

At the forefront of critical metals for advanced manufacturing

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# **Corporate Profile**

| Capital Structure                        |                |
|--|----------------|
| Ordinary Shares                          | 139.5 million  |
| Share Price (7 May 2021)                 | A\$4.52        |
| Market Capitalisation                    | A\$630.6M      |
| 52 week low/high                         | A\$0.84/\$6.84 |
| Cash – pro forma post raising (April 21) | ~\$100m        |
| Enterprise Value                         | A\$530.6M      |
| Average Daily Turnover (3 Months)        | A\$3.0 million |

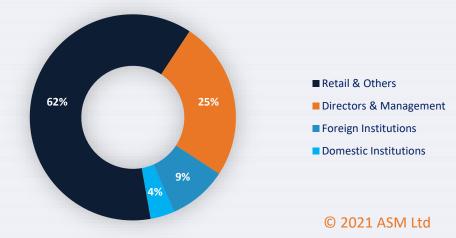
Source: Bloomberg

#### **Board**

- Ian Jeffrey Gandel (Non-Executive Chairman) LLB, BEc, FCPA, FAICD
- David Woodall (Managing Director) BSc (Mining Eng) MSc (Mineral Economics) and Graduate Diploma (Business), Curtin University
- Nic Earner (Non-Executive Director) BEng (Hons)
- Ian Chalmers (Non-Executive Director) MSc, FAusIMM, FAIG, FIMMM, FSEG, MSGA, MGSA, FAICD
- Gavin Smith (Non-Executive Director) B.Com, MBA, MAICD



#### **Shareholders 31 December 2020**





The Vision for ASM

### **Dubbo Project**

Rare earths to Oxides

- Development of the long-life
   Dubbo Project in a tier one jurisdiction, to produce high-quality oxides of zirconium, rare earths, niobium and hafnium
- Current resource supports extensive project life
- ASM plans to develop Dubbo into a **net zero** carbon emissions project

# Integrated Global Critical Metals Business

**Strategically located speciality Metals Plants and downstream opportunities** 

Development of ASM into an independent, long-term, net zero-carbon supplier of critical metals

### **Metallisation**

Oxides to Critical Metals/Alloys/Powders

- To produce high-purity metals from oxides, using significantly less energy than conventional methods with significant environmental and cost benefits
- Develop Korean Metal Plant (KMP) in key industrial zone in Korea delivering directly into the growing Korean market
- Develop other metal plants in strategic global locations

### **External Sources**

Feedstock to metal plants



# The ASM Advantage



Integrated mine to manufacture business model

- Potential for Dubbo oxide products into the Company's metal plants
- Third party oxides, strategic plants provide further growth opportunities



Full value captured along the supply chain

- Full value captured as metals, alloys and powders delivered direct to manufacturing consumers
- Metal products can be **adjusted to demand** and customer specifications



**Total Supply Chain Solution** 

- Market opportunity for a competitive metals supplier outside the traditional supply chain
- Geopolitical and process risk mitigation

