

# Latrobe \* Magnesium

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# Investment Webinar



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# Who Are We?

Latrobe Magnesium is developing a world-first, low-cost, low emission and environmentally sustainable hydromet / thermal reduction process to convert nearly 100% of waste resources into Magnesium metal and other valuable commodities.



# LMG Project Pathway

1,000 tpa Demonstration Plant

10,000+ tpa Australian Commercial Plant

100,000 tpa International Mega-Plant

# Magnesium

#### **Current and Emerging uses**

Magnesium has the best strength to weight ratio of all common structural metals. Long term demand is underpinned by magnesium serving as a critical enabler for several industries.



Magnesium is an essential input in producing the lightweight aluminium alloys used in auto manufacturing and canning. Demand is surging due to the worldwide push to reduce vehicle weight and drive fuel efficiency



Magnesium die casting is used for automotive components, electronic devices and in aerospace for lightweight parts that can withstand high operational stresses



An emerging medical devices use for magnesium is in the alloy development process for bio-absorbable stents and inserts

LMG's innovative Mg production process promises to significantly de-carbonise all these processes







# Magnesium – The Future

Is Magnesium the new Lithium?



Magnesium solid state batteries potential for Li ion replacement. Extended lifespan, charge in fraction of the time, 6000 cycles vs 1000 cycles – Harvard Research. <sup>(1)</sup>



Autopart gigacasting – car bodies cast in one piece. Magnesium provides better castability than Aluminium and Copper. Reduce cost of producing car bodies by 20%. <sup>(2)</sup>



Magnesium may offer the best solution for storing Hydrogen – Magnesium Hydride is one of the safest, most efficient and simplest ways of storing Hydrogen. <sup>(3)</sup>



(1) https://www.energymonitor.ai/tech/energy-storage/are-solid-state-batteries-finally-ready-to-live-up-to-the-hype/?cf-view. March 2024

- (2) https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Automobiles/Japan-s-auto-parts-maker-Ryobi-to-gigacast-EV-body-componentshttps://www.mining.com/magnesium-may-offer-best-solution-for-storing-hydrogen/. July 2023.
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# Magnesium – The Opportunity



Magnesium is a key input for auto manufacturers looking to reduce car weight through alloys, but supply is currently  $CO_2$  intensive<sup>(1)</sup>



Despite magnesium supply being critical to auto manufacturing economies such as Germany, the US and Japan, 90% of current demand is met by suppliers within the PRC, creating supply chain risks<sup>(1)</sup>



Vehicles underpin demand, but there is also potential for prices to increase dramatically if magnesium battery technology can be commercialised and used in growth industries such as EV's

Manufacturers around the globe (including the PRC) are facing growing pressures to de-carbonise their supply chains and find green alternatives to traditional processes



(1) Ehrenberger, Simone. Carbon Footprint of Magnesium Production and Its Use in Transport Applications. German Aerospace Center E.V. Institute of Vehicle concepts, October 2020. (2) Hume, Neil. "China's Magnesium Shortage Threatens Global Car Industry." *Financial Times*, October 19, 2021

### **2m tpa** Global demand by 2030

### **0.9m tpa** Global Demand 2023

llok tpa 2023 Tonnes produced outside PRC

# China's Growing Dominance of Commodities





Source: CM Group (Global Primary Magnesium Production Supply Demand Review 2022, IMA 2023 Conference, Calgary)

Not only is the PRC currently servicing c. 85% of global magnesium demand, but it is also forecast to continue to be the largest consumer of magnesium, as its auto manufacturing industry continues to expand.

This further increases the supply chain risks faced by other nations with manufacturing industries that depend on magnesium (as China will consume first, and export second).

# What are we building?

LMG has built a demonstration plant incorporating a patented Hydromet process for producing magnesium with 81 - 90% lower  $CO_2$  emissions compared to the process used by other operations.



Reduce  $CO_2$  emissions from 21t – 40t+ to 4t per ton of magnesium

Allow auto manufactures to diversify their supply chains away from PRC (a key competitor nation in vehicles)



Remediate mining sites by recycling 100% of potentially hazardous wastes into valuable, saleable products





Fly Ash



# Flowsheet



### **Proprietary Process**

**Demonstration Plant** 





Low Carbon Process

- **01.** Dissolve Mg in Acid Solution
- **02.** Convert Mg Solution to MgO
- **03.** Convert MgO into Mg & SCM using thermal reduction

#### No Waste Products / Tailings!



#### **Major Outputs**



# **Demonstration Plant**

- Produces 1,000 tones per annum of Magnesium.
- Processing fly ash waste resource from the Energy Australia, Yallourn West Power Station.
- Demonstration plant derisks process, provides strong platform to develop commercial phase.
- Converting 100% of fly ash waste resource into saleable products:
  - Magnesium metal
  - Magnesium Oxide
  - Supplementary Cementitious Material (SCM)
  - Silica
  - Char
  - Agricultural Lime
  - Iron Oxide





# Where Are We?

- First half of Demonstration Plant has been commissioned to produce Magnesium Oxide as an interim product.
- Moving towards full operations phase.
- Back end of process plant under construction.
  Targeted to produce Magnesium metal by August.





## LMG's Pathway for Expansion



#### Fly Ash

Commencing production of MgO in May 2024

#### Financials

- \$52M capex
- \$11M revenue
- EBITDA break even

#### **Emissions**

• 8.2 tons of CO2 / ton of Mg



**Fly Ash** Commencing production in early 2026

#### **Financials**

- \$150M capex
- \$135M revenue
- \$47M EBITDA

#### **Emissions**

• 6.6 tons of CO2 / ton of Mg

(1) Targeting Net Zero once additional renewable capacity comes onstream



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**Ferro Nickel Slag** Commissioning targeted for early 2029

#### Financials

- \$1.1B capex
- \$1.16B revenue
- \$495M EBITDA
- NPV \$3.0B

#### **Emissions**

• 4 tons of CO2 / ton of Mg  $^{(1)}$ 

# Thank You!

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