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#### **Company Presentation and Video**

Danakali Limited (ASX: DNK, LSE: DNK) (**Danakali, the Company**) is pleased to provide the full length Company Presentation in support of the information disclosed in its announcement dated 17 June 2021. The presentation will be available on the Company's <u>website</u> and is attached to this announcement.

Dr Rod McEachern discusses the results with Executive Chairman, Seamus Cornelius **see extended version Video link:** <a href="https://www.danakali.com.au/medias/project-videos">https://www.danakali.com.au/medias/project-videos</a>.

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#### **Codes:**

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#### **Highlights:**

The world's largest JORC compliant solid salt, Sulphate of Potash (SOP) reserve, 1.1Bt

Aiming to be the worlds first Zero Carbon SOP Producer

Development underway towards production

#### **Financial facts:**

Issued capital: 367.25m Share price: A\$0.455 Market cap: A\$167.1m





#### **About Danakali**

Danakali Limited (ASX: DNK, LSE: DNK) (**Danakali**, or the **Company**) is an ASX- and LSE-listed potash company focused on the development of the Colluli Sulphate of Potash Project (**Colluli** or the **Project**). The Project is 100% owned by the Colluli Mining Share Company (**CMSC**), a 50:50 joint venture between Danakali and the Eritrean National Mining Corporation (**ENAMCO**).

The Project is located in the Danakil Depression region of Eritrea, East Africa, and is ~75km from the Red Sea coast, making it one of the most accessible potash deposits globally. Mineralisation within the Colluli resource commences at just 16m, making it the world's shallowest known potash deposit. The resource is amenable to open cut mining, which allows higher overall resource recovery to be achieved, is generally safer than underground mining, and is highly advantageous for modular growth.

The Company has completed a Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) for the production of potassium sulphate, otherwise known as Sulphate of Potash or SOP. SOP is a chloride free, specialty fertiliser which carries a substantial price premium relative to the more common potash type; potassium chloride (or MOP). Economic resources for production of SOP are geologically scarce. The unique composition of the Colluli resource favours low energy input, high potassium yield conversion to SOP using commercially proven technology. One of the key advantages of the resource is that the salts are present in solid form (in contrast with production of SOP from brines) which reduces infrastructure costs and substantially reduces the time required to achieve full production capacity.

The resource is favourably positioned to supply the world's fastest growing markets. A binding take-or-pay offtake agreement has been confirmed with EuroChem Trading GmbH (**EuroChem**) for up to 100% (minimum 87%) of Colluli Module I SOP production.

Development Finance Institutions, Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) and African Export Import Bank (Afreximbank), have obtained formal credit approval to provide CMSC with US\$200M in senior debt finance. The credit documentation was executed in December 2019, allowing drawdown of CMSC senior debt on satisfaction of customary conditions precedent. This represents the majority of funding required for the development and construction of the Colluli.

Project execution has commenced and the Company's vision is to bring Colluli into production using the principles of risk management, resource utilisation and modularity, using the starting module (Module I) as a growth platform to develop the resource to its full potential.

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# COLLULI PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

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May 26, 2021



# **GOALS OF THE SRC/GPS TESTING 2020/21**





#### **STAGE 1 FLOTATION**

Develop and prove a flotation strategy which will remove unwanted impurities from the Colluli ores (Carnallitite, Sylvinite and Kainitite).



#### **STAGE 2 FLOTATION**

Determine the feasibility of co-processing the various ores from Colluli. Assess the performance of column flotation on Colluli ores



#### **EQUIPMENT TESTING**

Determine kinetics of reactions for sizing equipment.

Crystal growth experiments



#### **SOP PRODUCTION**

To develop a robust process for conversion of Leonite + KCI into high purity SOP, preferably using seawater only.

The information acquired from all the tests, was used to fine-tune the plant process, and the results were incorporated into the mass balance

### **OVERALL REACTION FOR COLLULI**





Pilot testing in 2015 proved conceptually that SOP could be made from Colluli ore.



However, the quantities of water used in 2015 were not economically feasible, and relied on high purity (RO) water to make adequate purity.



Testing in 2020/21 confirmed that a one-step conversion reaction was inefficient, and so a two-step process was implemented.