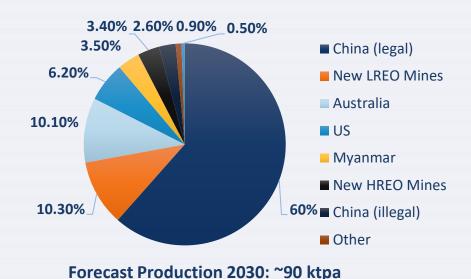




Market Analysis – Need for Diversity

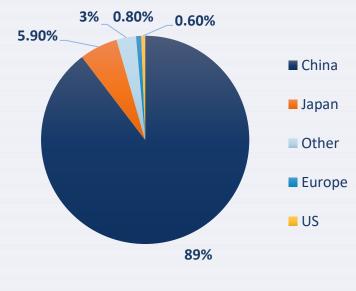
# **Critical Materials Supply**

# Projected Regional Production of Rare Earth Oxides (2030)



Source: Adamas Intelligence

# Projected Regional Manufacturing of Permanent Magnets (2030)

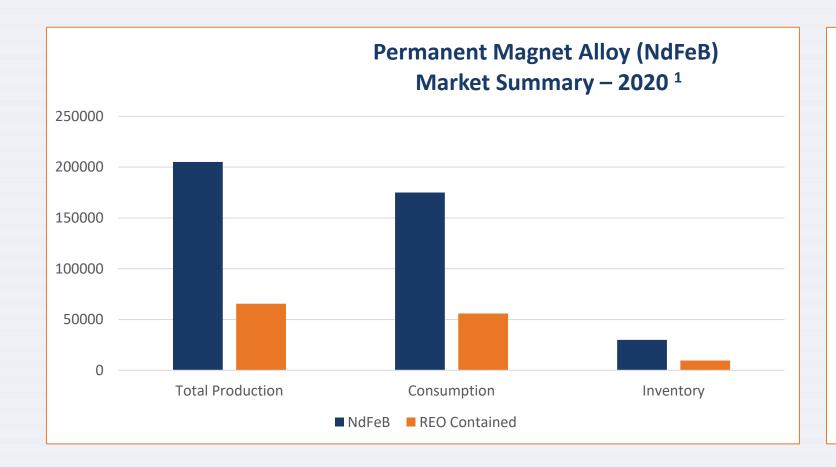


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- Production of oxides, metals and metal powders is highly concentrated.
- Suppliers of concentrates and oxides receive discounted realised pricing i.e. they are price takers.
- Value maximised where metals and powders are integrated within manufacturing i.e. the ASM strategy.



# **Market Demand for Permanent Magnet Alloy**



### **Drivers of Demand for Permanent Magnet Alloy<sup>1</sup>**

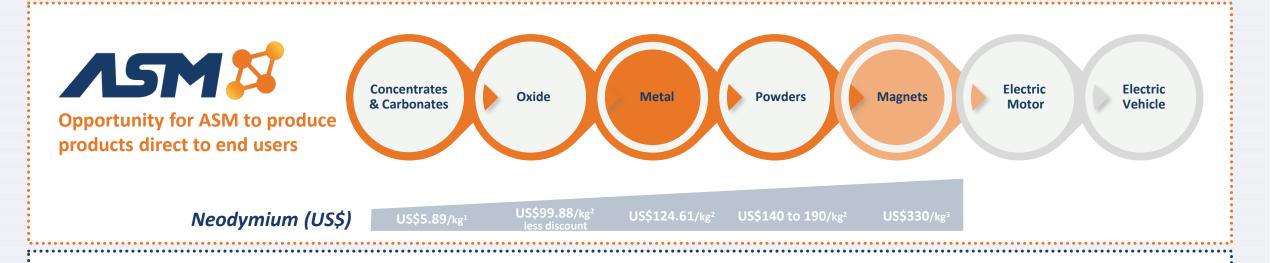
#### Renewable energy

- Global record 93 GW of wind power generation installed in 2020 - a 54% increase year-on-year
  - 98% growth driven by China
  - 78% increase in the US

### Passenger EVs

- 5.3 million passenger EV's sold globally a 16% increase year-on-year
  - Europe 64% increase year-on-year
- NdFeB alloy in EV Traction motors 31% increase yearon-year

# Well positioned in the critical metals value chain



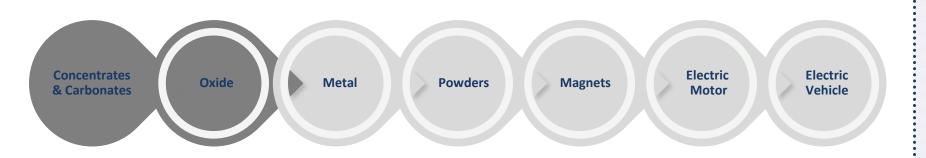
### **Non-Chinese producers**

Oxides mostly sent to China and Japan

Concentrates and carbonates mostly sent to China

1. MP Materials average sale price REO March 2021

2. Adamas Intelligence - March 2021





# Advancing the strategy for sustainable growth

ASM is positioned to become a global, independent and integrated metals producer by 2025

### **Dubbo Project**

- Optimisation study to be completed end of 1<sup>st</sup> half
   2021, followed by Front End Engineering Design
- Metal offtake and financing agreements targeted for 2021
- Final Investment Decision on Dubbo by end of March quarter 2022, target production in 2024

### Metallisation

- Detailed engineering on KMP (underway)
- Location of plant selected with Provincial Government MoU executed
- Metal production progress from mid-2021 to
   5,200t metals facility by mid 2022
   (see Scoping Study Announcement 2 March 2021)







A Truly Sustainable Business

# A sustainable path from mine to manufacturing

### **Dubbo Project**

### **Targeting zero carbon emissions**

 Powered by large scale renewables, with energy cogeneration from the processing plant

