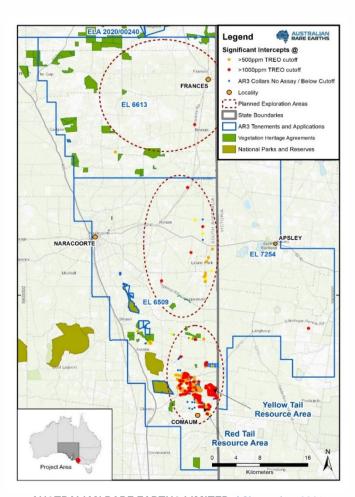
#### CONTINUED DRILLING IS BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN THE RESOURCE

- 8000m drilling program commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> October to confirm regional prospectively and confidence level of existing Resource, working towards the estimation of an Indicated Mineral Resource
- 270 holes completed for ~4,000m of program on track for completion by December
- Significant thickness of host clay material has been visually identified in many drillholes
- 1,600 samples have been collected and submitted for assay









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#### A POSITIVE START TO COMMUNITY PRESENCE AND COMMUNICATION

- Permanent Naracoorte Office and Warehouse established to foster ongoing community information sharing and support
- Planning with the community to improve drainage on agricultural land during progressive rehabilitation
- Koppamurra has the potential to diversify
   Naracoorte's current industry by extracting rare earth elements, thereby contributing to the global transition to a greener economy





#### IONIC CLAY RARE EARTH PROJECTS ARE INHERENTLY LOWER RISK AND VALUE ACCRETIVE



Location



**Rare Earth Assemblage** 



**Capital Intensity** 



**Exploration** 



Mining



**Processing** 



Risk / Economics

Ionic Clays (incl'g AR3)



Contains both light (Pr, Nd) and heavy (Tb, Dy) rare earths

• Low - typically ~US\$15/kg TREO annual output1

• Quick, inexpensive – aircore drilling, soft sedimentary

Shallow deposit, progressive mining and rehabilitation

 Proven metallurgy with inert tailings to may improve soil conditions for farming **Hard Rock** 

• Majority in China, other projects in USA and Australia

· Contains predominantly light (Pr, Nd) rare earths

• High – typically ~US\$150/kg TREO annual output2

• Lengthy, costly – diamond drilling, hard rock

• Large open pit with significant fleet and extensive closure

 Complex metallurgy at high temperature and pressure with radioactive tailings

Fast to drill and develop, low capex and high value product

Expensive and slow to develop, lower value product



Source: (1) Hochschild Mining plc, Capital Markets Presentation, September 2021
(2) Arafura Resources Limited, Nolans Project Update, May 2021

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## **APPENDICES**



## WHY INVEST IN AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS?



Unique asset with significant growth upside, located in a strategic Tier 1 mining jurisdiction



Partnering with the community in a responsible, transparent, environmentally sustainable manner



Low-cost exploration, well-funded to increase the volume and quality of the Resource

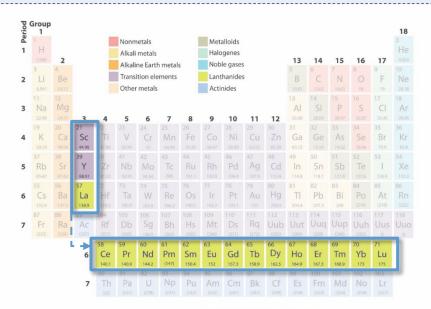


Low development capex opportunity to participate in an integrated rest of world supply chain



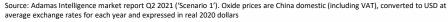
### FOUR RARE EARTH ELEMENTS REPRESENT 90% OF THE MARKET VALUE

- Rare earth elements include the 15 lanthanides plus scandium and yttrium
- REEs are used in many high tech applications, generally in small volumes but critical to performance
- Demand for Neodymium Iron Boron (NdFeB) permanent magnets, used in electric vehicles and wind turbines, will support prices for Praseodymium (Pr), Neodymium (Nd), Terbium (Tb), and Dysprosium (Dy) in which Koppamurra is well endowed



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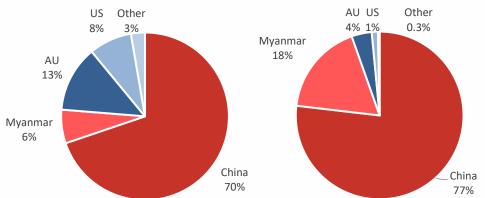




#### EFFECTIVELY ALL TERBIUM AND DYSPROSIUM IS SUPPLIED FROM CHINA

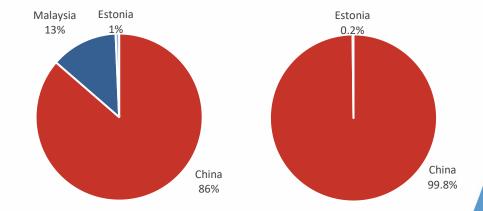
- Neodymium and Praseodymium is mined from multiple global sources, Terbium and Dysprosium is sourced almost entirely from ionic clays in China and Myanmar
- Chinese reserves are depleting, with downstream producers turning to Myanmar and rest-of-world mixed rare-earth hard rock suppliers
- Dysprosium is considered highly critical by the US and European governments
- An ionic clay deposit in Australia with relatively high proportions of Dysprosium would be strategically significant