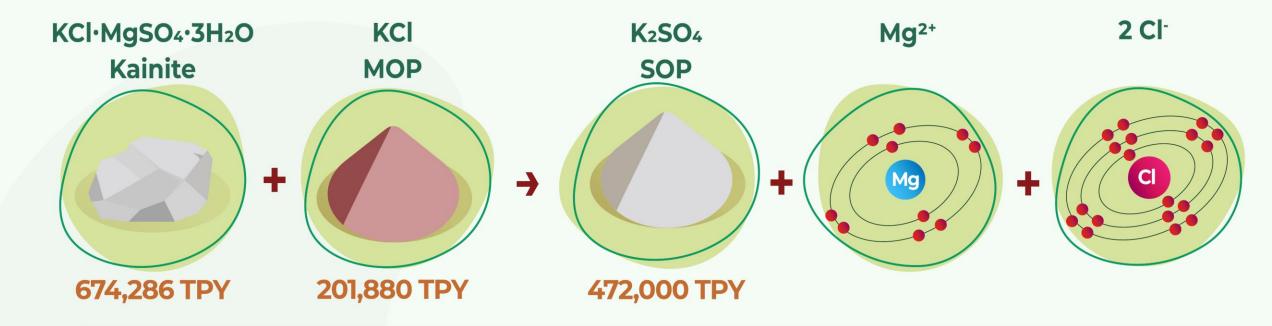


In the two-step process, the reactants are pulped with seawater and recycle brine (step 1), centrifuged and then repulped with extra seawater (step 2). Finally, a rinse step was added to ensure adequate product purity

### **OVERALL REACTION FOR COLLULI**



### The overall process for Colluli is reaction of Kainite and KCl to produce SOP:



Kainite (KCI·MgSO<sub>4</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O) is largely derived from the kainitite ore

The availability of "supplemental potassium" from KCl is unique to Colluli

Supplemental potassium is derived from carnallitite and sylvinite (C/S) ores

Halite (NaCl) is a common impurity in each ore, and needs to be removed by flotation

### STAGE 1 FLOTATION TESTING



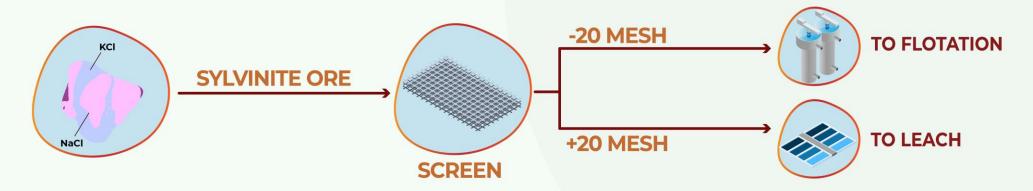
Each of the three ore streams were evaluated separately to determine the best flotation process

Direct and reverse flotation were both evaluated

Several different collectors were evaluated for each ore stream

Kainitite and Carnallitite are effectively treated by direct flotation to remove NaCl

The process was modified to include a screen so the coarse material can be leached



The Kainitite circuit was simplified by removal of the desliming equipment

### STAGE ONE FLOTATION TESTING



The three individual ores were tested separately to determine:

How fine the ore needs to be ground

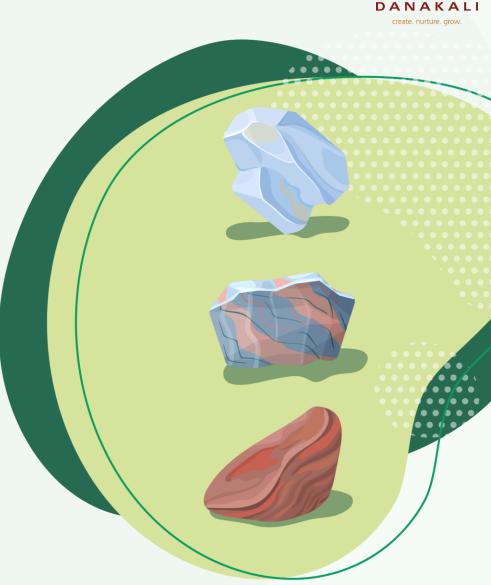
Type of collector

Optimal dosage of collector

Requirements for depressants (which inhibit flotation of unwanted minerals)

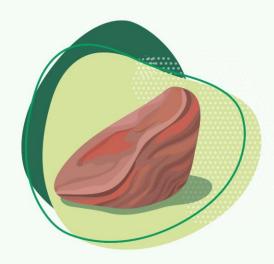
Expected recovery of the desired mineral to the flotation concentrate

Expected impurities in the flotation concentrate

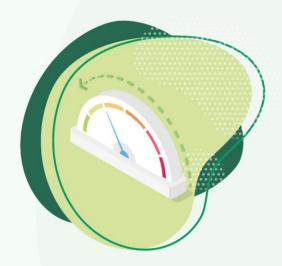




### **STAGE 2 TESTING**



In Stage 2 testing, flotation
performance was evaluated for
all possible combinations of the
three ore streams