#### Minimising our environmental footprint

- Halved water usage through the mine design phase
- Progressive rehabilitation at the Dubbo mine

#### **Community**

- We engage our local community as a source of local job and business opportunities
- Our social investment program helps build community capacity and resilience

### Metallisation

#### **Commercialising a new metallisation process**

- Ziron Tech innovation:
  - Titanium power consumption less than 30kW per kg versus 110kW for current industrial process
  - Neodymium 220g CO<sub>2</sub> per kg
- Environmentally responsible process that recycles key inputs
- No harmful waste (compared to conventional production processes)





Delivering: Secure, Stable and Sustainable Alternate Supply

# Accelerating ASM's Mine to manufacturing

- The Q1 2021 equity raising provides sufficient funds to commence metallisation and to take
   Dubbo Project through detailed design and to FID and awarding of major EPC / EPCM contracts
- ASM will be positioned to commence revenue generation and earnings through:
  - Conversion of KMP pilot plant into commercial production
  - Commencement of supply of critical metals and products to key suppliers in Q3 2021
  - Construction of KMP commencing H2 2021 (subject to FID)
  - Potential for significant cashflow generation from KMP in 2022
- Next steps:
  - FEED for the Dubbo Project
  - Financing agreements
  - Offtake agreements



# From mine to manufacturing

Building a unique position across the critical metals value chain

# **Dubbo Project** (100% ASM)

- A long-life, quality, polymetallic project in a tier one mining jurisdiction
- Environmental approvals and ready for construction
- Attractive economics
- **Sustainable source** of zirconium chemicals, rare earth elements, niobium and hafnium oxides, targeting net-zero carbon emissions

### Metallisation

- **Ziron Tech (95% ASM):** an innovative, patented and commercially proven process that delivers a step-change reduction in energy use, environmental impacts and costs
- Korean Metals Plant (KMP) (100% ASM) ASM's first proposed plant to produce high purity metals, alloys and powders
- A springboard for proposed global expansion in strategic locations, identifying partnership opportunities to push further downstream into magnets and other applications



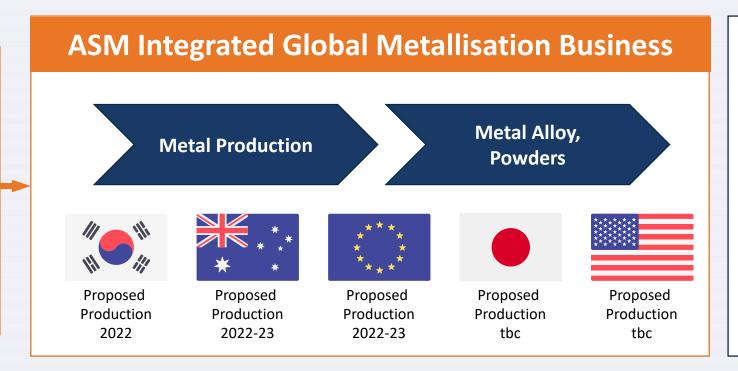
### The Vision for ASM: 2021 to 2025

### **Dubbo Project**

#### **Oxides Sourced**

- Titanium
- Zirconium
- Rare Earths
- Ferro-niobium
- Hafnium

**External Sources** 



### **High Purity Metal Products**

- Titanium
- Titanium Powder
- Titanium Alloy
- Permanent magnet alloy
- Dysprosium metal
- Terbium metal
- Zirconium metal
- Ferro-niobium
- Niobium
- Hafnium

Initial Korean plant proposed production - 5,200tpa



## Progressing to Australia's Only Critical Metal Producer

| Korean Metal Plant     |      |        |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Metal Products         | 2021 | 2022   |  |  |  |  |
| Titanium Metal         | Ot   | 380t   |  |  |  |  |
| Titanium Alloy         | Ot   | 280t   |  |  |  |  |
| Titanium Powder        | 500t | 2,200t |  |  |  |  |
| NdFeB Alloy            | 40t  | 1,900t |  |  |  |  |
| Dysprosium             | 42t  | 72t    |  |  |  |  |
| Zirconium              |      | 110t   |  |  |  |  |
| Total Metal Production | 582t | 4,942t |  |  |  |  |

