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Corporate Overview

Stable Board and new Management team in place to support the restart strategy



Greg English

Non-Executive Chair
BEng (Hons), LLB



Paul Brown

Chief Executive Officer
M.Eng (MI)



Heath Hellewell

Non-Executive Director
BSc (Hons) MAIG



James Virgo

Chief Financial Officer
Bcom, CA



Malcolm McComas

Non-Executive Director
BEd, LLB, SF Fin, FAICD



Jarek Kopias

Company Secretary
Bcom, CPA, AGIA, AGS (CS, CGP)

ASX Code	CXO
Shares (as of 30 June)	2,137m
Performance Rights	5.4m
Options	3.5m
Share Price 06 August 2024	\$0.09
Market Capitalisation	\$195m
Cash 30 June 2024	\$87.6m
Debt	Nil

Investment highlights

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



The Northern Territory's first and only lithium miner



Operations paused in response to market conditions



Focus on optimising the asset and remaining restart ready

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**Finniss Lithium
Operation**

NORTHERN TERRITORY



Healthy cash balance and no debt provides a stable platform

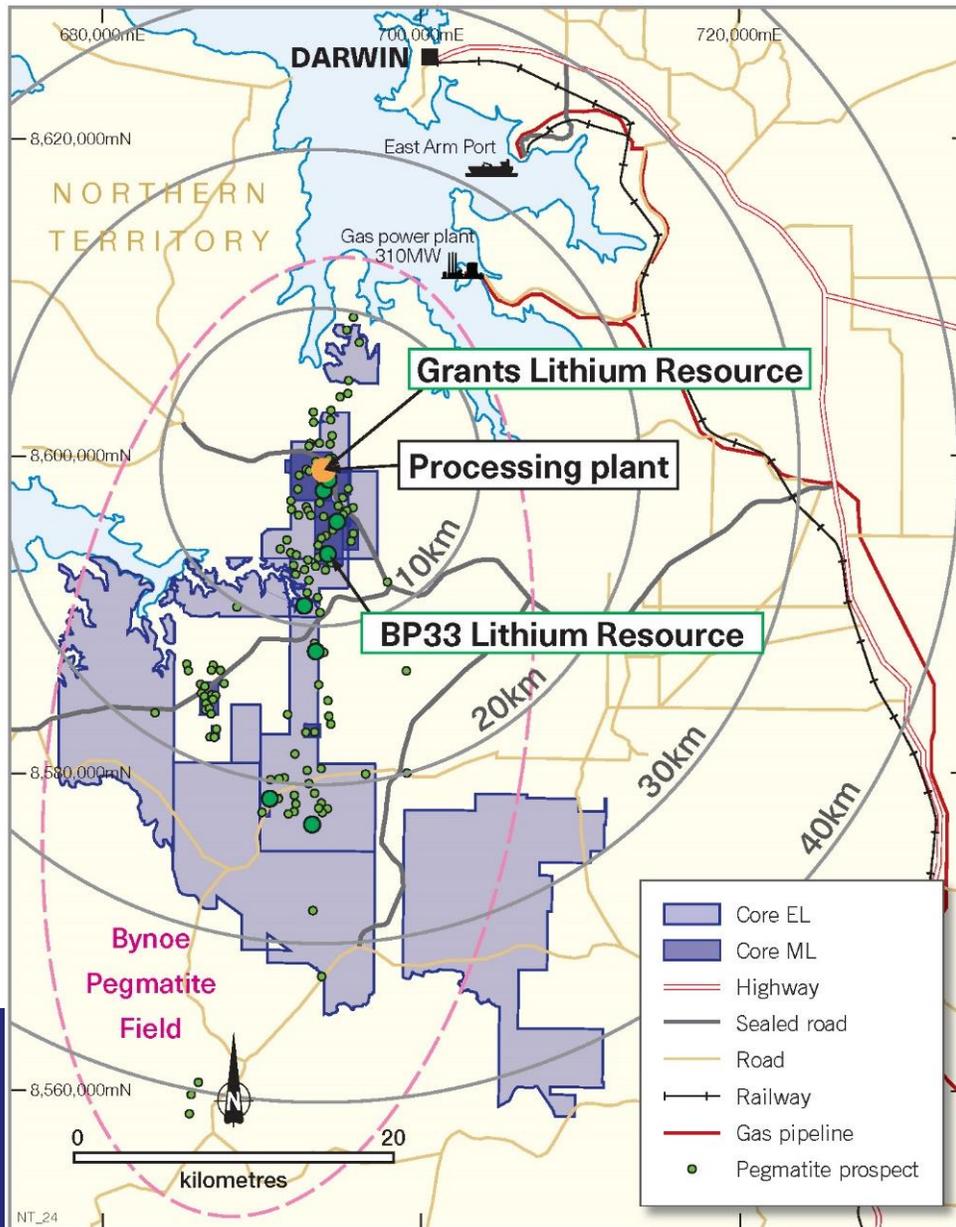


Disciplined approach to capital allocation and restart studies



NT and SA exploration targets in lithium and other commodities

The Finniss Operations



Core holds ~**500km²** of the Bynoe pegmatite field in the NT



Potential for **lithium deposits** within trucking distance of Finniss



Extensive evidence of historic **tin-tantalum workings** throughout the field with **large parts yet to be explored for lithium**



Produces a **high-quality, coarse-grained pegmatite concentrate** which is highly regarded by our offtake partners



Targeting Resource growth over the next 12 months to enhance a future restart plan

Mineral Resource Estimate

Total: **48.2Mt @ 1.26 Li₂O% for 608kt of Li₂O Contained Metal**

M&I: **27.9Mt @ 1.32% Li₂O% for 369kt of Li₂O Contained Metal**

The Finniss Operations

- **Lithium discovery** in the Northern Territory in 2016
- **Consolidation of a major land position** over several years
- Ideally located **88km from Darwin Port** via sealed roads
- Mineral Lease **granted in early 2019**
- Completion of a **Definitive Feasibility Study** in April 2019
- **Construction of DMS plant** commences in June 2022
- Total Capital Investment to date of **+\$250m** (Grants and BP33)
- First concentrate production from the DMS plant in **February 2023** and **first shipment in May 2023**
- **Successful ramp up** of mining and processing
- **Lithium price fall of ~85%** in the 2023 calendar year
- Decision to **pause operations** was made in **January 2024**
- Processing of last ore stockpiles **completed in June 2024**