This information was used to determine which ore streams could be combined (thus simplifying the process, and reducing capital costs)



The analysis was done by comparing the flotation performance of the combined streams, relative to the weighted average performance of the individual streams

### **STAGE 2 FLOTATION TESTING**

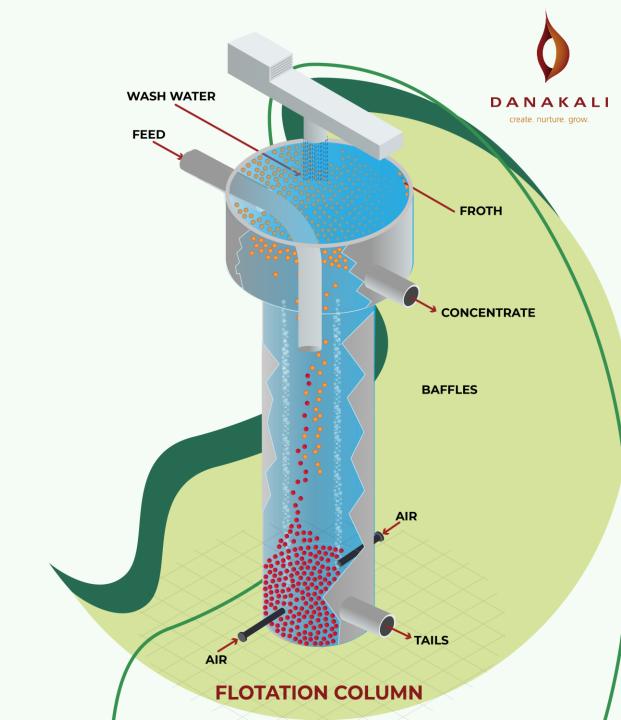
Stage 1 testing gave expected recoveries for each individual ore stream

In Stage 2 the various ores were blended, and the expected performance was predicted as a weighted average of the recovery for the individual ore streams

Each combination of the ores was then evaluated by comparing expected versus actual performance then the process flow redesigned to optimize recoveries

The floatation performance using blended Carnallitie and Sylvinite prior was proven successful, so blending on the ROM pad was incorporated into final design

Tests with column flotation confirmed that it will perform well on -20 mesh ores



### **COLUMN FLOTATION**

Stage 1 tests were done using conventional (Denver) lab flotation equipment

Column flotation is the preferred technology for Colluli ores, and gives the best combination of high recovery and low impurities

Testing in Stage 2 was performed using column flotation. The results were successful and the measured recoveries are being used in the mass balance

Column flotation will be used exclusively for processing Colluli ores

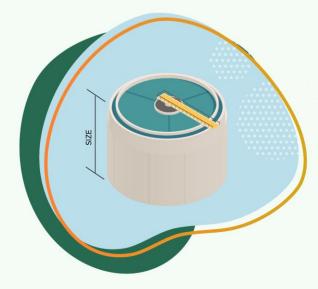
Column flotation of fine potash has a proven track record in the Canadian potash industry



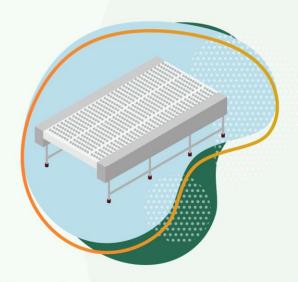




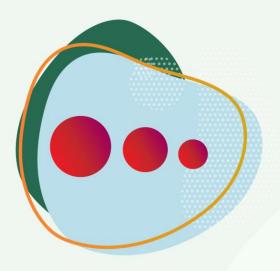
### A series of short tests was performed to provide information useful for process design. This included:



Kinetics for decomposition of Carnallite and Kainite. This information provides the retention time required for the reaction, and is used for tank sizing



Carnallite/Sylvinite -9+20 mesh leach. This information is required for the mass balance, to determine the impact on recovery



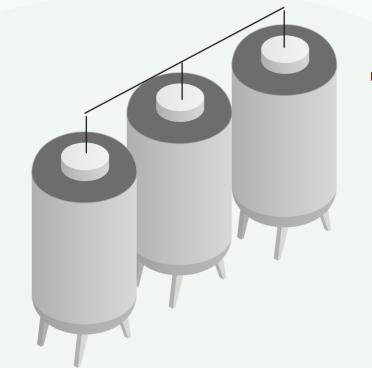
Particle Size Distribution (PSD)
tests to understand how
effective we can control the
crystal size. This information
will be applied to selection of
the types of centrifuges

## **EQUIPMENT TESTING**

Carnallite decomposes into KCl, and Kainite decomposes into Leonite

Decomposition is a function of time and the amount of excess brine, relative to the theoretical minimum (TM)

The kinetics must be understood for correct tank sizing, and for the mass balance.





