

#### **ASX Release 11 June 2021**

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#### **Fast Facts**

Issued Capital: 107,724,256 Market Cap (@\$8.66): \$933m

### **Lodgement of Kuniko Limited IPO Prospectus**

# Highly experienced management team and board appointed

#### **Highlights:**

- Kuniko Limited has today lodged its IPO Prospectus with ASIC to raise \$7,886,213 (before costs) and form a new standalone "Zero Carbon Copper, Nickel, Cobalt" company.
- The Prospectus includes:
  - o a public offer of 12,500,000 Kuniko shares at a price of \$0.20 per share to raise \$2,500,000 (before costs); and
  - a priority offer of 26,931,064 Kuniko shares at a price of \$0.20 per share through a 1:4 pro rata offer to eligible Vulcan shareholders.
- Kuniko has assembled an experienced management team which is well qualified to exploit the potential of Kuniko's mineral assets.
- Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited and Vert Capital Pty Ltd appointed as Joint Lead Managers to the public offer.

## Please note: this offer is not currently open. Estimated date of Offer is 21 June 2021.

Vulcan Energy Resources Limited (ASX: VUL) (**Vulcan**) is pleased to advise that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Kuniko Limited (**Kuniko**), has today lodged a Prospectus with ASIC to raise \$7,886,213 in new equity (before costs) via an IPO and ASX listing. An electronic copy of the Kuniko Limited Prospectus can be obtained from <a href="www.kuniko.eu">www.kuniko.eu</a>. You may also request a hard copy of the Prospectus by contacting Kuniko by phone on +61 8 6364 5095 during office hours or by emailing Kuniko at <a href="mailto:info@kuniko.eu">info@kuniko.eu</a>.

Kuniko will initially be led by Vulcan Chairman, Gavin Rezos, as Executive Chair. On or before 15 September 2021, Antony Beckmand, a highly experienced senior mining executive who has over 25 years' experience in financial and executive roles within the mining industry, will commence as Chief Executive Officer of Kuniko.

#### **Highlights**

Globally unique **Zero Carbon Lithium™** Project.

Combined lithium chemicals & renewable energy project in the Upper Rhine Valley of Germany.

EU's **largest** lithium resource.

Located at the heart of the EU Li-ion battery industry.

Fast-track development under way towards production.

#### **Corporate Directory**

Managing Director Dr Francis Wedin

> Chairman Gavin Rezos

Non-Executive Director Ranya Alkadamani

Non-Executive Director Annie Liu

Non-Executive Director Dr Heidi Grön

Non-Executive Director Josephine Bush

CFO-Company Secretary Robert Ierace

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As announced on 21 April 2021, Vulcan is spinning out its non-core Norwegian battery metals assets into Kuniko, to create an independent company focused on developing non-lithium battery metals projects in Scandinavia, for the European market, with a strict net zero carbon footprint throughout development.

The spin-out will be effected by Kuniko making the following offers under the Prospectus lodged today:

- a public offer of 12,500,000 Kuniko shares at a price of \$0.20 per share to raise \$2,500,000 (before costs) (**Public Offer**); and
- a priority offer of 26,931,064 Kuniko shares at a price of \$0.20 per share through a 1:4 pro rata offer to Eligible Vulcan Shareholders (**Priority Offer**).

Eligible Vulcan Shareholders registered on the record date of 5pm (AWST) on 16 June 2021 (**Record Date**), will be eligible to apply for one fully paid ordinary share in the capital of Kuniko (**Kuniko Shares**) for every four Vulcan shares held on the Record Date at an issue price of \$0.20 per Kuniko Share.

The Priority Offer is being made to all Vulcan shareholders on its register of members at 5pm (AWST) on the Record Date whose registered address is in Australia or New Zealand or such other jurisdiction as the Kuniko Directors consider reasonable to make the Priority Offer and issue Kuniko Shares (Eligible Vulcan Shareholders).

The Public Offer and the Priority Offer (the **Offers**) are not underwritten.

Eligible Vulcan Shareholders who take up their pro rata entitlement under the Priority Offer will be given priority to take up any shortfall under the Priority Offer. In this regard, preference may be given to Eligible Vulcan Shareholders whose holdings will be closest to \$2,000 worth of Shares, to ensure that Kuniko is able to meet the ASX minimum spread requirements.

Kuniko intends to give some priority to Eligible Vulcan Shareholders who participate in the Priority Offer in the allocation of Shares under the Public Offer. However, the final allocation of Shares under the Public Offer remains at the sole discretion of the Kuniko Directors, in consultation with the Joint Lead Managers, to ensure Kuniko has an appropriate Shareholder base on admission to ASX.

While it is intended that as many Eligible Vulcan Shareholders as possible receive an allocation under the Priority Offer so that their holding at the time of listing is at least 10,000 Kuniko Shares (\$2,000), there is no guarantee and neither Vulcan nor Kuniko gives any assurance that all Eligible Vulcan Shareholders will be allocated the Kuniko Shares applied for under the Priority Offer.

Eligible Vulcan Shareholders are encouraged to submit a Priority Offer application form as soon as possible. As noted above, preference may be given to Eligible Vulcan Shareholders whose holding will be closest to \$2,000 worth of Kuniko Shares, to ensure that Kuniko is able to meet the ASX minimum spread requirements.

If you have any queries concerning the Offers, please contact your financial adviser or Joel Ives, Company Secretary of Kuniko Limited, on +61 8 6364 5095.





#### Elect to be an e-shareholder

As part of the Company's commitment to improving securityholder value, we encourage you to elect to receive all securityholder communications electronically.

To elect to receive all securityholder communications electronically, please follow the steps below.

- Go to <a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home</a>
- Log in using your existing username and password or click on "register" and follow the onscreen prompts to create your login credentials.
- Once logged in, click on "my details" or My Portfolio Profile".
- Click on "communication" and select "Electronic Only".

#### **About Vulcan**

Vulcan is aiming to become the world's first lithium producer with net zero greenhouse gas emissions. Its  $ZERO\ CARBON\ LITHIUM^{\rm IM}$  project will produce a battery-quality lithium hydroxide chemical product from its combined geothermal energy and lithium resource, which is Europe's largest lithium resource, in Germany. Vulcan's unique,  $ZERO\ CARBON\ LITHIUM^{\rm IM}$  project will produce both renewable geothermal energy, and lithium hydroxide, from the same deep brine source. In doing so, Vulcan will address lithium's  $EU\ market\ requirements\ by\ reducing\ the\ high\ carbon\ and\ water\ footprint\ of\ production,\ and\ total\ reliance$  on imports. Vulcan aims to supply the lithium-ion battery and electric vehicle market in Europe, which is the fastest growing in the world. The Vulcan Zero\ Carbon\ Lithium^{\rm IM}\ project\ has\ a\ resource\ which\ can satisfy\ Europe's\ needs\ for\ the\ electric\ vehicle\ transition,\ from\ a\ source\ with\ net\ zero\ greenhouse\ gas\ emissions,\ for\ many\ years\ to\ come.







#### For and on behalf of the Board

**Robert Ierace** 

Chief Financial Officer - Company Secretary

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#### **Competent Person Statement:**

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is extracted from the ASX announcement made by Vulcan on the 15 December 2020, which is available on www.v-er.com. The information in this presentation that relates to the Pre-Feasibility Study for the Vulcan Lithium Project is extracted from the ASX announcement "Positive Pre-Feasibility Study", released on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 which is available on www.v-er.com. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.