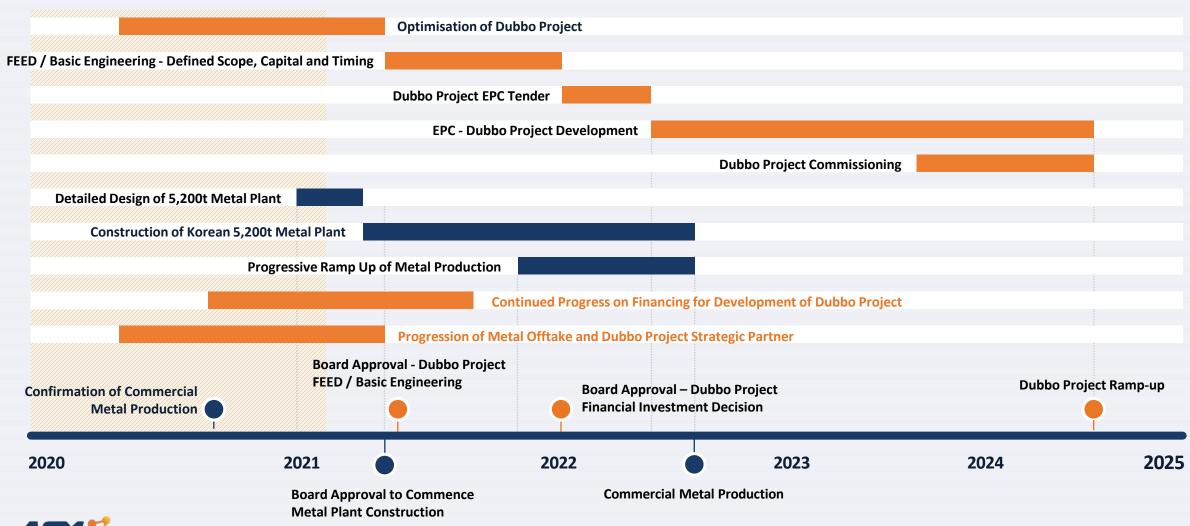
- Detailed Engineering of Korean Metal Plant near completion
- Board has committed US\$ 9.9 million for the initial phase
- Commercial production from pilot plant (H2 CY2021)

### **Dubbo Project Optimisation Study**

- Significant opportunity for a third party to build, own, and operate a renewable power and chlor-alkali plant to supply Dubbo.
- Potential Korean involvement in engineering and equipment manufacture – solidifying our partnership
- Optimisation study completion planned for Q3 2021



# Potential Timetable: Sustainable, Secure and Stable Supply







# **Dave Woodall**

**ASM Managing Director** 





# **Dubbo Project Resources & Reserves**

### **Dubbo Project – Mineral Resources**

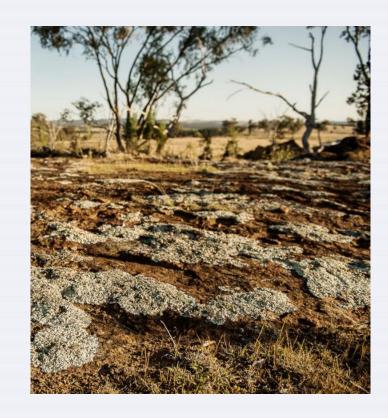
| Resour   | ce Category | Tonnes<br>(Mt) | ZrO <sub>2</sub><br>(%) | HfO₂<br>(%) | Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub><br>(%) | Ta₂O₅<br>(%) | Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub><br>(%) | TREO*<br>(%) |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Measur   | red         | 42.81          | 1.89                    | 0.04        | 0.45                                  | 0.03         | 0.14                                 | 0.74         |
| Inferred | d           | 32.37          | 1.90                    | 0.04        | 0.44                                  | 0.03         | 0.14                                 | 0.74         |
| Total    |             | 75.18          | 1.89                    | 0.04        | 0.44                                  | 0.03         | 0.14                                 | 0.74         |

<sup>\*</sup>TREO% is the sum of all rare earth oxides excluding ZrO<sub>2</sub>, HfO<sub>2</sub>, Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,

### **Dubbo Project – Ore Reserves**

| Reserve Category | Tonnes<br>(Mt) | ZrO <sub>2</sub><br>(%) | HfO <sub>2</sub><br>(%) | Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub><br>(%) | Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub><br>(%) | Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub><br>(%) | TREO*<br>(%) |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Proved           | 18.90          | 1.85                    | 0.04                    | 0.440                                 | 0.029                                 | 0.136                                | 0.735        |
| Total            | 18.90          | 1.85                    | 0.04                    | 0.440                                 | 0.029                                 | 0.136                                | 0.735        |

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