Tests were also performed to determine how effectively we can grow larger crystal size for the Kainite and Leonite (and SOP).

Crystal growth was only partially successful, and needs to be studied further during pilot plant testing

#### **LEONITE PARTICLE SIZE**



### **SOP PRODUCTION**



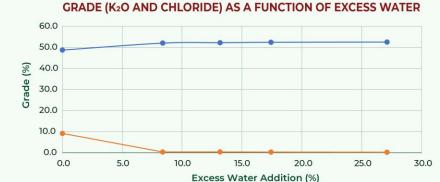
Preliminary specifications have been developed, in consultation with our offtake partner



TYPICAL K<sub>2</sub>O (%) 51.0 Chloride (%) 0.5



Testing in 2015 proved that SOP could be made from Colluli ore, but only at high water rates, and with RO water. The process developed in 2021 assures high quality product, and is made only using seawater.



K2O (%) Chloride (%)

Wash Total	XS Wash (%)	K <sub>2</sub> O (%)	Chloride (%)
165.16	0.0	48.7	9.15
179	8.4	52.0	0.33
186.92	13.2	52.2	0.36
193.93	17.4	52.4	0.27
209.93	27.1	52.5	0.22



### **OVERALL REACTION FOR COLLULI**



The product from Carnallite/Sylvinite flotation is KCl, while the product of Kainite flotation is Leonite.

#### Leonite reacts with KCl in the presence of water to produce SOP:



Product Specifications, developed in consultation with our offtake partner:



Guaranteed purity is aligned with industry norms, but Colluli typical assays will be significantly better than our competitors

# KEY OUTCOMES OF THE SRC/GPS PHASE OF TESTING

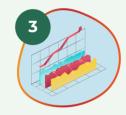




Development of a robust strategy for processing Colluli ores by froth flotation



Determination of specific conditions for successful flotation (crush size, collector type and dosage, type of equipment, etc.)



Provided performance information which has been included in the mass balance



Elimination of the need for desliming equipment for Kainitite ore



Inserting an oversize leach step to effectively recover the poorly liberating Sylvinite ore



Co-processing of Carnallite and Sylvinite, which reduces front-end crushing and material handling costs



Development of a process for SOP production, which provides a high purity SOP final product



Conversion to SOP by seawater only, thus reducing reliance on RO water and reducing capital costs

### **COLLABORATION PARTNERS**





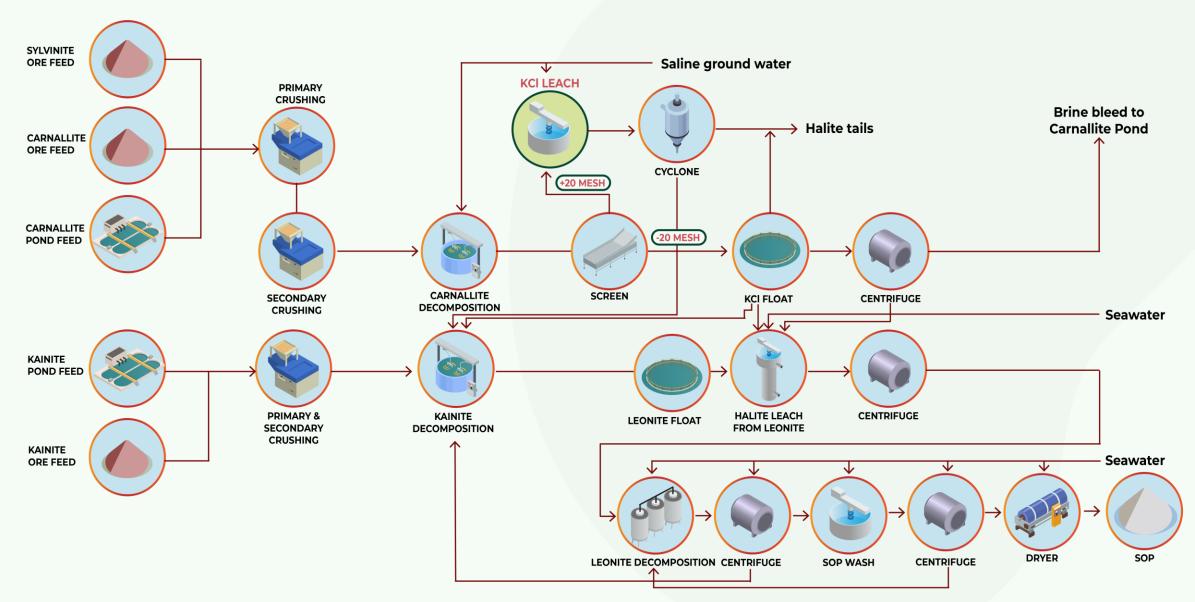




We were extremely fortunate to have worked with a number of renowned world class experts in the potash industry sector