High quality infrastructure with capacity



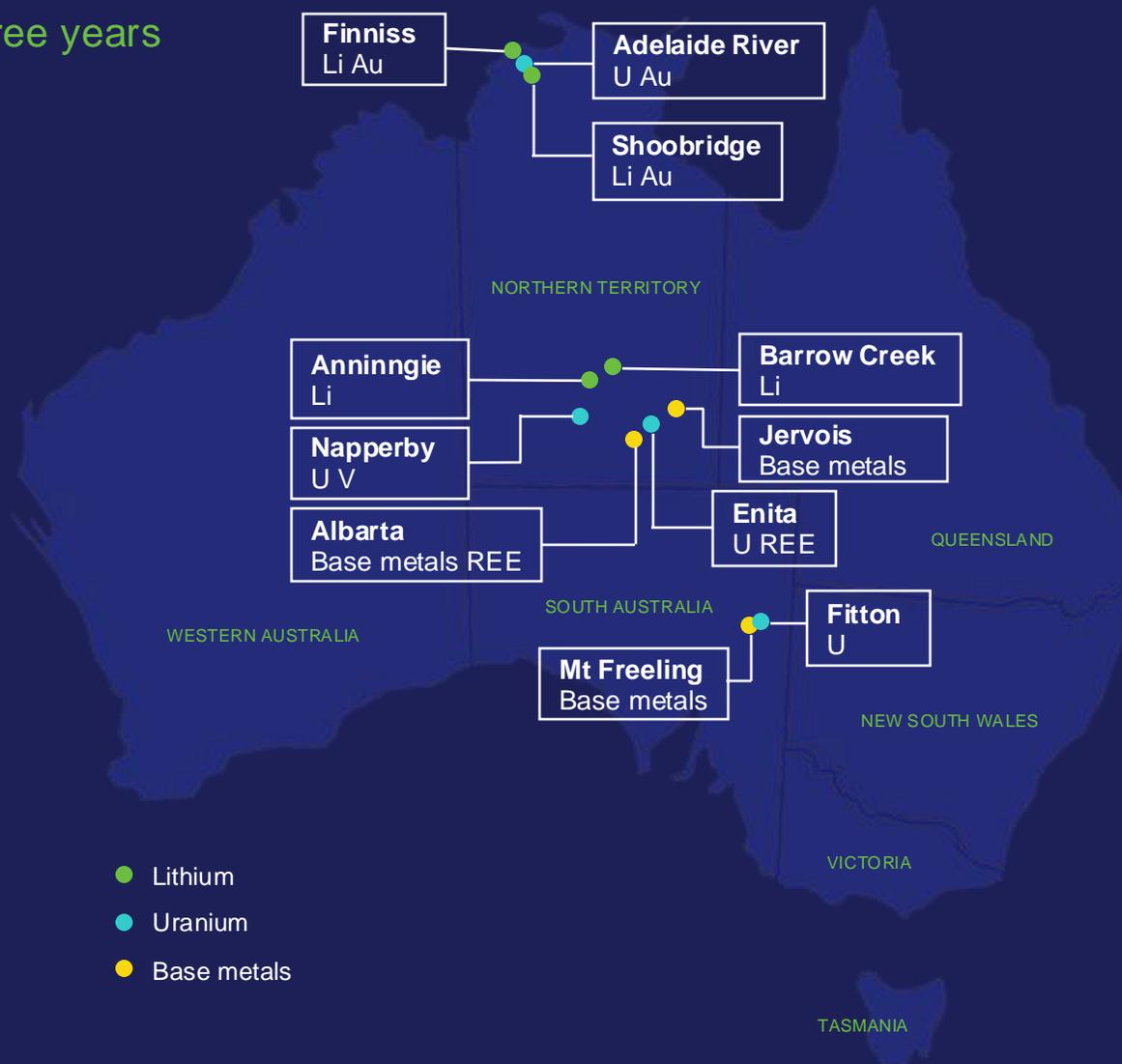
Exploration opportunity

Very limited exploration conducted outside Finniss in the last three years

- Opportunities to build Resources within trucking distance of the Finniss processing plant are the highest priority in FY25

- Low cost exploration to generate and advance drill targets in the Central Australian projects is also underway

- Gold, lithium, uranium, base metals, niobium and rare earths targets



Building a high performing culture

- Maintaining our **culture of capital discipline** into any future operational restart
- **Capitalising on the learnings** from the successful ramp-up at Finniss
- Retention of **critical site-based skills** to maintain operational readiness
- Adding **new experienced senior people** into the leadership team
- Ability to **attract a loyal residential workforce** based in and around Darwin



Remaining Restart Ready

Capturing significant value from Finniss when market conditions stabilise



Small, dedicated team in place at site



Retention of skills and experience to ensure a high standard of site maintenance and operational readiness



Water management and ensuring the processing plant remains operationally sound are key areas of focus



+5,000wmt of spodumene concentrate and 75,000wmt of lithium fines available for sale



Detailed bottom-up assessment of the cost base and future operating strategy being completed