#### Historical mine production by country: NdPr (LHS) and TbDy (RHS)



## Source: Adamas Intelligence

#### Historical refined (oxide) production by country: Nd (LHS) and Dy (RHS)

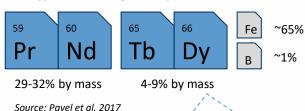




### WHILE DEMAND FOR RARE EARTHS IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE BY 2030

- Neodymium iron boron (NdFeB) is the strongest permanent magnet commercially available (energy product /m<sup>3</sup>) - crucial for weight-sensitive applications such as electric motors
- NdFeB alloys contain minor concentrations of Pr, Dy, Tb, as well as Cu, Co, Nb and other metals, to optimise physical properties for specific applications
- Adamas forecast shortages of NdFeB as soon as 2023, with demand increasing from ~200,000tpa in 2021 to over 400,000tpa by 2030

#### Typical NdFeB magnet composition for EV motors

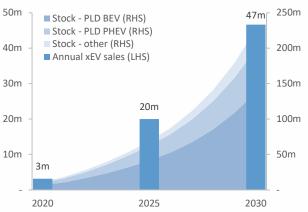


The addition of small amounts of **Terbium and/or Dysprosium increases the maximum operating temperature of the magnet** from ~60°C to up to 240°C,
which is crucial for EV traction motors



Electric vehicles use between 1-2kg of NdFeB, mainly in the motor but also various electronics

#### EV sales to grow at 31% CAGR to 2030

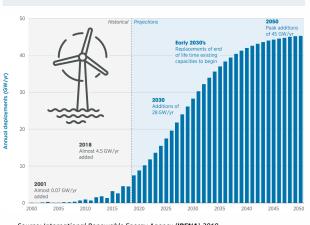


Source: International Energy Agency - April 2021 'Sustainable development scenario' PLD = Passenger light-duty vehicle, BEV = Battery EV, PHEV = Plug-in hybrid EV



Permanent magnet directdrive wind turbines require upwards of 600kg of NdFeB per MW

#### Hundreds of GW deployed per year to 2050



Source: International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) 2019

Other applications:









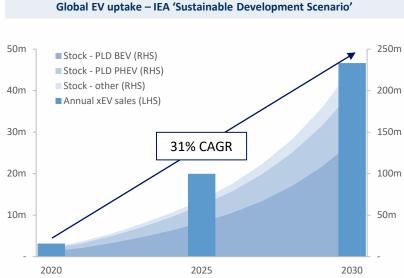




#### RARE EARTH PERMANENT MAGNETS ARE VITAL FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

#### Magnet rare earth prices are leveraged to the EV thematic – each passenger EV requires 1-2kg of NdFeB

Adamas estimate 6,500 tonnes of NdFeB magnets were used in 5 million new EV traction motors sold in 2020, as well as in audio speakers, transmission, power steering and electronic sensors



Source: International Energy Agency - April 2021 PLD = Passenger light-duty vehicle, BEV = Battery EV, PHEV = Plug-in hybrid EV

- In the push for net zero, many developed countries are implementing bans on new sales of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, some as soon as 2025
- EVs are expected to account for 50% of new vehicle sales on or around 2030
- By 2030, Adams forecast a supply deficit of 48,000 tonnes of NdFeb, the equivalent of ~30 million EV traction motors



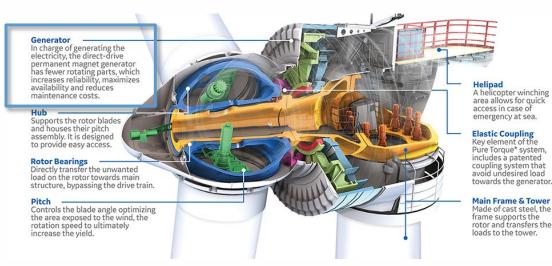
Source: TDK Corporation



#### RARE EARTH PERMANENT MAGNETS ARE VITAL FOR WIND TURBINES

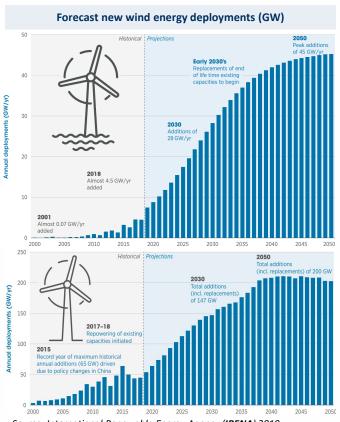
#### Magnet rare earth prices are also leveraged to increasing deployment of wind power

- · NdFeB magnets are increasingly used in wind generators due to power-density properties
- Permanent magnet direct-drive wind turbines can require upwards of 600kg of NdFeB magnets per MW, containing over 1,000kg of neodymium and 100-200kg of dysprosium for a 6MW turbine
  - -European Commission, Raw materials demand for wind and solar PV technologies in the transition toward and decarbonised energy system, 2020
- IRENA forecast several million MW of new wind energy capacity will be deployed over the coming decades



Source: GE Renewable Energy website





Source: International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) 2019

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