### SCREENING AND LEACHING THE +20 MESH SYLVINITE



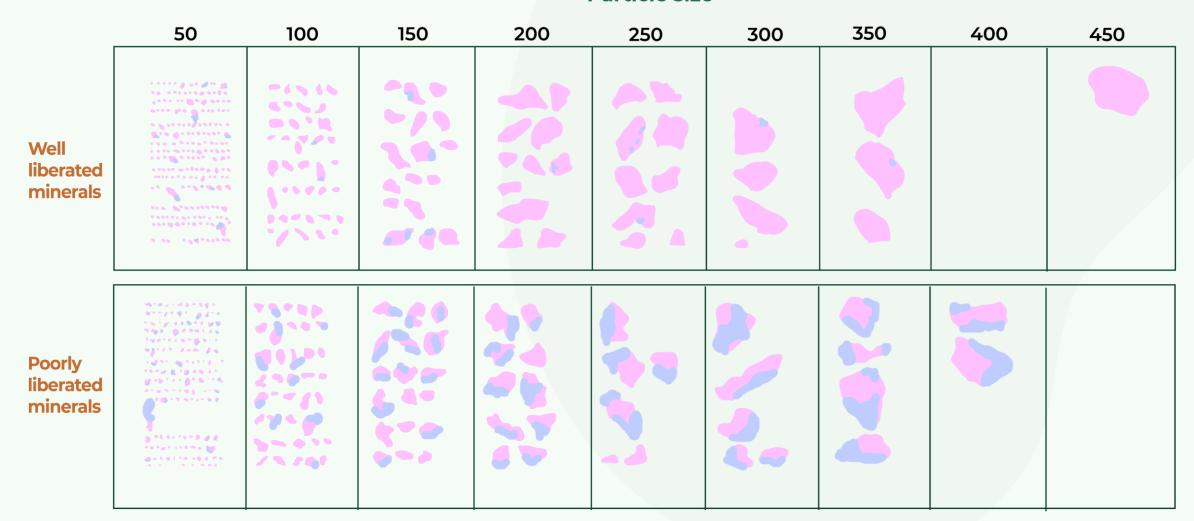


### **UNDERSTANDING THE ORE**



QEMSCAN analysis was done to determine how well the desired minerals were liberated from the impurities

#### **Particle size**



## **QEMSCAN RESULTS**

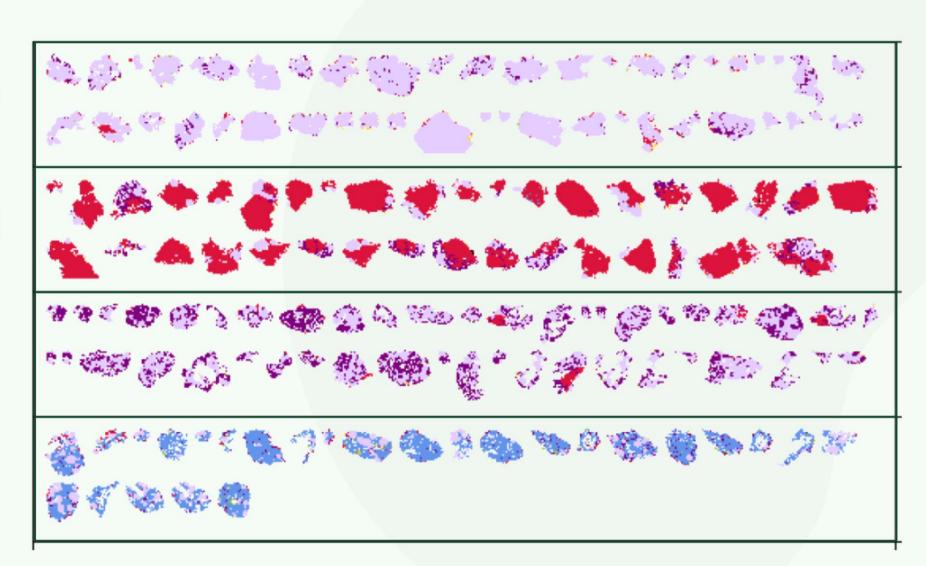


HALITE >80

**CARNALITE** 

**KIESERITE** 

**KAINITE** 







# **THANK YOU**