Targeting completion of Restart Study in the first half of CY25

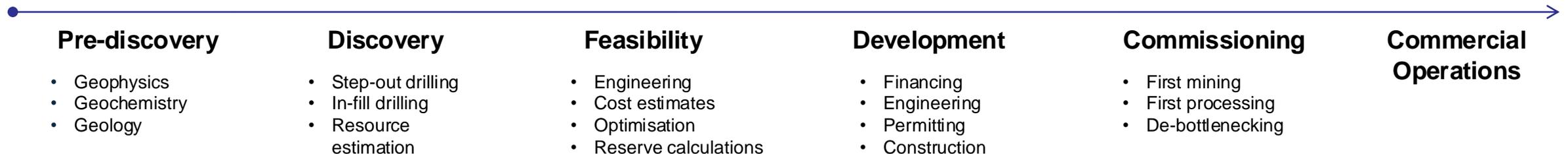
Ideally positioned for a market recovery

A proven operation which can be rapidly restarted for minimal capital in the right market conditions



Mineral Resource	Ore Reserve	Fully permitted	Major capital invested	Processing plant	Port access	Operating experience
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Typical timeline from discovery to production of a new lithium mine is +10 years



Summary

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



Operations safely paused and being maintained to enable a fast, low capital restart when lithium market conditions stabilise



Detailed restart plan being undertaken including a thorough review of future cost structures and the operating model



Protecting our strong balance sheet with \$87.6M cash at the end of FY24 and careful capital allocation



Targeted investment in exploration aiming to enhance future lithium operations and build value from the wider tenement holdings



Strategic opportunities to be considered which capitalise on the Company's valuable processing infrastructure at Finniss and operating skillset



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Appendix: JORC Mineral Resource Estimate

Mineral Resource Estimate for the Finnis 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

See ASX announcement “Finniss Mineral Resource Increased by 58%” on 11 April 2024

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